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-- Overlook On Life --
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 The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In last week's Overlook I endeavored to show how easy it is for us to have a distorted view of life. We lack a proper sense of proportion. Education in our schools and the education that we derive from experience ought to improve our perspective; and no doubt it does. But we are still woefully defective.

Many people make mountains out of mole hills. Some little thing is said, some sharp look of the eye is noted, by a woman, and at once in her imagination she will read all kinds of motives into the word she heard or the look she saw. She will mull over the thing, in secret and feel hurt or resentful. She will resolve she will never again volunteer to help in some church or community project, if THAT is the way she is to be treated! She will sulk to herself and maybe to others, for days or weeks. Really, let us ask, is not her reaction ridiculous? A mole hill has been built up into a great mountain!

In the Bible there are various words used to describe "sin", and one of those, which occurs frequently, is "iniquity". The word, "iniquity", is, etymologically, nothing other than "inequality". It is a good word, I believe, to apply to this feature of human perversity that we have been discussing. We let things that ought to be balanced off "equally", or symmetrically, get out of balance, and out of proportion. "Iniquity" is that which doesn't match up to the standard set for it. A little, trifling upset ought to be kept in our minds as little and trifling. It becomes an iniquity when we blow it up like a balloon into something tremendous.

A man whose whole life is obsessed with just making money may be said really to be iniquitous, even though he never broke the law. Why? Because his interest in money-making far exceeded the place that money-making ought to have in his life.

He — and every single one of us — do indeed, as Plato said, need to get Heaven's picture of ourselves. And when I speak of how we and the world appear to Heaven, I cannot help asking whether in God's view many people are not guilty of making

their own selves their gods. They make the universe revolve around themselves. (At least, that is what they would like to do.) Thus they cannot work as a harmonious whole the way God would wish but each works for himself. Instead of a pulling together, there is a great pulling apart, each from the other, and all from God.

It is a very fine thing that a father and mother love their children, — and it is instinctive in them to love more than other children. But giving way completely to this instinct breaks the unity of the world and keeps us from accurate evaluation both of our own children and of the children and of the children of others. This will, in various situations, show itself in our unfair partiality towards our own children. Inequity, and not equity, will characterize ones behavior, in such an instance.

Inequity will be, both linguistically and in fact, "iniquity" in the eyes of the Great Father above. We need desperately, therefore, the Heaven-viewpoint in order to see each thing in its proper place and proportion.

Of course, there are many situations where it is hard for the seriously-minded man to draw the line. How much time should a useful citizen give to his family when all sorts of community interests call for his help? There are those who are on the side of giving too much time to their families and too little to their church and to public service. Many fine men are failures in the home because they give just about all their spare time to public and community service.

Ernest people will cry out for wisdom and good judgment in this matter, recognizing that there has to be an allocation of time and strength to both outside interests and to home obligations. What is the proper proportion for the one, and what for the other?

Well, though no one of us probably can feel that we have the answer, we at least can agree that Plato was uncanny in his analysis of human nature and very right in saying that a good sense of proportion is universally what man urgently needs.

J. Donald Adams, an able com-

mentator on literary trends, in the book review section of the New York Times, March 18, 1935, (page 2), commended a new study, recently published, on what we owe to the ancient Greeks. He urged that reading great literature and absorbing the culture that Greek civilization bequeathed to us will restore to us "our sense of proportion".

There are many books that can assist us in this way, and among them I would consider the Bible as supreme. In it the puniness of man in exposed. Read thoughtfully the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, or the eighth Psalm, or the book of Job; or read one of the Gospels with care — and who of us does not feel we are as nothing in the Presence of the Supreme? Or read the words of that superb hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", and will we not feel that we have let things of relatively slight importance crowd out the greatest thing?

Equally as significant as the Bible for improving our perspective is prayer. Prayer is being in the Presence of the Almighty. Prayer is the frame of mind in which we are conscious that we are a child of God and that we are in Presence of the Father.

When we thus come face to face with God, we realize that up to that moment we have relegated God to a small place in our thoughts and we have magnified ourselves and our own interests too much. This is the "iniquity" in us, the iniquity, that has to be corrected. I suppose that even after we have been with God in this way, few of us would feel so bold as to claim that the correction was complete. Our perception of God at best is inadequate and our concentration of thought imperfect.

This discussion will have been profitable if we have come to see that among the many problems of relationship that we encounter in life the GREATEST is this problem of our relationship to God. In our consciousness of God are proportions right? Is God highly magnified and are we minimized? Or are we content with a distorted vision? This is life's very searching question.

No one can hope to be right in life who neglects the Bible and prayer, for these are the two rails of the track that leads to Heaven, and short of Heaven we will never have the perfectly proportioned view of all things. There, and there alone, shall we see "face to face" and not, as now, through a "mirror darkly". With the Bible's help, and through prayer, we can get pre-views of the magnificence that awaits our sight when God lifts us from all our lesser overlooks to the OVERLOOK of ETERNITY, where we shall see as He sees.

Obituaries

W. H. WILLIAMS
 W. H. Williams, 94, a retired farmer of the Bee Log section, died Sunday morning at the home of a son, Oliver S. Williams, in Telford, Tenn.

Services were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. in Byrds Chapel Baptist Church. The Rev. Park Whitson and the Rev. Quince Miller officiated and burial was in the Williams Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Adler Phillips of Burnsville RFD 4; two sons, Oliver S. and Roger of Asheville; a brother, Charlie, of Unicoi, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Frank Bradford; Cecil Adkins, Frank Mitchell and Kenneth, Lloyd and Niram Phillips.

MRS. JOHN H. EDWARDS
 Mrs. John H. Edwards, 72, died at her home near Burnsville Saturday morning after a short illness. Services were held at Upper Mine Fork Church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

The Rev. Walter Penland officiated and burial was in the McCurry Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; four daughters, Mrs. Lester Laws of Green Mountain, Mrs. Kathleen Laws and Mrs. Bruce Edwards of Burnsville, and Mrs. Sewell Phillips of Erwin, Tenn.; four sons, Clifford, Clyde Reece and Lawrence of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Fred Bailey of Asheville; three brothers, Willie McCurry of Asheville and Lawrence and Mal of Burnsville; 31 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MRS. A. L. McALLISTER
 Mrs. A. L. McAllister, 76, died at her home at Celso Saturday morning after a long illness.

Services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at South ESTATOE Baptist Church.

The Rev. Steve Clark and the Rev. Theo Letterman officiated and burial was in Nicks Creek Cemetery near Marion.

Surviving are the husband; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Mae Bridges of Morganton, and Mrs. Virgie Sisk of Glen Alpine; three sons, Cecil of Hudson, Earl of Spruce Pine, and James of Marion; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Willis of Stocksville; 23 grandchildren and

eight great-grandchildren.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

MRS. GARRETT HENSLEY
 Mrs. Garrett Hensley, 71, of Burnsville RFD 3, died in a Burnsville hospital Tuesday, April 22, after a brief illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. last Thursday at the Cane River Baptist Church.

The Rev. Elzie Ray and the Rev. Eddie McPeters officiated and burial was in the Penland cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Alvin of Burnsville RFD 13, and Clifford of Burnsville RFD 1; two sisters, Mrs. Jackie McMahan and Mrs. Ransom Riddle of Burnsville Star Route; two brothers, E. B. and Plato Penland of Burnsville; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NATHANIEL SILVER
 Nathaniel N. Silver 86, formerly of Yancey County, died in Charleston, S. C. Wednesday,

April 23.

Services were held Friday at 2 p. m. at Crabtree Baptist Church in Yancey County.

The Rev. Jay Blankenship officiated and burial was in the Edge Cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Natalie Holman of Flymouth, Mass.; Mrs. Elaine Yuan of Charleston, Mrs. Ruth Gaspard of Clearwater, Fla., Mrs. Edith O. Tolle of Middlesbury, Mass., Mrs. Florence McNeal of Burnsville, Mrs. Nora Hershberger of Veedsburg, Ind.; four sons, A. M. and James of Charleston, and Vernie and Roy of Henderson, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. Margaree Mode of Marion; and a brother, Jesse Silver of Philadelphia, Pa.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors in Yancey and McDowell counties for their kindness and beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

A. L. McAllister and Family.

Dear Teen-Ager and Parent:

The Burnsville Teen-Age Council, an organization made up of the Woman's Club of Burnsville, is helping to organize and is SPONSORING a class of Social Dancing for Teen-Agers.

REGISTRATION for this class will be held at your school, May 5 — May 9. Teachers will be in charge of registration.

The class will be divided into two groups: one group for young teen-agers will start at 7:00 p. m. and a group for grown teen-agers will start at 8:00 p. m. on June 12.

The course of dancing lessons will consist of twelve one-hour lessons for each group. The class will be held at the Community Building, Burnsville, beginning June 12, and continuing through August 28.

Here are a few of the facts:

1. Dancing is fun. It is a wholesome and natural outlet for the energies and pent up emotions. You will love every minute of it.
 2. According to the syndicated newspaper feature entitled "Let's Explore Your Mind", "There are no delinquents among children who learn to dance." You'll have the time of your life.
 3. The Fletcher School of Dancing, who has taught thousands of young people to dance, will conduct the course.
 4. You will learn conventional dances, the smooth graceful dances — but you'll also learn the proper way to do the lively swing dances, those energetic dances so popular to young people.
 5. At every class, every boy present will dance with every girl present. It's more fun that way. And changing partners like this teaches you how to dance with others.
- THE MORE WHO TAKE THE COURSE THE LESS IT COSTS PER PERSON.
- The fee for the course is five dollars per month (four-week month), — payable in advance, \$8 on registration and \$7 on fifth lesson.
- BUT — for each TWENTY FIVE students registered to take the course, 1 one-hour lesson will be added to the course.
- SO — Be sure to tell your friends about this. BECAUSE a large class is not only more FUN, it also means more lessons added to the course.

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- Mr. Woodrow Anglin
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- Clearmont School
- Bald Creek School
- Micaville School
- Burnsville School



Mrs. Robert K. Helmle, president of the Woman's Club, will co-ordinate all activities.

Now — If you would like to take advantage of this WONDERFUL opportunity and learn to dance with all the other fine boys and girls who are planning to take this course, please sign the application and pledge below, and fill in the blanks. THEN bring this letter along with eight dollars deposit to registration at your school from May 5 — May 9.

You will then register with the person, or a friend of the person, who gave you this letter.

PLEDGE

I am a teen-ager. I want to learn to dance with other friendly boys and girls of my age. If I am accepted in this class I Promise that I will do my best to learn all the steps as they are taught by The Fletcher School of Dancing — Keep yourself well groomed and tidy in appearance — Have as much fun as I possibly can without infringing on the rights of others — Conduct myself in such a manner that I will be a living joy to my fellow classmates, my dancing teachers and all the members of the sponsoring organization.

Signature of Student Applicant

Parents Name

Mailing Address

Telephone Number

Registered By

(Name of person who registers the student)

Age of Applicant

Sincerely your friend,
 Beale Fletcher
 Larry Low (Instructor)
 The Fletcher School of Dancing

Mother is our Girl!

Young or young-at-heart . . . Mother is lovely . . . and our beauty care helps to keep her that way!

Yes, Mother, you're our girl!

We know you'll want to look your best on your special Day, and we invite you to make an appointment now, for any of our special beauty services. Come in, treat yourself to more loveliness for Mother's Day and every day.

We suggest a flattering new hair-do and a soft permanent.

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