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Thank you, Mr. Beane! Good afternoon, everybody! Our first question today is, "Who stood in the only pulpit mentioned in the Bible?" As we are all well aware, a pulpit is an elevated place, or inclosed stage in a church, in which the clergyman stands while preaching and from which he conducts services. It also refers to the body of the clergy and we frequently hear the expression, "the power of the pulpit." Altho' it means so much to our thoughts and lives, the word pulpit is mentioned only once in the Bible, and that is in the book of Nehemiah, the eight chapter and the fourth verse. "And Ezra, the scribe, stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for that purpose." This was a very impressive service. Unfortunately the Children of Israel had grievously sinned against the Lord. their God, who had so miraculously delivered them from their Egyptian bondage and who had so marvelously and tenderly led them through the wilderness into the land of Canaan which "flowed with milk and honey." As a result of their disobedience and idolatry, their government at Jerusalem had been overthrown and many of them had been carried away captives into the heathen city of Babylon. The remnant that remained in their native country were in great poverty and distress. In addition to their temporal woes, they were pauperized spiritually. They had neglected both public and private worship and many of them knew nothing at all about the law of Moses. Realizing their need of the Word of God, Ezra edited the sacred volume and upon an appointed day, when the people were assembled, he read the Scriptures to them from the pulpit that had been made for him. He also explained its meaning to them. His message was so effective that when his listeners heard it, they were deeply penitent and wept aloud. They were so overcome with emotion and their mourning reached such a stage that it became necessary for Ezra and Nehemiah to exhort them to be quiet. Would it not be wonderful if we would have a a revival of the reading of the Word of God, which is "quick and powerful and shapper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart?"

Our second question is, "Who named his own wife?" This rare privilege was conferred upon Adam. God had formed the first human being out of the dust of the earth and had breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and had become a living soul. He was given dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth. He was placed in the garden of Eden and was instructed to "dress it and to keep it." The author of Genesis tells us that the Lord brought the differ-

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ent animals to Adam to see what he would call them and it is asserted that "whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof." But it seems that inasmuch as he was the only human being in existence and he had no one with whom to associate that he was lonely. So the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him." And now occurs (and I say it reverently) the first surgical operation of which we have any record. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while he slept, the Lord took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and out of this rib. he made a woman. When she was brought to the man, Adam exlaimed, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Some naturalists trace a resemblance here to the propagation of plants by the process of budding. It is probably better to admit that as the formation of man was supernatural, so was the formation of woman. To denote his dependent condition, the man was made out of the dust of the earth and he has had to rely upon the soil for his living; the woman, again, was made from part of the man, to signify her dependence upon him, and, at the same time to show the closeness of their relation to each other, and the obligation of the man "to love his wife as his own flesh." The first name that Adam gave to his wife was "Noman" and the reason that is assigned his that she was taken out of man but sometime later, after they had transgressed the law of Jehovah and were driven out of the Garden of Eden, he called her Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Thank you Mr. Beanel Good afternoon, everybody! The question which we shall endeavor to answer today is: "What was the greatest speech ever delivered by the Apostle Paul?" Altho' we have no explicit statement in the Bible that Paul was an orator and he himself declares that his "preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, yet it was accompanied with the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Many of his addresses were literary masterpieces. On Mar's Hill, his sermon was a marvel of tact and logic. When he areachedize Felix, he made this wicked ruler tremble, as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgement to come. But probably his most famous message was his defense before King Agrippa. It was upon an occasion of deepest interest. This oriental monarch and his sister Bernice, with the chief captains and principal men of the city, had assembled with great pomp to the place of hearing. At the command of Festus, Paul the prisoner was brought forth. And Festus said, "King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man about whom all the multitude of Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him. Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my Lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth unto you, and specially before thee, 0 king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write. For it seemeth unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not with all to signify the crimes laid against him." Then Agrippa said unto Pauk, "Thou art permitted to speak for thyself." Then Paul stretched forth his hand and answered for himself.

Here follows the address of Paul. When he says, "That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first to rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles," Festus interrupts him, and cries with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." When Paul says, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest." Then Agrippa replies, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." And Paul said, "I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hearm hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them and when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, "This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds." And thus anded one of the greatest speeches that Paul over delivered.

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Mr. Eller Spires, Charles are Gentam Miller. Lens Jams Chare Good evening, friends of the radio audience! The subject of the Sunday School lesson for tomorrow is "The Early Church Meeting Human Needs" and the printed Scripture text is found in the fourth and seventh chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. It reads as follows:

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

In the sixth chapter and the first to the seventh verses, we read:
"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily administration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually unto prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicenor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas a proselyte of Sntioch; whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hand on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

Our Sunday School lesson last week closed with the interesting account of Peter and John being brought before the council and being charged to speak henceforth to no man nor to teach in the name of Jesus. As soon as they were permitted to go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. When the band of believers heard that, they lifted up their voice unto God with one accord, and said, "Lord, Thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Tho by the mouth of Thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine wain things? The kings of earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ. For of a truth against Thy holy Child Jesus, whom Thou

hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy Child Jesus." And, it is stated, that when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And just at this point, our Sunday School lesson for tomorrow begins with the declaration that the "multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul." This was indeed significant, and it is a glowing example of church unity. Rich and poor, learned and unlearned, Pharisees and Sadducees, Levites and Jews, were so united in Christ that all other distinctions were lost. Selfishness appears to have been gone, for each loved his brother as himself. What each man had he held not as his own, but as a steward of the Master for the good of all. The love of money was replaced by love of Christ. The ordinary worldly life was transformed into one of faith and godliness. They lived on a different plane- their wants, their occupations, and their joys were spiritual. In this elevated and happy state, the great truths of the gospel shone with marvelous beauty. The resurrection of Jesus was to them a distinct reality. Their Lord had risen from the dead and was alive forevermore. The whole body of believers received the Apostles! doctrine, submitted to their rule, and committed everything to their ordering. It was golden day in the history of the Christian Church. In His final prayer for His disciples, the Savior prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me thro' their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them: that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." And now it seems that this prayer of Jesus had been answered. His followers were united and were laboring together for the promotion of His kingdom.

the Sunday School lesson. What is meant by the expression "they had all things common?"

That is probably explained by the 34th versesof the fourth

chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." This Is the Scripture of a community of goods, and this arose from the exigencies of the occasion. A gracious revival was in progress and all were earnestly co-operating to carry forward the work of spreading the Gospel. There must have been many strangers in Jerusalem whose prolonged stay left them without sufficient means to provide for themselves. A common treasury seemed to be necessary to provide for the needs of all.

2. Do you think that the Scriptures teach "Communism" and "Socialism?"

No, not in the sense that it is being promoted by the dictator nations. These rulers of the totalitarian countries are opposed to the teaching of Christ and the methods that they employ are absolutely un-Christian. They array class against class, race against race, and resort to violence and blood-shed to accomplish their selfish aims. But in striking contrast to Sovietism, Nazism, and Fascism, the Early Church community life was permeated with a spirit of fellowship. It was one big family. They called each other brother and sister and greeted each other affectionately. In larger or smaller groups, they took frequent, if not daily meals together. Their sharing was purely voluntary and they sought to walk in the foot-steps of Him who said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples if ye have love one toward another."

3. Was this social experiment successful?

Yes, to a great extent it seems that it was, altho' it evidently was a spontaneous movement of love and devotion which impelled men to share with those in need. One man, who was surnamed Barnabas, it was noted especially was given unusual prominence, he sold a piece of ground and gave over the proceeds. But this was the undoing of two other disciples, Ananias and Sapphira. They saw the esteem and honor that came to Barnabas through his generous deed and coveted it for themselves. So they sold their property too. They could not, however, bear to give over all the proceeds. They wanted to have the applause for generosity and yet keep some of the modey. Their sudden and tragic end made acceep impression on the rest of the group.

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This question I am unable to answer. It did not weem to last very long and we do not read that at any other place it was adopted. But the churches elsewhere followed the first example in the care for the poor. Everywhere that Christianity was preached this same spirit of love appeared. Back of the need of the individual believer there stood also the resources of the professed followers of Jesus. They were ever ready to help another brother. And I think that the same is true of Christian to the same is true of Christian to the same in the same is true of Christian to the same in the same is true of Christian to the same in the same is true of Christian to the same in the same is true of Christian to the same in the same in the same is true of Christian to the same in the same in the same in the same is the same in the same

5. You mentioned a few moments ago the sudden and tragic end of two of the disciples. I believe they were Ananias and his wife, Sapphira. Was there anything else that happened that was unpleasant in this connection?

Yes. These persons were still human, even tho' they had embraced Christianity. Luke tells us that when the number of the disciples had multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Whether the widows were actually neglected or the grievance was imaginary, we are unable to say but it did bring about a temporary rift in the wonderful harmony of the Early Church. A small thing suffices for a great disturbance when latent differences already exist. Sectarianism and divisions of churches have often arisen from matters of the most trifling importance. Church dissensions are created by wrong feelings much more frequently than by the maintenance of great principles and sacred interests. Few of our denominational squabbles will bear looking at from the Savior's cross or from His tomb.

6. Mr. Cummings, did the apostles ignore this murmuring against them?

No; they called the multitude of the disciples unto them and conferred with them. The church must be above suspicion of any wrong-doing, and all complaints against its leaders and members should be investigated promptly and fully; and if any evil is discovered, it should be set right at once.

7. What was the result of this meeting?

The apostles stated that it was necessary for them to give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word and requested that the brethren choose sevenxmen from their number seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom and appoint them to have charge of the distribution of relief. It is interesting to observe that the seven men selected for this purpose had Greek names and probably came from the Greek section. This was done to prove to the Grecians that they wanted to be absolutely fair and impartial in the administration of temporal affairs.

The seven men chosen were set before the apostles and were initiated into their new office by prayer and the laying on of hands. Then there followed a period of success for the church. The Word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient unto the faith. This was one of the most outstanding miracles of the grace of Christ, that religious leaders so intent on the destruction of Jesus, His apostles, and His doctrine, should at last espouse His teaching; and that they who had withstood His miracles, should have yielded to the doctrine of His death and resurrection is worthy of note. And from this we may learn that it is not by miracles that sinners are to be converted unto God, but by the preaching of Christ dying for their offences and rising again for their justification.

8. What significance do you attach to the laying on of hands?

This was a custom observed in Bible times as a mode of conveying a special grace and blessing. The priests were instructed to put their hands on the head of the burnt offering as a symbol of dedication and atonement and this ceremony was also used in the ordination and consecration of men for service. Christ frequently laid His hands upon those He healed and Matthew tells us that children were brought to Jesus that He might put His hands upon them and pray. We often sing today: "I wish that His hands had been placed on my head, that His arms had been thrown around me, and that I might have seen His kind look when He said, Let the little ones come unto Me."

9. Did any of the seven deacons become famous?

Lesane famous asked that question. Yes, two of them- Philip and Stephen. We shall study about Philip in our Sunday School lesson next week. Stephen was the foremost in the group of deacons. He not only discharged the ordinary duties of the serving of tables, but, "full of faith and power." he did "great wonders and miracles among the people." His zeal and unusual success aroused much opposition but his enemies could not resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. He was brought before the council and he delivered a speech of great eloquence and boldness. His hearers were so enraged at his fearless invectives against them and their fathers, that, without a formal trial, they rushed upon him, gnashed him with their teeth, cried with loud voices, dragged him out of the city, and stoned him to death. While he was being murdered, he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." Then he uttered this prayer, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he fell to the earth, and kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." And when he had said this he fell asleep, and thus passed into eternity the first Christian martyr.

1. How many instances of persons being raised from the dead are mentioned in the Bible?

If we include the resurrection of Jesus and the bodies of the saints which slept and who arose and came out of their graves after His resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared unto many, there are ten instances mentioned in the Bible of persons being raised from the dead. The first miracle of this kind that was ever performed is recorded in 1 Kings 17:17-24, "And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was sore, that there was no breath in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? And he said unto her. Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon this widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord. and said, O Lord, my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth. The second person raised from the dead was the son of the Shunammite woman. In 2 Kings 4:32-37, we read, "And when Elisha was come into the house, behold the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite woman. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her don, and went out." The third person who raised from the dead was an un-named man spoken of in 2 Kings 13:21, "And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchure of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet."

Pastoral Address
Fayetteville, W. Va.,
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Prof. I. D. Moon, Wilmore, Ky.

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The fourth individual that was restored to life was the only son of the widow of Nain. Christ met the funeral procession and stopped it and had compassion upon the mother who was weeping and said to the dead, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And he sat up and began to speak. The fifth person was a little girl only twelve years of age, the daughter of Jairus, the ruler of a synagogue. Jesus took her by the hand and commanded her to arise and her spirit came again and she arose straightway and food was given to her, and her parents were astonished. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was such an important event that practically all of the eleventh chapter of Saint John is devoted to this wonderful happening. It is said that the Savior loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus. Often He had visited in their home and He was ever a welcome guest. When Jesus came to them grave and saw these women weeping, He groaned in spirit and was troubled and said, "Where have ye laid him?" They said unto Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. They said the Jews, "Behold how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Jesus therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. When the stone was rolled away, Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou has heard Me. And I know that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me." And when He had thus spoken, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him and let him go." The seventh and eighth instances of people being raised from the dead was that Christ Himself and many of the saints that slept. In the case of direct, it was different from the others. He had power to lay down His life and to take it up again. In the acts of the Apostles, there were two persons brought back from the dead. In the 9:36 to 4t, we read, "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come unto them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. " The last instance of restoration to life was that of Eutychus who went to sleep while Paul was preaching and fell three stories and was taken up as dead, but the great apostle to the Soutiles, braught him back to health.

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This Today I wish to unswer rectain questions feetlain to the gospel. All our lives we have heard persons afresh of Good afternoon, everybody! This is our regular Bible study period when various questions concerning the Holy Scriptures are answered.

The first on our list today is, "What is meant by the word gospel?" The name gospel is derived from God and spell and signifies "good message or news." It is applied to the four inspired histories of the life and teaching of Christ contained in the New Testament, of which separate accounts are given in their place. They were all composed during the latter half of the first century: those of St. Matthew and St. Mark some years before the destruction of Jerusalem; that of St. Luke probably about A. D. 64; and that of St. John towards the close of the century. Before the end of the next hundred years, there is abundant evidence that the four gospels, as one collection, were generally used and accepted. As a matter of literary history, nothing can be better established than the genuineness of the gospels. On comparing these four books one with another, a peculiar difficulty claims attention, which had much to do with the controversy as to their validity. In the fourth gospel the narrative coincides with that of the other three in a few passages only. The received explanation is the only satisfactory one, namely, that John, writing last, at the close of the first century, had seen the other gospels, and purposely abstained from writing again what they had sufficiently recorded. In the other three gospels there is a great amount of agreement as to the facts narrated and in verbal coincidence.

The next question asked is, "Thy four gospels?" This was done to bring four separate independent witnesses to the truth and to give the Lord's life from every point of view. Jesus was to be commended to four phases of human thought, - the Jewish, the Roman, the Greek and the Christian. The first gospel was prepared by Matthew for the Jew and was therefore Messianic. He places the life and character of Jesus, as lived on earth, alongside the life and character of xxxxxx the Messiah, as sketched in the prophets, thereby showing Christianity to be the fulfillment of Judaism. Mark wrote the second gospel. It was substantially the preaching of Peter to the Romans. He represented the character and career of Jesus from the Roman point of view, as answering to the idea of Divine power, work, law, conquest and universal sway. The Savior is a man of action and the words, "forthwith, ""straightway" and "immediately" appear over and over again. Luke wrote the third gospel in Greece for the Greek. Being a physician, he refers to kis birth in a stable and the visit of the shepherds to the babe of Bethlehem, he has much to say in regard to the humanity of Jesus and pictures Him as the perfect divine man. John wrote the fourth gopel

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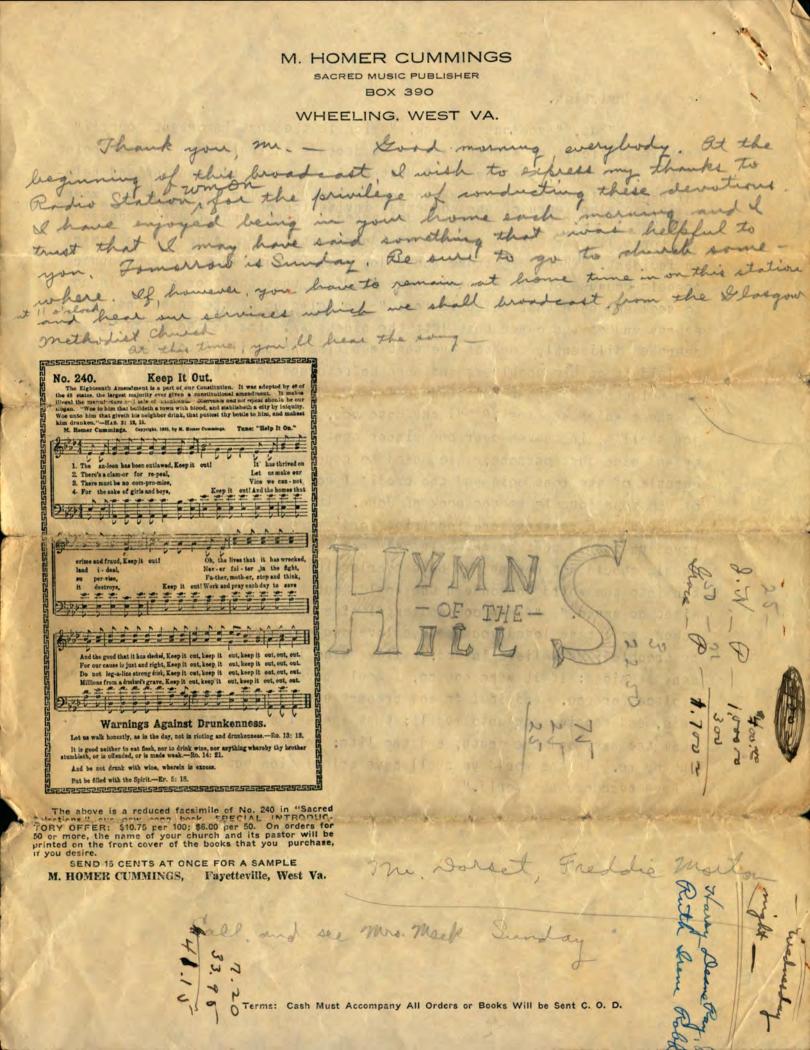
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"But, " someone may ask, "which is the most important gospel?" That is difficult to answer because it depends entirely upon on your point of view. To some, the gospel of Matthew is the most interesting and helpful because it contains the sermon on the mount in its entirety- the mask In it, we also learn of the wonderful invitation of the Savior, "Come unto, greatest discourse that was ever delivered. Others prefer Mark because of his terse literary style and the vividness with which he describes axwarx an incident. There are those who enjoy reading Luje more than the other gospels because of his emphasis upon the fact that the "son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost." He tells us of the sheep that went astray and of the owner that left the ninety and nine in the wilderness and searched diligently for the one that was missing until he found it and then he laid it on his shoulders and when he returned home, he called his friends and neighbors together and said unto them, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." "I say unto you, " Christ added, "that likewise" joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." He also relates the parable of the lost coin and the prodigal son. Probably the most popular of the four gospels is the book of John. It has a peculiar appeal to the believer. No sassas more inspiring words were ever uttered than "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you that ye love one another." "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe alse in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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Luke and John?



Radio Station NLW, Y. M. C. A. Program, August 16, 1937.

Thank you, Mr. Hudock. I am truly glad to be with you again and to address you over the nation's station, WLW. My subject this morning is "THE IDEAL WIFE."

Of the various accounts that are afforded us by the different religions of the world, the one that is furnished us by the author of Genesis is the most interesting and instructive. In it, he tells us that after the heaven and the earth had been formed and the light and darkness and the land and water separated and the sun, moon, and stars and the animals created. that man was made in the image and likeness of Jehovah and that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. He was then given dominion over the fish of the sea, the foul of the air, the beasts of the field and the reptiles of the streams. But inasmuch as he was the only human being in existence, he must have been very lonely indeed. In all the universe, there was found no one with whom he could associate. And so we are informed that the Lord God, seeing his predicament, said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him." Had you ever thought of the expression "help meet?" It is quite significant. It is not one word but two, the former being the noun and the latter the qualifying adjective on which the main emphasis lies. Man might have many helps; the vegetable and animal kingdom might minister to his welfare and comfort. But the' these are "helps," they are not "meet," that is, suitable. Only a creature like himself can be an adequate companion; and so woman was formed. When Adam beheld her, he was somedlighted, he exclaimed, "This is now bones of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." "Therefore," we are told, "shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

But so much for the first mand the first woman. I desire to discuss for a few moments, "The Ideal Wife." In order to belong to this class, you must first.

I. Be considerate. You should always bear in mind the fact that your husband is engaged in one of the most severe and terrific battles that was ever fought. Whether in professional, or commercial, or artistic, or mechanical or agricultural life, he is struggling from morning until night to make a living. Sometimes he istempted to give up the conflict. He needs your help. He has enough worries and anxieties and perplexities without being annoyed to death by a cross and peevish wife. Just at this point, it seems to me that merry women fail. They often allow themselves to drift into

a spirit of whining, complaining, and fault-finding. Soon they become so selfish that they think of nothing but their own whims and fancies. It makes no difference to them if their husband has been betrayed by a business partner or a customer has cheated him out of a bill of goods or a protested note has been flung in his face and he has nothing with which to pay it or some one has disputed his word or everything has gone wrong in the mines or shop or on the farm, they expect him to always be pleasant and cheerful when he comes in from his work. They make no effort to help him bear his burdens or lighten his load.

- AI. Keep yourself as attractive after marriage as you did before marriage. The reason that reason respective after marriage as you are no longer lovable. You will recall in the days of your courtship how you were so careful about your personal appearance and spent much time in an endeavor to appear beautiful to him and now since you have him for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, until death do you part, please exercise the same concern about being charming and fascinating to him.
- III. Avoid falling into the unpardonable habit of criticising and nagging your husband. He is not an angel, only a human being. He has his faults but he should always be to you the sweetest and the dearest man on earth. You can not make him any better by constantly quarrelling with him. Solomon, the wise man, once said, "It is better to dwell on the corner of a house-top than in a wide house with a brawling woman." Therefore, I beseech you, pray to be delivered from this pernicious evil.
- IV. Be contended. By this counsel, I do not mean that you are to be devoid of all energy and ambition and to be willing to sit down with folded arms and do nothing all the of the days of your life. Such a thing is farthest from my thought. You should be wide-awake and alert. But at the same time, do not add to your husband's burdens by murmuring and complaining. Cultivate a cheerful and sunny disposition. Remember the admonition of the Apostle, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Your ist may be a humble one but where love reigns, happiness dwells.
- V. Be a Christian. You can never be the wife and mother that you should be unless you are a follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene. Each day you should pray, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, all His patience, His love, His humility; Dure and sinless was He, Like Him, O may I be, may the beuty of Jesus be seen in me. When the cross I must carry is hard to bear,

when my troubles and trials no one can share, when my friends are unkind and they fault with me find, may the beauty of Jesus be seen in me. May I walk in the strait and the narrow way, true and faithful in all that I do and say, in the throng and the home and wherever I roam, may the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

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RADIO ADDRESS FOR AUGUST 23, 1939.

- and I find that it is a very fascinating volume. It might be of interest to this radio audience for you to tell them why it is so named.
- A The word Bible comes from the Greek word, "Biblos," and means book.
- a book? The part to part to speak of the Bible as being
- It contains history, poems, sones, prophecies, proverbs and epistles. However since it is bound in one volume, we are accustomed to refer to it as being a book.
 - A When was the first Bible printed? moderate for malina
- A The first Bible was printed in Latin at Minz, 1452-1456 in the year of our Lord and was known as the Gutenberg Bible.
 - In how many tongues is the Bible translated?
- A The information that we have in our possession is that it has been translated into 835 languages.
 - Which has the larger sale- the Bible or novels in general?
- A Frederick J. Haskin tells us that more Bibles are sold annually than novels.
 - Q What two chapters in the Bible are exactly alike?
- A The two chapters in the Bible that are exactly like are the 19th chapter of 2nd Kings and the 37th chapter of Isabah.
 - What word appears but once in the Bible?
- A There are many words that occur only once in the Bible. Perhaps the most important word appearing but once is "eternity." It is found in Isaiah 57:15 where it refers to God as being the "high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity."
 - Q What word appears the most often in the Bible?
- A The word "and" occurs the most frequently. In the King James Version it appears 46,277 times. However, words of kkexexexexe importante Jehovah or Lord, are the most prevalent, and are found 6,855 times in the "ible.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 18, 1939

THE PRELUDE. (The people in devout meditation).

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple".

HYMN NO. 302. (The people standing).

PRAYER. (To be offered by all. The people seated and bowed).

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

WORDS OF ASSURANCE, followed by "Lord, Teach Us To Pray" a and "The Lord's Prayer", sung by the choir.

RESPONSIVE READING, 33rd Sunday. Second Lesson, Page 561.

(The people standing).

GLORIA PATRI.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

SPECIAL. By the choir.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE. (The people seated and bowed).

SERMON BY THE PASTOR.

HYMN NO. 303. (The people standing).

Benediction.

Doxology.

POSTLUDE.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

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- A Yes, most glady, I shall do so. This term is applied to the Bible which was completed and printed in 1611. The rules adopted provided that the new translation should be based on the Bishop's Bible and that it should contain no marginal notes except for explanation of Hebrew and Greek words. The movement was supported by James I, King of England, and it was called the King James Version of the Bible.
- O What is the exact place in the Bible where the word "girl" appears?
- A The word "girl" occurs in the third verse of the other chapter of Joel, while the plural form "girls" appears in the fifth verse of the eighth chapter of Zechariah.
- Q What is the term for the oractice some people have when puzzled of opening the Bible at random, reading a verse, and allowing it to determine the pewson's course of action?
- A Divination by means of the Bible is called Bibliomancy. Use of poetic verses, fized on by chance, was common in Rome. Vergil was often used for this purpose. As the Bible spread through Europe, devout people turned to it for direction.
- Q In your opinion, Mr. Cummings, do you think that this custom is a wise one?
- No, I do not think that it is. Jesus says, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me." Paul exhorts us, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

What is the purpose of the Holy Beriptures? answer. The best answer that I have found to this question is a reply which is found in the Bible itself. It states that Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. David said Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not aim against thee!

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 13, 1939

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Good afternoon, everybody! Today I shall attempt to answer certain questions concerning the second coming of Christ.

Our first question is, "Is the second coming of Christ foretold in the Scriptures?" Yes, it most assuredly is. In His final interview with His disciples in the upper room just before He left for the Garden of Gethsamane, Jesus told them, "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you. I so to prepare a place for you and if I so to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there we may be also." When the Master was on trial for His life before the high priest, He said, "Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven." Again in Luke 21:25-27, He says, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." When He left this world and ascended to His Father, as His followers looked steadfastly toward the skies as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him so into heaven." Paul tells us that some day, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall be raised first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." The author of Hebrews emphatically declares, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Many other selections from the Bible could be cited but these are sufficient to convince us that the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus is abundantly substantiated by the Scriptures.

Our next question is, "When is Christ going to return to this earth?"
To this we can only reply, that while our salvation is nearer than when we first believed and the night is far spent and the morning cometh, "of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Therefore, we are commanded, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who

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left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." Again, He warns us, "Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

However, it will be well for us to bear in mind that the second coming of Jesus is often mentioned in the Bible as being near at hand-just when, we do not know. Here are some Scriptures selected at random: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." "Be ye also patient: stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "Behold I come quickly: hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Our final question is, "What is the purpose of His coming?" Christ Himself informs us, "For thee Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with his angels; and then shall He reward every man according to His works. Before Him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the coats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say to them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Them shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered. and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Then shal He say unto them on the left hand. Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty and we gave me no drink: I was a stranger and ye took me not in: naked and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Bord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not ministe unto thee. Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasassurch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not with me. And there shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the right-

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In order to explain this passage of Scripture, it will be necessary for us to consider the preceding verses of this chapter. They are as follows: "It is commonly reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in the body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." This was an unusal case. A man who was a member of the Christian church at Corinth had married his father's wife, evidently his stepmother. When Paul learned of this, he was simply shocked and morified, and he instructed them to solemnly excommunicate the offender and hand him over to Satan, who had power to torture him with diseases and terrors, as a warning to all: but, while the body and mind were thus tormented, the immortal spirit was under the influence of Divine mercy; and the affliction, in all probability, was only for a season; though sometimes it was unto death, as the destruction of the flesh would imply. But the soul found mercy at the hand of God; for such a most extraordinary interference of God's power and justice; and of Satan's influence, could not fail to bring the person to a state of the deepest humiliation and contrition: and thus, while the flesh was destroyed, the spirit was saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. No such power at present, seems to be in the church of God and we have no Scriptural warrant that it should be attempted. It was the same power by which Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead; and Elymas, was made blind. It appears that Apostles only were entrusted with this power. There is no doubt however that ever any afflictions and sorrows are often used by Providence to lead us to God.

What are we to understand by the Battle of Armageddon referred to in Revelation?

Armageddon is the name given to the last great battle to be fought in the world's history, in which the whole human race is arryed on one side or the other. It is to be the final struggle of the Antichrist. When it will be fought no one can tell; but that there will be a great struggle, we are assured. Before that day comes "many prophets shall arise and lead many astray; iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold." There are to be false Christs and false teachers "doing signs and wonders" and shall decrive,

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onstrated, with the authority of the wicked one will be fully demonstrated, with the assumption of divinity and the demand for universal worship as God. In the present stage of conflict between good and evil, when mighty forces are arrayed on both sides, we can see the foreshadowing of the fierce struggle that is to come; but we may rest assured that right-eousness will triumph in the end. Armageddon is "the mountain of Megiddo" west of Jordan and the place would naturally suggest itself to the mind of a Galilean writer to whom the place and its association were familiar.

3. When will the battle of Gog and Magog take place?

The battle of Gog and Magog will take place after the millenium when Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, and gather them together for the conflict; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. They will encompass the camp of the saints about and the holy city, but fire will come down from God out of heaven and devour them and the Devil that deceived them shall be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and they shall be tormented day and night forever. Immediately following this event, John tells us that the great white throne judgement will occur. The dead, small and great, shall stand before God; and the books shall be opened: and another book shall be opened, which is the book of life: and the dead shall be judged out of those things which are written in those books, according to their works. And the sea shall give up the dead which are in it; and death and hell shall deliver up the dead which are in them; and they shall be judged every man according to his works.

4. Shall we know each other in the future life?

We find the assurance of heavenly recognition in a number of passages in both the Old and New Testament. David said of his dead son: "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches that thesektwo personshwhoimereeacquaintedion earth knew each other in the other world. On the mount of Transfiguration, the disciples recognized Moses and Elijah. Yes, I believe that we shall know each other over there.

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Order of Worship For The Fayetteville Methodist Church, March 26, at 11 A. M.

PRELUDE. The people in devout meditation.

THE PROCESSIONAL: No. 381, "The Church's One Foundation," the people arising at the second stanza and joining in the singing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED, The people standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

RESPONSIVE READING, 13th Sunday, 1st Reading, the people standing.

GLORIA PATRI.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

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SPECIAL SELECTION BY THE CHOIR, L. M. Howells, directing.

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HYMN, No. 244, the people standing.

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BENEDICTION.

POSTLUDE.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Be sure to attend services in this building tonight at 7:30.

If you will pardon me this time, I'll talk to you today in Phyme and by this method I shall seek to so impress the words I speak that they will linger in your mind and in them, may you blessings find.

Old nineteen hundred twenty-nine is getting ready to resign in favor of another year, which, as you know, is almost here. Just four more fleeting, wint'ry days and then our wond'ring eyes shall gaze on nineteenhundred-thirty. God grant that nothing dirty, impure, unchaste or low or mean may mar the New Year's record clean. Just four days! ah, did I say? Yet multitudes will pass away into the vast eternity before the next year we shall see. Yes, mineteen-hundred-twenty-nine may mark your monument or mine. We do not know, we can not tell- our Father doeth all things well. Our lives are in His tender care and anytime and anywhere the summons comes, we must obey; to death, we cannot answer, "Nay!" O let us ev'ry moment live a strict account to God to give that when He calls us we can go where in His likeness we shall grow.

The past year let us now review. What have these twelve months brought to you? Did they bring poverty or wealth or bitter pain or best of health? Have you experienced great success or disappointment ax distress? Perhaps someone who hears me now beneath grief's load has had to bow- a friend who journeyed by your side has crossed the Jordan's swelling tide- it may have boy or girl with rosy cheek and golden curl. You miss them but do not despair, the Savior will your burdens bear; just cast on Him your eviry care and He will all your sorrows share. He'll wipe away your falling tear and bring you comfort, joy and cheer. His children, He will not forsake tho' raging storms may o'er them break.

Perhaps in nine-teen-hundred-twenty-nine, you first obeyed the voice Divine and gave to Jesus Christ your neart and in His service made a start. Just trust in Him and He will keep tho' trials may around you sweep. While in the faith you firmly stand, no one can pluck you from His hand.

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"Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee; Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King.

"Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

"Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Phine own, It shall be Thy royal throne."

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If you will pardon me this time, I'll talk to you today in rhyme; and by this method I shall seek to so impress the words I speak that they will linger in your mind, and in them, may you blessings find.

Old nineteen hundred thirty-three in two more days will cease to be. On Monday January the first, upon our vision there will burst the dawning of another year, which, as you know, is almost here. New nineteen hundred thirty-four, we'll greet with all it has in store. God grant that nothing low or mean may mar our next year's record clean. Just two more days! ah, did I say? Yet multitudes will pass away into the vast eternity before another year we see. Yes, nineteen hundred thirty-three upon your monument may be. We do not know, we can not tell- our Father doeth all things well. Our lives are in his loving care and anytime and anywhere the summons comes, we must obey; to death, we can not answer, "Nay!" O let us ev'ry moment live a strict account to God to give that when He calls us we can go where in His likeness we shall grow.

The past year let us now review. What have these twelve months brought to you? Did they bring poverty or wealth or bitter pain or best of health? Have you experienced great success or disappointment and distress? Perhaps someone who hears me now beneath grief's load has had to bow- a friend who journeyed by your side has crossed the Jordan's swelling tide- it may have been your dear old mother, your father, sister or your brother, your husband or your faithful wife. Perhaps death took the precious life of your dear little boy or girl with rosy cheek and golden curl. You miss them but do not despair, the Savior will your burdens, just cast on Him your ev'ry care and He will all your sorrows share. He'll wipe away your falling tear and bring you comfort, joy and cheer. His children, He will not forsake tho' raging storms may o'er them break.

Perhaps in nineteen hundred thirty-three, you first obeyed the Spirit's plea and gave to Jesus Christ your heart and in His service made a start. Just trust in Him and He will keep tho' trials may around you sweep. While in the faith you firmly stand, no one can pluck you from His hand.

And as the old year passes by, with deep regret, we say, "Good-bye!"
Like the river moving on, it soon will be forever gone. So often were its
pages blurred by ugly deed and unkind word. Now we are standing at the door

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Before the throne of God, we pray and with Miss Havergal we say, "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it Thime, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne."