

# The Conquering Word

*By Hans R. Waldvogel*

*"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called . . . The Word of God . . . And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword . . . and He hath on His vesture a name written, KING OF KINGS."*

THE Word of God, this Sword of the Lord, holds a very important place in the plan of God. It is my purpose to call your attention to its significance in connection with this passage of scripture.

Who is this King, coming upon a white horse, crowned with many crowns? And who are in that great army which follow Him? The saints of God clothed in His righteousness. And what is this great army going forth to conquer? The beast, his kingdom, to slay all the enemies of the Lord, and to bring victory for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Especially interesting is the fact that this Rider upon the white horse is Himself called The Word of God. In Hebrews the Word of God is said to be "sharper than any two-edged sword," "a discerner of the heart." In the next verse the Apostle goes on to say, "Neither is there any creature that is not "opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." First, the writer speaks of the Word as something written or spoken. Then he refers to it as a Person. This mighty Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. You can't separate Jesus Christ from God's Word.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." And you know, He never put His words into writing. He left that to the Holy Ghost, and to His apostles to do. Yet today, two thousand years after this Word was spoken, the Word of God is more mightily active in shaping the destiny of nations and of men than ever before. Today more Bibles are being desired than can be printed. More Bibles are being sold than ever before in the history of the world. Millions are reaching out their hands for the Bread of Heaven.

Did you notice that this great army which comes out of heaven and follows this Rider upon the white horse is following the Word of God? On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came down from Heaven like a mighty, rushing wind, He began to fill the whole earth with the power of the Word of God. What a triumphant march the Word of God is having! Today, wherever you see miracles happen, wherever you see people baptized in the Holy Spirit, wherever you witness a wonderful healing by the power of God, it is due to this living Word. He sent His Word and healed them. Every victory accomplished is not by the clash of swords of steel but by the

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Sword that proceeds out of His mouth. That Sword is a sharp sword, a Sword that smites.

Have *you* ever come under the power of this Sword? There is so much spoken of in the Bible about the power of the Word of God.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" . . . "By taking heed thereto." That is clear advice to young men and women. The young man who wants to come up without spot and without a blush when Jesus Christ appears is going to take heed unto the Word of God.

He also talks about the children. Speaking to Timothy, Paul says, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." What a mighty means of grace God has put at the disposal of fathers and mothers wherewith to train their little ones in the fear of the Lord and get them ready for Jesus! It was because Timothy was instructed by his grandmother and his mother in the Word of God that he became a choice soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again David says, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I

might not sin against Thee." You think that you will succeed in keeping from sinning against the Lord without keeping that Word *hidden* within your heart? It isn't sufficient just to read it, just to take it intellectually into your mind. No. "Thy Word I have *hid* in my heart." That requires work, Bible study, *the true Bible study* that God calls for among all His people.

Does the Word of God keep *you* from sinning? Has it become a mighty light within your heart? Has it become a mighty power that keeps you not only from gross sins but also from those sins which are considered little? They really are not, you know, and it is the little foxes that spoil the vines. Have you discovered that the Word of God treats you as a son? It is your Father dealing with you. "My son, give me thine heart and let thine eyes observe My ways."

There are people who are satisfied to keep from sins that might make them appear bad in the eyes of people, but oh, when these words of God are hidden in your heart, they will be as the flaming eyes of the Almighty God, searching the very depths of your soul, not allowing the

slightest sin to remain uncovered.

Infinite, precious promises are given to those who abide in this wonderful Word of God. The greatest of course is John 14:21. "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them." You have to read the Bible if you want to know His commandments. If you love them, you will read them; get acquainted with them; find out what the Bible has to say. Find out what Jesus has to say. How can you keep His commandments? Store your hearts and minds with the Word of God so that at every turn of the way there may be a voice telling you which way to go; there may be the guiding light; there may be direction.

The greatest of all promises is, "*I will manifest myself to them.*" Shouldn't that make everybody an ardent student of the Bible? What makes us to be spiritually asleep and care-  
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# The Baron De Renty

By ROY M. GRAY

*Baron De Renty (1611-1649) has long been famous as a man who walked with God, and his life and writings have been a source of inspiration to many who desire to live in unbroken fellowship with God. A nobleman with many business interests, an active soldier, a statesman who was "counsellor to King Louis XIII" of France, he was primarily a man of God. In the following brief sketch Roy M. Gray, well-known preacher and Bible teacher of Bell, California, gives the secret of De Renty's spiritual life.*

**B**ARON Gaston John Baptist De Renty, a Frenchman of the seventeenth century, was a man of brilliant intellectual gifts and inheritor of wealth. But he was something more—a man of God whose life still shines with heavenly radiance. The interesting thing about him is that he was a man of great outward activity in so many diverse spheres as well as being a man who lived a deeply inward spiritual life. He was active in matters not only relating to his own interests but also to those of rich and poor, in things both spiritual and temporal. He toiled in spiritual works as diverse as counselling with bishops and comforting the slum-dwellers of Paris, in helping to found seminaries for the training of preachers, and finishing the bas-

network of some poor man who had taken sick, and doing a better job than the man himself. He was a competent worker in a variety of occupations requiring the skill of an artisan, and yet before his conversion he wrote original treatises on higher mathematics. Such was the Baron De Renty, a marquis really, but who refused to accept the title.

His life speaks to us because we so often excuse our failure to live a truly spiritual life by pointing to the many demands upon our time, the many duties by which we are hemmed in. But De Renty learned to do all things for the glory of God and found that the reigning Christ within can bend all to His will and make every activity of our lives to glorify Himself and actually contribute to our spiritual well-being. Ah, De Renty, let us learn your secret!

His conversion came about through the reading of the "Imitation of Christ"; and later, at the age of twenty-seven, through the influence of a godly servant of Christ, he was brought to a life of the fullest consecration. He had tried vainly, when just converted, to leave the world and all its honors by withdrawing to a monastery, but this his parents had discountenanced and forbidden. He had accordingly settled down to do the will of God in the

sphere to which birth had destined him. But now he renounced the world, broke entirely with it, so far as his responsibilities in life enabled him. The court of France with its glitter he forsook; every employment which had only worldly honor and praise as its end was forsaken that he might devote himself entirely to the glory of God and the good of his fellow men. He increased his hours of prayer, filled the day with attention to God, and found that "everything spoke to him of God." His love for Jesus became a flame which consumed him. It is not to be wondered at that at the close of a certain year he was able to record humbly in his diary that never once throughout that year had he lost the presence of God. How many have that testimony today? And yet, he died a comparatively young man, not having finished his thirty-eighth year.

What is the secret of such a life, brought to perfection in such a short time? It is easy to find. One of his biographers says: "If we now proceed to examine the source and principle of those virtues which shone so eminently in De Renty from the very beginning of his full conversion of heart to God, we shall find it to be close union with our Lord Jesus Christ, to which all his aims were directed, that

union of conformity which operates an entire transformation in the whole being."

Jesus was De Renty's life. Not only was union with this adorable Lord the end at which he aimed but also the beginning and the means for achieving the end. He was deeply possessed with the conviction that without Jesus he could do nothing. Blessed knowledge of which it might be said that "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father Who is in heaven." To humble hearts the Holy Spirit shows that no thought, word, or action is pleasing to God which does not have its source in the Spirit of Jesus within. Oh, holy emptiness, which allows the fulness of Jesus' life to be manifested! In the last years of his life, he entered into such perfection of oneness with Jesus that indeed, like Paul, he no longer lived but Christ lived in him. At this time he writes: "I feel a great need of Jesus Christ, but I am bound to tell you, both from gratitude to the mercy of God and from the certainty of its truth, that I feel that He is more dominant in me than I myself. I know indeed that in myself I am nothing but sin, but withal I experience our Lord within me Who is my strength, my life, my peace, my all." His speaking of his need was no mere commonplace which all Christians might speak of as something quite evident and universally acknowledged, but the expression of an "intimate craving of the soul." He was engrossed with Jesus Christ; his application to Him was unceasing. He thought of Him, he loved Him, he did all for Him. Indeed he had no interest in anything in which he did not find Jesus. It mattered

not how good or innocent it might be; to De Renty it was tasteless. He had no desire to hear of any one who did not speak of Jesus and whose life and ministry were not the direct result of the inflow of Jesus' life. "I might see," said he of such a one, "miracles, prodigies, but if I do not see Jesus Christ nor hear anything of Him, I reckon all to be mere trifling, waste of time, and a dangerous snare." It was because of his clear perception that Jesus was truly the Way and the Life that he had no confidence whatever in any of man's self-originated efforts. They might be well meant but would advance us little in holiness or likeness to Christ; only that activity which results from a close union with Jesus accomplishes the will of God in us. Such a conviction made his weakness his greatest asset for it drove him irresistibly to lean on Jesus, to look to



## Credo

*Not what, but Who, I do believe,  
That, in my darkest hour of need,  
Hath comfort that no mortal creed  
To mortal man may give; —*

*Not what, but Who!  
For Christ is more than all the  
creeds,  
And His full life of gentle deeds  
Shall all the creeds outlive.*

*Not what I do believe, but Who!  
Who walks beside me in the  
gloom?  
Who shares the burden wearisome?*

*Who all the dim way doth illumine,  
And bids me look beyond the tomb  
The larger life to live? —*

*Not what I do believe,  
But Who!  
Not what  
But Who!*

JOHN OXENHAM.

Him always for all strength, wisdom, holiness, all. Oh, blessed life of Jesus lived within! Here indeed we can all be more than conquerors. Here is a life that never fails. We are not to look at De Renty and fall helpless before his towering spiritual stature but at De Renty's Saviour and have faith that His greatness will lift us up as it did him. A great Saviour is what we need and have. Let us want only Jesus.

To a friend he wrote: "I adore and bless with all my heart our Lord Jesus Christ in that He is opening His heart to you that He may wholly possess yours. He will cause it to die and reduce it to a holy poverty in order that you may taste the true life and all riches, and will make you confess that to belong to Jesus Christ is a great mercy." He then speaks of being possessed by the Spirit of Christ Who will give us the "energy and the sentiments of the children of God. Every other exercise of the presence of God and application of mind to the Divine Majesty which is not made in union with the Soul of Jesus Christ is that of a creature towards its Creator which indeed implies respect, but does not impart the life and the movements of the children of God towards their Father; it is by joining ourselves to the interior operations of Jesus Christ that we acquire the affections of true children which we cannot save in union with the true Son." In these words he shows us how completely he discounted even the highest spiritual activities of man except they were the result of his being joined to the Source of all life. Jesus Himself was quite literally the

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# Following the Good Shepherd

Report from Pastor H. Waldvogel in Europe

PASTOR Hans Waldvogel and his niece, Miss Wally Roth, landed in Zurich, April 14, spent the night there and ministered in the Tuesday evening service. God met this gathering in a blessed way. As Pastor Waldvogel expressed it, "One could feel that the Lord had visited this place with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

From Zurich they visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waldvogel at the Bible School in Stuttgart. Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon Pastor Waldvogel spoke to the students, about twenty-five in all, and every one on fire for God. These young men do practical work in Kirchheim, where the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday night. The place was packed and filled with the glory of God. It is evident that the people in Kirchheim have prospered in the Lord under Walter Waldvogel's ministry. They have learned how to worship Jesus and enjoy His presence. Many have grown in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is most encouraging. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Waldvogel are doing a splendid job in fostering Sunday schools in Germany. They now supply more than one hundred Sunday schools with literature.

Then on to Hamburg to attend the convention with two services daily. Those attended thus far have revealed a marked growth in the work. Pastor Lardon has caught the vision of letting Jesus be in charge. "As he

puts Jesus first, people do, and they come to meet the Lord." Particularly encouraging were the testimonies given by people who have been healed either last year or this week. Several have been outstanding cases. One man testified to having been healed of a rupture of twenty-five years. A man introduced his wife and told how she had been healed of rheumatism. The doctors were astonished by her testimony for she had been pronounced incurable. Among those who came for salvation was a young man named Waldvogel (no relation!). Another man who said he had tried for forty-three years to get out of God's way was convicted and came to surrender his life.

Miss Roth is doing an excellent job at the organ which is a tremendous help to the success of the meetings. Surely the

Lord has been undertaking along every line. Mr. Walter Fette had arrived in Hamburg a few days previously, bringing with him the organ and other equipment necessary for the campaign. He, too, has entered right in and takes his place. He is an excellent help and wonderfully faithful.

Many doors are opening, one of which is an invitation to Wuppertal. A hall seating two thousand is all ready just to be taken over for meetings. Best of all, there are ministers there who can follow up the work after the evangelistic campaign. This is very important, for many times an evangelist will gather a group of people who will have to be "shepherded" afterwards.

"We are thankful for all these leadings," reports Mr. Waldvogel. "Truly the Lord is our Shepherd, and as we let Him go before and insist on following, He will lead us in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. This has been our por-

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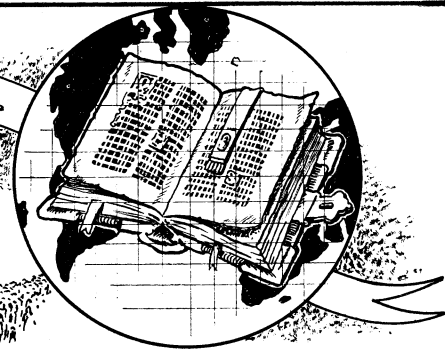
**Pastor and Mrs. Rudolph Kalis and Robert**

Robert sailed April 24th to join Pastor H. Waldvogel and party in Europe where he will be playing his trumpet in the services. His parents are ministers of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, Elizabeth, N. J.

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

## Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



## African Travelogue

By MISS ELEANOR MALHUS

In the April issue of *Bread of Life* the first news from Miss Eleanor Malhus enroute to Kenya, British East Africa, was printed. We continue the account of her trip:

Our first stop was on March 21st when we pulled into Cape Town. We were there only for the day and left late that afternoon to reach Port Elizabeth, where I was looking forward to seeing Helen. Imagine my surprise, when the ship was pulling into the pier, to see someone on the dock waving at us. Lo, and behold it was Helen! (Helen Hoss, from the Ridgewood assembly, missionary in Port Elizabeth for the past two years.) I can hardly begin to tell you what a wonderful feeling it was to see someone from "home"!

We had so much to say to each other, we didn't know where to begin. We sat in my room on board ship and talked for about two hours. Then we started out in her little blue car to see the town.

The first place she took me to was where the colored people live. They make a difference in this country between what they call colored and natives. The

colored, as Helen has probably told you, are mixture of negroes and whites. The natives are pure negroes. Each dislikes the other and both are hated by the whites. She introduced me to some members of her congregation, and they were delighted to meet someone from Helen's "home church in America"!

That night, which was Monday, they were having a prayer meeting, but changed it instead to a regular meeting so the people would have an opportunity to meet us. There are two other missionaries on board, a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. DeYoung from Camp-of-the-Woods, who came along with us to the service that night. It did our souls good to hear those people sing and testify! They testified in Africaans and then someone interpreted it into English for us. They all had to testify and after every testimony, they began a chorus or sang a song.

Our boat stayed in Port Elizabeth for three days. We had wonderful fellowship together. On Tuesday night, there was a group of young people who went to sing in one of the hospitals, and I went along with them. They testified in Africaans and

Xosa (the native language). When we spoke in English, it was translated into Xosa. It reminded me so much of the work that Helen did at home.

Helen plays the accordion. She does a very good job at it, and we all enjoyed her playing in the meetings.

Wednesday night the Africans or negroes had a meeting in one of the schoolhouses right near the dock. We were able to attend for only an hour because our ship was scheduled to leave. It did my heart good to hear those people sing! They really put their hearts into every song and keep singing it over and over a number of times.

It was so hard to have to say good-bye to her when the whistle blew and we felt the ship pulling away from the pier! Helen and I are both hoping that we may get together again some day in the not too distant future. It meant so much to both of us to have this opportunity of being together those few days. We were so thankful that the Lord had arranged it for us.

Our ship pulled into Mom-basa, just outside the harbor, at 8 a.m. on April 6th—Missionary Sunday. We had to take a launch to get ashore. There were 7 of us getting off. We all headed for customs. The Lord was good to me in that he sent

an Englishman my way. He was very nice and had a good sense of humor. It took just about five minutes.

We headed for a taxi to take us to the hotel where we were going to spend the night and decide about making our trip inland. I had my baggage in the cab and one foot in the door when a man approached us and asked for me. He had just received a telegram from Marie (Marie Dilger, missionary, with whom Miss Malhus will work), and was asked to meet me. The paper had announced the arrival of our ship for April 15th at the earliest and here we were arriving on the 6th!

The man, Mr. Whibley, said I would be staying at his house, and Marie was coming down on the 10th to meet me. So, it turned out that instead of Marie meeting me at the ship, I met her at the train! What a turnaround that was! All I can do is lift my heart in thanksgiving and praise for His goodness to me! I can't put into words what a joy and peace the Lord has put into my soul.

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less about these things? How is it that there is so much disobedience to this blessed Word of God? How is it that people dare to do things which the Bible commands not to do? Is it because they don't love Him sufficiently? "I will manifest Myself to them." Is there a greater victory possible for any human being than to have Jesus? I cannot make Him manifest Himself. I cannot know Him until *He* manifests Himself to me, but here He shows me the way: "He that hath *my* com-

mandments." I have them, thank God. What am I to do with them? Hide them in my heart. Oh, that wonderful Word will give you light, and instruction, and intelligence, and wisdom. David says, "By Thy Word Thou hast made me wiser than all my teachers because I have respect unto Thy commandments."

Everyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ ought to become an ardent Bible student. And this kind of Bible study is so easy, anyone can do it. These commands of Jesus are so very simple, even a child can grasp them. God, the Holy Spirit, makes them real. Do you talk like Jesus wants you to talk? I hope that the gross sins have been put aside. He says, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Isn't that simple?

There are so many instructions given in the Bible that will tell us how to live in the presence of the Lord; how to use my mouth and how not to use it, that Jesus might be glorified; how to think; how to act; what attitudes to have towards other people; how to live in our homes; how to be on the street. O, glory to God for His blessed Word and I am so thankful for this 19th chapter of Revelation because it tells us the victory is surely coming, and Jesus Christ, the King of Glory is soon to come with thundering music out of Heaven with the chariots of His glory and power striking fear to the hearts of all His enemies. They all shall lick the dust of His feet. The Bible says they shall all weep and wail.

They will all cry for the rocks and for the mountains, "Fall upon us and cover us from His face." There will be no escape when He comes in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the Gospel of the Lord. That great final victory, as well as our present victory, is by the sharp, two-edged Sword.

Following Him is that great army, His own chosen army of those who *have obeyed* the Gospel, who *have bowed* to His Word, who *have defeated* the enemy in their daily lives by taking heed to the truth. They are called and chosen and faithful. God has called us as well. Let us make sure He chooses us.

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tion and experience for many, many years, and we know it will be throughout the ages of eternity. May we be teachable and learn not to go before but always to let Him go before. How often we fail of God's greatest will and plan because we have a will and plan of our own and insist on carrying that through. But to lie prostrate at His feet, and to wait before our God, as David expresses it, is difficult for the flesh, but oh, so very wonderful in its outworkings. My soul, wait thou only upon God for my expectation is from Him. How gloriously He becomes the great Shepherd of the Sheep, Whom God brought again from the dead, working that which is well-pleasing in His sight when we accept Him as our Leader and King.

"Our warmest greetings to all at home."

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The purpose of the prayer life is to have Christ come to you.

# SERVICE



# ECHOES

*Sal Gaglio* is shipping about May 15 from his present location in the southern part of Germany to be stationed further north. He is especially happy for this as it will bring him nearer the evangelistic party.

*Rolf Bocker* has just completed a furlough before leaving for Camp Stoneman, California. From there he has been assigned to duty in the Far Eastern Command.

*Carl Pra*, now in Germany, should be discharged the middle of October.

*William Liebmann*, still in Korea, hopes to be back in the United States in July.

*Rudolph Josenhans* has been

returned to Fort Custer, Michigan, with the prospect of being stationed there indefinitely.

*Herman Depold* and *Edmund Kerut* are still at Shepard Base, Texas.

*Edwin Fette* has just completed his boot training and has been recommended for Commissary School.

*Fred Ziegler* was graduated with *Eddie Fette*.

*Joseph Schilly* has recently received a definite answer to prayer: a change of job. He is now with the maintenance crew of his outfit. Recently he visited Miss J. Leshner, sister of Mr. K. Sailer of Pilgrim Camp, Brant Lake.

## My High Priest

By ONE OF OUR SERVICEMEN

*"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, . . . let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* HEBREWS 4:14-16.

What a wonderful thought that Jesus tasted not only death but went through every trial and temptation subject to man. In confidence I can pour out my soul to Him knowing He understands fully. He suffered, toiled, agonized, and came out "without sin" to bring me as a son into Glory, being Himself the perfect, sinless Captain of my Salvation. My heart has been made to see the great condescension Jesus had to undergo to taste death for me. As the song goes, "Out of the ivory palaces, into a world of woe," truly love, yea, the very love of God pulsed from His heart to make me a blood-washed, redeemed, sanctified, justified son of God. In His nature it behooved Him to be made like me, with my passion to subdue, my failures to conquer, so that He might be a merciful, understanding High Priest.

Then we are given the wonderful invitation for cleansing, pardon, and renewing from the throne of God. Come boldly to the throne of God? Oh, how could I ever, ever be worthy to do this on my own righteousness? He became sin for me; He rent the veil in twain for me! Yes, I come boldly, fully resting on His righteousness, His sacrifice, His Deity, claiming all the help my soul is needing day by day, moment by moment!



*Carl and Danny*

Dear Friends,

I am glad that the Lord enabled me to have a twenty-five day leave, so I could be home and attend some good meetings.

The plane trip to California was very nice, and I enjoyed the trip very much. Now I have to start Marine life again, just as I was beginning to feel like a civilian.

The verse that blessed me in this week's lesson\* was, "For with God nothing shall be impossible," Luke 1:37. So I'm trusting God in all things, and I believe that He will work all things together for good wherever I go.

I met Danny Pellegrino here at camp. He is stationed about one-half mile from where I am.

Your friend in Christ,

CARL.

\*Carl refers to the Correspondence Bible Course which he and a number of other servicemen are taking. This course is free to any serviceman upon request.—Ed.



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life of this humble man. And let me tell it to my own heart: "Jesus wants to be my life, too." Such persons can well speak of "needing" Jesus. When Jesus becomes our breath, our life, our very existence, then surely we do need Him.

We might next ask, how does a person live who feels such a keen need of Jesus, not merely as an objective Saviour but as an inward life? Such a clear inward light on the nature of the new life into which the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit have brought us acts also as light on how this life can alone be sustained and brought to fulness. A person who sees the one espouses the other. "Ah," says De Renty, "the great imperfection of souls is not to wait enough upon God; the active nature, unsubdued, seizes upon fair pretexts to intermeddle, and thinks it is doing wonders; and yet this is what stains the purity of the soul, troubles its silence, and diverts its eye of faith, trust, and love; whence it results that the Father of Lights does not express in us His Eternal Word, and does not produce in us His Spirit of love." He then speaks of "all those dispositions of grace to which Jesus Christ desires to associate us; the chief of which is, even as it was in Himself as man, to do nothing of ourselves, to speak and act according as we receive, knowing that we are not alone in performing our work but that the Holy Spirit Who is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, which ruled Him in all His ways, is in the midst of us." He finishes by noting that it is in this kind of life he

feels his "infirmity," senses his absolute weakness and inability to live such a life; here nevertheless is my attraction." Oh God, give us all this holy attraction to be abandoned to our Great King!

De Renty might have used the words of the sixty-second psalm: "Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from Him cometh my salvation." When a soul takes Jesus as its life all waking hours become a waiting upon God. De Renty's perfection of life developed as Abraham's did. God told his "friend": "Walk before me and (so) be perfect." Only in the bright presence of God experimentally enjoyed can any true perfection blossom and bear fruit.

He loved the presence of Jesus with such a holy passion that necessarily he held the world in utmost contempt. He longed for a life of complete separation from men; he longed for anonymity; he wanted to be unknown. And we have seen that he tried to achieve this in a self-chosen way by fleeing to a monastery. But he learned that God could lead him into such a place of hiddenness and enjoyment of Himself while still leaving him physically in the world he despised. And strongly enough the man who longed to be thus separated from all yet came to such an activity of ministry to men and among men that the whole record of his ministrations has never been written, so rich and full was its development.

One day God spoke some words to him while he passed along a busy Parisian street. So absorbed was he in Jesus that he cared not to look to left or right to notice the people who passed him, although he had

many friends in this city. But at the same time, so humble was he that he had no desire to be peculiar or unusual in his attitudes. Perhaps God might want him to look about him. But the words that came to him rested his heart: "Care not to be known and do not stop to know." "How these words," he says, "seemed to create in me a great separation from the world! What a purging and purifying of the soul to be on earth only to behold God! Oh, assuredly he who should live as if unknown of all without regard to what the world says or thinks of him, choosing neither to know or to be known of any one, whether by name, following, or appearance; known only to our Lord—how naked, pure, and free in spirit would he walk! I was in the streets, in the midst of all their hubbub, pressed upon by the crowd, jostled, but as tranquil, as much united to God and occupied with Him as if I had been in a desert." And again, writing to a friend, he shows his attitude to this world: "And so it will be with us, all will pass away, and God alone will remain. Oh, how good it is to attach ourselves to Him only."

Here then we have the simple secret of De Renty's holy and fruitful life—he took *Jesus* to be his life and lived in His presence. To do the first he must renounce all other lords and all other ways of life (which are naught but ways of death) and give himself wholeheartedly in abandonment to Jesus; to do the second He must turn away from all other attractions giving himself up to the contemplation of the glory of Jesus. Oh my God, is this the simple yet sublime life you have called us all to? Then Jesus, here I come!



## ON SEEKING THE SPIRIT

*In the last issue of "Bread of Life" Mrs. Robinson told how the Lord used Exodus 33:21, 22, to enable her to receive healing. About eight years later when she was seeking for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, these verses were again a great encouragement to her, as she here relates.—EDITOR.*

**W**HEN God brought to me this blessed teaching concerning the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I first settled it by the Word and my soul with God that Jesus does baptize with the Holy Ghost, that He wills to baptize all, even me. Having settled this, I accepted Him in this capacity also, as I had accepted Him as my Saviour, Healer and Sanctifier.

After a period of deep seeking for God's work in me, I came into that place of confidence that the work would be done, and that I should be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Then God permitted my patience and faith to be severely tested by a long waiting time, in which there was no apparent change or progress.

"Let patience have her perfect work." How glibly we say it to others when they enter upon their testing times. How difficult it is to let it be worked out in our own experience.

I found all I could do was "to stand." Ah, I was on the Rock Christ Jesus, and had the invincible "promise of the Father" and all I could do was to wait for the "glory to pass by." Over and over I would say to myself when God seemed to delay, and Satan would tempt me to doubt or anxiety, "I am getting off the Rock, and I must patiently wait until the glory passes by."

I learned some new lessons. There are more ways than one of hindering the glory passing by. I found that in this patient waiting time one must watch as well.

I imagine Moses thought of nothing else until the glory passed by. We can't imagine him settling down to read, or write, or study out some problem, "in the meanwhile." Neither can we

imagine him slumbering—"taking a little nap"—until the blessing came. If he had done any of these things surely the glory never would have passed by. I think he was watching, expectant, earnest, undoubting, "watching for the glory," the sign God had given that He Himself would pass by.

While all seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost are not so situated that they can drop everything literally, and tarry in one place, yet it is possible for a man to so earnestly accept the blessing that He will get upon the Rock, and stay there, and continuously, unremittingly, expect Jesus to pour out the Holy Spirit.

Moses took no one with him to the secret place God showed Him. We have to come into our deep experiences alone in the Spirit. It may be in a meeting, or with companions, in our closet, or in a crowded office, store—but whatever comes to one in the spirit must come direct from God, and no one else can partake of our own especial experience. Words, as we testify, fail to convey one-half of the reality. And we stand alone. We must be shut in with God so that waking and sleeping, working or praying, the running current of thought is Jesus.

Many seek for a time, and then because there is delay, let their minds wander to other things, or get into a lethargic, indifferent spirit, which I have called "taking a nap." We are apt to deceive ourselves, under both these conditions, that we are really "waiting." Alas, no, God sees differently and we may "wait" indefinitely in this way. One may "tarry" indefinitely, that is, drop all other duties, and yet not truly tarry in spirit. And again one may be busy, but yet have a tarrying spirit—that is a waiting, expectant, prayerful spirit, and unbroken communion with God.

I learned these lessons largely through my experience, but praise His name, I stayed upon the Rock and waited until—the glory passed by, and *He* put me in the cleft of the Rock and "covered me there with His Hand."

Jesus baptized me with the Holy Ghost and truly, I find myself in the cleft of the Rock.

## WITH THE LORD

*A number of our readers will be interested to know of the home-going of Mr. Philip Mauro, author of the article, "The Titanic Tragedy," which appeared in the April issue of "Bread of Life." "After he had served his own generation by the will of God," he "fell on sleep" April 7, at the age of ninety-four.*

# A MODEL HOME



By ALICE R. FLOWER



WITH holy satisfaction God rested after all His marvelous creative labors. The earth, the sea, the sky gave witness to His power and wisdom in framing the universe which was to house His master-creation—Adam and Eve. For their special enjoyment God had planted a garden in which grew “every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food.” There was a special river to water that garden. God’s provision for man was a prospect beyond description. No wonder God rested, surveying the perfection of His handiwork with pleasure. “God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was very good.”

To Adam, the crowning earthly joy was the presentation of Eve, to share with him the loveliness of fair Eden. She was his God-given helpmeet. And now the first family was established in their home. The home was God’s first institution, the first unit of living and working together. But there was more than human association involved in the establishment of this first home. God talked with the man and the woman, instructed them, directed them. It was God’s garden, and Adam and Eve enjoyed its privileges only through communion with and obedience to Him.

There must have been other times when “they heard the voice of the Lord God as He came walking in the garden in the cool of the day”; times when, unconscious of nakedness before Him, they ran to meet Him as happy children would greet a loving parent. Then, through their disobedience, sin, shame, and fear enveloped them. Their communion with God was broken, and they were banished from their beautiful garden-home. Somewhere else they established another home—a poor substitute for the first home where they had enjoyed full and satisfying fellowship with God.

God was greatly disappointed because of the failure of the first home. It was many years afterward that He called Abraham. And then, in dealing with Him, again God emphasized right family relationships. Strong words, these: “I know him (Abraham) that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him,” Genesis 18:19. The fulfillment of God’s promises depended on how faithfully Abraham administered the proper discipline and direction of his children and servants.

Early Hebrew history reveals that God taught His chosen people principles which would ensure to them national unity and success. Throughout their wilderness journeyings, and as they took possession of the land of Canaan, God continually laid emphasis on household or family unity in righteous living. The Passover gives the two-fold aspect of this emphasis: the blood of the slain

lamb on the door for protection; the family gathered within to partake of the roast lamb for sustenance for the difficult journey ahead. Sometimes the first phase of the Passover is overstressed, and the significance of the second phase is lost.

You must recognize the blood on the doorposts and the lintels of your home, acknowledging faith in the finished work of our Redeemer for the need of your children. Take the bunch of hyssop and by faith make definite, frequent applications of it, as did Job by his constant intercession for his children. Job 1:5. But, never forget, there is a subsequent responsibility of fathers and mothers to gather together their households to partake of the “Lamb,” the Word of our God which liveth and abideth forever. The failure of parents to observe this responsibility is perhaps the chief reason that supposedly godly parents sometimes have wayward children. From early infancy there must be “line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.” God’s moving in the heart of a child normally begins in the home. It was the wise man who said, “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6.

God had far-reaching sight for the endurance of the Hebrew nation, so He emphasized the need of strong household recognition of God’s Word. As the Hebrew home was, so would be the Hebrew nation. Soundness in family life meant healthy grass roots for the kingdom to be established later. For all time the stability of Jewish home life has been unsurpassed, and the evil of divorce the least menacing to them.

An unknown author has written, “The Bible has been the cornerstone of the best homes always and everywhere. The home was where the Bible was first used by Christians. The churches met in homes; the schools, likewise. The church and the school have outgrown the home, but the Bible still does its best work in its original setting.

“The successful use of the Bible in the home lies with the parents. Underneath all else must be an unshakable conviction that, in spite of all the difficulties attendant on securing time for the reading and study of the Bible, it must play a major role in the family’s common life and in the individual lives of all members. It is important that the family’s interest in the Bible be natural, unforced. On the assumption that it is one of the common interests of the group, it should find its natural place in the table talk and fireside chats of the family circle. Thus the Word is made to live in the life of a home. On almost all its pages the Bible presents man as seeking God’s approval. One cannot live with the Book by daily habit and not himself grow in his desire and capacity to please his

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# FAMILY BY-LAWS

By SUSANNAH WESLEY

The following by-laws, as she termed them, were observed by Mrs. Wesley in the training of her nineteen children, best known of whom were John and Charles Wesley.

1. *That whoever was charged with a fault of which they were guilty, if they would ingenuously confess it, and promise to amend, should not be beaten.*

2. *That no sinful action should ever pass unpunished.*

3. *That no child should ever be chid, or beat twice for the same fault; and that if they amended, they should never be upbraided with it afterwards.*

4. *That every signal act of obedience should be always commended, and frequently rewarded, according to the merits of the cause.*

5. *That if ever any child performed an act of obedience, or did any thing with an intention to please, though the performance was not well, yet, the obedience and intention should be kindly accepted, and the child with sweetness directed how to do better for the future.*

6. *That property be inviolably preserved, and none suffered to invade the property of another in the smallest matter.*

7. *That promises be strictly observed.*

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Maker. Constant thinking of things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, produces what is noblest in human character, and pays the highest dividends on the investment in a home."

A young mother asked an evangelist when she should start training her five-year-old child for God. He answered, "You are five years too late now. You have already missed the most valuable years of opportunity in your child's life. Go home at once and erect your family altar. With God's blessing upon your family worship, you may be able to redeem some of the years the locusts of neglect have eaten."

Tom Paine said he was an infidel before he was five, the product of his home influence.

Thomas Guthrie wrote: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than your Bible, any house better than God's house, any person better than the Lord Jesus, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven, TAKE ALARM!"

To every father and mother we say: If you find yourself pampering, entertaining, pleasing your children to the neglect of praying with and for them, TAKE GREAT ALARM! You are responsible for their souls as well as their bodies, and God will not hold you guiltless.

The prophet Isaiah said, "The father to the children shall make known thy truth." When sons and daughters see parents concerned to make their homes what God would desire; when children see in deed and in word the manifestation of consistent, sacrificial living, there will follow a revival of godly fear and righteous living.

Though a home may be beautifully complete in every detail of its furnishings and comfort, there is no compensation for a lack of an altar of prayer. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich." Every relationship of life is sweetened and ennobled when God is worshiped and honored in the home. A plain little home in which God is given first place can become a holy sanctuary of blessing to all who enter its portals.

—Our Sunday School Counsellor.