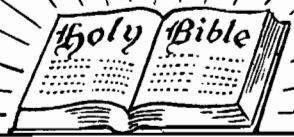


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# Editorial...

**T**HIS IS December, the last month of what may be recorded by history as one of the most eventful years of human history. Certainly, it has brought much relief to us here on this continent and to others of the Allied Nations who have been victorious over the enemy, but it has not brought victory over the strife torn world in many other ways. However, it seems certain that 1945 has been one of the turning points in human history, to say the least. Actually, two great wars have been brought to an end, millions of men in the service of many nations have been returned to their homes and families. Therefore, with gratitude we bow our hearts to God, thanking Him from whom all blessings flow that our boys will not be required to spend weeks in fox holes, in snow and cold, but may at least have a warm place in which to sleep at night. At this the end of the year let us not forget to humble ourselves before God, and give Him the glory for that which we have been delivered from.

While we meditate on our present circumstances let us remember that there are untold millions who are living in the worse kind of poverty imaginable; starvation will be the lot of a great multitude. Are we forgetting that these are souls for whom Jesus died? Some may say, *They are our enemies*; true they have been our enemies, but God has commanded us to *love our enemies*. This however, is not the end of the matter for there are other things to consider. You may say, *And what else is there to be considered regarding these nations?* In an effort to answer this question is the outstanding fact that Nazism is only the logical results of Materialism, and if it had not been for the spiritually minded people (*the salt of the earth*) in our own land, we would have been the same kind of brutes that we hear of our enemies being.

Today, in the nations known as Christian Nations, there is a very definite trend toward Materialism in the Church. Many have long ago forgotten that it is *not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts*. The tendencies are away from Pentecost, and on toward Laodicea, that cold, heartless, selfish, self-satisfied, rich, but spiritless church. The attitude is simply this, *We are able to take care of ourselves, we have money, education, organization and with these material things we can get along*. The power of God is denied; it is

a bloodless religion, without the Holy Ghost, and the Bible as the Word of God is rejected in part or in whole. With this attitude, men who are sinners to the man, become brutes and beasts; instruments of Satan and destroyers of all that is noble and worthy of the best that God would impart unto us.

Pentecostal people, we must win the peace. The nations who have won the war are losing the peace, for the oppressed peoples of Europe and Asia will be filled with greater hatred than ever before, and will long remember our bombs and tanks; in the midst of surrender there will be greater inward resistance against us. It is even so at times in congregations, we win against the outward enemy, and have great revivals bringing in many souls, then comes the great tragedy of losing the peace among ourselves. The Scriptures admonish us to *be at peace among ourselves*, and if we fail in this, we are greater failures than we realize. A congregation without the *peace of God* will become a bitter gathering of carnal people, and die as surely as the Bible says, *If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die*.

The peace among the nations cannot be won by force, and it can only be the results of love among the people. This, a world that is full of bitter memories, and void of the Holy Ghost can never achieve; for *the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us*. The world does not have it, sinners do not have it; it is not natural to love ones enemies. This love that is so sorely needed is given of God, *Ye must be born again* to possess this love. The Holy Ghost is given, then the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, but first we must receive the Holy Ghost. Only by the Holy Ghost can we truly have the peace of God, for *the kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*.

Again, it is not enough to have received the Holy Ghost, but Paul admonishes us with these words, *Be ye filled with the Spirit*. That is to say, *once ye have received the Spirit, walk in the Spirit*, be led of the Spirit, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*. Our sonship is not merely based on some named experience, but on the fact that we are led by the Spirit of God; if we will always keep this in mind it will help us to live at peace among ourselves, and then are we truly the sons of God.

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As an Organization, we, the United Pentecostal Church, have won one of the greatest battles in the history of this great movement; we have won the war against division and have become one against a common enemy, but now we *must win the peace*. It will require as great an effort to win the peace as it did to win the war we have just won, but by His Spirit we will win. If we can walk in the Spirit, we will have the **PEACE OF GOD**, if we walk after the flesh we cannot expect anything but *the works of the flesh, which are these: hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, and such like*. Also, let us remember, *that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God*.

Yes, we will win the peace, and that by much prayer, praying until we see another outpouring of the Spirit of God. Beloved, let us pray for a Holy Ghost revival, and walk in the Spirit so that there will be the *fruit of the Spirit* which is, *love, joy, peace, etc.* Thus the world will know that we are the children of God.

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# In Bethlehem

By Kenneth V. Reeves



**A**ND THOU Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Great is the eternal plan of God. Bit by bit and time to time God revealed an isolated portion of His great plan of Salvation to His holy prophets.

The entire scheme of God's plan centered around a person who was to be born. And in this person all of God's intentions for the human race would be consummated.

His person was to *bruise* the serpent's head; and also by the serpent have His heel bruised.

It was finally revealed to Abraham several hundred years later that it would be in his seed (even Jesus) that all nations of the earth should be blessed.

As time passed on it was made clear that this seed or person would come out of the tribe of Judah, the fourth son of Jacob by Leah. It is prophesied at this time that this person is to have a sceptre, which suggests rulership; and He was to be a law giver; and *unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

The revelation is progressively showing some new phase of the life, person, and position of this coming person as Redeemer, Ruler, Lawgiver, etc.

Balaam calls Him the *Star out of Jacob*, the hope that Israel could look forward to.

Moses boldly prophesies that He will be a *Prophet from the midst of thee (Israel) of the brethren, like unto me.* Moses further stated the words of God would be in His mouth, and for Israel to hearken unto those words. And did not Jesus say: "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I shall say, and what I shall speak."

Witness after witness has spoken of Jesus with prophetic exactness; each witness testifying of that part of the revelation concerning Jesus, that God had given them.

David calls Jesus *Anointed — King — Son* and other such titles. And to David is the promise given that Jesus will

come out of his loins and sit upon his throne. This prophesy points to the millennial reign of Jesus in the not too distant future, if the signs of the times are any proof.

A close scrutiny of the Scriptures aluded to heretofore, make it manifestly clear that the human side of Jesus is the only revelation being given. That is up until the time of Isaiah who calls Jesus "Immanuel" (God with us).

The revelation becomes clearer. The vague line of truth begins to brighten with divine lustre and brightness. The miraculous is now being associated with the normal human expectations concerning Jesus. Why Isaiah! "You intimate that a *virgin shall conceive and bear a Son.*" Amazing! Stupendous! Mystifying! Here it is revealed that a virgin, not an ordinary married woman, is to have a child. Well, this is sufficient to curb any more wishful thinking on the part of any future wife anxiously hoping that she will bring forth the Messiah!

Not only a miracle birth by a virgin; but the person is to be more than a great man: prophet, judge, lawgiver, king, son of David; He is to be called *God with us* (Immanuel Matt. 1:23).

Slowly through the ages the light of prophecy continuously pressed its way through the jungle of sin and idolatry. One could see it flicker its ray of hope—then fade behind a hill or a patch of heavy timber out of sight. Periods of darkness as Israel would move into sin, idolatry, and captivity. Then a prophet would catch a fresh glimpse of Jesus closer and brighter than when the last prophet spoke.

Isaiah takes a closer look at this *Immanuel* and then in the Spirit elucidates the first announcement with a second prediction. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called *Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*" (Isa. 9:6).

With a spiritual perception far beyond that of by gone prophets Isaiah boldly startles the whole family of Is-

rael with a prophecy that places Jesus as God Himself. This revelation has been clouded over by human speculation of modern day teachers; but the message of the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ is still ringing out from hundreds of pulpits with renewed vigor and intelligence. May God endue us with His power to turn the theological lack of human speculation over, and preach that Jesus is more than man—He is also God!

The text we have taken is from a prediction made by Micah. Micah states that Jesus is to be born not only in Judah, but in a special town of Judah—Bethlehem!

Bethlehem! a small town. It was here that Jacob buried his beloved wife Rachel. The name Bethlehem means the house of bread. And surely it was here that Jesus the *bread of life* that came down from heaven was presented to the world as a babe in the arms of His virgin mother.

Mary was not divine—just a humble little daughter of David; but she was exalted to the grand privilege of bringing forth the world's only Savior.

It was Boaz, a mighty man of wealth, who married the humble Gentile widow from Moab called Ruth. Boaz was a great man in Bethlehem. And by the way Boaz is a beautiful type of the Lord Jesus—and Ruth a pre-picture of the Church which consists of Gentile peoples of every nation, as well as Jews who have accepted Jesus as Kinsman-Redeemer.

Here in Bethlehem Samuel finds David as a young lad and anoints him with oil as king over Israel in the place of rejected Saul. When Samuel anointed David *the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.*

At the same time, however, *the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.*

So it can surely be seen that Bethlehem is a small town of some import.

David's father was named Jesse. He was in turn the Son of Obed. Now Obed  
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