



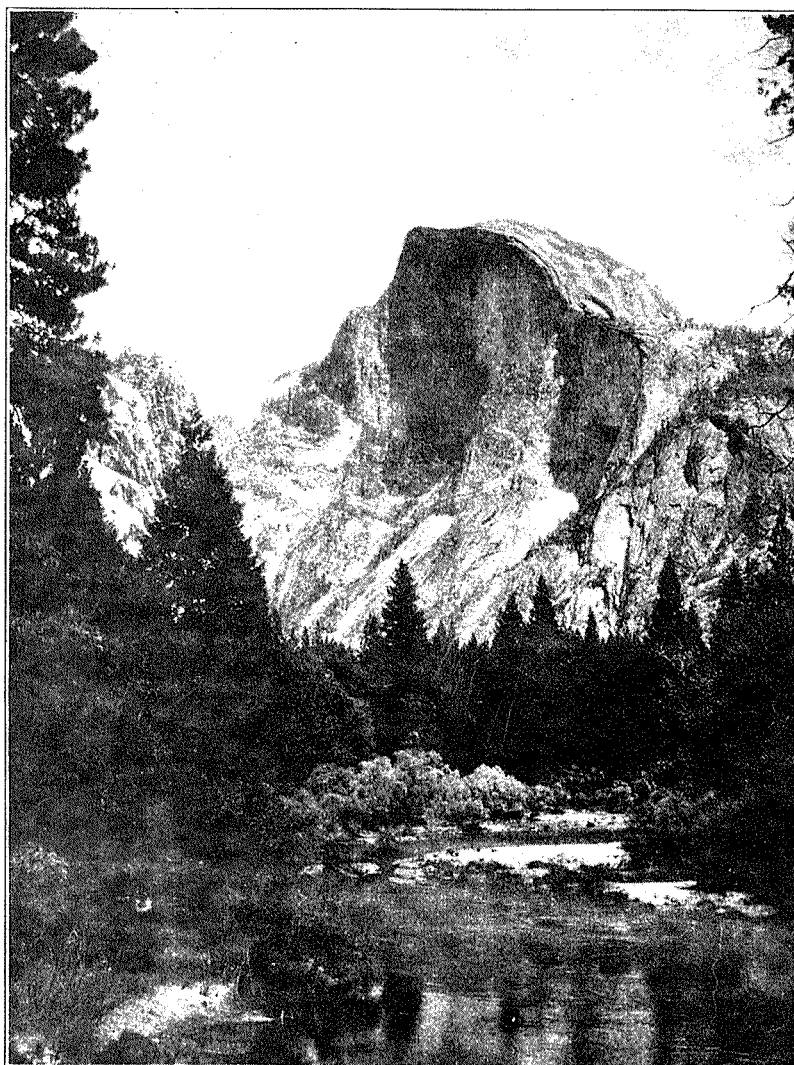
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## His Everlasting Power and Divinity

*"The invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity." Romans 1:20.*



**T**HE things of nature that we now behold give us but a faint conception of Eden's glory. Sin has marred earth's beauty; on all things may be seen traces of the work of evil. Yet much that is beautiful remains. Nature testifies that One infinite in power, great in goodness, mercy, and love, created the earth, and filled it with life and gladness. Even in their blighted state, all things reveal the handiwork of the great Master Artist. Wherever we turn, we may hear the voice of God, and see evidences of His goodness.

"From the solemn roll of the deep-toned thunder and old ocean's ceaseless roar, to the glad songs that make the forests vocal with melody, nature's ten thousand voices speak His praise. In earth, and sea, and sky, with their marvelous tint and color, varying in gorgeous contrast or blended in harmony, we behold His power. The trees that wave their green banners in the sunlight, and the flowers in their delicate beauty, point to their Creator. The living green that carpets the brown earth tells of God's care for the humblest of His creatures. The caves of the sea and the depths of the earth reveal His treasures."

— Ministry of Healing, pp.410-412.

# The Overcoming Life - Separation from Sin

by A. W. DOERSCHLER

*"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." Revelation 3:12.*

THE blessings promised for this time of revival and reformation are to be of a very practical nature in the daily life of every fully consecrated child of God.

If there is one thing above another that we should ever keep in mind, it is that all who would triumph with the remnant, and go through to the kingdom, must overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. In very fact, if we as a people are to enjoy the fulness of blessing promised in the "latter rain," we shall first have to experience the fulness of the blessings promised in entire deliverance from known sin and sinning. This means practical victory.

No truth is more clear and certain than that we must part with sin or fail of reaching the home eternal. We cannot go on serving both God and the devil, and yet hope for salvation. If God rejected Adam from the Garden for one sin, — some think it was a small sin, but I do not, — do you think He will take us back into Eden with our many sins upon us?

## PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN LIVING AN OVERCOMING LIFE

God has evolved a wonderful plan whereby all may be saved. That plan makes possible the forgiveness of all past sins. And there is in it, too, salvation from both present and future sin. If we have not yet found the gospel to be "the power of God unto salvation" from sin, then we do not know the gospel in its fulness. We believe but half the gospel, — that which assures us forgiveness because of the death of Christ. But we must believe the other half also, — that which assures us holiness now through the life of Christ.

The gospel is the power of God granted to every believing child to live a victorious life, as we

read in Romans 1:16. There we hear the apostle Paul testifying, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The gospel of Christ brings us salvation from sin, to help us overcome the things in our lives which we know are contrary to righteousness, but which we cannot overcome in our own strength.

"What we need is to know God and the power of His love, as revealed in Christ, by an experimental knowledge. . . . Through the merits of Christ, through His righteousness, which by faith is imputed unto us, we are to attain to the perfection of Christian character." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 742-744.

Solemn truth is this. All things are possible to them that believe. Jesus is our justifier. Jesus is our sanctifier. Thus He leads His own "from faith to faith." It is through faith in the blood of Christ that all of the believer's sins are canceled, and the righteousness of God is put in their place. Therefore may we sing the wonderful song, —

*"Would you be free from your burden of sin?*

*There's power in the blood, power in the blood;*

*Would you o'er evil a victory win?*

*There's wonderful power in the blood."*

"God has made ample provision that we may stand perfect in His grace, wanting in nothing, waiting for the appearing of the Lord." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 220.

"We can overcome. Yes; fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that we might overcome every evil temper, every sin, every temptation, and sit down at last with Him." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 144.

Praise be to God for this wonderful plan of salvation!

## THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH

The very core of the third angel's message is righteousness by faith. "It is the third angel's message in verity" — in reality. As the servant of God has said further, —

"If we have the Spirit of Christ we shall bring forth the fruit of righteousness." — *Review and Herald*, December 13, 1887.

Righteousness is right doing. Said Jesus to the pardoned sinner, "Go and sin no more." All known sin must cease immediately, otherwise the forgiven one would again fall, and victory would be lost. John, in his first epistle, says, "He that committeth (goes on in) sin is of the devil." 1 John 3:8. That is just what all sinners do, — "they keep on sinning still." But the new-born Christian stops sinning, — stops at once, — and by means of divine grace lives above it. If he fails, he bitterly repents, is forgiven and continues on to serve Christ.

The apostle John again says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." 1 John 3:9. In Christ we have victory over sin, and are given power to live a holy life. Let us ever remember that temptations and trials are not sins. Sin is willful disobedience to God's will.

A battle is daily being fought in every heart. Either we are growing stronger, or we are becoming weaker. We are gaining the victory over sin or sin is gaining the victory over us. Sin is of such a nature that, unless overcome, it grows stronger.

"The least deviation from right principles will lead to separation from God, and may end in destruction. What we do once we more readily do again; and to go forward in a certain path, be it right or wrong, is more easy than to start." — *Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, p.32.

"One sinful desire, persistently cherished, will eventually neutralize all the power of the gospel," is the impressive declaration of God's servant. The Holy Spirit is now striving with us, pleading with us to surrender sin. But He will not always strive with the human heart. There will come a time when His ministry will cease. God will say of the sinner, "He is joined to his idols; let him alone."

#### EITHER DIE TO SIN, OR DIE WITH SIN

"There is a high standard to which we are to attain if we would become children of God, — noble, pure, holy, and undefiled." — *Testimonies*, Vol.5, p.344.

Oh, how sad it is that today many are living a life marred by sinning and repenting, — having an "up and down" experience. They sin knowingly, and then, before retiring at night bow down and confess the sin and implore forgiveness in the name of Jesus. If one is sincere in one's confession, God forgives; but if only forgiven, if no power to overcome sin is asked for and received, the next time temptation comes the same sin is committed again. Instead of living as a sin-conqueror in Christ, one lives as a sin-slave, condemned and cast down.

Do you think, dear reader, that if we continue this life of sinning and confessing, we shall ever

be saved? I do not think so. Suppose we continue on in such a course right up to the day that probation closes, when Jesus steps aside and says, "It is finished," — when He pronounces the terrible sentence of Revelation 22:11. There can then be no more forgiveness of sin. That time is not far in the future. Through the pen of the chosen servant of God we are given a clear picture of this very solemn matter:

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets, and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it, and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy; let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.' I saw that none could share the 'refreshing' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence." — *Early Writings*, p.71.

We must either die to sin, or die with sin. Through Christ we shall either overcome sin, or sin will overcome us. Therefore the first principle of an overcoming life is to reckon one's self dead indeed unto sin, and all its consequences, and live alone unto God in perfect victory in Christ. Then one may depend upon the power of God to accomplish all that one desires, in word and deed. The precious promises of the Word may be claimed by faith.

Satan, it must be realized, will put up a bitter struggle against the soul who thus yields to God; but as we make a final decision to stand steadfast, God will fulfill His promise and sin shall not have dominion over us.

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# Our Homes and Our Health

## *Praying for the Sick*

by MRS. E. G. WHITE

**T**HIS IS a very delicate question, and to many minds, I fear, will not be satisfactorily settled. I have tried to act upon the light the Lord has given me, in the fear of God. I have been troubled over these things, and years ago took the position that if I had any duty to pray for the sick, I would come before the Lord with a petition of this kind: "Lord, we cannot read the heart of this sick one; but Thou knowest whether it is for the good of his soul, and for the glory of Thy name, to raise him to health. In Thy great goodness, compassionate this case, and let healthy action take place in the system. The work must be entirely Thine own. We have done all that human skill can do; now, Lord, we lay this case at Thy feet; work Thou as only God can work; and if it be for Thy glory, arrest the progress of disease and heal this sufferer."

After I have prayed earnestly for the sick, what then? Do I cease to do all that I can for their recovery? No, I work all the more earnestly, that the Lord may bless the means which His own hand has provided, entreating that He may give a sanctified wisdom to cooperate with God in the recovery of the sick. In praying for the sick, it is essential to have faith; for it is in accordance with the word of God. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." So we cannot discard praying for the sick, and we should feel very sad if we could not have the privilege of approaching God, to lay before Him all our weaknesses and our infirmities, to tell the compassionate Saviour all about these things, believing that He hears our petitions. Sometimes answers to our prayers come immediately; sometimes we have to wait patiently, and continue earnestly to plead for the things that we need, our cases being illustrated by the case of the importunate solicitor for bread. "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight," etc. This lesson means more than we can imagine. We are to keep on asking, even if we do not realize the immediate response to our prayers. "I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

We need grace, we need divine enlightenment, that through the Spirit we may know how to ask for such things as we need. If our petitions are indited by the Lord, they will be answered. There are precious promises in the Scriptures to those who wait upon the Lord. We all desire an immediate answer to our prayers, and are tempted to become discouraged if our prayer is not immediately answered. Now my experience has taught me that this is a great mistake. The delay is for our special benefit. We have a chance to see whether our faith is true and sincere, or changeable like the waves of the sea. We must bind ourselves upon the altar with the strong cords of faith and love, and let patience have her perfect work. Faith strengthens through continual exercise. This waiting does not mean that because we ask the Lord to heal, there is nothing for us to do. On the contrary, we are to make the very best use of the means which the Lord in His goodness has provided for us in our necessities.

I have seen so much of carrying matters to extremes, in praying for the sick, that I have felt that this part of our experience requires much solid, sanctified thinking, lest we shall make movements that we may call faith, but which are really nothing less than presumption. Persons worn down with affliction need to be counseled wisely, that they may move discreetly; and while they place themselves before God to be prayed for that they may be healed, they are not to take the position that methods of restoration to health in accordance with nature's laws are to be neglected. If they take the position that in praying for healing they must not use the simple remedies provided by God to alleviate pain and to aid nature in her work, lest it be a denial of faith, they are taking an unwise position. This is not a denial of faith; it is in strict harmony with the plans of God. When

Hezekiah was sick, the prophet of God brought him the message that he should die. He cried unto the Lord, and the Lord heard His servant, and worked a miracle in his behalf, sending him a message that fifteen years should be added to his life. Now one word from God, one touch of the divine finger, would have cured Hezekiah instantly, but special directions were given to take a fig and lay it upon the affected part, and Hezekiah was raised to life.

In everything we need to move along the line of God's providence.

The human agent should have faith, and should cooperate with the divine power, using every facility, taking advantage of everything that, according to his intelligence, is beneficial, working in harmony with natural laws; and in doing this he neither denies nor hinders faith. (*Selections from the Unpublished Writings of Mrs. E. G. White, 1892.*)

"Good deeds are twice a blessing, benefiting both the giver and the receiver of the kindness. The consciousness of right-doing is one of the best medicines for diseased bodies and minds. When the mind is free and happy from a sense of duty well done and the satisfaction of giving happiness to others, the cheering, uplifting influence brings new life to the whole being."

—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 257.

## Will History Repeat?

One of the most widely read books of all time is "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Written in 1788 by Edward Gibbon it sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

▲ The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.

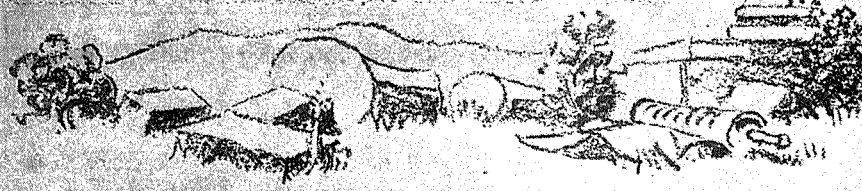
▲ Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.

▲ The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.

▲ The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.

▲ The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

The oft-heard warning that "history repeats itself" has an ominous meaning in the light of the above.



—Taken from *P. G. and E. Progress*,  
September, 1962.

# Has Another Adventist Fortress Fallen?

IT IS astounding beyond degree that Seventh-day Adventists, who are living under the concentrated rays of divine, enlightening truth, should so easily give up their faith as was publicly revealed in the first World War in 1914, when they, as a denomination, joined the armed forces in Central Europe under the pressure of their governments to fight for an earthly fatherland.

The second War of 1939 to 1945 found them again as ardent fighters for Naziism under Hitler, ministers and laymen alike bearing arms in combatant warfare under the Nazi swastika.

For years it has been the divinely appointed burden of this Reform Movement to use all her persuasive power by word of mouth and in written appeals to show that the blame for such flagrant violation of God's law of the fourth and sixth commandments is solely due to an unpretentious, yet spurious and false "Liberty of Conscience" clause, granted every country, field, church, or individual by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. It is expressed in these documented words:

"But we grant to each of our church members absolute liberty to serve their country, at all times and in all places, in accordance with the dictates of their personal conscientious convictions." Gland, Switzerland, January 2, 1923. And in the words of Elder A. G. Daniells in 1920: "We have taken the position that each one should act according to his own conscience in this matter." *Protocol*, p.36. (Stenographic report of 1920). For a third witness we quote from *Our Youth in Time of War*, (1934), page 6: "... the church does not attempt to dictate to its members individually, but each person must stand upon his own conscientious convictions."

Since nothing has ever been done by the leadership to withdraw from this deplorable error of teaching, it still continues to draw its circles, demanding more victims among God's professed people. The latest result is again witnessed in the Far Eastern Division.

The Bamboo Curtain is lifted! Long have we been uncertain about the fate of those of like precious faith in communist China. Now an article from a Dutch newspaper, the *Haagse Courant* of Saturday, January 27, 1962, came to our desk. The article, which took the greater part of the religious page, was entitled "The Church Between Gethsemane and Calvary."

The author describes the latest developments in the field of religion and especially those affecting the Protestant denominations in Red China. For many years the Communists have put pressure on the leaders of the different churches. Some have resisted heroically, even unto death, whereas others have basely renounced their relationship with their mother churches and embraced the communist doctrine. At present there is in China an official Chinese Communist Church. The man who may be regarded as its "spiritual" leader is Y. T. Wu, a one-time Y. M. C. A. leader. Another is mentioned in the article: a certain Marcus Cheng, who is a Methodist Theologian and president of the Theological Seminary in Chunking. This man has preached in the United States, Great Britain, and Sweden. He now writes: "Finally I woke up. Only Marx and Lenin and the science of the revolution are the instruments that can truly liberate humanity. From the depth of my heart I can sincerely say that I love communism and accept the doctrine of the communist party and the doctrine of Mao Tse Tung. . . . There are some Christians, who, when they hear that I have changed my mind and that I have become a member of the Soviet Russian Fellowship think this very strange. Others call me a heretic. Through my study of the facts I began to hate America and to despise it, and through the same facts I was drawn to the pure and beloved friendship of Russia."

This much may suffice to indicate the character of the newly-born church in Red China. However interesting this may be to the reader who carefully watches the developments in the religious world, it still might be passed by as one of those things that can hardly surprise us.

However when we read a little further on, we find the name of the Seventh-day Adventists mentioned as follows: "*The Seventh-day Adventists were the first ones that corrected themselves and joined the Communist Church. Other churches followed soon, but not all. There were namely two large churches which stayed aloof. They were evangelical or else orthodox, purely Chinese churches, the one led by Rev. Wang and the other by Rev. Watchman Nee.*"

When we read further that Rev. Wang became a symbol for thousands of Chinese believers through his resistance to the pressure brought to bear upon the churches, that this man has been imprisoned several times, and that at present he is



regarded as being "lost" in the communist state machine, we feel sad—instead of this report we would like to have read that it was the bearers of the three-fold angel's message who dared to stand up against the red menace. It grieves us to read that the Adventists were the first to join the new church and turn red. We wonder if our Chinese brethren of the mother church will also join in singing the newest hymn that has been added to the hymnal:

*"We thank the Communist Party and President Mao,*

*Because after the liberation the church became one.*

*No longer are we divided among each other,  
There is no more division between poor and rich.*

*We take care of ourselves as a church  
And are no longer under the pressure of imperialism.*

*Our standard of living has improved;  
We are living freely and happily in a new fellowship."*

"'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.' The very atmosphere is polluted with sin. Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the opposers. . . .

"'To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few,—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 136.

"It is an alarming fact that indifference, sleepiness, and apathy have characterized men in responsible positions, and that there is a steady increase of pride and an alarming disregard of the warnings of the Spirit of God. The barriers which God's word places about His people are being broken down. Men who are acquainted with the way in which God has led His people in the past, instead of inquiring for the old paths and defending our position as a peculiar people, have linked hands with the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 513.

"The heirs of God have come from garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains, from deserts, from the caves of the earth, from the caverns of the sea. On earth they were 'destitute, afflicted, tormented.' Millions went down to the grave loaded with infamy, because they steadfastly refused to yield to the deceptive

claims of Satan. By human tribunals they were adjudged the vilest of criminals."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 649, 650.

## STEADFASTNESS

If you had more faith, you would be as happy in the furnace as on the mountain of enjoyment; you would be as glad in famine as in plenty; you would rejoice in the Lord when the olive yielded no oil, as well as when the vat was bursting and overflowing its brim. If you had more confidence in God, you would have far less of tossings up and down; and if you had greater nearness to Christ, you would have less vacillation. At times you can bid defiance to the rage of Satan, boldly meet every attack, and resist every temptation; but too often you are fearful and irresolute, and ready to run away from the fight instead of making valiant resistance. But if you always remember Him who endured such contradictions of sinners against Himself, you might always be firm and steadfast. Live near your Master, and you shall not be thus changeful and uncertain. Beware of being like a weathercock. Seek of God, that His law may be written on your heart as if it were written in stone, and not as if it were written in sand. Seek that His grace may come to you like a river, and not like a brook which fails. Seek that you may keep your conversation always holy; that your course may be like the shining light which tarries not, but burns brighter and brighter until the fulness of the day. Seek that the "God of all grace may stablish, strengthen, settle you."—*Spurgeon*.

## A LIVING FAITH

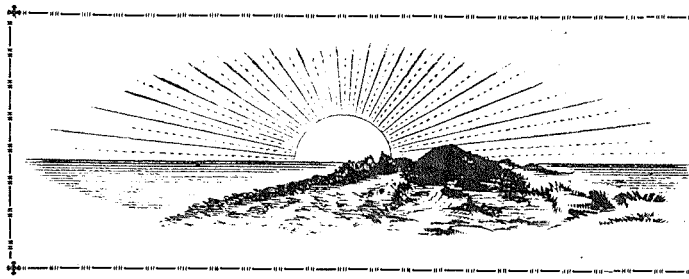
*O, give me faith, a living faith,  
A faith in things I cannot see.  
Give me an inner life, my God,  
That senses Thy reality.*

*All things material here on earth  
Run swiftly through our mortal hands.  
How fast is gone all joy and mirth,  
And with it all our closest friends.*

*It makes us wonder, Is this all?  
All that we live for? Can it be?  
O no! for life is but a school  
To lead us to eternity.*

*Then let your faith reach out beyond  
And grasp in spirit the Unseen,  
In full assurance to the end;  
And let your faith be strong and keen.*

—O. Kramer



# NEWS *from* HOME and ABROAD

## MONUMENTS OF FAITH

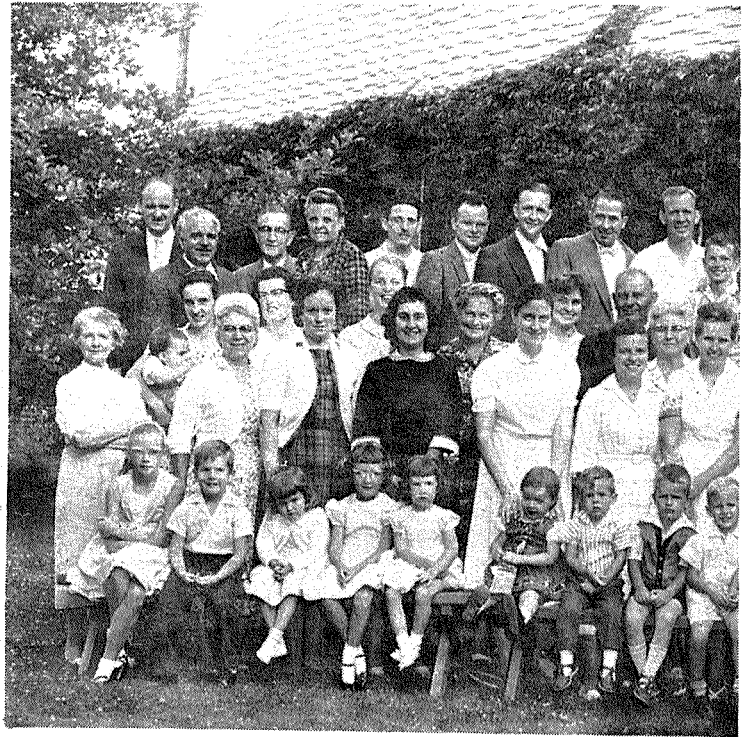
*"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."* 2 Cor. 4:6-9.

*"But in the midst of the time of trouble. . . God's chosen people will stand unmoved."* —Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 17.

**T**his present world is in an alarming condition. Those with spiritual eyesight behold the end from the beginning—such a disaster that no human imagination can picture it. It is inevitable, and all human efforts are inadequate to prevent it. Corruption and decay of human society has reached its climax. The atmosphere is poisoned with deadly influences which creep into the hearts and homes of the teeming millions on earth and seem to fasten their grips on nearly every individual, drawing him into perdition. The days of Noah and Lot are right upon us. Only a mere handful of faithful adherents to the truth have remained, who cry out with David, "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." Ps. 12:1.



The brethren in front of Park Hill Chapel



The servant of God beheld in vision the deceptions of the last days. She saw it compared with a train traveling with lightning speed to destruction and with Satan as its conductor. The angel said, speaking of him, "'He has taken the world captive. They are given over to strong delusions, to believe a lie that they may be damned.' . . . I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in the opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united by the truth. This little company looked careworn, as if they had passed through severe trials and conflicts." —*Early Writings*, p. 263.

The days for such trials and conflicts have begun. Already the "shaking is blowing away multitudes like dry leaves."

But a brighter picture unfolds before our eyes of faith. Amidst the tidal wave of cunningly devised errors, presenting every wind of doctrine of every conceivable kind and description—Praise God!—He has reserved unto Himself a little church of true reformers which has stood faithful and unflinching through the battles of two

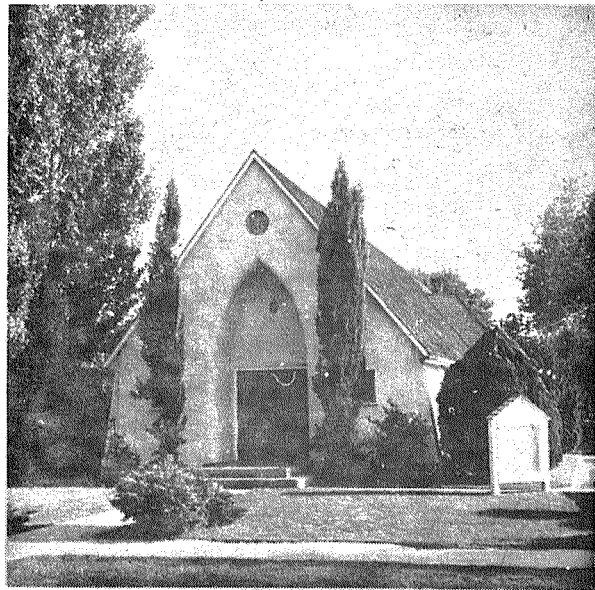
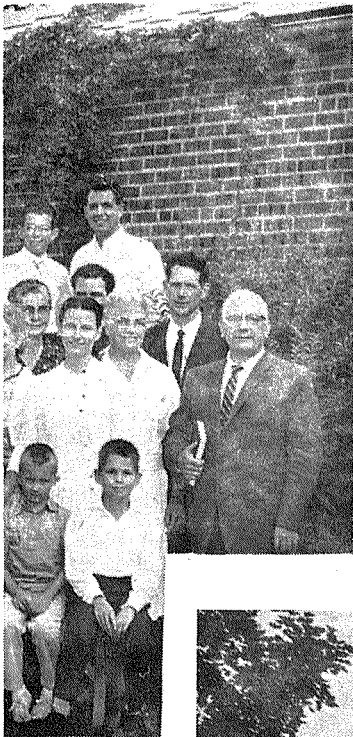


world conflicts when the validity of the law of God was at stake and which is still upholding the standard of obedience in a disturbed Christian world.

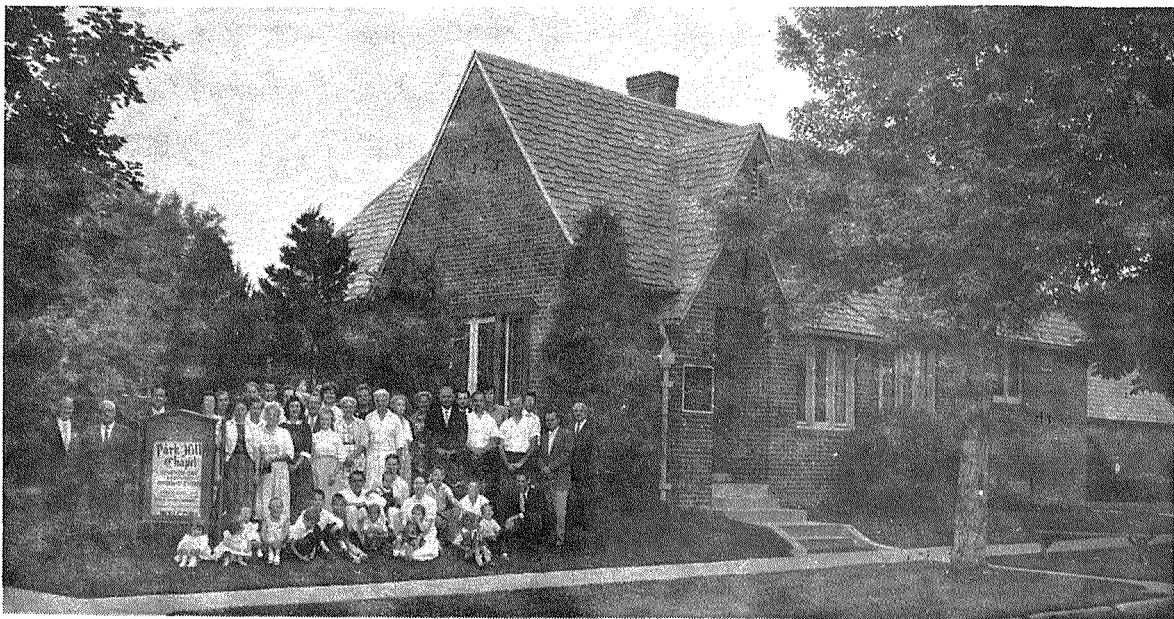
The cause of God in America, having passed through great difficulties for many years, is again going forward; and it is grateful to see how the Lord has kept His loving arms spread over His faithful remnant. The blessings of God have been manifold, both in spiritual and material things. There are visible monuments of faith today which

testify of the growth and strength of this divine Reformation on the North American Continent.

In the accompanying pictures we see the believers of Denver, Colorado, in a closeup and below it their house of worship, the Park Hill Chapel, which serves as the American Union central office. The hand of the Lord was visibly seen in the acquisition of this property, which today has a much higher assessed value than when first purchased. The meeting hall often fails to accomodate the believers and



Another monument of faith is found in the Far West at Sacramento, California. The picture shows the Colonial Chapel, the gathering place of the believers in the central and northern portions of this state. Only recently an annex to this church was completed which houses the publishing department of the American cause, and this has already begun to prove a blessing in the propagation of the printed page. Plans have been laid for more abundant literature in the form of leaflets, tracts, and



visitors, and plans are being considered to add a separate, larger church building. Like a light-tower in a world of darkness, this edifice has served as a blessing to many a seeker for truth. Indeed, the truth as it is in Jesus will ever outshine all variations from it. May the God of all wisdom enlighten the hearts of all those who are sincere in heart, that they may break the cords that confine them and boldly declare their liberty in Christ Jesus.

booklets, time and means permitting, to supply our members and workers in the field. We invoke the richest of God's blessings to rest also on this branch office of the cause in the Far West.

We look forward with anticipation to greater things in the future in order that the plan of salvation in all its phases may hasten to a glorious finish and our Redeemer may come to establish

His reign forever and ever. May we all have a part in the last triumphant work, to His honor and glory!

Dear Brother Ringelberg sent in the following report from Canada:

## Eastern Canada

*"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Psalm 107:1,2.*

As a greeting from the Canadian field we send the above text to all fellow believers in other fields. It is good for the redeemed to express their praise to their God. Our God is a mighty God, a loving and merciful Father, who in His wisdom has not forsaken us, but overwhelms us with His grace every day anew.

In Him our God we have placed our confidence and in this trust we will not be made ashamed. As the wise Solomon has said in Prov.14:26: "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence and His children shall have a place of refuge." The Lord is leading His people to stand prepared to meet Jesus on that final day when He shall appear in the clouds as King of kings and Lord of lords. To the faithful this will be the most glorious day. May the good Lord grant that everyone who reads these lines may be found in this company.

On Sabbath, July 21, the churches of Kitchener and Toronto joined the Hamilton church for a general meeting. From time to time we all come together to strengthen faith and the ties of fellowship. These Sabbaths are always wonderful hours of refreshing, and our believers often ask when the next of such meetings will be held. This last time the Lord again blessed us abundantly in our Sabbath School, the missionary report, and the services. In the afternoon a study was presented about the Church of God and the seven characteristics by which we may know her. This theme was food in due season to many souls and some bore their testimony that the Spirit of the Lord was working among us.

An increased urgency for doing missionary work has taken hold of the members of the Hamilton church, as well as in other places. Every week on Sunday morning a group of believers goes out to distribute our truth-filled literature. During the last three successive Sundays the success has been steadily mounting. In this way many papers are distributed among the people, and many rewarding experiences are made in contacting souls and witnessing for the truth. A humble beginning has been made for a Building Fund in Hamilton, in the hope that one day we shall be able to erect a little place of worship to the glory of God.

One brother from Yugoslavia, who recently came with his family to Canada, was not able to speak one word of English when he came. For some time he worked as a manual laborer, but it was his desire to work for the Lord full time, as he had done in his home land. So, some time ago he left his place of employment and cast his lot with the Lord. He has been canvassing steadily since and already has been instrumental in bringing many people in contact with the last message through the silent messengers. His first means of communication was a slip of paper with a few lines in English telling the people the purpose of his visit. Right now he can speak quite a bit more English and enjoys his work tremendously. The Lord has blessed him abundantly, and we pray that God may sustain this brother with His strength. How wonderful it would be if more Christians, who profess to believe that the Saviour is coming soon, would be willing to go forth in faith and work for the Lord in His vineyard. Many doubts and criticism would be eliminated if Christians would become more active in the service of their Master.

Time is short and the work is great! May the Master find us laboring for Him when He comes, so that He can pronounce these wonderful crowning words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

From Brother L. V. McSherry we received this missionary report:

## Southern California

*"Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." Psalm 111:1.*

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we report of the work here in Southern California. We were greatly privileged to have our dear brethren, Elders Doerschler and Kramer, in our midst, listening to their experiences, which brought us great encouragement. We rejoiced as we heard how the Lord has been working in their behalf.

We had invited the members of the Los Angeles and San Diego areas to meet with us and to share these special blessings with us; and we were very glad to have them with us.

It was inspiring to every one of us when Elder Doerschler spoke to us on Sabbath morning and again in the afternoon. We shall not forget the subject on spiritual humility, which was very enlightening and thought provoking. Oh, that we all may acquire the grace of humility, for "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." James 4:6. We were referred to Moses and his outstanding humility during the wilderness journey and the great lesson it has for us.

**"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."**

Matthew 28:19, 20.

All too soon the hour of parting came when all had to return to their homes, but each one was strengthened and refreshed for the duties that lie ahead. We wished the brethren the richest blessing as they left us the next morning to continue their missionary journey north.

We can say that the Lord has been blessing our groups in Southern California, not only in Los Angeles and the San Diego area but also here in Corona. Furthermore, we have been especially favored in finding a larger place for worship where we can invite our friends and missionary contacts to attend and share the blessings of God with us. We are planning to distribute announcements at the homes and churches of the surrounding area inviting all to hear this great message of Reformation. There is truly a large work yet to be done before the Saviour comes and so little time in which to



The Group in Southern California

do it; but we are putting forth our best efforts, praying that God will water the seed sown that it may bring forth fruit for eternity. In our prayer meetings we have been studying the power there is in prayer and how God can work marvelously for His people if we will just express a little faith. We are praying that God may use us in His work, that we may be fit instruments in His hand, and that He may now prepare our hearts to be receptive to His word.

The Lord has revealed Himself wonderfully in blessing us in the canvassing work. Our dear Brother Bates goes out faithfully each day to knock on many doors, offering the people our truth-filled literature. Naturally there are many who refuse the literature, but we thank the Lord for those who accept the papers and for the ones who are interested in Bible studies. Hundreds of papers as silent messengers for the Lord are distributed each month, and only eternity will reveal the full result of such labor.

One particular city in this area does not allow canvassing, unless one has a local church to represent him. We spent much time one afternoon trying to obtain a permit to canvass in this city. Several city officials tried to discourage us from even making out a form, saying it was useless, because a permit would not be issued to those who did not have a local church to represent. However, as long as we were there we decided to go ahead and spend the few minutes in an effort to obtain a permit. Upon returning to the car we commented to each other that it surely looked as if we would not receive a permit to canvass the town unless the Lord had someone here to whom He wanted the truth presented. Great was our surprise and marvelous was our rejoicing when our request was granted and a sixty-

day permit was issued to us. How thankful we were to the Lord for His intervening hand and for His kindness to us.

In just a few days Brother Bates and I expect to travel to Fresno to visit with souls who are interested in this work of Reform. I am sure that in this vicinity the Lord also has those who are honest in heart. We do earnestly pray that the Lord may lead us to just such souls and that a work may be started in this new field to His honor and glory. Please remember our work in your prayers, for God can work mightily in our behalf if we will ask Him in faith to do so.

### A Home Missionary Report

*"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" Nahum 1:15.*

In this seemingly small way of communication, the world seldom realizes that the most precious message of God is being sown in their hearts. Here in Southern California we can see the great need of many going from door to door with the good seed of truth. I have been encouraged as I have seen the willingness of the Lord to help me in my work, and the mountains of discouragement have vanished.

We were prohibited from canvassing in one of the smaller towns because we had no church within the limits of that city. After working most of the area around this place we decided to ask the city manager to give us a permit. You can imagine our surprise when in a short time we emerged from the city hall with our license. Sixty days were spent there, and we were able to distribute hundreds of papers from door to door. As my permit expired I applied for a second one, but because of my failure to fill out the form correctly, it was held for further information. Two or three weeks went by, and one day we decided to go and ask why our permit had been refused. Upon learning of my failure to fill in the desired information we went to the office of the city manager again. After looking at the application he said, "We just don't give outsiders a permit to do this sort of thing unless they have a church or organization within the limits of our city." We again assured him of our appreciation and said that if another sixty days were granted we felt sure we could accomplish our work. We sent two quick prayers to our heavenly Father and in only a moment the manager said, "Alright, I see nothing wrong in only sixty more days," and the permit was signed.

I certainly rejoiced in this decision, for I knew Who it is that rules in the affairs of men. During these past four months we have faithfully worked with the expectation that the Lord has had a reason for granting us this favor. Among the Adventists is an inquiry as to who publishes the literature. I was working one Sunday and called at the home of an Adventist. The wife answered the door, and as I showed her the copy, she exclaimed, "Wait a moment! My husband wants to talk to you." I surely wondered what to expect, and soon the man of the house came to the door and said, "Just who are you anyway?" I told him that we were with the International Missionary Society. He said, "I saw the name in your copy. I have read it through and am con-

vinced it is Adventist, but I do not recognize it as being one that the Adventist Church puts out." This man is one of the church elders and was much impressed when I was able to relate to him the message that we hold so dear to our hearts.

As I left I said, "Tell me. How did you come to get hold of one of our papers?" He said that one of the police officers he knew had asked him to verify it to see whether or not it was Adventist literature. I left with a joyous step to continue my work. This was only one of the many times I had noticed that our copies were being lent from home to home by the people who had bought them.

I long for the time when we can see the members of all our churches hurrying from door to door with lightened faces, giving the message a more certain sound, and proclaiming the Sabbath more fully. We quote from *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 207: "A portion of the church has begun to exhibit some activity along missionary lines. But if we do not awake

more generally and fully, then those who know not the truth for this time will advance before us, and block up our way."

*"O there'll be joy when the work is done,  
Joy when the reapers gather home,  
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun  
To the New Jerusalem.*

*Pure are the joys that await us there,  
Many the golden mansions fair;  
Jesus himself doth them prepare,  
In the New Jerusalem.*

*Joy, joy, there will be joys by and by,  
Joy, joy, where the joys never die;  
Joy, joy; for the day draweth nigh  
When the workers gather home."*

(Christ in Song)

A. V. BATES

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# *Their Outcry Was "Protestant! Protestant!"*

*"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:13.*

**D**EAR brethren and sisters in Christ: With these lines I wish to convey to you my experiences in the missionary work among the Catholic countries of South America. May it all add to the honor and glory of the Lord.

The difficulties which we as Christians have to encounter are not a few. The greatest difficulties we have to cope with are ignorance and fanaticism. There is an almost complete absence of knowledge concerning the love of God and the plan of redemption among the people. There are but few who know the Holy Scriptures; and those who have it in their possession do not study it because they seem to have an aversion to it. Idolatry is on the increase. Vice, amusements, and business enterprises have enslaved humanity. The spirit of piety and the fear of God has well nigh become obliterated in these countries. There are many temples, priests, festivities, and religious ceremonies. Schools and seminaries grow astoundingly, but the spirit of Christianity cannot be seen anywhere. Infidelity adds up in a frightful manner.

Crime has become commonplace, as has the theft of fabulous fortunes and the persecution and death of innocent Christians. Millions fall a prey to misery and sin. (Matt. 24:37-39.)

One day I was visiting our newly-interested souls in a small town. Already the Catholic priest had prepared the people through unfavorable reports about my person. When I arrived, they gathered in the narrow streets, crying out, "Protestant! Protestant!" The people were beside themselves.

The priest, coming to meet me, seemed rather preoccupied and excited. I greeted him with respect. Immediately he accosted me with the words, "Are you the Protestant missionary?"

"Yes Sir," I answered stoically, "I am a missionary of the Adventist Reform Movement."

He then said, "If you do not turn around and withdraw from these people, you will be killed and your blood will be shed."

I asked him, "Who is empowered to take life?"

With a threatening gesture he answered, "The Catholic people are jealous of their faith and their traditions; they will not be conquered by the Protestants."

I replied, "But Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, teaches that we should never harm anybody, not even our greatest enemy. What wrong have I done now, and what is the cause of the

Catholic people's intent to take my life? Certainly the people have leaders which counsel them to commit this great sin. Yet Christ teaches that God is love. He teaches furthermore, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'"

"Yes," replied the priest, "all this we are acquainted with, but this concerns the matter that you are an heretic. Your life is in great danger. You must immediately withdraw yourself, or you will be killed and your blood will be spilled."

The thought occurred to me to turn to the government. I was walking on a narrow path, and the priest did not leave my side. He kept intimidating me with threats of death. While I placed my confidence fully in the Lord, I said, "Look here, sir, a man who has a living faith in God, who is acquainted with the deeper meaning of faith and calls upon His holy name, who makes the Holy Scriptures his rule of life should not be afraid of death. Isn't that right? And this so much more if his life 'is hid with Christ in God.'"

Soon we reached the house of the authority. When I started to enter, a man struck me with a blow on the left shoulder; yet he did not floor me. The priest placed himself in the doorway to bar my entrance, perhaps to give the people time to pull me into the street. But the Lord was on my side in a wonderful manner. I stepped easily and quickly over the threshold into the interior.

With due respect I greeted the Lord Mayor, who was the highest authority in town. From my satchel I produced my credential, showing him the number, and said, "I am a foreigner and petition you to acknowledge my arrival here, as well as my stay, which will be for three days. I am a Christian missionary. I also petition you to grant me a permit to explain the gospel of our Lord and His return. Because of my short stay, I will hold meetings in the evening. I ask that an opportunity be given to all who wish to hear me. At the same time I wish to visit my brethren who are interested in this present truth."

While eying me, the priest interrupted, saying, "Lord Mayor, this man is a Protestant, and His presence is not desired here. You know very well that the people here are Catholic; you must therefore apply justice and turn your whole attention to this matter. This gentleman must instantly withdraw from these people, or his life is in danger. The people out in the street await a decision. They will not spare his life."

The mayor listened intently to the priest. Then he turned with a determined look and in an energetic voice said to me, "You are hereby told to

withdraw from this place in a few hours. Your life is in grave danger. These people are strongly Catholic, and the possibility exists that they will kill you; and . . ."

More and more people gathered outside. They cried loudly, "Bring him out! Bring him out! Protestant! Protestant!"

With discretion I said, "Lord Mayor, would you do me one favor? I wish to have the request that I leave here in duplicate written form as the laws of the land require it. It is my intention to ask the superior officers in charge whether the guarantees for the freedom of divine worship have been repudiated. I desire to know if the good laws contained in the lawbooks concerning it have been annulled—meaning the laws which grant to all citizens freedom of faith, conscience and speech, and the freedom to express one's thoughts, all of which have cost so much. For many, constrained by love, have given their lives as a pledge for this priceless gift."

At this the mayor stated, "The laws are in force. This freedom should exist, yet what can I undertake against a Catholic people like this? I cannot guarantee you your life." This he repeated several times. The priest was very pleased, and his face beamed with joy when he noticed that the government was on his side.

The Lord strengthened me in these moments. It was silent prayer, which I did not neglect, that enabled me to remember some paragraphs of the constitutional law, which I then quoted. These were solemn moments for me. My destiny was in God's hand. My life hung on a silk thread. Death lurked near. According to human reckoning, I could not count on any human help. I could only pray silently, Lord save me in this grave situation! My thoughts clung to the sufferings of our beloved Redeemer, and this imparted new strength to me. My heart was filled with pain as I remembered the new interested souls. These believers were only beginners; they were simple and few. They were not prepared to bear up under this bitter hour. These poor believers were the only ones who sympathized with me.

Both the mayor and the priest listened to me as I defended myself, with the help of God. I appealed to the laws of the land, and it appeared to me that by the influence of the Spirit of God my arguments were impressing their hearts. The priest's large eyes sparkled, and he said in a furious voice, "Lord Mayor, exercise justice; exercise justice; punish this heretic! You have the power in hand; you are the governing body. You are a Catholic, baptized and confirmed in the holy Catholic mother church. Your parents and grandparents were Catholic and died in that church."

Courteously I answered, "Lord Mayor, please permit me to say a few words. What would you do if you were in my position, if you were found in a Protestant or heathen country without the protection of the authorities and without human help? Is not this a deplorable situation? Now if this priest were about to be stoned because he is Catholic, I believe that the government which is just would be duty bound to protect him; and if this were impossible, to die with him." I continued on to say, "My case is very simple. If you, Lord Mayor, would only be guided by the laws of the land, if you would exercise justice in a legal manner without being partial to one party, neither to the priest nor myself, you would understand that you are placed in office to be the guardian of the good laws of your honorable country. God Omnipotent has appointed you to be a righteous judge, and if you act in harmony with truth, you will defend me to the end. If the people would stone me, you alone would be responsible before God. Also remember that I am a foreigner and under the protection of my country."

He answered me, "The only thing I can tell you is that you should depart from here, for otherwise I see no way of escape."

"Pardon me, Sir," I said, undaunted, "I shall counsel about this matter with the authorized sources at the capitol city." With his permission I climbed some stairs to look for a telephone. Even the employees did not want to assist me. I thought in my heart, O Lord, all my efforts are in vain. My case is lost; I shall perish at the hands of despotic men.

The Mayor quickly ascended the stairs and asked, "Sir, how many days do you expect to stay here?"

"Three days and nights," I answered. "During this time I intend to conduct some public lectures, and you are cordially invited to listen in."

"Thank you. I shall come and listen," he said. "I shall then protect you with two armed policemen, the only ones I have at my disposal. Day and night they will stand guard over you in your dwelling." The policemen came with their weapons and drove away the people who awaited my return in the street. I extended my hand to the Mayor and cordially thanked him. Once more I invited him to the meetings.

The priest offered to go with me to the home of our interested souls. Together with the police and a host of Catholics, all of which the house could not possibly hold, we walked on our way. Arriving there, we took our seats. Suddenly the priest reached into his robe and produced a revolver. Showing it to me he said, "If you do not prefer to die here, it would be best to withdraw and depart." Our interested souls became so frightened their

whole bodies trembled. The priest intended to instill fear in me so that I would neither conduct the meeting nor visit the interested souls.

Stolidly with the help of God I answered, "I have no fear of death. God is my stay in all afflictions. What would it mean if my body were killed? No other harm could ever befall me."

In a scoffing tone he said, "We shall prepare a burial for him right on this place."

My reply was, "The dead know not anything. Yet what interests me at this moment is the saving of your soul and that of the multitude that stands under your guidance. Now if you have any interest in one or the other principles of faith, we may in all quietness and fear of God talk about it. We may speak after we first pray about it. In this connection it concerns eternal matters which do not pass away—the saving of our souls."

We knelt down together, and the others gladly joined us. Over and over again they repeated the "Ave Maria," while I prayed to our beloved Saviour. When we arose we felt a change in the atmosphere.

The priest asked me, "How many years have you studied theology?"

"Pardon me, Doctor," I answered. "But I shall not now satisfy your curiosity. It is of more profit now that we study the holy law of God, is it not?"

"Yes," said he, "but the Protestants do not believe in the immaculate conception of the holy virgin Mary, in the holy mass, or in the supremacy of the holy church."

"Doctor, Sir, would you be so kind to show me in the Bible where one word mentions the mass," I asked him. "Shouldn't it?" Soon he had the Bible according to the translation of "Cipriano de Valera" in his hands and read the 71 verses of John 6. Yet he found not a word about the mass. "You see, Sir Doctor, that the word 'mass' is not mentioned in the Bible?" I injected.

"Ah," he said. "This Bible is Protestant; it is falsified and not perfect."

"What translation do you wish to have to prove that the mass originated in the Bible?" I asked him.

"The translation of 'San Miguel' according to the Vulgate," the priest replied.

"Here it is," the interested souls answered quickly.

He leafed through the holy book, yet found nothing to substantiate his assertion. Then he added, "But some years ago I found the mass in one translation. How is it possible that I cannot find it written here?"

"Listen, Sir, the Latin mass was instituted by the church in the year 394 after Christ," I answered.



In all courtesy I asked then, "How many years have you studied to become a priest?"

He answered proudly, "Twenty two years."

Involuntarily I exclaimed, "Too bad! Look here, Doctor Castro, the origin of the mass is not in the Bible. This ceremonial rite is unquestionably acknowledged as a church institution. It was years after Christ and the apostles until it came into existence."

At this he sprang from his seat, slapped the Bible on the table and again produced the revolver. "With this weapon" (the Bible, ins.), said he, "the Protestants shall never conquer me."

"Honorable Sir," one of the policemen said, "Put away your weapon; keep it by yourself!" He again placed it under his robe, and I asked him to take his seat. One policeman said, "Father Castro, some of the principles of faith you will not be able to support with the Bible, for teachings like the mass were introduced during the councils. And as you should know, the Protestants as also the Adventists acknowledge only the Bible as a foundation of faith. Also, as you must know, we are in a stranger's abode. We are here to keep order and protect this gentleman, who is a foreigner. Your holiness, I would counsel you to respect these facts."

Then the priest took a long step toward the exit, but returned to the door once more and said to me, "See that you disappear immediately from here, or you will make the experience of being stoned by the whole Catholic populace."

Shortly thereafter, six teachers, one physician, and a German businessman came to the home of the interested souls. The physician said to me, "We are sent to intercede for the people and to tell you to be kind enough to soon leave this place."

"But the priest has sent you, and not the people. Isn't it true?" I asked. And turning to the physician I said, "Do you believe in God, as revealed in His word and in nature? Are you religiously inclined, and do you know Christ as your personal Saviour?"

His reply was, "I am a physician and do not count it my privilege to have faith and conviction in religious matters. But without a doubt, I admire your faith and dedication."

In all simplicity we sat and spoke for four hours. One of the teachers had a Latin and Spanish Bible. From it we studied several points of doctrine. We spoke about the commandments and the law of God. We conversed about the fourth commandment and the Sabbath, the history of the Roman hierarchy, chapter 2 of Daniel, and Revelation 13. We also spoke about the signs of the last days. There were important questions and answers. The

Lord enlightened me when I had to answer. The teachers were very satisfied that I could show them all things from the Bible. At the end, the businessman said, "The holy Scripture is deep and all-embracing. Be means of this book Martin Luther conquered the holy father in Rome. You, gentlemen professors, may keep on listening, but it is dangerous, for in the end you will become Lutherans." When he had said this, he left.

The three lectures I had announced were very well attended. The mayor, men and women teachers, and also the priest were in attendance. The street was filled with people, leaving no room. Nearly the whole populace of "Santo Isabel" was gathered. I spoke standing on a table and surrounded by the mayor and the two policemen. My favorite topic was "The End of the World and the Signs of the Return of Christ." On the first evening a colored man with a large physical frame threw a pointed dagger at me. It passed me very closely. A policeman arrested the man. A large stone came flying from among the crowd, breaking a large hole in the wall, very close to my chest. Yet God protected me; He does it in a marvelous manner for His children.

At last, at 3 o'clock in the morning, I left town. The mayor escorted me with the two policemen, who accompanied me for several kilometers. There were also others who, fearful for my safety, went along with me. Our interested souls remained strong and very much strengthened in the love of God. Many had cried when I explained to them the sufferings of our Lord and Saviour, and many hearts were touched. They said, "Do not forget us. Come back again, for we followed your words with interest. We find nothing evil in your explanations." The Lord was with me, for even the people had not believed that I would escape from this situation with my life. The Lord is good—very good. He knows how to keep His own in the many dangers—"For we are labourers together with God."

Dear brethren and sisters, we find ourselves in the great wheelworks of God's plan. Everyone has to perform his part in it—even if he is only a small wheel. It is written: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps.126:5,6. We shall spread this precious and valuable seed. The Lord will see to it that it will germinate and grow also in the great Americas.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, beloved brethren and sisters.

AMEN

Your Servant in Christ,  
JOSE C. LEON

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God does not expect us to conquer sin in our own strength, but we are to overcome in the strength which the life of the indwelling Christ gives. When self and Satan are dethroned and Christ is in full possession of one's heart and life, it will become natural and easy to live just as He did. It could not be otherwise. If one is in Christ Jesus, one will be "a new creature." "Old things" will have "become new," "And all things are of God." 2 Cor. 5:17,18. Thus we may live a life hid with Christ in God. A holy life. An overcoming life.

"Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3.

"Only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One, will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming this message when it shall have swelled into the loud cry." — *Review and Herald*, November 19, 1908.

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall even reveal this unto you. Nevertheless whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. . . . For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:16,20.

The gracious plan of salvation, conceived by the Father, and perfectly wrought out by our blessed Lord and Saviour, gives us power to live an overcoming life. It gives us strength to separate from all known sin. May we love Him for it, and may we be humbly obedient to all His will. Then, ere long, we shall see Him as He is, and reign with Him forever. Oh, joyful thought!

## ONLY ONE DAY AT A TIME

A certain lady had met with a serious accident which necessitated a very painful surgical operation and many months' confinement to her bed. When the physician had finished his work and was about taking his leave, the patient asked, "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here helpless?" "Oh, only one day at a time," was the cheery answer, and the poor sufferer was not only comforted for the moment, but many times during the succeeding months did the thought, "Only one day at a time," come back with its quieting influence. I think it was Sidney Smith who recommended taking "short views" as a good safeguard against needless worry; and one, far wiser than he, said: "Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

## MORE THAN WORDS

*How can I express my love  
So that it will show,  
In my life for God, my king,  
That the world may know  
I am His and He is mine,  
That I seek to be  
Consecrated to the work  
He assigned for me.*

*Oh may I in all I do  
Radiate the love  
Of His Presence and His grace  
I am conscious of.  
May the kindness and the cheer  
Of my life each day  
Be expression from my heart  
More than words can say.*

— Della Adams Leitner