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# "It Shall Mot Come Migh Thee"

Psalm 91:7

Some Remarkable Stories of Deliverances at Sea, told by Lt. (j. g.) Danny J. Flanders, 1828 Memorial Drive, S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

YOU may not doubt the promises in God's Word, but seeing these great promises proved before your eyes will not only erase any possible doubt, but will strengthen your faith in God. The promise, "He shall give His angels charge over thee" (Psalm 91:11), is no longer merely a Scripture verse to me, it is a proved reality.

It was late afternoon, and I had lain down to rest before going on watch, but I was unable to sleep. A spirit of restlessness came over me, a depressed feeling like a great weight upon my back. Suddenly the faces of the ship's crew and officers appeared before me, one by one. The face of each one had a look of fear. The burden for the men grew so great that it seemed as though a hand pushed me from my bunk, and I knelt in prayer. As I prayed, the words of Psalm 91 came to me, and I said, "O God, put your angels all around this ship, and protect us from harm and danger."

After about thirty minutes of earnest prayer the burden lightened, and I arose and went to tell the third mate that if anything should happen to our ship, that he should call upon the name of the

Lord, and he would be saved. I went out on deck and was walking to and fro, praying, when suddenly I looked up and saw that the sky was full of German bomber planes. I saw the first bomb drop and miss its target. As the general alarm sounded, each man ran to his battle station. My station during an air raid was in charge of the emergency fire-fighting squad, and this gave me access to the entire ship. By this time the planes were overhead and bombs were dropping thick and fast. I ran to each gun and called to the boys to pray, telling them to "Call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

One very small Catholic boy, about eighteen years old, was too sick to fire his gun, but was helping to pass ammunition. This boy had great respect for me as a minister, and never failed to attend the chapel services I held each Sunday. He had accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. In his weak condition he was doing his best. I put my arms around him and asked him if he was all right. He said, "Yes, Jesus is with us, and I am praying." I could



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hear the boys at the guns praying each time they fired.

From there I went to the engine room, for I realized those boys needed encouragement as they were in great danger. Should the ship be hit they would not have a chance to escape. I told the officer in charge what was taking place on deck and asked how they were getting along. He replied, "We are all praying, Mr. Flanders." I saw one of the oilers kneeling down by the engine and praying. Seeing these boys pray was a great encouragement to me, as I had taught them each Sunday that in time of trouble they should call on the Lord and our ship would never be hit.

As I left the engine room to go up on deck, I felt as though I was walking on air, for I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. But as I neared the top a terrible explosion took place that shook the ship with a great jolt. It seemed as though my faith vanished, for I felt certain we were hit and the end was at hand. My thoughts went immediately to my sweet wife and my little girl, who I knew were at home praying

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# Creaturehood and Sonship

John Wright Follette

F LATE many of you no doubt have seen articles in our papers and magazines proposing the desired character of the postwar world. Many times the reading is suggested by a question: What kind of world shall we build? What kind of new world order must we have? In some of the reading there is mention of lessons we are to learn from this tragic and unspeakable holocaust of shame. Among the lessons we are to learn, many of the writers and leaders who are planning a new world order tell us, is that we must remember that all men are brothers in a great family and that God is the common Father of us all. In other words, they are bringing to our minds the old phrase, "The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood

This is a phrase used by ministers, teachers and reformers a few years ago, and because of its very generous and human sound it found lodgment in many hearts. There is something so broad and tolerant in it, so kind and benevolent in the thought suggested, that people who are tired of war, quarreling, and sectarianism are happy to swing out upon such a broad and charitable bit of philosophy.

But one must not be so easily moved by so fine-sounding phrases. Words, phrases and slogans (which have such untold power over the minds and hearts of men) are not always truthful. But some people, even Christians, are not careful enough to find out if there is truth in the phrase or not as long as it seems to work and get results and so produces action. Here, for example, is a very high-sounding phrase, generous and very liberal in its scope. But it is not Scriptural, neither is there a shadow of truth in it as it relates to the human family.

The Bible nowhere suggests or teaches that all men are brothers in a great family with God as the common father over all. Nothing could be more foreign to the Bible. It sounds well but is disastrous because it is misleading. If one holds to the teaching that all men are already children of God and in the family, then he does harm at once to the great truths, such as the sinfulness of man, the absolute need of regeneration, the necessity of faith in the work of Christ, and the plan of redemption in general.

To say that man as a creature of God is a child of God, is at once to deny his sinfulness and death, and so his need of regeneration. If he is already in the

family of God, then why be born again as taught by Jesus? To teach the broad thought of man's brotherhood and the fatherhood of God is to deny the very essence of Christianity.

The trouble with those who hold this error or teach it is that they fail to make a distinction between *creaturehood* and *sonship*. One must be careful here to know and respect the difference because of its close relationship to the other great truths of the Bible. What one believes as to creaturehood and sonship influences his faith and attitude in regard to the great doctrines of Christianity.

Let us look at these two bits of truth which when confused bring one to defeat and loss. Creaturehood has to do with creation, while sonship dates from the new birth or regeneration. In creation God made Adam the federal head of the human race and so the races of mankind are the creatures of God. In contrast we find that Jesus Christ is the federal head of a new race (a spiritual race as real as the natural race). This race is entered into by a new birth and thus only are the believers made children of God. In creation God gave to Adam the power and established in it a law, that mankind should come into the world by the process of generation. Man thus comes into the world by the natural law of human generation while in the new creation in Christ we become the children of God by an act of the Holy Spirit-even a new birth or regeneration.

The natural birth which brings one into a creaturehood life or existence is human and natural. It forever links man thus born with the earth and life upon a purely material plane. It entangles him in the confines of an Adamic nature and setup bound by the law of sin and death. He finds himself to be a dead man (as far as spiritual life is concerned) and destined to eternal ruin and death. The heritage of creaturehood is a sad and melancholy failure. All mankind is born naturally in this ruined pattern. They are creatures of God indeed-for He is the author of the principle of life which actuates them and gives them conscious existence. He gives the life but man by sin has broken the mold.

Sonship links man with Christ, the federal head of a new race—a new man. He has all power and has triumphed in all realms. He is victor and holds the keys of death and hell. A new law oper-

ates now in the life of the believer, "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus." By the new birth one becomes a child of God and therefore is a partaker of the divine nature, holy and spiritual, and is destined to eternal life and glory.

Usually those who teach the error, so subtle and devastating, go to the Word of God for "proof texts." But again we must be careful. Even the devil knows the Bible and can quote and use it. Merely to use the Bible and quote verses and spin out theories and build philosophies from its sacred pages does not guarantee the truthfulness of the very matter one may be propounding. Do you remember how the devil used Scripture in his attempt to defeat Jesus in His temptation? Just to quote the Scriptures as he did was no proof he was right or justified in any way. So even though a minister might quote a scripture, be *sure* you know the correct teaching and spiritual purport of that scripture.

A teaching or doctrine built upon an isolated verse, taken from its proper setting and context, is dangerous and disastrous. One who builds his doctrine on one or two such verses is like a man who tries to balance a triangle upon one of its three points. The one point may be a Scripture verse and all the rest spreading out and up, making the two sides, with a "broad," flat top-made usually of suppositions, suggestions, references and indirect teaching, and the like. The whole structure rests upon a verse or two; and a breath of the Holy Spirit from the Word, the eternal truth, soon blows it over. It is top-heavy, has but one isolated point to hold it, and so falls. How much better and wiser to see all that the Bible teaches concerning the question in hand. Get all the scriptures telling the same thing. Now lay them down, side by side, and build up the triangle, using the direct statements and facts from Scripture as a foundation. Let all converge and move toward the top point, and let that be the subject with which you are dealing. Let all, from base up, converge and focus upon the main truth and no wind from the devil or man's natural mind can blow it over. The truth stands. Praise God!

One of the pet verses or scriptures used by those who teach "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" is in Acts 17:28, "For we are also His offspring." When one takes the phrase from its setting and uses it to read (I am sorry to say) as the English wording gives it, one at once thinks he has quite proof enough for his teaching. "Look," he says, "does not the Bible say, 'For we are also His offspring'?"

Now at first reading one would think he needs nothing clearer. Does it not say in clear *English* that we (humanity) are His (God's) offspring? Yes, that is exactly what the *English* translation says. But we must remember that though the Word, the Bible, is inspired (and I believe the very words in the *original are* inspired, chosen and breathed by the Holy Spirit), yet the translators were *not* inspired, and often did not choose or select as expressive or even correct a word as they might had they known always the fulness or depth of the teaching involved.

To more fully appreciate the teaching of Paul in this incident, let us go back a little and build up our background and keep in mind just what Paul is teaching and presenting. We remember from our schooldays the wonderful Greek myths, and we also know the deep hunger which characterized the Greek mind. They were seekers after truth. The Christian faith presented by Paul against the heathen philosophy is superb and makes the mystery of godliness, the Christ, our one solitary light and glory, amazing and compelling.

Let us read Acts 17:16-29 inclusive—a long lesson for comment upon six words, but very necessary. The Greeks are polytheists while Paul, being of Israelitish stock, is a monotheist. They have many gods (no one revelation). Paul has the one eternal God to present. By way of help for those who do personal work or those who wish to help others who oppose or do not see the truth—learn a lesson. Paul has a desire to help these people and yet he knows they are in rank heathenism. See how very tactful he is. And see how he makes a very present and understood thing (even a heathen altar) the point of contact.

In our English translation they have not chosen their words very carefully. Paul did not use the word "superstition" as we do today. To start in telling them they were too superstitious would at once erect a barrier and defeat his purpose. The word in Greek is "religious," a very fit-ting word. And not "too" but "somewhat." It should read, according to the Greek, "I perceive that in all things you are somewhat religious." He is paying them a compliment (good psychology, Paul). He does not antagonize them. He gets their attention and that in a matter that is so close to their heartstheir religious life. Now he makes the altar "to the unknown God" the point of contact for his discourse. He tells them that since they recognize the fact that there is an unknown God and they show their belief by erecting an altar to Him, he is happy to tell them who He is.

And now let us be careful to note that Paul tells us distinctly the general thought concept which he is presenting. He says, "Him declare I unto you." Therefore the question is not that of fatherhood or sonship but he is going to declare and reveal the nature and kind of God they wanted to know about. It is a study in contrasts.

They have inanimate gods, made of marble, gold, silver, and so limited and of the earth—products of their own human, darkened imaginations. They must be less than themselves, for the thing created is less than the creator and the creator greater than what he creates.

In exposing their idolatry he presents God in His creative work and finally the consummation of man. And we know what he believed. Gen. 1:26, 27; John 1:3; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:15-17. He is not speaking of God as a father but as a creator, and consequently he treats mankind as a whole, basically alike—one blood, etc. He is dealing with creature-hood—man in natural creation.

Now we come to the place of failure on the part of those who use the word "offspring" to prove their doctrine. Let us not fear the word (we need not fear what God really says). The word is Greek, genos, and means race or kind. It is not the word which means offspring as we know it, meaning sons or children. Had Paul meant that we were sons or children of God, he would have used the word teknon, which means a son or child. But you see he is not teaching sonship or fatherhood—he is declaring God. And to make it still clearer he says mankind in image and likeness is of the same kind,

stock or species. Since God and man are of the same stock or kind (same in image) He cannot be likened to a dumb, senseless, dead idol.

He uses the word genos which means kind or stock or species, not teknon which means son. He is presenting God as a creator and, finally, His very personal and living attributes as a supreme being. He places man purely in the relation of creaturehood and not as a son of God. He is not dealing with regeneration or salvation.

The only fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man taught in the Word is that in a new creation, a new spiritual race and order. All true believers (bornagain people) are one family in Christ, united and bound by the ties of spiritual life, divine love, and divine nature. Thus in the new creation God is a heavenly Father. Jesus taught us thus to pray. He was not teaching the unregenerate world or sinners the prayer. He taught believers, His disciples, to say, "Our Father," and so gave the members of the family of God a prayer form. So in Eph. 2:19 and Gal. 6:10 we are said to compose a household-thus we have a Father and we are the offspring or His children.

# The Indigestible Jew

God told Jonah to arise, but Jonah fled. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah went to Tarshish. To disobey God's word is to flee from His presence.

It is no effort to "go down." It is always "down" to Jericho; "down" into Egypt and never "up." It is said of Jonah that he "went down" four times. He "went down" to Joppa; he went down into the ship; he went down into the sides of the ship; he went down into the whale's belly.

"He paid the fare thereof." We pay our own passages when we go away from God. Paul went to Rome on a free ticket. Jonah had more trouble at Tarshish with the mariners than he had at Nineveh preaching.

When the storm arose on the sea everybody prayed but Jonah. He was asleep. Jonah had his prayer-meeting later in the belly of the whale. Peculiar place for a prayer meeting, but God can hear you anywhere.

The mariners asked Jonah who he was and where he came from. "I am an Hebrew," and no use to deny it. When the apostle Paul was arrested he said: "I am verily a man which am a Jew." Acts 22:3. Peter tried to deny his identity, but his speech betrayed him. How-

ever, the storm raged and they tried to bring the ship to land. The mariners tried to save Jonah, but he had to be cast into the sea.

God has a storm and a whale for every backslider. The marvel was that the whale did not digest Jonah. God made the whale sick; he made for the shore and cast Jonah out upon dry land.

God will make the nations sick of the Jews, and they will be driven back to their land.

Jonah wasn't ready to go to Nineveh till he came out of the "Fish Seminary." When Jonah said, "Salvation is of the Lord," he was delivered. When the Jew acknowledges that redemption is through Jesus Christ they will be delivered.

Jonah held the greatest revival that has ever been recorded. Peter's three thousand converts on the day of Pentecost was only a handful. When God gets the Jew back on the job of preaching the Gospel to the nations, after the church is gone, there will be one of the greatest revivals in the history of the world.

Don't be a Jonah at Tarshish; rise and preach the preaching that God bids thee,

Nothing is adversity to the child of God.

# Power and Authority

HRIST said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19. This commission was given before Pentecost, not to the twelve only, but to the seventy.

Later the Master declared, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Mark 16:17. Here there is no limit to the number who shall exercise power over all the power of the enemy. The promise is to all those who believe. One of the signs is this: "In My name shall they cast out demons"—empty out undesirable tenants, usurpers. Every class of demons can be cast out in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Master said, "In My name shall they cast out demons," He did not designate any particular kind of demons. There are some kinds that the Lord does designate, and these are particularly hard to get rid of-hard for the disciples, but easy for the Lord. On the occasion when they were no able to deliver the boy who was a lunatic, who was often cast into the fire and into the water, the Lord upbraided the The demonstration of the power of the enemy in the possessed boy overcame their faith. The Lord did not rebuke them for their lack of power but for their lack of faith. They saw the power of the enemy, and they ceased to have faith in the power which the Lord had given them, and in the Lord who had given them that power.

Unbelief limits God. How is it to be expelled? By prayer, and if necessary, by fasting. Christ said on this occasion, "Bring him (the boy) hither to Me." Then there was a fresh exhibition of demon power tearing the boy. There must have been mixed feelings in the disciples' hearts as they saw this further demonstration, the supreme effort of the demon. The remnant of their faith must have been entirely gone. But this extra power manifested by the demon in the boy, and the mixed belief and unbelief of the boy's father, who said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief," did not hinder Christ. He commanded—and out this demon came.

Can you imagine the feelings of the disciples? No wonder they said, "Why could not we cast him out?" They used language, and He used language. But when they spoke, nothing happened. When He spoke, the powers of darkness fled. But His word was with au-

thority. In His word there was victory, there was faith, there was life.

After His resurrection Christ declared: "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore." Matt. 28:18, 19 R.V.

After Pentecost there was no lack of authority and no lack of power. It was then that Ananias and Sapphira were handed over to death itself. In the case of Dorcas and others, Death was commanded to give up its victim—and commanded with authority.

The authoritative word is the need of today, and can be had. How can it be obtained? By conscious union with Him who has all power in heaven and in earth; with this proviso, that He is the authority all the time. He is the spokesman, you are the mouthpiece. You are the instrument, but He handles the instrument. Remember continually that demons possessing human bodies, the bodies for whom Christ died, are enemies to Him. He died for those whom the enemies are possessing.

Christ said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. Never get out of the realm of power. Move in the realm of the Spirit. Let the Spirit Himself move, guide, control and dominate you at all times, but especially seek the activity of the Holy Spirit if there is an activity of the evil spirit. When a Spirit-filled person comes in contact with a person filled with evil spirits, he should look for and expect that there will be activity on both sides.

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This was the experience of Paul and Peter, the apostles, and especially of the Lord Himself.

In these last times in which we are living, we may expect an increasing activity of the powers of darkness, but God Himself is making provision to meet this onslaught. God's people in general are having a hard conflict and the enemy is endeavoring to get the advantage over them. But when the saints wake up to their weakened position and cry to God, victory is certain. The history of the saints in the Old and New Testaments, of the early church, of the church all down through the ages, proves this. When the enemy comes in like a flood (a flood that sweeps all before it), then the Lord will raise up a standard against him. How? Through Spiritfilled individuals. No angels, no archangel, no seraphim are requisitioned, but common people, filled with uncommon power, to meet the common enemy.

The Holy Spirit is likened to the wind. John 3:8. It bloweth where it listeth, and thou canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth. It is unlimited, uncontrolled. Christ allowed Himself to be limited; He was limited when He was born-there was no room for Him in the inn. But the Holy Spirit is never limited. He is uncontrolled, like the wind, as far as man is concerned. The sails of the ship can be turned and hoisted to meet the wind, and a great sailing ship is driven over the sea by an unseen force. The same wind drives many ships and its force is not diminished. Connect yourself, submit and allow yourself to be controlled and moved by the unseen Holy Spirit-it may be through angry seas.

The ship does not operate the wind, but the wind operates the ship. You do not control the Spirit, but the Spirit controls you. On the day of Pentecost there was a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and all the assembled company were filled with the Holy Ghost. The source from whence this came is not exhausted. The promise, "I will send," which Christ gave concerning the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, is as fresh today as when He uttered it a few days prior to the day of Pentecost.

A Helpless Missionary

Unprayed for in Mongolia, I feel like a diver at a river bottom, with no air to breathe, or like a fireman on a blazing building with an empty hose.—James Gilmour.

Too many church members have been starched and ironed, but never have been washed.—Vance Havner.

# The Training of Children

Verona T. Barnett

E have a great responsibility before God in bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Moses said to Israel, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way..." Deut. 6:5-7.

The Lord expects us to properly discipline our children. In Prov. 23:13, 14 we read, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Some mothers tell us that they love their children "too much" to punish them. Do you love your child's body more than its soul? By fostering your child in self-indulgence you may be the direct cause of sending that child's soul to hell, but by obeying the Word of God and correcting him when he should be corrected, the promise is that you shall deliver his soul from hell. The Lord loves His children enough to chasten them. He says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." Rev. 3:19. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." Heb. 12:6. He chastens us for our good, and we should chasten our children when they need correction for their

If you begin early enough to teach your children the importance of obedience you will not have to do much whipping. So many mothers think their children are too small to understand how to obey. Ask them if the child is bright, and see how quickly they will reply that he is. He can understand "most anything" except how to obey. Susanna Wesley did not have that view concerning her children. She taught them to obey their parents, for she said, "If they learn obedience to their parents they will learn to obey God." She did not withhold correction from them, and what magnificent sons she produced. The whole world has cause to thank Susanna Wesley for her splendid training of John Wesley and Charles Wesley.

The Word of God says, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Prov. 19:18. This scripture seems to indicate that if we withhold correction from our children, there will be no hope for them. But we

are bidden to chasten them while there is hope. We might wait too long and be too late.

God also says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15. Mothers, let us take our stand on God's Word and not withhold the correction that will bring our children wisdom. If we fail to discipline our children, they will bring us to shame.

My oldest son had epilepsy for eight years, but when he did wrong I punished him just as I did the other children, looking to the Lord to make it right somehow. Finally the Lord delivered him from that terrible disease. Do you think that I could have looked to God and asked for the child's deliverance if I had not tried to bring him up as God's Word taught? In Exodus 20:12 we read, "Honor thy

father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." This is the first commandment with a promise to it. Mothers, do you make excuses for your child, or take its side, every time the father corrects it? Do you do this where the child can hear you? How much do you think the child will honor its father if you do this? Fathers, do you work some scheme to save your boy from punishment when the mother starts to correct him? If so, how much are you co-operating with the mother in teaching your son to honor you both? The training of your children is not to be held lightly, for it is the molding of your children's destiny. Are you interested in that? This cannot be accomplished in a short time. It cannot all be done in company either. If you want your children to behave in company there must be much home training in the background. Can a child be honoring his parents when he will stand up and tell

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:3

them he will not do what they have asked him to do? But if children are properly trained and receive correction when they should have it, they will not be guilty of willful defiance like that. We need to bear in mind continually that scripture, "He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24.

Some are afraid to punish their child after he is a little older for fear he will leave home. If you are beating him through petulant anger he might do that; but if you are looking to the Lord, and correcting the child for his own good, don't you believe that God will uphold you in it; and if the child should go away, that he will come to himself as the prodigal son did, and come home, and be a better child? God will take care of things if you are acting in the fear of the Lord

Paul said, "I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. As you definitely commit your children to God and obey His Word in giving them proper discipline, God will bless your home. You cannot afford to be without God's blessing upon your life. You cannot expect His blessing if you do not obey what the Word teaches. God will help you to stand on His Word.

# Take Time to Seek

I urge upon you communion with Christ, a growing communion. There are curtains to be drawn aside in Christ that we never saw, and new foldings of love in Him. I despair that I shall ever win to the far end of that love, there are so many plies in it.

Therefore dig deep, and sweat and labor, take pains for Him, and set aside as much time in the day for Him as you can. He will be won in the labor.—Samuel Rutherford from his prison in Aberdeen.

# "That Look"

A look can save. A Chinaman came to a missionary seeking for baptism, and was asked how he had been saved. He said, "Years ago, in the Boxer uprising. I was one of those who stoned the 'foreign devils.' I threw a stone and hit a missionary, and the blood flowed from a wound down his leg. I was just rejoicing in the success of my stone, when I saw a most remarkable look come over the face of the missionary. It was a look of pity and of love, and I heard him say, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' That look," he said, "has haunted me. And when I heard you had come with the same Gospel message, I felt I must come and hear it."

# Rent Heavens

R. B. Jones

THOUGH every revival ultimately culminates in a form which attracts the attention of all, no revival is of sudden origin. Behind the first outburst is a process which sometimes goes on for years, a purifying and preparatory process.

It was so in connection with the Welsh Revival of 1904. In most of the records of the revival it is found that there were small burstings forth, more especially in New Quay, Cardiganshire, in the earlier part of the year 1904. The writer had the privilege of visiting New Quay in August 1904, and found indisputable signs of the grace of God that had been poured forth upon several young people. They greedily devoured every bit of teaching from the Word, a sure token that the life begotten by that same Word was within.

Earlier in the year-in February, so runs the story-at a meeting of young Endeavorers, a young girl was lifted from her seat, and, in spite of her natural and pronounced shyness, with trembling lips was inspired to say fervently in Welsh, "Yr wyf yn caru Iesu Grist a'm holl galon" ("I love Jesus Christ with all my heart.") It was all so unexpected, so beautifully simple and sincere, so manifestly of the Spirit that it acted like a spark on tinder. weeks that followed were unforgettable and, in August 1904, after several months, as the writer himself saw, the fire burned brightly.

If one were asked to describe the outstanding feature of the Welsh Revival, one would unhesitatingly reply that it was the universal, inescapable sense of the presence of God. Revival is the exact answer to prayer as that of Isaiah 64:1: "Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at Thy presence." In 1904 the Lord had literally rent the heavens, and had scattered the satanic foes entrenched therein. The Lord had come down! The mountains were gloriously melted down in His presence.

The Glory of the Lord Filled the Tabernacle

A sense of the Lord's presence was everywhere. It created the spiritual atmosphere. It mattered not where one

went the consciousness of the reality and the nearness of God followed. Felt, of course, in the revival gatherings, it was by no means confined to them; it was also felt in the homes, on the streets, in the mines and factories, in the schools, yea, and even in the theaters and drinking saloons.

The strange result was that wherever people gathered became a place of awe, and places of amusement were practically emptied. Many were the instances of men entering saloons, ordering drinks, and then turning on their heels, leaving them on the counters untouched. The sense of the Lord's presence was such as practically to paralyze the arm that would raise the cup to the lips. Football teams and the like were disbanded; their members finding greater joy in testimony to the Lord's grace than in games. The coal pit bottoms and galleries became places of praise and prayer, where the miners gathered to worship ere they dispersed to their several stalls. Even the children of the day schools came under the spell of God. Stories could be told of how they would gather in any place they could, where they would sing and pray.

## Juvenile Delinquency Overcome

A delightful story is that of a child of about four in an infant class who held up his hand to call the teacher's attention. The teacher asked, "What is it?" Swift and telling came the words, "Please, teacher, do you love Jesus?" That was all; nay, it was not all; the arrow reached its mark. Then and there the teacher came to the Lord, and it is only a year or so since death ended her great missionary career in India.

This all pervading sense of the presence of God, even among children, may perhaps be further illustrated by a story from Rhos. Someone overheard one little child ask another, "Do you know what has happened at Rhos?" "No, I don't except that Sunday comes every day now." "Don't you know?" "No I don't." "Why, Jesus Christ has come to live at Rhos now."

# Crushing Conviction

It is difficult to overstate or overvalue this remarkable feature of the revival. The writer will never forget one outstanding experience of this sense of an atmosphere laden with the power of God's realized presence. He was conducting meetings in Anglesey in the first months of 1905. The "capel mawr" (big chapel) was crowded. The memory of that meeting, even after more than a quarter of a century, is well nigh overwhelming. It was easily the greatest meeting the writer ever was in. The theme of the message was Isaiah, chapter six. The light of God's holiness was turned upon the hearts and lives of those present. Conviction of sin and of its terrible desert, was so crushing that a feeling almost of despair grew over all hearts. So grievous a thing was sin; so richly and inevitably did it deserve the severest judgment of God, that hearts questioned, Could God forgive? Could God cleanse? Then came the word about the altar, the tongs, and the live coal touching the confessedly vile lips, and the gracious and complete removal of their vileness. After all, there was hope! God was forgiving, and He had cleansing for the worst.

When the rapt listeners realized all this, the effect was-well, "electrifying" is far too weak a word; it was absolutely beyond any metaphor to describe it. As one man, first with a sigh of relief, and then, with a delirious shout of joy, the whole huge audience sprang to their feet. The vision had completely overwhelmed them and, one is not ashamed to tell it, for a moment they were beside themselves with heavenly joy. The speaker never realized anything like it anywhere. The whole place at that moment was so awful that the glory of God-one uses the word "awful" deliberately—the holy presence of God was so manifested that the speaker himself was overwhelmed; the pulpit where he stood was so filled with the light of God that he had to withdraw! There; let us leave it at that. Words can but mock such an experience.

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.—Ex. 40:34, 35.

It recalls a somewhat similar incident in the '59 revival. In August 1859, in Llangeitho, that famous cradle of the Welsh Methodist revival of the eighteenth century, an annual Convocation of the Calvinistic Methodist body was being held. The climax came in an open-air meeting at eight in the morning of the last day. David Morgan, the revivalist, wrote in his diary that it was the most wonderful prayer meeting he was ever in.

# Broken Bones

Lydia Walshaw

A noted minister-Thomas Johnafter the meeting, was found alone in deep meditation in a field. Said one who drew near to him, "Mr. John, was not the sight of the thousands as they silently prayed a most impressive one? Did you ever see anything to compare with it?" "I never saw one of them," was the answer. "I saw no one but God!" Soon after he was seen leaving the field, and said a friend, "Whither will you go, Thomas John?" "Home," came the reply. "How dreadful is this place! I must leave; I am too weak to bear it." His earthen vessel was too frail for such experiences. Among the many lessons learned on such occasions is that there must come a great change, not only in the spiritual characters, but also in the physical frames of God's children ere they will be able to "bear" the "far more exceeding weight of glory."

God Give Us a "Thus Saith the Lord"

If revival was needed in 1859 and 1904 it is surely needed today in an even greater degree. It is needed to still the multiplicity of voices and to enthrone "Thus saith the Lord;" to magnify the local churches as against the encroaching tyranny of the confederated "church." How can faith be restored to the ministry, and preachers be quickened? How can the tide of worldliness now sweeping over the churches be stemmed? How can the youth of our lands be won to faith in a personal God, an atoning Saviour, and a truthful Bible? How can sacred institutions such as marriage and the Lord's Day be rescued from their desecrators? There is but one answer—revival! Revival such as comes through "heaven-anointed men rather than human-appointed machines." "Our leaders," to quote a recent true statement, "are planning the work of a paralyzed church. They hope to accomplish by human plans and programs what only the Holy Spirit can do."

As one said of the Ulster Revival of '59: "The difficulty used to be to get people into the church, but the difficulty now is to get them out!" As remarkable a feature as any was that upon which the late Lord Pontypridd thus remarked, "The revival finances itself. There are no bills, no halls, no salaries."

"My People . . . Humble Themselves"

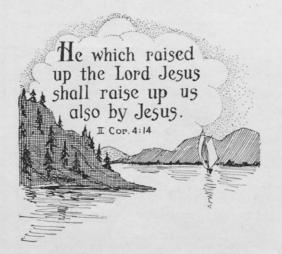
"Such a revival has one condition. The one Authority on the matter says, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

FRIEND of mine in a mining village had a men's Bible class. His employer removed him into another district, and the class was left without a teacher. One of his scholars called to see me one day and I asked him how Mr. Cope's Bible Class was going on. Oh, said he, I don't go now. Pharoah Whitehall took it on. I only went once and Pharoah talked all the time about the bones of your soul! I asked, What did he mean? He said, I don't know, and I don't think he did either! But those "bones" stuck to me and I could not get rid of them; so I went to the Book and looked for "bones" and I found King David knew a good deal about his soul's "broken" bones (read Psalm 51). God did not break the bones of his body. I think Pharoah Whitehall was right in concluding they were bones of his soul. Bones are a hard substance.

David was so different and a better man when God had broken his bones, and so was Jacob after God had in His wise love lamed him; he walked with God much better with a lame leg and became Israel—a prince with God!

Never be discouraged and sit down in your failure—but use it as permitted of God to reveal to you a "bone" of your uncrucified self-life—and make a business transaction with God and have it dealt with. Our Father Abram failed. after having taken four definite steps of faith with God! Isaac, Jacob and David also failed. Praise God that He tells us about them in His Word, to encourage us to follow on at all costs to know Him, who was and is, and ever will be, perfect Love, perfect Wisdom and perfect Power.

Consecration and sanctification are definite faith acts of the will, to be followed on by daily acts of obedience.



Abram, under strain of famine, went down to Egypt and failed God, and got Hagar and Ishmael, whose descendants remain enemies of Jacob-Israel to this day! Yes, he "went down," this friend of God, but he did not "stop down," when he accepted God's reproof through Pharaoh of Egypt (which was not very polite. "Go," said the disgusted king, and his servants sent him off). Abram learned his lesson and "went up" and back to the place where he had previously builded an altar and called on the name of the Lord.

The altar is the place of sacrifice to yield up *all* the will of *self* to the will of *God*.

When our Lord was crucified there was no need to break His bones; He knew His Father and yielded His whole being to Him, willing even to appear to the hard-boned world a failure! When God, by various ways and means, breaks the "bones of our soul," He is working to conform us to the image of His Son.

# Heaven's Cosmetic

History is repeating itself on a world-scale. "Jezebel painted her eyes." 2 Kings 9:30. Painting their nails was a common practice of the Chinese 3,000 years ago: Cleopatra perfected it in Egypt: all Europe practiced it until Cromwell, and, though revived, it lapsed again through the disapproval of Queen Victoria. "Though thou enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair." Jer. 4:30.

Heaven has a better cosmetic. A Hindu trader in India once said to a native Christian, "What medicine do you put on your face to make it shine so?" With surprise the other answered, "I don't put anything on." "You may expect me to believe that if you like, but what do you put on?" "Nothing," answered the Christian, "I don't put anything on." By this time the heathen interrogator had well-nigh lost his patience, and he said with considerable emphasis: "Yes, you do. All you Christians do. I have seen it in Agra, and I have seen it in Ahmedabad and Surat, and I have seen it in Bombay." Then the believer in Jesus understood, and his glowing face shone all the more as he said, "Yes, I'll tell you the secret; it is happiness of heart."

It was for this reason Boxers murdered so many helpless converts. The "face-mark" could not be hidden.

# "It Shall Not Come Nigh Thee"

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for me. I prayed, "Surely, God, you will let me see them again," and immediately the assurance of my seeing them again came to me.

As I walked out on deck it seemed that the ocean was a burning inferno, for eight ships had been blown to pieces nearby. The water was now dotted with little red lights signifying men overboard. Many of them were already dead or dying. A ship near by, which had been with us the whole trip, was now a mass of flames. We had visited this ship at other ports and had learned to love these boys. Only recently we had signalled to them that we would see them in Algiers. We never saw them again, and never will see them on this earth, for not one life was saved.

The enemy planes were still coming thick and fast, and flying very high, which caused the gunners to keep their eyes skyward. In the meantime, two torpedo planes came very low, expecting to be unnoticed, and headed directly toward our ship. Two of our gunners spotted these planes and fired, bringing them down before their torpedoes had been released, thus saving our ship.

This raid lasted one hour and forty minutes. The following morning, one of the gunners who had shot down a torpedo plane came to me and said, "Mr. Flanders, I didn't want to kill that man; but I realized if I didn't he would kill all of us, so I looked up and said, 'God, give me grace.' I then fired and scored three direct hits and brought the plane down." This is just one of the miraculous answers to prayer that I have witnessed since joining the Merchant Marines.

I have been asked many times why I entered such a dangerous branch of service. To me, that is just as definite a call as any minister could have who is called to preach the gospel. About a year and a half prior to Pearl Harbor, I had a vision in which I saw myself standing on the quarter deck of a large ship and preaching to a great crowd of sailors. To me, this seemed an impossibility, as I had spent six years in the Navy and knew that I could not meet the requirements of a Navy chaplain. Nevertheless, I told God that if He made the way, I would be obedient. One Sunday, about two years later, there appeared in the Pentecostal Evangel these words: "Fifty thousand Merchant Marine sailors without divine guidance.' This was a challenge I could not evade. God seemed to say, "Here is your opportunity." After careful consideration and prayer, I decided to answer the call God had so definitely revealed to me.

Upon enlisting I found that I was qualified to enter officer's training school. Since receiving my commission I have had the opportunity of being acting chaplain on merchant vessels that otherwise would have had no divine services. I have had the privilege of seeing boys accept the Lord as their Saviour while out upon the sea.

Our men of the Merchant Marine are doing a wonderful job in this war. Each ship is well loaded with dangerous cargo. We have carried many supplies, such as food, TNT, bombs, high explosive gasoline, as well as troops and prisoners, but regardless of the cargo God has given His angels charge over us.

On one occasion I was awakened about nine o'clock at night with a strange feeling. I arose and prayed for God's protection over our ship. Suddenly the general alarm sounded. Two submarines, one on each side of our ship, had their periscopes out of the water about a foot. Being an engineer officer, I hurried to the engine room and took charge, as I was the senior officer there. As I took hold of the throttle, I prayed, "O Lord Jesus, we are in a tough spot." The power of God hit me, and I turned loose the engine throttle and began shouting and speaking in tongues in the engine room.

The captain called down and said: "Our only chance is to make more speed than the submarines are making. Give me all the speed you can." Immediately I turned to my oilers and gave them instructions, and told the fireman to give me all the steam he could; and then I laid my hands on the engine and prayed, asking God to bless the engine and make it run faster than ever before. I realized I was asking God to perform a miracle, for I knew our ship could not possibly leave the submarines unless it went faster than it was built to go.

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About this time the hot well became stopped up and we could not get water into the boilers. The fireman very excitedly called to me, "I am losing my water!" In this case the engine should be slowed down, but instead I gave orders to keep the fires going and the steam up. I then called on Jesus again to come to our rescue and give us water. I then called and asked the oiler how fast we were going, and he called back, "Eighty revolutions," which was faster than the engine had ever traveled. God had answered my prayer, and water was now coming up in the glass of the boilers. I then called up to the mate on watch and asked how we were doing. He answered, "We have left the submarines.'

# Enlightening Grace

One of the great reasons why men and women do so little regard the other world, is because they see so little of it. And the reason why they see so little of it is because they have their understanding darkened. Therefore saith Paul, "Do not you believers walk as do others, Gentiles, even in the vanity of their minds, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance (or foolishness) that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts."

Pray, therefore, that God would enlighten thy understanding, that will be a very great help to thee... If there be never such a rare jewel lie just in a man's way, yet if he sees it not, he will rather trample upon it than stoop for it, and it is because he sees not... therefore cry to the Lord for enlightening grace, and say, "Lord, open my blind eyes; Lord, take the veil off my dark heart, show me the things of the other world, let me see the sweetness, glory and excellency of them for Christ's sake."—John Bunyan.

# "Beasts"

Why should God have chosen "beasts" for symbols of world empires in the visions he gave to Daniel? We must bow in respect to this expression of the divine estimate of the character of this world's imperial rule. What are the attributes of beasts? To keep their own at any cost within their might; to quarrel over what they do not have, but what they want; to fly easily into blood-thirsty rage at any affront, at any agression, for any coveted object; under passion, to take utmost satisfaction in the blood, the agonies, the loss, the death of the objects of their rage; in a word, to be supreme in rule, in possession, in indulgence, in so far as their power can avail. God foresaw this spirit prevalent in the world-empires down to the end. Indeed, it is the very spirit of world-empire.-W. C. Stevens.

# The Lord's Healing

# MIRACLES STILL OCCUR

In October, 1928, one of our ten children still all strong and hearty took sick. He was eighteen months old. We thought it was croup. The second night he was very bad and I called a doctor. He rushed him posthaste to the hospital. We lived in Los Angeles a few blocks from the hospital. They took the child from my arms and sent us home. The next day we were quarantined, as the baby had been found to have diphtheria. They put a tube in his throat for him to breathe through. The third day the hospital phoned me to come at once. I ran, and arrived breathless. I was taken into a room where three men were sitting. They reproved me for coming into a hospital excited. Then one of them said, "We have done everything that can be done to save your child. He was too far gone when we received him. He is dying now or probably dead." He wanted to know if I could take his body away that night as the hospital was so crowded.

I asked to see the child. They at first refused, but finally one of them said, "He is the child's father. We'd better let him see him." So I was told to stay a very short time and to be very quiet. When I reached his bedside he looked as if he were already dead. I placed my face against his little cheek, and I heard a faint rattle in his throat. The nurse moved a chair my way. I knelt beside it thinking I would offer a brief silent prayer.

I was surprised to realize that I didn't seem to have a care in the world. When I had kneeled two or three minutes I heard the child move and heard the nurse crying, "Oh, oh, oh." I looked and my boy was sitting up in his bed. That deathly stare had left his eyes. The nurse was still saying, "Oh, oh, oh!" I said, "Lie down, Sonny," and he turned and lay down on his side. I knew he was healed and my heart was filled with unutterable joy. In a tremendous hurry I rushed out to run to my wife and tell her the baby was healed.

But I was due to have another surprise. When I had left home my wife had run over to a godly neighbor's house and they fell on their knees and prayed for God to heal the child. After praying for some time wife received the witness that God had healed our baby. She arose and was praising the Lord when the Lord baptized her in the Holy Spirit. When I ran up and opened the door I saw another wonder of our precious Lord. I had never seen my dear wife like that. She was skipping about the room, her hands high over her head and her face lifted to heaven. She was speaking a language I did not know and shouting in English, "He is healed!"

Instead of my telling her, she was telling me. Next morning the doctor took the tube out of the baby's throat and his breathing was normal. The nurse said, "It is one of those things we cannot understand." Wife and her friend began praying that none of the other children would have the disease. All had been exposed and our neighbor's child died, but none of the

rest of our children took the disease.—Fred M. Winn (father), Osthemo, Michigan, Carroll Glenn Winn (the healed boy), Annie Pearl Winn (the mother).

#### A TRUE STORY

In 1914 my father was ill and became very weak and emaciated. He was afflicted with two tumors, one on his neck and the other in his abdomen. The doctor said they would kill him. His eyes too were affected so that he could not see to read, and glasses did not help. When I began talking to him I found he was in a backslidden condition but he finally was reclaimed and prayed with us. At first when I talked to him of God's healing him he was uncertain; but a little later he consented to being anointed and prayed for. Result-the Lord completely healed him of the tumors, restored his eyesight so that he could read the finest print, and for seventeen years thereafter, until his death at the age of ninety-three, he could work and eat just as a man of fifty would expect to do.

In 1913, soon after my conversion I heard a sermon on Divine Healing. I was surprised and pleased, and I asked the Lord to give me the faith to be healed. I was suffering from a very bad rupture which gave me much pain. Responding to a call I went to the altar and the preacher anointed me with oil and two or three laid hands on me. They did not ask me what the trouble was but God knew, and I was healed right there. I took off the truss and threw it away. I never felt the rupture again and that is now thirty-one years ago. He has been my Healer ever since.—Mrs. John Mackay, Suite 10, 1010 Salisbury Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

# HEALED OF T. B.

I became ill in January 1936, and grew worse until in July, when I went to a doctor who ordered me to the Sanitarium in Booneville. Being too feeble to make the trip I was taken to my father-in-law's in Little Rock to

rest until I could get strong enough to go. I coughed continually coughing up pus. The doctor said I'd have to have that drained if I ever got well. I went to University Hospital in Little Rock and was treated, but continued to get worse.

I began going to a Pentecostal church, my brother-in-law taking me in a car. My normal weight was 135 but then I weighed only 92 pounds. A revival was going on, Datie Jim Collins being the preacher. My friends asked me to go and be prayed for, which I did with hesitation. I didn't feel any change, but was assured that if I would serve God He would heal me. About the second day after I was prayed for I became very eager to go to the meeting. I actually started to walk and got about half way (it was two miles) before I was picked up. The next day I walked all the way, and after that I walked, and carried my year-old baby. In three weeks' time I was able to go back home and resume my regular duties, caring for my husband and five children. Since then I have enjoyed normal health with no return of symptoms of T. B .- (Mrs.) Myrtle Mitchell, Route 4, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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# The Challenge of Colombia

Adah M. Wegner

Eleven years ago my husband and I accepted the challenge of Colombia's great need. I say "challenge" because our hearts were so stirred by reports of vast territories in this Republic without a single missionary! For eleven years we have had the privilege of putting God's promises to the test as we entered the State of Boyaca with nearly a million souls for our parish and opened the work in Sogamoso as a center for our efforts.

Sogamoso is the gateway to the great plains to the east of us. For years we have longed to take the gospel there and at last God's hour has come! Last year a definite move was made toward the evangelization of the plains. Brother and Sister Washburn settled in a small town on the border of the plains last December, intending to use it as a base for future operations. A station three days further inland was opened up in February by another missionary family who was formerly with us in Sogamoso. Still further inland a witness is being given for the Lord by one of our Christian families who are employed by the government.

A few months ago Mr. Wegner made his first trip to a town near the plains to buy some land for a future mission station. The land has been purchased and cleared of the deep underbrush, and plans are now under way for the building of the mission. The new highway is to reach that town, but it will take a year or more to finish it in these war times. When the highway is completed we will be able to reach this district with our station wagon. Until then, however, the journey must be made by mules. There will be many obstacles. For instance, building materials cannot be obtained there and food is very scarce. Snakes and insects are a natural menace. Miss Maurd returned after only two months with malaria fever. One must face these stern realities and only faith and courage can spur one on to action. But our faith is in the Word of God, and our courage mounts up with the knowledge that the people of those plains have been neglected for cen-

Last night Mr. Wegner returned after being gone almost two weeks. His face was thinner but his spirit was bright as he recounted his experience. He had gone into the plains two days journey beyond the new station which was recently opened. In a town right in the heart of the plains he was told that the government would provide a piece of land for a mission if we would build within a year. My husband was anxious to see this new place. After much difficult travel he reached the town and was delighted to see the land that stretched before him. The plains were such a contrast to the high

mountains around Sogamoso and the heat was intense. He found the mayor of the town very friendly and eager to assist him in making arrangements to settle there. The next day Mr. Wegner had the joy of distributing gospel tracts and witnessing for the Lord. The people were very kind and we are daring to claim that field for the Lord! My husband promised the head men of the town that by the end of the year he would do something tangible toward opening the work, and we are appealing to our prayer warrior friends to stand by us until this is accomplished.

Mr. Wegner has spent his best days in opening up this pioneer work and now new recruits are needed. There are towns that should be occupied at once! Shall we accept the challenge or shall the difficulties, lack of food, fevers and hot climate make us fear? If we tarry it will be too late! Let us work today!

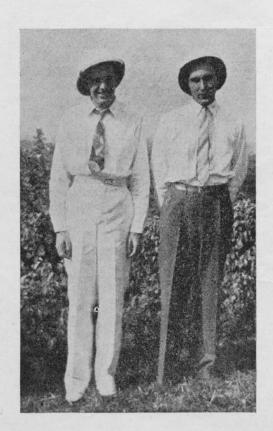
# In the Service of the King

Rex Jackson and Elmer Frink, pictured here, are laboring in Nigeria, British West Africa. Strong appeals have been coming in from these young men for reinforcements to help supervise the ever-growing work in that country.

The report of the Fifth Annual Council of the Assemblies of God in Nigeria held in January of this year shows that the work has grown until there are now 66 native workers, 77 churches, 8 outstations, one Bible School, and six day schools with an enrollment of 761 students and served by 30 African teachers.

The brethren sum up the report by reminding us that there are 20 million people in Nigeria, with only two Assembly of God missionaries on the field Thank God for these consecrated young men who have been carrying on so faithfully for the past three or four years, assuming an extra burden when it became necessary for Brother and Sister Everett Phillips to return to America for furlough last year.

We are happy to report that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Godbey are on their way to Nigeria to relieve these two young men and that another party of missionaries expect to leave in a few weeks for the same field.



# Dedication of New Church in Guatemala

For many years the native brethren had waited anxioulsy for a place of worship in their town. You can well imagine their rejoicing when the new chourch at Jutiapa was dedicated during the annual conference there early in January.

"From the very first service the blessings of the Lord were upon the meetings," write Brother and Sister Ralph Harer, "and several accepted the Lord as their Saviour. To us it was a renewed assurance that the Jutiapa station was to be a real lighthouse in our district."

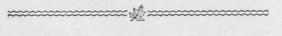
These meetings serve also as a source of real strength and refreshing to the native workers. They know what sufferings lie ahead, and that in that land now bound in darkness, they are going to meet the enemy in a real struggle. But as they blend their testimonies and praises together, they go out with renewed confidence and strength in God, to carry the gospel to the many sections where it has not yet been taken.

Brother Harer continues: "I know that you will be interested to know that a new section on the coast is being opened and the Lord is working; also the many new preaching places in our district show real signs of growth and we believe that this is the beginning of several little churches.

"We ask an interest in your prayers for us and our native workers. We feel that our work is also part of your work and the harvest will be shared alike. Whether we give or go, sow or reap, we are all workers together with God."

As a part of the indigenous missionary program in Guatemala, the native workers are not fully supported, but the missionaries help them through the hard places until a work is established, and until the believers themselves are able to support it. Our offerings often mean the difference between a worker being able to stay or having to leave a hard, needy section.

Sister Harer needs our prayers as she has been stricken with malaria and for two months has been too weak to help in the work.

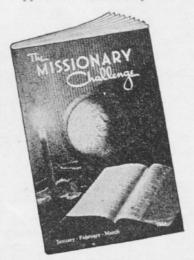


# Chinese Translation of John 3:16

"The true God so passionately loved mankind, even so far as to take His only begotten Son, bestowing Him upon them in order to cause all who believe on Him not to reach destruction, but to certainly obtain eternal life."—Selected.

# Sold Out!

The "Missionary Challenge" for the second quarter is completely sold out. An extract from one letter will tell the reason why: "Yesterday a friend sent me a copy of the 'Missionary Challenge' and I was unable to put it down until I had read



every word of it. It has proven to be a real challenge to me. I am enclosing money to cover my own subscription, as well as subscriptions for ten of my friends!"

Similar letters have been pouring in from all over the United States. Christian men and women are rushing in their orders so that they will not miss out on a single issue. Those who got their subscriptions in too late for the second quarter will find that their subscription will begin with the third.

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# Your Missionary Offerings

It has been thought wise to publish not only our monthly receipts, but also the disbursements so that all may know where the money is being sent. It is necessary to keep in mind the fact that something like 150 missionaries may return to foreign lands in the very near future which will require not less than \$150,000.00. A steadily increasing list of new missionary candidates is under consideration. If we fail in this hour to go forward we shall lose eternally, but God's purpose will be fulfilled by others. We do not believe we are going to fall short of doing our best to fulfill our obligation to our Lord.

Someone may ask whether we are not emphasizing foreign missions too much. Can this be so while 1,377,000,000 are still without Christ and as little as two cents given per day by each member will meet all of our immediate expectations for advance? Is two cents per day too much for so vital a work? Two cents and more is gladly spent for postage to send those eagerly-looked-for letters to our boys in the fighting ranks. It is only right that we do what we can for the boys along this line. It is little enough at the best, but shall we do less to send the message of God's love to those who by creation are His children and whom He so greatly desires to enter into that more wonderful relationship that comes through regeneration?

You will note in the list of disbursements at the end, that there is some money credited to "designated accounts." This is money which has been sent to the Missions Department for missionaries who, because of instructions they have given us, are receiving

their remittances at irregular intervals; therefore the money is held for the time being. Some of it is for missionaries now interned in prison camps and it will be given them upon their release. A portion of it has been designed for fares, buildings, etc. which will be paid out in due course.

The balance credited to the "General Mission Fund" will be used as new missionaries go out or special demands are made upon us for fares, buildings and extension work.

Do not let anyone who is giving far more than two cents per day for missions give less, but how wonderful it would be if those who have failed to do their part would start to give regularly. Our task would be easier, our plans completed and who knows but that it would bring about the return of our Lord?

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1944

| Egypt                            | 3,432.00   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Gold Coast                       |  |
| Ivory Coast                      |  |
| Liberia and Sierra Leone         |  |
| Nigeria                          |  |
| Tanganyika                       |  |
| Transvaal                        |  |
| China                            |  |
| India and Ceylon                 |  |
| Palestine and Near East          |  |
| West Indies                      |  |
| Mexican Work                     |  |
| Central America                  |  |
| Argentina                        |  |
| Brazil                           |  |
| Chile                            |  |
| Colombia                         |  |
| Paraguay                         | The state of the s |
| Peru                             |  |
| Venezuela                        |  |
| Fiji                             |  |
| British West Indies              | 806,61   |
| Hawaii                           |  |
| European Workers                 |  |
| Non Council Missionaries         | 1,616.75   |
| Miscellaneous Fields             | 2,263.74   |
| Superannuated Missionaries       | 943.66   |
|                                  | -  |
| Total Disbursements              | 69,511.28  |
| Credited to designated accounts  | 8,119.83   |
| Credited to General Mission Fund | 3,761.82   |
| Total Receipts for April         | 81,392.93  |
|                                  |  |

# A Pentecostal Prisoner

Pastor Jimmie Mayo, Columbus, Georgia, recently met an Italian prisoner of war at Fort Benning who is a Pentecostal believer. Brother Mayo received a letter from this brother and visited him. They enjoyed wonderful fellowship. Later he wrote Brother May thanking him for his visit, and said:

"The Lord with His great grace has called

me about ten years ago and after eighteen months He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and changed my soul, for it is thus written in His Word, 'Unless you become as small children, you shall not see His kingdom.' Hallelujah! The enemy has tried many times that I should lose my soul, but the Lord has been with me. Even in these days my faith has been tried in a big way, but thanks to my beloved Saviour who would not permit the devil to win. The hour is near for the wedding

of the Lamb; then there shall not be any more trials or temptations or pains. I close asking all in the faith to pray for me, for I am in the midst of 3,000 people who do not believe as I do. I want to be faithful to my Lord and His commandments. If some Italian brother comes, I should like to visit him."

Brother Mayo had two Italian brethren to visit this brother and they found him to be a real child of God. Before being inducted into the service of his country he owned two shoe factories and a shoe store. Now he knows nothing of what has become of that or any of his properties.

# IF WE GIVE HIM TIME

"I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue," said Moses. But after his last forty years with God the shackles fell away and he broke not only into speech, but into song—that wonderful swan-song with which he left the earth, and which will echo on over "the sea of glass mingled with fire"—"the Song of Moses the servant of the Lord and the song of the Lamb."

God can do many things if we give Him time.

# Among the Assemblies

HOUSTON, TEXAS—We have just closed a successful 3-week revival at the Southside Assembly. Evangelist J. W. Drush was the speaker. Five came to the altar for salvation. Our Sunday School started this year with 11 in attendance, now we have a record attendance of 65 and it is staying in that vicinity.—H. B. Graves, Pastor, 4312 Idaho St.

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENN.—We called John E. Rogers, of General Delivery, Big Stone Gap, Va., for a revival, and a great spiritual downpour come in our midst through his ministry. Eight were saved, and the church was built up in love and power. Brother Rogers preaches the gospel in the old-fashioned way. —J. Frank Greene, Pastor.

SHERIDAN, CALIF.—We praise God for what He is doing in this place. A lady, suffering from an affliction of long standing, was healed through prayer. She had had two operations without results, but is now praising God for a perfect healing. God is blessing, souls are being saved, and believers are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. All Council ministers passing this way are welcome.—Louella E. Nathan and Elsie Metz, Pastors.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.—In May, 1943, this work was started in the new location at 15th and South Streets. We have just closed a good 2-week revival with R. H. Pankey of Cape Girardeau as the Evangelist. Sixteen came to the Lord during these two weeks. A sweet spirit prevailed throughout the meetings and the Sunday School attendance reached 95. We invite Assemblies of God ministers and people to stop and visit us when passing through.—J. A. Roberts, Pastor.

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ALPAUGH, CALIF.—About two months ago we were called to pastor the church here, and the Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Several have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in our regular services.

We recently closed a 2-week revival with Ted Masters of Arkansas as the Evangelist. Three were saved, one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 11 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 5 united with the church. God is still answering prayer.—Wilburn Harris, Pastor.

DES ARC, MO.—Surely the Lord is in this place. We have had a glorious 3-week revival with Evangelist O. W. Nall of Bismarck. The meetings closed on Mother's Day with a great baptismal service, in which 11 were buried with the Lord in baptism. Showers of blessing were poured out from night to night. Six were saved, and 7 were gloriously filled with the Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance went up to 107, the highest in several years. The revival will not soon be forgotten.—Lee Roy Rogers, Pastor.

WEATHERFORD, OKLA .- I have just closed a very successful 2-week revival with Brother and Sister Norman Dale, pastors of the church here. Nine came to the altar for salvation. Four of these were Indians. One Indian sister received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. It was interesting and precious to work among the Indians, and to see manifested a deep hunger for the "white man's God." The sister who received the Baptism was formerly a Nazarene, but has long since cast her lot with the Full Gospel people. Her husband is seeking God for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and is a real prayer warrior. Please pray especially for the Indian people.—Nell Burt, Evangelist. Home address Route 8, Box 22, Springfield, Mo.

# NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The First Annual Council of the New York-New Jersey District was held May 9-11 at the Calvary Full Gospel Church, Rochester, N. Y. The devotional and business sessions were signally blessed by the ministry of our General Superintendent, E. S. Williams. Round-table discussions were also conducted by Brother Williams for the benefit of the pastors.

Wilfred A. Brown, the host pastor, made excellent preparations for the entertainment of the convention and Pastor Charles R. Shuss with his church also contributed to this end.

Despite heavy business, including the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, great blessing and unity of spirit characterized each session. District Superintendent W. R. Steelberg and the remaining officers (except one District presbyter) will be retained for the coming year.

The council was climaxed with a glorious service when 17 brethren and sisters were ordained to the full gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of the ministry, amid shouts, and tears and holy joy.—Thos. R. Brubaker, District Secretary-Treasurer.

#### WITH CHRIST

It has always been a joy and an inspiration when in Dallas, Texas, to meet Mrs. Annie Bell Lincoln, a minister of Christ, whose very face was a benediction. Sister Lincoln, who had reached the age of 77, slipped away to be with her Lover-Lord on April 23 last.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of May, 1944

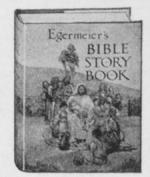
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Dana, Edwin F., Zag, Ky.
Davenport, Charles A., Birmingham, Mich.
Devine, Everett E., Powell, Wyo.
Emerson, Richard D., Rock Springs, Wyo.
Evans, William R., Waldron, Ark.
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Baum, Albert N., Crossett, Ark. (Dropped) Curtis, John S., Caldwell, Idaho (Dropped) Hicks, Bunn E., Beckley, W. Va. (With-

Hilton, James R., Houston, Tex. (Withdrew)

Lara, Maria O., Pittsburg, Calif. (Withdrew)

Lincoln, Mrs. Annie B., Dallas, Tex. (Deceased)

McCoy, James W., Houston, Tex. (De-

Novak, S. Marie, Kewanee, Ill. (Deceased) Nowling, W. D., Pensacola, Fla. (Deceased)

# Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

HARVEY, ILL.—June 15—; The Lummer Music Makers.—W. J. Sawyers, Pastor.

ALLIANCE, OHIO-Shiloh Tabernacle; May 30, for 3 weeks or longer; B. E. Hillman, Evangelist.—Dale C. Zink, Pastor.

ATMORE, ALA.—107 Second Ave., June 14—; Le-Roy Duke, Evangelist.—J. Lester Cook, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—North Highland Assembly; June 18, for 2 weeks; Jeff Gibbs, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—"Keetah" Jones, Pastor.

SEDALIA, MO.—6th and Summit, June 11-July 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—Stephen Vandermerwe, Pastor.

WYOMING CAMP MEETING

Rocky Mountain District Sectional Camp Meeting, Gillette, Wyo., July 2-9. Evangelist A. W. Smith, special speaker. Earl Harper, local pastor.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

OREGON CAMP MEETING
Annual Oregon District Camp Meeting, Bethel
Gospel Park, 9 miles north of Salem, June 27-July
9. A. N. Trotter, main speaker. Fine 100 x 120 ft.
tabernacle being built.—Atwood Foster, Superintendent.
MISSION CITY, B. C., CANADA—British Columbia Conference and Camp Meeting, July 2-16.
J. D. Saunders, main speaker. Kindly make reservations early.—Pastor C. R. Cobb, Box 265, Mission
City, B. C.

DES MOINES, IOWA—West Central District C. A. Rally, Armory Bldg., June 14-15. Services 10:00 and 7:30; classes 2:30. Ralph Harris. special speaker. Morris Williams, C. A. President.—Gene Bell, Secretary, Trassurer.

ARITON, ALA,—Eleventh annual C. A. Convention, High School, June 14-17. J. Billy McIntosh, Nashville, Tenn., special speaker. For further information write Mrs. Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 272, Troy, Ala.

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS—Annual Homecoming and all-day Fellowship Meeting, July 4. C. A. Brown, morning speaker; Victor G. Greisen, afternoon speaker; Silas Rexroat of Newton, evening speaker. Basket dinner at noon. P. D. Pittman in charge.—Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA S. S. CONFERENCES

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Bartlesville, June 19; Okmulgee, June 20; McAlester,
June 21; Ada, June 22; Chickasha, June 23; Woodword, June 26; Enid June 27; Hominy, June 29,
M. L. Grable, Springfield, Mo., in charge; Wm. E.
Pickthorn and S. J. Scott helping.—S. J. Scott.

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NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND CAMP MEETING

The North Dakota District Council and Camp Meeting will be held at Lakewood Park, near Devils Lake, June 22-July 4. The Council sessions open June 22, 10:00 a. m. Usual business to be transacted. T. J. Jones, of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, and John Hall, of Southern California Bible College, special speakers. All necessary facilities on camp ground.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent, 723 First Ave. N., Jamestown, N. Dak.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—9th and Louisiana Sts., June 18—; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hamill, Evangelists. Under auspices of First Assembly of God.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

ALABAMA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
NEW BROCKTON, ALA.—Alabama District Camp
Meeting, July 26-Aug. 6. Ralph M. Riggs, day speaker; Charles O. Neece, night speaker. Three services
daily. Rooms for rent. Meals seved in cafeteria
style. For reservations write C. W. Davis, Camp
Meeting Secretary, Box 4, Kinston, Ala.—Marvin
L. Smith, District Superintendent.

C. Smith, District Superintendent.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND CAMP MEETING

The Southern Missouri District Council and Camp
Meeting will be held at the District Camp Ground,
Lake of the Ozarks, near Eldon, Mo., July 4-14.
Robert Cummings and A. C. Bates, special speakers.
For room reservation and further information address
Southern Missouri District Office, 424 Woodruff Bldg.,
Springfield, Mo.

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MARANATHA PARK CAMP MEETING
H. Earl Winburn, Toronto, Canada, and David H.
McDowelll, Elizabeth, N. J., will be night speakers
at the annual Maranatha Park Camp, Green Lane,
Pa., July 14-Aug. 13. George B. Griffin, Montreal,
Canada, Bible teacher. The camp is sponsored by the
Eastern and New York-New Jersey Districts, with
Byron D. Jones as Camp Committee Chairman. For
information write: Maranatha Park, Box 113, Green
Lane, Pa.—Thomas R. Brubaker, Secretary.

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OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING
MIAMI, OKLA.—Camp Meeting sponsored by the Assemblies of God in the mining area Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, as a community co-operation, June 15-25. F. C. Cornell, Superintendent Oklahoma District, main speaker, Services 10:00, 2:00 6:00, and 8:00; children's church 2:00; C. A.'s 6:00. Accommodations for those coming from a distance. Bring musical instruments. For further information address J. L. Whittaker, President, 1702 Lincoln, Baxter Springs, Kansas; or W. L. Farmer, Secretary, Box 717, Commerce, Okla.

OHIO STATE CAMPS

BIG PRARIE, OHIO—Lakeland Beach Park. Camp Meeting, June 24-July 9; Wm. E. Long and A. G. Ward, main speakers. Ohio State Presbyters' meeting, June 24-July 9; Wm. E. Long and A. G. Ward, main speakers. Ohio State Presbyters' meeting, June 28; Girls' Camp, July 9:16. Boys' Camp, July 16-23. For further information or reservations write Roy H. Wead, Secretary, 328 W. 6th St., Muncie, Ind.

HAMMONDSVILLE, OHIO—Good Samaritan Farm Camp Meeting, July 20:30. Fred Neubauer, Saginaw, Mich., evening speaker, Allan A. Swift, Green Lane, Pa., Bible teacher, beginning July 25. Some cottages and tents for rent. Cafeteria on grounds. Ministers and families one-fourth off. July 30, Missionary Day. Can arrange to meet those coming by train to Salineville or by bus to Amsterdam, Ohio. Those coming by car, watch for sign at Bergholz and Hammondsville, Port information write Mrs. Floyd McCausland, Matron, Hammondsville, Ohio.

MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND YELLOWSTONE BIBLE CAMP

LIVINGSTON, MONT.—Montana District Council and Yellowstone Bible Camp, July 10:19. Speakers: Wm. E. Long and Ralph M. Riggs. Missionary Representatives Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock. Sunday School Representative Mr. L. Grable will be with us July 14:16. Presbyters' meeting, July 11. District Council, July 12:13. Meals on groun

KENTUCKY DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
AND COUNCIL
Kentucky District Camp Meeting, Peniel Bible
Institute, Stanton, Ky., June 14-23. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams and William Long,

special speakers, C. A. annual business session and rally, June 16. Special missionary service, with Noel Perkin in attendance, June 18. Tenth Annual District

Perkin in attendance, June 18. Tenth Annual District Council, June 20-23.

Those desiring reservations write James Hartshorn, 214 Mulberry St., Carlisle, Ky.—Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary-Treasurer.

WEST FLORIDA CAMP MEETING
West Florida District Camp Meeting, Marianna Camp Grounds, Marianna, Fla., July 2-9; Marvin Smith, special speaker. Day and evening services. Everyone invited.—R. F. Hudson, District Superintendent.

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## GOOD START

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#### BERLIN BAPTISTS BOMBED

It is reported that all the Baptist churches and publishing houses in Berlin have been destroyed by aerial bombing, *Herald of Holiness* states.

## CRIME AND REPEAL

A release of the W.C.T.U., quoting F.B.I. reports, states that the number of arrests in the U. S. has increased 164 per cent since 1932, the last Prohibition year.

#### DIVORCES IN ENGLAND

Last year there were 9,450 divorces in England—almost 2,000 more than the preceding year, and far above the prewar figures. The Bishop of Chelmsford says, "The root trouble is the widespread abandoment of the Christian religion."

#### CHINA'S GREATEST NEED

Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, an Anglican Bishop of China, recently said: "We don't want experts in China. Of course, we will welcome a few acknowledged authorities in education, religion and science, but China will produce her own experts in every field. What China needs is more consecrated preachers and pastors."

## AN ETHIOPIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

According to Sunday School Times, Emperor Selassie of Ethiopia has decided to establish at his capital, Addis Ababa, a Bible college of the same type as the Swansea Bible school in Wales, where two of his children spent three years in study. Selassie's private chaplain is there now mastering Hebrew and Greek.

#### PENTECOST IN FRANCE

Assemblies of God still continue to enjoy the help and blessing of God in France. Recent news tells of the work of Marseilles, Lyons, Nice, etc. Nine members were baptized in Dieppe last September amid much rejoicing. Altogether 252 brothers and sisters have been baptized there since the work commenced not long before the war, according to Redemption Tidings.

## MOSLEM EXPECTATION

A missionary writes from North Africa: "Recently, when I visited a cemetery, where I placed flowers on a line of graves where lay the bodies of American youths killed in action, I met a Moor and told him what I had done, and then added that my heart was full of sorrow. Here is the response he made: 'Friend, I have confidence in you because you speak Arabic. Let me tell you where we are. These are the last days: the Man of the Hour, who is a Moslem, may appear at any time now, and when he comes he will complete this slaughter of Christianity now proceeding among yourselves and make Islam a world religion and Moslems its rulers.'"

#### A DEMOBILIZED ARMY

The only "army" demobilized by this war is one which is sorely needed: namely, the Salvation Army. According to Watchman-Examiner, the Salvation Army, after sixty years in France, has been totally disbanded in that country. The 595 officers and staff workers have been forced by the Vichy authorities to give up their work.

#### BIGGEST BUSINESS

Our federal government has become by farthe biggest business in the country. It carries more than 3,300,000 employees on its civil payroll, according to *Reader's Digest*. This is one job holder for every three men in the military services. The monthly federal payroll was \$75,000,000 in 1933; now (exclusive of military personnel) it is \$522,000,000.

#### "NOT EVEN THE PENTECOSTALS"

An insurance magazine Pacific Insurance pays unintentional tribute to the "Pentecostals" in describing a curious little town called Pumpkin Center, where some insurance had been sold. After telling of the mushroom growth of this tiny town, which is located eight miles south of Bakersfield, Calif., the writer says: "I may add that no church has yet ventured to locate in Pumpkin Center, not even one of the Pentecostals." Not, yet—but there may be one there ere long!

## "BULLET-PROOF" BIBLES

The American Bible Society, which sells a special edition of the Bible for soldiers and sailors at 20c a copy, warns against those so-called "bullet-proof" Bibles which bear the ABS imprint and are peddled to the superstitious and credulous for from \$2. to \$6. a copy.

They are ABS Bibles, all right, obtained under false pretenses, and adorned with thin steel covers that cost less than 15 cents. "The Bible isn't bullet-proof; it's what's inside that's important," said William L. Darby, Washington secretary of ABS.

#### THE PATRIARCH AND THE POPE

Metropolitan Sergius of Moscow, patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, has challenged the fundamental basis for the Pope's authority as the "vicar of Christ on earth." Writing in the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, he said that all the Holy Scriptures are contrary to the Catholic principle. He asserted that though Christ physically abandoned the earth He never had abandoned the church spiritually but was always in constant communion with it. The uninterrupted presence of Christ in the church and the spiritual marriage between Christ and the church make inconceivable the concept of an intermediary between the two, such as a vicar on earth. No one man has authority to act as "vicar" (that is, as the official substitute) for Christ on earth. Christ Himself is with us. He said, "Lo, I am with you alway." Even Peter himself would be a very poor substitute for our Lord Jesus Christ!

## A CHRISTIAN CARTOONIST

Says Vaughn Shoemaker, nationally-known cartoonist of the *Chicago Daily News*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and recipient of other marks of recognition:

"I wouldn't dream of beginning to work without saying, 'God, whatever talent I have You've given me and developed in me. Take it and use it. Guide my hand.' I ask for ideas, the all-important stock in trade of the cartoonist, and ideas come, ideas on all subjects. . . .

"To God goes all the credit." I still talk with Him every morning and He stays with me all day long. He has inspired me with ideas that I never would have had otherwise, ideas that have come to life almost subconsciously in my cartoons."

#### AMERICA AND ARMAGEDDON

Many have been puzzled as to America's place in the prophetic Scriptures. Will America be drawn into the Battle of Armageddon when it is fought in Palestine? If so, by what means? One answer appears in the fact that our Government is acquiring stakes in the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean area for the sake of oil. Experts say that our present known oil reserves will be exhausted in fourteen years, and so the Government is undertaking to procure oil from Saudi Arabia by way of a pipeline through Palestine, etc. This oil will not help in winning this war, for it will be years before the pipe line can be completed. However, it may easily involve this country in the next war, and may be the cause of American soldiers going to the place called Armageddon (the valley of Jehoshaphat) when the Lord gathers all nations before Him for that terrible battle.

## STRANGE PROPHECIES

Abram Poljak, a Hebrew Christian who is a refugee from Germany, writes of a strange character who died in 1820, a simple farmer named Matthias Lang, who lived in Bavaria (now Germany), believed to have had the gift of prophecy. He was generally known as "Muehlhiasl." His predictions are said to have included a most accurate account of the present world situation which he called "The Great Clearing" (Das Grosse Abraeumen). He saw these days as a sweeping judgment of God, clearing the way for the consummation. He declared that before the war is finished, men would fall dead on the ground in Germany like flies.

Mr. Poljak also tells of others of about the same period who seemed to have prophetic vision of these days. Some of these told of the day when a hooked cross, a sign of the antichrist, would even fly on church steeples. But the followers of this bent cross, it was declared, would come to an ignominious end. One declared that the leaders would be thrown down from the "Loreley Rock" into the Rhine.

Some years ago, according to Mr. Poljak, a Bavarian clergyman made a collection of these strange prophecies and published them. Many copies of his little book were distributed. Some days after Hitler came to power in 1933, the Gestapo appeared in the little printing office where this book was still being printed and confiscated all copies. One of the first governmental actions of the Nazis was the wiping out of this little book, which in a period before Hitler was born, gave a report of his fall.