

summers, turned, and addressing the others, said: "Come on, friends, I will show you where he is." Not a word was uttered as they breathlessly followed their leader. He then led them a little distance towards the other side of the mountain. There, in a deep crevice, about ninety feet below, and partially covered with snow, lay the cold, dead body of our friends—"Without a Guide."—The Holiness Worker.

LET US HAVE A REVIVAL OF GOD'S POWER AMONG US!

John Foster Dulles has challenged the thinking of every one in America. His trenchant paragraph as quoted in the press should stab every churchman wide awake.

"Something has gone wrong with our nation, or we would not be in our present plight and mood. It is not like us to be on the defensive and to be fearful. That is new in our history . . . What we lack is righteous and dynamic faith. Without it, all else avails us little. The lack of it cannot be compensated for by politicians, however astute; or by scientists, however inventive; or by bombs, however powerful . . . Our greatest need is to regain confidence in our spiritual heritage . . .

There is no use having more and louder Voices of America unless we have something to say that is more persuasive than anything yet said."

Similar quotations from men of great influence could be multiplied many times. The great central theme running through all of them would be a call to increase the spiritual forces of America if the materialistic ideology of communism is to be successfully met.

A revival is not something visionary, impractical, and unearthly. It begins in man's conscious recognition of his need and his realization that God's power is sufficient for that need.

A revival reaches down into society and up into society and corrects what is wrong, drives out the spirit of selfishness and greed, and turns man's mind into channels of peace.

We look upon the world's need in this present hour and see that it is very complex, extremely urgent, and so vast that it staggers us. The solution to this gloomy outlook is a fresh unveiling of the crucified Christ; a new claiming of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The early Christians were called anarchists. They over-turned customs, raised the conception of the worth of an individual, and sowed seeds of liberty in the breast of every man. How could they do it? There is but one answer: "They were baptized with the Holy Ghost, after that they believed. The Holy Spirit reproved the world of sin of righteousness and judgment." Those early followers of the risen Christ went forth not to cultivate a protective similarity to existing customs, but to cry out against them; not to offer a suggestion but to announce a salvation. This is what is needed in our day.

The historian Gibbon, in *The Decline of the Roman Empire*, chapter 15, gives four reasons for the success of the early disciples of Christ in their world evangelization program:

They had such zeal.

They had such wonderful faith in the future life.

They had such pure morality.

They had such unity and discipline.

The great scholar describes an effect but does not pretend to tell us the source of these great forces which made the early Church an

invincible army. What caused the zeal? Where did they get such faith in the future life? From what did their pure morality spring? What was the source of the discipline and unity? There can be but one answer: They were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The carnal desires, the worldly ambitions, the selfish ambitions, the selfish greed, the place-seeking spirit, the love of ease, were all consumed by the fire of the Holy Ghost.

This is the revival we need. Not the adulation of man, not the display of human wisdom, but an awakening that will bring us back to God. A revival that will lessen our worldliness and increase our godliness, that will submerge self and exalt the Christ. For this we pray. For this we pledge our best. For this we shall believe.—Oliver G. Wilson in *Wesleyan Methodist*.

DID YOU EVER HEAR ANYONE SAY?

I do not go to the movies. I was made to go too often when I was young.

I do not ride the trains for all they are after is money?

I do not go to the parks for the Superintendent never calls on me.

I do not believe in doctors for I was sick for two weeks and not a doctor called until I asked him to call, then he charged me three dollars.

I do not go to the bank because the people there do not live up to what they profess.

I do not ride in automobiles for my father knew of a man who knew a man who went crazy over automobiles.

No you never heard any one talk that way—
But

YOU HAVE HEARD PERSONS SAY—

I do not go to Sunday school, I was made to go so much when I was a kid that I am fed up on it.

I do not go to church because they always stick a collection plate under my nose.

I do not go to Sunday school because the superintendent never calls on me.

I do not go to church because the people there do not live up to what they profess.

I do not take any stock in religion because my father knew of a man who knew a man who went crazy over religion.

I do not believe in the church for I was sick for two weeks and not a preacher called on me until I asked him to.—O. G. W., in *Wesleyan Methodist*.

THE CHRISTIAN IS HAPPY

It is a current idea, especially among young people, that being a Christian is a very drab and unhappy type of life. This is due in part to those who, though professing to be Christian, do not live a victorious life. Joy is not the keynote of their life. But there is a deeper reason. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I. Cor. 2:14. The person who is living in sin does not and cannot understand the joy of the Christian. Nevertheless, he is often dissatisfied and longs for something deeper and richer. A girl in her teens who recently took her own life left a note declaring that she had tried all the thrills that life had to offer and yet was unhappy.

The Christian life is one of joy. Paul, the apostle, rejoiced even in tribulation and ex-

horted others to do so. His letter to the Philippines written from a Roman dungeon has as its keyword, "Rejoice." "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice."

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? He said to His disciples, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." The Christian life is one of blessedness happiness, of rejoicing which shall have its culmination in heaven with the eternal God, His holy angels and the redeemed saints of all ages.—B. Barclay Warren.

JOHN FLETCHER'S TESTIMONY

"I received this blessing (sanctification) four or five times before, but I lost it by not observing the order of God, who has told us, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." But the enemy offered his bait under various colors, to keep me from a public declaration of what my Lord had wrought.

"When I first received this grace, satan bade me wait a while till I saw more of the fruits. I resolved to do so; but I soon began to doubt of the witness which before I had felt in my heart, and was in a little time sensible I had lost both.

"At another time I was prevailed upon to hide it by reasoning: "How few even of the children of God will receive this testimony! Many of them supposing even transgression of the Adamic law is sin; and therefore if I profess myself to be free from sin, all these will give my profession the lie, because I am not free in their sense; I am not free from ignorance, mistake, and various infirmities. I will therefore enjoy what God hath wrought in me, but I will not say I am perfect in love." Alas, I soon found again, "He that hideth his Lord's talent, and improveth it not, from that unprofitable servant shall be taken away even what he hath."

"Now, by brethren, you see my folly; and now I resolve before you all to confess Him to all the world, and I will declare unto you in the presence of the Holy Trinity, I am now 'dead indeed unto sin.'"

"So long as a Christian believer sincerely presses after Christian perfection, he is safe, because he is in the way of duty; and were he to die at midnight, before midnight God would certainly bring him to Christian perfection or bring Christian perfection to him."—Holiness Worker.

UNCONSCIOUS OF SIN—BLIND TO JUDGMENT

Jehovah Himself, through Amos, gives the final all-embracing counsel: "Prepare to meet thy God." (Amos 4:12). The man who is unconscious of his sin is necessarily blind to his judgment. All he does under judgment is to curse it; therefore God's final word is, "Prepare to meet thy God."

In coming days the nations will realize this horror. "They say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne" (Rev. 6:16). All judgments hitherto are only heralds; they are merely medicinal and corrective. The final, the hopeless tribunal draws nearer: and yet the happy cry still goes forth—Prepare!—Sel.