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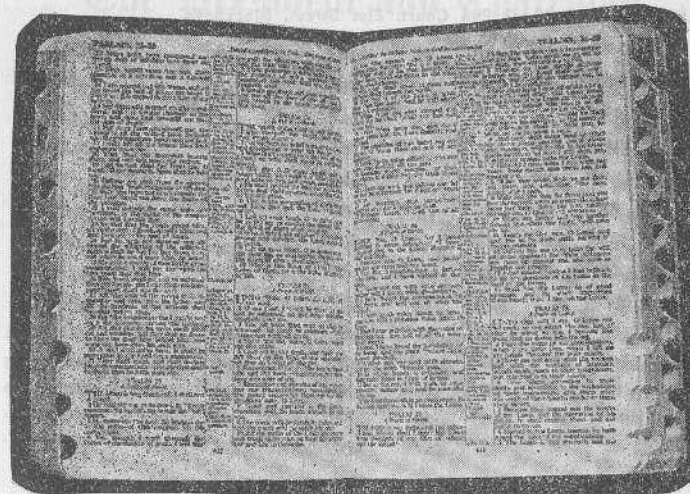
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# Covenant Voice



"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory".

I Timothy 3: 16.

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## FELLOWSHIP DIARY FOR JANUARY, 1985

(WINTER PROGRAMME)

EASTBOURNE	7	The Central Library, Grove Road 3.00 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
BATTLE	7	"Saxonwood", Saxonwood Road 6.30 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
DUNDEE	13	2 Elm Court, Elm Street, Blackness 3.00 p.m. Mr. J. Robbie, B.Sc.
HALESOWEN	16	"Covenant House", 94 Haden Hill Road 7.30 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
PORTSMOUTH	18	The Salvation Army Citadel, Powerscourt Road 7.00 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
NEWTON ABBOT	28	The Community Centre, Kingsteignton Road 2.30 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
BRISTOL	30	The Congregational Church, Stapleton Road 7.00 p.m. Miss Margaret K. Kilner.

The Speakers of the Fellowship will be dealing with Bible Prophecy and related subjects at these Meetings. We are sometimes obliged to make alterations to the planned programmes due to unforeseen circumstances. However, the Speakers' engagements will not be changed unnecessarily.

## Christmas, 1984

The President and Chairman

Council Members

General Secretary & Staff

send sincere greetings at this

Season to all our readers.

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Your prayers and loyal support throughout the year  
have been a source of great encouragement

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"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

(Isaiah 52 : 7)

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**"Covenant Voice" is issued free and post free to all parts of the world. Its purpose is to declare all the counsel of God, salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the inspiration and the absolute authority of the Scriptures, the coming of the Kingdom of God under the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ and the identity of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon peoples with Israel of the Old Testament.**

## The Facts of Our Faith

## We believe and teach

All the Counsel of God as it is revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures.

That the Celto-Saxon people are descended from that part of ancient Israel known as the House of Israel, as distinct from the House of Judah, which will eventually be re-united into one nation under Christ. The Royal House of David has long dwelt among the House of Israel.

That the born-again members of these people will form the national basis of God's Kingdom on earth, into which born-again individuals of all other nations will be brought. That the Celto-Saxon peoples are the inheritors of God's Covenants with, and promises to, the House of Israel.

That the remedy for economic distress and national unrest is to be found in the restoration of the Divine Law under the New Covenant as revealed in the Scriptures.

Christians wishing to join the Fellowship should complete this Declaration and send it, together with the Annual Membership fee (minimum £2.00) to: The General Secretary, 87 St. Barnabas Road, Woodford Green, Essex. IG8 7BT.

I declare that I believe that the whole of the Scriptures, as given in the original tongues, are the inspired and true Word of God. I believe in the perfect Oneness of the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel to be the only Saviour of men. I acknowledge Him as my personal Saviour.

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## A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

## "WHEN JESUS WAS BORN"

by Dr. Francis Thomas

Alas, that for so many this is merely an event in history. They are forever looking back and recalling an event in the past. One wonders whether this may be one of the main causes for the ineffectiveness of the church at the present time — they recognise only a historical Christ!

The historical Jesus ended in death and burial in Joseph's tomb, but the Jesus revealed to us in Scripture is alive, waiting, until His enemies become His footstool.

Jesus was born during the reign of one of the greatest Caesars of history — Augustus. His was the greatest throne in the world and Jesus only attained to a gibbet on Golgotha's hill and a grave in a borrowed tomb. But was that all? Was there not any more achieved as a result of the birth of this Child Jesus? The question demands an answer — even today. In 1984, almost two thousand years later, men are looking for an answer, longing for a definitive statement which will stop the increasing incidence of error and unscriptural teaching and will, at the same time encourage the hearts and minds of those who cling to their erstwhile faith.

Those of us who consider ourselves to be in the noble succession of the Reformed Faith and believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God have an awesome responsibility. We must shed light into the inky darkness which is at present over our people. When we have prelates in our National Church who question the facts of the Christian faith, who question that our Lord " . . . was conceived by the Holy

Ghost . . ." and that " . . . the third day He rose again from the dead . . ." we have to redouble our efforts and broaden the scope of our ministry. This is not the time to foster and expound our pet theories, however interesting they may be. This is not the time for bickering within the dogmatic barricades we are erecting: every effort is needed to proclaim the wondrous Gospel of the Kingdom. We must re-state the old realities; matters must be made plain, for our Nation has gone too far down the road which leads to subjection to secular values. We must expound the Truth as we find it in the Scriptures: we must follow the principles established by our Lord and re-stated by the Reformers — we must expect the people to follow the lead we are giving. Yes, of course, men and women have the right to their personal ideas and opinions, but not when they challenge, or are contrary to the Word of God.

#### **There Is A Danger**

of forgetting that ours is an age of apostasy. Anything that is different is popular. It has, therefore, become very necessary for us to re-state the foundation facts of our Christian faith.

#### **"When Jesus Was Born"**

there was the fulfilment of that body of prophecy which first began to be heard in the Garden of Eden. The Divine pronouncement was very deliberate and does not allow of any argument:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel".

(Genesis 3: 15)

These words were recognised by the Reformers as being the Protoevangelium — the beginning of the Gospel of Redemp-

tion! This plain statement, made by the Lord God, establishes the doctrine of the Incarnation.

We should, of course, most deeply appreciate the importance and value of modern Christological inquiry and be in full sympathy with the demands that modern knowledge and improved methods of investigation into the fundamental truths of our faith. By such means unwarranted accretions are eliminated, essential truths are more convincingly established and our theology is made more serviceable as the handmaid of intelligent and true faith. We should not be afraid of an investigation of any kind into our faith and the foundations of our faith remain quite undisturbed, in spite of the questionings of the Bishop of Durham and his like-minded companions. The Scripture still declares that

" . . . God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself".

(II Corinthians 5: 19)

Any message less than this cannot be allowed. Not because we disagree with the view of private interpretation; indeed, this is one of the chief reasons for our dogmatism. The confusing babel of "Confessions of Faith" which have appeared over recent years shows how necessary the authority of the Scripture really is. Critical philosophy and non-ecclesiastical scholarship have combined to bring about a widespread indifference to Scripture doctrine. The reverence formerly shown to Scripture authority is now given to scholarship!

One Divine Mind and Purpose lies behind all Scripture; any exegesis which disregards this fact is untrue. Each biblical writer displays a personal point of view, but his thoughts are so placed in Scripture as to become the main

features of a growing manifestation of doctrine which is completely at unity.

That the Incarnation of Christ is an established fact we accept and believe wholeheartedly. We believe Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God".

(I John 4: 15)

Through all the Patriarchal ages the prophets have spoken of this Coming One Who was before the foundations of the world. Indeed, He made the worlds:

"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made".

(John 1: 2)

God spake to Moses concerning Him when He declared:

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him".

(Deuteronomy 18: 18)

The birth of Jesus was the coming of the Prophet of the Most High God; He is the Word of God and is the only Saviour and mediator between God and man.

#### Isaiah Foretold

of His birth and nomenclature:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel: . . ."

(Isaiah 7: 14)

and later the same prophet announced

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The

Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace".

(Isaiah 9: 6)

And so on throughout the Old Testament days there came prophecies regarding this Coming One. Bethlehem, the place of His birth; a time of trouble describing the conditions which would surround His birth and deliverance, joy and healing upon men which would be the results of His birth.

Let us take the Bible at its face value. It means just what it says and says exactly what it means. Ah, yes, I do realise that it includes accepting the miraculous element which we find emphasised again and again in Scripture. But after all, miracles are not to be debated upon nor argued about, but accepted with joy and believed. Ask those who have been wondrously healed if they have an argument about the present-day ministry of healing! And isn't our regeneration, our being saved by grace, isn't that a miracle? I tell you, it is the greatest miracle of all miracles.

And all because ". . . Jesus was born . . ."

"I cannot tell why He Whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the lost ones,  
To bring them back they know not how or when;  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth with Mary,  
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come".



### PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

by Miss Margaret K. Kilner

"... speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed"

There are various ways to pray for the sick and these are given in the records of Christ's miraculous ministry; also in the records of the same ministry carried on by His disciples.

The method which I believe requires the greatest faith on the part of the saints is the ministry of absent healing, as is evident in the record of the centurion at Capernaum, whose servant was sick, and paralysed.

The centurion had faith to such a degree that the Lord said of this Roman soldier:

"I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel".

Our very attitude when embarking on a season of intercession for the sick and those in need, must be one of confidence, one of faith. The Lord will honour that faith and heal in accordance with His Will.

We return thanks for the healing of many we have prayed for during the past month. Two in particular are more than worthy of mention.

One dear lady no longer has a problem with blood pressure and another is the case of a young man who sustained severe damage to his eye in an accident. The doctors at the hospital had expected his sight to be impaired for at least six weeks, but "He touched them . . ." and shortened the period of incapacity considerably.

"... I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods".

(Psalm 135: 5)

### THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

#### TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY!

by Margaret K. Kilner

These words were brought to the shepherds of Bethlehem who were abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. The words were not only given for the benefit of the shepherds — who were overcome with great joy — but for us too! The shepherds were reverentially fearful as they were confronted by the Angel: they were the first to receive the tidings of great joy!

Their immediate task was to make their way to the place of which the Angel had said. "... ye shall find the Babe lying in a manger" — and so they went to pay their homage to Him Who was to be their Saviour!

#### Their First Mission

was to spread abroad the good news which the Lord had made known to them. Previously, Mary was caused to prophesy all that this miraculous Child would be as well as what He would do for His People. The story of the birth and early days of the Lord Jesus Christ are well-known and is annually enacted by children in schools and Sunday schools in every Christian country. However, as well as we know this story, we should at this time take special note of the words of Scripture before we allow ourselves to become too involved with some of the fantasies which are written, spoken and acted at Christmas time.

#### The Younger Generation

are so directed in their thinking these days as to distort much of the truth of the events of the Nativity of our Lord, as do some of the carols which are sung at this time of the year.

It is to the shepherds that I now return, for their role in this great event was important, just as is the function of the "shepherds" of today. Their calling is to "... feed the flock of God ..." and to teach them the things concerning Jesus and lead the people into the "green pastures" of the Scriptures.

The shepherds of old made great haste to the manger to pay homage and then went and spread the good news abroad.

### We Are Grieved

because of the attitude of so many of our shepherds today; they show little reverence and do not seem to concern themselves with the simple declaration of the Gospel. Possibly because they do not believe it themselves! In Ezekiel's prophecy, chapter 34 — which is known to Bible students as one of the "shepherd prophecies" — the Lord showed the shepherds the matters they had not attended to. Each of these matters mentioned are fundamental truths of the Message of the Kingdom.

"The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them".

### The Lord Jesus Christ

declared His Mission in the Synagogue at Nazareth when He was handed the book of the scroll of the Scriptures which contained the prophecies of Isaiah and as He read the words He declared exactly what He would do.

### Each Pastor

who has accepted his calling is directed to do likewise. Our Lord read from Isaiah's prophecy the words which directly refer to the ministry designated to the shepherds of Israel:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord".

Here are the credentials of the calling of the shepherds !! Failure to observe these "terms of reference" will result in serious condemnation, as declared in Ezekiel 34: 10;

"Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock, neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more, for I will deliver My flock from their mouth that they may not be meat for them".

The shepherds of old have a Message for the shepherds of the last days and our prayer at this festive season should be for our shepherds that they also will reverence the Lord and continue to spread the good tidings of great joy to all the flock. The Message of the Kingdom is for today just as it has been for every generation.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy . . ."  
 "And all they that heard it wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds".

## FROM THE REGISTRAR

Readers of "Covenant Voice" who have not yet applied for Membership of the Fellowship are invited to complete the Application for Membership form attached and send it, together with the statutory Membership fee of £2.00 to me. I shall be glad to hear from you.

In accordance with our Constitution each application is submitted to the Council of the Fellowship and when approved, the new member is accepted and will receive a Membership Certificate. All that members are required to do is to pledge their loyalty to the Lord and to remember us in prayerful support.

As the New Year dawns I should like to welcome many more readers of the "Covenant Voice" to our Membership.

The Lord bless you and direct your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, in His Service,

(Miss) Margaret K. Kilner.

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wish to make application for membership of The Covenant Peoples Fellowship. I declare that I believe the whole of the Scriptures, as given in the original tongues, are the inspired and true Word of God. I believe in the perfect unity of the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel to be the only Saviour of men. I acknowledge Him as my personal Saviour.

I enclose my subscription of £..... (min. £2.00).

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## JOHN WYCLIFFE

## MORNING STAR OF THE REFORMATION

by Dr. Francis Thomas

1984 has been the five hundredth anniversary of the death of this great man. Born in Yorkshire in 1324, he went, as a youth of 16 as a scholar to Oxford and eventually succeeded in his studies and became a Fellow. During his arduous studies Wycliffe came under the influence of one Thomas Bradwardine who was a Professor at the University and who taught the truth of the Word of God and taught his students to do the same. J. A. Wylie, in his "History of Protestantism" states:

"The fame of Bradwardine's lectures filled Europe . . ." It was from such a man that John Wycliffe received the truth of the Scripture in true Puritan form.

In order to appreciate this fact we must consider what "theology" was in Wycliffe's day: it consisted of discussions and debates on the writings of such men as Thomas Aquinas or Peter Abelard. Aquinas was a Dominican monk and hailed from Southern Italy. He was known as the 'Father of Moral Philosophy'. Peter Abelard was a scholar and philosopher of France, born 1079 and died in 1142. His life was rather clouded by his romantic attachment to Heloise, the daughter of Canon Fulbert, of Notre Dame. The pursuit of the works of these men were the chief concern of divinity students in Oxford rather than the study of the Scriptures. Bradwardine's teachings were to the young Wycliffe like lights which illuminated a spiritual darkness. We should remember that at this time (A.D. 1340-1350) the worship in the churches of our land was polluted by superstitious idolatry because of the influence of the Roman priesthood.

John Wycliffe was the champion of our British Civil Liberties and represented Britain in a controversy with the Pope over the non-payment of the annual tax which had been levied against us by the papacy following the English King John's recognition of his servility to the Pope. The Scriptural stand of Wycliffe and the unyielding attitude of the barons saved Britain from total subservience to the papacy.

When Parliament met in 1366 to consider the renewed demands of the Pope (for the resumption of the levy, which was quietly discontinued in 1330, and the payment of the arrears) John Wycliffe was present and recorded the proceedings. Not a solitary voice was heard supporting the claims of the papacy and Parliament was unanimous in its agreement that King John had acted unwisely and beyond any of his powers by recognising the Pope as his superior. The question was settled: a sovereign should rule Britain and not a Pope, for the Parliament decided that King John had denied his coronation oath in giving allegiance to the Pope without Parliament's consent. His action was, therefore, null and void.

Wycliffe's lectures at Oxford were forceful and Biblical and have been termed "Reformation type" and his views thus expressed rapidly extended to the nation. In all his preaching of the need for a reformation he maintained that the issue was not his personal concern, but that of the King and the nation. The victory came to Britain and much of the credit for that pre-reformation victory must go to John Wycliffe.

John Wycliffe translated the Scriptures into English so that his fellow-countrymen might read the Scriptures in their

mother tongue. The work of copying the translation was a mammoth task and soon the "Lollard" preachers as they were termed — went all over the land reading the Scriptures in all public places. The priests and friars were horrified when they realised what Wycliffe had been able to accomplish and so, in 1408 an English Church Council was convened and banned the reading of Wycliffe's translation, threatening to excommunicate those who read and those who listened.

In November, 1382 Wycliffe's appeal against the condemnation made against him by the Roman priests and bishops was heard at Westminster and Parliament repealed the edict of the church against him. It was then that the Archbishop of Canterbury convened Convocation to try him for what they called "these pestiferous doctrines". The only words spoken in his own defence were:

"You are the heretics who affirm that the Sacrament is an accident without a subject. Why do you propagate such errors? Why? Because like the priests of Baal you want to sell your masses. With whom, think you, you are contending? With an old man on the brink of the grave? No! with Truth — Truth which is stronger than you and will overcome you!

With these words he turned to leave the Assembly: his enemies were unable to prevent him. He returned to Lutterworth a very sick man. On the last Sunday of the year he was taken ill with a stroke as he administered the Lord's Supper and he died in the Rectory on 31st December, 1384 and was buried in Lutterworth. In 1428 Wycliffe's body was dis-interred by the order of the Pope and burned, his ashes were thrown into the River Swift, which flows through the town. The Truth could not be silenced and it has been

well said that those ashes were carried by the waters of the Swift into the Avon and from the Avon into the Severn and so into the ocean. Ours is the privilege to continue the work and to see that

"God's truth goes marching on".

### CHRIST WITHIN

A living Christ, of wondrous birth,  
Who trod the dreary paths of earth,  
Shedding abroad His holy light  
Through the deep gloom of sin's dark night.

A Living Christ our Spirits need,  
A Loving Christ our souls to feed,  
A Dying Christ — our ransom He,  
A Risen Christ to set us free.



### Daily Scripture Readings

Arranged by Miss Margaret K. Kilner

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- 4 Deuteronomy 4: 1—14
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### THE BAITED HOOK

by Miss E. M. Curtis

(This is the summary of an address given at the Annual Summer Convention of the Covenant People's Fellowship on 4th July, 1984. Editor).

We are all here in one place and with one accord — so anything can happen. When the disciples were in one place and of one accord, as related in Acts chapter 2 the Holy Spirit fell in power upon them and changed the history of the world.

I do not try to preach to you but I like to share with you some of the thoughts, revelations and experiences that I have had during the past twelve months.

#### We Are In the Time Of Preparation

for the coming of the Kingdom of God. I have entitled this talk "The Baited Hook" and this is the time when I hope you will join me in launching some baited hooks in order to "catch" other people, because we have to be "fishers of men". The Kingdom of God cannot come if there has been no preparation for it. We do not know what the Kingdom of God will be like because we have had no experience of it. But it is the only alternative to the very wicked, violent world in which we live.

Since the Lord Jesus is to be King He must have a kingdom over which to reign, not just a church; the angel Gabriel foretold this and it is recorded for us in Luke's Gospel, chapter 1 and verses 32 and 33;

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David:

"And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of His Kingdom there shall be no end"

Indeed, the Bible teaches this from Genesis to the Book of Revelation.

Jesus prepared His disciples by His teaching for three years, but even so, they were spiritually blind and deaf and lacked understanding of the wonder of the Christ Who taught them. I have always been amazed at the flat way in which they accepted the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand people with five small loaves and two fishes; they did not seem at all surprised that so many were fed by so little! It is not at all surprising that our Lord became a little impatient with them, as we read in Mark's Gospel, chapter 8, verses 17 to 21:

"... perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?"

"Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?"

"When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto Him, Twelve.

"And when the seven among four thousand, how many basketsful of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

"And He said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?"

However, the disciples **were** prepared when the first Pentecostal outpouring came upon them. It is very dangerous for any unprepared "vessel" to expect an outpouring of the power of God. Many years ago I knew a pastor's wife who was heart and soul in the Israel teaching and she asked the Lord to grant her His power to heal and convert people to this work. And He did! She began to feel so ill she

thought she was going to die; her chest became tight and she felt unable to breathe. Then she gasped, "Please Lord, take it away; I cannot stand it!" As she recovered she heard a Voice saying to her, "I have but touched thee with the shadow of My little finger". That lady learned that it is very dangerous to seek God's power when one is unprepared. Later, I heard her say, "Never ask for His power, but ask that He will prepare you to receive it". Annanias and Sapphira were faulty "vessels" and we know what happened to them (see Acts 5: 1—11).

Have you ever wondered about the waterpots of Cana? If the clay had been faulty the power of God which changed the water would have shattered the pots into pieces. Even nature teaches the need for preparation. Last year some regions in Australia had been suffering from a drought for many months and the soil had become hard and unyielding. Then, suddenly the rains came and torrents of water poured down upon the earth and caused widespread flooding. The seeds in the soil were drowned and rotted, unable to cope with the sudden deluge.

A gardener prepares for rain by digging and raking the soil so that it is broken up and filled with oxygen; when the rains come the water sinks into the soil and the seeds grow and flourish.

#### Sometimes God Speaks To Me

through nature. One day last Autumn (1983) I was watching some fleecy clouds racing across the sky on a very windy day. I saw one large cloud coming towards me and it looked like a huge codfish and as it came nearer I saw that the wind was gradually dispersing some of the cloud formation and instead of a large fish I could see a shoal of smaller

fishes swimming by. I thought it very strange and immediately forgot all about it. Five months later I had a very vivid dream: I dreamed that I was standing before a huge glass tank — it was rather like those underwater films we see on our television sets — and on my right a large cod-shaped fish swam passed me followed by a shoal of little fishes. Then a Voice spoke to me and said, "One fish spawns many". After a while the Voice spoke again and said, "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will swell and increase and return to you sevenfold". I awakened and at once remembered the previous cloud formation I had seen last Autumn. I realised that God was trying to tell me something important. I began to ponder upon the fish picture given to me in my dream and felt that the Lord wanted me to do something for Him. But what? It was evidently something that would spread and increase for His coming Kingdom. It was impressed upon me that I had to reveal to my Nation the reality of their Israel identity. I protested and said, "Lord, they will not listen to me, nor come to our Meetings — so whatever can I do?" Then the thoughts flowed through my mind that fish need live bait and I had to become a fisher of men. The bait had to be ALIVE, just as anglers use live baits of maggots on their lines. The movement of the live bait in the water attracts the passing fish — and they get hooked!

#### But What Living Bait

could I use to catch men? The answer came to me quite clearly that only the Word of God could do it. John 6: 48 to 58 tells us that Jesus said,

" . . . I am the bread of life . . . I am the living bread that came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will

give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world”.

God is the God of INCREASE and there is no stagnation where His Life-Force is. Jesus showed this when He fed the five thousand people with five loaves and two small fishes. The power of God flowed into the bread and fishes and it began to increase. The disciples were given the food to PASS ON to the multitude and when all had eaten there were twelve basketsfull of fragments left over to feed the disciples. It is a divine principle that when we feed others we get fed too!

So I realised that I had to pass on the living Word of God in order to make them realise their identity. The time has come for this, because our Nation has lost faith in themselves, in their God and in our Royal Throne.

#### So I Compiled

the most important proofs that the Bible offers to show that the British Race is Modern Israel, descended from Ancient Israel of the Old Testament and the Patriarchs. These proofs could only fit the British People and so should bring conviction. Miss Kilner very kindly duplicated the leaflet for me.

Now many think that this Nation will not know Her identity until the Lord returns, but in Revelation 19: 7 we read that when the Bridegroom comes to take His Bride she

“ . . . hath made herself ready”.  
So she must know who She is.

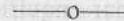
#### We Are The Watchmen

in Israel who are to alert the people to the dangers and to open their eyes to their coming destiny, which is predestined by God and is spoken of so many times by the prophets of

old. We have to become fishers of men and just as anglers sit silently waiting for the fish to bite so we just have to “bait” the hook with the Living Bait and wait for men and women to “bite”. We need not be talented speakers, because we have only to pass the “bait” on to the people.

There are evil forces trying to deprive us of our Birth-right and we have to resist them. The Nation has to be restored to Her former place of faith and confidence in Her God and Her Destiny. Affairs are getting desperate so we must start at once. To mix my metaphors a little, do not be disappointed when you sow the Word! When we sow seeds in the garden they do not all grow, but some are bound to take root and bring a harvest. Someone, somewhere is longing for the bread of life; we are called to see that he or she gets it.

“Thy Kingdom Come” — on bended knee,  
The passing ages pray;  
And countless souls have longed to see  
The dawning of that day!”



### A NEW SPHERE OF MINISTRY

The ministry of a Fellowship such as ours is intended to be ever reaching outwards.

Hitherto the Covenant People's Fellowship has been privileged to distribute tape recordings of our Meetings held in London and the Conventions held in other parts of the country. Now, we are able to offer video recordings of our Meetings. A member of our Fellowship — and a very dear friend — has generously donated the necessary money to enable us to purchase the required equipment. This means that we have been able to record the proceedings of our Annual Summer Convention Meetings and you will be able to show your family and friends the beauties of the Conference Centre at "High Leigh" and the Meetings with the Message. It is planned to make each recording about 45 minutes duration.

If you have a video recorder in your home and would be interested in hiring our recordings we shall be glad to serve you. It is an excellent way to introduce your friends to the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Send today for details of titles and costs of hiring our video recordings, which are available on either V.H.S. or Beta cassettes. Address your enquiries to:

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### WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT!

#### A Review Of The Work In 1984

This is not to be considered a report — merely a nostalgic glance at the Work we have been privileged to engage in during this eventful year.

#### The Superstitious

and the inquisitive had looked for the advent of this year with great anticipation, mainly because it was the title of the late George Orwell's novel. Maybe that some of these didn't know that the ominous title was merely the product of the juggling with the year in which the novel was written — 1948! Indeed, we heard several students and teachers of Bible Prophecy saying that they were looking forward with some apprehension, for the year portended to bring about undreamed-of events. However, the year came and it has, at the time of writing, only a few more weeks left before we shall be saying, "It has gone into eternity". Of course, I do not quite understand why this phrase is popular; maybe it would be more correct to say that the year has passed from view.

The beginning of the year saw very cold and wintry weather and many were confined to their beds with colds and kindred ailments. It was singularly evident that the Lord's blessing was upon us, for in all our travelling along snowbound and icy roads we were conducted safely in all our journeyings and we were able to attend all our Meetings on time.

During the year we were privileged once more to visit

#### The City Of Norwich

after an absence of four years. It was a great joy to be

invited to speak to the group of people with whom we had shared such sweet fellowship and seen so many come to the knowledge of the Truth of the Kingdom Message. Our friends there were delighted to greet and welcome us back to the city and we praise the Lord that during this year we have seen the evidence of blessing upon the Proclamation of God's Word. Attendances at the meetings have been good and we are very grateful to Mrs. McElroy for opening her home again to accommodate our Meetings.

#### **A New Door**

was wondrously opened for us too in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Through the good offices of our dear Brother, Mr. Alan Campbell, of Belfast, we were invited to minister to a house group and we have seen the numbers grow each month. We are grateful to our dear brother, Mr. Baxter and to his friends for making us so welcome.

#### **Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh**

was also opened to the Message of the Kingdom and in May it was our joy to address a Meeting held in Bothwell's Hotel. We were delighted to meet some of our friends again; we had met formerly at the Ulster Convention in Bangor. We were very glad to meet new friends and even some who had travelled from Co. Monaghan in the Free State in order to be in the Meeting. Our dear brother, Mr. Norman Baxter, is doing a wonderful work for the Lord and his ministry is being richly blessed. Next year (D.V.) Brother Baxter is hoping to arrange for our ministry to resume in the Omagh District of Co. Tyrone. It has been just amazing to see how the Lord has blessed the work in the Province of Ulster. Whereas formerly our meetings were held only in Belfast, Bangor and Portadown they are now held in places as far

apart as Ballygowan and Coleraine, Ballymena and Port Glenone, Rathcoole, Cregagh, Armagh and Ballintra (Co. Donegal). We commend these meetings to your prayers and ask that you will especially pray for an extension of our work for the Lord here on the mainland as we have seen in Ulster.

#### **One Of The Highlights**

of our ministry is the number of people we have seen healed as a result of our praying with them according to the Word of God. We do expect the sick to be healed when we have prayed with them and have preached the Word of God. The Lord has honoured our faith in His Promise and we have been bold in declaring the Truth of the Kingdom Gospel.

#### **"Covenant Voice", Our Magazine**

has given us the unique opportunity of a worldwide ministry. The printed Word has been sent to places we have not visited and the many letters of gratitude from other countries have been most encouraging.

As we look back over 1984 we can only say,

"His loving kindness is better than life,  
His loving kindness is better than life;  
My lips shall praise Him,  
Thus will I bless Him:  
I will labour and speak in His Name!"

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"For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. "How then shall they call on Him Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of great things!"

**VIDEO RECORDINGS**

We now have available:

1. "Preparation". Speaker: Dr. Francis Thomas.
2. "Judgment in the House of God". Speaker: Miss Margaret K. Kilner.
3. "The Foursquare Gospel". Speaker: Dr. Francis Thomas.
4. "The Olivet Discourse". Speaker: Mr. A. Campbell, B.A.
5. "What is the Kingdom?". Speaker: Dr. Francis Thomas.
6. "Visitations of God". Speaker: Pastor Seekins.
7. "The Message of the Kingdom". Speaker: Dr. Francis Thomas.

Also available are 3 programmes of a Panel In Discussion, under the general title of "We Believe . . . !"

- No. 1 "We Believe . . . God's Family"
- No. 2 "We Believe . . . The Fathers"
- No. 3 "We Believe . . . The Promises"



The Video Cassettes of the Addresses run for about 45 or 50 minutes and the Panel Discussion tapes for about 35 minutes.

Charges for the hiring of these recordings are: 1st and subsequent 2 cassettes are available for £5.00. Further cassettes will be charged at £2.50 per hiring.

Cassettes may be hired for a limited period of 14 days from the date of posting from the Office. Cassettes will be sent by First Class post and should be returned to us by First Class post and in good condition.

An Order Form is available and may be obtained from The Audio-Visual Dept., The Covenant People's Fellowship, 87 St. Barnabas' Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7BT. A stamped/addressed envelope would be appreciated.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING**

Owing to the refurbishing of the Alliance Hall, London at this time, we have been unable to hold our Annual Service of Thanksgiving this year. It is felt that many of our friends and members would still like to express in a practical way, their thanks to the Lord for His many blessings during the year.

The Thanksgiving Fund is being launched on the 1st December and will remain open until the end of January to give our Overseas readers an opportunity to respond, if they so wish.

The Lord has been very gracious to us in supplying our needs and we now look to Him to provide the blessings He has promised as we exercise our faithful stewardship for the future.

Your gifts will be sincerely welcomed and deeply appreciated. Please mark your gift "Thanksgiving". Thank you.



For Your Convenience:

**MY THANKSGIVING GIFT - 1984**

I have much pleasure in enclosing my gift of Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Goodness to me during this year.

Name .....  
(Rev./Mr./Mrs./Miss)

Address .....

..... Postal Code .....

Date ..... Signed .....