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I CAN TRUST

I cannot see beyond today,
But I can trust
That He who guides me all the way Is wise and just;
And He will let no tempest wild O'erwhelm His child.

I cannot see the far-off land,
But over there,
Built by my Father's loving hand,
Are mansions fair:
And God will welcome me when I His child come home.
"I may-not know the reason why Of simple things,
But o'er the greatest I can fly.
On faith's strong wings,
And live a life of trust and love In God above.

# Counisel to Minísters 

## Howard Carter

- I would like to give a few words of counsel to younger ministers and those who have an ear to hear.

First, I have learned that to be in God's will is better than success. Natural success is generally valued according to the opportunity it affords for self-glory, for self-enrichment, and for self-advancement. The things which promote us personally we regard as successful. Brethren, promotion cometh from the Lord, and all promotion outside the sphere of His will is self-exaltation, which will finally suffer abasement. Seek first, therefore, and always, to be well pleasing in the sight of God and to accept in humility the promotion which cometh from Him alone. To be in God's will may seem no more like success than Calvary did to the onlookers ; nevertheless, to be in God's will, whatever we suffer in this life, will mean eternal success.

Secondly, seek to be sanctified in heart and life. God is holy, and we must be holy if we are to please Him. There are sins which war against the soul, and bring us into captivity. There is covetousness which is idolatry, and which disturbs our spirits and spoils our ministry. Let us watch and pray lest we are overcome by temptation.

Thirdly, be strong in faith, giving glory to God. Without faith it is impossible to please God, so strong faith must greatly rejoice the heart of God. Those who are always "counting the cost" will generally have little else to count. The men of faith risked all that they had and even life itself, and found God to be faithful. Be strong and of a good courage; venture to do the thing which is too great for you, and God will come to your aid.

Further, brethren, notice the tendency of all movements to backslide. Not only do members fail to walk in the light but movements lose the blessing which characterized them at the first. What would George Fox have to say about the Quakers if he rose from the dead and walked into one of their meetings? What effect would a Methodist meeting of the present day have upon the original John Wesley if he could behold it? Would the first General of the Salvation Army be content with the Salvation Army as it is today?

But what is the cause of declension in movements, which robs them of their power? Perhaps, first of all, there is a desire to make the work very respectable, so that no one who enters a meeting will be shocked by anything which takes place. The Quakers in Fox's time quaked. When Wesley ministered there were strange manifestations such as people falling under the conviction of the Word. These things were as far from being "respectable" and "decent" as is the speaking in other tongues in our meetings today. However, if we are ashamed of spiritual manifestations in our meetings we shall shame the Almighty from our midst and take our place with the powerless movements about us.

Also every movement tends to raise its educational standard, and there are excellent reasons for so doing. After a time we have to confess, with Hudson Taylor, that our credential committees would debar from the work some of our finest workers, which have been with us from
the beginning, if these workers, had to stand afresh for examination. No one wishes to place a premium on ignorance, nor to be carried away with the pride of learning. If the mighty power of God is resting upon a person, though he be numbered with the unlearned and ignorant men, let us accept him; he may be used to turn the world upside down. To accept a man because he is educated rather than endued with power is to tread the fatal pathway to failure. What educational standard would that former giant of faith, Smith Wigglesworth, have passed had such been necessary at the time he entered the Pentecostal Movement!
Another cause for backsliding would be the putting of men who have not been filled with the Spirit into prominent places in our ranks. They may be wealthy persons, able to help considerably in the erecting of buildings; or they may be eloquent, with a pleasing flow of words ; or they may be clever business men, who seemingly have something to contribute; but if they are without unction, if the mantle of spiritual power does not rest
tupon them, then their other gifts and talents will only drag the whole movement down to a natural level. It is the power we need, brethren, if the movement is to remain virile-the gracious mighty power they had on the day of Pentecost.

Perhaps the carnality of office-seeking curses a movement as much as anything. The spirit of those who love the pre-eminence is so far removed from the true spirit of Christianity, that politics generally play their part, and the work of God is corrupted. Instead of the desire to serve predominating, the desire to be served fills the office seeker with pride and unholy determination until he loses the spirit of the Master. And when this condition spreads, a spiritual movement degenerates and backslides.

What is still more subtle in any Movement is the development of natural talents among the younger ministers, who make a great impression and appear to be very spiritual, when actually they lack spiritual depth. If one is gifted with a ready flow of words, and has a certain refinement and pleasing personality, he may attract crowds to his meetings without doing a deep work for God. Unless the heart has been deeply moved, and the life fully sanctified, the natural gift will only spread a thin veneer over everything and a work of a superficial order will result. And a superficial work causes a movement to backslide.

A great evil which springs from superficial work is the lowering of the moral standard. People argue that the "gift" evidences the Lord's blessing, and therefore it does not really matter if the moral standard be low. Such a corrupting influence quickly ruins a spiritual movement and it is eventually shorn of its power. We must keep the moral standard high if the work is to be deep and lasting.

Also, brethren, a movement backslides when its ministers are increased with goods, and the spirit of sacrifice is lost. To do the work of Christ we must have the spirit of Christ, and the spirit of the Lord teaches us that gain is not godliness. A minister's external possessions are no evidence of his spiritual gifts; indeed the opposite may be nearer the truth, since God has chosen the poor of this world rich in faith. The pattern for all of us is not the Laodicean church, but the Christ Himself who stood outside knocking. We desire the work of Assemblies of God to prosper and to continue in its early purity, and to grow in power and not to decline. We must therefore watch and pray against the things which cause the spiritual dry-rot.

Let us pray that the gifts of the Spirit shall be more in evidence in our Assem-
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# The Holy Spirit in the Local Church 

R. M. Riggs

- The church universal consists of many local units. The Holy Spirit dwells in the church at large and He also dwells in each individual church. There is an ordained manner of operation for each local church under the power and control of the Holy Spirit. It is this phase of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the church which we shall consider.


## He Draws the Saints Together

'By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, . . . and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:13. "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." v. 27. This intimate, vital relationship makes Christians one with each other in a sense that no lodge or fraternity can bind men together. Here is organism, as well as organization; unity, as well as union. This Spirit relationship draws us to each other as a magnet draws pieces of steel - "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. $10: 25$. We are together in the Holy Spirit. It is logical and inevitable that we should seek to assemble ourselves together constantly.

## Order of Worship

When the whole church be come together in one place, then what is the Scriptural procedure? "Every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation." 1 Cor. 14:26. "Exhort one another." Heb. 3:13. "Comfort one another." 1 Thess. 4:18. "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Col. 3:16. "Confess your sins one to another." James 5:16. R. V. "Pray one for another." James $5: 16$. "Love one another." 1 Peter $1: 22$. "Bear ye one another's burdens." Gal. 6:2. Here is congregational worship at its purest, every member of the body participating. "For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all be comforted." "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied." 1 Cor. $14: 5,31$. The whole body animated, inspired, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit and yielded to His operation.

## The Holy Spirit Provides <br> Workers and Operates Through Them

"God hath set some in the
church, first apostles, secondárily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, the gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:28. "Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, . . . He gave gifts unto men." "And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teaches; for the perfecting of the saints, for (or unto) the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. $4: 8,11,12$. As this is true of the church universal, so to some extent it must be true of local churches. In them, too, should appear the ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Also there should occur healings, tongues, and Spirit-led business meetings. All of these function in the power of the Holy Spirit operating in one or more of the gifts of the Spirit. This is the kind of ministry that is ordained of God.

## Holy Spirit Preaching

Preaching with wisdom of words, with enticing words of man's wisdom, or with excellency of speech which is purely natural, is as much an intrusion of the profane into the holy as an admission of a Canaanite into the house of the Lord of Hosts. Zech. $14: 21$. Paul preached with the Holy Spirit gift of the Word of Wisdom, and dared not preach otherwise. 1 Corinthians 1 and 2. "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." 1 Thess. $1: 5$. And let the word be received with joy of the Holy Ghost as it was at Thessalonica.

## A Child of the King

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be,
When Christ the King is taking care of me?
Tired? Sometimes-yes, more than tired; but then,
I know a place where I can rest again!
Lonely? Ah, well I know the aching blight;
But now, I've Jesus with me day and night!
Burdens? I have them; oft they press me sore,
And then-I lean the harder, trust the more.
Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of it is
That I should know such boundless love as His!
And so, I'm rich; with Christ I am "joint heir"
Since He has stooped my poverty to share.
-Evangelical Christian.


1 Thess. 1:6. Peter also speaks of preaching the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. 1 Peter $1: 12$. This is the kind of preaching that results in what Peter experienced at Cornelius' household, when "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." Acts $10: 44$.

## Holy Spirit Singing

"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:18-19. Paul says, "I will sing with (or in) the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." 1 Cor. $14: 15$. Here is spiritual, Holy Spirit singing. It is the outflow of the Spirit-filled experience. It is "to the Lord." Not to the audience, but to the Lord. What room is there here for the unconverted to participate? How can the "world" receive the Spirit and function as a member of a body of Christ, as that body unites in singing God's praises? It is a violation and a desecration of the holy place for the unconverted to stand on the sacred rostrum for ministry in word or song. Let the high praises of God be in our mouths. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Psalm 103:1. How better can we praise our God than with the Spirit of Praise whom He has given us? All who are filled with the Spirit should yield to the Spirit of Praise and submit themselves one to another in the fear of God as together they speak to themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their hearts to the Lord. Eph. $5: 19,21$. This is the Bible's emphasis on Spiritfilled congregational singing. Let us beware lest our so-called "special" singing degenerate into a carnal display of human talents or purely natural entertainment.

## "Praying in the Holy Ghost"

Collective or public prayer is a vital part of public worship. The Holy Spirit stands ready to take (Continued on page ten)

The Working of Miracles

- It is a very light thing for Him who caused the waters of the Red Sea to rise up as a wall, to make a pathway through the sea for His redeemed, to perform a miracle. It was a light thing for Him to send the flood upon the world of the ungodly. It was but a small thing to Him to send the fire of judgment upon the wicked ones of Sodom. It is written of Him that He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance," and that "He taketh up the isles as a very little thing." Isa. $40: 12,15$. To lift up the isles of the sea would be considered a very great thing for us with our human limitations but not for Him who dwells in eternity where there are no limits.

Human beings always err in limiting the Holy One of Israel by the limits of their small comprehension. They say, "Can God? Can God supply? Can He spread a table in the wilderness?" God can supply in a miraculous way. He can multiply the five loaves and two fishes. And He can do more than that. When there are no loaves and no fishes to multiply, He can supply from heaven, from His countless resources, all that is necessary. He can speak, and that which is required is created. Let us not limit the Limitless One, or seek to measure Him by a yardstick of our own construction.

Our Lord Jesus Christ would have all His blood-bought ones, who are members of His body, one with Him. He is ever the same. In the Word we read of the powers of the age to come. We have seen in the Old Testament the powers of the age that has been. In days to come He is going to make the desert blossom as the rose, to cause rivers to flow where none could flow naturally. And even now He would have His own taste of these miraculous powers.
When the Son of God was upon the earth there was a manifestation of the power of the miraculous. When the waves of the sea rose high, He spoke the word and there was a calm. He broke the five loaves, and there was a miraculous sup-
ply. He proved Himself the Lord of life who had dominion in every realm, who would speak and cause the lord of death to release his icy holds on the victims that he had clutched and heldthe daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Nain, and Lazarus who had been in the tomb four days.

There are evil powers in the world, and these powers are being demonstrated through evil men who have sold themselves to Satan. The magicians of Egypt had evil powers and could demonstrate them. But greater was He who was in Moses than he who was in the sorcerers and magicians of Egypt. And greater power was demonstrated by the servant of Jehovah than by the powers that controlled these evil men. Even the magicians were reluctantly compelled to admit that the finger of God was greater than the hand of the enemy.

In Elijah's day the prophets of Baal and the prophets of the grove had power. They had the power of hell back of them. But greater was He who was in Elijah than he who was in them, and His powers were demonstrated. Fire fell from heaven in response to the prayer of the prophet of God. The result was that Israel cried out at this demonstration of the power of God, "Jehovah, He is God!"

There were evil powers in the temple at Corinth, evil powers that opposed the worship of Jehovah, evil powers that pronounced that Jesus was accursed. But the Lord God caused His disciples in that city, weak and frail, despised and foolish, though they were, to come behind in no gift. With the demonstration of the power of the Spirit through them, they showed forth that the Lordship and power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was greater than all the powers in the heathen temple, so that the men in Corinth, seeing the greater works, the greater power, manifested through these humble, lowly disciples of Christ, declared that Jesus is Lord of all.

In the days of apostasy in which we are living, there are evil powers, evil cults, who are performing lying wonders. They point to the manifestation of their power ; they point to the results they get. They deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of

God and Lord of all. They have a subtle way of confusing those who esteem the things of Christianity to be the right things. They speak concerning "the Christ and His power" as though He were a member and a demonstrator of the principles of their cult. But they deny the Blood of the Atonement. They do not preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, the Lamb of God who bore the $\sin$ of the whole world. They do not speak of sin. They do not know the power of the Spirit to convict of $\sin$. And many are deceived by these subtle, evil demonstrations of demonic power ; the serpent disguising himself as an angel of light, and his ministers hidden behind a veil of seeming righteousness, deceiving if it were possible the very elect. The children of God need to awaken and become so one with their Maker that there shall be a demonstration of the real power of God, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the early days of the church the disciples sensed the source of the opposition. They realized that they not only had the opposition of the rulers, the Sanhedrin, and the Roman power ; but back of these were the powers and principalities of darkness. They sent up to God the cry, "Behold their threatenings!" They cried, "Grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus." They wanted to demonstrate to a gainsaying world that all power and all authority in heaven and in earth is given to the Lord Jesus Christ. Was their prayer answered? It was answered in a most remarkable manner. Signs were wrought. Wonders were wrought. The servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, who had been obedient to Him, was conveyed in a miraculous manner from the desert to Azotus. When the Satanic powers moved Herod to destroy Peter, a wonder was wrought. An angel was sent from heaven to release the captive, not merely of Herod but of the powers and principalities of darkness who would destroy this servant of the Lord. A wonder was wrought, and Peter escaped.

When Eutychus fell from a window, a wonder was wrought. For the encouragement and comfort of the saints, his
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# PSYCHOLOGY and Spiritual Life 

An Indictment of Modern Principles of Evangelism Oscar W. Hallin

- It is SAid that $90 \%$ of the persons converted through the preaching of Charles Finney never became backsliders. Of those converted under the preaching of D. L. Moody, $75 \%$ are said to have stood true. But of those "saved" in Billy Sunday's meetings only $10 \%$ are thought to have remained true to Christ. And much of the evangelism in our time is quite similar in results. These figures reveal a great decline in the effectiveness of evangelism. We may well ask the question, "What is the reason for this failure?"


## Why the Decline?

Oh yes, many are ready to tell us the answer as they see it. Some tell us that the day of revivals is past and we cannot expect results as in former times. Others blame the modern life. They say that there are more and greater temptations in our time than formerly and this makes it harder to live a Christian life and causes more backsliding. These are some of the answers proposed, but the real reason is deeper. The martyrs of the early church did not have an easier time. But yet they stood true, even in the face of wild beasts and the fiery stake. The real reason for the failure of evangelism in our time to produce lasting results is that there has been a radical change in the principles and methods of evangelism.

## Three-Fold Nature of Man

The Bible tells us that man is a threepart being - he has a body, a soul, and a spirit. Each of these is a distinct entity. The soul dwells in the body and the spirit dwells in the soul. Thus these three are intimately associated. But at the same time they are distinct and occupy different planes. The body is on the physical plane. We care for it by physical food, hygiene, and culture. Next comes the soul. The ancient Greeks called it psyche, which means "soul," or our natural life. From that word comes the word "psychology" which means "the science of the mind (soul)." This science looms up big in the world today. It shows how to influence the mind, how to train the mind, and how to apply the mind. All this is very useful for secular teachers, leaders, politicians, salesmen and many others, and they make diligent use of it. The fundamental principle of psychology is to work on the natural feelings and emotions of people to achieve the desired results.

## Dependence on Human Psychology

It is not surprising that a science that
has proved so effective in worldly affairs should also appeal to preachers, evangelists and other Christian workers. A great many of them have therefore adopted this science from the world as a means of winning people for Christ. Here is where they have made a serious mistake. For psychology is "the science of the soul." It pertains to the soulish life of man. It applies to the psychical plane of life. It does not belong to the spiritual plane and life of man. For that plane is higher than the soul plane. The ancient Greeks used the word zoi when they referred to this higher life. In dealing with the spirit of man we must employ spiritual principles and methods. That was the secret of the success of Peter, Paul, Finney, Moody, and other great, truly spiritual men. If we shall have true, enduring success in Christian life and work we must abandon psychological methods and get back to the spiritual methods set forth in the Bible.

But what is the difference between the psychological and the spiritual methods? A great deal. As we have noted, psychology appeals to the natural feelings and emotions of man. Through these it seeks to influence people in a desired direction. Thus it uses natural feelings and emotions to lead people to Christ. The emotions are influenced to lead the people to make a decision for Christ. The spiritual method does not depend on natural feelings and emotions. It appeals directly to the conscience of man, then it depends on the Holy Spirit to drive this appeal home by working conviction on the spirit of man. When the Holy Spirit thus deals with man there will usually be feelings and emotions. But these feelings and emotions are the result of the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.


They are not the means for bringing people to Christ.

## The Cart Before the Horse

The psychological method of evangelism thus puts the cart before the horse. It employs emotions as means for achieving its purpose. And so it seeks sensational ways of stirring up curiosity, hilarity, sympathy, and so on. That is why many evangelists rely on sob stories and other speakers' tricks to put their message across. They appeal to the natural emotions of people. They are psychological. They make an acted-out show of Christianity to stir up a psychological reaction from the people. And they get just that. So do the commercial movies. But in neither case is it the work of the Holy Spirit. One movie may foster evil thougths, another motion picture may encourage kind and pious thoughts, but both movies operate on the same plane the natural or psychical plane.

But why this distinction between the psychical and the spiritual? Because the Bible makes this distinction. The Greek word for phychical is psychikos. It is the adjective form of the word psyche. The Bible translates psychikos as "natural" and "sensual." Now note what the Bible has to say about it. First, it declares that the natural (psychikos) man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God and cannot understand them. Why? Because they are on a higher plane $\rightarrow$ the spiritual. (See 1 Corinthians $2: 14$.) Plainly this is a declaration that we cannot find spiritual things on the psychical or natural plane. The same word psychikos is used in James 3:15 and Jude 19. Read these passages and consider them carefully. They show that we cannot get spiritual results by psychical methods.

## The Spirit Convicts of Sin

The spiritual method of evangelism is not appealing to the natural man. It is convicting. It boldly aims to uncover and denounce the sins of the listeners. When such a message is given in the power of the Holy Spirit it has a profound effect. It stirs the spirits of men. Some respond positively by repenting. This leads to conversion. That was the result of Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost. He boldly accused the people of being murderers of Jesus Christ. Then he called on them to repent. Many did and there was a great revival that day. A few years later Stephen faced a hostile crowd. He did not try to "appeal" to them but boldly denounced them as rebels against God. The message was effective. It wrought conviction. They were "cut to the heart." But they reacted negatively. Unable to answer Stephen's terrific indictment they turned upon him and stoned him.
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# Cast Not Away Thy Confidence 

Wesley R. Steelberg

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

(1) Wait a minute, friend; don't throw that away. . . . Don't throw what away? you ask. Why, your confidence. Oh, don't talk foolishly, you can't throw intangible things away. Ah, but that's where you're wrong. The writer of Hebrews expressly cautions us against this in this solemn word: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." So often we hear people say, "You can't believe anyone. It seems dreadful, but I'm losing faith in the veracity of even my friends." And as you and I read the papers we are confronted with statements concerning certain pacts or agreements, and the writer asks, "Even though certain countries could be persuaded to sign the covenant, could we trust them to keep faith with us?" Thus we see that men and even nations distrust each other.

This spirit of suspicion and distrust is everywhere, and to those who do not know the refuge, the assurance of a trust in God, it presents a very serious problem. They do not want to lose faith in their fellow man and they strive valiantly to account for misunderstandings by giving each other the benefit of the doubt, but still the ugly thing persists.

But it is not only the unconverted whom the Scripture admonishes. It is actually the believers who are addressed in this word. It is you who have believed the Word and trusted in God, who are tempted to become synical and even permit skeptical thoughts to enter your minds. And not without reason, for you have believed and testified fearlessly, and then in the midst of your courageous and determined witness you are suddenly confronted by stubborn factors which do not yield to the pressure of your prayer. One by one the cunning arguments of Satan present themselves and demand that you answer their questions; and since you are unable to do so, because God alone knows the answers, you are tempted to become panicky. It is then you might rashly cast away your confidence.

Beloved listener, may I entreat you in the words of Jesus, "Have faith in God." Our blessed Master was subjected to all the temptations in the catalogue, for He was tempted even as we are, and having proved the surety of His Father's promise, He urges us to hold fast our confidence.

The verse which follows the verses of my text declares, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will
not tarry." This applies not only to the hope of the Lord's return, but I believe it is a word of promise to all who have determined to cling tenaciously to God and His promises. It assures us that He will come and avenge us He will not suffer us to be defeated, but He will surely come and make good His Word.
My dear mother used to sing a lovely song of hope. I remember as a boy, it was always a blessing to me. When the day was dark and my mind was filled with misgivings, it gave me new hope and drove the clouds from my sky. Let me quote a verse for you: "Keep on believing, Jesus is near. Keep on believing, you've nothing to fear. Keep on believing, this is the way. Songs in the night as well as the day."

## BEWARE OF THE CROWD

"Don't trouble yourself about me, sir, I'll slip into heaven with the crowd some day," said a careless sinner to a Christian who was urging upon him the necessity of conversion before it might be too late. The Christian replied, "My friend, you have mistaken the place -the crowd is on the way to hell; therefore, if you slip in with the crowd, you will slip into hell. Scripture says, 'For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. $7: 13,14$. He had not thought of that. Have you?-Good News.

Joys are our wings; sorrows are our spurs. -Ritcher.

# The One Answer to All Needs 

A M. Hollis

- Too much concentration on the "problems" of our work is not good for us, for it tends to fix our attention upon the immediate here and now, and that often means upon me and my gifts or upon details of organization. That leads to the forgetfulness of the one answer to all needs-God. We are in danger of descending to the world's values, to the idolization of statistics, the worship of results. From this comes a further descent to the world's methods, to vulgarity and advertisement, and at that level we find we have no Gospel to proclaim, but sink to a prophesying of smooth things because "my people love to have it so." So let us go back to the essential fact, God. This must be our message "whether they will hear or whether they will forbear." We move right away from the merely here and now to what is true at all times in all places. Upon this we depend, the eternal nature and purpose of God. Finally, nothing else matters at all. We have to ask ourselves whether we are seeking to please men or God.

The answer is clear. But in the rush of our daily lives we forget it. We must escape from the pressure of many tasks. "Be still, and know that I am God."
Such was Isaiah's message to the statesmen of Judah when, threatened by Assyria, they rushed to make alliance

## IN WHICH DO YOU HAVE MORE FAITH?




One of the sections of the reinforced corrugated glass, which goes into the skylights on the roof of the printing unit of the Gospel Publishing House.

## BUILDING THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

## By Hart R. Armstrong

For quite some time now, the top view of the Gospel Publishing House has been marked by the saw-tooth arrangement in which the skylights are to be set. Beginning first with the bare steel beams, the addition of the "cue panels" covered one side of the saw tooth, but left the other steep side empty. This, of course, would be the place where the glass for the windows is to be placed. We have wondered just what sort of glass would be used and how it would be set in; but now as the work is progressing on the skylights, we can see what the picture will be like.

The glass in the skylights is not the movable type. The skylight windows cannot be opened, but are being fixed firmly in place-and such glass! It is not the normal type of glass that we use in our homes for our windows; this is a special corrugated type, and embedded in the glass is a netted wire reinforcement. With the reinforcement and the corrugation, the glass is almost unbreakable. It comes in heavy sections as shown in the accompanying pictures, and is being bolted into place and embedded in cooper settings. Special rubber strips are used at the top and bottom to seal the glass against weather, and to hold it firmly in place. All the edges and framing around the skylight panels are made of copper, and will be lasting and rustproof.

Owing to the fact that the new printing unit of the Gospel Publishing House will be completely air conditioned, there will be no need to have these skylights opened. They will be used chiefly for illumination, and spotted as closely as they are along the top of the roof will add a great deal to the volume of light coming down into the building.

The job of installing these special glass panels is very tedious and requires trained workmen to be carried through. However, it
is proceeding rather rapidly, and by the time this article is printed, doubtless, all the skylights will be installed on the new building. Wouldn't you like to have a part in erecting this great building for God's work? Sit down today and make out that check and mail it to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. God bless you!

## PSYCHOLOGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Real spiritual evangelism is marked by both positive and negative results. Sometimes it will be one, at other times the other, sometimes both. It is daring, adventurous, dangerous (to the flesh). A preacher needs more than a man-made diploma or ordination to qualify for this ministry. It is even not enough to be born again. He must also be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the bottle-neck in Christian work today.

The evangelism of Finney was not psychical. It depended on the working of the Holy Spirit. On one occasion he was conducting meetings in Albany, New York. While these services were in progress, an officer from another place in the state happened to have a legal errand to Albany. This official did not know anything about Finney's meetings. He traveled along the way toward Albany without any thoughts of religion. When he came within two or three miles of the city, he began to feel uneasy. As he continued the journey his uneasiness and depression increased. He did not know what caused it. When he reached the hotel where he was to stay he was under such conviction that he could hardly speak. And he noticed that other people were similarly affected. Then he learned of Finney's meetings. The Holy Spirit worked so mightily in that vicinity during those meetings that people could not escape His convicting influence, even if they were not attending the services. That was real spiritual conviction and it led to real spiritual conversion. The Holy Spirit did the work as only He can do it.

The use of psychic methods in Christian
service has had far-reaching effects on the religious life in our time. There has been a widespread shift from spiritual to psychic. Real deeper spiritual life is little known. Psychic thrills and emotions are confounded with the work of the Holy Spirit. Religious life is shallow and sensual. And how ean there be true separation from the world with a religion presented on a natural, sensual plane; in other words, on the world's own level?

We need to get back to the Holy Spirit and His plan for Christian service. But remember, we cannot do this unless we renounce psychic methods and standards in Christian life and work.-The Evangelical Beacon.

## TASHLICH <br> By Ruth Specter

Tashlich (a Hebrew word meaning "cast off") is still a popular propitiatory rite observed by Jews on their New: Year's Day. In fulfillment of Micah $7: 19$, "Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea," Jewish men go to the edge of a running stream immediately following the afternoon services where the Shofar (trumpet) has announced the first day of the New Year, and shake their coats or empty their pockets of crumbs of food into the water. In doing so, prayers are recited, concluding with the words: "My God, cast our sins into the depths of the sea!"

Christian, rejoice in the God of your salvation! Rejoice, I say, in Him who has cast away your sins in the running stream from Calvary! Rejoice that one day a Shofar was blown which announced a New Year for you -yes, a glorious eternity free from the bondage of Satan! Rejoice that there is a "fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins" and sinners can still plunge beneath that flood and lose all their guilty stains!

Wonderful Christ who hast cast our sins In the depths of the deepest sea, Help us to witness to these lost sheep That they too might be free!
Los Angeles, Calif.


Workmen busy installing skylight glass. Note the sections of glass are already bolted in place at the end of the skylight at the right, though the unit is not completely sealed as yet.

# Meeting the Challenge in JAPAN 

A liberated people finds that they must now make their own choices. This challenges

us to provide facilities to train national ministers.

John J. Clement, Japan

- "JAPAN'S DEFEAT was her liberation" has become a common saying in the land of forgotten war lords, bombed-out cities and a reduced Mikado. The nation has been liberated from the shackles of a highly organized military clique that had schooled the nation, held captive the minds of its men, women and children and had even utilized Buddhism, Shin-

toism and the many cults to propagate its socalled "Crusade for Greater Asia."

The day of such human master-rule is gone. But what have we now? Teeming masses of people liberated but left to their own choice. They are thinking, but what? The greatest prey of human souls that Communism has ever set its eyes upon is right here in Japan. And the vultures from the north are busily devouring the spoil. Ninety million souls are left in a vacuum. Here stands a challenge perhaps unparalleled in the annals of Christian missions. It is a challenge that the church must meet and meet quickly.

Let us of the Assemblies of God meet this challenge and gather in all the souls we can while it is day, for it is very obvious to all of us here that the "night cometh, when no man can work."

## Our First Post-War Efforts

The first efforts made in behalf of Japan were to get our missionaries back on the field as soon as possible. Although progress was slow and missionaries iew, great work was done to locate the different pastors and to encourage the small groups scattered throughout the country. The first missionaries to reach Japan

Upper, Pastor Tsutomu Tokugi has just finished baptizing the "grandmas" in Ozaki along with sixty-eight other Christians. Mrs. Nishiyama on the left is eighty-three years old and Mrs. Okazaki is seventy.
Lower, Seventy Christians followed the Lord in baptism in the ocean waters at Ozaki, Japan.

after the war labored under trying circumstances, nevertheless, their endurance and timely help strengthened the work that remained. An encouraging word, a can of food, a candle or a piece of soap went a long way to boost morale in those days. Thus the first phase of our post-war missionary work soon paid promising dividends. People were eager to hear the gospel and congregations were large. Opportunities were many and only heaven will reveal the final results. Some of the first souls won for Christ then are prospective workers today.

Forming the Assemblies of God in Japan
For some time there had been a growing desire to organize the work in this country. In April of this year in the city of Tokyo this organization was accomplished. There was great rejoicing when a constitution and by-laws for the Assemblies of God in Japan were finally adopted. Prayerfully we planned for the future of the work. Pastors spoke of the great need for church buildings in their part of the country -cities without an Assembly church-congregations without adequate meeting places, and even pastors without decent living quarters. As we listened the tremendous need grew before us. We prayed and planned knowing that the God of Missions is on our side.

## Bible School and Headquarters

The field is ripe unto harvest and the harvest must be gathered in by Japanese harvesters. Young men and women must be efficiently trained and sent out speedily. Many with the call of God upon their hearts are waiting to enter such an institute for training workers. By the help of God we are doing something to meet this challenge. In one of the finest districts in the city of Tokyo a site of an acre and a half has been purchased. It is an ideal location with electric train and street car facilities within three minutes walk of the compound. The very center of the city is only a few stations away, making it nost convenient for traveling to any part of the country.

Plans for the first unit of the Bible School have been drawn up and the contract has been signed for construction. This building is expected to be completed by the end of October.
What Does This Challenge Mean to You?
This program has meant an added burden for the Foreign Missions Department at a time when finances are low. It is the prayer of the missionary group on the field that friends and churches at home will help meet this challenge with us. Together let us build for God and bring this vision to fulfillment-a Bible School, an administration building, a printing house, dormitories and a church which will be seen for miles around with its neon-lighted tower.

The Bible School site is an area devastated by fire. But out of the dust, we believe, shall "blossom life that shall endless be." Please send your gifts for this work designated for
"Japan Bible School," to Noel Perkin, Secretary Foreign Missions Department, 434 W Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## New Converts in Samoa <br> Herman and Frances Winkelman, American Samoa

The work that was started a few months ago in the village of Aua is growing. Recently nine were added to the church. There are two chiefs among the folk attending the services. One of the chiefs, his wife and two daughters
have been baptized in water. The wife of the other chief has also been baptized, but the chief has not taken that step, though he is seriously considering it. It is such a joy to see these people give up their heathen customs and come out for the Lord. We have been aided in this work by the help of two Samoan workers.
A new family of six has been coming to our station here in Pago Pago for the past three weeks. The father, a man from New York state who had married a Samoan woman, has not attended church for years. The wife was brought up in the Mormon church but was not satisfied. The family has two boys and two girls. Though the man would previously go to no church, he did come here and now they are such a happy family.

The family lives across the bay about two miles from here. Last week when we held our young people's meeting, the mother and her oldest son walked and brought ferns and flowers to decorate the church. She is so happy to do something for the Lord's work.

Doors of opportunity are opening to us. In the near future we want to open another station in a village about six and a half miles away. Pray that God will lead in the development of the work here.

## Experiences in Pakistan

A letter from Elsie M. Bridgman tells of some of the difficulties she has experienced in preaching the gospel in Dakatia in East Pakistan. In order even to write the letter she had to sit on the floor of the native hut with her typewriter on her suitcase. The house she lives in also serves the school and the church. It is one room 15 by 40 feet, and while the school is in session the sound is like that made by a flock of crows. But Miss Bridgman states that she is now getting so that she can study while the students carry on at full speed.

It seems that snakes, lizards, jackals, and numerous kinds of insects are lurking around. Miss Bridgman was sitting on her cot one day when she happened to look up and there saw a snake coming around the corner of her suitcase. It was raising its head and pointing its tongue out at her, however, it was not a poisonous snake.
One morning a man came for a knife to cut off the ear of his cow which had been bitten by a huge cobra just a few hundred feet from Miss Bridgman's house. The cow died but they did not find the suake, so it continues to live near the house.
At another time thieves stole some things from a near-by house. It was said that the thieves were in waiting near Miss Bridgman's place during the night. She did not know it at the time, but was awakened suddenly in the night to pray for protection. After praying she fell asleep. Upon hearing about the thieves she knew that God had protected her. Let us pray that He will continue to do so.

A special effort is being made to enlist all in our fellowship to earnest prayer for the evangelization of the world. By writing The Missionary CHALLENGE, 434 W . Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri and indicating the number of Prayer Pledge Cards you can use, these will be sent you free of charge along with a Prayer, Chart for your prayer group.

# Church Dedicated in Yokohama 


#### Abstract

A church which was too large before the war must be enlarged to care for the great crowds which now eagerly attend to hear the gospel.


Florence Byers, Japan

- ON APRIL 30 the Yokohama Church dedication service was held. The former church and pastor's residence, which had been built before the war by Norman Barth, became too small following the war as God blessed and the congregation was greatly increased. About a third of the congregation had been compelled to sit out on a temporary veranda which had no roof. This was too hot in summer and too cold in winter. The new church building was erected on the side of the former one. For the dedication service and the three days of the convention not all the people could get into the new part, although the benches were removed and the people crowded together, sitting on their feet on the floor according to Japanese custom.

Mrs. Ito, who has been pastoring the church since her husband's death during the war, had only a small sum of money when the Lord led her to take the step of faith and build the new church. God placed the work upon the hearts of some G.I.'s, the missionaries and the Japanese church to give until the balance due was to be paid on the church the Saturday after the dedication. God supplied the needed funds in a marvelous way.
On Tuesday afternoon of the convention, Mr. Clement gave a heart-searching message under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. Following this twelve young men and twenty young women dedicated their lives to the Lord to be used in His service. We praise God for speaking to these young people, for our great need in Japan is for workers-national workers. A number of people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during the convention.

Little Mrs. Oki and I went by steam train to the City of Okayama where Mr. Saito opened a church last year. We took turns in ministering the Word at the three days of services. The Lord gave us a most profitable time with more than thirty souls being saved. One of those who gave their hearts to the Lord had been a concubine for the past ten years. There is a great spiritual battle ahead for her so we covet your prayers in her behalf. She was one of the fifteen who came all the way to the Okayama Station to see us off early Tuesday morning, and she wept-tears of joy for the blessing and peace that the Lord had given her since Sunday night. Her daughter, fifteen years old, was also saved.
On June 4 a baptismal service was held up near the mountains at which time eleven Christians were baptized. Five of them were from
among those who had been attending services in my room on Thursday nights, two were from Kyoto, and four were from Okamachi.
At Ozaki on July 3, we had a service where sixty-seven were baptized in the ocean, included in the number were a dear old woman eighty-three years old and one seventy. The Lord had given me the great joy of leading the older woman to Him in May of last year. We were so happy to meet again there on the beach. It is a great inspiration to minister to these humble fishermen and women.

On Saturdays I go to the large Osaka Municipal Relief Institution for services. In the morning services are held for inmates in the hospital and in the afternoon a children's service is held for the war orphans. There are about 350 orphans in the Institution housed in eleven homes with a woman in each home acting as a "mother." At the close of one Saturday morning service an inmate came forward for salvation, and several others came for healing.

We do praise the Lord for the way He is working among the inmates, the children and the staff of the Institution which until two years ago was strictly Buddhist. There are about 1600 in the Institution at present. We are praying that a revival will come to the Institution. Recently an old woman who had been a Catholic was wonderiully saved and six more of the children gave their hearts to the Lord. This makes a total of sixty orphans saved in less than a year. God be praised.

## CAN YOU HELP?

It has recently come to our attention that a worthy lady missionary, who originally went to China independently, is in real need of financial help. Friends who had been contributing have failed to send anything at all since the first of this year. She says she is expecting to stay on even though the Communists take over her city. If the Lord speaks to your heart concerning helping on her support, we shall be glad to have you write the Missions Department. Designate "China Independent Missionary."

## NEWS NOTES

Miss Lillian F. Hogan, missionary to Belgian Congo, is at home on furlough.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Miller, missionaries to Argentina, a son, John Charles, on July 25.
"It is not as if there were not plenty of

## THE <br> PASSING <br> avd PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

WHAT A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT SAYS
Dr. Philip Weltner, president of Oglethorpe University, told the Methodist Ministerial Association at Atlanta, Ga. that the greatest contribution ministers could make toward religious education would be "to teach the people at large again to set up family altars in their homes, where family worship and Bible study might be systematically practiced." This, he said, would stop the tide toward secularism in education.

## GROUP REACTION

The average opinion of a group that listens to any public entertainment can be determined by a new device developed by General Electric engineers. With the "recording meter," as it is called, up to one hundred persons can indicate what they think at one-minute intervals throughout a performance. Each holds a cof-fee-cup-sized device which has a pointer that can be turned to "very dull," "dull," "normal," "good," or "very good." A moving strip of paper continuously records the composite opinion. How many preachers would welcome such a device in their church services?

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

The International Council of Religious Education gives the following figures on the number of church-operated schools in the U.S.A., and the pupils attending. The Roman Catholics have 10,188 schools with an enrollment of $2,606,000$. The Lutherans have 1,296 schools with 96,000 pupils attending. The Seventh-day Adventists have 970 schools with 35,000 pupils. The Reformed churches have 120 schools, with 21,000 enrolled. The Assemblies of God have 3 schools operated by local churches. Of these various groups, the Roman Catholic is the only church asking for public school funds for parochial schools, for the Protestants recognize the necessity of preserving the traditional American principle of the separation of church and state.

## CANDY CIGARETTES

According to a feature article in the July issue of Christian Life, candy cigarettes are rapidly gaining favor with children. The candy cigarrettes look very much like the real thing, and they are put up in packages labelled Chestershield, Kool, Raleigh, Pal Moll, Cold Gold, Lucky Ten, Camols, etc. Christian leaders suspect-and cigarette manufacturers admitthat the candy imitations are a good advertisement for the real "smokes."

It is written, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke $16: 8$. Along with the cigarettes at many candy counters are imitation beer and liquor bottles filled with sweet syrup, for the children to buy. Christian workers, if we don't win the children to Christ at an early age, and fortify them against these snares of the enemy, the brewers and tobacco manufacturers will enslave them for life and they may be forever lost.

DIVORCE RATES CLIMBING
The divorce rate in the U.S.A. is considerably higher than in pre-war days (though it has dropped a bit during the past year or two). The latest report is that two out of nine marriages end in divorce. But it is not just in this country that divorce rates have been climbing. According to statisticians of the Metropoli$\tan$ Life, the increase is world-wide. "The whole world lieth in wickedness." 1 John 5:19. The sin that is in men's hearts is coming out in the open these days, and their need of a Savior cannot be denied.

## MIXED MARRIAGE ANNULLED

The Jews in the new state of Israel are doing all they can to discourage the marriage of Jews to Gentiles. Recently The Christian Century reported that "an Israeli district court annulled a marriage which took place in a civil registry office in Paris on the ground that all marriages between Jews and non-Jews are invalid under Jewish law. If a non-Jewish partner becomes a Jew, still the marriage to be legal (in the new state of Israel) must be performed by a rabbi."

## COMMUNISTS EXCOMMUNICATED

The Pope has issued an apostolic decree by which millions of Catholics will be excommunicated unless they denounce Communism. It is estimated that there are between 20 and 23 million Communist members throughout the world, including many Roman Catholics. At least $8,000,000$ Italians are Communists, according to a press officer attached to the Vatican press. If they continue to support Communism in any way, they will be automatically cut off from all the sacraments of the church, and will even be denied Catholic burial.

## A TRAGIC PROBLEM

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who is President of the Government of Israel, offered a solution to the tragic problem of the Arab refugees from Palestine, in an interview with Robert Boothby. The old man spoke with gravity and candor.

First of all, he said, it was necessary not to exaggerate the magnitude of the problem. He had seen a figure of 800,000 . The actual figure, he said, was 350,000 .

He declared that the Jews had asked, even begged, the Arabs not to leave. They had been encouraged to go by elements outside Palestine, including the British. They had been told that if they would wait in Transjordan for only a little time they could return to a land from which the Jews had been driven out. Many of them therefore departed in haste, leaving not only personal belongings behind, but even half-eaten meals.

Dr. Weizmann said that all these Arab's property was now in the hands of a custodian specially, appointed by the Government of Israel. In view of the influx of Jewish refugees to Palestine it would not be economically possible to have them *all back; but he estimated that about 100,000 could return if they wished and the remainder would receive full compensation for loss of property.
room for them," he continued. "There is Syria. There is Transjordan. There is Iraq. Best of all their is the country between the Tigris and the Euphrates-the site of the original Garden of Eden. It is a fertile land, with plenty of water. It could be made to flow once again with milk and honey. And it would be dangerous to leave it unoccupied for any length of time in the present state of the world."

## MISSIONARY PENNIES

A missionary lady told about her work in China. When she had finished, a little girl came forward and gave her twelve pennies. "I have been saving these pennies,". she said. "Now, I want them to help the missionary work in China."
How happy the missionary was to receive this offering from the earnest little giver! Months passed, and one day a letter came to the little girl. It said: "With your twelve pennies I bought twelve penny Gospels of John. I gave one to each Chinese girl in my class. They read about Jesus in their own little Book: and today, all tzelve gave their hearts to Christ!"

## MANY HEALED IN CHINA

W. W. Simpson, veteran Pentecostal missionary who has just returned from China, tells how God showed His healing power in Tango, in Northwest China, not long ago. Many who were sick with various diseases, which the doctor said were incurable, came and were healed through the laying on of hands in the name of the Lord. As a result, a great crowd attended the evangelistic meetings. Many were converted.
A baptismal service was held at the riverside, and the entire town, including the mayor and town council, attended. One of those baptized was blind, but when he came up out of the water his eyes were opened and his face was shining. In the meeting that followed, many more accepted the Lord.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

(Continued from page three)
control of yielded vessels and pray through them as the Spirit of Suppications. No one knows better than He that for which we ought to pray. As we yield our thoughts and our tongues, He will pray through us according to the will of God. Rom. 8:26, 27. When Paul commands that we pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, he meant praying in the Spirit. Eph. 6:18. Jude refers to the same experience when he says, "Praying in the Holy Ghost." Jude 20. It is at this point that the believer and the church face heavenward, acknowledge God as the Source of all blessing, thank Him for those blessings, bless God and minister unto Him, offering incense (which is the prayers of the saints, Rev. $5: 8$; $8: 3,4)$. It is here that He and they need the interposition of the Holy Spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. John $4: 23,24$. How can we better worship Him in spirit than to worship Him in the Spirit, yielding our voices to His utterance? "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Eph. 2:18. In, by, and through the Holy Spirit, we should pray unto the Father. All public as
well as private prayer should be God-anointed and Spirit-energized.

## Concerted Praying

A time set aside for a concert of spontaneous individual prayer should not be considered strange. When Peter and John returned from their first arrest and trial before the Sanhedrin, they reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord and said, Lord, thou art God," etc. Act 4:24. Since worship should be personal and individual, why should not all believers be given individual opportunity to pour out their hearts to God in prayer? "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Rev. 19:6. What is it then? May there not be rehearsals on a small scale here, as they are sincere and spontaneous? Why should the church have the stillness of a cemetery? This is the quietest world in which men will ever live. The wicked spend their eternity where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth and the shrieks and moans of the damned. The redeemed join the angels in praising God with a loud voice. Rev. $5: 8-12$. And the living creatures rest not day and night, saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Rev, 4:8. And even in this world, in all other exercises, men are free to express their feelings and emotions. It is not a sin to feel, or to cry, or to laugh. And when feeling gets into religion and worship, it only proves that it is from the heart, the seat of the emotions.

## Prophesying

Preaching, singing, and prayer do not exhaust possible exercises in a Spirit-filled church. "For ye may all prophecy"; "I would that ye all spake with tongues." 1 Cor. $14: 5,31$. The speaking forth under the unction of the Holy Spirit (as the Spirit gives utterance) in a known or unknown tongue by the rank-andfile members of the church is God-ordained and should occur in our churches. "Despise not prophesyings"; "Forbid not to speak with tongues." 1 Thess. $5: 20$; 1 Cor. $14: 39$. It appears that in Paul's time, these gifts were abused and exercised to excess; and that is why the Thessalonians had quenched the Spirit, and why Paul spoke so much in 1 Corinthians 14 about the regulation of these gifts. The Scriptural rule governing the operation of these gifts is that the prophets should speak one by one and not more than three in one service. v. 29. They who have the gift of tongues should likewise speak not more than three messages in one service, and the tongues should be interpreted. v. 27. These rules are mandatory. "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." 1 Cor. 14:37. If the excess among the Corinthians was due to ignorance, what shall be said today of any disregard of these simple rules which are now written plainly? Let none of us transgress or cause the full gospel to suffer by carelessness or disobedience in these matters.

## Lifting Up Holy Hands

There are, at times, demonstrations and mani-
festations which occur among Spirit-filled believers which are in marked contrast to the staid, still atmosphere of many modern churches. As saints in prayer or praise lift up their hands and reach out toward God, we have a demonstration which is considered unusual. But have you never read, "I will therefore that men pray everwhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting"? 1 Tim, 2:8. And "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord"? Psalm 134:2. And, "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice"? Psalm 141:2. The restoration of this beautiful expression of yearning and yielding toward God should be welcomed.

## Clapping Hands

The world's habit of clapping the hands by way of applause is in reality an imitation of a holy practice. "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Psalm 47:1. Speakers or singers should never be applauded in the house of God, for it is honoring the flesh and has no place in the worship of Jehovah. "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another. and seek not the honor which cometh from God only ?" Jesus asked. John 5:44. He is a jealous God, and will not give His glory to another. "Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?" 1 Cor. $10: 22$. The house of God is the place to honor and worship God and God alone.

## Dancing in The Spirit

The dance also has a holy function as an expression of joy. "Let them praise His name in the dance." Psalm 149:3. "Praise Him with the timbrel and dance." Psalm 150:4. "David danced before the Lord with all his might." 2 Sam. 6:14. Michal, his wife, saw him and despised him in her heart; and upon his return home, she ridiculed him. David answered, "It was before the Lord, . . . therefore will I play before the Lord." God accepted David's method of praise and punished Michal. "Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death." 2 Sam. 6:23. Let modern Michals take note, and beware!

## Loud Shouting

Shouting aloud the praises of God is not foreign to Scriptural worship. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." Psalm 98:4. "Shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Psalm. 47:1. On Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works that they had seen. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke Thy disciples. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:37-40. Which shall we be: the Pharisees, or those who worship God with a loud voice?

## Prostration

The presence of the Lord can become so real and overwhelming that one falls prostrate at His feet. When Daniel saw his great vision, he said, "There remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength." Daniel $10: 8$. When John saw his vision on the isle of

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Patmos, he also fell at the Lord's feet as dead. Rev. 1:17. The Roman soldiers, when they saw the angel on the resurrection morning, "did shake, and became as dead men." Matt. $28: 4$. In heaven, too, they fall before Him in holy reverence. Rev. $4: 10$. It is a spontaneous and perfectly natural reaction to the glory of the Almighty God. Receiving the glorious baptism of the Holy Spirit is an occasion when many fall prostrate under the power of God. Staid congregations still sing: "Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all." And, "At the name of Jesus, bowing, falling prostrate at His feet ; King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him, when our journey is complete." Why this pious expression and expectation, with no entry now into that experience which honors God and brings overwhelming glory to one's soul?

## Let All Things Be Done to Edify

It is not Scriptural or spiritual to suppress these emotional impulses if they are spontaneous and sincere, and are felt by those whose lives are pure and godly. On the other hand, they who worship God in the Spirit should carefully observe the Scriptural law governing all spiritual manifestations. They are given to profit withal. 1 Cor. 12:7. The gifts and operations of the Spirit are for the purpose of edifying the church. 1 Cor. 14:4, $5,12,17,26$. This is a good rule by which to judge all physical manifestations in the worship of Spirit-filled saints. Tongues, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, and great personal sacrifice are of no avail and as nothing, if they are not motivated by love. 1 Corinthians 13. If the exercise of our gift or personal blessing does not edify the church and profit withal, love dictates that we remain silent and control our spirit and our blessing.
(This article is Chapter 26 in Brother Riggs' new book, "The Spirit Himself." Order a copy from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. Price $\$ 2.00$ postpaid.)

## GENERAL COUNCIL - - SEATTLE, WASH. - SEPT. 8 to 15

Those who are going to Seattle will want to clip this map of the downtown area and take it with them. The Civic Auditorium, where the General Council meetings will be held, is shown in the upper left-hand corner.
We are hoping there will be a recordbreaking attendance at this important General Council meeting. Each assembly is urged to send the pastor and one delegate. Voting privileges will be confined to the ministers and official delegates of the local
assemblies, but the business sessions as well as the Sunday and evening meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. In various districts the ministers have been getting information from their district offices regarding transportation schedules. It is likely that special Pullman coaches will be going from Texas to Seattle. We understand that a 21 -passenger plane is being chartered by Howard E. Hardt, of York, Pa., to transport some of the ministers from that area.

The Ambassador will be taking a load of ministers from Springfield, Mo. Others will be traveling by bus or by car.

Those who live east of the Rockies can look forward to many scenic delights in the trip to Seattle. Their hearts will be inspired as they behold the wonders of God's handiwork in nature. The city of Seattle itself has many places of interest. A map of the entire city, showing the places of interest and giving information for tourists, may be ob-

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Our brethren in Seattle and the North. west District are doing all they can to make you comfortable while you are in their midst. The Housing Committee is working hard in order to care for everyone. If you have not yet made room reservations, write at once to R. F. Ashworth, Housing Committee Chairman, 648 West 80 th St., Seattle 7, Wash.
Let us prepare our hearts and expect great things from God during this General Council meeting.

## COUNSEL TO MINISTERS

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blies. There will be things to correct, of course, and there will always be a tendency to extravagance among some, but let us not make the grave mistake of being only "corrective" in our teaching. If we lay too great emphasis upon correction we will quench the manifestations of the Spirit of God in our meetings, for the members will become too concerned lest they do not follow the correct order, and they will remain silent altogether. The ultimate of such a course is the splendid order, decency and reverence of a graveyard! I am not advocating licentiousness or promoting fanaticism, brethren; I am simply warning against the danger of too much correction which can so easily amount to criticism. Coming generally from older brethren, like grandfathers in the natural sphere who cannot tolerate freedom in their grandchildren, but would correct them until the infants speak and act with the gravity of the aged! When our teaching is all corrective, and not exhorting, we shall become barren. Our chief emphasis should be upon "coveting" the best gifts.

And lastly, brethren, let me say something about the glorious company of those who dream and see visions; of those who listen for the voice of God and who love to be led by the Spirit of God. This company of mantled men, who dare to believe the Word and promise of God, who venture into danger, who wander in pilgrimages seeking a country, who do exploits in the power of God, is the company which a movement needs if it is to be mighty, and if it is to keep spiritually healthy. The men of this company quench the violence of fire, stop the mouths of lions, cross foaming rivers, slay a thousand with a jaw bone, bring down fire, raise the dead, and lay hands beneficently on the sick and afflicted. They are content, if need be, to eat locusts and wild honey, while their brethren are enjoying the fat of the sacrifices; they may reside in dens and caves of the earth, if only they can breathe the cool, sweet breath of the mountain peaks that touch the clouds, and be refreshed with the dew that comes down from heaven.
Dream on, my brethren, and though your colleagues in Christ hate you for relating your dreams, rest assured that God-given dreams will find fulfillment. We stand in danger of sinking into a nice, refined, well-paid order of regular ministers, with clerical voice and posture, while God is looking for men of faith and holy audacity. Dream, I say, of great things and mighty, in the Spirit of God, and pray for the Spirit's leading, and listen for
the voice which speaks from heaven. Follow the leading of the Lord, and the never-emptying barrel of meal will meet you needs, or birds will carry you bread and flesh. You
will possibly find silver in the fish's mouth, or cakes freshly baked by angel hands.
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21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.
22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.
23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.
30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jē'sus Chrīst's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;
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you, and time-servers will abhor this pathway to glory. They have not heard the voice which shakes the earth, or at least they have not heeded it. They love the pathways well trodden by their brethren, where natural gift and natural honors abound, and where men's persons are held in admiration because of advantage. But those whose eyes have been anointed, and whose ears the Lord has unstopped, will want the higher way, revealed by the Son of Man, and glorified by His spirit and sacrifice. To them Calvary is a reality, not a mere theme upon which to preach. The resurrection is a miraculous event, preceding the ascension, which preceded the glorification in heaven.
The ascended and glorified Christ pours upon them His mighty Spirit to make their lips prophetic, and their words the echo of the Almighty. Such cannot live like ordinary men on the earth and be content with the satisfaction of men-pleasers. God has claimed their hearts, and stolen their affections, and is leading them into His eternal glory. They crave more of His power, the manifestation of the best of His gifts, a participation in the power which raised Christ from the dead. The highest alone can satisfy them and the purest is their delight.
Dream, beloved, until the sheaves shake and the stars make obeisance. Gaze, until the heavens pour out their molten lava of flaming glory, and you see the living cherubs beneath the throne of the God of Israel. Listen, until the voice of heaven is heard which will direct your way, and correct your course, and cause you to fulfill the will and purpose of your God. A mighty Nineveh may be needing an evangelist; a captive nation a deliverer; a king an interpreter. There may be a shepherd boy to anomt; a monarch to rebuke; a blinded antagonist of the church to lead to Christ. Droughts may be on the way, or a soulstarved eunuch of great authority be wandering in the desert, or demon-possessed sufferers waiting for a deliverer. As you wait upon God He will reveal Himself, and mantle you with power and give you a commission. Then one will do the work of a thousand, and two will meet the needs of ten thousand.

I am afraid of a movement that wants nothing but correct order and pleasing sermons. Remember the spirit of Christianity is the spirit of sacrifice; the power of Christianity is the power of the Spirit; and the glory of Christianity is God working with the members of His Church, doing the impossible in the midst, and astonishing and confounding the unbelievers and the scoffers. Poverty may not
be a desirable thing from the natural standpoint, but the poor can be rich in faith, and the rich are generally poor in fait Many of the Lord's miracles were wrought because of His poverty, and certainly the iracle of the axehead swimming in the time of Elisha would not have taken place i. axeheads had been abundant.
In spiritual power, holy lives, and readiness for sacrifice, the Son of God can be glorified. He who said He was from above; who wrought the works that no other man did; whose garments were saturated with power, and whose person glowed with glory in the mount, must be magnified by His people today. He who went to the cross is looking for followers; not followers who will enrich themselves by eloquent preaching about the cross, but who will manifest the same spirit as the Savior, and who will walk the same pathway of unselfish service and willing sacrifice.
Heaven is waiting for such. The Throne is ready to receive the overcomers. Let us lift
our faces heavenwards until the glory blinds us to the pleasures of earth, and causes us to prostrate ourselves at the feet of the Crucified.

## THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

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dead body was restored to life. It was a demonstration that the Lord, He is God.

Satan has but a short time. The demonstration of his power will be manifested on every hand. He goes forth deceiving those who think they are beyond deception. The children of God need to cry to the Lord to come forth in miraculous power. His ears are open to their cries. He has reminded us that Elijah was a man of like passions as we are. But he prayed, and his prayer reached the throne of God. For three and one-half years the heavens withheld their rain. A miracle? Yes. But a man prayed-a man of like passions as we are-and a miracle was wrought.
This man of like passions prayed again when the heavens were as brass, when not a cloud was to be seen, and there came forth a veritable deluge of rain. It was for the glory of the Lord. Elijah was stirred by the apostasy in Israel. He thought he was the only man left to honor God. He saw the evil that had been wrought through the wicked king and queen, and his prayer was as a passion. He desired the honor of Jehovah. He desired the vindication of Jehovah's name. He desired a demonstration of the Lord's power, and his prayer of faith for the power of God was answered, and the name of the Lord was vindicated.
There are in the churches those who deny the power of God. They have a form of godliness, but they are opposed to every super-

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natural manifestation of the Spirit. The children of God should send up a passionate cry, the cry of those who are deeply concerned, that the name of Jesus Christ may be vindicated, that His power may be manifested. That signs and wonders-yes, wonders-may be wrought in that holy Name, and that the weak ones may be encouraged.

All these demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's power, all the manifestations of the gift of faith, the gift of healing, and the working of miracles, are necessary. Those who would ignore and deprecate and make little of the manifestations of the Spirit, are not the humble ones. They think they are sufficient of themselves, but they need to humble themselves and realize their insufficiency, and to seek God for the coming forth of that which alone is sufficient and necessary in the evil day, in these last days of apostasy when men are departing from the faith.-S.H.F.

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SEATTLE, WASH.-We recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Norman L. Gardner in a 10 -day campaign at the White Center Assembly of God. The church as a whole was greatly benefited by the anointed messages of our brother, who was ably assisted by his wife at the piano and in song.-Merle A. Glew, Pastor.

SANTA PAULA, CALIF.-We recently closed a special revival meeting with Artist-Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. During this meeting we received special help in our Sunday School, and our personal-evangelism fires were kindled. Under the consecrated leadership of Brother and Sister Warens, we saw the daily "Children's Hour" services increase in attendance from 63 to 216 , in 6 short days, with 70 decisions for Christ. Our Sunday School attendance was increased by 48. Also we have registered for the visitation committee some 60 boys and girls who are un-churched.-Paul M. Wells, Pastor.

## Coming Meetings

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CARUTHERS, CALIF,-Full Gospel Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Johnnie Smith, Evangelist. R. C. Davis is Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.-First Assembly of God, 69th and Henderson Sts., Aug 28-; R. Gilliam, Evangelist.-S. A Rice, Pastor.

RICE LAKE, WIS.-Annual Labor Day Fellowship Meeting, Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 5. Services 2:30, 6:30 and $7: 45$ p.m. W. E. Wood of Racine, evening speaker.-O. W. Apple, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS Seventh Annual Camp Meeting, North Side Assembly of God, 307 W. Exchange, Aug. 26-Sept. 4. George Hayes, night speaker. J. T. Jones, day speaker.-Jacob Filbert, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.-The Oral Roberts Party will come to Bakersficid for a county-wide campaign Sept. 9-25. The big tent will be located in the heart of the city.-C. M. Ward, Pastor.

ABERDEEN, S. DAK.-First Assembly of God, neeting in progress; Mathan Musical Evangelists. Silas Rexroat is Pastor,
CLEVELAND, OHIO-Pentecostal Church, E. 55th St. and Lexington Ave., Aug. $30-$; A. A. Allen, Evangelist. D. P. Holloway is Pastor.
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SPRINGFIELD, MO.-North Side Assembly, 2306 N. Campbell: meeting in progress; Evangelist and
Mrs. E. E. Smith, Meridian, Miss.-S. G. Cox. Mrs.
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