

## WHO WILL SPEND YOUR MONEY WHEN YOU ARE GONE?

By Rev. W. L. Surbrook

We have reached an age when a man's value or worth to the world is computed in dollars and cents. This is the way the world weighs a man's worth, but is this God's way of estimating values? God said, "Noah was a just man and perfect [or upright] in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Gen. 6.9). God valued this man as one worth while, because he was just and upright, or perfect. How did Noah reach this exalted and much coveted position in the estimation of Jehovah? Was it not his sacrificing, whole-souled service to God? Yes, it was his giving himself and all that he possessed without a reservation. He really made a New Testament consecration to God.

I wonder if we believe in our hearts that our consecration, sacrifices, gifts and donations to the Lord's work will bring us an eternal reward? How firmly do we believe that a cup of cold water given in His name will not go unrewarded? Are we thoroughly convinced that with what measure we mete it shall be measured to us again? If we really are, then why do we not invest more of our money in godly young men and women, whom God has called into His vineyard—students who are struggling to get an education in one of our holiness schools? Send in some of your Liberty Bonds, they can be used to great advantage. There is no investment in the world that will pay the eternal dividends that an investment in young people will bring. Why not invest where you are sure you are safe and your money will be accruing interest and accumulating a reward for you after you are dead? Thousands of dollars have been lost to the holiness movement because some of our people would not obey the Holy Ghost, but put their money in "get-rich-quick" schemes while the work suffers. Scores have invested in oil stocks and silver mines, and have lost their money, but no one has ever yet lost who invested in a godly, sanctified soul, one who is consecrated to the whole will of God. There are several very talented, godly young men and women in our holiness institutions who are struggling to work their way through. If some one would pay \$100, \$50 or even \$25 on their account it would be a great encouragement to their faith, a help to the school, and you would not only be blessed here but rewarded in eternity for the same.

If you do not invest your money in God's work, or give to the support of the Lord's cause, who will spend what you have left? Will it be invested in immortal souls and heaven's bank stock, or be squandered by unsaved children or ungodly friends? Will it be used to honor God or dishonor His name and cause? Have you ever stopped to consider how much more you might do for the Lord's cause than you are now doing? What kind of a reward do you think you will receive for the money you have out on mortgages and on interest for your own personal gain while the cause of Christ suffers? If you could assure one soul of heaven by a gift of \$1,000 to a deeply spiritual school would you try to raise that amount? How much are you sacrificing, or are you really sacrificing? Is it

not a fact you are living just about as you wish, without much thought of giving and sacrificing for the Lord's work and lost souls? Why not have a treasure that moth and rust can not corrupt and thieves can not break through and steal?

Do you not know that your investment now will determine your reward in eternity? It's not so much a question of what you would like to do, as it is what you actually do. Nor is it a question of how much you give, but how much you have left that will trouble you when you are dying. Don't forget the man in Matt. 25:24-30, who buried his talent, then lost his soul. So many plan to give when they die, but millions of souls are perishing while you wait. If you wait thirty years to give your money, four hundred million souls will have died. When you are dead they will be dead and your opportunity to help them will be gone forever. The dead can not help the dead. Let us do our best NOW for the living.

Nearly all of the holiness schools are suffering because the holiness people are not standing behind them as they should. They are in great need of money and it is needed now. Anybody can give money after the work is fully established and out of debt, but it takes saints with a burden and a vision of the need to get under things and lift financially when our holiness schools are struggling to get on their feet. A thousand dollars today will perhaps be worth ten thousand dollars in ten years from now. Your gifts will have double value now because they are so much needed, and you will be regarded accordingly. If you give your money now, you will have the joy and satisfaction of seeing it work for God and souls as long as you live. It will be a great source of pleasure to you as your gift wins thousands, or even hundreds, to Christ as a preacher, missionary or Christian worker. Let us put our money to work now for God and souls.—Free Methodist.

## WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE IN- COMING OF THE HOLY GHOST?

Iva Durham Vennard

The church authorities teach that the Scriptures indicate that there are two distinct works of grace. One is called the Birth of the Holy Spirit when the sinner receives pardon from his sins and becomes a child of God and second when the child of God, making a complete consecration, receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit which accompanies the cleansing of his heart from all inbred sin.

John Wesley teaches that there is as clear a witness of the Holy Spirit to the cleansing of the heart as there is to the forgiveness of sins and this witness of the Spirit he defines as a sweet inward persuasion that God for Christ's sake has either pardoned my sins or has cleansed my heart from all inbred sin or root of bitterness; so I should say that the first evidence of the incoming of the Holy Spirit would be that sweet inward persuasion settling the conviction in my mind that my consecration is complete and that it has been accepted of God and that now (by faith) I have the Holy Spirit as my abiding Comforter. But such a witness cannot be expected until real faith has been exercised. Then the

promise of God becomes real and "he that believeth hath the witness in himself."

Following this work it is fair for us to look for some Fruit of the Spirit. There should be love, joy and peace accompanied with fidelity, simplicity and godly sincerity. Wesley in his "Plain Account" states that there will be long-suffering, patience and gentleness with a calmness and evenness of spirit.

We may not at first recognize these in any large degree, but being cleansed from all perversity of spirit, we are then in the best condition to grow in all the graces and fruits of holiness.

I believe that we have a right to expect that every stirring of the heart that is contrary to perfect love is cleansed away. Such emotions as unholy pride, anger, jealousy, covetousness, malice, inordinate self-will, strife, etc., are marks of the carnal nature and are destroyed if the Holy Spirit has come into the soul to abide.—Heart and Life.

## RELIGION IN WALES BEING CHALLENGED

A recent issue of The Presbyterian contains the following report of the state of Protestant Christianity in Wales, which should awaken prayerful interest in the hearts of all who love evangelical faith and devotion.

"A minister of no less distinction than Rev. Dr. H. M. Hughes, of Cardiff, one of the recognized leaders of the evangelical cause in Wales, spoke recently with deep concern during an address on 'The Dangers which Threaten Wales.'

"Dr. Hughes gives emphasis to three serious tendencies. First, the young people know every noted athlete of the world, but they know nothing of the great names that have made Welsh history. This fact is a death-blow to patriotism, and indicates a paganism that is placing the secondary features of life at the very front.

"Second, there is the neglect of the Bible, which in itself is the death-knell of the Evangelical faith. Our fear of unbelief is not from those who study the Bible, but from those who ignore it.

"Then Dr. Hughes mentions a third danger to little Protestant Wales, and that is the growth of Roman Catholicism. He looks upon the present aggressions of Rome as a challenge that may necessitate the whole conflict of the Reformation days to be fought over again. This he believes will be upon us within the next ten years.

"It is in Protestant lands that Rome is seeking her conquests. The indifference and inertia of Catholics in Catholic lands does not seem to disturb the church. But where tolerance is the great word, a splendid type of priests is sent, and by their devotion and lives win indifferent Protestants. This is alarming this leader of evangelical religion in Wales."—Wesleyan Methodist.

"Many a man has his religion like his property—in his wife's name."—Wesleyan Methodist.

"The world is full of men who are making good livings but poor lives."—Wesleyan Methodist.