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## THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 6. The Four Great World Empires and the Antichrist (Daniel 7).

*By Elder Everett Wilson*

We are now ready for Daniel's vision of the four great world Empires, and of the Antichrist which shall rise after them, or at the closing of the Gentile age.

In verse 2, Daniel says, "I saw in my vision at night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea.

Verse 3. "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another."

The "great sea" in Scripture represents the mass of mankind, or as Dan. 7:17, four kings which rise out of the earth, or people of the earth.

All the nations of the world were ruled by some king. Each of these four great world kingdoms had their part to play in the affairs of both Jew and Gentile.

Verse 4. The first beast like a lion, Babylon. A little of the history of this great Empire, and the fall, of which we wrote in article 5.

Verse 5. A second beast like a bear, Meads and Persians. "Three ribs in the mouth of it," may refer to its threefold dominion, Media, Persia and Babylonia. "Arise, devour much flesh," conquering of Lydia, Babylonia, Egypt, etc. may be meant here and history will furnish all that will be wanted in proof of her world dominion.

Verse 6. The third beast like a leopard, four heads, into which the kingdom was divided at the death of the first and mighty king, Alexander the Great.

Verse 7. "A fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and break in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it, and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; it had ten horns.

Verse 8. "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

Verses 9, 10. Daniel here now for a moment looks beyond the dark times of Gentile dominion and sees the final judgment, and also the saints of God taking the kingdom. He breaks out in such glowing words of encouragement for the saints of God every little while in this picture of terrible things coming upon the earth.

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HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, From its First Session in 1914 to 1934. As taken from Proceedings of Annual Sessions.

### SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

At 7:00 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, October 27, 1915, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met with Hannon Free Will Baptist church in Hannon, Barton County, Missouri, in its Second Annual Session.

The service opened with praise by the congregation, and prayer by Elder T. C. Ferguson.

Elders N. B. Sala and Ira Waterman were chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and each brought able, helpful messages. Text: St. John 4:14.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise by the congregation. The Moderator, Eld. W. H. McKown, read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Elder G. S. Lattimer.

Elder Ira Waterman was chosen clerk pro tem. Call for enrollment of ministers and deacons belonging to this body. Elders T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, W. H. McKown, J. T. Slaughter and B. F. Brown, and Deacons O. T. Fast, E. S. Lewis and C. W. Ricketts responded.

Call for letters from Associations, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings which compose this body. Northeast Missouri Association, Northwest Missouri Yearly Meeting, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting responded with letter and delegates.

New Associations and Quarterly Meetings called for. Indian Creek, Western Mt. Zion, Laclede Co., and Union Associations responded with letter and delegates.

Reports of Elders C. E. Mann, T. C. Ferguson and Myrtle Ferguson were read and accepted.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elders J. T. Slaughter and E. C. Whitehead.

Arjourned with prayer by Elder John H. Wolfe.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise by congregation. Scripture lesson 1 Cor. 13th chapter. Prayer by Sister Mary Wade.

Elders John H. Wolfe and G. S. Lattimer seated as messengers from Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Constitution reported a Constitution, and motion carried to act upon each article separately.

Preaching at 7 o'clock p. m. by Elders G. S. Lattimer and Myrtle Ferguson.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with praise by congregation. Scripture lesson, 2nd chapter of 1 Cor., read by the moderator. Prayer by Elder J. E. Bayless.

Special Committee reported a Constitution consisting of nine articles, which was accepted as read.

The Treatise adopted as our form of government. By-Laws adopted as read.

Elder T. C. Ferguson was elected moderator and Deacon O. T. Fast assistant.

Elder Ira Waterman was elected Clerk-Treas. and Elder C. E. Mann assistant clerk.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder A. L. Shuey.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing. Scripture lesson Psalm 30, read by the moderator. Prayer by the moderator.

Moderator declared conference ready for business.

A Board of Trustees composed of Elders W. H. McKown, Ira Waterman, T. C. Ferguson, C. E. Mann and Delegate J. D. Fowler were elected in accordance with article 4 of the Constitution.

This Board of Trustees was also made the Home Mission and Executive Board, and the welfare of our worthy and needy ministers placed in its hands.

Elders Ira Waterman, T. C. Ferguson and Myrtle Ferguson were chosen State evangelists, to serve without salary.

Elder Ira Waterman was authorized to superintend the printing of one thousand copies of minutes.

Elders John H. Wolfe and G. S. Lattimer were given time to discuss the co-operative work proposed to this body by the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Motion carried that we call a meeting to be held at Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, to convene at 7:30 p. m. on December 27, 1916, for the purpose of meeting with delegates from the Nebraska Yearly Meeting or delegates from any other Free Will Baptist body west of the Mississippi river who wish to unite with us in organizing a Co-operative General Association.

Notice was given by Elder T. C. Ferguson, asking for a revision of the Constitution at next session.

Preaching at 7 o'clock by Elders A. L. Shuey and G. S. Lattimer.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder T. C. Ferguson.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

(An exact copy from the minute)

Praise by congregation. For a lesson the Moderator read the 90th Psalm. Prayer by Deacon O. T. Fast.

Call for business.

Motion carried that each church take up a collection once a year for the support of the needy ministers and that the money be turned over to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried that the Home Mission Board act as this Association when this body is not in session and three members to be a quorum to transact business when all five members have been duly notified of time and place of meeting.

Resolved, That we, as a body, declare ourselves in favor of national prohibition of the rum traffic and pledge our support for it.

Motion carried that our next meeting shall convene at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, October 25, 1916, and that Rev. Ira Waterman preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that we co-operate with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, and other body or bodies in establishing a Freewill Baptist paper.

Motion carried that we, with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and other bodies through their State Boards, take steps in the founding of a Freewill Baptist school.

Motion carried that we jointly with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting and other bodies of Freewill Baptists under the directions of the various State Boards establish a Freewill Baptist Biblical Correspondence School.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. C. W. Mayfield and N. B. Sala occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock a. m.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise by congregation. For a lesson the Moderator read the 95th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. T. C. Ferguson.

Call for business.

Motion carried that we send Rev. Ira Waterman as a delegate to the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Revs. Ira Waterman and S. B. Mayfield occupy the pulpit at 7 o'clock p. m.; Revs. J. H. Wolfe and Ira Waterman Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and Revs. G. S. Lattimer and A. L. Shuey at 7 o'clock p. m. Sunday.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Hickory Grove church, in Cass county, Missouri, at 7 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, October 25, 1916.

Adjourned by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert.

We find the following names of ministers belonging to this Association recorded in the minutes and present at this Second Annual Session:

Elders Ira Waterman, W. H. McKown, J. T. Slaight, E. C. Whitehead, J. E. Bayless, A. L. Shuey, C. W. Mayfield, S. B. Mayfield, T. C. Ferguson, N. B. Sala, Myrtle Ferguson, C. E. Mann, B. F. Brown.

Thirteen of them and at least the first eight of them have gone on to their reward.

#### THAT NAME

*Contributed by Miss Mildred Wilkerson*

That name I just heard is delightfully sweet,  
Jesus is Christ! and Him you must meet;  
Now He is meeting poor sinners in grace,  
He knocks at your heart, oh give Him a place.

He hears you blaspheme; but O, if you knew,  
How much He loves sinners, how much He loves you,  
You would fall at His feet and adoringly sing,  
Jesus! my Savior! my Lord! and my King!

'Twas for this that He died on Calvary's tree,  
That sinners the chief might from judgment be free;  
He's now up in glory—a man on God's throne,  
But He's coming again—it may be quite soon.

He left us this message, while He is above,  
A message of mercy—a message of love,  
Tell sinners I love them—tell Adam's whole race,  
And this is the day of My patience and grace.

Yea, more—go, beseech—beseech them for Me,  
Beseech by My blood—by My death on the tree,  
It cleanses from sin and fits them to be  
At once and for ever in glory with Me.

Oh, these are sweet words, and wondrous to tell,  
How God in His mercy saves sinners from hell.  
The story's so simple—so plain to the lost,  
To be saved without doing—saved at God's cost,  
To be saved as ungodly, unrighteous, undone,  
To be saved by faith in the blood of His Son.

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## WHAT NEXT?

By the Editor

Christian people, religious people, moral people, wicked people, business people, professional people, people of all walks and activities of life are seriously asking the question, "What next?"

Because of the things which are coming upon the people of the earth, there is unrest, there is perplexity, there is poverty, want, hunger and suffering, and many other things, and people are wondering and worrying, and are asking, "What next?"

From August 2, 1914 to November 11, 1918, the World War raged, costing more than 20 million lives and more than 200 billion dollars in money, then in 1918 came the Black Plague (flu), which took more than 12 million lives. And more recently came the depression and the drought, of which we all know something. War, Pestilence, Famine, Earthquakes (See Matt. 24:7); "What next?"

We think conditions are awful now, and they are, but they are only a shadow of what is coming. Jesus said in Matt. 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." And a careful reading of other Scriptures will show us that these things are to be just before the coming of the Lord to catch up His church, then will begin the "day of the Lord" and that awful seven years of trouble, "Jacob's Trouble," or the "Great Tribulation" (Matt. 24:21).

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37). The flood was a type of the "Great Tribulation," and I believe the seven days just before it began raining (Gen. 7:4) are a type of the seven years (this present time) just before the Lord comes into the air for His church, then will come that "great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Mal. 4:5). This depression began in 1928, and has been on for about six years, I wonder if it will continue another year, and the Lord's coming is only a few months off. I think so.

We learn from the Bible that Noah was a preacher of righteousness for 120 years, but the people didn't believe his message, and were destroyed in the flood. Many people refuse to believe many things the Scriptures plainly teach, even things I am saying in this article; and some who read this will perhaps say, "Brown is a Russellite." I am certainly not a Russellite, but I do believe the Bible.

People everywhere, of every walk of life, have a feeling that something unusual and terrible will soon take place; and many are perplexed and worried about the future; being alarmed about the terrible conditions which now exist, they wonder what will come next.

We are facing something worse than the World War, worse than the great flu epidemic of 1918, worse than this great depression, worse than the drought. All these things are just forerunners of what is coming during the "Great Tribulation."

"And there shall be a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1).

"For there shall be great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21).

The prophet Joel describes, in chapter one, just such conditions as now exist, and in verse 15 of chapter one, he says, "For the day of the Lord is at hand."

This, then, is what is coming next: The "Rapture," followed by the "Great Tribulation." But Christians should not worry nor be dismayed; for God will surely take good care of all who put their trust in Him.

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11).

Of all times, this is the time to arouse, to wake up, and to KNOW that we are really "free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2). "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

Unless we are separated from the world, consecrated and surrendered unto God, we have no hope.

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

**MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO., Sept. 16, 1934.**

To the Gem:

Just a few lines to let you know I am not dead. I am still trying to work some for the Lord.

I went to Northeast Missouri in July to help Bro. Sam Marcum in a meeting, and enjoyed the trip fine, but didn't have any visible results. Lots of good people up there.

I am still preaching as I did seventeen (17) years ago when I first started out. I believed in the second coming of our Lord and Master then, and do yet, but do not believe that he will come and set up a kingdom here on earth. He set it up when he was here, and if you want to know where it is, look in Luke 17:21, "For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

Matthew 25:31-34 tells us how the Lord will come and what he will do with the wicked and the good.

I may not be a Free Will Baptist, but I do believe the Treatise, and on page 36, chapter XIX, the Treatise says the Lord will come to judge the world.

On page 37, chapter XXI, the Treatise says there will be a General Judgment and all men will be judged. And Paul, giving his charge to Timothy, said Christ would judge the quick and dead at his appearing.

I may be a disbeliever, I guess I am according to an article printed in the September issue of the Gem. But this is what I do believe and I don't want any body or church to be deceived in me, and if a church calls me to pastor it, or hold them a meeting, I want them to know what they may expect me to preach, for I will preach that when Christ comes, time will be no more here, and material things will pass away.

Yours for the Master,

Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

**REPORT OF ASSOCIATION**

Following is a report of the 39th Annual Session of Saline Association of Free Will Baptist, held with Pleasant Grove church in Drew Co., Ark., ten miles southeast of Monticello, beginning Aug. 30, 1934.

Business opened in regular order. The letters from the various churches were read and messengers were seated. This Association is composed of thirteen churches, of which 11 were represented by letter and messengers.

Preaching brethren present were: Elders R. M. Moore, Moderator, J. E. White, Ass't Moderator, J. M. Estelle, W. P. White and Bro. Rice. The latter was ordained to the Gospel ministry to preach for the Free Will Baptist at this Association.

Friday night the subject discussed was the third chapter of Romans by Eld. J. E. White, followed by Eld. R. M. Moore. Proof text, by Bro. Moore, Rev. 22:4. Service closed with prayer until Saturday morning, at 8:30 o'clock.

The house was called to order by Eld. Moore. Song, "Sweet By and By."

Call for report of different committees, of which I want to speak in particular. This was the Sunday school report. All the churches in this Association, except one, have fine Sunday schools, and all are using Free Will Baptist literature. The harvest is already white to harvest; Pray the Lord of harvest to send laborers into his vineyard. And I think this

is showing forth a spirit of prayer when we have good schools in our churches to train up laborers.

Subject Saturday night, "The Judgment," by Elder W. P. White, followed by Bro. Rice. Lesson text the 16th chapter of Luke.

Services Sunday were principally singing, with a fine noonday spread.

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to the good people of that community for the big way in which they entertained the visitors, and ask that all readers of this report join with me in prayer for same.

Ardon A. Hollis, Reporter..

**DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES**

With the date, August 30th, another year's work for the Master closed in our Desloge church. No doubt many mistakes have been made, battles have been fought and victories have been won; some things have been accomplished, but we trust a greater effort and a united effort may be put forth the coming year, and that "Go forward" shall be our motto as a church.

Elder Tommie Franklin begins her fifth year as pastor, Miss Anna Reed was elected again as Supt. of the Sunday school, Bro. Raymond Powell president of League work, and Sister Nellie Stegall president of Woman's Home Mission work. Our Mission has 22 members, and meets weekly for devotion and Bible study. We have several quilts for quilting at present, for which we are grateful.

Our church was well represented at the Yearly Meeting held with Union Light church in Madison county. Seventeen members and three visitors attended the first day, September sixth.

Elder Mark Lewis preached the introductory sermon Wednesday evening, other ministers who brought messages during the meeting were: Elder King, one of our senior preachers, Eld. Wm. Reeves, Eld. S. A. Hand, Elders Alvin and Albert Halbrook, our twin preachers, Eld. Henderson and Elder Tommie Franklin.

We are glad to report good spiritual services, and peace and harmony throughout the entire session.

Next Yearly Meeting goes to the Desloge church.  
REPORTER.

**PURDY, MISSOURI, Sept. 6, 1934.**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

Our Indian Creek Association is over and we feel so greatly helped and blessed by meeting with so many of God's people. I feel just like trying in my weak way to write a few lines, but I can't find the words to express the wonderful blessings that were ours to enjoy while there.

While reading my Bible, I see in Psalm 50, verses 14 and 15, that the Lord says, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows to the most High; and call upon me in the days of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Oh, if we as children of God would stay on our knees more in real earnest, we could see the power of God more and more as we did while at the Association; and sinners would be converted and could enjoy the happiness that a real child of God does. Seems

that I can see the place where God saved my soul. Oh, it makes me so happy when I think of the promises that God has made to all who love and serve Him. We find in St. John the 14th chapter, where "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?" People that love the world and the things of the world love not God. I love to think of the promise Jesus made us when He said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." It is a wonderful thought to know that we can enjoy Heaven and all its glory, just by living for God. Praise His holy name! I just want to praise Him more and more each day. I don't see how the unsaved can say "No" to the Savior when they see the children of God so happy. Christian friends, let's not be a stumbling block to the unsaved, and live before the world, that they can see there is a reality in serving God.

I earnestly ask the prayers of God's people, that I might go on, and in my weak way, preach God's word the way He would have me to.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Cynthia Henderson.

#### PAMPLICO, S. C., Sept. 4, 1934.

Dear Brother Brown:

I enjoy reading your paper very much.

I am a minister, having 11 years in the ministry. The first Sunday in September, 1923, I preached my first sermon in Mt. Elon church, in S. C., and the first Sunday in Sept., 1934, I gave my 11th anniversary sermon to the same church.

During these eleven years the Lord has wonderfully blessed me in His service.

I have resigned my church work in Florida and am expecting to make my home here at present.

I was well pleased with meeting the brethren from your section at the General Conference in June, 1934, in Jakin, Ga. I would love to hear Bro. Winford Davis preach and sing again as he did at our conference.

The writer longs to see our people united into one general body, as would help the Free Will Baptist to become a stronger church. Our people are solid Fundamentalists and we don't have a modernist among us. I think it is a great day for us if we will only put on a missionary program to send the Gospel to both home and foreign fields. We have the doctrine, so let us send it to a dying world.

Yours in His service,

Rufus Hyman.

#### LESLIE, ARKANSAS, Sept. 17, 1934.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have just returned from the Thirty-ninth Annual Session of our Big Springs Association, held with the State Line church, Fulton county, Arkansas.

We had one of the best Associations that I have ever had the privilege of attending: the Lord was present in love and unity.

Bro. Delbert Davis, pastor of the church, started a meeting on Sunday to have things warmed up when we all came, and they were ready. On the

night before the Association convened there were sixteen saved, and the altar was full every night. Thirty-nine were saved by Saturday night, thirty-two joined the church, and were baptized on Sunday. Praise God for His saving power; and when God's people are prayed up and full of the Holy Spirit, things are going to move. Christians, pray and also believe; then God will give results.

We had large crowds. I took the stand Friday night and Saturday night. The house was so crowded I could hardly move one step without getting on some one, and folks were lined up all along the windows out side.

Well, God has said, The seed of the woman shall bruise the old boy's head, and he sure did while we were at the State Line church. Pray for us and ask God to send us some good preachers. I am the only Free Will Baptist preacher in Searcy Co., Ark.

Elder J. E. Phillips.

#### OUR STATE ASSOCIATION IS NEAR

Well, the plans are speedily being laid for the great event of the 21st Annual Session of the Mo. State Association, comprising about 120 churches, 225 ministers, an approximate membership of about 11,000, which is divided into nine local associations. We, in this part, are expecting and looking forward to a wonderful time. May we all gather with a prayer on our heart, that God will be the great Leader in all that is said and done. I am hoping that a large number of our league and mission workers will be there for the Monday night and Tuesday sessions.

I am looking for a good report from your association, together with a nice sum of budget money to be turned in on time for the receiving of reports Wednesday morning.

Yours for Jesus,

Winford Davis.

#### REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

Dear Readers of the Gem: We have just closed a meeting at our Hickory Grove church, near Harrisonville, Missouri, August 26th. The meeting began August 4th and continued until the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Ass'n convened.

The meeting was good from the beginning, with God's Spirit working. The Christian people who were prayed up, united their prayers and efforts, until a spirit of harmony and co-operation prevailed, and conviction was great among the unsaved.

Besides the renewal of luke-warm Christians, and some who had been indifferent, there were five who prayed through to victory. Three were added to the church and three were baptized.

People of other denominations were there with a willingness to help, which we greatly appreciated.

The people of the Hickory Grove community are as good as can be found anywhere; and we pray that God will save each and every one of them, for their kindness to us while we were there.

Elder Kenneth Turner, Pastor,  
Elder Noel Turner, Evangelist.

**TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

I am reporting to the readers of the Gem some of the good things with which the Lord has blessed our Lawnwood church. Lawnwood is a young church, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed it and wonderfully increased its membership during the past year. And the church is in good condition financially.

We have a good Sunday school and our young people are taking a great interest in their work.

The Lawnwood church was well represented at the yearly Association.

Our good pastor, Bro. Boyd Williams, has gone to Kentucky on his vacation and to visit his parents, and Bro. O. B. Lane is acting as pastor in his absence.

We have our mid-week prayer meeting and our cottage prayer meetings, and both are good.

Miss Ruth B. Lane.

**REPORT OF ASSOCIATION**

Hearldton, Okla., Sept. 11, 1934.

Dear Readers of the Gem and Bro. Brown:

I wish to report that our Hopewell Association No. 2 has just closed with a fine time, every church being represented, and a Christian spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

We ordained Bro. Floid Pierce to the Gospel ministry.

We are making great gain for our Free Will Baptist church in our new association.

Pray for our Association and the Free Will Baptist cause everywhere. —Elder T. J. Knight.

**DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA**

Hello there, all you good Gem readers: I just want to step in for a short while this morning, I don't want to take up so much room as I did last month.

But say, in reading our paper, I sure did miss the report from circle No. 2, at Tulsa. I hope Mrs. Smith isn't sick, and I miss Sister McAdam's letter too. I always like to read all those good letters.

Well, I must give in my report and stop. We met at Arbordale church September 7th, and we sure had a fine meeting, it was the first time since we have been having our circle meetings that we have had all the pastors of all the churches present. We have five churches and every pastor was there, and say, we had Bro. Hillard, his wife and some of the other good ladies present. Bro. Hillard is from the Tulsa circle, and is our association president. Bro. Kirby is his helper.

Sister Finch reported that they were still at work at Arbordale.

Bro. Harry Staires reported that they were still on top at Drumright.

Sister Perkins reported for Jennings.

Cushing gave a written report. They had two prayer meetings, made 70 sick calls, read 216 chapters in the Bible, sewed one day for motherless children, made several hospital calls, and did some washing and ironing for motherless children.

Vance Chapel reports four cottage prayer meetings, and three souls saved in the prayer meetings,

quilted one quilt, gave three grocery showers, one stork shower, paid out some for evangelist. They take time about in sending Grandma Marr's meals to her, as she is too poorly to cook.

The president of the junior work gave in a nice report from Cushing; God bless the juniors there and at other places.

Sister Newman brought the message.

Just want to state that Bro. Harry Staires and myself have just closed a big revival at the Drumright church, and 42 souls were saved. God has been blessing us wonderfully. I have been in a meeting every night since the first of June, and have several more yet to get to. You good readers pray for us, for we need your prayers.

May God bless you all, and may we all shine out for God.

—Hattie Newman

**MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO., Sept. 24, 1934.**

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I have been reading the reports from our different churches, and they do me so much good, that I want to report a meeting I just recently closed at Bakersfield school house, twenty miles south of Mt. Grove.

We had an old fashioned brush arbor meeting, that will never be forgotten in that community. It was one of those laughing, crying, shouting, hallelujah meetings where God really saved souls. The meeting closed with 35 conversions. We baptized 29 and organized a church with 39 charter members. As pastor of the church, I beg you in Jesus' name to remember the church and its pastor in prayer. We called the church The Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist church. It's wonderful what God will do when we will let Him have His way with us.

I want to say that Bro. Ora Keller who was my faithful helper deserves much credit for the success of the meeting, by his good singing and wonderful messages.

May God help us all to arm ourselves with the Gospel of Peace and labor for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

Your servant in Christ,

Elder Henry Higby.

**OGLESBY, OKLAHOMA**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Readers of the Gem:

I am still living for Jesus and want to live closer to him each day of my life.

As our pastor, Eld. D. W. Stinnett, was called to Cooksin last week for a meeting, Bro. Parker gave us a message Sunday morning and at night, but we are hoping that Bro. Stinnett will be with us by next Sunday.

The young folks have organized a meeting at Oglesby, and we must all hope and pray that God will hold them together, that they may do good work for the Lord.

Bro. Hillon of the Holiness church delivered us two wonderful messages Monday and Tuesday night as he came through Oglesby. We are always glad to have the true word of God left with us.

Pray for me, that I might ever be faithful.

Your Sister in Christ,

Jessie Huff.

**GREENTOP, MISSOURI, Sept. 5, 1934.**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

It does my soul good to read so many good letters in the Gem; I read it through as soon as I get it. I wish all our members could read it and enjoy it as well as we do.

We attended our Association at Sublette, and it sure was a happy time. We had splendid preaching all through the meeting. We were so glad to have Bro. Mann with us again. We had a nice rain too, while the meeting was going on, for which we are very thankful. I am still praising the Lord for His many blessings.

I wish I could say something that would cause some one to turn from the error of their ways and be saved. I love all of God's people, and I love sinners too, for whom Christ died.

I will close with love to all.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. D. Fowler.

**WEATHERBY, MISSOURI, R2, Sept. 26, 1934.**

Well, I guess it is time that I was speaking up in meeting, and tell some of the things I have been doing the past year, and make some kind of a report.

I have not been in the active evangelistic work like I used to be, on account of our house and contents burning up last spring, and having to build the house back again, and sickness too has kept me at home a great deal of the time.

I have preached quite a lot on Sundays, and have done quite a lot of Sunday school work, and have assisted in several meetings, and I have held myself, by God's help, a few short revival meetings. I have witnessed quite a number of people profess faith in Christ, and helped to organize one F. W. B. church. When the Northwest Missouri Association met this fall I was elected their Association evangelist. God being willing, I will try to get out and do more Christian work this year than last year.

The Northwest Missouri Association is prospering and has made a large gain in numbers for the past three years.

Yours for Christ and the church,

Elder T. C. Ferguson.

**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, Sept. 20, 1934.**

To the Gem Family:

I haven't written for some time, but will now give a report of a good meeting. I saw in the Gem some time ago where Bro. Fred Marler of Seymour had a meeting at the Star church this spring and had 29 converts and 27 united with the church, that looks good to me.

Bro. Fred Marler and I held a meeting at the old Liberty church, nine miles north of Seymour, just closed Sunday night, Sept. 9th. The meeting went on for three weeks and one night the Lord sure did bless the work. This church has had a hard pull for 43 years, and was almost down and out. The Lord saved 18 people, some heads of families, 16 united with the church, and 18 were baptized. It was said to be the best meeting the church has had for fifteen years. The church now has 35 members. The devil tried awful hard to tear the place up

at the end of the meeting, by jumping up and trying to start two meetings, one a Pentecostal and the other a Campbellite, in order to scatter the flock. That is what the church has undergone for years, but thanks be to the Lord, they didn't get by with it this time. I am not saying this to fight other people, but I do wish they would stay where they belong.

I sure do enjoy being out in the field again for the Lord. I have another meeting planned to start at Bro. Clarence Ussery's home church, with Bro. J. J. Postalwait their pastor, if I am able we will start the second Sunday in October. I am awful poorly now. I had a real bad spell with my heart last week, which left me awful weak. I ask that you all pray for me, that I might get stronger, if it is the Lord's will.

—Elder Walter E. George.  
1520 West Atlantic.

**RED BAY, ALABAMA, Sept. 24, 1934.**

Dear Brother Brown:

Would you give me just a little space in your paper to let the readers know of the wonderful way in which the Lord has been blessing in our revivals this summer? I have just returned from North Carolina where I held a twelve days' meeting for Rev. J. C. Griffin, during which time the Lord blessed in a very great way, there were thirty additions to the church and many church members renewed their faith in the Lord. While there I had the privilege of attending the Free Will Baptist State Convention and preached for them on Wednesday at eleven o'clock. They had a large number of ministers and delegates present from all parts of the state and a very successful convention. I am at this time in Tupelo, Mississippi, under a large three pole Gospel tent. We are having large crowds and good interest, last night we could not begin to seat the people under the tent, extra seats were brought and placed all around on the outside, and then all could not get seats. We had eight conversions and additions to the church in this service, with two others who had joined, making ten up to now. We are sure a large number of others will come into our membership before the meeting closes, since we are just getting well started.

Space will not permit us to mention all the meetings we have been privileged to hold this year, separately, but I have had the joy of seeing 256 confess their Lord and Savior and take membership with the churches where I have held meetings since the 15th of last April, for which the Lord is due all the praise, pray for me, that the Master may continue to bless.

—M. L. HOLLIS.

**MYRTLE, MISSOURI, Sept. 3, 1934.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I feel like saying a few words for Jesus, as he has done so much for me, and is still doing. How my heart goes out to those in sin and the ones who started and have fallen by the wayside! Oh, may God send some one to rescue every one before it is too late!

We are having some good meeting now and every one seems to be in the unity of the Spirit just like we are going to have to come, if we ever receive anything from Him, for all of our different ideas

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE REPORTS

*Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas. S. E. Mo. Leagues*

### League Report from July 1, 1933 to July 1, 1934.

Flat River, Mo., Sept. 5, 1934.

To the League Workers and Gem Family:

I hereby submit the following report of our league work for the year ending June 30, 1934:

We feel that much good has been accomplished through the league work, although at present it needs some encouragement. We have now five local leagues in our association, with an average of 45 in each local league. We have a league convention every quarter, and a blue ribbon contest which has proved an encouragement to the league work, but would appreciate it very much if some one could offer a good suggestion that would create a greater interest in our league work just now.

One of our leagues has received for an honor, nine blue ribbons for having a 100 per cent league, that means coming up to all the fundamentals, or requirements gotten up by our committee. Other leagues have received a number of ribbons also, for their good work.

Our leagues have done a lot of visiting the sick folks of their community, and many other good deeds during the year. They have made 7,121 sick calls, read 66,921 Bible chapters, besides have contributed to many good causes out of their treasury, such as hiring trucks to go to League conventions, contributing to building fund for the church, and buying flowers for sick people of their community.

We believe that, if more of our seniors would co-operate in this work, it would go over the top for Jesus the same as our Sunday schools do today.

We desire your prayers and co-operation, that by this great work, and through this auxilliary to the church of God, many lost souls may be won for God's Kingdom.

Elder Wm Reeves, Field Worker, S. E. Mo.  
Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas., S. E. Mo.

### MACEDONIA LEAGUE REPORT

We are glad to say that most of our leaguers are at work. We can't expect every member to be on the mountain top all of the time.

Our pastor, Elder Winford Davis, has ordered some pencils for the league to sell. We are all at work selling pencils now. The money goes into our league treasury.

We are all looking forward to the league rally at Jones Chapel church, and hope all other leagues are also looking forward to that time.

President ..... Oleta Davis  
Vice President ..... Ruth Davis  
Secretary ..... Rena Davis  
Group Captain ..... Fern Davis  
Group Captain ..... Mary Henderson  
Quiz Leader ..... Philip Brittenham  
Quiz Leader ..... Catherine Brittenham

We are praying for you, will you please pray for us?

### Extract from Union League Association Report

Held with Pleasant Hill church, August 30, 1934, with Brushy Knob, Mountain Grove and Lone Star

leagues present.

The following officers were elected for this year:  
Field Worker ..... Elder G. W. Scott, Sr.  
President ..... Truman Jones  
Vice President ..... Luther Craving  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Eld. Zelda Young of Mansfield  
Executive Board Member ..... Lola Mae Burney

Also elected five delegates to the State Association.  
Next meeting will be with Wolf Creek church, September 30, 1934. —Eld. O. T. Allred, St. Sec'y.

## THE RESURRECTION

*By Elder Glenn Dipboye*

I am going to write a few lines in regard to the Resurrection. We are now living in an age when the wicked are oppressing God's people until it seems hard for them to exist, and I want to remind them of the power of the resurrection, and of the Lord's promise, that he will deliver us from the time of trials and tribulation at the appointed time of the resurrection, "And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3). It is a wonderful promise, that we will be able to spend eternity with our Savior. We sometimes wonder why others seem to have plenty and we are in dire need; but we find from the 16th chapter of St. Luke that there was a certain rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, desiring to be fed of the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; and it came to pass that the beggar died and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died and was buried, and in hell he lifted up his eyes, and saw Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham; and asked that Abraham send Lazarus that he might dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue; for he was tormented in the flame, but Abraham said, Remember, in your life time, you received your good things, likewise Lazarus his evil things: now he is comforted and thou art tormented. Now, brothers and sisters, this is the answer to the riddle: this is a world to prepare in, not to get rich in. Lazarus was a beggar down here in this wicked world. Even Christ is a beggar down here: He knocked at the rich man's door, and he refused to let Him in; but in hell he was the beggar. The tables have turned and Lazarus is in glory; why care about the riches of this old world, if we believe in Christ, and if we believe in Him we believe in the resurrection. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19). "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:21, 22). And Scripture teaches us that we shall be made like unto the Son of God: we will be of the heavens, heavenly; and will sit at the feet of the Son of God, and God will give us a body as it pleases him. Brethren, why worry about money? we can't take it to heaven, why worry about getting our face lifted? and God knows mine needs it so far as beauty is concerned, but I can't take it to heaven with me: "flesh and

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## OBITUARY

### IN MEMORY

Written in memory of our dear Sister Isabella Lund, who departed this life October 1, 1933, at the age of 62 years, it being our loss and God's gain. But her consecrated life still lives on in our community.

Asleep in Jesus, friend so dear,  
So free from toil and care;  
If we but follow in thy steps,  
Some day we'll meet you there.

Through life there's but one path to tread,  
The path you so bravely trod,  
'Tis but the staight and narrow road,  
That leads from earth to God.

Saddened hearts are our lot,  
Lonely feelings here,  
Yet how sweet to know where you rest,  
Yet, we miss your presence so dear.

Your pleasant ways and ready smile,  
We always will recall,  
You had kind words for every one,  
And died beloved by all.

I know you're with the angels,  
I can almost see you there,  
Your earthly trials were ended,  
When you reached that home so fair.

Some day we are going to meet you,  
Where we'll never say good bye;  
We know of nothing better,  
Than to meet you in the sky.

Sadly missed by the Leadington church and community.

Written by her pastor, Elder Wm Reeves.

**Mann**—Cora E. Hamilton was born June 8, 1875, and departed this life September 9, 1934.

On October 5, 1899, she was united in marriage to Charles Earl Mann. To this union three children were born, Loreda and Paul, who died in early childhood, and John Mann of Chillicothe, Missouri, who was present at the time of his mother's death.

Mrs. Mann was educated in the public schools and the high schools of Lancaster and Queen City, Missouri. She taught schools both in Schuyler and Putnam counties, and at the time of her marriage carried a first grade certificate.

She was converted at about sixteen years of age under the evangelistic efforts of Eld. W. B. Stevens. She carried a junior and senior license in the ministry and later was ordained by the Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist.

She leaves to mourn her demise her husband, Elder C. E. Mann, one son, John, three grandchildren, Loreda, Lorraine and John C. Mann, besides a number of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder W. B. Stevens at Jintown, September 11, 1934, assisted by Elders C. A. Phillips, W. R. Rush and T. C. Ferguson.

### THE NEEDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sister Cora Mann's Last Message to the Cause She Loved*

1. Get a vision as Jesus sees it.
  2. Get acquainted with the people by visiting slums, neglected parts of your town or community.
  3. Let our aim be to evangelize the world.
  4. How? By heeding commands of last Sunday's Golden Text, and tarry till baptized with the Holy Spirit.
  5. Result of Pentecost, gives us a better understanding of what Jesus' life is to the world and our duty to our fellowmen.
  6. No other name given under heaven whereby men can be saved.
  7. Shows us that the souls of men are the most important issue of life.
  8. To heed the command of the baptism of the Spirit gives us a true vision of the Christian's duty.
- Jesus' main object was abundant life for all people. He didn't stay all the time in the "nice" part of town. You would find Him in the slums; He would see the little children at work in the mills. He would know what went into the pay envelopes, and what it cost people to live decently, for a week, and how impossible it was for many of them to live on the amount they received. He would compare the pay envelope with the amounts paid out in dividends.

If we were in the spiritual condition we should be, we would be broken-hearted over conditions at our doors, instead of being put to sleep and comforted. We should be putting up a fight against "greed" and loveless indifference, the outstanding sins of our nation.

### MYRTLE, MISSOURI

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and doctrines don't change the word of God one bit. I am so glad I ever got my eyes open to this fact, that we can worship with others and feel God's presence just the same as if we were in our own denomination. I thank God so much for saving me, for our dear Lord is so faithful and ever ready to help us in all our troubles, if we take them to him in faith, believing the work is going to be done. There are lots of Christians of different beliefs, and I have prayed so many times and wondered and asked God why we couldn't come together and worship him, and now he is working casting out our divisions and differences and showing us we are all of God and his humble servants. If we stay where God wants us to, we are going to be willing to work for him anywhere and any place. God knows all about us, and that we need to be on our job as his children fighting against sin, as it has almost destroyed our nation. When wickedness filled the earth, God took the world away from Noah by the flood. When wickedness again became great, God took Abraham from the world, separated him from it; so he was in it, but not of it. Up to the call of Abraham God dealt with the whole human race, there was neither Jew nor Gentile. We think of the human family as a mighty river from which God, in the call of Abraham, drew off a tiny rill, that he might at last purify the great river itself. Paul was the chosen vessel of God to bear the Gospel light to

the Gentile nations. You and I were chosen of God for some mission on earth, will we consecrate our lives to Him? No one else could do the work Paul was to do, neither can anyone else take the work God has given you and me to do and make a success of it. There may be souls perishing, hands reaching out for you to help them. As Solomon prayed for wisdom, that he might discern between good and evil, he prayed that he might be fitted for his task. Solomon was praying for understanding that would enable him to do aright the job that God had asked him to do; he did not ask for wisdom, but that he might be able to dispense justice to his people. So long as he sincerely prayed this prayer his nation prospered.

Peter and John prayed for boldness; it was a time of danger, persecution was present and death was threatened; to remain quiet, to do nothing in the Gospel work might have seemed to insure peace and safety, but these men had been called by the Divine Spirit to lead men into a knowledge of God as had been revealed to them in Christ Jesus. They prayed that they might do their whole duty, and that God's work should be done at any cost. No wonder the place was shaken, no wonder a multitude believed and followed them. Prayer is the great key that unlocks the door to heaven's riches, through prayer people can live genuine Christian lives for God: Christians should wake up and see how necessary it is that we should be always at our post of duty. As we look around about us we see sin on every hand, leading boys and girls, men and women away from God. Pray for me that I might be always ready to help the cause of Christ.

I have just returned from attending the Association, held with Rose Hill church. It closed with a revival. Preaching by Bro. Beatty and Bro. Talley, and when they took the stand, filled with the Spirit of God, they handled the word in such a way that conviction fell on a great number who prayed thru to victory. We can never thank God enough for sending these men of God down our way. Brother Beatty who has been our pastor for two years has been very faithful, we can never repay him for what he has been worth to our church. I am praying God that these precious souls that have just enlisted in the great cause of Christ, when their way grows weary, will go to Him who will strengthen them. Help them Lord, to so live that their lives will shine forth, that others seeing their good works may glorify him which is in heaven. I realize that there are many of today to lead us away from the love of God, but when trials overtake me I go to God in prayer, for I know his grace is sufficient to keep me and I am so glad this morning that my soul has been redeemed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, and that I am determined by the grace of God to see the end of a Christian life; thank God for that hope, that life will be sweeter some day. No pains, no heartache, and when God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

I close by asking all who read these lines to pray for me, that I may keep humble at the foot of the cross. My sincere prayer is for lost souls; may God help us Christians to keep out of the way of sinners. We are leading others one way or the other. Dear unsaved souls, if you read this, take warning today before some great calamity comes upon you, for

when God makes his last and final call he means, Come! I know, because I have rejected God many times before I was saved. I had a dear school mate who was killed, and in sin so far as we know, and, O God, if I had only been a Christian then and could have talked and prayed with him, how much better I would have felt. I am praying that God will help our preachers to preach his word with such power that all conflicting doctrines will disappear and all will come to worship God in the unity of the Spirit.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

## THE RESURRECTION

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blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 15:50). "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Cor. 15:26).

We do not pay out money on an old house that old age has rotted down; it is weatherbeaten and only here for a short time. We are putting our money in the Bank to use on a new building that will stand a life time. We will not decorate that old building when we die, and it is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment. That corpse is just the old house in which we once lived, but we have a bank account in the Bank of Heaven that we can check on throughout eternity. We have a trustworthy President up there who founded that bank, and in the beginning created the heavens and the earth. We have a kind and courteous and just Cashier up there that poured out His blood on Calvary's cross, that our names might be signed on our checks with the ink of His precious cleansing blood. The devil can lie on us all he wants to, but Christ will know our signature, written with His blood, there will be no crooked cashier, there will be no greedy president; we can draw out everything we put in that Bank in honor, and more too, for Jesus made a great deposit for us when He died on Calvary's cross. There will be no bankruptcy, no depriving people of their honest labor and life time earnings, that Bank will last throughout all eternity. In that day when those graves shall be opened, there will be those that are maimed, and blind, or with absent limbs and broken bodies, some that are stooped almost to the ground, and whose bodies are not beautiful to look upon, and others who are mocked and ridiculed by that evil tongue that James says, in James 3:6-8, is "an unruly evil full of deadly poison, and every kind of birds, beasts and serpents, and things of the sea have been tamed, but the tongue no man can tame," and many of them have borne burdens that were heavy to bear, and their garments have been shoddy and tattered, but in that day when the last trumpet sounds and the last enemy, which is death, shall be destroyed, Death shall be swallowed up in victory, then shall the Son of God place on them that wore tattered garments that beautiful wedding garment, and those with the maimed bodies shall receive a body like unto His glorious body, and they will kiss the feet of the Son of God and gather around the great white throne of God and hear Him say, "Well done my good and faithful servants," and there will be shouting and singing up there. Some say they don't like shouting, and that it gives them the dizzy headache; yes, and it gives the devil the dizzy

headache too. I heard a woman say she didn't like to hear people say I know there is a resurrection; no, nor the devil don't either, but when the fleshly man is buried and the spiritual man is resurrected, and his burning fire set burning in the heart, we know there is a resurrection, and just as sure as Pharaoh oppressed God's people and robbed them of their labor, just that sure will the wicked oppress God's people today, and just as sure as God parted the river and delivered His people, just that sure in the day of the resurrection will He part the malted earth and the graves will yield forth their dead, prepared to meet Jesus, and as sure as he closed the waters of the sea upon Pharaoh and his men, just that sure will he close the gates of heaven upon the wicked who oppress his people, and as they fall to the bottomless pit of hell they will hear these words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto me . . . . Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Let us not put too much on our body as we are going to move out of this old house soon, and take up our abode in heaven where we will have a body like unto Christ's.

Pray for your humble servant who has only been preaching nine months.

Yours for a better world with our Savior.

### FALLING AWAY

By Mrs. Alice Taylor

*"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed, lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).*

We notice a great falling away today, not only among the "hims," but also the "hers." It is because of this that I feel it might prove a blessing to some mother's girl to warn them. We begin in faith; we fail by being unfaithful. We begin by laying down the world and taking up the cross daily—mind you the Bible says, "Daily," not once in a while or when before certain people, or when at church—we fail by laying down the cross and taking up the world, and still trying to wear a sanctimonious face when in church, but just see these same faces at our (worldly) school commencement: they are touched up a bit with the world. Speak to our young girls and tell them that you are surprised, and they try to act surprised at you. Now, dear readers and friends, we know if we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us, we had better go back to the altar, turn a new leaf and begin all over again, by laying down the world and taking up the cross again. Our worldliness may be only a trifle, such as taking church as a means of meeting our boys and girls, a little red ring around the mouth, so it will tempt him more, just a few rings around the fingers, arms and neck, just to keep from looking old fashioned, you know. Lay all such down and shoulder the old rugged cross for Jesus' sake. "My yoke is easy and my burden is light," and I thank God I find it so.

Dear young friends, do you find the joy and the satisfaction in the folly of this world that you found in following Jesus night and day? Do please ask

yourself the question, and consider the error that you have made before you are plunged headlong in sin, which you never knew before. May God help our young girls and boys, fathers and mothers, to "watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

Mothers, set up a standard for your children, see that you invite only clean associates into your homes for them to keep company with; be very careful about whom we entertain in our homes, because Satan is still on the job. We may want our boys and girls to be like Mr. and Mrs. So and So, and by trying to put them up on the high shelf, so to speak, we may lower them for life. We can only have victory over the world by living down worldliness, so therefore, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest he fall," before it is too late.

Someone will knock at the beautiful gate,

Someone will call, but alas, it's too late!

Someone will mourn o'er his sorrowful fate, too late!

Too late! I'm too late! then sad, sad, will it be!

Oh, dear sister, will it be thee? Oh, wayward one, turn before it is too late to enter the beautiful gate.

### THE ROAD OF TRIAL

By Lillian Leftwich, Cushing, Oklahoma

When in spirit you are blue,  
Look to Jesus, one who is true,  
It is then He'll lead you through,  
That rugged road of trial.

Daily on this road you'll tour,  
Complex trials you'll endure,  
Whether or not, you won't be sure,  
If you'll go this way or that.

On the road you'll have a guide,  
Hold fast to it, never slide:  
From your going astray subside,  
On this road of trial.

If you've walked this road with Jesus;  
You will meet with joys untold,  
Up beyond the blue horizon,  
Where the pearly gates unfold.

### SPECIAL

Elsewhere in this issue of the Gem you will find the announcement of A NEW BOOK, "The Life of Elder Emmett Vestal." The price of this book has been reduced to 35c, but it is worth more.

You know the price of the Gem is 50c per year. But you can get the Gem for one year and a copy of the book, both for 75 cents.

Just send an extra 25 cents with your subscription to the Gem, new or renewal, and say you want the book. The book alone is 35 cents.

Address B. F. Brown, Editor, Purdy, Mo.

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Verse 11. Here he takes us back to the little horn and the fourth beast. "I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame."

Daniel sees the fall of the great Roman Empire, the fourth beast. Then he looks forward again until the time when the "little horn" reigns and Rome the city that sits on seven mountains is burned, as told in Rev. 18. This verse is a key verse and we will have to deal with it more fully in another article which will appear later, "The Scarlet Woman." But we must understand here that this beast of Dan. 7:11 is not the scarlet beast of Rev. 17, for the scarlet beast is a king and not a kingdom, and is taken alive and cast into the "lake of fire," and is not slain and burned as this beast is.

Verse 12. "As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time." No doubt much of the life of each nation was assimilated by the conquering nation, thus they lived on for a time until they became completely subjected to their conquerors. At the fall of the Roman Empire as a world power, she threw out to the world her religion which today is in a greater part of the earth.

Verses 13, 14. Jesus now appears on the scene, and His "dominion, and glory, and kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not pass away."

It is sure that Jesus has never come into His kingdom on this earth. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name:

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13).

Christ is here rejected as king of Israel, but by faith, both Jew and Gentile become heirs with Him when He returns for His kingdom, and shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:8-10). "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jude 14, 15). Now if the saints come with Him, He surely must have come sometime before this and got them, or else He would have come for them at this time, but they come with Him and that settles the question, for the Bible says it, and it is true.

Verse 15. Daniel grieved because of the vision, and, so in v. 16, comes to one standing by, and asked for the truth of all this. "So he told me and made me know the interpretation of the things."

Verse 17. "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth." Namely, as we have already found, Babylon, Media Persia, Grecia and Rome.

Verse 18. "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and for ever."

Now we know that these four kingdoms were upon the earth, and ruled the whole earth to a more or less extent, and so the saints will no doubt rule as much or more territory than the Gentile kingdoms. This possession of the kingdom spoken of here could not mean the Kingdom of Heaven, for the "new birth" has already made them heirs of that, and so must mean the reign of a thousand years on the earth with Christ.

Zech. 14:9-21 says, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

"And the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses."

"And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite the people that have fought against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and they shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor."

"And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel in great abundance."

"And so shall the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and all the beasts that shall be in the tents, as this plague."

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. (Feast of tabernacles is when Christ shall dwell among the people)."

"And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain."

"And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord shall smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

"This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar."

"Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts."

No language could be more clear than the above Scriptures, concerning the reign of the Lord and His people in Jerusalem, and the Jews the chief nation at that. Now that will be on this earth, and in this Jerusalem which the Lord has defended, delivered, and preserved (Isaiah 31:5). This is not the New Heaven and new earth, nor is it heaven on earth, but will sure be good. It is the one thousand years reign of Christ over Israel.

Now back to Dan. 7:19. "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, break in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet." Notice, teeth of iron, rule of the iron kingdom in one or the other of its forms, and the tribulation during that time in which many of God's people have met their death by martyrdom, and are no doubt the souls under the altar waiting the coming of their brethren that should be killed as they were, or those out of the great tribulation, or during the reign of the Antichrist (Rev. 7:9-7). These are no doubt the residue or that which was left after part was taken out, those taken out must be those that come back with Christ when He comes to begin His 1,000 year reign. Now (Rev. 6:9-11), the souls under the altar at the opening of the fifth seal received white robes, and are told to wait for the coming of their brethren which should be killed as they were. I know of no place where white robes are given but at resurrection, so there must have been some resurrected before the coming of the last group mentioned in Rev. 7:9-17. If so, they must be those of the first tribulation or during the entire time from the first advent of Christ until He comes for His church. Many Christians have been killed during the past 1900 years, and as yet are in their graves, only their souls in glory, and waiting the day of God's vengeance on those who murdered them. Many of the saints rose and came out of their graves when Christ rose from the dead (Matt. 27:52, 53). Christ the first fruits of them that slept (1 Cor. 15:20). Afterward they that are Christ's at His coming, and the living saints changed, and the dead in Christ raised (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). But the rest of the dead live not again until the 1,000 years are past (Rev. 20:4-6). Now we know that some rose when Christ did, and some false teachers began to teach, "The resurrection is past already" (2 Tim. 2:18). But it had just begun, some were raised then, and some will be raised when He comes and will reign with Him a thousand years (Rev. 20:4). These refused to take the mark, name, or number of the Beast, or Antichrist, and so are in harmony with Dan. 7:19, where the residue is stamped with the feet of the monster, or fourth beast, the nails of his feet being brass and not iron show clearly, it is to be a different rule than that of the iron teeth, and also is upon those who are left after part are taken out.

This is our first direct Scripture showing a catching away of the church to escape the terrible things coming upon the earth, of which Jesus said, "Pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape the terrible things coming upon the earth, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

## REPLIES TO REV. BEN M. BOGARD

### BAKER, ARKANSAS

I am a reader of the Gem, though not a member of any church, but I would like to give just a few views on Ben M. Bogard's clipping

The Devil always found truth that blocked his progress an enemy to him. We believe in free church and free state, and any one has a right to belong to the church that pleases him and where he thinks he can serve God best, and not man.

The Free Wills may be weak in numbers, but ask yourself, How weak were Christ's followers when He was here on earth? The rest did not want to accept the truth, and today we have a bunch of Missionary Baptist that can't stand the truth, and will not listen when the truth is being put to them.

Does the Lord's table belong to the Missionary Baptist, or does it belong to the Lord? My Bible tells me in 1 Cor. 10:21, that it is the Lord's table. Who are the Missionary Baptist, to tell a man whether or not he can eat? Are they the Judge? 1 Cor. 11:28 tells me, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

The Free Will's may live mostly in the back woods, but as to how strong they are, Mr. Bogard, you don't know you are trying to be the judge again. When God wants a thing done, and done right, He has always called His disciple from the humble home. He called David, a common sheep herder and a man after God's own heart to rule over His chosen people. My Bible also tells me that anyone can fall from grace. "If they shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:6). "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first work; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Rev. 2:5). This is the message sent to the church in Ephesus. Mr Bogard would do well to apply this same message to his own church.

The laws of God are fixed laws; they are unchangeable, and apply to every intelligent creature. Man is required to do what is right; he must love mercy and practice it, and walk humbly with God.

Some preachers have carried out the devil's arrangements; they have fallen to temptation, they stand self-confessed and guilty before God and man.

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal" (Jer. 23:26-27).

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

Don't reason with yourself and by yourself, reason with God; through this channel divine purity and holiness flows down to the worshipper. If we will do this, we shall eat the good of the land.

—B. A. Treace.

MACON, GA., 159 Jeff Davis St., Sept. 17, 1934.

Dear Brother Brown:

I would like to ask Mr. Ben M. Bogard a few questions through the columns of the Gem, since his reflections on the Free Will Baptists were printed in the Gem. Does Mr. Bogard know that the Missionary Baptists originated in 1832? Does Mr. Bogard know that some of the most spiritual, and broadly felt, Missionary Baptist churches in the United States practice what Mr. Bogard is pleased to call "Open communion?" Does Mr. Bogard know that at least fifty percent of Missionary Baptists of the country believe the Bible doctrine of the possibility of apostasy? Does Mr. Bogard know that "looseness" of the Missionary Baptists, and their tactful elusion from preaching the tenet doctrine of their church has made it possible for them to acquire their large membership? Does Mr. Bogard know that the "literacy" of their ministry has practically ruled Jesus Christ out of their program? Does Mr. Bogard know that God has chosen to be made such wisdom unto the unlearned that a Free Will Baptist minister, though he be a fool, shall not err in the pursuit of his divine calling? See Isaiah 35:8; 1 Cor. 1:21, and various other passages. Does Mr. Bogard know that good behavior is the natural result of Salvation? Does Mr. Bogard know that "a healthful growth" in numerical terms, is in direct contradiction to the statement of Jesus Christ that "few there be that find it?" Does Mr. Bogard know that the Free Will Baptists do not offer any "excuse for their existence," but come boldly to a throne of our Father's grace, with a doctrine that Mr. Bogard says would "take the world," in the opinion of some of his advisors?

I am not a "strong" preacher, and have been confined to my home several months with what the doctors call heart trouble, but my Father has promised to heal me—hallelujah to Jesus—and I would just like to debate Mr. Bogard on the relative positions of our denominations. I have the most cordial brotherly feeling for Missionary Baptists, for I was a member of that church for about eighteen years, and I love all men—praise our God—but I am ready to give account of the hope I have, and do delight to do it. Amen.

I am proud of the personnel of the Free Will Baptist ministry, and point, with holy pride, to Elder Everett Wilson, who is at this time giving the readers of the Gem some of the most powerful articles I have read from any pen. They must be spiritually received to be appreciated. I am ignorant but I know that I am saved now, and by faith in Jesus Christ, expect to hold out to the end.

J. R. Hunt, a F. W. B. Minister.

COUCH, MISSOURI, Sept. 16, 1934

Well, Brother Editor, I take pleasure in writing this letter to the readers of the Gem. I note a clipping from Ben M. Bogard. Well, I am glad I am one of those onegaledosed Free Will Baptist preachers, kinder in the back woods, too, but thank God we know the Lord out here.

Well, I guess that Ben M. is like some of the others of that tribe, he has not learned all that is in the Book yet. I had an experience with one of them not long ago, he was holding a meeting close to my place.

My wife and I attended his meeting, and invited him

home with us for dinner; so when he got full of my wife's good cooking he was ready to 'spute. He was telling me about the Missionary Baptist being the oldest church known in history. Of course he knew I was a Free Will Baptist preacher, and he went on to say that John the Baptist was a Missionary Baptist, and the only church there was in that day was the Missionary Baptist. That was my chance, so I said, Bro. J—, you have learned me something today. It's the first time I have ever heard that the Missionary Baptist church crucified the Lord; but I guess they did, if they were the only church in that day; so he was silent. Well, if you give them rope enough, they will hang themselves.

When I was a boy I had a pet goat, but he got to arguing with the hired men when they started to work, so daddy said I would have to tie him up, and I did. I tied him to an apple tree, and he started to walk all over the apple tree. The next morning poor Bill was dead, he hanged himself.

Now I want to talk to Bro. Ben M. just a little. Now Bennie, let me get hold of your chain and I will lead into the tree of history, to the first Baptist altar that was ever erected, and you will see written over it "General Free Will Baptist." Now be careful, Bennie, don't let your foot slip, if you do you will be like my poor Bill was; you see he was a dead goat next morning.

Now Bennie, I note that you say we have no outstanding thinker among us, that may be so, then we must be inside thinkers of God and His goodness. There are a great many people that think more about sectarianism than they do of God and Salvation. Those are the outstanders.

I note that you say we are weak in numbers. Well, that may be so; for that reason we believe we are the children of God, for Jesus said in Matt. 7:13, "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Say, Bennie, we have some preachers out here in the back woods that are living so close to God, and so far from the devil, that they will be dead and in heaven 48 hours before the devil even finds out they have been sick. Come out and see us, Bennie, you may find out something you have not learned yet. Why, Bro. Bennie, we are having numbers and numbers of souls born into the kingdom of God, and some of them join your church, and when one of your zealots leads them to the river and brings up gravel with them, he is all right. "Now, young man, just do what ever you want to, God's got to save you because we said so" (bunk).

You said we didn't have one congregation of respectable size. Well we have some pretty good sized congregations and numbers and numbers of smaller ones all over the land, and there is not one of them that does not have the old time altar erected in them, where men and women bow and weep their way through to God and Salvation. There is not one of them that stands for dancing, card playing, drunkenness, nor murder. Praise the Lord, I am glad I'm in the back woods, but one day I'm going to the City of God, not because I'm a Free Will Baptist, but because I'm a child of God. You had better come along and go with me. May God bless His children regardless of their church name.

—E. E. WINFREE.

### BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

An article by Ben M. Bogard, entitled, "Our Enemy, the Free Will Baptists," appeared in the September issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem. It was copied from a Missionary Baptist paper by Elder T. H. Dixon and submitted to the Gem for publication. The gist of the article was an attack on the doctrine and practices of the Free Will Baptist church. Elder Dixon replied to some of the main criticisms, and with the editor's consent, I will add a few thoughts. However what I shall say is not intended to in any way involve the Free Will Baptists.

Mr. Bogard opened his attack with an error. He gave a wrong date for the founding of the Free Will Baptist church. While this error of itself is of no consequence, yet it serves as a fitting example of the inaccuracy and loose statements contained in the body of the tirade.

"As a rule," says our critic, "they (The F. W. B.) are very illiterate and unlearned people." Why does he em-



ploy synonymous terms? Repetition does not add force to language. And were we to confess that this charge is true, what of it? Isn't a majority of the members of all denominations unlettered? Shall we be questioned respecting our academic attainments at the Judgment? Not one member of the apostolic company held a college degree. Besides God has in the past wrought momentous works through the instrumentality of "illiterate and unlearned" men. He who on the day of Pentecost delivered the keynote speech on the memorable occasion of the founding of the Christian church was an unlearned and ignorant man.

"They believe in immersion for baptism," says Mr. Bogard, "but as a rule think it not essential to church membership." Mr. Bogard insists that baptism is positively essential to church membership, but not at all essential to salvation. Thus he makes it more difficult to acquire membership in the church than to gain entrance into heaven.

Another criticism is, "They stand for open communion." Where does the Bible enjoin close communion, or confer upon the Missionary Baptist church the right of guardianship over the Lord's table? 1 Cor. 11:28 says, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." This is the language of Jesus Himself, and it gives to each individual the privilege of judging of his own fitness to partake of the communion.

Says Mr. Bogard, "They believe in the doctrine of apostasy, and that from the day we are born again we must live right or we shall fall from grace and go to hell." His meaning is clear; he does not believe right living after regeneration is requisite to salvation. Isn't this shocking doctrine for a minister of the Gospel to teach? The doctrine of "once in grace, always in grace" is fraught with as great evil as is the doctrine of a second chance of salvation as taught by Pastor Russell. If Free Will Baptists are wrong in their belief that we must live right after regeneration in order to gain a home in heaven Nero, if once regenerated, might be now experiencing the joys of heaven notwithstanding his wicked end.

This bold critic says further, "They have no strong preachers; there is not an outstanding thinker among them." Just what does Mr. Bogard mean by strong preachers? Does preaching the Gospel with effectiveness and power class one as a strong preacher? If so, Free Will Baptists have scores of them. As to outstanding thinkers we concede that gauged by Mr. Bogard's standard we have none. And we sincerely thank God for it. Dr. Fosdick and Dr. Cadman are rated as outstanding thinkers. We are informed that both of them deny the virgin birth and the divinity of Christ, the fall of man and the redemption through the blood of Christ, the Mosaic account of creation and about everything else in the Bible that endears it to a Christian's heart. If these are the type of thinkers that Mr. Bogard calls outstanding, for once Free Will Baptists are in agreement with him when he says "their denomination has none." —W. J. EDENS.

## LEADERSHIP AND CO-OPERATION

*By Elder J. E. White*

Does not God need leaders in this age of distressful times both financially and spiritually, as He has throughout all ages? We can look back through the pages of holy writ 1573 years before the birth of Jesus Christ and see God in need of men to lead his people; and read his call to Moses, "Come, now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh" (Exo. 3:10).

The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Moses seeing this great sight turned aside to see "why the bush is not burnt" (Ex. 3:3), and when Moses turned aside to see, God called unto him, and said, "Moses, Moses." And he said, "Here am I." Yes, Moses turned aside to see.

Here I get a great lesson, too many of us preachers, leaders of the people, are not willing to turn aside for God as He would have us. We say the sacrifice is too great; and we can't turn aside from the ways of this old sinful world and follow God as He would have us to.

Let us look again at this man Moses, God had called to lead His people. "By faith he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter: choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:24, 25). Would not many of

us modern leaders have accepted the chance of being the son of a king's daughter, thinking some day we would fall heir to the throne? But Moses forsook all of these great opportunities and pleasures of life, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt" (Heb. 11:26). This we think is why he had power, this then is why he was successful, this is why he was a great leader, this is why he organized the people into one great organization and led them out from that great state of bondage, crossed the Red Sea and on through the wilderness. He turned aside from the things of this world, he refused the great honor of being the son of a king's daughter, and the great honor of being king himself. He chose to be one of that number of the family of Christ, rejecting the treasures of Egypt. No wonder he was a blessing to his people Israel, and to the whole world. He was willing to be used of God and laid his own life on the altar, all for the service of the God whom he loved. No wonder the Apostle Paul makes mention of him 1637 years later, and we read of this great leader, and he becomes a blessing to us in our lives. As we think over the life of this man, we should pray for the God of heaven to give us more men that are willing to follow the great example this man has given us.

The Apostle Paul, in his instructions to Timothy, tells us that the preacher should be an example of the believers (1 Tim. 4:12), that is, show them how they should live. I think the leaders should be the first ones to do as God would have us to do. If we want to teach our people to have brotherly love, let the preacher or leader first have it. If we want our people to live a prayerful life, the leaders should first give the example (1 Peter 5:2-4). The Master said, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14).

This brings us to the foundation of our subject. Here of late we have been impressed to pray a lot over the condition that exists among our own church people, the Free Will Baptist; and we have become burdened over these conditions. And then we received through the columns of the good Free Will Baptist the startling news, saying there are a billion heathen in the world, and that they were dying at the rate of one hundred thousand a day, every tick of your watch sounds the death knell of a heathen; every breath we draw, four souls perish, never having heard of Jesus. Then I ask the question, What are the Free Will Baptist doing to carry the Gospel to the lost heathens? and then we are informed that we have but one missionary in the field for the heathens. So we ask again, Why do these conditions exist? And when we study the matter, we are bound to say, We are in need of leaders, to lead us out of these conditions, to lead us out of this old rut into which we have fallen, and to lead us on to God's standard of living, and to God's standard of praying; then to that standard of giving one-tenth of our income to the cause of the Master.

We are prone to say, Why don't we have other institutions, such as a Bible school? and why is it the ones we have are in debt? When we sum it all up, we are bound to say, Because of the lack of leadership and co-operation.

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## JONAH

By Eld. D. R. Royster

*Text: "And the Lord spake unto the fish and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land" (Jonah 2:10).*

I will express my opinion as to the man, a man that God called and gave a great field of labor. It being such a great responsibility, Jonah yielded to the feelings of nature, which is opposite to the ways of the Lord; so he woke up in the belly of a whale.

I do not wish to criticize the prophet on his possible mistakes, for I think he had some of the best qualifications. One was, that he really feared God. He could have done like many today and gone over there and modernized that wicked city. I think of the people reading this, saying, "Any one should have known better than that, as God had put judgment only forty days off." Yes indeed, that is the way I look at it, but why do men fail to declare the truth today? Some of us are going day by day into the Great Beyond to meet our Creator, the One that gave us the talent that has proved through all ages to be the most wonderful gift and obligation to the children of men.

Jonah was a truthful man, he might not have talked or shouted as much as some of us, but when he spoke, it was the truth.

I realize it must have been embarrassing for him to confess (as well as now for us), that he was the cause of the terrible storm and also the great sacrifice that was being made to save him. He told the truth, but it did not make him a popular man in society. I really believe he thought it would be death and that without remedy. I believe he decided he would rather hasten on to the regions of the lost to suffer his fate, than to have denied his wrong to men and take the whole vessel down with him.

The truth is an arousing thing, and those men on board, after hearing Jonah confess the truth, putting his very life behind it, feared the Lord, offered a sacrifice and made vows.

Another wonderful qualification, was his love for mankind, much like the Son of God making himself a sacrifice for others. The real called man of God has respect for people's future destiny above that of his carnal desires. I don't think there could be a better picture drawn for this wicked and dying world than this. Jonah taking his last look at the sweetness of life, and then I believe he realized that life wasn't worth living without God. So he took his plunge into the deep sea with the truth in his mouth and possibly swimming toward Nineveh, God yet being somewhat displeased. Jonah confessed that he went down to the bottom of the mountains and the weeds were wrapped about his head. God was determined that Jonah should make a complete surrender to him before he would allow him to go on to Nineveh to do the great work he had assigned him; and the Lord prepared a great fish to

swallow Jonah. Now Jonah being in the belly of the whale, he realized all earthly help was gone and said, "I'll look again toward thy holy temple," and in the whale's belly, "he prayed and God heard him."

I believe if Jonah had failed to tell the men on the ship the truth and had refused to make himself a sacrifice for them (he being the cause of their trouble), God would not have heard him.

I will here admit that the world being classed as the great waters, "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Rev. 17:15), can by the permission of God swallow both good and bad; and all the evil it can and will digest it, but righteousness it has never and never will be able to digest. So the whale vomited Jonah up. I had rather be swallowed up by the world, losing all my earthly influence than to compromise the true word of God and stand before him in judgment condemned.

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OKLAHOMA STATE Association will meet with Ada church, at Ada, Okla., beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1934. Eld. B. F. Rogers, Clerk, Denison, Tex.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL Association will meet in its seventh Triennial Session, with Denison Free Will Baptist church, on West Hull St., Denison, Texas, November 6 to 9, 1934.

Elder Winford Davis to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. B. F. Brown alternate  
Eld. B. F. Brown, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.