

GOSPEL LIGHT

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FINDING GOD

Men are continually making great discoveries. There are men like Columbus who have made great discoveries of new lands. Admiral Byrd is well-known to the average school boy as an explorer of the regions of the North and South poles. Thomas A. Edison was a genius in the discovery of the properties and uses of electricity. Certain great physicians have become famous for their findings in the field of medicine. But the greatest discovery of life is possible to each individual and is expressed in the words of Andrew to his brother in John 1:41, "We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ." A young lady once came to me at the close of a revival meeting and said, "I want to thank you for helping me to find God." What a privilege, yet what a responsibility to introduce people to the Wonderful Saviour, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

There are thousands of people who have not made this great discovery and yet Paul declares in Acts 17:27-28: "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live and move and have our being." The problem of many seems to be somewhat like that of Philip when he said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us." John 14:8. It seems to be natural for the ordinary person to desire some visible manifestation upon which they may base their assurance. Thomas, the doubting disciple declared that he would not believe except he see the nail prints in his hands, and put his finger into the prints, and thrust his hand into his Master's wounded side, but when Jesus appeared and spoke to him, he cried out "My Lord and my God." Then it was that Jesus spoke these wonderful words, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they which have not seen and yet have believed." Here is our great secret of a joyous faith, believing when we have not seen. This means simply taking God at his Word without any special visible manifestation. We must enter into the Christian life by faith, then walk by faith until God sees fit to call us to that better home where faith becomes sight and we shall know even as we are known. Faith that finds its source in the living Word of God and the inward spiritual experience of being born again is the faith that honors God and carries us through the dark places of life, even the valley of the shadow of death.

Elijah's experience with God should help us in finding him in our own lives. Not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the still small voice, Elijah found God. May we be careful that we do not fail to recognize Jesus as we meet him each day. There is an interesting story told of one of the small kingdoms of Europe. During a revolution the king was overthrown and only one of his sons escaped alive into another country. After many years had passed the people began to desire the kind of kingdom they had formerly had. They learned that this son who escaped was alive, so they sent for him to return and be their king. At first he refused, but finally he consented to become their king on the condition that no one should ever see his face. Under his rule the kingdom prospered and the people were happy. After such prosperity and progress the people began to clamor to see their king's face. He refused for a long time but finally set a day in which he would appear and unveil his face to all his people. People came from north, south, east and west in great crowds to see the face of their beloved and successful king, on that day. They waited almost breathlessly while he ascended to an elevated throne where all could see. Then he lifted the veil from his face and the people were amazed for all through the crowd could be heard such statements as this, "Why, he's the man who came to my house when we were all sick." A poor widow exclaimed, "Why, that's the man who brought groceries to my house when we were hungry." Still another said, "He's the man who visited us when baby sister died." The king was no stranger. He had been among them as a servant and they did not know him. In John 1:10 we read of Jesus "He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

It is estimated that speed was responsible for more than 8,000 traffic fatalities in the United States last year.

TWINS ARE NOT AS RARE AS SOME PERSONS THINK

Although there are approximately 20,000,000 sets of twins in the United States, the man in the street persists in regarding them with the same awe he would a rare side-show attraction. Such open-eyed flattery increases the natural pride of the parents and encourages them to stress the absolute likeness of the children.

Lowell Brentano, writing in the June issue of Good Housekeeping, deprecates this practice and urges the mothers and fathers to emphasize the difference between the two children, rather than the likeness. They should realize, the author says, what damage can be done, if the two have been brought up to be completely interdependent, and an accident, sickness, marriage, or choice of career, interferes with their relationship. They are individuals, with separate temperaments and mentalities. Their lives, therefore, should be lived independently and not completely each other.

ORIGIN OF PLEDGE TO FLAG

According to the United States Flag Association, Francis Bellamy, a member of the editorial staff of The Youth's Companion, was the author of the Pledge to the Flag, taught in many schools throughout the country and repeated by millions of pupils daily. It is as follows:—
"I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands: One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

First Sunday appointments of Rev. J. C. Story are as follows:
11 a. m. Conley Memorial Presbyterian church.
3 p. m. Landis Chapel.
7:30 p. m. West Marion.

A carpenter bee, when boring through wood, detours around nails before it actually reaches them.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How long, after the World War started, did Italy wait before entering the struggle?
2. What is the present standing of the U. S. Army?
3. What member of the Cabinet recently made an address in Spanish?
4. What prominent American, owner of many race horses, recently swore off betting?
5. Do both houses of Congress have to approve reorganization plans submitted by the President?
6. How many pairs of silk stockings do American women use in a year?
7. How many trips has Rear Admiral Byrd made to the South Polar regions?
8. When did Belgium drop its protective alliance with France and revert to its neutrality status?
9. What is the approximate strength of the U. S. Army and Navy now?
10. Who is the new Governor of Louisiana?

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