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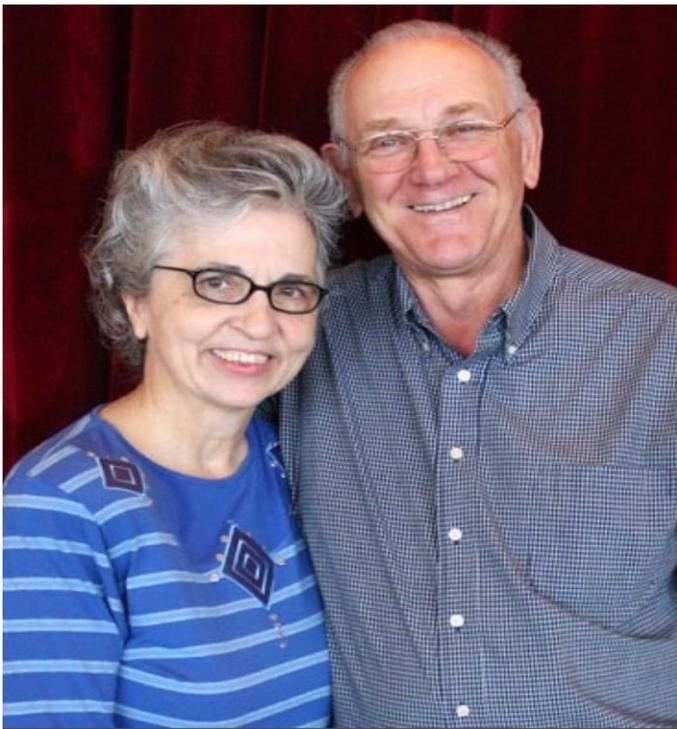
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Blessed Are The Peacemakers: For They Shall Be Called The Children of God Matthew 5:9

Brother And Sister Melvin Parker Leave For Israel On A Three-Month Visit

by Sister Ruth Moore



BROTHER MELVIN & SISTER EARLENE PARKER

On January 8th, Tuesday morning, Brother and Sister Parker took a flight to Israel where they will be staying until April 8, 2019. We are so happy to send them once again to be with the people of Israel and stay in the apartment in Jerusalem. It is winter there but not as severe as we in America know it.

We are sure that their presence there will be a blessing to all our friends in Israel. This letter is their first correspondence since arriving in Israel.

Dear Brother Brad:

It was a good service tonight. (I didn't preach.) Everyone testified about many experiences the Lord brought them through, The Lord sure has done a lot for all of us in many, many ways, and in many, many things. Don't fear, don't fear, don't fear God has us covered, He's there. He's got our back. No weapons formed against us will prosper, life or death. It's okay!!! He has done it and He will do it again.

We landed safe in Israel. It was 32 degrees, raining, and 50 mph. gust, but safe. Yoni picked us up at the airport, bought us some groceries, and took us to our apartment, Praise the Lord! Now, we are working on resetting the clocks in our head, but it will come.

God bless you all,
Brother and Sister Parker

Editor's note: Please keep this couple in prayer. They are greatly loved by all of our people there and will do whatever is necessary to bless them. Brother Parker is a wonderful minister and will do whatever he can to keep the folks encouraged.

Also, they have been ministering in Carthage, Missouri and those folks will need our comfort and prayers. The Lord is the One who does the work. We just keep our hearts open to Him and the Holy Spirit as it moves among us. So many times, men have tried to do God's work but He will do the work and set it up according to His will and purpose. Aren't we glad He has invited us to help? Thanks be to the Lord of hosts. It will be accomplished!

THE 1935 SHEPHERDSVILLE CAMPMEETING

By Brother Carl Hendon

Reprint from his Book

“MEMORIES – THE EARLY MINISTRY OF
ELDER R. E. DAWKINS
And GOSPEL TABERNACLE”



BRO. CARL & SIS, HAZEL HENDON
Sister of Elder R. E. Dawkins

Brother Wm. Sowders' church was located in the downtown area of Louisville, Kentucky. Several colored people make this their church home because they are made welcome there.

When Brother Sowders took some of them to the

campground at Elco, Illinois, some of the owners objected. The Elco campground belonged to another group of people and they loaned or rented it to Brother Sowders for two camp meetings a year. Brother Sowders began a search for land to build our own campground. He found a farm five or six miles out of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, some twenty-five miles south of Louisville. It had about 1,000 acres of land, a farmhouse, a barn and a large tool shed. There was room for a tabernacle, kitchen, dining room, some dormitories, some cabins and parking. He planned to have it ready for the June Campmeeting in 1935.

As usual, the building program didn't go on time as planned. They moved a portable sawmill on the property and began sawing lumber, one-inch thick boards and began building the tabernacle.

They got the building up and the roof on, except they left skylight spaces between the upper and lower roof and no windows in the skylights, except over the platform, the skylight spaces were closed in. There were a few of the small preachers' cabins built, but no kitchen or dining room. They thought they could handle that as they did at Elco but nature didn't cooperate.

As the people began to come in for the meeting, the rain began to pour down and a very hard wind began to blow. They stretched tarpaulins over the cooking area but the wind blew them down as fast as they could put them up, so there was no food. There were wood-burning stoves and tables out of doors. This place was on top of a mountain, with about a three-mile incline from bottom to top.

The cars could come up the mountain, as it was practically all rocks but when they got to the top, they tore up the gravel and the dirt roads until everyone was getting their cars stuck. A farmer came with his team of mules and pulled some to get started back down the mountain. Most of them turned around and started home.

Brother Woodrow and Brother Benny Morris pulled their homemade mobile home upon the grounds and began to let down the tailgate to get ready for church.

A two-ton stack bed truck pulled into the entrance of the campground. They pulled the tarpaulin back and the musicians stood up in the truck and began to play "On The Top Of Mount Zion". The Spirit of God fell all over that campground. Some were slain by the Power of God, some danced, some shouted. It was Brother Johnson and his band from Minneapolis.

So here we were, the rain coming down in sheets. The wind kept blowing the tarps off of our outdoor kitchen. You couldn't run back to town to get food, for you would get your car stuck. Most of them left and went home. The wind blew the rain into the tabernacle through the skylights, until it was soaked except on the platform. Brother Sowders had everyone move onto the platform.

He began the service by apologizing for not having everything ready. He said he had wanted to have the kitchen and dining room ready, also dormitories for men and women, also cabins for the preachers who had ordered them. You could have a 10' by 12' cabin built for \$300 if you were a pastor

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of a church. To add to the problems, the water began to run under a big tent they had put up where the sisters would make a bed on the ground with some straw and blankets. The men could take some straw and sleep in the barn or in the large shop on the ground or sleep in the tabernacle. As Brother Sowders watched, more cars pulled out to go home, he said and he believed the Lord was in what had happened. Since he had planned to have a nice place for all who came, with many conveniences, but many came for a nice vacation. He said he wouldn't be surprised if you would search the cars you would find swimsuits, golf clubs or hunting rifles. He did not want a lot of tourists. He wanted people who were hungry for the Word of God. After most of the crowd cleared out, the weather cleared up, which proved to be the best meeting I was ever in. So the weather cleared up and they went on with the campmeeting. As far as hearing the Word of God, Brother Sowders spent most of the meeting teaching on the Restoration of Israel or how God would gather the Jews back to their homeland. This was in 1935 and Brother Sowders was telling us that this would be in our lifetime. I have always felt this was God's way to have those there who would accept the Restoration Message.

We have read these scriptures many times, We have applied them to the church or put them off a thousand years down the road. Genesis 12:34, *"I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."*

He is talking about Abraham and his seed whom we have with us unto this day. Yes, the Jews did call for his crucifixion. They said, "Let his blood [Jesus' blood] be on us and on our children." And for that decision and statement, they called down the wrath of God on themselves. Brother Sowders explained these scriptures and they came alive after all these years. Moses gave them the Law in Deuteronomy, 12th to the 29th chapters. There, he pronounced the blessings and the curses on Israel. If they kept the Law, blessings or if they did not keep the Law, curses. Deuteronomy 28:64, *"And the Lord shall scatter thee among the people from one end of the earth even to the other."* Just 40 years later, in 70 A.D., the Romans burned their city, Jerusalem, and their temple. Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled, Matthew 24:2. *"And Jesus said unto them, see you not all of these*

things, verily, I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down."

There was war among themselves and starvation. They ate their own children. Those who did not die in the city, or escape, were marched to Rome to be sold into slavery, to the world slave tirade. From A.D. 70, they were persecuted and driven from one country to another. Even in our day, Hitler tried to stop them from being a nation, burned millions of them to death in the gas chambers in Germany and Poland. *"Let us cut them off from being a nation"* Psalm 83:4. At last, God is bringing them home.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God, speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned for she hath received double for her sins."

Isaiah 40:1 & 2

"I will gather the remnant of my people out of all the countries whither I have driven them."

Jeremiah 23:3

"For I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east and gather thee from the west, I will say to the north, give up and to the south, keep not back: bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 43:5 & 6

"I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build again the waste cities, and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them."

"And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord their God."

Amos 9:14 & 15

"Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord, neither be dismayed, O Israel: for Lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid."

"For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."

Jeremiah 30:10 & 11

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought

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Against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they stand on their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.” **Zechariah 14:12**

That is atomic warfare. The atomic blast melts steel beams near the explosion, completely consuming people at a great distance. Those afar off; the heat consumes the tender parts, if not the whole body.

“Yea, many people and strong nations shall come out seek to he Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.” **Zechariah 8:22**

“And it shall be that whoso will come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.” **Zechariah 14:17**

I imagine that will come when the land gets no rain.

“This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” **Zechariah 14:19**

Brother R. E. Dawkins chose to follow the teachings of Elder William Sowders, especially in regard to conducting services. We at Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kansas have always had an open door. That is, we welcomed anyone who wanted to worship God to worship with us. Also, the services were always open for everyone to take part. Space was given for the believers to testify of God's goodness to them, to express their spiritual needs, or enter into the worship service, with songs and praises to the Lord. Brother Dawkins also believed, as Elder Sowders had taught, in Apostolic Order and the Restoration of Israel. Elder Sowders had taught for many years before 1948 that the Jews would return to Palestine and have their own nation. Therefore, Brother Dawkins learned early to love the Jews, for they are the seed of Abraham. When God called Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees, to go to the land of Canaan, He gave him a blessing, saying, *“I will make thee a great nation and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:2 & 3

In 1949, Brother Sowders requested Brother Dawkins, Brother Billie Pennock and Brother Dee Young, to make a trip to the Holy Land and on the way, to go to Holland where Brother Bach and Brother Vercummin had a group of people ready to

immigrate to Israel. The trip took about a month. Brother Dawkins was impressed, very much, by the Jews who had come from different countries of the world, having such great zeal for their homeland and working so hard to rebuild it; clearing rocks from the hillsides and planting vineyards again; draining the marshes and planting wheat, corn, cotton and orchards; even irrigating and fertilizing the desert, causing it to bloom as a rose. God had allowed Hitler to drive them from Europe and the Communists to persecute them in Russia. They were glad to get back to their homeland. As the Psalmist said, in the 137th Psalm:

BY THE RIVERS of Babylon, there we sat down, we wept when we remembered Zion,

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof,

3 For they that carried us captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

These Jews are the “People of the Book.” God speaks to them through the Holy Prophets. Isaiah 43:5 says:

“Fear not; I am with thee: I will bring my seed from the East, and gather thee from the West: I will say to the North, Give up: and to the South, ‘Keep not back: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.”

Brother Dawkins returned with a great love for the land of Israel and the Jewish people. During the '50's, after the passing of Elder William Sowders, while attending a ministers' meeting in Seattle, Washington, he was asleep in his hotel room. He woke up and the room was lit up and a man in the form of Elder William Sowders sat down on the side of his bed and said, “Son, I want you to help start the work in Palestine.” This gave him a burning desire to help restore the Gospel back to Israel and to help set the church in Apostolic Order, according to Ephesians, chapter 4. ☆

What is God's Purpose in Choosing Israel?

By Brother Milford Burns

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BRO. MILFORD BURNS

In Genesis 12:2 & 3, the Lord told Abraham all nations and the families of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's seed. And down through Isaac, not Ishmael, through Jacob, not Esau. Psalms 105 gives those scriptures.

Israel is to be a vessel of salvation to the nations. Christ, through Israel, is going to be a blessing to the

nations. Would you turn with me in your Bible to Isaiah 2, and mark it down in your Bibles?

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days....

How many believe that we are in the last days? We all believe that, don't we?

....that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains....

That is the mountain of the Lord's house. God is going to bring the Lord's house in Israel higher than all the religious groups in the earth.

....and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. Israel is going to be a vessel of salvation to the nations.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Some folks think it's all going to go out from Kansas City, just remember, Jerusalem is first. *It is* going to come out of the East. It's not going to come out of the religious shrines throughout the country. It's going to come out of Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore!

The best is yet to come, isn't it? We're getting in on the ground floor. Praise God forever! Israel shall be a vessel of life to the nations! Read Romans 11 with me. These are scriptures we all know very well, but let's read them again. Start with the 11th verse.

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles....

Why? Why do we have this?

....for to provoke them to jealousy

Aren't you glad we know why we're doing what we are? Some folks think they are going to take the twelve apostles' seats and rule the world but, no, we're not going to sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. We're going to take this to Israel and they're going to do that. They're going to bring that life from the dead.

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world.

It was the riches of the world, wasn't it? Because Israel fell, endless multitudes of the Gentiles have now received the Lord.

....and the diminishing of them be the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

When they come back into the favor of God, how much more will their fulness be?

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world,....

That reconciled the Gentile world to God, didn't it?

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Talk about a revival! That's one of the reasons why we are working so hard for Israel. We're looking for the revival to come! And we know where it's going to come from.... It going to come from Jerusalem!

The Angel from the East will have the Everlasting Gospel. The Catholic Gospel has circled the world and then, the Baptist Gospel circled the world and the Pentecostal Gospel circled the world but last of all, there's to be an EVERLASTING GOSPEL circle the world and it's going to come through an Angel from the East. Hallelujah! I'm glad for that, aren't you? Israel is going to be a burning torch for this world. Let's go to Isaiah 60, the first three verses.

1 Arise, shine;....

Do you know why? Their torch is lit!

*.... For thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon {who?... Israel} thee.**2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth....*

How many believe that we're in darkness in the world out here?

*....and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon {who?... Israel} thee**3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light...*

We boast and brag, pop our suspenders and say, "They're going to have to come to our light." No, no, Brother we're, going to have to come to their light.

.... And kings to the brightness of thy rising.

I just want to give you a few scriptures here that are burning me up! These scriptures charge me up for the time that my wife and myself will spend in Israel this year. Israel is a burning torch!! Praise God!!

Israel is the means by which the truth will be restored to all nations! Did you understand that? Israel is the nation that God will use to be the means by which truth will be restored to the nations. Turn to Micah 4:

But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains....

God is going to have a nation that is higher than anything in this earth. Praise God!

.... And it shall be exalted above the hills:....

Higher than all the little church groups.

....and people shall flow unto it.

Where will they flow to? To Israel! They're going to bypass all these other religious mountains,

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways,....

God is going to give His word to Israel the next thousand years and is going to portray all of His glory to His wife, Israel, and all the nations of this earth will see His glory.

...and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Hallelujah! How many times have you heard that quoted? How long have you believed it? You don't have to get anointed too long before you begin to believe this, or to preach it! It's written in the book!

3 And he shall judge among many people, and strong nations afar off...

Russia had better watch out. The United States had better stand by Israel.

.... And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks:

That's not talking about up in Third Heaven, that's talking about right here on the earth.

*.... Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**4 But they shall sit every man under his vine [church] and under his fig tree [Israel], and none shall make them afraid.*

If accept Israel would read this and get it down into their hearts until it becomes part of them, they would then accept their Messiah and nothing could make them afraid. If they just could receive Him.

*5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.**6 In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth,*

Who has been halted for two thousand years? Israel.

....and I will gather her that is driven out,....

They were driven out in 70 A.D., weren't they?

*....and her that I have afflicted' God afflicted Israel....**7. And I will make her that halted a remnant, Remember that remnant!**and her that was cast far off a strong nation;...*

In military power right now Israel is fourth in the world and I'll tell you what, she is going to be first when God gets through with her. She'll be the head and not the tail.

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....and the Lord shall reign them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

How long? Even forever! Do you know how long forever is? Let's turn to Jeremiah 31:35. It tells how long Israel is going to be in existence.

35. *Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.*

36. *If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.*

As long as you can go out in the morning and see the sun coming up. As long as the stars come out at night, Israel will still be in existence.

.... *Thus saith the Lord; if heaven can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.*

So, until you can measure the heavens. Do you know how big the heavens are? I haven't heard it. They say that the Milky Way is made up of galaxies like the earth, the sun, moon, Jupiter and Mars and all the planets. Can you imagine a million Milky Ways, or a billion, even as far as a trillion? I don't have any idea how many that is. That's how big heaven is. And as long as that's in existence, without measure, Israel will continue to be a nation. Praise God!

Israel is the instrument through which God gave the Messiah. Genesis 49:10 – God gave the Messiah through Israel.

10. *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until who comes [Shiloh comes, Jesus] unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.*

We're all going to be gathered together in Christ. Let me ask you a question. Are there going to be two groups of people or one? Are there going to be two churches or one? The Gentile and Jew, or one.

Somewhere between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21, all will become one. The foundation is the twelve apostles, isn't it? And the gates of the city are what? They have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Somewhere between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 they will become one people. Hallelujah! I feel like it's getting nearer, don't you? Israel is the instrument that God used to give us the prophets. Read that in Romans 3:1 & 2

What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision?

2. *Much every way: chiefly because that unto them [who? Israel!!] were com-mitted the oracles of God.*

Let us turn to the 9th chapter of Romans. Since I've driven a nail, I'll go down and clench it. Talking about the Jews, 4 *Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption,*

The adoption pertains to Israel.*and the glory... [The Shekinah Glory was given to Israel] and the covenants....*

From Adam on down, all the covenants were given to the Jews – the Abrahamic Covenant, the giving of the law was to the Jews, through Moses, and even the New Testament was given to the Jews.

.... *and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;*

5 *Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came. Who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*

Concerning the flesh, who did Christ come to? The Jews! God separated the nation of Israel from the world by marriage, from idolatrous worship, by the dietary laws. Don't you wish the rest of the nations had the moral laws, which God gave to Israel? They are a covenant people and a people of promise. They are going to be in the favor of God forever.

These are some of the reasons that God chose the nation of Israel, according to the scriptures.

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