

The City Was Moved

At His Coming



It has been believed by many people that salvation only consists of preaching what they call 'healing and deliverance', but this is an untrue conception of the Scriptures, for salvation consists of all the workings of God. Even though they are manifested in various channels, they all pertain to the great salvation of Jesus Christ.

A very notable incident in the Scriptures of which I have preached for years, but which is so simple and plain that it should be understood by the most common, is a parade in Jerusalem. "And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this (Matthew 21:6-10)?"

This is a very striking demonstration, as it was the method Jesus used on most of His journeys of fulfilling prophecy and of bringing men to the knowledge of salvation. This could have very easily been called a Caravan from city to city to spread the gospel and to teach salvation, as this is one of the methods we read about in the New Testament and The Vision Speaks.

Many years ago, I began seeing the necessity of traveling on special occasions in large groups to stir the people and the nations. I saw the need of arousing people's attention, exciting them, and shaking them to the realization of the Almighty God and to the fact that God has given many prophecies for our day to be fulfilled in order to accomplish this commission. Through this method, we are able to get salvation to people who are so far distant and are entertained by the pleasures of worldly inventions, not realizing their spiritual meaning in the fulfillment of the Word of God. They are in need of a shock of righteous doings to bring them to the knowledge of their need of salvation.

There are many incidents in the New Testament in which I find the Apostle Paul traveling from various countries and cities in a Caravan. They walked or went by ship, and most of the time there was a large number of them. Scriptures supporting this are found in Acts 21:8; and Acts 20:4-6. On another occasion, we find a group of workers traveling with the Apostle Paul in a Caravan, as revealed at Ephesus in Acts 19:21-23, 29. These are only three incidents I have named, but there are many others which Bible readers know. This method was an outstanding one in the Bible of promoting the Gospel.

As far back at 1945, I began to develop such moves, which were called Biblical Wonder Campaigns. I organized several evangelistic campaigns, and from this I promoted a Flying Gospel Caravan and entered cities and airports drawing large crowds and preaching to them salvation for their soul. These were in fulfillment of Ecclesiastes 10:20, Revelation 14:6, Ezekiel the 10th chapter, Isaiah the 60th chapter, and many, many others. Approximately 70 airport meetings were conducted in The United States, drawing crowds as high as 6,000. In 1956, I caravanned the Caribbean Islands with 9 single-engine airplanes and 26 persons. The subject of this tour was, 'The Isles of The Sea Wait For Me.' On this caravan, we fulfilled many prophecies which drew as many as 10,000 persons.

Following the Reformation of The Church of God, I launched another Gospel Caravan in the fulfillment of the Scriptures which was called the Highway and Hedges Gospel Midnight Cry. In this I used specially painted and lettered motorcycles and automobiles (supported by the Scriptures in the 2nd chapter of Joel and the 2nd chapter of Nahum, in which they are called Iron Horses and Nahum's chariots, respectively). We caravanned the country, and the motorcycle riders went into the byways and hedges spreading the gospel by means of literature. They lectured in special parking areas and lunch places and also paraded the cities in the order of Ezekiel 9:4 when he said, go through the city and mark (call the people's attention in the country to what we are doing). Many other Scriptures point out the principle of spreading the Word of the Lord by caravanning. This is the order by which Jesus went through Jerusalem with His parade. This is what we are doing now with a growing increase every year. As this issue of The Vision Speaks will reveal, we are striking and increasing attention in the country of what we are doing; yet, the largest Caravan of all is to come when we shall tour from coast to coast with motorcycles and automobiles, spreading our gospel literature back and forth throughout the nation of America in the fulfillment of Mark 13:10 and many other such Scriptures, in which we are commanded to publish the Word among all nations.

We have gone very slowly on our Church Navy. Our largest ship was damaged in a storm to the extent that we had to sell it. We are now using the money which we received from it to replace a motor in the other ship of Tarshish, which is in the Caribbean Islands. Our Navy will tour from island to island, even as it has already done some touring on the Caravan style.

Salvation to the world is our aim--to bring the people's attention in the realization of the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for many and to show to whomsoever will that Jesus is our Redeemer. But, we feel that not only is the world asleep, but also Jesus declared in the 25th chapter of Matthew that the entire Kingdom of God would be found slumbering and sleeping at the end and that The Church of God would have to make a midnight cry not only to waken the world, but also to cause the Christian people throughout the world to arise and trim their lamps that they may be worthy to enter the wedding of the Lamb as guests. So, let us join the Gospel Caravan in spreading the gospel over the world, for the Scriptures have said that when this gospel is preached and published among all nations, then shall the end be.

Jesus did not have to ride the donkey all over the world, but only had to ride it in on location to fulfill this prophecy, and then it was published. So it is today with our fulfilling prophecy, it can be published by the means of writings, radios, and personal contacts--just so our sound will be heard throughout the world, even as the sound of Jesus riding the donkey was published throughout the nations.