



NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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## AN INDIAN APOSTLE

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STANDING before the hundreds of listeners crowded into the large tent, his slight body quivering with the power of his message, his left hand holding aloft an open Bible, was a young man of perhaps twenty-seven years. His stentorian voice carried to the last figure standing on the outside. His listeners were enrapt. His message gripped them. Forceful sentences punctuated with Scripture came in one continuous flow from his lips. His dark eyes flashed or softened, suiting the words he uttered. He worked toward his climax. His words were almost entirely Scripture now. Finally with a fervent appeal and a forceful challenge he urged all to seek God. Everyone stayed to pray.

The picture is typical of Bakht Singh. In a life literally poured out for God he has won thousands of souls for the Master. Night after night he preaches to large crowds; night after night he gives them the Word; night after night numbers seek salvation. The early morning hours find him still on his knees; the sun casts its rays on his open Bible. Tireless, ever hungry for more of God, Bakht Singh is a loveslave of Christ's.

What is the explanation? It is simple. He met Jesus. Here is his story:



One of Bakht Singh's gospel processions

He was born of Sikh parents in the Punjab Province of North India. Early indoctrinated with the faith of his fathers he was a staunch defender of his religion. His mother profoundly influenced his life. Many hours were spent in the Sikh temple with her, observing the rites connected with his beliefs. His mother encouraged him until a bitter hatred of all other religions was fostered, and Christianity received the full brunt of his wrath. Receiving his education in a mission school notwithstanding, he publicly and flagrantly tore up Bibles and in other ways made his sentiments known.

His noble lineage however, stood him in good stead. Ambitious and idealistic he determined to make something of himself. He decided that an education in England would give him what he desired. Waiving his mother's pleas, who feared that he would give up Sikhism if he left, and the threats of his father, who objected to sending him for business reasons, he set sail for England. In 1926 he enrolled in a London engineering college, a proud bigoted young man confident in his own powers.

Three months later he took the step that broke his ties with his early life. He cut his beard and long hair—symbols of his religion. Carried away by the sins of European society he let down the bars of moral restraint and cast his lot with atheists, socialists and freethinkers. He became as European as possible. Clothes, manners, and customs were tried but none afforded him satisfaction.

The change came on a holiday trip to Canada in 1928. He was attracted to a religious service in the first-class dining saloon of the boat, and more out of a curiosity to see the dining room than from a desire to hear the gospel, he attended



Bakht Singh of India

the service. When the preaching began, he settled back in his chair and went to sleep. At the close of the sermon all were asked to kneel in prayer. Immediately his mother's fears came home to him and he determined to remain seated. He thought, "I am not going to kneel. These people are not my people; this not my religion." Then the thought came, "If you were back in India, and wanted to visit a Hindu temple, you would have to take off your shoes. The same would be the case if you were to visit a Mohammedan mosque. Why not kneel out of courtesy to this people's religion?" And so he knelt.

While kneeling there something happened. Inexplicable, mysterious, different from any previous experience, an exhilarating joy flooded his heart. He listened and heard himself repeating over and over, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" Later in telling of the incident he remarked that he knew something peculiar had happened to him for before he knelt he hated the British and their religion, but after he had knelt he loved the British and their religion.

For a full year he told no one of his experience. He had returned to England for a few months after which he went back to

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# THE CRISIS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

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"The God that answereth by fire, let him be God." 1 Kings 18:24

OUT of the epic story of Elijah's struggle to stem Israel's apostasy comes a dynamic message for today. On every side the modern prophets of Baal flaunt their claims of religious authority—Modernism, false cults, and doctrines of demons cry out that they alone speak the truth concerning life and heaven. This hour calls for another Elijah to demand the credentials accompanying the message from God. "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

## THE RETREAT FROM THE SUPERNATURAL

In the face of this desperate need for divine confirmation "with signs following" of the Gospel we preach, one of the most discouraging signs of the times is the retreat from the supernatural.

This is always the indication of spiritual decline. On the wave of every spiritual revival comes a display of the miraculous-supernatural manifestations of a supernatural presence. As the spiritual tide abates, the first indication of departing glory is the decrease in supernatural signs. No longer the heart-rending conviction. Departed is the power of miracles in confirmation of the Word. And slowly this newly-revived segment of the Church settles down into an increasingly mental religion.

An indication of the mental character of many Christian groups is their tendency to argumentative and apologetic defenses of the doctrines of the Church. We need not be most concerned with the betrayal of the tenets of the "faith once delivered to the saints." The crucial storm center of our spiritual battleground is not *doctrine*, but *experience*. If we lose the *experimental reality* of the doctrines we preach, we will never save the doctrines. The best defense of doctrine is the living testimonial of the truth written on the "fleshy tablets of the heart." Let us relegate the "war of words" to those who are unwilling to stand and fight, not for the "form of godliness", but the "power thereof."

Men may give lip-service to regeneration without experiencing the new birth. Others may preach divine healing without witnessing the miracles of the Lord's healing. Some may claim themselves Pentecostal and know little of the baptising power of the Holy Ghost, and the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. The thing that counts is *experimental reality*, and if we cannot give to our generation the credentials of our message of divine authority, our light has been removed from its candlestick. "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

## THE RISE OF THE OCCULT

The crisis of the supernatural is further accentuated by the rise of the supernatural forces of the occult. Demon forces from the pit have arisen to contest our claim of divine authority

in matters of religion. Today, Christian Science claims its thousands, also "Father Divine" and other false Christs and prophets in this end time era. Spiritism displays its miraculous phenomena increasingly. Little cults flourish on every side on the fundamental basis of some supernatural claim. A world for whom Christ died hovers on the verge of accepting these "lying wonders." They cry out with one voice, "the God that answereth by fire, let him be God." Shall the "strange fire" of the underworld be unchallenged by the servants of the living God?

## ELIJAH'S CHALLENGE TO TODAY

Elijah's life will ever be a challenge to the Church. His **COURAGE** in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds condemns our cowardice. Although misinformed, he felt that he alone remained to stand on God's side. What a pitiful minority! How futile his life seemed! He was rowing against the current of the times. The combined forces of a hostile government and an indifferent nation were arrayed against him. Against this dark background we find displayed a magnificent spiritual courage. Into this apparently unequal contest he hurled his life with a desperate courage epitomized in Esther's words, "If I perish, I perish." In contrast to this dynamic will to risk all for the cause of God, we find evidences on every hand of a nerveless, passive bowing to the so-called irresistible fate of spiritual decline. But the spiritual leaders of today will be men of the same stamp as Elijah—fearless in their determination to evangelize an entire world, no matter what the obstacles.

Not only was Elijah fearless toward men, but he had an inspiring **FAITH** in God. His fearlessness found its foundation in a sublime comprehension of God's power and willingness to sustain a faithful heart. As he approached the crucial test on the mount of sacrifice, there was not the slightest quiver of doubt in his heart that God would fail to vindicate his faith. He knew that when the issue was finally joined, God, infinite and omnipotent, must ultimately win. As the water was poured upon the altar, Elijah had peace in his heart. The fire he waited for was from above—celestial fire. He knew that when God's lightning flashed, nature's laws must stand aside at the bidding of their Maker. Shall our faith be any

less? The God of Elijah lives today! He who guides the universe in its appointed orbits, and controls the destiny of the ages in His own great hand, is ready yet today to draw aside the clouds that veil, and reveal His glory to them that wait for him.

Perhaps Elijah's supreme virtue was his **SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING**. He took the only road that could lead to true revival. He understood that to accomplish a spiritual revolution, nothing short of a supernatural manifestation of God would be sufficient. It would have been futile to organize a revolt against Ahab and Jezebel. It would have been foolish to argue the merits of the respective theologies with the prophets of Baal. Human words or deeds could not avail in this crisis. He must appeal to God for the confirmation of the message he delivered. Thus he cried, "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

God met him, and God will meet us if we move onto the *spiritual* battleground away from the things of *sight* and *flesh*. Our field of warfare is not primarily the body and the soul. Our weapons are not brute force or mental persuasion. We fight in the realm of the *spirit*. Only supernatural confirmation will maintain our message of the supernatural. We face the same crisis Elijah faced and our only answer must be, "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

We are in the crisis of the supernatural. The road ahead to spiritual victory and an abundant entrance into His kingdom at the glorious rapture, is the road of ministry in the Spirit. Such a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led ministry will abound with the credentials of a divine message—divine power. When God has bared His right arm of power, the modern prophets of Baal must and will retreat, leaving His precious church to go on from victory unto victory till the heavens receive her for the union in the skies.

## THE LOVE OF GOD

Paul, speaking concerning the Son of God, declared, "Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20. And every child of God can say the same thing: "The Son of God loved me. Yes, and He loves me today. There were millions in heaven whom He could love, but He loved me—a sinner, a rebel. He loved me before the foundation of the world; it is an eternal love, and it will not cease during the brief period called time. His love stretches from eternity to eternity."

The love of God and of His Son towards us is strong. Love is an element of heaven, and it will continue to be. It is a personal love, and it is at Calvary that we get a full revelation of that love, where Christ died for us ungodly ones. And the love shown at Calvary will be shown throughout eternity.

How little we know about love. It has not entered into the heart of man to conceive the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, but through the Spirit we do get some measure of the revelation of it.

Seek the divine love, and remember that it is written: "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16. And the Spirit bids us, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." Jude 21.

**TARRY...  
UNTIL**

*ye be endued with  
POWER from on high.*

# JERUSALEM, THE COMING CENTER OF THE NATIONS

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*"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the people." Zech. 12:2-3.*

*"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24.*

JERUSALEM has had the most enchanting history of any city in the world. Babylon, Nineveh, Constantinople, Athens, Rome pale into insignificance. No other city has been destroyed and rebuilt so many times. It is said the present city rests on seven layers of ruins. She is an interesting field for the spade of the archaeologist. It is possible that somewhere in its rocky bosom there may lie buried the ancient ark of the covenant and other sacred vessels of the tabernacle. Of what other city can it be said, "I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there"? For ages it has been a desolation and a ruin, and the lovers of Zion still gather at its walls, kissing its very stones and bewailing its misfortunes.

The little word "until," quoted above from Luke 21:24, opens a vista of hope before our eyes. It shall not ever be thus, "for the Lord will return to Zion and turn away ungodliness from Jacob," "for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The prophet Jonah was a prophetic type of the Jewish nation. The Jew, Jonah's anti-type lies asleep today in the ship of Gentile world government. Cast out into the sea of affliction, supernaturally preserved as was Jonah, upon true repentance the Jew will become a messenger of grace to the Gentile Ninevites, producing great awakenings on a universal scale. Upon the repentance and rebirth of this people they will yet "declare His glory among the Gentiles"—a mission which was in the purpose of God for them at the time of their exodus from Egypt.

When did World War I come to an end? When General Allenby marched into Jerusalem and the city was captured without the firing of a gun or the shedding of one drop of blood. On November 2, 1917, the British government promulgated the Balfour declaration. It reads as follows:

"Dear Lord Rothschild:

"I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with the Jewish Zionist aspirations, which has been submitted to and approved by the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that

nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

"I shall be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

"Yours truly,

"Arthur James Balfour"

In its spirit and purpose the British Government has broken the covenant with the Jews made in the Balfour declaration. Her carelessness of the Arab's feelings, superinduced by her fear of a Mohammedan uprising, seemingly caused her to stretch unduly its promises to non-Jewish peoples. Britain has a vast Moslem population—about 100,000,000 in her own dominion, more than 70 millions of them being in India. God will hold England responsible for her breach of promise, and we can already see upon the horizon a diminishing of her commercial and political prestige.

A time of sorrows lies ahead for Israel, characterized by Jeremiah as "the day of Jacob's trouble." "Be sure your sin will find you out" applies not only to individuals but to nations as well. Israel has a great deal on the debit side of the ledger for which settlement will surely be demanded. Sin can only be forgiven upon confession and repentance. Joseph's brethren had the confession wrung out of them by sorrow and trouble. They cried, "We are verily guilty concerning our brother." There is One greater than Joseph, the Well-Beloved of the Father, who was hated without a cause, rejected and crucified, because of the united cry of the Sanhedrin, priests, Levites, and all the people, who cried, "Away with Him—crucify Him—give us Barabbas—His blood be upon us and our children."

Nearly two thousand years have passed by without their slightest repentance of this the greatest crime of the ages. But there is a day of national repentance approaching, when in the midst of the greatest misery this suffering people have ever endured, they will have opened to them in Jerusalem a fountain for sin and uncleanness (Zech. 3:1), and the sin of Israel and Judah shall be sought for but shall not be found. Jer. 50:20. Praise God! Lord, hasten the day.

If the anti-Semitism of our day be considered in the light of Lev. 26:17-46 it is seen that God has been dealing with the Jews all down the ages, in the various captivities, judgments and complete dispersion, and the later miseries

in Europe, but for all that they have not sought His face. We should be blind indeed not to realize the hand of God in their sufferings. However, may we Gentiles remember that while "tribulation and anguish is to the Jew first" so is "also glory and honor." After "seven times," complete punishment has passed over them, they will become "the head and not the tail," and Jerusalem will be the metropolis of the millennial world. The time is coming when the Gentile Hitlers and Mussolinis and all other Jew haters will cry to the rocks to fall upon them and cover them from the wrath of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Their day of retribution is coming.

I think I can see a dark cloud gathering in the north, which will soon be moving down upon the "land of unwallled villages." Ezek. 38:11. A popular news commentator said in a recent broadcast that Russia is looming up on the horizon as the dominating power of Europe after the war, and my humble judgment is that her influence will be powerful in Asia as well, especially if she has restored to her the lower half of Sakhalin and perhaps all of Manchukuo. While Russia will come out of this war a great power with tremendous possessions, she will undoubtedly be "land-poor," with more territory than she has finances to develop. Russia is already negotiating with the United States for long term financial and commercial credits. Every student of prophecy should study carefully the 38th chapter of Ezekiel. You will find Scofield's notes quite illuminating.

It seems that this Prince of Rosh (ruler of Russia) will conceive an evil thought. Ezek. 38:10. The great natural wealth of Palestine will be an alluring temptation. The Dead Sea alone with its chemical deposits of untold value contains enough fertilizer (so it is claimed) to supply the whole world. Palestine is indeed a "Land of Promise" and with greater development of agriculture and citrus fruit culture it is becoming very prosperous.

The Prince of Rosh (Russia) with many allied armies, including Germany, will invade Palestine, when the Battle of Armageddon is to be fought. But in the midst of Israel's greatest suffering, she will cry to God, as in the days of Egypt. A nation will be born in a day, and Christ Himself will come in power and glory to establish His kingdom on earth for 1,000 years. The Smiting Stone will crush Gentile world dominion and Israel will lead the nations, and His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom.

Christian truth for Jews and Jewish truth for Christians is the need of the hour. Why is there a parenthesis in the book of Romans: chapters 9-10-11 seem to have no immediate reference to the context. Paul gives us here the reason for Israel's blindness (Rom. 11:7, 25) and of their ultimate recovery. Some Israelites are being saved now, but when Jesus comes all Israel will be saved. "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more THEIR FULLNESS?" Rom. 11:12.

The Jew is the hub of the nations. When out of place all is disorder and confusion; restored to his divinely ordained place in the economy of the world all the wheels of divine providence will run smoothly. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."



## MAKING ETERNAL CHOICES

AFTER Naaman had been healed of his leprosy he wanted to give Elisha a gift, but the prophet would receive none. His servant, Gehazi, however, coveted something for himself, and ran after Naaman. He received what he coveted, and also something he had not coveted—the leprosy of Naaman. 2 Kings 5:27.

In these days of big money, many are becoming covetous. They covet filthy lucre and they are getting it, and in addition they are receiving an inward corruption more terrible than Gehazi's outward corruption.

Christ says to us, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness" (Luke 12:15), and the Apostle warns us that "no covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5.

Elisha's mind and thought were on the eternal. He had been willing to leave all to obey the call of God, and he never regretted his decision. He coveted something unseen; not the mere outward clothing of the prophet Elijah, but the power of God that had accompanied his ministry.

He was asking great things when he requested that the mantle of the mighty prophet might fall upon him. He coveted a blessed prophetic ministry like that of Elijah, and God gave him the desire of his heart.

There are but few coveting the mighty power of God and a prophet's life and ministry. True, there are some who would love to have what they consider a prophet's emoluments and a prophet's name, but they shun the cross, the separation, the life of holiness, the life of prayer, that is indispensable to the true prophet of Jehovah.

God called Saul of Tarsus to be His prophet. Did He offer him great financial compensation? No. He said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake." Acts 9:16. After his sight of the Crucified One, things seen (the things of the earth) no longer allured, but he pressed forward after the unseen—the unseen prize at the end of the race. He was willing to keep his body under, and to be temperate in all things, as he pressed on for that unseen prize.

The opportunity comes to every soul to choose between the seen—the things that sense desires, the things that gratify the flesh; and the unseen—the winning of the pleasure of the unseen Father, the winning of the "well done" of an unseen Captain, the winning of the approval of an unseen Shepherd who appreciates faithfulness in the tending of His lambs and His sheep.

The Master's word, "Feed My lambs; feed My sheep," is not only for Peter, but for the many. The unseen Shepherd watches and appreciates the sacrifices of that faithful Sunday School teacher who feeds her flock in Scripture pastures, Sunday by Sunday.

But there are many unfaithful undershepherds who think only of feeding themselves and clothing themselves with the wool of the sheep, and do not feed the flock. They will meet the judgment that will come upon all unfaithful ones. The Master warns that all who fail to give meat in due season to his flock

will have their portion with the hypocrites. But the faithful ones, who feed the flock, not for the sake of filthy lucre, not by constraint, but with willing hearts, for love of the Shepherd who laid down His life for them, will receive great reward.

Things seen are only temporal. The things unseen are eternal. Do not grasp too tightly the seen, and lose forever the eternal.

Joshua challenged Israel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24:15. They could choose to serve the seen idols of Canaan, or they could choose to serve the unseen Lord of hosts. But in later days Israel turned her back on the Lord of hosts, and worshiped calves of gold. And calves of gold are still a great attraction to the many; they see no attraction in Him who made Himself of no reputation, who was despised and rejected of men, who became poor to make others rich. They do not want to follow in the pathway of this unseen Leader and Commander.

Joshua, seeing Him who is invisible, having proved His faithfulness for many years, unattracted by the seen idols of Canaan, declared,

## CAN I BE A CHRISTIAN AND NOT GO TO CHURCH?

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*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25.*

GOD has warned that in the last days there shall be a falling away; therefore, we need to take knowledge of this particular teaching of God's Word. In the twenty-third verse we read: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised)." And the next verse says, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." If there ever was a time when people throughout the Christian world needed to receive this message, it is today. In the great cities of our country many churches are closed on Sunday evenings; and when the churches are dark, gross darkness must cover the people. But the shows and roadhouses and many other places of entertainment are packed to capacity on Sunday nights. Should not our hearts be stirred and our prayers rise to God for this condition that is upon us? I thank God for our Assembly of God churches where the light still burns on Sunday nights and our profession of faith still shines in this darkened world!

In our text we are told not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but to exhort one another, and so much the more as we see these days approach. Surely this is the time for all Christians to exhort one another to assemble often.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

You ask, "What attractions has the pathway of the Lord? Did not the apostles suffer? Were they not imprisoned? Was there not untimely death for many of them? Were there not scourgings, mockings, persecutions, shipwrecks? Were there not terrible martyrdoms?" Yes. But listen to the most persecuted apostle's testimony: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

If you could have visited him in his prison in Rome you might have heard him say for himself and some of his fellow prisoners: "Hail to the cross! Hail to the mocking! Hail to the scourgings! The eternal compensations are so wonderful and so glorious; and I know that these afflictions are working to the end that we might receive eternal glory. We choose to serve our Christ. We choose to follow Him. We choose the unseen Christ, and glory in our privilege to share His cross."

A greater than Joshua puts the question to you, the One who bears the nail-prints in His hands and His feet, and in whose side there is a wound: "Will you choose the temporal? or will you choose the eternal?" Will you follow the god of this world, who offers you the temporal; or the Christ of Calvary, who offers you the eternal?—S. H. F.

This is the will of God for us in these evil days—to separate ourselves unto Him and gather together in His presence to edify and provoke one another unto love and good works. Our Bible says that if we keep His commandments, then are we His disciples; and so if we are disciples, we will attend Christian services at every opportunity.

God must consider this one of the most important messages of His Word, for He adds a very solemn warning. Notice in the beginning of the very next verse the little conjunction "for." This indicates that the scripture following is tied to the preceding thought of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. It says, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." In other words, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ does not cover wilfully committed sins. Repentance therefore is in order. If we wilfully stay away, do not we transgress the will of God and become wilfully disobedient?

The Word says, "There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." These are very solemn words. You not only destroy yourself when you wilfully forsake assembling with God's people, but you destroy your profession of faith and of good works, and lead others astray by your bad example.

Presumptuous or wilful sins must definitely

be gotten under the blood by confession as provided for in 1 John 1:9. But surely the general cleansing from all sins by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7), of those who walk in the light as He is in the light, does not apply to sins committed wilfully.

Continuing further in this same passage we read:

*"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."*

Surely no one desires these judgments to fall upon him. Possibly you have never thought of treating the Son of God wrongfully, nor trampling under foot the Blood of the Covenant, nor doing despite to the Spirit of grace, but there is the danger that we might do so if we purposely forsake the assembling of ourselves together at the services of the church. Such remaining away from church would itself be wilful sin after one is definitely warned, and God warns us that we must not do this.

Surely this is a serious matter. Just in the hour when God needs the full power of all of the churches, many think it does no harm if they stay away from the services. Some have even gone so far as to say, "I can be just as good a Christian without going to church as others are who go to church." That is not true, for God's Word expressly commands us to assemble ourselves together, and disobedience to His Word is sin.

May God help us to heed this admonition and to assemble ourselves together for worship, prayer, exhortation and Bible study at every opportunity.

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Canada to further his studies in engineering. While in Winnipeg he asked a friend to lend him a Bible and the surprised friend gave him a pocket New Testament to keep. God planted a genuine hunger in his heart for the Word and he read and reread the Scriptures sometimes for fourteen hours a day. His testimony is, "I hated the Bible, I hated the Christians, I hated their Christ," but now he had found love in his heart for the Word of God—he could not help loving it.

The second day after he had received the Testament God revealed himself through the third chapter of John. Bakht Singh saw that God intended that all men should serve Him, regardless of race or creed, and realizing his own sinfulness and need of a Savior, he cried out in true repentance. It was then that he received the assurance of sins forgiven and began to witness to others of the work of grace that had been wrought in his heart. That was the beginning. He pursued the course to a successful conclusion, only he and one other young man passing the difficult examinations.

God called him back to his own land of India. The vision the Lord gave him was of the map of India. His words were, "When you go back

to India you must not touch agricultural engineering. You must go back as My missionary. Do not join yourself to any particular missionary body in India; but keep yourself absolutely free so I can use you wherever I want to send you. You must not look to anyone for support. I will support you." He returned to his native land in 1933 a vastly different man from the one he had been seven years previously when he had sailed for England.

His parents opposed him, friends made attempts on his life. God shielded him and today his father is converted and witnessing to Christ's redemptive power. Bakht Singh has traveled throughout the length and breadth of India. In eleven years he read the Bible through twenty-two times. His ministry shows it. Wherever he goes he insists that Christians have their own Bibles. He has sold them by the thousands. His zeal for the spread of the Word of God is exceeded only by his love for souls.

### HELP NOW NEEDED

for the aged and infirm ministers of our fellowship who have already reached the place where they can no longer carry the burdens of pastoral or evangelistic responsibility. Others are rapidly approaching the same state and it is our duty to make provision for their needs also.

Sunday, May 27

has been set aside as a day of remembrance of the faithful ministries of these warriors of the cross, and on that day, all our assemblies can unite in the taking of a special offering to be sent to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Be sure to state plainly that the offering is for the purpose of assisting our aged ministers.

He has sold more Testaments and Bibles than any other one man in India. Someone counted the number of Scripture portions he quoted with references in one typical message and gave up when they passed the hundred mark!

For years our missionaries have tried to instill in our Indian brethren the desire to trust God for their support rather than to look to America and the missionary. Many hesitated to pursue such a course until Bakht Singh added his testimony to the weight of argument.

The following illustration is characteristic of him. During a six-weeks meeting in Dehra Dun he refused to take up an offering, saying, "No, the Lord will supply all the needs of this evangelistic campaign." At the end of his campaign, however, he was presented with a love offering of some 25 rupees (about \$8.25), as a personal gift to him. The British and Foreign Bible Society auxiliary at Allahabad send thousands of copies of gospel portions and Bibles to him to be sold among the people, knowing that in due time they will be paid for. He had a bill at this particular time. The Lord began to say, "I want you to send these 25 rupees to the Bible Society." He replied, "Lord, I am needing a few articles, such as razor blades, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc." which would cost about 5 rupees. But the Lord told him to send the full sum to Allahabad. He

came to the pastor with whom he was staying and said, "There is a little controversy between the Lord and me about those 25 rupees. He does not want me to touch a rupee of it. I only want to use five rupees; but He knows best. The Lord knows so much money would make me proud. Will you please supply me with a money order for twenty-five rupees?" While the pastor was getting the money order the postman arrived with a parcel for Bakht Singh. Opening it he found just the articles he had intended buying. Looking up into the face of the pastor he said, "That is the way my Lord treats me."

Many of his methods are unique to the West-erner but to the Indian they are the natural thing. An example of this are the Christian processions he institutes wherever he goes. Crowds of a thousand or more march through the center of the city. Banners bearing these words, "Christ is coming soon," in three languages are carried through the streets. He stops the procession en route and someone gives his testimony, or else a verse of Scripture is repeated. Sometimes a chorus is sung and Bakht Singh preaches a sermonette. Then the procession moves on singing and shouting the praises of the King. Such advertising brings results. The evening meetings are crowded to capacity.

One of the most commendable among the practical things he does wherever he holds meetings is to surround himself with zealous young Christians. His life sets the example which they strive to emulate. Hours of prayer are spent with them, hours of studying God's Word together. When he leaves, his zeal is carried on by these young men. Some of them have become outstanding witnesses to Jesus Christ. At one time he was reported to have a thousand such young men under training in the city of Madras, South India.

Those who have loved India and longed to see her church grow into a healthy organ of the body of Christ are praising God for raising up such men as Bakht Singh—men, and women too, who do not flinch at sacrifice but throw themselves recklessly on the promises of God. India knows what sacrifice means. India knows the meaning of devotion, loyalty and service but she knows them only for selfish reasons. When India sees these streams gush like a torrent from the springs of love—divine love—she will want to discover the source of that love—the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for men like Bakht Singh. Pray that he may continue to preach the Word of God with all boldness and that others will join the ranks to wrest the souls of India from the clutches of the enemy.

### A PRAYER

O show me Thy passion,  
Reveal it to me;  
The thorns and the scourging,  
The nails and the tree,  
The sacred blood flowing,  
The spear-wounded side;  
O show me Thy passion,  
My Lord crucified.

—Howard Carter

"A child is the most rigid exacter of consistency."



## PENTECOST IN PERU

THAT this is Latin America's God-given opportunity to hear the gospel, there can be no doubt. We are now sending more missionaries to our Southern Neighbors than ever before. In 1943 we sent 14 missionaries to Latin America. In 1944 we sent 15. We have already sent 10 missionaries thus far in 1945, so by the end of the year we should have sent at least 20. Best of all, God is blessing the ministry of this host of workers.

We have received a letter from LeRoy Williams, telling of the Lord's working in Peru. His letter reads in part: "In January, Brother Barker and I had the privilege of attending the district convention in Chimbote. The native brethren came from various surrounding towns and contributed to the convention by their testimonies, songs and prayers. From the blessed atmosphere of this convention we went to Trujillo, where a former student of the Bible School is now pastoring. We had a precious service there. The Lord is blessing this native brother, and they are looking to the Lord for an extension of their work on a larger scale.

"Next we visited the Huancayo section. This, too, is in charge of a former Bible School student, who is doing a splendid work in that section and is serving as one of the District Presbyters. In one town we had the joy of meeting a man and his wife who used to be in our home. At that time his wife helped in our home while he served as a native worker in Callao. Later, he felt led of the Lord to go to a mining town to minister. He secured employment in this new place, working over 3400 meters underground in one of the mines. At the end of the long day's work, he would gather the people together in the evenings for a gospel service. After several years of hard work, the Lord has given him a fine group of believers, and they have recently established a Sunday School. Some have been healed and baptized in the Spirit. It was a real pleasure to spend several days in this place, giving Bible Studies to a group of such spiritually hungry people.

"A few days ago a young sergeant from the army came to the church to find out more about real salvation. He had read some of the literature our young people had been handing out, and the message had touched his heart. We talked to him for about an hour and a half, and then prayed for him. He left with the joy of salvation. The following Monday he attended the joint baptismal service of all of the churches on the coast, near Lima. There

were 52 believers who followed their Lord in water baptism that night. The power of the Lord was there in a special way, and the young sergeant expressed a desire to be baptized at the earliest opportunity."

Praise God for what He is accomplishing in the long neglected lands. Are you having your portion in this soul saving ministry? You can, if you will. First, join the other thousands of prayer warriors in praying daily for our missionaries and for these needy lands. Then send in your offerings regularly and consistently, to help these missionaries go forward for Christ in every land.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1945

Congo	\$ 1,098.75
Egypt	4,931.00
Gold Coast	1,394.54
Ivory Coast	12,860.00
Liberia	7,019.13
Nigeria	1,784.48
Nyasaland	971.30
Sierra Leone	899.69
Tanganyika	676.25
Transvaal	2,312.41
China	3,498.44
Ceylon	692.89
India	13,315.10
Europe	5,656.00
Palestine and Near East	3,757.57
West Indies	7,915.99
Mexican Border Work	1,342.19
Central America	13,111.77
Argentina	1,237.12
Brazil	2,543.32
Chile	2,414.05
Colombia	1,174.00
Paraguay	160.50
Peru	3,417.02
Venezuela	1,439.40
Fiji Islands	243.88
Hawaiian Islands	130.00
British West Indies	639.05
Non-Council Missionaries	9,617.27
Miscellaneous Fields	3,361.38
Retired Missionaries	1,114.74
Total Disbursements	\$110,728.93
Paid from held accounts	2,090.98
	108,637.95
Paid from reserve funds	4,676.92
Total Receipts for March	\$103,961.03

Send all contributions to:  
**NOEL PERKIN**  
 336 W. PACIFIC ST.  
 SPRINGFIELD, MO.

### Leland Johnsons Home!

A telegram from Oakland, California was received by the Missions Department on April 9th from Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson who, with others of our missionaries, were interned for three years in the Philippines. The telegram reads: "Arrived on Admiral Capps. Tangens are on the way. The others are coming soon." As we thank the Lord for the safe return of these missionary friends, let us continue to pray for those who are still on the way.

A cablegram has been received stating that the Richard Scottis have arrived in Stanleyville, Belgian Congo, which is just a few hours from their destination, Gombari.

### MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS March, 1945

Alabama	\$ 1,012.80
Arizona	541.29
Arkansas	2,140.98
California	24,758.63
Colorado	1,542.95
Connecticut	307.14
Delaware	558.80
District of Columbia	685.00
Florida	1,926.56
Georgia	498.19
German Branch	513.59
Hungarian Branch	1,476.58
Idaho	1,786.80
Illinois	5,530.10
Indiana	2,009.63
Iowa	2,614.15
Kansas	4,770.26
Kentucky	528.02
Louisiana	416.24
Maine	82.96
Maryland	709.43
Massachusetts	484.47
Michigan	5,425.91
Minnesota	4,125.97
Mississippi	340.11
Missouri	5,188.82
Montana	1,256.85
Nebraska	1,923.09
Nevada	97.86
New Hampshire	74.85
New Jersey	2,575.25
New Mexico	370.81
New York	6,482.61
North Carolina	285.24
North Dakota	1,832.44
Ohio	7,796.65
Oklahoma	6,165.36
Oregon	2,821.17
Pennsylvania	8,716.03
Polish Branch	25.00
Rhode Island	66.25
South Carolina	144.18
South Dakota	800.05
Tennessee	530.65
Texas	8,506.22
Ukrainian Branch	67.04
Utah	64.38
Vermont	81.00
Virginia	1,076.09
Washington	7,391.37
West Virginia	286.85
Wisconsin	2,729.24
Wyoming	224.26
Alaska	28.00
Canada	337.84
Foreign	58.77
Miscellaneous	1,101.20
Total amount reported	\$133,892.04
District Fund	8,984.15
Home Missions Fund	4,174.80
Office Expense Fund	2,483.03
Literature Expense Fund	383.52
Given Direct for Home Missions	5,419.90
Given Direct to Missionaries	8,485.61
	29,931.01
Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$103,961.03

## HEALED OF ARTHRITIS

In World War 1 I contracted arthritis, which gradually grew worse. On January 23, 1941 I was operated on for appendicitis. I had pleurisy and pneumonia. The doctors gave me up to die. I was not saved, so I began to think on my ways, and I promised God if He would spare my life I would serve Him. After that I lost consciousness and did not know anything for several days; but the Lord spared my life.

I was in the hospital four and a half months and for sixteen months after I got out I could do no work at all. I got saved but the adhesions were bad, and my stomach was greatly enlarged. The doctors said I would have to have an operation, that nothing else would save me. However I went to church and was prayed for and God healed me. In six weeks there was no swelling at all, and no pain.

In 1942 I was back in the hospital for thirty days with arthritis. The doctors said there was nothing they could do for me, for me to keep going as long as I could and then it would all be over. Then I decided to quit the doctors entirely and trust the Lord.

I grew worse until I could hardly get around to any work at all. September 3, 1944 our pastor Brother C. C. Comer and some of the saints gathered around me and prayed for me. I was instantly healed and I have not had a pain since. I am nearly fifty-two years old and I walk as straight and do as much work as I ever did with as little fatigue. I am a meat cutter and I can do as much work as I could ten years ago and just as easy.—Henry J. Ward, 4114 South 24th West Avenue, Tulsa 7, Oklahoma.

## AN OLD MAN HEALED

In March 1943 I was stricken with pain in my head, neck and shoulders, so severe that for three months I did not know even my children. The doctors saw no hope for my recovery. Several times the family and friends stood about believing I was dying.

Then Brother and Sister Sawyer came to pastor the church and they came to pray for me often. One morning about four o'clock the Lord touched my body and for the first time in about a year I got out of bed; but the pain did not leave my head, neck and shoulders.

April 19, 1944 I celebrated my eightieth birthday. On the 23rd we attended church but on getting home I was distracted with the terrible pains in my head. I began calling on the Lord in desperation. Then, instantly the pain all left, and for the past eight months and more I have been entirely free of pain. I go about and do the work a man of my years, expected to do, and am well.—Willis B. Lane, 416 South 12th Avenue, Edinburg, Texas.

## SORE FOOT AND MIGRAINE HEALED

For over a year I suffered with a rash on my foot and ankle, very painful and nothing would help. Finally it became raw and hurt me terribly for five weeks. I went to a specialist and he said there was nothing that could be done for it. Then I turned to the Lord for healing. I called for Pastor Clyde I. Bowman. He prayed over me and anointed me with oil. The pain left at once. The next day I could wear my shoe, in a few days the swelling was

all gone and it was healed. That was April 1943, and it has given me no trouble since then.

Since I was a child I suffered with migraine headaches, so severe that I would have to be as long as three days in bed. As I got older the spells became worse. But something over a year ago I sought the Lord for healing, and He heard me. I have had no attack of migraine since then.—Mrs. Martha Miller, 220 South Countyline Street, Fostoria, Ohio.

## THOSE ABOUT YOU ARE HUNGRY—

for God's Word. You may give it to them.

We have some recent back-dated Sunday School quarterlies, full of good things from the Word of God, which you may have for the asking. Why not take this material to those who would like to have it? Old folks' homes, hospitals, prisons, private homes all about you—all are fruitful soil for the sowing of God's Word by means of literature. Write and tell us how many you can use, and what kind—Adult, Senior-Intermediate, Junior, or Primary. They will be mailed free of charge.

Note: We do not have any back-dated Sunday School papers or Pentecostal Evangel. We have some Primary and Beginner picture cards.

## 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.

LAUREL, MISS.—Kingston Assembly, May 1—; George Hayes, Evangelist.—Jeff Gibbs, Pastor.

CLINTON, OKLA.—April 29—; N. B. Rayburn, Martin, Tenn., Evangelist.—E. L. Saxelid, Pastor.

SAVAGE, MD.—Bethel Assembly, May 1-13; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Shaffer, London, Ky.—George Koss, Pastor.

ALLEN TOWN, PA.—824 Walnut St., April 22—; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., Speaker.—Henry Barton, Pastor.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Burbank Blvd. at Farmdale St.; April 29, for 2 weeks; Wallace Ross, Evangelist.—Arne Vick, Pastor.

SAVAGE, MD.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, Baltimore Ave., May 1-13; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Shaffer, London, Ky.—George S. Ross, Pastor.

CONNEAUT, OHIO—299 Broad St.; revival in progress; Evangelist A. Karmarkovic, Chalk Talk Artist; Mrs. A. Karmarkovic and Bette Helgren, Musicians and Singers.—T. E. Hartshorn, Pastor.

ELDORA, IOWA—1403 15th Ave.; April 15, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Evangelists, Creve Coeur, Ill.—L. E. Hamilton, Pastor.

KING CITY, CALIF.—April 25—; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—Ray Curtis, Pastor.

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS—May 6, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Glen B. Hamilton, Enid, Okla.—L. Glen Ahlf, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—S. 12th and Dodson Ave.; May 6, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Judge Lindsey, Pampa, Texas.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—12th Ave. and 22nd St., April 22—May 6; J. B. McIntosh, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—J. D. Courtney, Pastor.

RENO, NEV.—Bell St., between 5th and 6th, April 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Wesley Pope.—William Savidge, Pastor.

HARTFORD, ILL.—C. A. Revival, April 22—; Earl Cornelison, Bolivar, Mo., Evangelist.—Howard Wick-er, C. A. President.

DELPHOS, OHIO—April 15—May 6; Roy L. Buckley, St. Louis, Mo., Evangelist.—Donald Bostwick, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—7616 Nevada Ave. E., April 8-29; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—M. D. Beall, Pastor.

JULESBURG, COLO.—Victory Crusade, April 29—; Ben Harris Jr. and Chas. E. Kite, Ft. Morgan, Colo., 16 and 17 year old evangelists.—A. E. Hokanson, Pastor.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE  
COMMENCEMENT  
Springfield, Mo.

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 19, 6:30 p. m.

Baccalaureate

H. B. Garlock, Speaker

Sunday, May 20, 2:30 p. m.

Alumni Business Meeting

Monday, May 21, 10:00 a. m.

Commencement

Monday, May 21, 7:00 p. m.

Speakers:

Agnes Johnson, Powers Lake, N. D.

Fred Capparelli, Jersey City, N. J.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—38th Anniversary, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325-329 W. 33rd St., April 29—May 13; J. Robert Ashcroft, Evangelist. Services: Sundays, 11:00, 3:30, and 7:30 (broadcast 4:05-5:00 p. m., Station WAAE, 970 kilos.) and daily, 7:45 p. m., except Mondays.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Brown, Pastors.

ERIE, PA.—Eastern District Prayer Conference, Glad Tidings Church, 1612 Sassafras St., April 24-27. Services 9:30, 2:30, and 7:45. Carl P. Steffens, former Lutheran pastor, and other speakers will minister. For accommodations write Norman T. Spong, 1156 W. 6th St., Erie, Pa.—Ray S. Armstrong, Prayer League Leader.

ALABAMA DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS  
North Central Section, First Assembly, Clanton, April 30-May 1; A. T. Hickman, Presbyter, South Central Section, Assembly of God Phenix City, May 7-8; W. P. Hughes, Presbyter, Northwest Section Beaverton, May 14-15; O. C. Hickman, Presbyter.

The ministers of a section with the delegates (one from each assembly duly elected) may elect their District Presbyter by vote. Applicants for issuance or renewal of credentials—ordinations, exhorter or licentiate, are required to meet their Sectional Committee in person.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.

## OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Northeast Section, Vinita, May 7-9; F. W. Simpson, host pastor, Northwest Section, Clinton, May 14-16; E. L. Saxelid, host pastor.

It will be necessary for all who carry license or exhorters papers to be present and secure a renewal blank, so their papers can be renewed for the following fiscal year. Those desiring license or exhorters permits, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. First service, Monday, 7:30 p. m., in charge of Clifford Burkett, District C. A. President. Day services, 10:00 and 2:00. Licensing service, Wednesday afternoon.

For further information, write V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

## ALABAMA C. A. RALLIES

Alabama C. A. Rallies, April 29; Northwest Section, Millport; O. C. Hickman, Representative. South Central No. 1, Girard; C. W. Davis, Representative. South Central No. 2, Sassafras Mill; Carnell Bruce, Representative. South Central No. 3, Blue Springs; Myrtice Herring, Representative. Southwest Section, Michigan Avenue Assembly, Mobile; Ruben Hightower, Representative. Southwest No. 2, Mancil Chapel; Alice Burkette, Representative. Southwest No. 5, Bay Minette; Robert Bowen, Representative. Southeast No. 2, New Postok; Elbert Jackson, Representative. Southeast No. 3, Grangerburg; H. P. Money, Representative. Southeast No. 4, Arifton; Gordon Earls, Representative. Southeast No. 5, Florida; Max McNabb, Representative.—Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. President.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—1604 Leighton Blvd., Miles City, Mont. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barfoot.

WANT TO BUY—A good church bell. State price and condition.—Wm. Dunn, 1017 Alston St., Houston 8, Texas.

NOTICE—Am re-entering evangelistic work, May 1. Address: Ronan, Mont.—H. D. Robeson.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 44, Madras, Ore.—"We are laboring among the Indians. All Council ministers and missionaries passing through are welcome to stop with us."—Alfred and Loreen M. Brown.

FOR SALE—120-base Scandalli accordion, ladies' model, 4 different tones on treble and 2 on bass, \$290.00 cash.—K. D. Compton, 105 W. Granite, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

## OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

Dewey J. Cole, 2612-A North 21st St., St. Louis, Mo.

# The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## A MARK IN THEIR FOREHEADS

Interesting, in the light of Revelation 13:16, is the report that wounded British soldiers are given a mark in their foreheads. Markings are painted on their brows with lipstick so that the medical staff will know at once what next to do with them at the field hospital.

## DO WE DESERVE PEACE?

The government-controlled radio in Great Britain (BBC) recently allowed a song to be broadcast which said, "I'm going to get lit up, when the lights go on in London." Many Americans are planning to celebrate the war's end in the same way, instead of giving thanks to God.

## A TIMELY RESOLUTION

The Arkansas House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for increased emphasis on spiritual values. It read in part: "That our children be reared in the precepts of fundamental righteousness. That the churches and Sunday Schools be constrained to intensify their work and to extend it to every child within their respective spheres of influence."

## GRATEFUL FOR PRAYER

The boys of a Sunday School class in Atlanta meet each Sunday and pray, individually, for 143 Allied leaders. They have written to 63 of the leaders and told them of this, and all have replied promptly expressing their gratitude. "With divine guidance," wrote General MacArthur, "we cannot fail." Marshal Montgomery said, "I need the prayers of you boys."

## GOSPEL BROADCASTERS PROTEST

When a Philadelphia radio station announced recently that it was canceling their contracts, sixteen local gospel broadcasters held a mass meeting in Convention Hall to protest such action. The crowd of 14,500 people adopted resolutions to the effect that no radio station ought to refuse to sell time for religious broadcasting. Equal rights should be offered to all denominations, and listeners should be permitted to support the program of their choice. "We vigorously reject the idea that it is the business of the radio stations to enter into religion and to provide programs for the people," they said.

## HELPING OUR MISSIONARIES

Someone in Washington has said that most of the war material we have in England and on the Continent will be abandoned when the war ends. Wouldn't it be fine if, instead of letting it be wasted, some of the jeeps, boats, planes, trucks, radio and electrical equipment, etc. could be obtained by missionaries at a reduced cost? *Moody Monthly* suggests that Christian people ought to write to their senators and congressmen urging that, in view of the contribution to victory made by Christian natives in the Pacific, missionaries should be given the opportunity to purchase some of this equipment at a low cost. It would cost too much to bring it all back to America. Why not turn it over to missionaries in those areas?

## CHRISTIANIZING JAPS?

Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Jr., who is leading the American forces on Okinawa, is kind to his men but not to the Japanese. "He says he wants to make Christians of all of them, and the only way to do that is to give them a Christian burial," said one officer who has served many years with him. It would be very unfortunate if anyone were to take this statement seriously. It takes more than Christian burial to make a man a Christian.

## SPIRITUALISM IN ENGLAND

Satan and his servants are capitalizing on the grief of many whose loved ones have been lost in the war. *Colliers* (April 14, 1945) reports: "Spiritualism has become so widespread in England that today virtually all public halls are booked in advance for seances, even those so large that loud speaker systems have to be used to enable the vast audiences to hear the voices of the dead. Furthermore, faith in these voices is so strong that for example many women convinced they have heard the voice of a soldier son have refused to believe a later official casualty notice that he was only wounded."

## CATHOLICISM IN RUSSIA

"I see no urgent need to ask Catholic priests to come from abroad to participate in religious affairs here," says the Chairman of the Soviet Council on Affairs of Religious Cults, Ivan V. Polyansky. "I am confident that Russia's own talented and hard-working clergy is capable of serving the needs of the faithful, especially as the training of new priests is already proceeding." Evidently Russia is willing to grant religious liberty to people of all churches including Roman Catholics, but does not favor the entry of foreign religious leaders. Russia does not want outside groups to send missionaries, priests, or leaders into Russia to convert the Russians and to train religious leaders.

## "LOVERS OF PLEASURES"

One would expect the people on the home front to be solemnized by the mounting casualty lists from the war fronts, but such is not the case. While some are turning to God in their grief and anxiety, the majority are trying to drown their troubles in worldly pleasures.

Church attendance in general has shown no marked increase, but sports attendance has. Six of the leading sports last year attracted 240,000,000 spectators, an increase of 15 per cent over 1943.

The race tracks were more popular in 1944 than ever. There were 18 million people at the races, and betting totalled well over one billion dollars. It took a government order at New Year's to stop the people from wasting their time and money on horse racing, and now it has taken a government order to make people end their revelry in "night spots" by midnight. "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:4) certainly fits the people of this day.

## INDUSTRIES IN PALESTINE

There are 50 shoe factories in Palestine with a capacity of 2,000,000 pairs of shoes per year; 16 hosiery factories with an annual capacity of 200,000 pairs of socks; and 23 knitted goods plants. Palestine has the only factory in the Middle East that manufactures newsprint; it is a new factory, situated north of Tel Aviv. This is but part of the picture of Palestine's industries today.

## APOSTATE JEWS

Jewry is not exempt from apostasy from its own faith. Rabbi Shanfarber of Chicago says: "We Jews have given religion to the world, but we have little ourselves. We gave God to the world, yet we have little of God in our hearts. The Jews are not studying their Bible—other people are studying it. Our tremendous indifference is our worst ailment. We are troubled with the teaching of agnostic atheism, materialism and Christian Science." Dr. Melamed, the eminent scholar, declares: "The Jews have now scarcely anything in common with the Jews of the Bible." In his induction sermon, the chief rabbi, Dr. Hertz, made this emphatic admission: "Hosts of our men and women of tomorrow are losing belief in Israel's future and are drifting into unbaptized apostasy."

## THE "ASTROLOGY RACKET"

Adolph E. Meyer, writing in the January *American Mercury*, gives an interesting report on what he terms the "Astrology Racket." He says that the American people are paying "starry-eyed seers" \$200,000,000 annually to smother their worries and woes "in reassuring mumbo-jumbo that Einstein himself would have a hard time following." The trade in horoscopes has become so profitable that it has developed into many different branches of astrology. "Colleges" for students of astrology have been opened in New York, Illinois, and California; and in spite of the paper shortage the astrological journals are "wantonly increasing in number." The Bible warns us against having anything to do with "the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators," or "an observer of times," as it calls them. Deut. 18:10; Dan. 47:13. God condemns such practices. He wants to be the all-sufficient portion of His people.

## TO OUR SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Dear Bro. Jaeger,

I received your kind letter and a *REVELLE* last evening. I want to thank you for being so nice to me. You and the staff surely will be rewarded on the other side. Your paper has put light upon several questions that troubled me quite often.

I'm sure everyone that receives *REVELLE* will enjoy it, and pass it on to his buddy or shipmate. I enjoyed it myself and will be waiting for more of them.

Yes, I am interested in the Bible study course. All my folks are Christian people but me, and maybe this course will help me to live a better life.

I want to thank you for all you have done for me and wish the staff as a whole a grand reward.

Yours Truly,  
C. L. B., S 1/c  
U. S. Navy