

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

## SEEING MORE THAN ONE SEES

Text: "Consider the lilies of the field." Matt. 6:28.

There are three rules which will enable one to see more than one sees. These rules are easy to state, but difficult to practice. They are as follows: discriminate, attend, associate.

Always say to yourself when looking at anything: "This is different from the thing I see." Here is a flower; I see it just as I have always seen flowers, but this flower is different.

After thus discriminating, I attend. Jesus said: "Consider the lilies of the field." Not only look at them, not only say that they are different, but consider--attend. Be quiet in the presence of that which you see. Take the object into your solitude. "Solitude is the ante-chamber of God; only one step more and you can be in His immediate presence." And this next step will give the object spiritual associations. In the presence of God you can see spiritual significance in anything, as did Jesus whether it be a flower, a sparrow, a child, a man, an action or a life.

THERE IS GREAT JOY in seeing more than one sees. It is the wonderful experience of Moses who saw not a common bush in the desert, but a bush burning with fire; the joy of seeing any common bush ablaze with God; the joy of plucking a flower and seeing in it all that God and man is, the joy of Jesus who could look at a sinner and see his future sainthood; the joy of living in the world and seeing all the glory of heaven; the joy of seeing the face of God Himself in the faces of men and God's heart in men's hearts.

Then, in seeing more than we see there is joy of the sage, the wise men--the joy of knowing true value. "If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one and buy white hyacinths to feed my soul."

There are still some who find white hyacinths more valuable than bread. Seeing more than we see, character becomes more valuable than life; children and men are used for loving them rather than for exacting their services; the motive of conduct is worth infinitely more than conducts outward show, and the invisible things which are to be more than the visible things which are.

THERE IS COMFORT in seeing more than one sees. It is the comfort of a vital faith and a vivid hope. Dead things may be transformed into things living because one sees the power of the resurrection in them. Experiences of pain and sorrow and travail of soul may be borne with an exultant spirit, for out of them is to come something new, something good, something which is the gift of God.

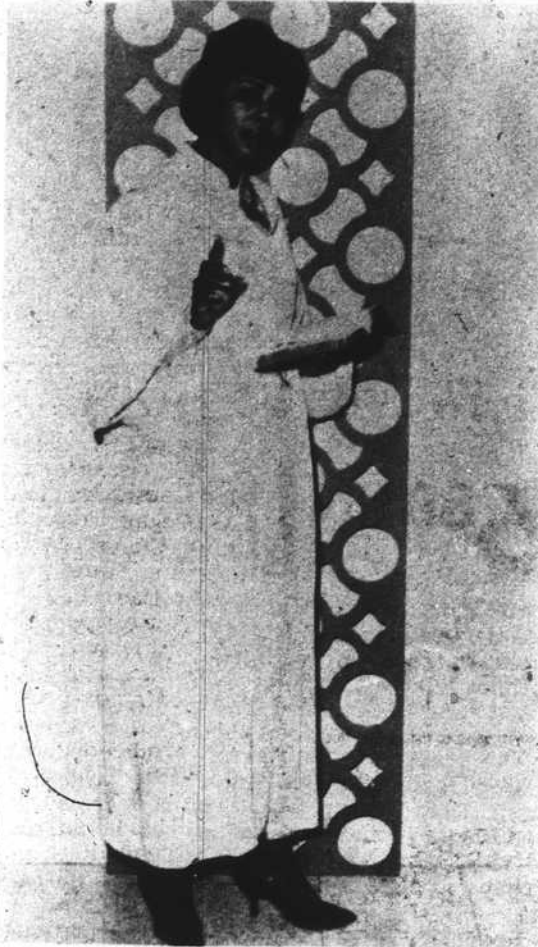
And strength comes to them who see more than they see. Strength to give up his life was given to the Master because, while walking upon an old earth, He saw a new earth. At no time is a man so strong as when upon the mountain top he has seen visions--has let the vision cause his heart to burn with a passion to make it after the pattern which he has seen.

NO MAN CAN LIVE who sees things only as they appear to be, and surely no man can die well who does not look with faith out upon the invisible.



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# EVANGELIST HERE



EVANGELIST PHYLLIS JACKSON, wife of Mr. Andrew Jackson, is currently conducting Revival Services at the Upper Room Church of God in Christ. Evangelist Jackson's revival meetings began Sunday, July 31, and will continue nightly at 8 p.m. until a closing date is announced.

The Church, pastored by Bishop C.C. Cox, is located at 1117 'F' Street. The noted Evangelist is a former resident of San Francisco. An invitation is extended to the public to come and hear this Woman of God.

# REID

## Hospital Trustee

### Grateful Acknowledgment

(From the Family of the Late Elder Hall)

The family of the late Elder Willie James Hall of 1400 Jimmy Street, Las Vegas, take this opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the numerous people who offered their services and shared their sorrow in their bereavement.

Elder Hall died in a local hospital, here, July 18 and his funeral services were held July 23 at the Upper Room Church of God in Christ, 1117 'F' Street, Las Vegas with many mourners present representing all facets of the community he had served and with whom he had worked.

Bishop C.C. Cox, Pastor of the Upper Room Church of God in Christ, officiated at the final rites of Elder Hall who was a member of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ which is pastored by his brother, Elder Corruith Hall.

The late Elder Hall who served as Nevada State Food Administrator of the Churches of God in Christ under Bishop Cox was employed as a bus driver by the Clark County School District.

Attending the Services from the C.C.S.D. were R.C. White, Director of Transportation, Ed Bowling, Chief Dispatcher, Monroe Robertson, Ass't Dispatcher, Dr. Foster, Special Education Head of the School District and approximately 60 fellow bus drivers, teachers and secretaries.

Mrs. Mattie Hall, Elder Corruith Hall, and the entire Hall family have asked Elder O.L. Jefferson to extend their expressions of thanks to Mr. White and all others who made it possible for Drivers to obtain a Bus from the District to bring them to the Services.

# ALTAR CALL

By EMORY G. DAVIS, D.D.

## IT MAY BE TOO LATE

The words of the late President John F. Kennedy were brought back to us in the Chicago area many times during a riot-torn week in July: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable."

One hundred ministers and nuns sat and heard Dr. Martin Luther King, in response to his appeal for the ministry to come to his aid and try to quiet the highly inflamed Westside of Chicago, reiterate Kennedy's words.

IT WAS MINE to "walk the bear" with another suburban minister--white, Presbyterian--in the block of the fire hydrant that started it all. The white minister chose to walk with me in order to feel a bit more secure, although we all wore buttons of identification from the Westside organization.

As we pinned the buttons, I recalled writing "The Sign Of Our Time" for this column one year ago, in which I cited the advantages for both whites and Negroes being identified with a button as the early Christians used the sign of the fisherman. A year later, we were experiencing what I quoted "we need to know who is on the side of civil rights."

As we walked together--viewing the destruction, studying the expressions in the faces of depressed and deprived people, talking with them, asking their opinions--we had the feeling that the not-to-be-forgotten words concerning the inevitability of violent revolution were words spoken directly to us.

THE MOST disconsolate note was the response of the clergy to Dr. King's call. It was a sudden call, announced over all radio stations, but 100 ministers out of thousands in Chicago was altogether too meager.

Regular readers of this column recognize my continual reference to the "death" that has set in the church. If the church were alive--from her clergy to her custodian--hundreds of ministers would have been awake, alert and ready to go into action at the drop of Dr. King's hat. If the clergy and the church continue to make peaceful revolution impossible by their torpidity, they will certainly not be of benefit after violence erupts.

The Altar Of A Do-Nothing Clergy is "burning, baby, burning." It may be too late now to put out the fire.

# COMMENDATION

The Clark County Boys' Club #2, salutes all boys who have participated in inter-club events.

Your competitive spirit and overall good conduct is to be commended. Keep up the good work.

A special prize will be awarded to the boy who makes the greatest contribution toward the painting of our Bicycle Rack.

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