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EDITORIAL

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT CAMP MEETING

June is the month in which we think of our great camp meetings soon to commence. Even though they are held during winter months in warmer climates and now indoors in some of our cities, we think of the summer season as the appropriate time for them.

Our denominational aid interdenominational gatherings have now become historic traditions in many areas. Even though the Arminian groups are largely responsible for most of these institutions, the Presbyterian and Baptists were originators of them over a century ago. Beginning in the State of Kentucky they were called brush arbor meetings. Since that day, they have spread widely and proved to be of blessing in thousands of communities annually.

One of the attendant dangers of camp meetings is an attitude of taking a vacation at a resort on the part of the participants. What's everybody's responsibility is nobody's responsibility. The "no-care" attitude will always be a damaging influence. Before going to any of these grounds, pray earnestly for the meeting and ask God to reveal himself to you in some new way.

Don't be selfish in your privilege. Take someone with you, particularly some person who is needy spiritually. It may mean that one's salvation. Follow up any good results with personal interests. If God has prospered you, pay the expenses of some good saint who would be unable to afford the pleasure otherwise. Often the presence of godly persons in the meeting will help to create an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can better work.

Seek out some children or young persons and make it possible for them to go. See that they get into the services especially designed to meet their needs. If possible, arrange for them to work for part of their entertainment. This will prove a service to the camp and will make the recipient of the favor more appreciative.

If the camp has difficulties in getting crowds, offer to pay for some radio spot announcement or newspaper advertising in nearby cities. Often we fail in our evangelistic advertising. Suggest street meetings if they can be conveniently sponsored in an effort to interest some outsiders. If the public does not come to us, we must go to them. The only way we can catch the eye of the passerby is

by the printed page and posters. They can not read about what is going on unless we publish the news by every legitimate means.

Stay out of politics. Don't spend your time quarreling with the policies of the board or in electioneering for offices. If we will follow the more sure leadership of the Holy Spirit, who is the author of revival, the flood tides of victory will come despite human instruments who are in control.

Don't be a sermon taster or an idolator of one evangelist over another. You may have preferences, but please don't let them become prejudices.

Cheerfully put up with hardships resulting from primitive accommodations. We Americans have become a soft and decadent people in some ways and have lost the pioneer attitude. This is revealed in much complaining and murmuring that is heard at times around a camp meeting ground.

Go prepared to help financially, to aid in the missionary offerings and other drives. Taking collection never kills the spirit of the meeting. Refusing to give cheerfully does that. Let's keep God's credit good in all the localities in which we are holding forth by promptly paying our obligations.

Why hoard for the future? You won't be dead six months until the government will have claimed much of what you left and your in-laws will be fighting over the remainder. If you could look back from another world, your biggest surprise would be how well they are getting along without you on this old planet. You can have a much better shouting time in heaven if you will put your best body, mind and spirit into the Lord's work down here.—From the Christian Witness.

THE COMING CAMP-MEETING

We are expecting a glorious outpouring of the Holy Ghost on our souls. We are coming together to meet God; to sit at His footstool and learn of Him. We want our hearts searched to the deepest recess by God's x-ray. No doubt we will all stand at the judgment bar of God in a short time and we want not only a clean heart and a clean record but also His approval as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We want to hear His "well done" pronounced upon our service for Him. A camp-meeting is a repair shop; a refining pot and a recoaling station. It is a place where faith and vision take on new strides of advance in holy achievement for God. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Vision without faith soon dies. We want to see greater possibilities in God.

There are some things that are essential to a good camp-meeting. The first we would mention is FAITH. If we are not expecting anything we will not receive anything. Faith brings God into the camp. It makes the channel through which He can pour out of Himself. It pleases God and opens the windows of heaven. Faith must be exercised by the individual, and individuals make up the camp. Come with faith and expectancy. Come with a purpose to have a camp-meeting in your heart whether anyone else has one or not. Come expecting to throw yourself into the battle and be an open channel through which God can work. The devil will fight and block every endeavor to make spiritual progress if we will allow him to do it. We must fight the good fight of faith. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." 2

Cor. 10:4. If you look at other people and listen to the "accuser of the brethren" you will be defeated. If you look to God and see that in Him all things are possible, you can triumph.

The second essential is prevailing prayer. The cry of the soul brings results. Jesus said, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Let us see to it that He finds faith in you and me. Let us lay hold of the promises and refuse to let loose until the answer comes. A passion for souls will put a heart cry in your heart that will not let loose easily.

The third essential that I would mention is cooperation. In unity there is strength. When all pull together something will move. You may think that some other way would be better. Possibly other means or methods might work better than the one being used, but cooperation with a poor method will bring much better results than confusion and disorder with the best methods. When you go to camp meeting go with a purpose to cooperate in every way possible. Take hold to lift on every burden. Help wash and dry the dishes and sweep the floors. "Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister." Do all you can to make the load lighter for the other person. Give words of encouragement wherever possible. Let there be praise and thanksgiving on your lips. Put yourself into the song service to make it ring with a lifting power. When seekers are at the altar, pray with all your might for their help and victory. If you sort of just hang around the altar service you will make it a hard drag for the others. If you lift with all your might it will inspire others to lift and it will put victory into the altar service. We must come to pray seekers through to victory. We must hold back the powers of darkness and bring God close so that the seeker can pray through. Do everything you can to make the camp meeting a glorious victory. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." —D. W. R.

PREACHING AND PRAYER WIN A DERELICT

Faithful preaching of the Word, and tears over the ironing board, were used to bring a drunkard and drug addict to Christ.

It was during the years when my father was pastor in an Ohio city that a certain conversion took place. It was so remarkable that none who saw it will ever forget the manifestation of God's presence and power.

The man, whom I call John Guise, appeared first at one of the Sunday street meetings that father loved to hold. He was young, thin, and with a tragic face, marked, as we later learned, by the pallor of a drug addict. And alcohol was his middle name. But there was something in those burning eyes that made one feel that the heart behind them longed for better things.

Father was greatly exercised over this poor derelict, and Mother was so burdened that she was often in prayer for him, tears dropping even on the ironing board as she worked over it.

At length John was persuaded to accompany the street meeting group as it returned to the church. Then, knowing that Father held