



GOD AND ALL INDIVIDUAL*

By the late Dr. H. C. Sanders

I have just been thanking God for yesterday across the Pongolo river. The day is one to remember, for blessing in the services. One made a start for the Kingdom, two mothers presented their infants to the Lord, while five were baptized and received into church membership.

The subject the Spirit gave to me, was: God dealing with the individual. I find much in the Word to bear out this thought. There is the one lost sheep, the one lost coin, and the one lost son of Luke 15. We all have wondered at the angel sending Phillip away from the revival at Samaria to speak to just one man.

I told of the chief stumbling block in the way of my own conversion, which was, that I could not seem to believe that the Great God would single me out of the world of sinners for whom He gave His Son, and forgive my sins. In fact, my faith never did rise to this, and I accepted salvation just because I counted myself among the crowd of sinners for whom Christ died.

Later I was told how that some years previous to this, it had been revealed to my grandmother Churchill, how that God had chosen me to preach Him among the heathen. Notice the faith of Paul on this line, and you will see it was that God had chosen him from or before the time of his birth.

I am writing this in hope that some poor, unhappy soul in the homeland, foiled by unbelief, as I was, may see the truth, that God, the Great Creator of all things, visible or invisible, thinks upon him or her, and plans to bring such an one into His fold. He even has commissioned an angel to guard that one both night and day until such time as there remains no hope of their salvation. I recall a beautiful thing I read of a minister of the gospel, who had been a rough youth and repented late in life. He had a dream near the close of his career, in which he visited heaven, was taken to God's gallery and there saw many pictures of his own experiences. One was where he had, in his sinful days, been thrown from his horse and found unconscious, with his head on the sharp corner of an embedded rock. In this picture was an angel with his arm interposed between the head and the rock. This made his heart so swell with gratitude and praise that God had thus preserved him from being cut off in his sins, that he awoke.

"God commandeth all men everywhere to repent" and while His "long-suffering leadeth to repentance" "The Spirit and bride say 'Come' "and I am quite sure that He gives a call to every lost son of Adam, so that, as Paul says, even the heathen are "without excuse", How much more those who hear the gospel regularly.

When the sinner really accepts the call as from God, as did Philip's man and Cornelius, it does not take such an one long to enter the kingdom. Heaven also rejoices over this one sinner that repenteth. I attach some blame to the Devil for he does "blind the minds of them which believe". Therefore the way to help such ones is to tell them the truth. "For faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Not only are so-called preachers to do this, but God expects everyone of His blood-washed children to say, as does the Spirit and bride, "Come".

How was it that the church members scattered abroad after the persecution following the death of Stephen "went everywhere preaching the word"? The answer is, they were His Bride, and could not but say "Come". How was

it that God gave "everyone" of those early Christians "The manifestation of the Spirit withal." The only answer is: that he expected everyone to be a power for the advancement of His Kingdom.

But I must not weary you with emphasizing what is evident. There were four main thoughts. First, that each individual sinner, like one, lone, lost sheep, is sought after by the Good Shepherd. Second, we as His children are all to help in this search. Third, as He chose us while we were yet sinners, how much more now, that we are His, does He take an interest in each one of us, individually. He even gives us "a white stone and a new name that no one else knows." This means that among other good things that He plans for us a career of usefulness in life, where we can do a work that He offers no other person, unless we fail Him, and then we lose our crown.

Lastly, as individuals, He will, some glorious day, return and "make up His jewels" and then we shall shout for joy when we see the place He has chosen for us to fill in His temple and its service for all eternity.

* A message sent to the Highway Thirty-seven years ago when Dr. and Mrs. Sanders were serving in South Africa.

E. H. B. S. AND EVANGELISM

Our last report "E. H. B. S. Opens" told of our opening day at E. H. B. S., and then went on to define our work, and needs. Today we would like to tell our Highway Friends of our Evangelistic outreach, which is supplementary to our book work.

Last Sunday brought to a close the eight Evangelistic campaign that the School has sponsored in the past eight months. Over the Easter season I was out with the students for a full month, when we helped with three campaigns at Grootsrui, Hartland, and Entungweni. Because of no accommodation in most places Betty stayed in Vryheid where she took a three week course in Afrikaans, (a language spoken by many of the white people in this country) and I used our Volkswagen Panel Van as my living quarters.

We found a very fine response to the word of God in all the places we visited. The presence of the Lord was in the services, and Holy Ghost conviction was felt as the word was preached. A good number of Africans received definite Spiritual help, and twelve gave themselves to the Lord for the first time. We will ever be thankful for the many blessings we brought with us as we returned to our books.

Beside this work each of our students conduct a weekly Sunday service at some out-post. One of our students has re-opened an outpost that had been closed for more than five years. Each Sunday brings the report that some new ones have been to the services. Another of our students followed up some of our people that moved from this area, and in their new home has established a new outpost. One Sunday seven of our students (Men) together covered 185 miles on their bicycles conducting services. (This is by no means a record).

We are praying that the Lord will help us, and that many precious souls will be won to Him by these means.

As we look over the "ripened harvest field," and analyze its needs we feel that EVANGELISM is an URGENT need. There is an urgency as we realize that many of this land's population are yet non-Christian. The answer to this urgency is EVANGELISM — For this purpose stands E. H. B. S., to prepare Evangelists to Evangelize their own.

Your prayer support is requested as we carry on at the Bible School.

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