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## EDITORIAL

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### BURDEN BEAR

Something we read in a communication not long since, started a train of thought in our minds, it was this: Never in the history of this church, have so many carried a burden for souls, and are praying for a revival. This is as it should be and we would like to see such a condition pertain in every church and community. There are burdens that every member of the church should have a part in bearing. The burden for lost souls is one of the greatest importance. There is a depth of meaning to us in the statement of Isaiah, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied". We sometimes sing the song, "Is Jesus Satisfied With Me". We say, "Is He, can He be if we are indifferent to the condition of men and women around us who are out of the ark of safety, exposed to the wrath of God. Soul burden is different from fret. There are people who are fretting themselves to death almost over some trifling things that come in the ordinary course of events and no doubt will shorten their lives to considerable extent, who have no concern about the spiritual condition of the church or for a revival of religion.

We are sure that Jesus cannot be satisfied with those who profess to be His if they do not carry a burden for lost souls. What do you think would take place if the people who are called by His name had such a burden? There would be a volume of prayer going up to God, accompanied with strong groanings and crying, which would move the heart of God in a special way, and there would be special manifestation of his power, convicting and convincing sinners of the error of their ways.

Souls will never stand the test of the judgment, who have lived on in ease and comfort while a few have toiled in the heat of the day. The clarion call of God comes down to us through the ages. "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world". John 16:21. Here we see the sorrow of travail and also the joy of birth. Can any one tell us what will produce greater joy to a real Christian, than the cry of new born souls. Here we believe is where success in any church begins, for God is not going

to reward folk for getting joiners, but for souls born of the Spirit. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12-3. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ". Gal 6:2. What a privilege is ours in sharing with Christ in travail of soul and with one another in the extension of the Kingdom in the world.

The early church waited together in travail for the Holy Spirit, He came: They continued steadfast in prayer and supplication, and in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship; and great grace was upon them all; and there were added to their number daily, such as were being saved.

Let us humble ourselves for the burden in travail and see the fulfillment of His promise—"For as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children.

## THE CALL OF ETERNITY

This call comes from every part of the universe of God. The heavens declare it. The ocean speaks it. The seasons, following each other so regularly and perpetually, proclaim it. The winds and the storms echo it. The brightness of a summer day can not destroy it, and the darkness intensifies it. It is everywhere.

Who has the courage to listen to it? What shall be said about the man who, with this call ringing in his soul for twenty years more or less, has refused to hear it? What excuse can one make at the end of life for neglecting it?

It is an invitation—a glorious invitation—made to a poor, helpless man, lost at the very threshold of this limitless eternity. It is an invitation from darkness to light; from danger, despair and death to safety, salvation and happiness. It promises pardon, peace and purity. It invites a starved soul to an eternal banquet. It promises joy and blessing for sorrow and sighing. This call can not be imitated or suppressed, but rings clear as a bugle, through darkness, gloom and doubt, with a call and a challenge. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:29).

It is also a warning—a terrible and impressive warning of impending danger. It issues from the unexpected beyond with a force that would awaken the drowsy, alarm the careless and quicken the laggard. By day and by night its voice never ceases. It is a call that moves the sensibilities and produces temporarily a strange and awful feeling of uncertainty, undermining the very foundations of life. It also reaches the intellect, reproving, convincing and persuading. It may be neglected, despised, ridiculed and rejected, but it can not be ignored. It will be heard. It reaches every station and condition of humanity, throwing across the pathway of life a signal of approaching doom. "Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11).

How few there are who pay any attention to this most wonderful call! The great mass of humanity rush madly on in their chosen path, neither hearing its blessed invitation nor heeding its fearful warning. There can be but one result. Nature and revelation both show that punishment must follow—sure, fearful and eternal. The call of eternity is to repentance and salvation. What shall be said of him who neglects it? "A prudent man forseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the

simple pass on and are punished" (Prov. 22:3).—Bishop W. A. Sellew.—The Free Methodist.

## THE POSSIBILITY OF A CLEAN HEART

By Rev. G. A. McLaughlin

There are many people who sincerely believe that it is impossible for them to obtain the experience of a clean heart. They can see how God might bestow it upon others, perhaps, but not on themselves. They look at their natural dispositions and temperament; their circumstances and environment, and like one of old say, "How can this thing take place?" When they hear the possibilities of grace preached, they say, "It may be well enough for preachers to lift up a high standard, but preachers do not have the temptations and surroundings of the people in every-day life. All that preachers have to do is to read the Scriptures in the quiet of the study, meditate and write sermons, and, shut away from the world, of course they can live such a life."

They forget that all men, preachers and laity, are of a fallen nature, corrupted by sin, and have the same tempting devil to withstand, and that it requires just as much grace to save a preacher as it does to save other people.

If God does not save from sin in this life, it must be for one of two reasons: either He can not, or will not. Which position will you take, reader? Will you say that God can not cleanse the heart and make it pure and clean? Then He is not the Almighty. The writer does not know what kind of a God you worship. But the God that he worships is the Creator of the universe. It is He "who measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehendeth the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance."

Go out any clear night and gaze into the heavens. There you will see planets, stars, suns and constellations moving noiselessly in their orbits, in such perfect rhythm and time that astronomers can calculate hundreds of years ahead as to their positions, eclipses, transits, etc. Their course is perfect. Man has to set his feeble timepieces by them every little while. In their courses they never jostle each other or collide. God has so arranged that they go on their pathway in perfect adjustment. Our earth is one of the smallest of them all. And you are no bigger than a flyspeck on the face of the earth. What a difficult operation it must require for Almighty God to keep you! Surely you must be more difficult to manage than the whole universe, if He breaks down trying to keep you!

The religion of Jesus Christ is the supernatural power of God in the heart, if it is anything. If it is not that, then it is nothing more than the unconverted world has all about us, for they can perform all the outward morality of Christianity as well as the child of God.

They can be just as kind to their families and just as honest and truthful as Christians, so that if religion is not the supernatural power of God in the heart, then the world is just as well off without it as with it.

Since it is the supernatural power of God in the heart, it can just as well make the heart right as partially so. We believe if a man knows enough to make a watch, he must have the ability and skill to fix it if it gets out of repair. And we believe that the God that made the heart can make it clean, if it gets defiled by sin. How can any one who believes in Almighty God believe any less!

There can be no other ground for doubting