WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJA?H?

In Second Kings, chapter two and verse fourteen there is recorded the words of the Prophet Elisha at the time of the translation of Elijah. Elijah has gone, Elisha his successor turns homeward, his first obstacle is the river Jordan, so he takes the mantle, a cape worn about the shoulders and fastened with a cord about the neck, and smites the waters, crying aloud; Where is the Lord God of Elijah? Has God departed, or forsaken us, left to our fate, turned a deaf ear to the children of men or is he God to us as he was to Elijah? I am prompted to write this article because of the soldiers and sailors letters printed in this paper. Commendable is the fine service rendered by Mr. Stockman, our editor, fine and pleasing are the good letters that come from our dear boys out on far away lands and on the seas. But it is the rare exception of any letter to read a word relative to the dear old church back home, or any reference to Bible reading in camp or a warm refreshing prayer meeting or group singing of the grand old hymns or conversions or reference to the Lord God of Elijah. Is there no God of the sea? Is He who stilled the angry waves of Galilee forgotten, and while tenting on the old camp ground is there no spirit of the most High to inspire love, hope and Heaven? Surely all these values are there; then why not mention them. So, where is the Lord God of Elijah?

I read that George Washington read the Word of God to his soldiers, that Robert E. Lee also read from the Book, so also did Stonewall Jackson and no, doubt others, even so did the immortal Lincoln. I read of prayer meetings in prison camps and of singing by the soldiers of the grand old church hymns, of dying testimonies of soldiers emaciated, shot, riddled and doomed for an unmarked grave. Come then my brave boys, speak up, be not ashamed of He who lived that men might have peace on earth and good will among the nations. Say not, my friends at home or on the battle front that hope, faith or love is on the decline, tell us not that the urge of the human soul is growing cold. Believe not that the ravages of war shall destroy that calm and peace that passeth understanding. God still lives! And stupid evil humanity will sometime, somewhere find himself. So where is the Lord God of Elijah?

Elisha, previously, had never carried any responsibility, as a prophet, he was a novice, a student, a beginner. Now his hour had struck, so he gathers up the straps, buckles and strip of cloth, the head and shoulder garment, all that Elijah had left, but enough, for it was the symbol of God's presence and God's power, and with that Elisha goes forth to conquer. We all want a new world, a world where we can sit under our own vine and fig tree and learn the arts of war no more. A world wherein dwelleth righteousness, a world of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Such a dream and such a hope can only be realized by picking up the mantle of Elijah; many bystanders may have lined the Jor-
BIBLE STUDY LESSON
JUNE 13
GOD'S EXCEEDING GREAT PROMISES

Golden Text—Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4.

“We are concerned about dress, but are content that our souls be ill-clad; we are attentive to food, while yet our inner man remains unfed; we are eager in our pursuit of material wealth, but too often despise the heavenly riches; we take every precaution to safeguard this life, but make little or no preparation for the next.” W. Graham Scroggie.

Nothing stays in one stage of development—it is either growing or deteriorating. If we are not growing in faith and bearing fruit we are slipping away from the wonder and beauty of life as it should be and can be for all who claim the promises.

God promises to equip us for whatever life may demand. Shortcomings need not be discouraging, disappointments need not darken the whole horizon, want and fear of want need not stalk our path if we heed the promise.

God promises peace. Many would gladly pay generously could peace be bought with money. God offers it freely. It was responsible for the amazing serenity of the dear old lady who sat reading her Bible when her home was violated by the armed invader. She knew she was in the hand of God and no man's army could move her unless God so willed.

God promises all things necessary to life and godliness. Sometimes we miss the greater blessing by childishly fixing our attention on things of small value which fail to meet any real need.

God promises that we may be partakers of the divine nature and when we claim the divine Spirit all the sunshine and rain of God’s love is let loose to sprout the seed of faith that it may develop into a vigorous fruitful plant.

Hazel Gillam

DEATH

Edward James Werntz, age 74, of 151 Munroe Falls Road, passed away on Monday, Thursday at 2:30. Funeral services Mills Funeral Home. Rev. George Hull interment was in Liberty, Barberton. Survived by seven: Myrtle Camp, Texas; Mrs. Dorot Ashtabula, Ohio; Lary, Kent, Ohio; Mrs. Glenn Harriet Perkins, Hart of Akron; and Werntz of U.S.C. one brother Henry Twelve grandchildren.
PERSONALS

Deacons will meet after church Sunday.

WANTED: Skinny bicycle tire, size 28. Call OV-3285. (adv.)

The mite box collection last Sunday was nearly $60.00.

Sammy Gentile was absent from Bible Class the past two Sundays on account of illness.

WANTED — Help, old and young, in Durbin Park. Inquire of Howard Gaylord. OV-8448.

Pvt. Harold Robinson of the Coast Artillery in California had a part in the Memorial Day services for the unknown soldier at Los Angeles.

Bermuda Onion Plants. Get them at Baughman’s Feed Store. (adv.)

George Robinson who was at Bible School and church last Sunday was home on a ten-day furlough from Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

FOR SALE—Eight piece dining room suite, also davenport table. Call OV-8852. (adv.)

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday morning were those of Laurel Kastens, Betty Sondereker, Bob Stein and Don Maxwell (the latter two in absentia). Mr. Lodge says this is the 26th time he has celebrated his birthday at Community Church Bible School.


GUILD NOTICE: Meeting Wednesday, June 16th at the church. There will be a box lunch and sewing.

FOR SALE—Five year old gray mare. Weight eleven hundred pounds. E. Bowen, eleventh house on right north of Graham road on Hudson Drive. WA-0466. —(adv.)

FOR SALE — Upright Schumann piano, walnut finish, price $25.00. Also used green Wilton carpet, approx. 50 yards. Call OV-8965. (adv.)

NOTICE—Your paper was late last week due to a breakdown of motor and press. The press is fixed but the motor has not, as yet, been returned from the repair shop. Therefore we are putting out only four pages this week.—H. J. S.

Gas, Oil, Sand, Gravel, Top Soil, Cow Manure, Grading, Plowing. Thomas and Doran, WA-0843. (adv.)

MARRIAGE: Tuesday, June 1st Miss Earles Smith of Stow and Mr. Raymond Wilhite of Cuyahoga Falls were united in marriage at the home of Rev. C. R. Stouffer, Liberty Road, Stow.

FOR SALE—Radio, table model, modern six push button and motrola, excellent condition; door and frame complete with hardware; window complete with glass, weights and frame; oak and pine lumber; oak rocker. Call WA-2477. (adv.)

In a letter received this week from Av/C Ralph C. Ritchie, Curtis Field, Brady, Texas he expresses his sorrow regarding Sgts. Viall and Graner. He was a classmate of Francis Viall in Stow High School. While at the Cadet Center in San Antonio he saw John Fouser, John Olson, Blair Smallfield and Chic McCloskey.

Hot Water Tank, Laundry Stove, pipe and fittings; pumps, new and used. E. F. Kastens. 116 East Graham Rd., Stow. Call OV-8926. (adv.)

K. G. Bevington, CM 1/c was home on a 62 hour leave last weekend from Camp Peary, Va. Just finishing boot training he tells us he had the time of his
life, just like a vacation, and all he could do from 5:00 A. M. 'til 7:30 P. M. when he had an hour's free time in which to take a shower, do his washing, shine his four pair of shoes, shave and read and write. Gained five pounds in six weeks in spite of all this.

Cpl. Paul Mason is home on furlough this week.

Mrs. Catherine Huff is visiting her son at Mineral City, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fortune left last Sunday for a two weeks vacation at Dunedin, Florida.

Mrs. Virginia Carlson and daughter from Arlington, Virginia, are spending their vacation with Clara Gay Hardy, Maple Road, Stow.

Lieut. Medley Hoch of Camp Forrest, Tenn., was home on leave from Tuesday of last week until Wednesday of this week. His brother George Hoch, Jr., inducted June 1st leaves for the army.

As a matter of historic interest it should be recorded that a fair sized crowd was present last Sunday afternoon at the Honor Roll Dedication exercises. However approximately half of the people present were guests and out of town visitors. Martin V. Coffey, Department Commander of the American Legion and who is widely traveled and apparently has contacts not open to the average man, delivered the address. It was one of the best of its kind which we have ever heard. It would have been well had every one in Stow been present. The address included an up-to-the minute picture of the present war situation including the strength of the enemy, our strength, our losses and what it will probably cost us. He listed John L. Lewis as public enemy Number Three.

LETTER

Muskogee, Okla.
June 2, 1943

Community Church News,
Stow, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I am not one in the service but I'm a good distance from home. I have been here in Muskogee, Oklahoma for 3 months now and when Frank brings in the paper (C. C. News) it's like mail from home. We really enjoy it very much.

Since I've been in Oklahoma I've sure had some experiences. In the last month we've had two awful destructive floods. The last one we had was severe enough that water was rationed, which seems very funny because we were surrounded with plenty of it.

Last Saturday I went out to Camp Gruber which is just 20 miles from Muskogee. They had open house and the Division which I gave a wonderful review. The same as President Roosevelt saw when on his tour. Frank had a reserved table fixed for us to eat dinner in the Mess Hall, but we turned it down. It isn't every one that's invited but we plan to go back before long.

Frank and I expect to be on our way back to good ole Stow about the 12th or 13th of June. He is looking for a furlough if he is lucky enough. (We hope). So keep your fingers crossed.

Well, I guess this is all that would be of interest to anyone so I'll close for now. Hoping to see every one real soon.

Looking forward to the next copy. Also hello to my friends in Stow.

A SUBSCRIBER,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. FRANK HAMILTON
(Former Katherine McNew)