

From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

THE INTERVIEWS OF JESUS
"THE CHRISTIAN"

THE CHRISTIAN IS STRONGER

The Christian is stronger. The beliefs and practices that are Christian make us better able to do and to endure. This is the experience of countless men and women. It is the promise of Christ, "He who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do" (John 14:12).

1. It makes a big difference when a person believes in the reality of a Power greater than himself. "Believe in God," said Jesus. We are not asked to believe in any kind of God. Some ideas of God are not very helpful. "Believe also in me," said Jesus. The finest faith is so to believe in Jesus that we think of God in terms of him. The Christian evidence for God is Jesus himself, "he who has seen me has seen the Father" (14:9). Further evidence is found in the spiritual benefits that follow upon faith in Christ (14:11).

2. Prayer makes the Christian stronger. He doesn't lay his belief in God on a shelf. He practices it by praying. "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it," said Jesus (14:13). Here is an invitation to confident praying. We can bring all our needs and wishes to God. He is interested in everything that concerns us. "In my name" is the necessary condition. Pray with complete trust, yes, but also with devotion to the will of God, which may include ways beyond our ways and present understanding.

3. Fellowship with Christ makes the Christian stronger. He knows for himself the reality of the promise, "I will not leave you desolate. I will come to you" (14:18). Here is the open secret of the amazing power of Paul. He said, "Christ lives in me." It is also "in Christ," in his companionship, that we become stronger. When you face a task that seems too much for you, say, "Christ is with me. He will share the weight of this responsibility. He will show me what to do and how to do it."

4. The Christian is stronger because in his reliance upon God he is ready to say "I can," a positive approach that often turns the scales from defeat to victory. Men and women may fail not because they lack ability but because they lack faith, a practical trust in God. A boy was failing in school until he prayed about it and felt God saying to him, "You will succeed if you believe." His grades mounted, and he graduated with high honors. Join Paul in saying, "I can do all things in him," and you will be more successful in your own work.

5. The Christian is stronger because he trusts God to work with him in everything for good. Unpleasant things happen to him as they do to all men, but he has power from beyond to help him endure. Thru faith men and women are strong to overcome poverty and privation, to master adversity, to endure suffering, to meet grief and sorrow, to bring good out of evil circumstances. "Give me what I need if my prayer can't be answered," is a prayer of strong Christian faith, wise and realistic.

THE PROMISE of spiritual power comes to us like a blank check, already signed, ready for us to fill in our own name and the amount of Power we need. The Father God we know in Christ never intended any of his children to be weak and ineffective. He strengthens us thru Christ who promised greater works to those who believe.



REV. D. M. CLARK

Evangelist Returns - To Install Church Officers

Elder J. C. Brown, Pastor of Christ Holy Sanctified Church of America, Inc., located at 316 W. Madison Ave., Las Vegas, announced this week that Evangelist Lola (Hays) Harris has returned to the City and will install the Church Officers, December 11, at Services to be conducted at 3 p.m.

Members of a number of local churches and other friends in the City have already responded to the Call of the Evangelist who lives at the parsonage in the rear of the Church.

Elder Brown has issued a public general plea that others will answer the Call and be ready to serve wherever needed.

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THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

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NEGRO HISTORY

- Dec. 8, 1837 Wendell Phillips joins anti-slavery movement.
- Dec. 8, 1810 Tom Molineaux, boxer, was defeated by Tom Cribb, then British champion.
- Dec. 9, 1830 S. R. Lowery, teacher and army chaplain, was born.
- Dec. 9, 1944 Death of Romeo Dougherty, sports editor, New York Amsterdam News, in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.
- Dec. 10, 1805 William L. Garrison, abolitionist, was born. An editor and dedicated opponent of slavery, he died in 1879.
- Dec. 10, 1942 Mortgage burned for the Morris Memorial building of the Sunday School Publishing board, Nashville, Tenn.
- Dec. 10, 1950 Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, deputy secretary-general of the United Nations, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, becoming the first Negro so honored.
- Dec. 11, 1885 James O. Blanton, president, American Mutual Savings bank, born in Versailles, Ky.
- Dec. 11, 1912 Henry Armstrong, only man to hold three boxing titles at one time, was born in St. Louis, Mo. He began his career at the age of 17, fighting in more than 400 engagements.
- Dec. 11, 1917 Five members of the 24th U.S. Infantry were executed for their part in a Houston, Tex. riot, Aug. 23, 1917.
- Dec. 12, 1870 Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina was seated as the first Negro member of the U. S. House of Representatives.
- Dec. 12, 1954 Mississippi voters approve constitutional amendment permitting abolition of public schools to avoid integration.
- Dec. 13, 1872 O. P. Anderson, member of John Brown's raiding party, executed.
- Dec. 14, 1829 John M. Langston, Negro congressman, was born in Louisa County, Va.

ALTAR CALL

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"TIME TO COLLECT BACK PAY"

Noted author, Harry Golden, has become one of the few white-skinned advocates for economic indemnification of Negroes.

Testifying before the U.S. Senate Government Operations sub-committee on ways to improve the lot of slum dwellers, he advocated a \$100 billion program to compensate Negroes for "centuries of slavery and deprivation."

SUGGESTIONS FOR this type of indemnification had come from Whitney Young of the Urban League and other civil rights leaders, earlier, apparently falling on deaf ears. Perhaps this was because Negroes were saying it --like asking for something for themselves, although these leaders would not personally need any financial subsidization at this point in their careers.

Admitting that "the United States has had Negroes locked away during the greatest wealth-producing period in the history of the world," Golden declared that this "war has been lost--the Negro has won--he deserves back pay.

Negroes who agree that the government should realistically DO something concrete to erase the last vestiges of poverty and the attendant slumism and slum living, would also agree that this is not an exorbitant amount for the government to invest in human life.

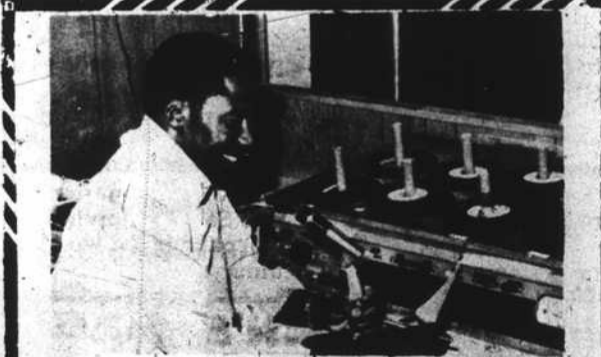
OVER AGAINST the millions the U.S. is spending in Vietnam for life destruction and death; over against the millions that are being spent to land two or three men on the moon before the Soviet Union does, such an investment is a mere pittance by comparison.

It is hoped that other whites will hear what Golden is saying. It is hoped that white economists will see how quickly such a governmental investment will make available more human resource that will, in turn, up our country's Gross National Product, which to them is most important.

It is hoped that our politicians can see that this expenditure is far less than the continually rising cost of prisons, police, public welfare and compensatory education that is mounting, and will unless the U.S. does something concrete.

Now, THIS is power, and it's not all black. Perhaps we should put "black" voices behind a new cry for "Golden" power. For if Harry Golden, with his white skin, can advocate this most realistic power, others of the white hue can and ought share promoting it.

The Altar of Gratitude should be buzzing with devotees heralding this "voice in the wilderness" hoping other whites make this proposal a reality.



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