

soul, both sure and steadfast—even Jesus." Hebrews 6:18-20.

Courteous reader, give Him your heart to-day and receive Him by faith as your personal Saviour. He will not fail you but will "keep that which you have committed unto Him against that day." Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!

—Tract by Clay A. Cooper.

**A PRAYER—TO BE SAVED FROM FEAR**

Our Heavenly Father, we read that "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." We pray that Thou shalt deliver us from that force of evil known as fear. Save us from the tormenting fiends of worry, fear—invisible enemies which one cannot see, which medicine cannot cure, nor the surgeon's knife eradicate. They are our most deadly enemies.

We pray that Thou wilt save us from these ghostly destroyers of life, working with insidious intent to sap vital energies of mind and body. They bring about hardening of the arteries, nervous breakdowns, and rob us of spiritual victories.

We pray to save us from the fear of failing in business, losing a job, loss of income, of inability to provide security for home and loved ones.

We pray to save us from a lack of spiritual faith. Give us courage and confidence, and save us from foes that distress life, and warp both body and soul. We have no fear of becoming drunkards, gamblers, or being profane in our language; we have no worry over worldliness in the sense of going to the movies, or "togging" out in a lot of gaudy wearing apparel; but we pray to save us from fear of what people may say, fear of insecurity for tomorrow, and harassing petty things. This we ask for Christ's sake. Amen!—A. S. London.

**EMPTIED OF SELF AND FILLED WITH GOD**

John the Baptist: "... filled with the Holy Ghost . . . from his mother's womb." Luke 1:15.

Jesus Christ, our Lord: "... And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned." Luke 4:1.

"In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the God-head bodily." Col. 2:9.

Peter: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them." Acts 4:8.

Paul: "... that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 9:17.

"Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set eyes on him." Acts 13:9.

Stephen: "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven." Acts 7:55.

Barnabas: "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Acts 11:24.

Early Disciples: "And the disciples were filled . . . with the Holy Ghost." Acts 13:52.

Deacons: "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Acts 6:3.

A Prayer: "... that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:19.

A Testimony: "And of His fulness have all we received." John 1:16.

An Exhortation: "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

**MISSIONARY NUGGETS**

Matthew Henry wrote, "I would think it a greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of silver and gold to myself."

Fletcher of Madeley said to Samuel Bradburn, "If you should live to preach the gospel forty years, and be the instrument of saving only one soul, it will be worth all your labor."

Said Spurgeon, "Husbandman, your Great Employer sent you out to sow the seed: but if no grain of it would ever come up, if you sowed the seed as He told you, and where He told you, He will never lay the blame of a defective harvest on you."—Selected.

Visitation evangelism is a hopeless quest in a church whose membership is bent on being comfortable. No other type of evangelism demands so much of us by way of time, energy, consecration, and downright disturbance of our specious schedules.—Archibald, New Testament Evangelism.

We could save every individual in this land for Christ in two years time if each of us would win but one a year.—Oscar L. Joseph, Essentials of Evangelism.

**FIRE!**

It is fire that prevails. For fifty days the facts of the gospel were complete, but no conversions were reported. Pentecost registered three thousand souls.

It is the cause which sets men ablaze which wins converts. Gladstone's fiery passion routed Parliaments and slew the giants of oppression. Wesley, Whitefield and General Booth wrought wonders by the fire kindled of the Holy Ghost. Men ablaze are invincible.

Hell trembles when men kindle. Sin, worldliness, unbelief, hell, are proof against everything but fire. The church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Ghost. Destitute of fire, nothing else counts; possessing fire, nothing else really matters. The one vital need is fire.

How we may receive it, where we may find it, by what means we may retain it, are the most vital and urgent questions of our time. One thing we know, it comes only with the presence of the Spirit of God, Himself the Spirit of fire. God alone can send the fire. It is His pentecostal gift.—Chadwick.

**PRODIGAL**

By Charles Hastings Smith

I, too, have been a prodigal;  
I have tramped on foreign shore;  
I have felt the pangs of hunger,  
Been sick at heart, weak and sore.

I have lived where sin, like flowers,  
Blossomed wildly and wildly died;  
I have tasted of sin's sweet poison,  
Transient thrills that ne'er abide.

I have gone against conscience' wooings,  
Rushed boldly in when she whispered "No;"  
I have lived and learned to ponder . . .  
Men still reap what they sow!

I have sowed the wind to reap the whirlwind,  
Sowed with chaff to harvest tears,  
Laughed at God in self-born folly . . .  
Come to regret the wasted years.

I, too, have been a prodigal,  
Been empty-handed—on the roam;  
But, thank God, Love was searching—  
Tracked me down, and brought me home!

**METING WITH OUR OWN MEASURE**

J. B. Chapman

A poor dairyman, it is said, was haled into court by the baker, charged with delivering butter two ounces short on the pound. In the court, the defendant's attorney asked his client, "Do you have a balance on which to weigh your butter?" "I have, indeed," answered the dairyman. "Do you use a regular weight on this balance?" inquired the attorney. "I used to do that," replied the witness, "but since I have been buying all my bread from the baker, I find it much handier to just use his one-pound loaves instead of my regular balance weights."

But much older than this story is the message of the Master, "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." God offers us His blessings freely, but we must take these blessings away in our own measures. If we forgive others freely, He likewise will forgive us. If our hearts condemn us—that is, if we do things which we know are wrong—He condemns us too. If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence that He too passes us over. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Someone has said, "One of the greatest hindrances to the progress of the Church of Jesus Christ is selfishness on the part of the church members. In refusing to give God His share of their possessions, they retard the work of His kingdom." One of higher authority said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A brother whose religion seems to have a large proportion of iron in it, said publicly, "You had better not promise God you will do anything, unless you mean to do it; for if you promise Him, He will make you do it." But this is not the reputation God has generally among His people. Those who have been them. We need no protection against God. We liberal with God have found God liberal with are never safer than when we throw ourselves upon His mercy in holy recklessness. Even when you are away out on the mountain or so far at sea that no mortal can hear your cry and no mortal hand can come to your rescue, you are safe in the hands of God. If you have dealt justly and liberally with Him, He will give you back goodness and mercy in the same vessels in which you brought to Him love and obedience. No one can match God in being good and showing favors, but it pays us all to try.—The Herald of Holiness.

**LITTLE PLACES**

"Master, where shall I work today?"  
My love flowed warm and free.)  
He pointed out a tiny plot,  
And said, "Tend that for Me."  
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there!"  
Not anyone could see,  
No matter how well my task was done,  
Not that little place for me."  
His voice when He spoke, it was not stern,  
He answered me tenderly:  
"Little one, search that heart of thine;  
Are you working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was just a little place,  
And so was Galilee."  
—Unknown.