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"And the scripture, fore-seeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall *all nations* be blessed" (Galatians 3:8).

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE

The great majority of Christians today are not actively concerned with world evangelism. While the earth's population grows increasingly larger the propagation of the good news is not keeping pace. Often I hear statements like "All the world has heard the Gospel." It is surprising to find how many Christians say such things when you know the actual facts.

The facts are that over a billion of the earth's masses have never heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. ADD to that figure another billion who have not been exposed to a scriptural presentation of salvation. In other words, they have not been made aware of the real claims of Christ. ADD to the above the fact that over 1,300 languages do not have the printed Scriptures.

It is my heartfelt conviction that there are many millions of people living right now who would accept Jesus if they only knew about Him! All over the world at this very moment are dying souls perishing without "the hope of the Gospel" (Col. 1:23). Isaiah prophesied, "...the isles shall WAIT for his law" (Isa. 42:4). Millions are

waiting, waiting, waiting. Anyone who purposes to help send the good news to these waiting multitudes are fulfilling God's dearest objective--the reconciling of men unto Himself. Isaiah further cries, "Blessed are ye that SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS..." (Isa. 32:20). "Waters" refers to the nations of the world in this verse as in many other places in the Bible. God is pronouncing a special blessing to anyone who sows the seed of the Word to the unreached world. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SEND THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE NATIONS!

Solomon, according to the wisdom given him, said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." (Pro. 29:18). The obvious meaning of this verse tells us that a "visionless people are a withering people. There is another meaning: If we have no vision for Gospel outreach, the unreached will perish! Solomon further adds, "...he that winneth souls is wise" (Pro. 11:30). It is indeed foolish that the body of Christ permits waiting millions to go to their graves unevangelized. OUTREACH is so near the heart-throb of God that a special eternal reward awaits every believer who becomes actively involved in this worthy task. No less a personage that Gabriel declared, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

Yet, with all the Bible teaches concerning WORLDWIDE GOSPEL OUTREACH there are so few who are doing much to fulfill this divinely given responsibility! There are many excuses offered in a feeble attempt to thwart this obligation "The timing is not ready." Or, "The financial means of our church do not allow for outreach outside our little kingdom." Or, "People like Billy Graham and others are doing so much.

What could I ever do that would amount to anything." One even finds that many saints have the foggy impression that someday, somehow, someway, someone will reach everyone! The challenge is so great, however, that before the goal of world evangelism can be realized every individual Christian must come to grips with his responsibility AND FULFILL IT. I've even heard ministers say, "When the world is ready the Gospel will go out." I've got news for them. THE WORLD IS READY!!!

OUR PRECIOUS LORD JESUS SAID:

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and LOOK ON THE FIELDS; for THEY ARE WHITE AL-READY to harvest" (John 4:35).

Beloved, the fields are already white! The world is ready to hear the message of Christ. "The fields" are the various sections of the unevangelized world (see Matt. 13:38).

The principal root of the many problems in American Christianity is our self-centeredness. This attitude of "our-ism" has us overly concerned with our needs, our church, our growth, etc. Sermons are geared to "getting our needs met." As Christians we are to represent Christ instead of the un-Christlike selfishness which characterizes so many in this society.

Jesus' word for us today is, "Behold, I (Jesus, King of kings) say unto YOU (everyone called by My name),

LIFT UP YOUR EYES (stop focusing all your attention on your needs) and LOOK UPON THE FIELDS (start concentrating your concern on others) for THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST (they are ready for you to give them the Words of Life)."

Yes, the fields are white and ripe unto harvest. NOW is the time to spread forth the Full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off" (Jer. 31:10). "For the promise is...to all that are afar off..." Peter affirms (Acts 2:39).

God's love for humanity burns strongly at this hour. WHAT IF WE WERE THEY? Place yourself in their situation. Suppose your ears had never heard of our lovely Jesus? Suppose you sat in the regions of darkness?

Do not be misled by the popular doctrine of "mercy for the ignorant." Ignorance is not excused. It is true that the ignorant unsaved will be beaten with fewer stripes than those who knew the Master's will but refused it (see Luke 12:47-48). The fact remains, however, that they will still be beaten! A person is not lost because he rejects Christ. He is lost because he is without Christ.

If you love Jesus then surely you wish everyone could know Him, don't you? Those wilful Christ rejectors do not merit our undivided efforts. We should make our foremost aim the giving of the Gospel to every creature. While we continue to call the hardened rejector to repentance we must set our priorities straight.

God told Ezekiel that were he to be sent to a people of a strange language they would receive his message. The nation of Israel, on the other hand, would not receive Ezekiel due to the hardness of their hearts. They had heard God's call many times and refused repeatedly (see Ezek. 3:4-7). The old covenant was primarily for Israel in

those days. Consequently, God did not send the prophet to a foreign land. The new covenant, however, is for every nation (see Rev. 5:9). We must go to every land and declare the whole counsel of God. America has heard God's call many times and hardened her heart. Although the Gospel is prevalent on the air waves and printed page our beloved nation is refusing her final call. Much will be required of our nation at the Judgment. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). Just as Jesus upbraided Capernaum, Tyre and Sidon, and other places where He ministered miraculously, but was rejected, so shall America be upbraided if she repents not. The only hope lies in repentance and proclamation of the Gospel to the regions beyond. This country, as no other nation in the world, can be a beacon of light to every nation. Rather than realizing this tremendous potential our nation annually spends three billion on dog food.

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

In the Old Testament and especially in the Psalms we often see prophetic glimpses of Christ. He speaks concerning His sufferings in numerous passages. These glimpses are almost always spoken in past tense and viewed as an accomplished fact, although it was centuries before the event occurred. "God...calleth those things which be not as though they were" (Rom. 4:17).

The second Psalm is one of the key messianic passages in the Old Testament. While much that is spoken is still future, the seventh and eighth verses foretell one of the incidents which occurred on resurrection day. The pre-Incarnate Word speaks:

"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee, Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Jesus is speaking: "I will declare the decree..." It was

necessary for Jesus to declare the promise God made Him. It was by His declaring the decree that it became established unto Him. "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee..." (Job 22:28).

Christ continues, "...the LORD (the Father) hath said unto me (the Son), Thou art my Son; THIS DAY (resurrection morning) have I begotten thee (raised You from the dead by My glory, "...like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father..." Rom. 6:4)

On this special day Jesus records the Father as promising Him: "Ask of me (the Son is to ask the Father), and I shall give thee (the Father will give the Son) the heathen (nations) for thine inheritance, and THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH for thy possession." In view of the monumental suffering Jesus endured at Calvary, the heart of the Father moved in consolation toward the Son, God gave Jesus a compensatory promise that would satisfy Him for the travail of His soul. Isaiah foretold, "...when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the travail of his soul, and SHALL BE SATISFIED ... "(Isa. 53:10-11). In the beginning Jesus was primarily sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (see Matt. 15:24). Now, following the resurrection, the scope of His ministry was to be broadened to every kindred, tongue, people, and nation (see Rev. 5:9).

In essence the Father promised, "All You have to do is to ask Me for the redemption of all mankind and I'll do it. Ask Me for the Gentiles all over the earth and all corners of the globe will witness Your redemptive grace." I can imagine the resurrected Christ saying without a moment's hesitation, "Thank you Father, I receive Your promise."

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee..." Upon His resurrection Jesus asked the Father and ever since God has been giving Jesus the heathen in the Gentile nations. (Note: It actually took about ten years for Peter to realize the nations could be saved even though Peter had preached on the Day of Pentecost that the promise is "to all that are afar off." The household of Cornelius (Acts 10) was the beginning of the fulfillment of the promise.)

Immediately prior to the Ascension, some forty days after the resurrection promise was made, Christ confessed a portion of the promise to His disciples. According to Luke's account in Acts the very last thing Jesus said to the assembled crowd before a cloud received Him out of their sight was, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH" (Acts 1:8). The very last line is a direct quotation from Psalm 2:8, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee...the UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH for thy possession." On Mount Olivet Jesus spoke to the assembled disciples, "... Wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:4-5).

As you can now see, "the promise of the Father" is a two-fold promise. First, THE FATHER PROMISED THE SON that unsaved people all over the world would become His inheritance. Second, THE FATHER PROMISED EACH BELIEVER the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The promise of the Father to the believer was given in order that the promise of the Father to the Son may be fulfilled!

Jesus explained to the group of believers in the first chapter of Acts the purpose of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall receive power...ye shall be witnesses..." The promise of the Father (for the Christian) is to empower him with the Holy Spirit enabling him to give supernatural attestation of Christ's power to the world.

The Father must have an instrument through which He can fulfill His promise to Jesus. The anointed body of Christ is that instrument. We are the ones through whom God will reach the far corners of the earth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! In fact, the promise to the Son is to be ultimately fulfilled in the end-times. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). God is recruiting individuals who will yield to the Holy Spirit and become channels of God's salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Once again we now go to the Psalms to find the Resurrected One speaking to His Father: "Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me. As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me" (Ps. 18:43). "The strivings of the people" refer to the angry mobs crying out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." God delivered Jesus from their strivings by raising Him from the dead. "Thou hast made me the head of the heathen" because Israel rejected their King. "A people whom I have not known shall serve me" speaks of the Gentiles, whom God did not know under the old covenant, coming into relationship with God through Christ.

Notice how quickly the heathen respond to the Savior: "As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me." I have

personally seen those who had never heard of Jesus respond to Him as soon as they heard about Him. There is a magnetic attraction that the Altogether Lovely One emits from His Name! There are many hardened refusers of Christ in this nation, but, on foreign soil where the Word has not yet been preached the feet that carry the good news are called "beautiful" (Rom. 10:15). Many times as soon as the ignorant hear about Jesus they obey Him. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher. And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:13-15).

WE ARE DEBTORS

The Pauline Epistles go into great length expounding the truth of justification, that is, the cancelling of the sindebt owed God by every person. The believer is justified from his sin-debt and is under no condemnation. Paul did not teach that we are free from all indebtedness, however, for we now owe a love-debt to those outside the covenant of grace.

The Apostle clearly sensed his own inescapable obligation when he acknowledged, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14).

To every class of the unsaved (rich, poor, educated, and ignorant) you and I are debtors. Paul stated, "I am a debtor." He was eager to fulfill this obligation as he immediately said, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Rom. 1:15). Can we honestly say that we, too, are ready to spread the Gospel? Has the lateness of the hour put an urgency in your spirit to share the Word? Ask God to put such a sense of your "love-debt" within your heart that

you will cry out, "I am a debtor to every unsaved person, so, as much as in me is, I AM READY to communicate the Gospel." Allow the Great Commission to become your "great commandment" obeying the word of Jesus, "Go YE into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). You have a special destiny to fulfill in this final generation. Will you obey Jesus and begin doing your part in the last day move of God? May God share with us His very love for the world perishing in sin. God so loved lost humanity that He gave His very best. Can we honestly give half-heartedly to worldwide Gospel outreach and make claim to the fulfilling of our obligation?

We are stewards of the mysteries of God (see 1 Cor. 4:1-2) and as such we are to boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel (see Eph. 6:19). We are required to keep charge over that which has been allotted us. We must distribute the Word of Life to men dead in sin. It is our responsibility to give warning to the wicked, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. 3:18).

If you will now begin to pay your Gospel-debt and continue faithfully in this stewardship you will be able to testify with Paul at the Judgment-Seat of Christ, "...I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27). Paul will not have the blood of all men required at his hand for he was a debtor and fulfilled his responsibility. When this same sense of obligation permeates your thinking a new boldness will adorn your witness. At the Judgment-Seat of Christ you will be rewarded for the

good deeds done in your body (see 2 Cor. 5:10).

DOING EXPLOITS

In the midst of prophetic gloom concerning the endtimes a flicker of light appears when Daniel inserts, "...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Dan. 11:32). This verse accurately parallels Acts 1:8. Daniel's "shall be strong" parallels with "shall receive power" and "do exploits" compares with "shall be witnesses."

"The people that do know their God" denotes Full Gospel saints who really know the greatness and power of their God. There are many Christians, in this sense, who do not really "know their God."

While the fullest application of this verse is still future, the principle has been in operation since the beginning of the Church age. The early Christians were strong and did exploits. In the face of satanic opposition they pulled down strongholds and established powerful churches. Now, at the close of this age, We are witnessing this power once again. God is awakening His church and many are rising to the task at hand. This is the day that the Lord hath made and now is the hour to be strong in

the Lord and in the power of His might! (see Psa. 118:24; Eph. 6:10-18)

Daniel gives further insight revealing the activities of the saints during the end-times. Keep in mind that we are the generation upon whom the end of the age has come (see 1 Cor. 10:11). Gabriel instructs him: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4).

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The book was to be sealed and the words shut up until the time of the end. Please do not limit the sealed book to Daniel alone. In a broad sense the whole Bible has been shut up for centuries. Along with the new outpouring we have been experiencing in the last few decades there has come a flood of new revelation from the Word. Teaching of truths long hidden is now flourishing in the renewed Church. The Holy Spirit is opening the Scriptures!

"...many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" is usually applied only to the natural, outward realm in traditional church circles. Most Christians interpret this prophecy only to the advancements made in travel and scientific breakthroughs. It is true, of course, that natural knowledge has so increased in the last few decades that there is no precedent in all of history. Aviation now enables men to travel in hours the distance that once took weeks, months, and even years.

When you consider the last half of the verse in context with the first part, however, you can see the divinely intended interpretation. What kind of knowledge is it that is to be increased? The same kind of knowledge that preserves God's people from satanic bondage (see Isa. 5:13; Hos. 4:6). The same kind of knowledge that will one day fill the earth (see Isa. 11:9). The revelation knowledge of the Word of the Lord!

The Book is now being opened to us in these last days! Truths that church patriarchs did not know are being revealed to those believers who have simplicity of faith. In this final hour the Spirit is searching all things, even the deep things of God (see 1 Cor. 2:10). It is now the responsibility of these Spirit-taught disciples to carry these truths to the far corners of the earth. Praise God! And we are using scientifically developed machinery for the expansion of the Gospel! We can now go forward obeying the Lord's command to TEACH ALL NATIONS, not merely preach the simple salvation message (see Matt. 28:19). Teaching all the things Jesus has commanded us is one of the divinely given objectives of the Church in our generation. If we cannot personally go and teach the Word to all nations we should prayerfully support those who can. "He sendeth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly" (Psa. 147:15).

BINDING UNSEEN FOES

When praying for world outreach we usually focus our prayer support toward the missionary and his family. We think of his struggles and loneliness and ask God to comfort and undergird him in all he undertakes. Surely this is a needed prayer function and pleasing to God. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

We fall short in our effectiveness as intercessors, however, when we fail to directly attack the unseen rulers of darkness over a given country. There are unseen spiritual forces in Satan's army whose primary job is to hinder the expansion of the good news. "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us" (I Thes. 2:18). If Satan hindered Paul in his missionary journeys how much more does he hinder us today! Many evangelistic efforts, both here and abroad, are thwarted due to satanic opposition. Even as the Word goes forth some do not respond because "...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,

who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:4). The prince of the kingdom of Persia (the ruling principality over the nation of Persia) withstood Gabriel twenty-one days until Michael, the mighty archangel, came to assist (see Dan. 10:13). Jesus taught that we must "first bind the strong man" before we can "spoil his house" (see Matt. 12:29). These terms surely speak of conflict giving new meaning to an old phrase--prayer warrior!

Satan must be bound before captives can be loosed from his hold. "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall BIND on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ve shall LOOSE on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:18). The two verses following this statement are clearly talking about prayer. We bind Satan here on earth and heavenly hosts march into the atmosphere surrounding earth tying the adversary hand and foot. Psalm 91:11, 13 make it crystal clear that the angels aid us in spiritual conflict. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet." The angels are ministering spirits (see Heb. 1:14) who serve with us in pulling down satanic stronghold over nations. "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:4-5). Jesus implied that He could have angelic intervention, but only if He asked for it (see Matt. 26: 53).

Binding the strong man over a nation should be our primary prayer focus. The missionaries on foreign fields will find greater fruitfulness as the wicked spirits are bound by praying saints at home. The authority of Jesus' name is not limited by distance. When we excercise authority over satanic powers we give the angels right to bind them. But do not think this is effected by a simple confession of right words. Paul compared this spiritual excercise to a wrestling match. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). Here is the place where God would have us "endure hardness as good soldiers" (2 Tim. 2:3).

After binding the ruling spirits over a nation direct your prayer focus to the natural leaders of that nation. By faith you loose the king, president, or prime minister through the authority of Christ. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercession, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority... For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:1-4). Through the faith principles as taught in the Scriptures you can see kingdoms shaken by the power of God (see Heb. 11:33). Decree that the Word of God is going forth in full freedom and power in that nation. Prayer is an essential key to seeing the Word go forth. "Finally, brethren, PRAY for us, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY HAVE FREE COURSE, and be glorified..." (2 Thes. 3:1). The Word itself is not bound (see 2 Tim. 2:9), but we must loose the people to receive it. This can only occur as we give ourselves to fervent prayer.

Shortly after receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit I was in prayer all night with Eugene Galley. We were

both 16 years old at the time and are today involved in full-time ministry. God will use anyone whose heart is open to Him (see 1 Sam. 13:14; 2 Chr. 16:9). We were very burdened that evening in intercessory prayer for the lost. The Holy Spirit was conciously present in the room and gave us wonderful liberty in prayer. On and on we prayed as the hours slipped by. After awhile my spiritual eyes were opened to see into the higher realm (see Acts 2:16-17) and this young man began to see visions. Praise the Lord!

I looked and saw a large gathering of brown skinned people. Many faces were taut and anxious. Lines of worry etched across their foreheads. I was made to know that they were concerned about their eternal welfare. I continued in prayer for some time until the worry disappeared from their countenances and was replaced by pleasant smiles. By this I knew that God was saying they would be reached.

Eugene was groaning and weeping in the Spirit by this time. He was in travail for souls. "...as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isa. 66:8). His prayer language took on a distinctively mournful tone. The Holy Spirit was yearning for the lost through Eugene's lips. The Father knows what is in the mind of the Spirit (see Rom. 8:26-27).

Suddenly my eyes were opened to the spiritual realm again. In this second vision a smaller group of dark-skinned, half-dressed natives surrounded by a group of huts appeared. A veil of darkness enshrouded them. In my heart I knew these were the lost souls for whom my prayer partner pleaded. The Holy Spirit began rising up within me and in a very forceful, commanding manner I began speaking in tongues. It seemed as though the Lord Himself was rebuking the powers of darkness binding

the natives. Soon the veil of darkness lifted and a beautiful light shone upon them. At the very same time Eugene's sorrowful tone turned into one of jubilant victory as he praised the Lord in tongues. We both began laughing in the Spirit—a sure sign that God had turned the captivity (see Psa. 126:1-2). There was no way Eugene could have known what I was seeing in the Spirit. We will probably never see either group of people here on earth, but, I firmly believe I will recognize them in Heaven...praise the Lord!

Waging war in the heavenlies is usually seen only through the eye of faith. Rarely do we have visions of those we pray for. Our intercession is just as effective, however, for Moses "endured as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27). And "we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18).

As the Church begins to plead in the behalf of kings and all in authority we will witness their favorable acceptance of the Gospel giving an open door to the Word. The ministry of intercession is a most needful, yet often neglected, part of one's total Christian life. There is a divine search for those who will yield to this ministry. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it ... " (Ezek. 22:30). God is always looking for a man who will take his place as a gobetween. In Ezekiel's day the divine search for such a man was sadly unsuccessful and judgment fell, "...BUT I FOUND NONE. THEREFORE HAVE I POURED OUT MINE INDIGNATION UPON THEM..." (V. 31). Yield to the Holy Spirit and become a prayer instrument through whom the Holy Spirit can intercede for the lost.

Through this endeavor many will be spared from the wrath to come.

There are three promises from Isaiah to claim as you pray for Gospel outreach. The Scripture is given first followed by the confession based upon that verse.

SCRIPTURE: "...the earth shall be filled with the

knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

CONFESSION: The earth is being filled with the

knowledge of the Lord!

SCRIPTURE: "...the isles shall wait for his law"

(Isa. 42:4).

CONFESSION: The unreached areas are waiting to

favorably receive the Word! As soon as they hear they will obey!

SCRIPTURE: "The LORD hath made bare his

holy arm (Jesus-Isa. 52:1-2) in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa. 52:10)

CONFESSION: The Father is manifesting Jesus to

all the nations! All the ends of the

earth shall see His salvation!

There is power in the Word of God. As you confess the Word God will watch over it and make it good. He will hasten His Word to fulfillment (see Jer. 1:12). Use faith principles to see the needs of others met.

WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS

There are many believers who fail to do much in ministry because they feel there is so little they can do. When Zerubbabel was rebuilding the temple he felt so unable to carry out God's plan. The task was too big for him, he thought, there was so little he could do. God encouraged him saying, "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10). It may seem to you that there is very little you can do, but remember, "...he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David..." (Zech. 10:8). David felt mighty feeble in his own strength. God made up the difference with the anointing and David slew the giant (see 1 Sam. 17). Jesus promised Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in (your) weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Less than one percent of Gideon's original army of 32,000 went forth to battle. Yet Gideon's 300 wrought a great victory over the Midianites (see Judges 7).

One person, only one, can do a tremendous task. "One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised"

(Josh. 23:10). One man, Samson, literally did this when he slew a thousand Philistines with the donkey's jawbone (see Judg. 15:15). One prayer warrior can chase a thousand demons!

Two people can "put ten thousand to flight" (Deut. 32:30). Now consider God's mathematics a little further. If one can chase a *thousand*, and two can put *ten thousand* to flight then: (multiply by ten each time)

3 can chase 100,000

4 can put 1,000,000 to flight

5 can chase 10,000,000

6 can put 100,000,000 to flight

7 can chase 1,000,000,000

and 8 can save the world!!!

"Fear not, *little* flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Jesus taught that the little flock can take the kingdom. Little is much when God is in it!

Concerning missionary giving many unwisely think, "I can't do much so why even try?" Never, never underestimate *THE POWER OF THE WIDOW'S MITE!!!* God is able to "multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness..." (2 Cor. 9:10). "And he that gathered little had no lack" (2 Cor. 8:15).

Your responsibility with Gospel outreach does not end with binding the unseen foes. You have a financial obligation to give to world outreach. Prayerfully support a missionary endeavor regularly. Let God direct you to a particular effort. Be "wise as serpents" (Matt. 10:16) and preferably support a work you personally know something about. Above all, be "led by the Spirit" (Rom. 8:14), and you will receive rich dividends from your giving. You will have the assurance that you are sending the Word to the uttermost parts of the earth.

This ministry is building churches in the Philippines and sending Bibles to the many saints who do not have them. We send our books to over forty countries. There is power in the printed page. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psa. 68:11). As we sow the seed of the Word (see Luke 8:11) into the rich soil of the earth, righteousness will bud forth. "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations" (Isa. 61:11). Increase your missionary giving today.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." (Eccl. 9:10).

A LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES

One of the great joys in my life is reading the many letters that come to us from overseas. What a blessing it is to hear the good reports of people receiving the Lord Jesus into their lives! Through the support we send to some national pastors they are able to carry the good news and build churches. One brother we help often is Pastor Isabelo Abrogena, a precious man I know personally, who corresponds with us regularly. A recent letter is reproduced below with changes being confined to grammatical corrections only.

Christian Fellowship Tabernacle Upper Turno, Dipolog City 7701 Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines

Dear Brother David,

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I have received your letter and your help. I had been praying for money to help our new graduates to go to their stations, and also to help our field trainees. Praise the Lord... He answers our prayers. Your offering has supplied the greatest part of our need this month. Hallelujah. I did not know where I could go for help concerning the needs of the Bible School and for help for the workers, but, when I looked to God He had the answer. I want to mention also that the workers who received help are very thankful. They are so sincere in the work of the Lord. All of our new graduates and field trainees are pioneering.

We have just finished our convention. Thank God for a victorious result. In one of our evening services, I was making the conclusion in the message when instantly before giving the altar call, a very special scripture came to me from Psalm 107:20, "He sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions." After giving this scripture God placed a spirit of compassion in my heart and I called those who needed healing for their bodies. At least 30 came forward for prayer. The Lord led me to let them put their right

hand on the afflicted part of their body and I offered one prayer to God for them all. Many received their healing and gave their testimonies.

During the next service two more people came forward for prayer. One was a man whose right leg was crippled for three years. It was aching when he came forward for prayer. After prayer the pain stopped and the following morning he came back to the service excercising his newly healed leg.

The other person was a man who could not hear. He was deaf. After prayer someone asked him, "How do you feel?" and he answered, "I am beginning to hear now." Oh praise the Lord, we had a victorious and joyful service. We baptised seven people in water. The Lord was so good to pour out His Holy Spirit in our midst and many received the Holy Spirit.

Brother David, I feel the burden to conduct a special seminar for our ministers and laymen on the second week of December. I have now 41 pastors in my area. As an overseer, I want to see them grow and become more effective for the Lord's work. I am believing the Lord for the need to help them come to the spiritual seminar.

I have more prayer requests this time as the work is expanding and the burden is becoming greater. Would you help us pray for continuous support for the Bible School? Most of all pray for the salvation of many souls. I will stop here for now. May God bless you.

In His Love, (signed) Isabelo

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

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The Precious Blood
The Mind of Christ
Called to Perfection
No Lion Shall Be There
God Cannot Lie
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