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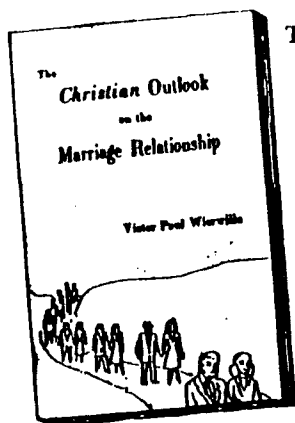
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First three weeks class on "Power For Abundant Living" is in full swing. Eleven students are enrolled. Class will close with special service on Friday night, November 12. Closing night is open to the public. Will be climaxed with the first showing in this area of "Angel in Ebony" the story of the

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by Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille



The PALMS of God

The book of Isaiah, the 49th chapter, verses 15 and 16, are most unusual. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

The Oriental way of expressing great love and appreciation of remembrance is by tattooing. If you give a present on some special day or any other day, for that matter, that present may be lost, but when you tattoo something on the human body it is never lost.

Tattooing is engraving. The Oriental idea back of it is, that those whom you

love the most you tattoo, those whom you love a little you simply give presents to, but if you tattoo them they will remember you always.

This process of tattooing is not too pleasant. Whenever a person is tattooed it is usually on the arm, sometimes on the back and chest; but, never do you see the palms of a man's hand tattooed. Why? Because the palms of the hand are too sensitive. They are too delicate. You just couldn't bear the pain for anyone to tattoo the palms of your hands. That is why people never have the palms tattooed.

God is using figurative language. For God is a spirit and a spirit does not have flesh and blood. God is saying, it takes too long for me to look on the arm

or on the shoulders or across the chest, because that part of the body is clothed with various types of garments; therefore, I have tattooed you upon the palms of my hands, so you are ever before me. I see you constantly, I love you very much. For you it would be on other parts of the body, too delicate a matter. If you were to be tattooed, it would be on other parts of the body, but not for God.

I began to wonder why God did this. When I began to understand the significance of Jesus' incarnation, life, death and resurrection I discovered that it wasn't too sensitive for God to engrave our names upon the palms of his hands because we were dearly beloved of Him. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

What is God trying to say

to you when he says, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands;..." He is saying that He has taken the most sensitive part of His being and there He has tattooed your name. In reality He is saying, "I love you so much I don't want my love to be hidden underneath the garments, I don't want my love to be covered, so that it cannot be seen, but I have graven you on the most delicate and sensitive part of my being that any time I look I see you."

The second part of our text says "...thy walls are continually before me." The word walls is a very inaccurate presentation. The palms of the hand are the walls. When you lift them up they are walls before your face. "...I have engraven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." Look at the beauty of that. God says, He has graven, He has tattooed us upon the palms of

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Sharing



... This is the first picture we have had of the Van Wert Memorial Church of India located in the district and province of Madras at Kakawalkam. The Church has not been plastered on the outside yet as you can see. The sign in front of the Church reads: Evangelical Missionary Society, The Indian Orthodox, Van Wert Memorial Church, (Syro Caledonan rite) Kakawalkam.

The person to the extreme left is the Pastor whose name we do not know at present. The rest of the people make up the

new congregation and its catechists.

We thank God for the privilege of sharing in this direct mission work. The whole mission project is united effort on the part of Dr. Wierwille's Church members and his radio friends.

The Church cost \$300.00. The well for water in the city \$400.00. The house for the pastor to live in \$100.00. The full time pastor who is a college and seminary graduate, but an Indian National is paid \$25.00 a month.

This is a three year pro-

gram. We still need \$165.00 this year for the pastor's salary, and \$30.00 for the pastor's residence. Then we will need \$300.00 for the pastor's salary for the years 1955 and 1956.

This being a direct mission work you will find it producing great spiritual results. Dr. Wierwille will visit the church and preach there when he goes to India next September.

Your support for this new mission work should be sent directly to The Hour of Power, Van Wert, Ohio, and marked "Missions."

... The Board of Directors of The Way Inc. and the Board of Elders of Dr. Wierwille's Church had a combined meeting of far reaching importance on Sunday Oct. 31. The New Church in Van Wert was discussed in detail. This is a great need if Van Wert is to continue to be the center of this mighty work and ministry of The Way. Van Wert being the CENTER for

the expanding of The Way across the world, the board feels that the center should be of such a nature and have the necessary facilities so that Dr. Wierwille has wherewith to work to carry out his calling of God for the expansion of this mighty work.

... The Missionary teaching tour to England, the Continent and to India next September was also discussed in detail. This will be our first opportunity to carry this great ministry of deliverance to lands across the sea, as Dr. Wierwille has been invited to come and to personally establish branches of The Way and to teach these great truths of God's Word.

Show your thankfulness for this mighty work of deliverance by sending your Thanksgiving offering to:

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Light *through an Eastern window!*

The Bible is an Eastern book. It was written by men who thought in Eastern fashion.

This again is clearly seen in Luke 15: 8 to 10. "The Women with the ten pieces of silver."



Bishop K. C. Pillai

The pieces of silver are not ten pieces of money or ten coins. Much more than that, they are a gift most precious of all the gifts a bride receives from her bridegroom at the time of their marriage.

Each piece of silver is approximately the size of an American quarter. On one side of the piece of silver, the size of our 25 cent piece, is engraved the

coat of arms of the husband's family, or the insignia by which that particular family is known. If the family crest happened to be a sheep, well fed, protected and safe, that is what would be engraved on one side of all ten of the pieces of silver. On the other side would be stamped the year in which it was made.

The husband gives this special dowery to his wife on their wedding day. As for dollars and cents it isn't worth much, but the sentimental value is unlimited. If the wife lost one piece of silver and her father would say to his son-in-law, "I'll give you a thousand dollars," it would not be accepted, for money is no replacement for the lost piece of silver.

In the days in which Jesus lived and today in the

East, the women receive lavish gifts of jewelry at the time of their marriage. All the jewelry a woman receives is her property and possession with the exception of the ten pieces of silver. She has all the legal rights to all of her jewelry, the husband has none. He can not take her jewelry away from her under any circumstance, with one exception: the husband has claim to only one jewel and that jewel is called the ten pieces of silver. This is the only jewel which in the event of the husband's death must be handed back immediately to the husband's side of the family.

The jewel called the ten pieces of silver is worn by the wife only on very special occasions. She may once in a while, because of her love for her husband,

put them on while her husband is away at work; and sort of look at herself in a mirror, appreciative of her husband's gift and love. Yet very rarely does a wife lose one of the ten pieces of silver, because they are so precious to her that she hardly ever wears them for fear she might lose one. Maybe the 25th or 50th wedding anniversary would call for their wearing. Nothing less than the most outstanding occasion.

When the wife does wear the ten pieces of silver jewelry, she wears five pieces of silver on one side of her head, towards the front of the head, and the other five pieces on the other side of her head. Each piece of silver has a little hook at the top, and the wife just hooks the pieces of silver in her hair. Thus, you can understand how easily one piece, or a number of them, might become unhooked and without her noticing it she would lose them. If she loses one piece of silver

and can not find it she will be put out of the house by her husband.

The husband will not divorce her or be angry with her if she loses a piece of silver, but simply expells her; for she has disgraced him and his house and has brought reproach upon his family, not because of the economic value of the ten pieces of silver, but because the losing of one of the pieces of silver means the withdrawal of God's favor upon the family. That is why she is put out of the house if she does not find the piece of silver. It is looked upon as a great curse on the whole family for the wife to lose a piece of silver. God's favor has been lost. The husband has no spitefulness for her, neither do the parents, but the wife will receive no sympathy from her husband, her parents or her in-laws. No amount of money can redeem the loss.

She must find the lost piece of silver and when she does it becomes the

good news of the whole town, for the whole town is concerned about her for they know the consequences of being dishonored and expelled. The women of the entire city know what she must endure. Therefore, when the wife finds the lost piece of silver and she knows it is safe and secure she calls in all of her neighbors to rejoice with her over the piece of silver which she has found.

Every person is an invaluable jewel in the eyes of God. Whenever one of His jewels is lost or astray the heart of God is hurt. But when that one, that jewel returns to the fold, is found, and finds his fellowship with the Father, the very angels of heaven rejoice.

They Believed God!

250% of the quota set by Culligan officials.

"I knew we would win from the beginning" were Ermal's remarks. "I knew, because we believed God and had Him as our partner



The Owens in the cockpit with Flight Captain of American Airlines.

ever since we started our business in Linn Grove, in July, 1946." John 10:10 of God's revealed Word, the Bible, teaches us that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. God's Word is God's promise and we walk on those promises in our personal and business life.

Nestled on the banks of the famous "Wabash," 35 miles south of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the little town of Linn Grove with its 200 people, two churches, a

general hardware store, a small grocery, a general repair garage, elevator and post office. Here the Owens operate their business and are an influential part of the community. As trustee and Sunday School Superintendent of the Congregational Christian Church, Mr. Owens is kept busy, while Dorothy tries to carry her responsibility as Sunday School teacher, Church Pianist and Choir Director.

Until this year Dorothy taught music and art in the public school system of Geneva, Indiana, the once famous residence of Gene Stratton Porter. Today she has taken over the book-keeping and office work of their business. She is a graduate of Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana, but says Dorothy of her husband, "He graduated from the school of hard knocks."

After completing High School Ermal went to work for the J. C. Penney Company in Winchester, Indiana, where soon he was promoted to the Assistant

managership. But then -- The War -- five and a half years of service, forty months overseas, sixteen months in Iceland, twelve months on the British Isles, and twelve months on the Continent. Graduating from the United States Army School of Administration he served as Warrant Officer under General Patton in the Third Army, Fifth Infantry Division.

Eight years ago on July 12, Ermal signed a contract with Culligan, Inc., opening a plant for the distribution of soft water units that are attached to the home water system giving the occupants soft water the Culligan way.

The first five years of operation saw the business expand about 100% beyond the national quota set by the Company headquarters. This same rate of increase has continued for the last three years.

"We believe that the enthusiasm of a satisfied user," says Dorothy, "is the best advertising. Our three trucks and the men

who deliver and install the soft water units are our chief source of advertising. They are courteous, kind, honest in their dealings, and they prove soft water "The Culligan Way" by keeping the customers' enthusiasm for soft water. Much of our success is due to the fine cooperation of our workers."

To win the all-paid vacation trip, Mr. Owens ranked third in the national contest, having an increase of 250% of the quota set by the Company. "However," says Mr. Owens, "I really had an increase of over 300%, but my official purchase records of new units from the Company showed only 250%. I already had the extra units on hand when the contest opened in September."

"I have had no salesman on the road at any time," said Mr. Owens. "I believe that God expects us to profit as it says in His Word, so we simply believed God, worked, and won, not only the national sales contest, but our fine business which with God's help we believe

will go and grow."

"We thank our God," say the Owens, Dorothy and Ermal, "that in our Christian walk through life we have learned that none of us has enough wisdom to decide or to know the correct or perfect thing to do or what are the most important things so we ask guidance from God in prayer. He gives us a keen sense of opportunity and planning in ways beyond our own sense knowledge."

"We believe and endeavor to put into practice Proverbs 3:5, 6, 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding (your own sense knowledge). In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall (this is God's promise) direct thy paths.'"

The Palms of God (Continued)

His hands, yet, our palms are continually before Him. What does God see in the palms of our hands? When these palms of ours appear before God, He sees on them nothing but sin, doubt,

fear, bitterness, quarrels, lies, hatred -- everything with which a sinner is stained. He sees on our palms -- the fear of the shadow of death, the fear of disease and sickness, the insecurity and uncertainty of the future.

However, when we look at the "palms of God" we see that we have been engraven there, by His divine mercy and grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9. God in His wonderful, infinite love, irrespective of who I was, tattooed, or engraved my name upon the most sensitive part of His being. By way of His only begotten Son we have been made righteous before God. II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." That is why it says in the book of Revelation, in that day we will be given a

new stone, white stone, on which there will be a new name written which no one will know but the man whose name is engraved upon that stone. Revelation 2:17.

God's continual remembrance of His children is true because He has engraven them, the children, upon the palms of His hands. When Jesus died on the cross you were laid on Him. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget,..." Man is prone to forget. It is easy to forget. Have you ever thought about how easy it is to remember the evil that someone has done to you, rather than to remember the hundreds of times he did something good for you. A person does something wrong just once and everybody seems to remember it. You can go along for years doing good and no one will say much, but just slip once and...

Is man prone to forget? Very much so. That is

why it was necessary for God to institute His continual remembrance whereby we would be continually remembered before Him. God's continual remembrance is that He loved us enough to engrave us upon the "palms of His hands."

The Word of God says in Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and openeth the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Have you ever thought of the beauty of those words? In the Orient the host does not eat with his guests unless he is a most intimate friend. In this passage of scripture Jesus says, I am your most intimate friend. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man open the door I will come in to him, and will sup with him,..." To sup means to eat. We do not come in. He is the one who comes in upon your invitation. He never forces Himself. He is not just inviting us in, but He is

supping with us. Jesus says, "I am very intimate with my people. I will sup with them, I will eat with them and they with me." That is God's continual remembrance, that is being tattooed on God's palms.

In Isaiah 1:18, it says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." There is God's continual remembrance. Another place God says, "I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Wouldn't you say that God certainly has engraved us upon the palms of His hands?

In Hebrews 13:5 it says, "...I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Also Matthew 28:20 says, "...Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of

the world."

"Can a woman forget her child?" Yes, she may forget. "...yet will I not leave thee, saith the Lord." "...whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge;..." For lo, the Lord is with us always. That is why He said, "come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

It is God's continual remembrance, whereby He can say to us "...I have graven you upon the palms of my hands even though your palms are constantly before me."

Christ died for all, and that is why He said, "Who-soever will, may come." It is a matter of the human will. If you will to come you may. Man need not die in his sin, because Christ died for sin and carried our sicknesses and our griefs. We need not carry them if we simply believe that God has engraven our names upon the palms of His hands.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

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