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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you March 2024 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Victory of Faith".

Faith is complete trust and confidence in something or someone. Biblical faith is complete trust and confidence in God and His promises. The basis of believers' faith in God is His immutability and trustworthiness. His other attributes such as omniscience and omnipotence convinces us of His ability to do all that He promised and ordained for our lives. Faith is the umbilical cord that joins a believing man to God and secures His involvement in all that we do or may want to do. Faith makes divine-human walk, work and partnership possible. Manifestation of faith for possibilities can be hindered by sin, fear, doubt and discouragement. Where they increase, faith decreases and as they decrease, faith increases. We must expunge these from our lives to get the best.

Faith in God produces faithful men. It is inconsistent to say one is a man or woman of faith but unfaithful to God or to man. Men's faith makes them walk with the consciousness of the presence of an all-seeing God and they do not want to do anything whether in the secret or open, to displease Him. The Bible is clear about the fact that those who are living in sin have not seen Him or known Him (1John 3:6). Faith in God results in separation from sin, Satan and the world. All unconverted men are condemned in unbelief.

They are called "unbelievers"

The church's battles against the gates of hell requires unflinching faith in God because of the seemingly formidability of enemies entrenched against her, her interests and ministry. Faith will grant us access to all that we need to fight in the battle of life and win including God's direct involvement. An easy example is small David coming against Goliath. His winning formulae is that he did not come alone, He came in the name of the Lord and Goliath fell.

Faith healed Bartimeus and suspended aging process till Simeon saw 'Israel's Consolation'. Hebrews 11 documented exploits of men who lives and served God before us. Their stories attested to the fact that a believing man in an unconquerable man. Their stories taken together revealed that faith will secure for us victory in all battles. It is my sincere prayer that as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet all round victory from God through Christ's resurrection and power will be yours in Jesus name. Welcome!

VICTORY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH AT ENEMY'S GATE

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona:



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for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mathew 16:15-18

Mathew 16, specifically our text verses 16-18 was a landmark and watershed in Christ's relationship with His disciples. At this point in Christ's teaching and relationship, emphasis was going to shift from testimonies of miracles and signs that authenticated the power, authority and divinity of Jesus to crucifixion and its prediction. For about two and half years Jesus had been teaching, affirming and demonstrating the truth of who He was. His question at the beginning of our text represented a climax and final examination to evaluate how much these disciples have internalized all that they have seen and heard from Him.

“Who is Jesus” is a question of monumental importance, one that hinges on the eternal destiny of every man. It is a question every living being will have to face and answer at one point or another. Peter’s precise and accurate answer provided the springboard for Christ’s revelation about the future and the destiny of all His followers. This is the subject of our study today.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Confession of a remarkable disciple and spokesman
2. Raising an invincible eternal congregation
3. The church’s continuing victory at enemies gates’

1. Confession of a remarkable disciple and spokesman

“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Mathew 16:15-16

“Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”
John 6:68-69

Jesus asked “Who say ye that I am” Mathew 16:15. Peter as spokesman, speaking on behalf of all the others said “Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God”. Mathew 16:16. This great confession implies that Peter and the other disciples believed in Jesus as the Messiah. The longer they stayed with Jesus, the more evidence they have on the divinity, nature, power and authority of Christ as the one that will deliver God’s people from their enemies and establish God’s righteous eternal kingdom. Acknowledging Him to be the Son of the living God means that they recognize His oneness in essence with God the Father- Jehovah the God of Israel.

Individually, we too need this same conviction and conclusion today for our spiritual wellbeing now on earth and eventually in eternity. We can develop the same conviction as we spend more time in studying about Him and frequent communion with Him in prayers.

2. Raising an invincible eternal congregation

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

Daniel 2:44

Jesus responded to Peter’s confession by saying “... thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church.....” Mathew 16:18. We find here in Christ’s response the first appearance of the word “church” in the Bible which in its original means “an assembly (or congregation) of called out ones”.



We find here a promise of Christ to raise on a Rock, as on indissoluble foundation, a congregation of people that will live and exist eternally. Contextual reading of our text and other scripture passages shows clearly that Jesus Himself (and not Peter) is the foundation and cornerstone of His Church and congregation. 1 Peter 2:4-8, Acts 4:10-12, Ephesians 2:19-20.

To be part of this great assembly of redeemed people and congregation is the greatest decision and choice anyone will ever make on earth. Eternal Christ, the Rock is our foundation. We are citizens in His everlasting kingdom and shall live and reign with Him forever when everything



else we can see, feel and touch today will be no more. This is the gospel story that should attract anyone and everyone’s interest to want to belong.

3. The church’s continuing victory at enemies gates’

“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”
Revelation 2:10-11

Jesus said “.....I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” Mathew 16:18. Here the Lord revealed three things about the church. One, the church that Jesus promised to build will be a militant one in continuous conflicts and battles. Secondly, her enemy was revealed as well as the enemy’s activities and strategies. This is summarized as the “Gates of hell”. Let’s take note of the fact that the enemy is one which is “hell” but his instruments are many - “many gates”. Thirdly, the victory is already decided before the fight begins. In Bible days, battles are won or lost at city gates. Important decisions are made by governing councils who sits at city gates. Christ’s proclamation in our text therefore implies that the church will continuously and incessantly pound on death’s gates. The initiative will be on our side. The church will always win and shall exist forever. Our sustained, continuous and ultimate victory over the power and principles of ruin, corruption, decay and death and literal hell is guaranteed by the fact that Jesus by His resurrection triumphed over death and has in His hands the keys of hell and of death Revelation 1:18.



ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said "*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*" **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord's parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord's return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord's return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers' spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For March 2024

1. Thank God for continuous victory of the church at enemy's gates
2. Thank God for making us path of His church built upon the rock
3. Pray for continuous victory over the principles and powers responsible for ruins, corruption, decay and death in our world
4. Pray for grace to daily take decisions and make choices based on faith in God and not fear, worries or anxiety
5. Pray for grace to consistently walk and live by faith
6. Pray for removal of every limitations in our lives that may hinder us from achieving our full potentials
7. Pray for determination, persistence and endurance in our prayer for divine blessings
8. Pray that God will make us custodian and communicators of hope and glorious future amidst God's people

"..... men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office at Amazing Grace House, Joy Estate, Olorunda - Abaa, Ibadan . Oyo - State. Follow us on any of our social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

PROFITING FROM PERSEVERING FAITH IN GOD

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” **Hebrews 11:1**

Hebrews 11:1 coming towards the end of the epistle marked the beginning of advocacy for Hebrew believers' perseverance and constancy. It concisely defined faith in God, the decisions and choices that should come from its exercise and the certainty of earthly and eternal reward that will follow such choices and decisions. The writer used the historical experiences of saints of old as a template. To us who read today, that template and antecedence is our evidence; the anchor for our hope.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Understanding biblical faith
2. Search for evidence (of the reality) of Christian hope
3. Our assurance and confidence in unseen world and events: past, present and future

1. Understanding Biblical Faith

“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.” **Acts 27:25**

Faith is trust. To believe someone is to trust that person. It is an essential and integral part of living. Life and living will be impossible, relationship, processes and systems will crash without it and it sometimes does. Many of us at one time or the other has reasons to trust a person, a process or system that let us down. Some of us till date still carry about the scars of the injury we sustained from such disappointments. This is where biblical faith is different. Biblical faith or trust unlike the general faith described earlier is faith in God.



We are by it invited to put our faith, trust and confidence in God; confidence in His attributes, operations, words and promises. The verses following our text described in details how others did so and were never disappointed. Not one of them was. We are invited to join them (Hebrews 12:1) so that our own story too can be told one day to encourage others. Hebrew writer's proposition is based on the premise that Almighty God and Christ to whom we have come and upon whom we are asked to lean is unchangeable and immutable, impartial and just. What He did for others who trust in Him, He is doing now and will still do today for all who put their trust in Him. Trusting God and acting or taking decisions based on that trust is what biblical faith is all about.

2. Search for evidence (of the reality) of Christian hope

“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” **Romans 4:7, 21**

Since we live in a world of constantly changing circumstances, we need to constantly review the evidences upon which our future is based. These evidences exist in the scriptures and can be found all around us but we must search for them. We must search the scriptures. We must search for them with the diligence of an investigator. The more we search the scriptures, the stronger our faith in God becomes and the greater our hope

in the greater, better and brighter future that God reserved for us. Details of the catalogues provided in Hebrews Eleven should be a starting point. Contemporary testimonies of divine visitation to other believers today, our own past experiences and testimonies in the same circumstance we are believing God for including spiritual perception of the move of God in our world and in our time will all serve and help us tremendously to keep hope alive.

3. Our assurance and confidence in unseen world and events: past, present and future

“And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” **2 Kings 6:17**

Meticulous search and adequate attention to details and facts of history, both secular and spiritual, especially biblical search and study will clearly reveal that there are occurrences and happenings in our world past and present that are beyond what our physical eyes can see or our natural senses can perceive. The immediate examples recorded in Hebrews eleven include events like the conception of Sarah, opening of the Red Sea for Israel's passage into the wilderness, the fall of Jericho walls, and Daniel's preservation in Lion's Den and so on. They are events that beat human imagination and confound scientists. They testify to the fact that God rules in the affairs of men and has the final say. The greatest and highest of this confidence comes from our study of the life and times of Christ.

The historical person and work of Jesus Christ reminds us that our faith is not belief without proof. He is the author and finisher of our faith. Our hope and expectation of spending eternity with Him; our faith in it and in Him should remain unshakeable till He comes.

BARTIMAEUS

“And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.” Mark 10:46-47

Our reference described the healing of Bartimaeus whose name when interpreted means “*the son of Timaeus*”. Jesus and His entourage made up of His disciples and a large crowd entered into Jericho, passing through it on their way to Jerusalem. Blind Bartimaeus sat and begged for arms by a roadside that they must pass as they exit Jericho. When he heard that it was Jesus passing, he began to shout calling on Jesus to pity him. He called Jesus by His messianic title- Son of David. Those around him severely reprimanded him, telling him to keep quiet. But he shouted the more.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Overcoming barriers and human limitation
2. Persevering faith that cannot be denied
3. Surpassing blessing of following Christ the healer

1. Overcoming barriers and human limitation

“And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.” Mark 10:48

“...call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.” Psalms 50:15

Baritmaeus’ state was a precise description of a handicapped who



begged for a living. Without Christ, all men are handicapped in various degrees. Jesus is the power of God in man. We have here an example of particular limitation that hindered the man from achieving his full potentials. It is through Jesus that the statement that there is ability in disability finds relevance. Jesus has the ability to remove every limitation in our lives that may hinder us from achieving our full potentials and from being all that God has ordained us to be.

Some people’s journey to Christ will be easy. Before they call, Christ will show up. However, others may require efforts. Some may even encounter obstacles and stumbling blocks on the way. Such was the experience of Bartimaeus. The people around him attempted silencing his prayers. They attempted discouraging him from seeking the Lord. The devil does not want anyone to be free. He wanted the blind either spiritually or physically to remain blind throughout their lives. There is a holy importunity and persistence which we must bring to bear in expressing our desires if we face the same kind of situation Bartimaeus encountered. We might need to join fasting with our prayers and pray persistently until something happens. We are to be assured and encouraged by the fact that Jesus is always willing to meet our needs and solve our problems. Delay is never denial. If we cry long enough, and persisted enough, heaven will open to shower its blessings upon our lives and our land.

2. Persevering faith that cannot be denied

“And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a

great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.” Mark 10:48, 50

Ironically, it was those who discouraged Bartimaeus initially that God eventually used to conduct him to Christ’s presence. If we pray long enough God will not only work in us but work in the heart of those around us who hated us or has hindered us in the past. God will make them promoters of our joy and guides to our happiness. The obstacles Bartimaeus faced was not only about the people that surrounded him. He seems to have problem with his garment too. He had to cast it away. Some expositors theorized that the garment was a symbolic expression of his blind state, that it was an object of his identity as a blind man. Then it must have been an expression of great faith that he cast it away as one who will no longer need it and was sure that the Christ to whom he flees shall give him a new name and a new identity. What Jesus did for Barimaeus, He is still willing to do for all who come to Him today.

3. Surpassing blessing of following Christ the healer

“And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.” Mark 10:29:30. A combination of determination, persistence, endurance and courage brought Bartimaeus’ blessings to him. They are still the virtues we need today to get the best from God. After his healing, the Lord told him to go his way but he decided to follow Christ and join the company of those following Him. Jesus indeed promised great material blessings to all who follow Him but none of such can be compared to what we shall have if we follow through and endure to the end.

CONSOLATION FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

“And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”
Luke 2:25-32

Our text describes how an elderly man driven by a vision which the Holy Spirit gave him waited for the coming of Jesus the Messiah and was not disappointed. His life while waiting, his vision and its realization is the focus of today's ministration as we consider these three subtopics:

1. Watching for Israel's consolation
2. Vision of divine intervention
3. God's faithfulness and peaceful discharge of abiding watchman



1. Watching for Israel's consolation

“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.”
Lamentations 3:25-26



Simeon was part of an old generation of believers transiting into a new dispensation. Israel in early New Testament days at the time of Simeon went through political convulsions. There was restiveness and uncertainties everywhere. To stem the tide of religious conflicts among different religious sect in Israel and political adventurism by contending dynasties in Syria and Egypt who crisscrossed the Holy land at will, Rome imposed its rule to create social order but installed Herod a despotic king.

The hope of a prosperous, religiously independent and vibrant peaceful Israel nation or state prophesied in the Old Testament appears distant and improbable. But Simeon believed God's promise of a Messiah and consolation for Israel. He remains hopeful and earnestly expected divine intervention, His hope sustained his faith. He remained faithful to God, just in his dealings with all men and devoted to true worship. He was a true believer and ranked among the best of saints in his generation notwithstanding the political turmoil and moral cum social decadence which surrounded him.

The circumstances of life and living including the disorders observed in Simeon's days are being re-enacted today all around the world. Men are tempted to think that God has abandoned the world and it does not matter what anyone does; either good or bad. It is at such a time like this that God seeks a man like Simeon whom He can use as custodian and communicator of prophesied hope and glorious future for God's people.

Such person must like Simeon be saved, separated from evil, saintly, spiritual and supplicating *“The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him”*
Psalm 25:14

2. Vision of divine intervention

“And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.”
Luke 2:25, 26

God will not forsake His people or abandon His heritage or estate. The world is God's estate though trampled upon today irreverently by the wicked and mismanaged by unfaithful hirelings. Like Simeon was given a vision by the Holy Spirit that help is coming, the same we can say to the Church and all God's people today. He promised to build His church upon the Rock. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. It shall be well with the righteous.

The word *“consolation”* in the original (Paraklesis) means one called to one's side; to encourage and comfort - a advocate, mediator, intercessor and helper. Simeon waited for Him and was not disappointed; you will not be

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Mark 11:22-24

disappointed! Those that trust in the Lord and wait for Him shall not be disappointed. Hang in there! Don't lose hope, don't give up, don't backslid, help is coming your way!

3. God's faithfulness and peaceful discharge of abiding watchman

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation," Luke 2:29, 30

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

For Simeon, on a faithful day, as ordained by God and according to His word, the waiting was over. He came into the Temple, saw and touched not only Israel's deliverer but the world's redeemer. His Eureka and exclamation of joy and mission accomplished in song and psalm of praise, salvation, peace, and light (Nunc Dimittis) has been used for centuries during worship by a segment of the Christian community. Your own time is coming. God rewarded his faith, faithfulness and patience; God will reward yours!

The key to his success was found in the help he received from the Holy Ghost. He received a tangible experience of Holy Ghost baptism. Fruitful, peaceful, patient and productive wait is almost impossible



without the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit which filled him overshadowed and protected him from discouragement, weariness and backsliding. He kept him in faith and fellowship till he saw the Lord. Holy Spirit literally stopped or slowed down aging process and the aging clock in him. His physical feature never diminished. Death was restrained. At old age, his physical eyes could see clearly. He was still able to hold baby Jesus, pray and prophesy.



When he finished, he was ready to depart from the world and spoke about his exit with confidence and assurance. He would be leaving in peace, a servant of the Lord, a watchman who obtained discharge at the end of his shift and duty; God's servant returning to his master for his wages. Paul the Apostle felt and spoke in the same way. What God did for Simeon, He can do and will do for us.

Jesus is the consolation of the church and the hope of the world. He is our shelter in the time of storm. He is a light to the Gentiles - to those still living in sin and are yet to experience Him as saviour and redeemer. He is the Lord's salvation and Messiah. He came to illuminate all. His gospel is a feast made ready and set before all people and nations.

Mass conversion of souls from among the nations and revival will restore glory and honour to His people and the church as the Lord promised.



Jesus is our salvation, our life, our peace and our hope. Simeon came to the Temple and met Jesus. Those who wanted Christ's consolation must go where He could be found; they must remain true to God and go regularly to fellowship (Hebrews 10:25). God is always faithful to His promises but His people must be faithful too and abide in Him till the end like Simeon.



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Charles Fox Parham was born in Muscatine, Iowa on June 4, 1873. His mother was a devout Christian. Like many of his contemporaries he had severe health struggles. He was born with a club foot. While a baby he contracted a viral infection that left him physically weakened. His family moved to Kansas in 1878 where, at the age of nine, he got rheumatic fever. It was during this period that he first felt a call to ministry. His mother died in 1885, which was a devastating blow to him. He became converted shortly after her death in a Congregational Church evangelistic meeting. He joined a local Methodist church and began to teach Sunday school. In 1888, at the age of 15, he began holding evangelistic services.

In 1890 Parham went to Southwest Kansas College. Although his initial plan was to study theology he switched to medicine. In 1891 he was debilitated by a very severe attack of rheumatic fever. He thought he might die. He felt that God asked him if he was willing to go and preach. He repented for not following God and was healed. God also healed him of his club foot. In 1893 he left school and became an interim pastor of a Methodist church near Lawrence Kansas. He left that church in 1895 and became an independent minister, primarily teaching on healing and praying for the sick. He got married, in 1896, to his wife Sarah Ella. In 1898 Parham visited John Alexander Dowie's healing homes in Chicago. He was so impressed that he returned and founded a healing faith home called Beth-el in Topeka, Kansas. The couple also began to publish a holiness journal called "*Apostolic Faith*".

In 1900 Parham visited several holiness religious centers. He spent six weeks at Frank W. Sandford's holiness community at Shiloh, Maine. He also visited D. L. Moody in Chicago, A. J. Gordon's church in Boston, Massachusetts and A. B. Simpson in Nyack, New York. Much of the holiness movement was focused on a great end-time outpouring of the Holy Spirit. By September 1900, Parham had found Stones Folly.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

CHARLES FOX PARHAM
1873 - 1929



It was a castle with two towers that had been built and then abandoned. It had been sitting vacant for about 10 years. He and a group of about 40 students, their spouses and children lived and worked in the school. They set up one of the two towers as their prayer tower, and prayed 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Mary A. Arthur, who was visiting the springs with several illnesses, came to Parham's meetings and asked him to pray for her. She was dramatically healed of her problems, including blindness in one eye. Mrs. Arthur invited Parham to preach in her home in Galena, Kansas in the fall of 1903. Services went on for months, thousands of people attended the meetings, a thousand people claimed healings, 800 were converted. The Parhams were forced to leave Stone's Folly when someone else took over the building. The group moved to Kansas City. Several churches were opened in and around Houston, Texas. In 1905 Parham opened the Houston Bible School. The last 20 years of Parham's life were lived in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He moved there in 1909. Parham constantly traveled to Pentecostal churches and he collapsed during a visit to Temple, Texas. He died on January 29, 1929, at the age of 56.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

1 John 5:4

SONG OF THE MONTH

FAITH IS THE VICTORY

1. Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers rise,
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below
Let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know,
That overcomes the world.

*Faith is the victory!
Faith is the victory!
O glorious victory,
That overcomes the world.*
2. His banner over us is love,
Our sword the Word of God;
We tread the road the saints before
With shouts of triumph trod.
By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,
Swept on o'er every field;
The faith by which they conquered death
Is still our shining shield.
3. On every hand the foe we find
Drawn up in dread array;
Let tents of ease be left behind,
And onward to the fray.
Salvation's helmet on each head,
With truth all girt about,
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,
And echo with our shout.
4. To him that overcomes the foe,
White raiment shall be giv'n;
Before the angels he shall know
His name confessed in heav'n;
Then onward from the hills of light,
Our hearts with love aflame,
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,
In Jesus' conqu'ring name.

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