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EDITORIAL

A PRAYER FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH

On June 2nd, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II will take place in Westminster Abbey, London. The official title for Queen Elizabeth as approved by the Canadian Government will be: "Elizabeth The Second, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith."

The "Hymn of Intercession" by Fred J. Parkinson, of Blackburn, England, printed on this page, is a fitting prayer for us to pray. It expresses what we feel and desire, and should serve to remind us of our privilege and obligation, to join daily with the multitudes whose sincere and earnest prayers ascend to God on behalf of the Queen and all the members of the Royal Family.

E. W. T.

"God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen."

THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH

"The Lord God of Elijah." That was a new name by which Elisha addressed God. But it was also a testimony to the powerful influence of Elijah upon his servant Elisha. It is evident that Elijah, by his life and service, had greatly magnified God before Elisha. Thus in an hour of great need Elisha made his appeal to "the Lord God of Elijah."

His special need was to cross the Jordan. He had seen God divide the same waters for Elijah, and so with confidence he made his appeal to Elijah's God to do the same thing for him, and He did it.

There are two things for us to note. First, that people are forming their opinions of God largely through their contacts with us, or through what we prove God to be and do. Thus we are either magnifying or belittling God before others. Then, Elijah's God still lives today, and He is still able to give us victory at our "Jordans." Let us prove God ourselves, and so reveal Him to others.

E. W. T.

A SOURCE OF POWER

A knowledge of things spiritual is not arrived at by reason, but by the apprehension of faith. And faith is a Source of Power. Not only does it apprehend the unseen, but it enters into vital union with it, and so wields, according to its strength, the powers of the world to come. And it is a Principle of Action. "The just shall live by faith."—Dr. W. Graham Scroggie.

Hymn of Intercession

By Fred J. Parkinson, Blackburn, England

O Thou gracious God and Saviour, Lord of lords, and King of kings, Sovereign Ruler, Blest Redeemer, Source of all created things, Grant to us Thy grace and favour As we humbly seek Thy Face, Bringing now a great petition, For our trust in Thee we place.

Grant our Gracious Queen Thy blessing
In this Coronation Year;
May unfolding days e'er find her
Ruling in Thy faith and fear.
Strengthen her in all true purpose,
Guide her, give her courage bold,
And if e'er in doubt she falters
May thy guardian care enfold.

Grant to us her Island Subjects,
To each race that owns her reign,
To each Commonwealth and People,
Near, or far across the Main,
Loyalty and true devotion,
Love to bind in closest tie
Race to race, and Throne with Subject,
And all cleaving ills defy.

So throughout her life exalted,
Anchored too in humble hearts,
She, her children and her Consort
May all play their several parts—
Showing all, a Home well founded
In Thy fear and love and Name,
Following in the Saviour's footsteps,
With this Nation in their train.

Bless all Nations and all Races,
All one blood, and placed by Thee
Each in bounds as Thou hast set them,
May they Thy salvation see.
Grant that soon may dawn the morning
When shall come Thy promised King,
When all Thrones, and far-flung Kingdoms
Shall to Him their homage bring.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously accepted a copy of this poem sent her by the author.—Copied from The Evangelical Christian.

A SIN NOT TO PRAY

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. For if a man is to pray right, he must first be right in his motives and life. And if a man be right, and put the practice of praying in its right place, then his serving and giving and speaking will be fragrant with the presence of God.—Dr. S. D. Gordon.

HOLINESS AND TERMINOLOGY

Dr. P. Wiseman

(Continued from last issue)

REGENERATION—SANCTIFICATION

Regeneration is an instantaneous work of grace whereby the soul receives new life, being created anew in Christ Jesus. Sanctification is sometimes the progressive work of the Holy Spirit in the regenerated soul by which inbred sin is gradually mortified and the new life perpetuated. It is also the instantaneous operation of the Holy Spirit of God in the regenerated soul, through the atoning merit of the Saviour's blood, whereby sin is purged and the love perfected.

CONSECRATION—ENTIRE CONSECRATION

Consecration commences with the new life "a living sacrifice." Consecration argues life, then, for a dead thing connot consecrate. Consecration is subsequent to surrender which is necessary in order to obtain pardon. Consecration is, therefore, subsequent to conversion and is the presentation of oneself with all of his relationships and possessions to God. Consecration must be complete according to our light. It means "yes" to all His will and plan; "Yes" to what He has revealed and "Yes" to what He may reveal. We perfectly will His perfect will. Entire consecration, however, may be viewed as having to do with the Spirit of consecration rather than with its comprehensiveness. Dr. W. B. Pope, in his Christian Theology, Vol. III, pages 50, 51, says: "The Spirit is imparted in His fulness for the entire consecration of the soul to the Triune God; the love of God having its perfect work in us, is the instrument of our deliverance from indwelling sin; and the return of that love made perfect also is the strength of our obedience unto entire holiness."

HOLINESS

"Holiness is that habitual disposition of the soul which directly implies the being cleansed from all sin; from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit; and in consequence, the being endued with those virtues which were also in Jesus Christ, and being so renewed in the spirit of your minds as to be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect."—J. Wesley. Holiness is a life lived under the precious blood, the Christ life. (Matt. 5:48; Luke 1:74, 75; Eph. 1:4; I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 12:14; I Peter 1:16).

SANCTIFICATION—HOLINESS

Sanctification is an instantaneous work of grace whereby the soul is purified from sin, and made perfect in love; holiness is generally understood to be the state of grace in the soul which follows the act of sanctification. The former is a work, the latter is a state. These terms, however, are often used interchangingly.

DEATH

There is a death in sin (Eph. 2:1). There is a death to sin (Col. 3:3). There is physical death, a severance of the soul or spirit from the physical body, the immortal from the mortal (Luke 16:22). There is a second death, a continued conscious existence in a lost world (Rev. 20:13-15).