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## EDITORIAL

### THE CHURCH WITH A VISION

"Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Some one has said that it is not the number of years that a Christian has lived that determines his age, but it is rather, his outlook upon life. If one still has a vision and faith for success in the cause of God, and is working to that end, he or she is still young, no matter how many birthday anniversaries they have celebrated. We have an example of such a young, old man in the person of Caleb, who came to Joshua, after the death of Moses, seeking his promised inheritance in the land of Canaan. He said, I am this day four score and five years old (85), and yet I am as strong this day as I was forty and five years ago, when Moses sent me to espout the land. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain whereof the Lord spake in that day, etc., how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: If so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said. See Joshua 14. Caleb was a man of vision, full of faith and courage, ready to undertake the hard places, with their mountains, fenced cities and giants. A young soul in an old body. When men get old spiritually, they settle back on past achievements, talk about the good old days, and dream dreams. They seem quite satisfied to merely exist spiritually. If he is a preacher he tries to attend his regular appointments, and draw his salary, but has no passion for lost souls, which are all around him, neither does he inspire his hearers with a vision or burden for the lost. Sometimes that spiritual old age comes on when the preacher is quite young in years, and he finds a good paying church, and settles down and preaches to please the people; does not see souls saved or the work of God built up under his ministry.

Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, cried out in great lamentation in his day against God's ancient people and city. He said, her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes are among the Gentiles, the law is no more: her prophets also find no vision from the Lord. How sad! No wonder he also said, Mine eyes do fill with tears; my heart is troubled. What do you think the prophet would say to the preachers of our day, if he could speak to us. The wise man said, where there is no vision

the people perish. God's great prophets who were kingdom builders in past ages, were men of vision and faith. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Job, Joshua, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and many others. These heroes of faith had vision in the dark ages of the world, when faith in God was at a low ebb. And later, Paul, Huss, Luther, and Wesley seized the torch of truth, and went forth into the spiritual darkness of their times, to proclaim a full salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. These great men of God undertook and accomplished things at times when human effort seemed useless, for hope was dead. But they, like the apostle Paul says of Moses, endured as seeing Him who is invisible. They also had faith and vision and saw God through the gloom of spiritual apathy, and triumphed. The words of our text were spoken by Peter on the day of Pentecost after the Holy Spirit had been poured out and Peter was quoting the promise made by the prophet Joel that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and the promise of young men seeing visions, was one of the results which would follow. So we might well infer from this prophecy that this baptism with the Holy Spirit is essential to seeing visions, and having faith and courage for hard and discouraging times. Our Lord told his disciples that they would receive power after that the Holy Ghost had come upon them, and they would be witnesses unto him, and also when the Holy Spirit is come, he said he will take the things of mine and show it unto you. He will show you things to come.

Just in the measure that the Holy Spirit rests upon the preacher and people in our churches: In the same measure that church and people will have vision and success. Let us pray.

### "I LIVED"

A man who had gone through the French Revolution was asked what he did during several weeks of terrible peril. He said, "I lived." Well, that was something.

We have the trials and the temptations of the Christian life. Some in these besetments do as so many did in the time of the French conflagration—succumb. When the weeks have gone by, the faith is gone, and the sin is taken on, it may be that the family and the church are injured, and the soul is lost now, and perhaps forever.

Some of us are tempted to feel that we do not count for much. There is no brilliant record. But suppose on that bright shore someone will ask, "And what did you do when tempted to quit the church, give up family prayers, break the Sabbath, lie for your advantage, 'curse God and die'?" If you can say, "I lived for God. I kept the faith and I kept going. My influence, though upon a small circle, was always for good," that will be great!

And remember that most of the good that is done in this world is not done by brilliant people—there are not enough of these, and many of them are sinners—but by common Christians who have "lived"—lived for God through thick and thin. —Free Methodist.

The money being sent to General Chiang Kaishek is being widely used for the development of agricultural resources in the unconquered districts of China. The average in 1939 was eight per cent above previous years. Madame Chiang Kaishek describes the joy of the Chinese people in their increased harvests on their terraced hills and in their rice fields.—United Presbyterian.

### ONLY GOD COULD HAVE PLANNED A MAN

Said a woman physician, "I came into an anatomy room to study. The dead body meant nothing at all to me. I could not visualize the man or woman it might have been. Life left few records on those immobile faces. For weeks I worked, and each day the wonder grew; and then, one day, I was working on an arm and hand, studying the perfect mechanical arrangements of the muscles and tendons—how the sheaths of certain muscles are split to let tendons of other muscles through, that the hand may be delicate and small and yet powerful. I was alone in the laboratory when the overwhelming belief came: a thing like this is not just a chance, but a part of a plan, a plan so big that only God could have conceived it. Religion had been a matter of form, a thing without convictions, and now everything was an evidence of God; the tendons of the hand, the patterns of the little blue butterfly's wings—it was all part of a purpose."—Atlantic Monthly.

### "I'M GOING HOME"

One man who had been long away from his loved ones said that as the train bore him hence the car wheels kept saying, "I'm going home, I'm going home."

A scoff at the idea of the heavenly good promised in God's Word to His people speaks of "pie in the sky." And Brock White, socialist, who tried to fit Christ into his system, said that he was not interested in any "heaven in fogland."

Still, when the ridiculing is all done, the fact remains that some of us do seek "a better country, that is, an heavenly." We have been bereaved, or keenly disappointed, or misunderstood, or persecuted, or deprived of the company we love, or we suffer from the mistakes or sins of others, or from our own failure somewhere. Our mistakes have chagrined us. We are disillusioned now.

We must not live in despair or be too eager to go—not so—but it is not good that the Lord declared, "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you"?

In the dark hours let the wheels sing, "I'm going home, I'm going home."

—Free Methodist.

### YOUTH AND LIFE

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is responsible for the following:

"Take 1,000 children at the carefree age of ten. Twenty years later, at the age of 30, 146 of the 1,000 will be dead. Ten years more, and 219 will be dead. At fifty, 302 will have passed on. At sixty, 421 will have died. Seventy reveals the death of 614, eighty, 855, and only about eight of the thousand will live to be ninety."

Every wise worker for the Lord has two objects in mind for every individual. First, he would save the soul; second, he would save the life. If the life is to be saved this must begin in youth.

It is assumed that the young person will grow to maturity and old age. The above figures show how uncertain is that assumption.

Every wise person in his teens will go in youth as he wishes to go forever, for in most cases as he goes in youth so he will go forever.

—Sel.