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EDITORIAL

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

"Grant that these my two sons may sit, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy kingdom." (Matt. 20:20).

The mother who made this request was Salome, a most devoted follower of Christ. Her petition would indicate first, that she gave to Jesus two fine sons. It is true that they personally responded to His call, leaving father and business to follow Him; but surely some credit is due Salome for raising them, evidently in a good home, with religious training, and doubtless for God, thus preparing them for the time when they would meet the Christ and hear His important call.

But Salome's request means more than that. By many this godly mother has been severely criticised for her petition, but a place in Christ's kingdom for her sons, and very close to Him is not an unworthy desire, even if she was also thinking of position for them. It is true she did not realize the full significance of her request, as the words of Jesus, "Ye know not what ye ask," suggest. She may not have understood the full spiritual meaning of Christ's kingdom, or what it would cost her sons to have her prayer answered. She was asking largely, evidently with more desire than understanding, but her request many mothers would do well to ponder as they plan and wish for the future of their children.

Raising her children for God, and to follow Christ, is a mother's greatest task. To give her children to serve Christ, and to prayerfully desire for them the best possible place in His kingdom, near to Him, should be a mother's supreme objective.

We thank God for our godly mothers. May God continue to add to their number.

—E. W. T.

THE NOBLEST INHERITANCE

The finest heritage that comes to anyone is to be born in the line of a godly ancestry. An ancestor of David Livingstone called his children around him as he lay upon his deathbed and said: "I have searched most carefully through all the traditions I could find of our family, and I could not discover that there was a dishonest man among our forefathers."

This is the noblest inheritance that can be bequeathed to any children—a spotless name. If your forebears have been upright, temperate, God-fearing men, you are bound to recog-

nize your privilege and live up to it. There is an estate not mentioned in the last will and testament, but which is worth more as an asset of life than all things else that may be mentioned—the estate of pious ancestry, of holy living, of godly example, of glorious memory. These were bequeathed to you, and on you rests an obligation to be true to them. Said a French monarch, when once solicited to consent to a dishonourable treaty, "The blood of Charlemagne is in my veins, and who dares propose this thing to me?" Many a man when assaulted by temptation may find a similar appeal a strong defense.—Selected.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER'S PRAYER

By Frances B. Erickson

I thank Thee, Father, for these little ones—
Lovely girls, as sweet as budding flowers
That turn their dainty faces to the sun,
Or drink with joy the gentle April showers!

For so these children, Lord, with eyes aglow,
And hearts responsive to the Living Word,
Have tasted eagerly Thy sacred truths —
and, oh,

Let not the years erase what they have heard.

Grant me wisdom, Lord, that comes from Thee,
To lead each trusting child into the fold;
To claim for Thee each shining possibility
These little lives may hold!

FARMERS BRING IN TITHES

A group of Abernathy, Texas, farmers brought in their tithes. What they brought filled two washtubs with \$14,132.65 in cash and checks—money from harvest on land they dedicated to God last spring. Each farmer dedicated one-tenth of his acreage.

The First Baptist Church has 500 members. Most of the adult men are farmers on the rolling plains around Abernathy, a town of 1,692, in west Texas, north of Lubbock.

Last spring their pastor, C. A. Kennedy, 35, asked them to dedicate one tenth of their land to God and see what the returns would be.

They did, each dedicating anywhere from 1 to 68 acres. Kennedy said the farmers who dedicated their land had "phenomenal results."

"There is Albert Hart, with five acres dedicated," the pastor said. "He called me to his farm late in the summer to show that all his acreage was bountiful, but on the dedicated land the cotton stood 12 inches higher than the rest and yielded one and three-quarters bales an acre, compared with an average yield of one bale an acre on his other land.

"He asked me why.

"Why? In Malachi 3:10, it says: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"That is why."—NOW.

PENTECOST IN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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to God and His will for his life; there will be no actual experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit except to those who are definitely possessed of a spirit of expectancy. To those who meet the conditions of Pentecost will come a personal experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit as vital and as real as was received by any individual on the day of Pentecost.

One of the great needs of the Church today is to have its members possessed of a spirit of Pentecost. We need to recapture the enthusiasm, the earnestness, the zeal of the early Pentecostal group. We need to be motivated by the Pentecostal passion for reaching the lost with the gospel message and bringing them to Christ; to have the martyr spirit that can stand in the face of opposition and indifference, yet be as heroic and obedient to Christ as if everything were favorable; to experience the thrill of living fellowship with the risen Lord, the conscious empowerment by the Holy Spirit for life or service which makes Christians flaming evangelists for Christ. They will come only as we come into a personal experience of Pentecost, the baptism with or fullness of the Holy Spirit.

This primitive spirit and passion of Pentecost was kept alive by occasional outpourings of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31), and seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19). What a crying need there is in many quarters for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit upon those who have at one time enjoyed a personal experience of Pentecost! Why not make Pentecost Sunday of 1953 an epochal day in personal experience, and in the history of our church?

—American Holiness Journal.

WE ASK YOU

Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he was a teetotaler? Have you ever known a doctor to say to a patient: "You would have a far better chance of recovery if you had made a habit of drinking alcoholic beverages?"

Have you ever heard a woman say that her husband would have been a better man to his children if he had spent more time in the taverns?

Have you ever heard children complain that they were robbed of their chances in life through their father's strict temperate habits?

Have you ever known of a man accused of crime attempting to excuse himself with the plea: "If I had been drunk I would never have done it?"

Have you ever heard of an employer looking for a man for a responsible position who said: "Give me a drinker every time?"

Have you ever known a woman to say in explanation of unhappiness at home: "My husband would be the best man in the world if only he was not a teetotaler; that spoils him?"

Have you ever heard of an insurance company which offers reduced premium rates to drinkers?

Have you ever heard of a company that listed among its assets the number of taverns within its borders?

Have you ever known a chief of police to advocate the opening of more beverage rooms as a method of reducing crime?—War Cry.