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## *"If That I May Apprehend"*

*Has the vision that He gave you  
Been fading from your view?  
Have you lost the holy fire  
Which once your spirit knew?*

*Is the pathway less alluring  
That your eager feet once trod?  
Have you lost that sweet communion  
Which of yore you held with God?*

*Do you find your heart returning  
To the things once left behind?  
Is there "strange fire" on your altar  
Where once God's glory shined?*

*Or are you still pursuing  
The upward calling, grand?  
Are the holy fires still burning? —  
By the Spirit are they fanned?*

*Are you running, running swiftly,  
Letting naught your course impede?  
Not in fleshly zeal and knowledge—  
But with Holy Spirit speed?*

*O soul, beloved of Jesus,  
Do not the Spirit wound,  
Remove thy shoes from off thy feet,  
Walk still on "holy ground."*

—BERNICE C. LEE.

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# What Are You Doing with Your Talent?

By HANS R. WALDVOGEL

*His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord (MATT. 25:23).*

THE HOUR is coming when the Lord is going to look us over. In fact, He is looking us over today.

Do you know Him as your Lord and your "Boss"? Do you obey Him? I am so glad that I have a Lord. I am so thankful that my Jesus is not only my Saviour, but He is really my "Boss." He is my Lord. He is my King. He gives me orders. He has given me a job to do. There is not a single child of God in all the world, nor ever has been, who has not had a job given to him by the Lord, and he can do that job well or badly.

Now in this parable of the talents we have some who did well and some who did badly. Here is a fellow who did well, and the Lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And there was another fellow to whom the Lord said, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sow not. Take him, therefore, and cast him into outer darkness."

I wonder if everyone of us has come to the place where we have accepted our job from the Lord, where we realize that we do not belong to ourselves anymore.

It is such a wonderful thing to be saved. Now, the people of this world look down upon us sometimes, and sometimes they have reason to, but what are *they* living for? Just for the worms and for the worm that dieth not and the fire that is not quenched. What were you and I living for before we got saved?

We are ashamed of it now, are we not? That is what the Bible says, adding that the fruit we brought forth was fruit unto death. We lived in the flesh, in lust, in lasciviousness, serving only this body of ours and seeking only our pleasures. The world is living like that, but oh, how wonderful to be saved, how wonderful to have a purpose in life, how wonderful not only to live for a few years upon this earth but to know that we are sowing and that we are going to reap eternally! That we are building for all eternity. That is the kind of a job my Lord and my Saviour gave me.

I said to somebody some time ago, "I wish I could have all the pieces of jewelry gathered together before me which I made when I was in the jewelry shop." Some of them I would be proud of and some I would be ashamed of, but it would be very interesting to have all the necklaces and rings and bracelets and all the other things that I made—even those which I made when a boy, when I was just an apprentice. It would be very interesting to me, but those things, most of them, I suppose, have worn out by this time, and they will perish. But, oh, how wonderful some day to enter into the joy of my Lord and to find the works that follow those who are faithful to Him.

Do you have a LORD? Have you accepted your job from your Jesus? Some day He is going to take us to task, and then He wants us to enter into the joy

of the Lord, not only *my* joy.

That reminds me of a ring I made one time while still an apprentice. I surely had a hard time with it. I hammered and filed and soldered, but the thing did not want to come out right as I wanted it to, I thought. Finally I turned it in to the boss, and I thought sure he would bring it back. But he said, "You could not make anything nicer than this." I was so glad to hear that, that the job pleased my boss. But what will it be to hear out of His mouth, "Well done, good and faithful servant. I watched you, and not only that, but here is the result of your labor."

There are so many children of God who have never accepted their job from the Lord. They do as they please. They sing, "Sweet will of God, still fold me closer," but they never find what talents Jesus Christ has given to them, what material He has given to them to work with.

Here is a wonderful job—to be filled with the Holy Ghost and to live in the Spirit and find out that rivers of living water will issue forth from your heart and your life and bless somebody else. No matter how little you are, no matter how insignificant you are, God has a fountain for you. If you will but yield yourself to Jesus and say, "I do not belong to myself anymore, I am Yours," He will give you His Spirit.

You may not have any great gifts of the Holy Ghost such as are mentioned in the Bible, but

you can pray. That is one of the things every saint of God can do and, more than that, you can pray in the Holy Ghost. You can do more than that, you can shine for Jesus, you can bear the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy and peace. O what a blessing will come to other lives when you bear the fruit of the Spirit, and instead of being an old and crabbed and selfish person, you will live for others. Sometimes just a word spoken in the love of God will lift somebody else, will take the burden from somebody else.

O child of God, do you know God has given you a talent?

What are you doing with the talent God has given you? Are you studying to prove yourself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed? To the young man Timothy, the Apostle writes, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee. Meditate upon these things. Give thyself *wholly* to them that thy profiting might appear unto all."

How many people like to have just a little bit to say. They are like a certain cannibal chief who got saved, and when he was baptized he held up his right hand, when the minister tried to put it under, and said, "That hand belongs to me. You can baptize me, but not this hand. I need it to swing my tomahawk." Oh yes, and what do you need to "bawl" somebody out with? What do you need to smite somebody on the cheek with? Have you been buried with Christ? Are you mortifying the deeds of the body? Are you honest towards your God? Are you living in the Spirit? Are you presenting your body a living sacrifice, a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work?

I am afraid, folks, if we do not wake up, we are going to lose our crown. Do you know Pentecost has gotten into a place where the lights are going out

in many, many lives? Why? Because people insist on living in the flesh during the day, and when they come to meeting, they cannot rise to receive the Word of God, they cannot rise to take Jesus and get the help they need. Oh, if they had called upon Jesus all day and all night, they would get something in the meeting because the Master walks in the midst. That is Pentecost, and nothing else is Pentecost.

You can shout and you can imitate anything you please, but only Jesus who fills all the universe with the light of His blazing eyes, He who fills heaven with the thunder of His voice, He is the only One who can satisfy the heart and keep you in God. He is that Bread of God that comes down from heaven that a man may eat thereof and not die. He is the One who is given to us; it is Himself. It is by Christ that we are filled with the fruits of righteousness.

What are you doing with that talent? What are you doing with your two or five or ten talents? What are you doing, child of God? Are you bringing others besides it?

It will be apparent to everybody else when a man is growing in the Spirit, when a woman is a joy to the Lord. Oh, how wonderfully apparent it is in this world when anyone really lives for Jesus and aims to please the Lord and to live no more to the flesh, but lives for God and God lives in him. The Holy Ghost has given to such the gift of grace and of righteousness. They live by the power of God and indeed have the true fruits or works. They bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. There is an outflow of the life of God. One can feel it, but, listen, what will be the difference when Jesus comes? Will He say, "Enter into the joy of the Lord. You have been faithful in the least. Now I will

make you ruler over everything."

Here a slave, a slave of love, working and suffering, if necessary denying self, and there they shall reign with Him forever and ever, Hallelujah!

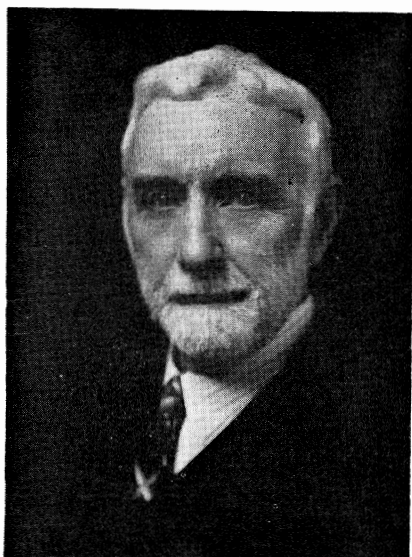
Oh, beloved, if we had but a little glimpse of the reward that Jesus Christ has for us, we would not waste a moment, we would not give one atom to the things of the flesh and the world, but we would certainly reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin and we would not let sin reign over us. It cannot if we do not let it. Oh, with what vigor, what zeal, what earnest desire would we turn our time into eternity.

O young people, what are you doing with the opportunities and talents God has given you? You can serve the flesh if you like and die in the end, or you can by the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body and live and know the companionship of Jesus. He will lift you and lift you and even here there will come the testimony from the Lord—"Well done!" Every once in awhile He will lay His hand upon you like He did on Paul when He said, "Do not be afraid. They all run away. Do not be scared. I am with you, Paul."

Does not the Spirit of God teach you these things? Does not He show you things to come, or are you blind and miserable and poor and wretched and naked because you are living unto self? Let Jesus give you gold that is tried in the fire. Let us take it to heart.

It matters not if you are the least. Jesus Christ today is not weighing the talents and saying, "Now, you have a whole lot and you are going to reign." No, you will reign only if you have been faithful. Oh, that is the thing Jesus is looking at—faithfulness.

We talk about faithfulness  
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Philip Mauro

January 7, 1859-April 7, 1952

# Champion of the Kingdom

THE STORY OF PHILIP MAURO

*How an Internationally Famous Patent Lawyer Was Converted to Christ and Then Devoted His Life to "Persuading the Things Concerning The Kingdom of God"*

By GORDON P. GARDINER

## PART IX (CONCLUSION)

"THE PUBLICATION of this periodical," wrote Philip Mauro in an editorial in *The Last Hour*, for November, 1927, "has continued month by month, for a period of seven years (ending with December of the current year); and the editor gives thanks to God for the enabling grace that has made this a possibility. He has now come, however, though not without much reluctance, to the conclusion that he is not to assume responsibility for its continuance beyond the current year.

"The main reason impelling him to this conclusion is that, under the incumbrance of added years and added responsibilities, he thinks he ought not longer undertake a work so exacting as that of issuing a periodical; which, in order to keep faith with the subscribers, must go to press at a fixed time each month of the year. . . .

"Other reasons might be given, but there is no need; for it will doubtless be clear to our readers from the foregoing statement that the editor's min-

istry with the pen must henceforth take a more flexible form than that of a monthly periodical, whereof *the entire responsibility rests upon his individual shoulders.*"

Among the "other reasons" referred to was the fact that Philip Mauro had returned to the practice of law with his late law firm, Mauro and Lewis, in Washington, D.C.

For years Mr. Mauro had retained only the slightest nominal connection, having severed all active relations, with his former firm. In recent months, however, he had taken an occasional case. In April of this year (1927), for example, he had won the suit in *Overland v. Packard* in a decision rendered by Chief Justice William Howard Taft. (Mr. Mauro's brief for this case is considered a model of clarity and logic by one of the present leading patent lawyers of New York City, Dean Edmonds.)

Once his firm realized that "the immense value of his help was once more available, much

pressure was brought to bear on his actual and active participation in the work." Various circumstances seemed to indicate to Mr. Mauro that to follow this course was the leading of the Lord for him at the time.

As for Mr. Mauro's "ministry with the pen," this, too, continued with the publication of *The Gospel of the Kingdom* in 1928, followed the next year by his great work, *The Hope of Israel*. This book was an enlargement of the last chapters of the former work and is, as the author states in his preface, "a painstaking investigation" of the important question, "What is the Hope of Israel?" Many have found this volume to be the means of opening their eyes to "the unutterable glories of God" and the priceless, *present* inheritance which is ours to enjoy here and now as foretold by prophets and apostles, yea, even by Christ Himself.

Almost coincident with the publication of *The Hope of Israel* occurred an onslaught on



its author which, to all appearances, seemed leveled by Satan himself against Mr. Mauro because of his valiant fight as champion of the Kingdom of God. It seemed as if "Apollyon straddled quite over the whole breadth of the way" of this warrior and said, "Prepare thyself to die; for I swear by my infernal den that thou shalt go no farther: here I will spill thy soul." Then forthwith Apollyon threw at him "darts as thick as hail" by which he wounded his opponent "in his head, his hand, and foot," causing him to "grow weaker and weaker" until Apollyon "had almost pressed him to death so that Christian began to despair of life."

But the story of this fierce conflict and glorious victory is best told by the participant himself:

"During the night of January 7, 1929 (that being the first day of my seventy-first year), a mental disturbance occurred" which at first appeared to be "simply a case of mental breakdown, such as frequently happens to persons of my then age, for which there is no remedy and which is indicative of an early demise.

"But it was a very different case, as soon became evident. For there was no sign of mental derangement. On the contrary, I was self-conscious and self-possessed, perfectly cognizant of passing events and able to converse intelligently with members of the family and with occasional visitors. I was not in the least 'out of my mind'; but the reflective faculty refused to function. Therefore, serious reasoning became so onerous as to be practically impossible. I could not carry on a train of thought or fix my attention upon reading matter of any sort, not even on the Bible.

"In that abnormal state of mind I continued for nearly

three years. But on October 24, 1931, something happened which, while it attracted no attention from others, was an important turning point in my life. While reposing in my heavily cushioned armchair, my mind being in its then normal state of vacuous calmness, I became faintly conscious of a voice within me, softly repeating again and again the same words. I did not for a time distinguish the words and, of course, did not apprehend their meaning. But as the 'still small voice' continued repeating them over and over my attention at last was fixed, and this is what I heard: *'I was brought low, and He helped me.'*

"I at once recognized the sentence as a quotation from the Bible. And then my long-dormant reasoning faculty was, as it were, jolted into action. For I said to myself (and may have said it audibly): That is not right. It should be *'but He helped me.'* For my understanding of that sentence was that the writer had been cast down by an adversity of some sort, *but* the Lord had come to his aid. The voice, however, continued repeating the same words. This finally aroused me to physical action.

"I arose, found my concordance (which I had not used for nearly three years), and located the passage, in Psalm 116, verse 6. And there to my astonishment and chagrin I read, *'I was brought low, and He helped me.'* This sufficed, through the mercy of God, to start my reasoning faculty into normal action again. From that time there has been no relapse to this day [1944]. My meditation on the passage brought me to the conclusion that the event whereof the Psalmist was speaking was a single experience; that is, that the *bringing low*, as well as the recovery, was *the Lord's doing*. And then it was easy to see the

application of the quoted words to my own case.

"Since that time I have frequently spoken of my sorrowful experience during those years as a 'Jonah experience.' For the prophet's descent into the deep and his subsequent restoration to dry land was all of the Lord. The chief difference between Jonah's case and mine is that while his deliverance came on the third day, with me it came in the third year."

Thus when Apollyon would "make a full end" of his adversary, Philip Mauro was given a sword — "one little word" — which felled him. So, as Christian, he was able to rise from his all but mortal combat and say, "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise."

If one wonders that Philip Mauro had to endure such terrific onslaughts of the enemy, his position in the front-line ranks of the King's army as a champion of the Kingdom in work and deed should be kept in mind. The dragon has "great wrath" against all who keep the commandments of God "which is the essence of the Kingdom." These the devil hates with an undying hatred and sets upon with all his venom and power to destroy, for it is by those who "remember the commandments of the Lord to do them" that his Kingdom will be overthrown.

In the midst of this "great fight of affliction" on January 1, 1930, Philip Mauro married Frances Perry, a fine Christian woman whom the Mauros had known for many years. For the remainder of Mr. Mauro's life, twenty-two years, she was his constant, devoted companion, maintaining a well-ordered, restful home, aptly called a "suburb of heaven," in which to carry on his activities. In addition to her care of the home, as an efficient secretary and capable business woman, she assisted

him in his literary work and the publication of his writings.

Restored to health and vigor Mr. Mauro resumed his professional work, dealing with some cases of major importance, as well as his ministry of writing. Chief among his productions were new and enlarged editions of two of his former works now issued (1933) under the titles: *The Wonders of Bible Chronology and Of Things Which Soon Must Come to Pass*.

Three years later (1936) Mr. Mauro published what he himself regarded, at least in some respects, as the crowning work of his pen, *The Church, The Churches and The Kingdom*.

"The purpose of this book is eminently practical," wrote the author in the Introduction. "Broadly its aim is the furtherance of the work of the Lord and the Gospel of God concerning His Son. Specifically it is a plea for the restoration to their original significations of those great Bible words 'CHURCH' and 'KINGDOM' and for a recognition of the distinctions between them, which are fundamental. Such an object should enlist the interest of the people of God purely as a matter of veneration for the Biblical names of things so closely related to Christ and to His redeeming work as His Church and His Kingdom.

"But much more is involved. For it is the writer's conviction that, owing to lack of care on the part of our fathers and forefathers in the faith in their usage of the words 'Church' and 'Kingdom,' not only have the great things severally designated thereby become confused and beclouded in the minds of later generations, even down to the present time, but other consequences of a more serious character have resulted.

"As to what the net losses have been and as to what gains might be expected from a general return to the Biblical usage of those words, the reader of these introductory lines is referred to the pages that follow. Let it suffice here to say that, in the writer's opinion, the losses have been serious and that the possibilities of gain are proportionately great."

This volume is certainly an excellent survey of the teaching of

the entire New Testament on these three subjects. In addition, there is a wealth of new material on related subjects, included with what is in reality the quintessence of the author's teaching concerning the Kingdom of God.

"Many are the rules of conduct which the Lord has been pleased to give to His people, and in the keeping of each of them there is great reward," wrote Mr. Mauro in the closing pages of this book. "But among them all there is probably none whose observance conduces more to the obedient believer's welfare and to his serviceability to God and his neighbours than His command to 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.' For to this royal commandment Christ has annexed the gracious promise—and needless to say He stands ready to fulfill it to all who take Him at His word—that the same Omnipotent One Who feeds the carefree and improvident fowls of the air and Who arrays the lilies of the field with robes of incomparable beauty will supply all their temporal needs. (Matt. 6:31-33.) This promise is as sure as the word of 'The King eternal' can make it; and for those who believingly embrace it, it not only insures the necessities of this life but also saves them from anxious care for the future. . . .

"But where, we ask, are the servants of God in our day who are making it their business to impress upon His people the blessedness of giving their first thought and warmest devotion to the Kingdom of God? . . .

"We think it not possible to emphasize too strongly the truth that preaching the Kingdom of God serves not only to put the hearers of the message in the way of everlasting

life but also to put them in the way of a constant supply of all things that are needful for the life that now is (Matt. 6:33; 1 Tim. 4:8). The message, therefore, is eminently practical and productive of immediate benefits. It solves for all who are in the Kingdom of God the most urgent and most vexatious of the problems of those who manage the affairs of the kingdoms of this world—the problem of *economics*—how to secure to all the subjects or citizens of the realm a constant supply of the necessities of life. . . .

"It is the present writer's profound conviction, after much pondering of these matters, that one of the most urgent needs of our day is a revival in the consciousness of God's people of the existence of His Kingdom as a present reality; and that the first step toward the accomplishment of that result is the resumption, by the servants of Christ, of the long-neglected ministry of proclaiming that special message which their risen Lord committed to their trust, and by means of which He pledged Himself to accomplish, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the eternal purpose of God in the redemption of the world. . .

"This is an appeal to the *hearts* of God's people, with the object—not of adding to their stock of *head* knowledge, but—of putting their feet into motion," concluded Mr. Mauro in the last paragraph of his book. "There is a knowledge that 'puffeth up,' and the conditions of modern life conduce to the accumulation of knowledge of that sort. But there is also a knowledge of quite another sort, information as to matters of fact, received from such reliable source as to impart certainty, and of such nature as to impel the recipient, as a matter of duty, to make the facts known to others for their good. Of such sort pre-eminently is the truth that the Almighty and Everlasting God has established His own Kingdom in this world, over which Jesus

**D**ON'T ASK God to forgive an outward yielding to anger, when the heart is hot with its fire. "Out of the heart are the issues of life." Ask rather forgiveness for the heart-anger, and pray for its immediate removal, lest while one prays it break forth again. Angry words will not be forgiven to an angry heart.

—MARTHA WING ROBINSON.

Christ, the Son of God, 'The blessed and only Potentate,' reigns from the throne of God in heaven.

"There is no truth comparable in value to this; for it is of prime importance to all men everywhere, seeing that upon their acceptance of it 'by the hearing of faith' depends their eternal welfare. But God's own people, who presumably know the truth of this, need to be awakened to the reality thereof and to what it means to themselves and to 'those which are without.' Hence the urgency of the word, 'Say unto Zion, *Thy God reigneth.*'"

"NOW UNTO THE KING ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, THE ONLY WISE GOD, BE HONOUR AND GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN."

*The Church, The Churches and The Kingdom* was Philip Mauro's last major work. His last great defense of the Kingdom. He continued to write articles, some of which are of great value, as those on "The Book." These appeared in the *Parlor Evangelist*, published by William T. MacArthur, one of the outstanding ministers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Another series which ran for several months in the same periodical was on the Lord's Prayer, "After This Manner Pray Ye."

"I feel constrained to say," wrote Mr. Mauro in one of these articles, "that my personal experience of prayer (the extent whereof affords no ground for boasting) forces me to the conclusion that it is not possible to pray with the understanding and after the manner appointed by our Lord except we devote thereto all the time that may be needed for quietly, and with concentration of mind, pondering each item for which He bids us to pray. Therefore it is worse than 'vain' to use His prayer-patterns for recitation by a congregation in chorus; for under those conditions it is not possible to give due consideration to the meaning of the words."

"On the other hand, I have found that, when one in the solitude and stillness of his inner being—as during the occasional stretches of wakefulness at night, lasting, it may be for hours—brings these short, crisp claus-

es one by one before the eyes of his heart, concentrating his thought upon each in its turn, the Holy Spirit makes of each successive clause a veritable fountain of prayer and praise; and I have found also that when one prays 'after this manner,' beginning with 'Our Father Who art in heaven,' an hour or more may pass in communion with God ere he reaches the final word, 'forever.'"

One of the greatest joys accorded Mr. Mauro at this period of his life was the answer to a prayer of many years—the conversion of his Roman Catholic brother-in-law, Philip J. Ryan. As has been already noted, many of the Mauros' relatives had come to Christ through their testimony and prayer. Mr. Ryan, however, had never surrendered to the Lord. Now that he was advancing in years, Mr. Mauro became increasingly concerned for his soul's salvation, but it was exceedingly difficult to deal with him because of his almost total deafness. Yet the Lord opened a door for witnessing to him in an unusual way.

One day Mr. Mauro's "mail brought him a letter from one who signed herself 'Sister Mary E——.' It was written upon choice letter paper, bearing the engraved name and address of a certain college. In courteous and persuasive language it requested that this writer would favor that college with his autographed photograph, stating that a number of authors had responded favorably to a like request, and asking also that he would write a letter to the student body.

"Being in uncertainty as to what I ought to do," wrote Mr. Mauro, "I wrote in reply a non-committal letter, asking several questions calculated to elicit information as to whether, as I surmised, the college in question was under Roman Catholic auspices. The response from my unknown correspondent left no room for doubt as to this; and thereupon I found myself

in a quandary. For how could I write to that student body of young women a letter that would bring them the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ and yet would pass the scrutiny of the rigid censorship usual in such cases? As I sought an answer from above, the words of I Peter 3:15 came into my mind: 'Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.'"

Then looking to the Holy Spirit for guidance he wrote the requested letter which was a tactful but definite presentation of God's plan of salvation, closing with an earnest appeal to take of the Water of Life freely. Mr. Mauro "received a prompt and appreciative reply, stating that the letter would probably be published in the college paper, and meanwhile it would be posted on a bulletin board, under glass, in the ante-room of the college library 'where all the students may see and read it.'"

At an opportune time a copy of this letter was given to Mr. Ryan and proved to be the means of his conversion. Thus Mr. Mauro had the great joy of seeing the last member of his immediate relationship brought into the fold of God.

"And what shall I more say?" wrote Mr. Mauro, November 20, 1944. 'For the time would fail me to tell' of all the mercies and lovingkindnesses of the Lord that have been my happy portion (along with some trying experiences) during the period from October, 1931, to the present time. . . . In July, 1942, we—my devoted wife and I—removed from Washington, D.C., to the peaceful town of Culpeper, Virginia, where her surviving relatives reside and where the Lord has provided for us an adequate and comfortable abode."

There Mr. Mauro continued to pursue what was the supreme passion and chief occupation of

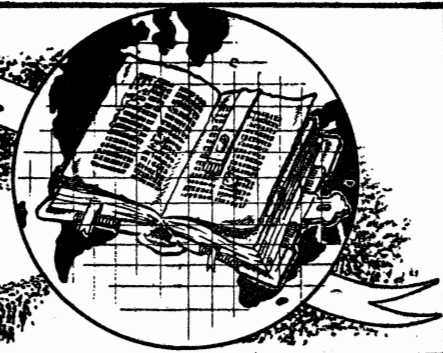
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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

## Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



## Trophies of His Grace In Wuppertal and Ulm, Germany

By BERTHA WALDVOGEL

*"Now I belong to Jesus,  
Jesus belongs to me—  
Not for the years of time alone,  
But for eternity."*

THIS SONG was our campaign song for the three-week tent campaign in Wuppertal during which many souls found Jesus as Saviour, Healer, and Baptizer. It is said of the city of Wuppertal that its citizens are born with umbrellas in their hands—the weather is usually rainy and damp,—but the Lord blessed us with sunny, warm weather for practically the whole time.

We gathered each morning for Bible study and worship and heard many testimonies from people who found the Lord in previous years in this same tent. What a hallowed place it has become to us and to many who have found Jesus through the preaching of His word. We have noted from many of these testimonies that one does not always see the fruit of the meetings immediately, but sometimes one hears only years later of how the Lord came to the different people.

One of these trophies of His grace is a big strapping man who works for the railroad and who told us glowingly of his change of heart and life. A

very godless man, who was a leader of a group of musicians who played jazz. After he found the Lord in the tent a few years ago, his whole group of comrades were astounded at the change that had come into his life. He radiates the joy of His Lord and cannot express adequately his appreciation that the Lord has changed his life and his home.

One woman who was very sick started to come to the tent with her husband and little son. She objected to the praising, etc., but one evening she ventured into the prayer tent. All at once we heard her praising the Lord as she stood to her feet. It almost looked as though she was beginning to dance in the Spirit, and she began to speak in other tongues. Her cup of joy was full and overflowing. We heard later that she had been healed as well as filled with the Spirit. Praise God for this victory!

We wished that folks at home could have heard the earnest, childlike prayer of a woman who came from another city with two of her friends. She thanked the Lord for sending such ministers who preached the full gospel, for giving her enough money to pay her fare

that evening. Then she prayed earnestly that the Lord would send someone to bring this wonderful light to her city and ended her prayer by telling the Lord that she was going to be unashamed that evening and was going to claim and take all that Jesus wanted to give her of Himself. It touched our hearts and indicated what we so often have observed in Germany—the thorough appreciation of so many of these people for the gospel and especially for this light which the Lord has given to all of us in this fellowship—the light of letting Jesus reign and control our meetings as well as our individual lives. Some of them are willing to make great sacrifices to come to the meetings, but they do not count it as such—it would be a sacrifice to stay home and not to make what we call a sacrifice.

Yes, this beautiful, white "Evangeliumszelt" (Gospel Tent) has become a hallowed place. The presence of God always fills the place. Now it is erected on a lovely spot in the city of Ulm and from the very first meeting God has come to us and to the hearts of the people. Just this morning a woman testified that she comes from another group of worshippers in

the city, but how that since coming into the tent two or three times she has found Jesus in a new way, and her heart hungers to be filled with the Spirit.

It is perfectly wonderful to think that we are privileged to obey our Lord's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every crea-

ture." To you who are so faithfully backing up this work in prayer and practical help we are so grateful, and we can tell you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts that it all pays because one soul is more precious than the whole world. And how many Jesus has lifted and changed during these years—eternity alone will tell.

## Champion of the Kingdom

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his life, the study of the Word of God. Here, too, he prepared a new edition of *The Seventy Weeks* (1944), the last of his literary labors.

At this time there arose a great interest in Mr. Mauro's writings among a large group of Christians, recent converts from Seventh Day Adventism, in Australia. These friends asked permission to reprint Mr. Mauro's testimony of his conversion and asked for a sequel to it which he readily prepared, entitling it, "After Many Years." In this he related his "Jonah experience," already quoted, and of the blessings of the intervening years. Summarizing the years of his spiritual pilgrimage, he said, "I was brought by the grace of God to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour in the month of May, 1903, being then in my forty-fifth year. And 'now after many years' (Acts 24:17) I am asked by brethren in far-away Australia, who 'have obtained like precious faith,' to write a sequel to that booklet; their expressed desire being that I should set forth briefly therein the experiences of the intervening years. This I gladly attempt to do, relying upon the gracious aid of the Holy Spirit, to the end that what is now being written may be blessed of God to the salvation of souls yet in the darkness of nature, and also to the encouragement of some of His own people.

"As I now quietly contemplate the period of more than forty years following my conversion, I see it as a time characterised largely by conflicts, vicissitudes of diverse sorts, and many humiliating failures and defects; yet as a time of continued growth in grace and in the knowledge of God, and chiefly as a time of frequent and manifest intervention of the

## To God Be the Glory!

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GOD HAS BEEN with us this term in a precious way. We thank Him for all that He hath wrought through His unworthy servants in the building up of His kingdom in the hearts of men. While we have seen literally thousands bow the knee to Christ seeking His salvation in the many campaigns, we thank the Lord for the hundreds who have stayed to enter the church. When we visit this place or that, someone will be pointed out as having been healed by the Great Physician in answer to our humble prayers, including deaf people as well as the blind and cripples. We give the LORD all the praise and glory. He alone is worthy!

Some seven tents have been made on our sewing machines, the largest measuring 50' x 110', with the aid of our African helpers whom we trained. The tents have been a great help in spreading the Glad Tidings of Jesus. We have also had the privilege of seeing five churches built, plus two more in process of building at this moment.

In fact, I only arrived home this evening from Mapela where I spent two days working on the church there, showing the natives what to do while we are gone. The other church is at Warmbaths, where Joseph Malaka had such a successful campaign a short while ago, that attracted the attention of the newspapers which published pictures of dangerous weapons and stolen goods returned to the authorities.

But what pleases us most is the lives that have been changed as Christ has come into the hearts of fallen men and women. A postmaster told us how happy he is that liquor and tobacco left him after we prayed for him. One woman told us of her neighbor woman who had been delivered from tobacco, liquor, marihuana and opium after being prayed for for deliverance in our campaign in Johannesburg. In one place, for months afterwards, there were few arrests after the campaign. Truly God is wonderful and we give HIM all the glory!

*One's duty is to do well the little.*

*M. W. R.*

hand of God in my affairs, both temporal and spiritual. On the one hand that forty-year period was the most strenuous and tempestuous of my life; but on the other, it was pre-eminently the time of manifest interventions of the Almighty God in my behalf, with a view to the accomplishment of 'the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Eph. 3: 11).

"And is not this precisely what should have been expected? For our Lord does not promise to any of us a time of ease and pleasure while passing through 'this present evil world'; nor that we should 'be wafted to the skies on flowery beds of ease.' On the contrary, He plainly warns us that 'in the world ye shall have tribulation'; but He immediately adds these consoling words, *'But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world'* (John 16:33).

"In my own experience it seems as if, after having passed forty years in the Egypt of this present evil world, and then another forty years in the wilderness with the people of God, I am now nearing the border of the promised land and am given to see, as from Pisgah's height, a faint and distant view of its glories."

Philip Mauro was to linger on the border of the Promised Land until April 7, 1952. Then, quietly, the valiant champion of the Kingdom laid down his armor and entered into the presence of his King. This he did in the confidence expressed in the verse he had written on the fly-leaf of his Bible many years before:

*Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared,  
Unworthy though I be,  
For me a blood-bought, free reward,  
A golden harp for me.  
'Tis strung and tuned for endless  
years  
And formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears  
No other name THAN THINE.*

*The End.*

## Your Talent

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among Sunday school teachers, but why talk only about them? It applies to every phase of the work of God.

I was told of one Sunday school teacher who spent hours poring over the lesson, praying over it, and when she came before her class, there was no disorder, even though she had a class of unruly boys. She won them for God, and if I am not mistaken they are all serving the Lord today. She was faithful in the least. How will a Sunday school teacher like that come up before the Master who loves the lambs and who said, "Feed my lambs"?

When you are born of God, when you have eternal life in you, you know that you are living for Jesus, and you are living for eternity, and you do not dare to yield yourselves to the flesh anymore. The Bible says that if you do, you shall die, but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. Are you living today? What are you doing with what God has given you? Some people are not satisfied. They feel "Oh, I have only one talent. If I had five, I might bother. But only one, and that fellow has five; that is not fair." So they go and bury it and live in the flesh instead of taking that gold which the Master gives and laboring over it to gain another talent.

That is my business here, beloved, to be faithful with the things that God has given me, the job he has given me. I am not responsible for my brother, nor is he responsible for me, but I am responsible for myself. That is the reason I put on the whole armor of God. Let people praise or blame me. I put my fingers in my ears and run from it, run after Jesus. I have no time to listen to those things,

or else I will fail my God. No, my God has opened my heart and He has made me to know that eternal issues are at stake, a crown is at stake, and nothing shall stop me from gaining it. "Be thou faithful unto death," Jesus said to me when He ordained me into the ministry, "and I will give you a crown of life." My purpose in life is to be faithful in the least. I know that I cannot do what others can do. I know that very well. I can do what God makes me do. That is the only thing I need to do, to please my Master, and that is the thing I want to do, the best I can by His grace and power, and He shall have every atom of my being.

How will I come up before my Jesus? Do you say, "I do not care, I was busy with my selfish pursuits, I had so much to do. I had no time for Jesus or for the Holy Ghost." Look out, brother. Let us come out from among them. Let us crowd around Jesus. Let us say,

*"Not for ease or worldly pleasure,  
Not for fame my prayer shall be,  
Gladly will I toil and suffer,  
Only let me walk with Thee."*

And you certainly will toil and suffer. Would not I be a poor piker to come into heaven and receive a crown if I had not been willing to suffer here on the earth for Jesus? The Holy Ghost will teach you to suffer with gladness and with joy, the apostle Paul says.

Oh, yes, there is something to do today and tomorrow and as long as we live upon this earth. And then there is something to reap, and the Bible says we will reap forever. What? Eternal life or corruption. Which will it be? Whatsoever a man soweth,—do not fool yourself,—that shall he also reap. Let us sow unto the Spirit while we have these opportunities, while God is in the midst, while the heavens are opened, and while the glory is streaming down.

# Victory in Personal Disappointment

By A. B. SIMPSON

SOME YEARS AGO the writer went to the East to arrange many matters of importance in connection with the work of evangelization. After a few weeks in India, in which God signally blessed and helped him in all his plans, something happened which called for a very different kind of testimony.

Through the carelessness of some friends who had failed to send on his baggage while he went before by a circuitous route, he found that he was booked on a certain day that would admit of no postponement because of later connections and plans farther east, and that his baggage could not possibly reach there for ten or twelve days. He would be away from his next point before it could overtake him. Many valuable papers and most of his personal effects were included. He had with him only just enough to last until he could get his trunks.

Far from home, among strangers and with but a few hours left before leaving the country, it was natural that for a moment he would feel utterly depressed and the temptation should come to be greatly tried with the careless friends who were responsible.

Then the Lord spoke. Never will he forget how the Spirit met him with the question, "Are you going to fail in that which is more important than all your work, your own personal victory; or are you going to trust Me and triumph through My grace and take all this from My hand?"

It was a keen but decisive struggle, and in a few minutes the Holy Spirit gave him strength to commit it all to God and to go on his way in peace. Hastily purchasing a few necessary articles, he sailed away and left his trunks with God. A strange peace filled his heart.

It might seem a little thing to others, but this meant more to him than even his missionary campaign. His friends told him all along the way that he never would see his goods again, for the ants of Eastern countries give no quarter when they get at a traveler's effects, and he would be fortunate if he ever saw the outside of his trunks.

During a meeting with thirty or forty missionaries he was led to tell them, among other things, of the peculiar test that had come to him, and how much it meant to him to hold his victory through Christ. At the close of that meeting missionaries came to him privately and told him how much harder they had found it to keep sweet before the natives under trial than even to learn a foreign language and preach the gospel to the heathen. With tears they asked for prayer and took the Lord Jesus for victory.

As he sailed away from Rangoon a great ship came in with his trunks aboard, but too late for him to get them. The same happened in Singapore a little later, and still later in Canton; and it was not until after he had been in Shanghai nearly two weeks that another ship brought the belated trunks at last to his hands.

His friends said, "You will be fortunate if you find anything but the leather." But of course you believe it, the Lord had traveled with those trunks every mile of the way and been Captain and Baggage-master, and everything was beautifully right. There was not an ant to be seen inside, and every old familiar article seemed to look into his face and say, "Praise the Lord!"

It may seem a trifle to you, dear friends, but that incident, like many others since, meant to the writer quite as much real service as the writing of tracts on the life of victory and the preaching of sermons about entire consecration.

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