

Thoughts from The Word of God

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Correspondence
Concerning the Will
of GOD welcome.

THE STORY OF A MAGAZINE

On the 15th August 1898 a magazine was launched under the above name. It was not printed, but cyclostyled, and so hand-written. The editor was Percy W. Heward, and he was 16 years old! (See page 7)

This young brother co-operated with his father(J. Reeves Heward) and his mother(S.A. Heward), and one or two other brethren, in this venture. It was not a 'denominational' magazine, but rather what we could say was interdenominational, and with the first issue the following letter was included, which states the aim of the editor -

Dear Friend,

We feel it laid upon our hearts to issue a magazine to be published on the 15th of each month. The first number is before you, and trust you will find in it only that which is taught in the word of God. The title is chosen to stamp the periodical from the outset with the seal of Scripture....

The general effect of the magazine will we trust be an increasing love for the Lord, and a love that obeys. To this end we prayerfully sent it forth with grateful hearts for guidance in the production of the first number and with the assurance for the future(Should the Lord tarry) in the sufficiency of our God...

All profits from the magazine will be devoted to Lord's work and all time spent on its production is gladly given without remuneration.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Percy W. Heward.

In this first paper we see the earnestness of the young writer and his contributors and one is at once aware that although the emphasis is, Scripture and Scripture only, there were a few things which were not Scriptural.

For some reason, of which I am unaware they had at that time

a strong feeling that the Lord's coming was very near at hand, and also you will notice in the above letter the words "Should the Lord tarry", which indicates the unscriptural belief in the 'any moment' coming of the Lord.

I personally was not alive in those days, nor are there any believers of that time alive now, so the many questions one would like to ask must remain unanswered. I have all these old writings bound into books, right up to the last year of issue of this magazine in December 1968, and as one reads on from the first issue, one is aware that gradually that which was unscriptural in the early days was discarded and it became really a magazine which was devoted to bringing the truth of Scripture to its readers, and of blessing to many, and on the other hand an annoyance to others who clung and still cling to the thoughts of men and their prophetic teachings which are not found in God's holy and inspired Book.

But let me say again, the editor was only 16 years old, but his grasp of truth was very remarkable, for he was undoubtedly a remarkable man, converted at the age of 4!

I personally came to know him when I was 5 years old, and he 32 and knew him very closely and I feel I can rightly say, he was my spiritual father.

But to go back to the magazine, there was so much that was encouraging. A letter included at the end of the first year, says -

"Beloved friends, fellow-labourers and co-workers,
"Thoughts from the Word of God" will continue (as the Lord leads) telling forth of a saving, keeping, and coming Lord, Who has called the elect, those who know His salvation through God's great grace - to be saints, to be filled, and equipped by the Spirit, and even here to enjoy eternal life in communion with Him, and service for Him with joy and earnestness. Praying for His wondrous blessing and complete guidance to all writers and readers...

We are yours in the speedily returning Lord, our Saviour and our Master. J.R.H and P.W.H.

So the magazine went on with very useful and good articles, and was in June 1900 "the Organ of the Bible Study and Scriptural Witness Association". Those who read the magazine "A Monthly Record" will have read with profit recently, articles by J. Reeves Heward on the 'Tabernacle' reprinted from "Thoughts". But it was not yet free from the unscriptural 'any moment' teaching, for Mrs. Heward wrote -

Not all the saints shall fall asleep
The Holy Scripture saith,
But when Christ comes, saints shall be changed -
Made victors over death,
And in a moment, they shall be
"Caught up" to Him eternally. Not being aware that 'the change' is "in a moment", not the "catching up

In Vol. 2 No. 9 (15.4.1900) we read, "Our friends will be delighted to hear that there is a great possibility of even next month's being printed. Praise the Lord, we do not say certainly". But No. 9 (15.7.1900) was the last cyclostyled copy and August 1900 was the first of the new series printed in conjunction with a christian publisher in the city, and adverts began on the back page and the total print then was 4,000 copies. From the beginning the magazine was sold for 1 penny, or post free 1 plus a halfpenny.

(see page 8)

In August 1901 there was an article, entitled "our Monthly Mission", which read, "It is then the privilege of "Thoughts from the word of God", to exalt the word of God, to proclaim salvation in Christ alone(Acts.4.12), and by His atoning death(Ex.12.21; Lev. 17.11) to adhere to the old Truths throughout, and exhort the saints(Heb. 10.24), to manifest the mystery of Christ(Col. 4.3), to contend earnestly for the Faith(Jude 3); not with carnal weapons (2 Cor. 10.4), not with carnal hopes(Phil. 1.18), but as the Lord will. Looking for the coming of Christ, we are steadfast and earnest; awaking, by Divine grace, ourselves and fellow-believers to holiness in life and lip. We have no popular mission, the human conception of the present age is anti-Spiritual, and its creedless amalgamations antagonistic to Christ! We have, however, a great mission, and we urge prayer(2 Cor. 1.11; Col. 4.2; 1 Thess. 5.17), we urge your active help, since many believers long for a bold testimony, destructive of error and illustrative of the Truth. We may err, the Divine Book never; and our aim is to attain to a closer study, truer comprehension, bolder witness of "all the counsel of God"(Acts 20.27), "as the truth is in Jesus"(Eph. 4. 21). To God be the glory for all accomplished during the last twelve months and let our friends "practice their prayers" - as a dear brother recently wrote - and speed us by continual, enthusiastic, self-denying effort."

In June 1901 "The Young Men's Bible Study and Training Association" was begun with Mr Heward as 'General Secretary'.

In February 1902 an article appeared "A Plea for a Bible Institute" and asking believers to consider the establishment of such, where the pure word of God could be preached. And in 1903 "The Young Men's Bible Training College" was established, and in October of that year, the name was shortened to "Bible Training College" and in August 1904, No. 68 Fleet Street, in the city, was acquired for the College, and further particulars of the "Bible Training Colportage Association, "The Bible Training Missionary Association", "the Gospel Ministers Examination unit" and the "Scripture Research Society". So now Mr. Heward(now 21) was the Principal of the College, which was conducted on proper scholastic lines, and various brethren lectured on different topics, but on an interdenominational basis.

In 1904 another magazine began in connection with the Bible Training College, called "The Student of Scripture" containing "College Notanda and propaganda" etc., which continued on as long as "Thoughts from the Word of God" in Mr. Heward's time. (see pages 9 and 10)

In June 1906 for the first time, 340 Romford Road, Forest Gate is mentioned, and I think it was about this time that old Mr. J.R.Heward had retired from the Docks where he worked as a Superintendent and came to live here. (see page 11)

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January 1907. The magazine began with the words. "This magazine is not merely the organ of some work...". We come almost to a new era, suddenly so much had changed. The Bible Training College was gone, and Mr. Heward explains- (See page 12)

- (a) There is sinfulness in any identification with any forms of Christendom, including modern societies. Christians in all associations are loved, but not their associations. (The idea of our "Bible Training College" as an organization, apart from any church after God's appointment, and training preachers for varied connexions; failed to stand God's test).
- (b) It is important not to recognize diverging brethren as teachers. Reprints from old writers, perhaps, hardly illustrated this).
- (c) General circulation, or advertisement of books of teachers who in any way leave the word of God is not warranted.

(e) The return of the Lord is AFTER Antichrist's reign, and will welcome ALL His people into His kingdom, although diverse shall be their rewards.

(f) Titles like 'Pastor' as at present applied to denominational and merely un-denominational officers are unscriptural, and courtesy should not suggest their use.

(g) The public ministry of sisters in the assembly is forbidden.

(h) The gospel is never to be 'offered' as though Christ died indefinitely, and as though faith ensured the application of the work to the individual. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the restraining from much error that surrounds. But we must emphasize sorrow at mistakes and omissions...And united prayer will not be amiss that increased knowledge may mean increased clearness and earnestness, to the praise of the glory of His grace".

The teaching of Scripture, it seems, made our brother feel that if we teach New Testament doctrine, and New Testament practice, it is necessary also to be DOING it ourselves, and so at 340 Romford Road, an assembly was soon formed, and the 'teaching' was put into practice, and the prophetic teaching was also corrected, for The Scriptures do not mention any "any moment" coming of the Lord, and of His people being removed from earth before the tribulation.

So one traces through the magazine, and it is to be seen, how the Lord was working and gradually bringing out of the normal and usual christianity, to GOD'S christianity, and New Testament christianity. The magazine ceased to carry adverts, and was our brother's personal effort.

When we come to July 1908 we read of new meeting rooms at 61 Upton Lane, Forest Gate(see page13). This tall corner house was built for a Public House, but was never used as such, and so this was rented and 340 Romford Road, vacated, and also the magazine began to be printed locally. In fact the 'Student of Scripture' was set in our own type then, but printed by a printer.

In the cellar of '61' a printing-shop was arranged, with a small printing machine, and cases and cases of type, English and other languages, and two brethren were engaged to set up the magazines, and then they were printed by a printer, for our machine was too small, and then they returned the flat printed sheets for folding, stitching and cutting, by those who helped in the work

How well I remember as a school boy coming over to Forest Gate in the school holidays and so learned the old style printing with types and those old techniques which are no longer used. But later, for some reason, the printing brethren left, and the printer did the typesetting and printing, and finally did the whole job. One problem that arose was that the compositors at the printers had great difficulty with Mr. Heward's hand-writing, and eventually refused to compose from it any more. So all the manuscripts came to me first and I typed them for the printer.

One very important change came about in October 1915 when the magazines and indeed all the literature began to be issued "FREE of charge". (SEE pages14 and15). Our brother P.W.H. wrote - "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" - "Looking back over about 17 years of cyclostyled and printed testimony through "Thoughts from the word of God" we may well thank Him and take courage. We cannot, dare not, and would not boast, but it is a mercy to be preserved. Many things regarding His love, and His will, has our Heavenly Father deigned to make clearer from Scripture during this period, and though we would sorrow over past ignorance and failures - and more as to any which are present yet we can rejoice that He has never failed, and never will. The path may seem narrower than it once seemed, but it is not too narrow for Him, this is suff-

icient We would have eyes turned away from vanity, feet shod with gospel-readiness, and an enlarged heart for Himself, His people, and His word. Thus would we press toward the mark, longing to be led, more and more definitely, by the Holy Spirit.

It is our soul-desire that God may be exalted, as never before, and that more of His dear children may be reached, and some lost sinners be quickened from above through the literature. But we need to be clean vessels for such a privilege, and to avoid disregard even of His hints, yea, to hate all carelessness or dislike as to His appointments. It appears to the writer now that any unnecessary delay in a fuller manifestation that the Lord has enabled a "work of faith" would grieve and dishonour Him.

But henceforth we would seek grace to illustrate it more, to please our God and as a witness. This step is not a hurried decision: difficulties are realized; nor can we count on man, or a man-made society for support. Oh that the love of Christ may constrain us, as we remove all prices from literature now. Any other motive, or motive power, must fail. But oh that in all things God alone may be exalted, and that the enthusiasm of His people who love Him may be seen - enthusiasm in the Holy Spirit." P.W.H.

Another interesting change is well worth recording. For many years the articles in the magazine were all from the pen of our brother P.W.H. But then we notice that contributions from other faithful brethren in the fellowship began to be included.

The beautiful poetry of such brethren as E. Kirk, A.W.Howe and S.J.Duce is very refreshing. The poems of our brethren A.W.Howe and S. J. Duce I have already published, and the many poems of our brother E. Kirk, not long ago I gathered them all together for our dear Mrs. D. Kirk's personal use, to publish them all would be a costly job. * Also articles from our brethren such as S.A.Bown(my father), W. Ellis and E. Kirk helped to vary the spiritual 'diet' of the readers. (* Some have been published in booklet form).

So the magazine "Thoughts from the Word of God" and 'Student' continued on year by year circulating far and wide and in many countries, and was used of God to be a blessing to many who were brought to realize the scripturalness of their contents. So many were contacted in different places, and in some cases scriptural assemblies were formed.

There is not much further to be reported, except that the good teaching was maintained, till in 1948 when our brother was travelling back from visiting the brethren in Germany, his luggage was stolen, and almost at once pneumonia set in, perhaps due to the shock, and the Lord took him Home, at the age of 65. But my impression is that he "packed" more into those 65 years than many of us who have lived longer.

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Unknown to any of us, our brother P.W.H. had asked our brother E. Kirk to carry on the magazine if he was called away, which he did, combining the two magazines into one (see page 16), and issuing it for a further 20 years till 1968, on the same lines as before, and so witnessed to the truth till he felt he must cease, and so he wrote, "Farewell! for nearly twenty years, at the time I write this, It has been my privilege and responsibility under God to edit and send forth this magazine. It was the wish of the founder Mr. Percy W. Heward, that I should do so. Although my knowledge of Holy Scripture falls far short of his (for he was well taught in both Hebrew and Greek, the Lord graciously enabled me to follow

his steps; and various letters from time to time, and these from many parts of the world, have encouraged me to know that "Thoughts from the word of God" has been of some spiritual help to readers.

As I am, now in my eighty-sixth year, I believe it is not contrary to the will of God that I should lay down this part of my ministry. Prayer, however, would be valued that grace may be given to continue in His service, in preaching and teaching, while life shall last. (Our brother lived till nearly 105)!

In conclusion I would express gratitude to those believers who have refreshed me by their prayers, their gifts and encouraging letters. I cannot say whether our magazine will ever be revived..."

Yours in Christ's service,
Edwin Kirk.

So the magazine "Thoughts from the word of God" began in 1898 and finished in 1968 - 70 years of witness. Its value only eternity will reveal;

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BUT my story is not yet ended!

In 1912 a young German, of a R.C. family, H.A. Werner, came to England to be a waiter, and he was contacted by brethren here at the Y.M.C.A. (for waiters). He was unsaved, and had always had a great longing to possess a Bible, and here the Y.M.C.A. gave him one at his request. On the evening of its arrival, he sat down and read the entire New Testament through, and then fell on his knees and sought forgiveness of sins, and witnessed next morning to his fellow-waiters of his conversion.

The contact was maintained when he returned to Germany, and then he came again on the last ship from Germany in August 1914, and soon afterwards was imprisoned as a prisoner of war in the Isle of Man. But eventually he returned back home to Germany, and (as Mr. Heward had done before him) he began to translate and issue "Gedanken aus Gottes Wort" in German, "Thoughts" of course by duplication. (see page 17 and note the beautiful writing. Then this magazine was later printed (see page 18) and then came to a halt during war years, and our brother H.A. Werner was called Home. After the war we were able to send a duplicator over to my brother-in-law, Daniel Werner, (son of H.A.W.) and the magazine began again, and then soon it was printed, and it is STILL issued bi-monthly. (see page 19)

Then, finally, for many years we were in touch with our dear brethren in Argentina, and our brother F.A. Franco who spoke good English (as did our brother H.A. Werner) began to issue a magazine "Pensamientos de la Palabra de Dios" Again, "Thoughts from the word of God" in Spanish, which he continued for many years till he was called Home. But now with his able ^{and} devoted daughter, Lydia A. Franco (another good English speaker) and no doubt helped by her dear brothers, this magazine continues to be published. From time to time it was also issued in Portuguese for believers in Brazil etc.

(see pages 20 and 21)

So although the English testimony, under the name "Thoughts from the word of God" has ceased, German and Spanish speaking believers can continue to receive help from that which was begun by a believer of 16 in 1898!

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Editorial.

The chief feature of these notes will (D.V) be a Bible reading or thoughts on the monthly motto; in this number we have been guided to write a Bible reading, taking the prayer our Lord taught His disciples as our subject (Matt. 26:1-13, Luke 22:2-4).

This prayer is intended for believers, those who have an "unclouded sense of sonship" because of perpetual communion with the Father, in whose life the blood of Jesus Christ instantly cleanses from any defilement that may be contracted.

It is a model for our prayers, and shows us what to pray for, how to pray, and when to pray. In Matt 26:6 we are told where to pray.

Within the narrow limits of this prayer we do not expect a complete list for our respective headings, but in these exemplary words we are sure to find abundant suggestions which will be helpful if carried out in our lives.

1st. Some objects for which we should pray.

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6. The fearful state of the lost.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Whom He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour."—Titus iii. 5, 6

"Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all things be done with charity.—1 Cor. xvi. 13, 14.

"Preach the Word."—2 Tim. iv. 2.

"He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."—Heb. x. 37.

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EDITORIAL MEDITATIONS.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”—2 Tim. ii. 15.

Study—the same word is rendered “be forward” (Gal. ii. 10), “endeavor” (Eph. iv. 3), “do thy diligence” (2 Tim. iv. 9), “labor” (1 Thess. ii. 17, Heb. iv. 11), “give diligence” (2 Pet. i. 10), “endeavor” (2 Pet. i. 15), “be diligent” (2 Pet. iii. 14). The noun is used in Heb. vi. 11, 2 Pet. i. 5. Seriousness, zeal, and business are implied. May the “truth” of their importance be applied to our hearts. Many, alas, seem to study how not to study to shew themselves approved *unto God*. The praise or applause of men is their desire; and they have their reward. But such—whatever their intentions and pretensions—will be shamed away from the Lord at His Coming (1 John ii. 28). May preachers of the Gospel be enabled to unite with Paul *and* Silvanus *and* Timotheus, saying, “As we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, Which trieth our hearts . . . nor of men sought we glory” (1 Thess. ii. 4, 6). Paul trembled lest he should become “disapproved” (1 Cor. ix. 27). Reader, would the Lord approve or reprove your work?

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1 Corinthians 6. 19.

A Word of Introduction.

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Stephen's faithful following of Christ.

HAVE you noticed that the words of the Lord Jesus, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23. 34) seem thrust in the middle of a narrative (cf. Gen. 14 18-20 between 17 and 21)? Verse 33 contains the words, "There they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left," and the passage continues, "And they parted His raiment and cast lots." Other gospels show who did this: the words "they parted" look back to the earlier sentence. Some manuscript-writers (feeling this link, it may be) overlooked

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- (a) Church Socials?
 - (b) Clubs?
 - (c) Bazaars?
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"Ye serve the Lord Christ."—Col. iii. 24.

"Ye became the servants of righteousness."—Rom. vi. 18.

"Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."—Luke xvi. 13.

"O LORD, truly I am Thy servant. . . . Thou hast loosed my bonds . . . I will offer."—Ps. cxvi. 16, 17.

"As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, . . . so our eyes wait upon the LORD our GOD."—Ps. cxxiii. 2.

Our object is the glory of God by the testimony of His own authoritative Word.

It is easy to protest or to be silent—to do both in the appointed times and ways will prove a difficulty to the child of God. But there is a Master of Difficulties, and guidance is not merely an imagination. "He that dwelleth" shall not only be safe, he shall see God's salvation, and understand His will. Ignorance is often the result of disobedience—particularly ignorance of the exact step required by the Lord. Faith does not reason, because it knows a higher Reason than its own has arranged. The criticism of God's commands is as serious as that of His statements

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"The Lord is the Portion of my inheritance and of my cup. Thou maintainest my lot." — Ps. xvi. 5.

"Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart." — Ps. cxix. 11.

"Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." — Rom. viii. 17

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Our desire is to please Him who hath chosen us, and not to please men and thus cease to be Christ's SERVANTS. We love, and seek to love all saints. If we find an error in the doctrine or practice of any, we wish to point it out graciously and clearly. To love a saint is not to participate in all he does, or to meet him WITHIN the limits of his unwarranted arrangements.

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THE LORD'S pleasure shall prosper in the hands of Him Who died for us. Truth shall prevail, and the glory of the Lord be evident. But now truth is trodden down, and equity cannot enter. Christendom is full of leaven, and the love of many has waxed cold. Hence while we rejoice in the awakening of a few we cannot boast of the progress of many. Alas, a number of Christians identify themselves with that which they half-feel to be wrong and yet expect the Lord's blessing. Under these circumstances, we shall be constrained to publish *Thoughts* with 8, 12, or 16 pages as the Lord supplies the means. It is earnestly hoped that those who value truth will have fellowship unto the glory of the Lord. The next 16 page issue will D.V. be in February. The Editor has been privileged to answer questions from time to time through the post, etc. Would the Lord's people prefer the replies in the magazine? This time a copy of *The Student of Scripture* is given with every copy of *Thoughts*, and it is hoped the Lord's people will find sufficient help therein to warrant the giving up of "something else," and the taking in of that little monthly. "The morning cometh—and also the night."

Perplexed.

PERPLEXED I am by all around,
For so called teachers are unsound,
'Tis thus away from God they lead,
For many to their word take heed.

Perplexed I may be, yet I know
No power God's Word can overthrow,
It stands for aye, each Word is sure,
And will for evermore endure.

Perplexed, and yet not in despair,
God's Covenant people are His care,
And all that He in love hath planned
He will fulfil by His own Hand.

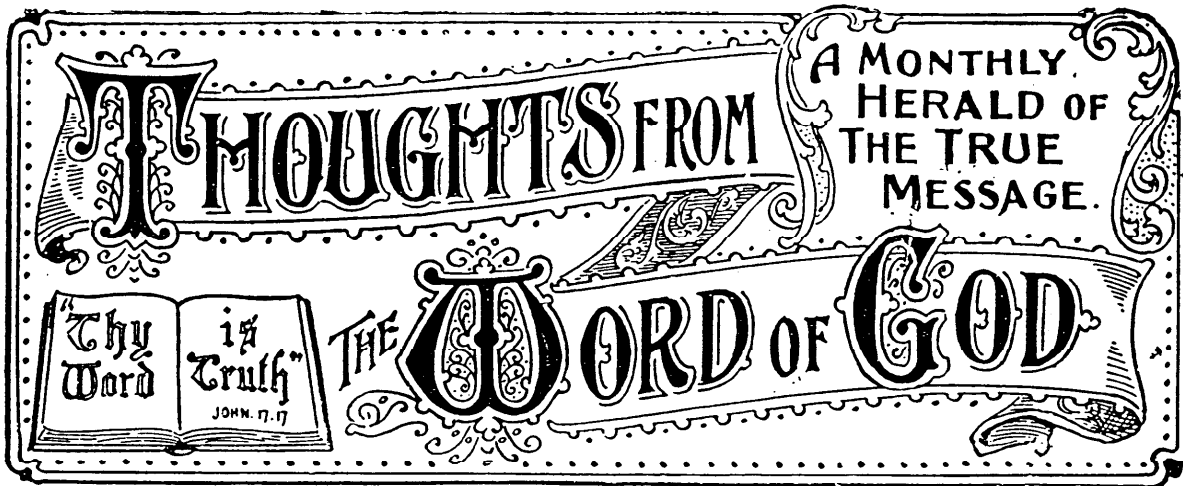
Perplexed I should be but for grace,
By which God's sovereign Will I trace,
And say while viewing all His might,
"Shall not the Judge of all do right?"

Perplexed, and yet not in despair,
For God is working here and there,
No one can stay His gracious Hand,
For ever will His Purpose stand.

Perplexed I may be, till I meet
The Lord in Whom I am complete,
Then I shall see God's perfect plan,
By which He saved poor sinful man.

"His compassions fail not: they are new every morning: Great is Thy faithfulness."
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with Christ" — Eph. ii. 4-5. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ—a new creation,"—2 Cor. v. 17. "The grace of God which is saving, appeared to all men, teaching us that, having denied ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, righteously and godly."—Tit. ii 11-12.

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PREFACE.

TO the praise of the glory of God's grace we are saved, we are kept, and is this magazine sent forth. If there is anything therein not to the Lord's honour, loving fellowship will be manifested in pointing this out. There are many opinions to-day, but the "Word of the Lord endureth for ever." His people should all be one, perfectly joined together, speaking the same thing (1 Cor. i. 10). Contradictions, disunities and sects cannot please God. He seeks the fellowship of His redeemed, for whom was the death of His Son to gather them into one. These pages, therefore, are sent forth to attract the children of God to Himself and His Word, that systems may be left for Him, that there may be a making haste and a delaying not to keep His commandments even when they attack worldliness, natural desires, aye, and so-called "Christian Service." The Lord only should be the ruler of His people. Yet graciously He bears with them in their wandering; but though we thank Him for this, we must not excuse the sin or the excusing of it.

Any who read these lines, and are exercised in

heart as to pleasing the Lord ecclesiastically as well as in other things, we welcome to correspond, for God can graciously work in all parts, and a return to His Word need not be local. And if these messages come before a Gentile or a Jew with whom God is working, but to whom the way of salvation is not clear, it will be a joy to manifest loving concern for, and interest in such, through the post, if distance be too great for conversation.

PRAYER.

Prayer does not find a resting place,
But in Jehovah's covenant grace,
On that, on Him it dares to rest,
And pleads the work of Christ possessed.
Prayer does not doubt, or fear to trust!
The Lord is holy, gracious, just,
And all His attributes unite
To heed the prayer of His delight.
Prayer has a power, the gift of God,
Clothed in the merit of Christ's blood,
His glory is its glorious aim,
The saved one prays in Christ's own name.
Prayer we neglect, and sin commit,
And feel for God's own work unfit,
More prayer we need, then let us pray
More in the Spirit e'en to-day.

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"Thy Word is Truth" JOHN. 17. 17

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"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." To encourage believers that they may enjoy their privileges and responsibilities, in living communion with their loving Lord, is this Magazine issued. Nor would we forget the sad condition of the ungodly. These objects are embraced in a greater:—the glory of God.

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"God is faithful, by Whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. i. 9.

"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship." 1 John i. 7.

"I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. And it grieved me sore; therefore I cast forth all the house-

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hold stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber." Neh. xiii. 7, 8.

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. v. 11.

"To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you." Gal. ii. 5.

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," John xv. 14.

For Financial Arrangements note page 58. The manifestations of God's gracious will as He enables is a priceless privilege. When we realize something of His love for us, how gladly should we give up our time, strength, abilities, money, reputation, comforts, opinions, everything for Him. But now every believer falls short. The forgiveness of our Heavenly Father is wonderful.

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A WORD OF INTRODUCTION.

EACH passing day brings that Day nearer. Happily, indeed, may the children of God look for "that blessed Hope," though conscious, by grace, of the solemnity of the Judgment Seat of Christ, when "every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is" (1 Cor. iii. 13). It is not a light matter to please the Lord. Saved by infinite grace, we want to walk worthily of our high calling:—at least this should be a *continual* thought and *heart-felt* realization. Oh how vast the privilege of doing what *He* appoints. The glad expectancy of a saint should be accompanied by glad activity for the Lord. Grumbling service is not service. Constrained duty-obedience is not obedience. Devotion must be spiritual, since in the Holy Spirit.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

Overcoming by God's grace,
Soon to see our Saviour's face;
Living to His praise each day,
Pressing onward in His way—

In the Spirit would we live,
All our strength to God would give;
Saints have not a life of ease,
When they want their Lord to please.

"Overcoming"—precious thought,
Through earth's trials safely brought,
Never can the world destroy
Heavenly blessings we enjoy.

Though the flesh would conflict seek,
God's enabling is not weak;
Though the world would draw aside,
We may still in Christ abide.

Victory is for saved ones meant,
God's own grace is never spent,
Never will He now disown,
Faithful ones shall share Christ's throne.

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"The priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of My Sanctuary, when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me, to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before Me, to offer unto Me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God: they shall enter into My Sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister unto Me, and they

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shall keep My charge." Ezek. xlv. 15, 16.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." 1 Pet. ii. 9.
"But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Eph. ii. 13.

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MYRIADS recognize Christ by lip, but how few know Him in heart. Does someone reply "You must not judge"—we answer "By their fruits ye shall know them." If any one is in Christ, there is a new creation (2 Cor. v. 17). Can a new creation be normally unnoticed? The apostle says to believers "ye were once darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." "What communion hath LIGHT with DARKNESS?" 2 Cor. vi. 14 is heart-searching. The one who is in Christ Jesus should be quite distinct from those who are yet in their sins. Old things have passed away in the believer's experience, and he has crucified the flesh with its affections and desires. This is NOT the special characteristic of a handful of peculiarly faithful ones, but is Divinely stated concerning all, that there may be a holy delight in His will increasingly. It is easy to accept profusion of words, but even in earthly things of importance there is more caution, and if the character belie the words, the speaker is discredited. Let us pray as to spiritual things.—Remove from me THE WAY OF LYING, and grant me Thy law graciously.

YE KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

2 Cor. viii. 9.

Ye know the grace of Him Who died,
For guilty sinners crucified;
Rich, far beyond all wealth of earth,
He died for rebels, nothing worth.

How great His grace, how full His love,
He gladly came from Heaven above,
And, poor in life, was poorer still
When He permitted man to kill.

And then the wrath of God He bore,—
Our precious Saviour we adore:
He gave up all that we might know
The love of Him Who loved us so.

Oh why such mercy, why did He
For lost ones die so graciously?
No reason in His own is found,
Unfathomed love we cannot sound.

He loved to love, and loves us yet,
Nor will He ever us forget,
Grace is the ground-work, grace alone,
And grace must be the topmost stone.

Grace calls for grace: love wakens love;
How we should set our minds above,
With lip and life for ever praise,
And own the love He still displays.

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"LORD, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble: Thou wilt prepare their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear."
Psalm 10 : 17.

"JESÚS . . . suffered without the gate. Let us therefore go forth unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach."
(Heb. 13:12-13.)

"Without the camp," that is the place for me,
But "unto HIM," the LORD I do not see,
Nor have seen, yet 'tis Him my soul doth love;
For did He not, descending from above,
Live in this world, hated without a cause,
The SON OF GOD, obeying all His laws,
Because He loved, delighting in His will,
And His eternal purpose would fulfil?
His love men disregarded, and with hate
The LORD OF GLORY thrust "without the gate."
Though wicked hands were laid upon Him, man
Did but accomplish God's determined plan.
There did the Saviour give His precious blood,
And all His chosen sanctified to God.

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 die, mit dem Wunsche, Gott zu verherrlichen, an Sein durch
 kostbar Blut erkaufte Volk gesandt wird, um sie an Seine
 grosse Liebe und ihre, sowohl persönlichen, als auch gemein-
 schaftlichen Vorrechte und auch Verantwortungen zu erinnern.

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Glücklich das Volk, das den Jubelschall kennt! Jehova, im Lichte
 Deines Angesichts wandeln sie. Psalm 89,15.

Herausgegeben von Gläubigen, die sich gemäss der Heiligen Schrift
 bei Beobachtung der Anordnungen des Herrn, soweit durch Gna-
 de befähigt, versammeln. Briefwechsel willkommen! H. A. Werner.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Jahrg. 12. * Nr. 7. Juli 1931.</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Frei!</p>	<p>„So laßt uns Jehova erkennen, ja, laßt uns trachten nach Seiner Erkenntnis! Sein Hervortreten ist sicher wie die Morgendämmerung; und Er wird für uns kommen wie der Regen, wie der Spätregen die Erde benetzt.“ Hosea 6, 3.</p>	<p>Gottes Werk der Gnade ist unter allen Nationen. Wo immer der liebe Leser wohnt, wir hören gern von ihm. Sie können auch an Percy W. Heward, 61 Upton Lane, Forest Gate, London E.7 schreiben.</p>
<p>„Der Gott aller Gnade.“ (1. Petri 5, 10).</p> <p>„Nach dem Reichtum Seiner Gnade“ (Eph. 1, 7).</p> <p>„Durch Gnade seid ihr errettet“ (Eph. 2, 5).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inhaltsverzeichnis:</p> <p>Vorwort</p> <p>Des Herrn Ratsschluß.</p> <p>Der Tempel.</p> <p>Der Zwischenzustand.</p> <p>Behüte deine Zunge.</p> <p>„... so wird er Schaden leiden...“</p>	<p>„Er gibt aber größere Gnade“ (Jak. 4, 6).</p> <p>„Die Gnade, die euch gebracht wird bei der Offenbarung Jesu Christi“ (1. Petri 1, 13).</p> <p>„Gott aber ist mächtig, jede Gnade gegen euch überströmen zu lassen“ (2. Kor 9, 8).</p>

Die Herausgabe dieses Schriftchens hängt ganz von der Befähigung des Herrn ab, jenachdem Er uns Zeit, Kraft, Mittel und sonst Erforderliches gibt. „Umsonst habt ihr empfangen, umsonst gebt!“ verband der Herr Jesus mit dem Evangelium, das Sein Wort ist, und wir wünschen, dies und andere Gebote des Herrn zu befolgen. Wir sind dankbar, wenn der Herr, der Sich Selbst für uns hingegeben hat, uns durch Seine Kinder ermuntert die das Schriftchen hilfreich finden und an die Herstellungskosten denken. . . . Briefwechsel willkommen.

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Vorwort. Wir haben keine Hoffnung für den Menschen im Menschen. Der Mensch in seinem „besten“ Zustande ist weit entfernt von Gott und unter Todesurteil. Die Schrecklichkeit der Sünde wird kaum verstanden. Die Mehrzahl beschäftigt sich nur mit ihren Schäden und schrecklichen Ergebnissen. Doch die Sünde als Sünde ist abscheulich von Gottes Standpunkt aus, selbst wenn sie Vorteil brächte.

Auf diese Weise fassen wir unseren Wunsch kurz zusammen. Wir wünschen für alles Gottes Standpunkt einzunehmen. Er hat Seinen geliebten Sohn, an welchem Er Wohlgefallen gefunden hat, hoch erhoben! — Es bereitet uns Freude,

dieselbe Stellung einzunehmen. Zeigt Er uns nicht in Seinem Worte, daß Gläubige eines Sinnes in dem Herrn sein sollen? Wir wünschen nicht das Recht einer persönlichen Ansicht oder Meinung geltend zu machen, oder aus der Geschichte folgerungen zu ziehen, wodurch unsere Augen für Seinen Willen geblendet werden können. Wir schauen auf Gnade von Seinem Standpunkt aus und danken Ihm für Seine Güte. Und so wollen wir auch auf die Sünde von Seinem Standpunkt aus sehen und an ihre Abscheulichkeit denken.

Gedanken aus Gottes Wort

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Worte der Ermunterung

„Mein Vater ist der Weingärtner ... ER reinigt“ (Joh. 15,1.2).

Der HErr Jesus, der wahre Weinstock, war nie unfruchtbar. Der Gläubige kann durch Gnade sagen: „Ich habe mich mit Wonne in seinen Schatten gesetzt, und seine Frucht ist meinem Gaumen süß“ (Hohel. 2,3). Die in Ihn gepfropften „Edelreiser“ müssen entgegen der Natur Frucht tragen. Obgleich „ER an dem, was ER litt, den Gehorsam lernte“ (Hebr. 5,8), brauchte ER nie beschnitten zu werden. Doch als Weinstock war ER immer der Gegenstand der Fürsorge Seines Vaters. Und sollen die Reben einer weniger liebevollen Fürsorge des himmlischen Weingärtners teilhaftig werden?

Vertrauensvoll empfahl Christus die Jünger der Fürsorge Seines Vaters. „Viel Frucht“ verherrlicht den Vater. Diese kommt nicht zustande ohne Schmerzen. Das Werkzeug eines Gärtners ist klein und scharf, und er kann eine Pflanze nicht pfropfen, wenn er weit davon absteht. Er ist umsichtig und weiß durch Erfahrung, sein Messer geschickt zu gebrauchen.

Wir haben einen Vater im Himmel. Dessen Liebe unermeßlich ist und Dessen Weisheit unendlich ist. Bei allen Seinen Schneid-

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"Yo conozco que todo lo puedes, y que no hay pensamiento que se esconda de Ti."
(Job. 42:2.)

PALABRAS DE REFRIGERIO

NOS regocijamos en la gracia y suficiencia de Dios. Somos un pueblo débil, y no tenemos fuerzas aparte del Señor. (Juan 15:5.) Pero El no nos abandona en nuestro estado, porque El es siempre El Mismo, y condesciende en suplir nuestras necesidades en Su servicio "conforme a Sus riquezas en gloria en Cristo Jesús". (Heb. 13:8; Filip. 4:19.)

El privilegio de agradar al Señor es una realidad permanente; y si bien somos conscientes de nuestras faltas y frustraciones, sabemos también que El nunca nos ha desamparado; al contrario, El ha condescendido en usarlo como instrumentos, aunque inútiles y débiles como los "panes de cebada", indignos de que se piense algo de nosotros. (Jue. 7:13; 2 Cor. 3:5.)

Y así somos tanto el lector como el redactor si, por gracia, estamos entre los "llamados de Jesu-Cristo". (Rom. 1:6.) Dios en Su gracia llevó a Job y a Pablo al fin de sí mismos, y entonces los usó poderosamente. (Zac. 4:6; 2 Cor. 12:9.) ¿No debemos también nosotros crecer en tal sentido? Con este deseo, y con la confianza en el Dios de toda gracia, publicamos estas páginas. (2 Cor. 9:8.) Valoramos también las oraciones de los lectores.

Y a la oración debemos unir la alabanza. "Te ensalzaré, alabaré Tu nombre, porque has hecho maravillas, los consejos antiguos, la verdad firme." (Isa. 25:1.) Vendrán, y anunciarán al pueblo que naciere, Su justicia que El hizo." (Sal. 22:31.) Basados en la realidad de estas promesas, la obra de la literatura ha continuado todos estos años. El Señor ha aumentado Sus maravillas, y Sus pensamientos no pueden ser enarrados. (Sal. 40:5.) ¡Oh, que haya mucho fruto para la eterna gloria de Su Nombre!

P.W.H. ("Student", Enero-Sept. 1944.)

CUARENTA AÑOS EN LA ESCUELA DE DIOS

¿En la escuela de Dios? ¿No fue en Su servicio? Si fuésemos a poner en la balanza del Santuario nuestro pobre servicio y lo mucho que hemos aprendido, no sabemos cuál de los dos platillos pesaría más. Moisés tuvo tres "cuarenta". En el palacio de Faraón, en el desierto y en el servicio del Señor. Sin duda cada etapa tuvo su valor, pero seguramente fue la segunda cuando experimentó su mayor preparación, y en la tercera sirvió aprendiendo. ¡Porque a los pies del Señor aprendemos hasta el último día de nuestra carrera terrenal!

Al recordar el tiempo ido, la gratitud al Señor se mezcla con un sentimiento de pesar por lo

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"O Senhor te abrirá o Seu bom
tesouro, o céu." (Deut. 28:12.)

PALAVRAS DE REFRIGÉRIO

ESTA promessa a Israel era *condicional*. "Se ouvires a voz do Senhor... tendo cuidado..." O oposto não traria bênção. "Se não deres ouvidos... maldito serás." (Deut. 28:1,15,16.) Os filhos de Israel saíram em *liberdade*; tinham vida pelo sangue do Cordeiro da páscoa; passaram o intransponível mar. Mas nada tinham feito eles senão estarem "quietos" e verem "o livramento do Senhor": a Ele pertencia toda a glória. (Exo. 14:13; Isa. 63:12-14.) Mas agora eram *servos* para fazerem a vontade de Deus.

Tal história, para o cristão sendo "alegoria", contém uma importante mensagem. Feito livre pelo precioso sangue de Cristo (redenção que inclui a vontade do crente), todas as decisões em diante deveriam ser *por Cristo*. "Se ouvires..." (Note-se o "se" *condicional* de Mat. 5 a 7 e João 13 a 16.) A chave da casa do Seu "tesouro" e, pois, "Se sabeis estas coisas, bem-aventurados sois *se as fizerdes*." As condições são só "cântico" para o filho de Deus desenvolvido, que "prossegue" e desfruta, na terra, das bênçãos dos céus. (Col. 2:3; João 13:17; Sal. 119:54; Ose. 6:3; Filip. 3:8,10.)

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S A L M O 45 (Cântico de amor.)

Ferve o meu coração de amor com ditos:
falo do que eu fiz para meu Rei;
pra expor do Mais Formoso e da Sua lei,
é pena a minha língua nos escritos.

Quanta graça em Teus lábios se derrama!
Como Deus Te abençoou eternamente!
Cinge à coxa a Tua espada, ó Valente;
a Tua glória e realeza assim proclama.

A verdade, a justiça, a mansidão
são o Trono, Senhor, da Tua equidade;
o bem amas e odeias a impiedade,
e obtens a fiel vitória e gratidão.

Deus Te ungiu de alegria! O Teu vestido
cheira o mirra, a áloes e a perfume;
de marfim os palácios — tudo é lume—,
onde as filhas dos reis Tens recebido.

A Rainha, áurea toda, à Tua direita...
Ouve, filha, e inclina teus ouvidos;
esquece-te do povo e pai queridos:
a formosura tua ao Rei deleita.

Ainda a filha de Tiro avista a glória:
a Rainha vai ao Rei; há muito rogo;
há filhos feitos príncipes, e logo,
o louvor é eternal, e a memória!

F.A.F.

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