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AMBASSADOR II Winging Its Way to Darkened Lands With the Message of Light

Editorial

Fulfilling the Great Commission

It is harvest-time in America. In every part of the land Spirit-anointed evangelists are reaping a bountiful harvest of souls. It is probable that more people are being saved today than at any time during this generation. We thank God for this. We rejoice over every golden sheaf that is being gathered in, and pray that not one corner of the harvest-field shall be missed.

But the field is the world, and while it is harvest-time in America it is still seed-sowing time in many other lands. Missionaries have gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, and have come back again with rejoicing, telling of But vast sheaves that have been garnered. portions of the field have never yet been seeded. There can be no ripening of spiritual life among heathen men and women until the seeds of truth have been sown in their hearts and minds by faithful missionaries, and until the seed has been watered with the tears of intercessors in prayer.

Could we but catch a vision of the multitudes languishing in heathen darkness, surely we would do more to take them the light of the gospel than we are doing now. Is it necessary that we be stirred by some emotional appeal before we will travail in prayer for the heathen, or give sacrificially to advance our missionary program? Should not the constraining love of Christ and the simple fact that the heathen have no eternal hope without Him, be sufficient to move us to go all-out for world evangelization?

We were struck by something in a report that appeared in United Evangelical Action recently. It told of the annual missionary conference of the People's Church in Toronto, Canada, which was held in April and lasted two weeks. When it was over, Pastor Oswald J. Smith joyfully announced that \$208,000 had been received for Missions. Never in the history of that church had there been such enthusiastic giving, he said. Friends of other churches also took a part in giving. Donations ranged from ten cents given by children to \$5,000 offered by well-to-do members.

The point that particularly impressed us was this: the pastor urged the people not to give out of sympathy. He said he objected to pictures of loathsome diseases, crippled children, famine and destitution for the purpose of arousing sympathy. He pointed out God's program; namely, the bringing back of the King by completing the evangelization of the world. There are still a thousand tribes, he stated, without the gospel. What is needed is simply for God's people to get a vision of God's program and then to give in order to carry it out.

Emotional appeals were ruled out-and yet, the people gave \$208,000 to Missions. It is a good sign when a church gives regularly to Missions, not because the people have been moved by a particular sermon but simply because they know it to be God's will that they should give liberally to Missions. The consistent giving of so many of our Assemblies of God congregations indicates that our people are not giving on an emotional basis but because they have caught the vision of God's program to evangelize the world. Some congregations are giving as much as \$6,000 and \$7,000 a month for Missions. Others that are smaller are giving just as much, and sometimes more, on a per-member basis.

Because of the sacrificial giving of our people, the Assemblies of God are able to carry on a world-wide missionary program such as very few organizations have equalled. An army of 700 missionaries and thousands of national preachers are working together for the evangelization of dozens of foreign lands.

A symbol of the aggressiveness of our missionary program is the big Assemblies of God plane, "The Ambassador," shown on the cover page. Be sure to read the article on page six, in which Ruby Enyart tells of an interview with the members of the crew of this missionary air liner. If you could hear these men tell of the things they have seen on the mission fields, your heart would be stirred. But it would be better still if you would study God's program of world evangelization as revealed in His Word, and would pray that God would help you to fill your part in His great program.

Our missionary program cannot be built on a mere sympathy for the perishing souls of men. It must be founded on a deep love for the Lord of the harvest, and on a loyal obedience to His command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Pray For Our Public Schools

Only the children of "godless parents" are receiving in America's public schools the kind of education their fathers and mothers want them to get, according to a report submitted to the Lutherans of the Missouri Synod at their recent national convention in Milwaukee. The report was prepared by the Synod's Board for Parish Education.

The report expressed alarm over the "spread of the secular spirit and the decline of religious influence among the American people." called upon Christian Americans to join together for the modification or reversal of the Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case, which ruled against the holding of released-time classes in religion on public school premises.

It should be remembered, however, that when the Supreme Court made its ruling three years ago the main point of contention was not whether the religious classes should be held, so much as where they should be held. In places where the religious classes were moved to churches or other locations away from the school premises, the released-time classes were allowed

It cannot be denied, however, that there is an increasing effort on the part of atheistic groups to crowd the Bible and religion out of our public schools. The textbooks in use today are void of the faith on which our nation was founded. The readers of today contain fiction, fairy tales, and mythology rather than Bible stories. Seldom do they mention Biblical characters and events. Very rarely do they teach reverence for God.

What each public school needs even more than weekly religious classes, is a set of text books that honor the Lord and a larger proportion of godly teachers who will exert a Christian influence on the pupils day by day.

Our Schools Need the Bible

There is an increase in lawlessness, especially among the young people of our land. What else can be expected if boys and girls are permitted to grow up without Bible teaching and godly influences?

According to the F.B.I., there were 1,763,290 major crimes committed in the U.S.A. last year. This was an increase of 41/2% above 1948. A major crime was committed every 18 seconds.

In an average day, 1,100 places were burglarized, and 293 persons were feloniously killed or assaulted. Every day there were 162 robberies, 2,800 other thefts, and 440 cars

Youth played a predominant part in crimes against property. Of the persons charged with robbery, counterfeiting, arson, and similar crimes, 27.4% were less than 21 years old. The predominant age among persons arrested was 21.

The army of the lawless is not recruited from Sunday Schools and Christian homes. It is recruited from the ranks of boys and girls who are not blessed with praying parents and godly Sunday School teachers. These young people know little or nothing about the Bible. They never have learned the sacredness of the Ten Commandments. But they have attended our public schools, and surely they should be given an opportunity while in school to learn something about God and His laws.

The law in some states permits the reading of the Bible in public schools, and the law of other states forbids it. In New Jersey the law requires the reading of parts of the Bible at the opening of school each day. Recently, however, the mother of a high school student and one of

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Back to Waiting Meetings

AS I TRAVEL among Pentecostal Assemblies in various lands, and listen Sunday by Sunday to the announcements for the week, I am struck by the almost complete cessation of "Waiting Meetings"—by which we mean meetings set apart particularly for tarrying to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Pentecostal Revival was born in such gatherings, often prolonged far into the night. In those early years they were a regular feature of the normal life of the Assemblies and our designation "Pentecostal" would hardly have been considered justified without them. Nowadays they persist in an emaciated degree in times of prayer, usually brief, after an altar-call or appeal on Sunday evening -increasing temporarily to a greater volume during special revival campaigns. Valuable as these occasions are, they cannot take the place of one week night set apart particularly and exclusively for waiting upon God. We have our Missionary Prayer Meetings, our Bible Studies, our Young People's Nights, our Women's Meetings, our Choir Practices and multitudinous "Rallies" of one sort or another-but few Waiting Meetings. Are we missing the one type of meeting that more than any other can be the source of spiritual driving power for the

The reason cannot be that all the people who attend our Assemblies have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, for we find them healthily sprinkled with many hungry seekers. And what about the many who need another filling of the Spirit—and confess it? All such welcome a suggestion for regular opportunities to be afforded.

We have been exhorted to conduct "Receiving Meetings" rather than "Tarrying Meetings"—with a laudable desire to encourage our faith to expect and claim an instant answer to our petition for the Promise of the Father. This is excellent, and it has helped very many. But not all. However we choose to explain it, there are those who do NOT receive quite so readily. And our Lord's own teaching upon this vital matter of asking the Father for the Holy Spirit includes seeking and finding, and knocking and getting, as well as simply asking and receiving.

Some esteemed sticklers for dispensational exposition find fault with the whole idea of tarrying for the Spirit now-



Donald Gee

adays, and point us to the fact that in the New Testament the believers never seemed to tarry after the Day of Pentecost had fully come. Ideally they are quite right, and gladly we recognize no Scriptural necessity to tarry as they had to in the beginning. The Spirit can be received now instantly by faith-and blessed be God, He often is. But what can we do practically if, quite obviously, we have not yet received our personal share of the full Pentecostal blessing? Doubtless the faults are all in ourselves. Evidently we are not somehow fulfilling all the various conditions that made the reception of the Spirit so apparently straightforward at Samaria, Damascus, Caesarea, or Ephesus. But may not Waiting Meetings greatly help us, in the grace of God, to meet those conditions? Nothing would seem more likely.

For the Bible does contain some exceeding great and precious promises for those who wait on the Lord. They shall renew their strength (Isa. 40:31) and find many a blessing to their souls. "Wait, I say, on the Lord," was the exhortation of one who was a shining example himself of a heart continually strengthened thereby for the battles of life. Psa. 27:14. In a definite Waiting Meeting God can, and does, speak to the hearts and consciences of His people. In this respect such meetings are different from more ordinary prayer meetings called for intercession and giving of thanks. Waiting Meetings very often are quieter —and none the less powerful for that. The searchlight of God's Holy Spirit is turned mercifully (not mercilessly) upon our inner life. Much sanctification ensues. Ultimately the Holy Spirit can fall upon a cleansed and prepared vessel. Dare we suggest that persistent waiting times for the baptism in the Holy Spirit do yield a much finer quality of personal experience than methods aimed at quicker so-called "results" that pile up statistics, but leave us just wondering?

The Waiting Meeting has been called the "Waterloo" of the Pentecostal Movement. Perhaps it is. Opponents and critics love to describe with scorn and condemnation some occasion when they were present in a cold, unsympathetic and suspicious spirit. It may have been that they did encounter things which reputable Pentecostal leaders would equally fail to endorse. On the other hand, spiritual things need to be spiritually discerned, and we hardly need notice the criticisms of some of these profoundly unqualified judges. God is not concerned to satisfy their carnal notions of religious respectability. It was the (literally) "shameless" knocking of the man at midnight that secured the loaves in our Lord's parable. Luke 11:8. We will say that it ought to be a standing rule among Pentecostal people that Waiting Meetings should be in charge of competent leadership. They need men with "discerning of spirits," coupled with love and courage to do as occasion serves when mighty tides of spiritual power are surging through billows of released human emotion. This is no business for novices. Rather, as the Scriptures indicate, it is apostolic work.

We must prepare to be dangerous once again. The Waiting Meeting must come back as a regular feature of normal assembly life. There may be weeks when nothing spectacular happens that night of the week. But no words can measure the profound effect upon the spiritual strength of the believers who are prepared to give time quietly to wait upon the Lord. Numbers may fall away to just a faithful few. Then one night Pentecostal power will bring the multitude crowding back again. Be that as it may. There is a promised reward for our waiting, and we rob ourselves if we leave it for special revivals and revivalists. We need it in the year-in, year-out steady activity of the Pentecostal Assembly.

Yes, the Pentecostal Revival was born in Waiting Meetings. It will die as a revival, without them.

How to Get Out of Yourself

Ira E. David

TWO WAYS to get out of yourself are suggested in Ephesians 5:18: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." The first part of this text tells how to get out of yourself by a wrong way; the second part tells of the right way.

Why are these ways thrown into juxta-position? The one emphasizes the other. I remember an incident that occurred many years ago. I was seated in a crowded train headed for Chicago, when a man staggered in behind me, and leaned over my shoulders. He held up a handful of dollar bills and said, "Brother, have some! Have some!" I replied, "I don't need your money, but your wife and children do. Take care of it."

This man got out of himself the wrong way.

On that same train came a stalwart man, reared as a farmer. He stood at the front door of the coach in which I was sitting, and prayed silently. His hands and pockets were full of gospel tracts, and he gave one to every person on that train who would take it.

As he came back into our coach, I met him and said, "Brother, you interest me. How did you get started on this kind of life?"

He replied, "A year ago we had an evangelist who greatly emphasized the Spirit-filled life. I was filled. At once I sent for five dollars worth of tracts, and began to visit my neighbors, giving them tracts, and praying for them, when they were willing that I should do so. Then our old pastor died, and the flock made me pastor. Now I give myself to personal evangelizing."

He got out of himself the right way. In the Scripture quoted we have three results of the infilling of the Spirit mentioned. First, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." v. 19. The first result is heart-melody to the Lord.

Years ago I heard Principal Stevens tell his experience. As a young man he was pastor of a Presbyterian Church. One day a devout sister came to him and said, "Pastor, we admire your moral integrity and your intellectual grip, but some of us wonder if you have been born again." He was tempted to be angry, but as he thought it over, he decided that the sister was right.

He sought until he knew that he was converted. Then he saw that he needed to be filled with the Spirit. He went to Chicago, rented a room, and shut himself up for three days. Although he gave himself up to meditation and prayer, he was not filled. Later, in Southern California, he went out upon a mountainside and was there gloriously filled with the Spirit, and he said, "I found myself making heartmelody to the Lord."

Now the second result of being filled with the Spirit is "giving thanks always for all things unto God." v. 20. As real believers we are to be thankful for everything that touches our lives. It is easy to be

thankful for pleasant things, but when the bank account is empty, when there is sickness in the family, or crepe on the door, we cannot continue to be thankful unless we are filled.

A third result is found in verse 21: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Many a church is distracted and hindered by friction or division among its members, and often over trivial matters. When a church is filled with the Spirit, there will be absence of strife and presence of love.

The apostle goes on to say, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands." v. 22.

Some time ago a couple came to me to be married. The bride said to me, "Is 'obey' in the marriage ceremony?" I replied, "It used to be in the old English ceremony, but I have not seen it in print for years." She asked, "It is in the Bible, isn't it?" "Yes," I answered. "Then put it in for me," was her decision.

Now notice what is enjoined upon the husband: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ . . . loved the church." How much should the husband love his wife? As Christ loved the church. When the husband so loves, it is easy for the wife to obey. Everything becomes heavenly when we live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.—Alliance Weekly.

Luther's Water Baptism

Many years ago we possessed a quaint old book entitled, "Martin Luther's Large Catechism." It had been published in Norway. Unlike other Large Catechisms of Luther's now in print, it had not been revised to conform to present practices. That of particular significance and interest was the interpretation of the Bible mode of water baptism by immersion.

This book was lost through many loanings and another could not be obtained because the publication houses informed us that it was out of print. However, recollecting that it had been published in Norway, we wrote a minister friend there, who in course of time recovered a copy which is now in our possession. This one, however, was published in Denmark.

On page 176 it describes the mode of baptism as follows: "But the symbol or outward act is this, that we dip down into the water so that it goes over us, and then coming up out of it again. Here are two acts: to sink under the water and again to come up, which signifies its symbol, which is nothing else than the death of old

Adam, and the resurrection of the new man . . ." (To verify this translation, we quote direct: "Men Tegnet eller den udvortes Handling er den, at man neddypper os i Vandet, som gaar over os, og derpaa atter drages op deraf. Thi disse to Stykker: at synke under Vandet og atter at komme op, antyde Daabens Kraft og Gerning, som ikke er andet and den gamle Adams Ddelse og det nye Menneskes Opstandelse. . . .")

Thank God for men like Martin Luther who had experienced the new spiritual life which comes through faith in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and who faithfully bore witness to this Gospel truth by the corresponding symbol. Any other mode of baptism lacks the symbol of a resurrected life. Col. 2:12; Acts 8:38, 39.—Pastor A. M. Selness, Rugby, N. Dak.

We are but mirrors to reflect the glory of God. A mirror never calls attention to itself unless there are flaws in it.—An Unknown Christian.

"God Loveth a Cheerful Giver"



ONE DAY, a great revival came to our home city in Canada and some dear personal friends whom we called "Daddy" and "Mother" Edwards became very interested in that campaign. These friends were poor. Daddy had lost what little money he had saved through poor investments; and now, as both of them neared eighty years of age, they lived in a poor little apartment, Daddy just earning enough money to buy a little bread and butter and the few necessities of life. However, in the bank they had a few hundred dollars which they were saving against that day when they would die and have to be buried.

But the revival came to town, and the evangelist made a strong appeal for the offering. He said, "I need a thousand dollars tonight, in order to continue this campaign." God spoke to Mother Edwards right in the service. Now it seemed that Mother Edwards' spiritual leadings were always good, and Daddy always had respect for them; but on this night even Daddy Edwards found himself shaken in his faith somewhat. For when the evangelist made his appeal for the offering, Mother Edwards turned to him and said, "Daddy, do you have your check book here tonight?"

"Dear, I always keep the checkbook in my pocket, even though we never have use for it."

Brother Fox told this story during the revival campaign at the Shrine Mosque, Springfield, Mo., a few months ago. At present the Fox Evangelistic Party is engaged in a city-wide tent meeting.

A Story by Evangelist Lorne Fox

She said, "I want you to take out that check book and write a check for every penny we have in that bank, and put it in the offering. The Lord tells me this is going to be one of the greatest revival campaigns our city has ever seen, and we are going to have a part in it."

Daddy turned to her and said, "Did I hear you right? Are you asking me to write a check for everything we have, and put it in this offering?"

Mother smiled back, "Everything; quickly, write that check before they get here with the offering plate and we miss out on the blessing."

Very much troubled, Daddy whispered back to her and said, "But we can't do that, Mother, for we have been saving that few hundred dollars against the day when we died." (The total amount was not more than four hundred dollars.)

Mother said, "I can't help that; the Lord tells me we are to give the entire sum, and if we do not give it, we will be the losers."

So Daddy gave a big sigh, took out his check book and pen, and with a trembling hand wrote a check for the entire amount.

As he looked at that check, his heart sank again, and he said, "Mother, are you sure the evangelist hasn't just over-stirred your emotions tonight? We are giving away everything we have. How will we be buried? We don't have much anyway; and if we give this away, what will happen to us?"

To which Mother whispered back loudly, "That's all right, Daddy; God will take care of us. He always has. You put it in the offering." So Daddy put the check for their entire savings in the offering plate.

After the service that night, they walked home together silently, neither saying much. Shortly after they stepped into the front room of their little apartment, Daddy went over to his little wife, and putting his arms around her he said, "Mother, I have always believed in you and always respected your leadings, but I can't help it tonight—my heart is very heavy. I am afraid this is one time when we did the wrong thing. What's going to happen to us, Mother? Who's going to take care of us?"

Daddy looked anxiously into the face of his little wife. But she disengaged his arms from around her, and went over to the corner where sat an old-fashioned reed organ. She sat down and pumped the instrument furiously. The bellows leaked badly, and one had to pump the thing with great energy to get enough air to produce any music. She pumped for all she was worth, and then lifted her quivering-voice and began to sing,

"Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

"God will take care of you, Through every day, o'er all the way, He will take care of you, God will take care of you."

It was evident the song had a great effect on Daddy, for he said no more that night.

Approximately two weeks passed, and the subject had never been brought up by either of them. Early one morning there was a knock at the door. Daddy was already up and he made his way to the door. He was faced by a rather tall, handsome stranger, who carried a brief case in his hand.

He said, "Is this the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I have business here. May I come in?"

So Daddy invited the stranger in. By this time, Mother had come into the living room to see what this was all about.

The stranger came over to the living room table and said, "Mr. and Mrs. Edwards did you ever know a young man by the name of ——?"

Daddy and Mother looked at each other sharply for a long moment, and then Mother spoke up saying, "Why, of course we knew him. We often wondered what happened to him. He was a fine young Christian man. Back in those days, we were better off than we are now, and we gave him some money to get started in his business, but through the years we have lost track of him."

"Well," the stranger said, "I am a lawyer representing this man. On one hand, I bring you sad news, and on the other, good news. The sad news is that your friend passed away about six weeks

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Our Missionary Transport Service

Ruby M. Enyart

TO DATE nine round-trip trans-oceanic flights have been completed by our two missionary air linners, the former twin-engine C-46 sold to a Brazilian airline last fall, and the present four-engine B-17. There have been five trips to Africa, two to India, one to Europe, and one to the Caribbean area.

The crew members—with the plane at all times—what have the flights meant to them? What has been their reaction to the many conditions with which they have been brought in contact? What has been their impression of the missionaries transported? What do they think of the missionary's job? Do praying passengers and praying folk at home mean anything to them?

On June 20 the B-17 took off from Springfield for the tenth trans-oceanic hop, a trip to the Holy Land. Before the departure there was opportunity to interview Herman Revis, pilot for the AMBASSADOR since October, 1948; Eugene V. Callentine, co-pilot since June, 1949; Bill Taylor, radio operator since January, 1950; and Robert T. McGlasson, purser on three foreign flights. (Technically the purser is not considered a member of the crew, but he is so considered here.) Edward G. Powell, navigator, was not available for an interview. He was being picked up in New York near his home.¹ Here are some views and observations gained through the interviews.

Asked what the flights had meant to them, Eugene V. Callentine observed that they were an education within themselves and a moral and religious inspiration. He had grown to know the meaning of the word "missions." Captain Revis said they had meant more spiritual life to him through fellowship with the missionaries. His trips had made Purser McGlasson more missionary at heart than he ever was before. "Tve enjoyed them," Bill Taylor commented.

¹ Edward G. Powell comes to us from the Pan American Airways by whom he was highly recommended. He has been a navigator for close to fourteen years. Five years were spent in surface navigation, followed by eight years in aerial navigation. During his period of service with us he has been very valuable.

The B-17 at the airport at Bombay, India with passengers, crew, and a few of the missionaries on the field. Kenneth G. Short (with armload of books) was purser on the flight. In the insets are three members of the crew, Radio Operator Bill Taylor, Captain Herman Revis, and Co-pilot Eugene V. Callentine. Pictures were not available of Navigator Edward G. Powell and Robert T. McGlasson.



Questioned concerning the conditions on the foreign fields, particularly the needs, these were the views expressed:

"The surface has not even been scratched."

"There are no words to express the needs not in my humble vocabulary. They are gradually being met, of course. There is evidence of progress, but there is a great distance to go yet. Every phase of missionary service is needed."

"Everywhere we have gone we have been faced by the great need of the people for more of the gospel light."

Curious as to how the missionaries have behaved as passengers, we asked, "What do you think of missionary passengers?" The men much prefer them to commercial passengers, as can be seen from the following:

"Commercial passengers smoke and curse. The missionaries read their Bibles and enjoy Christian fellowship."

"It's more like a big family. They all have something in common. Idle time is the worst thing in travel, but with like interests time evidently goes quickly. They are all very agreeable. I much prefer the missionaries."

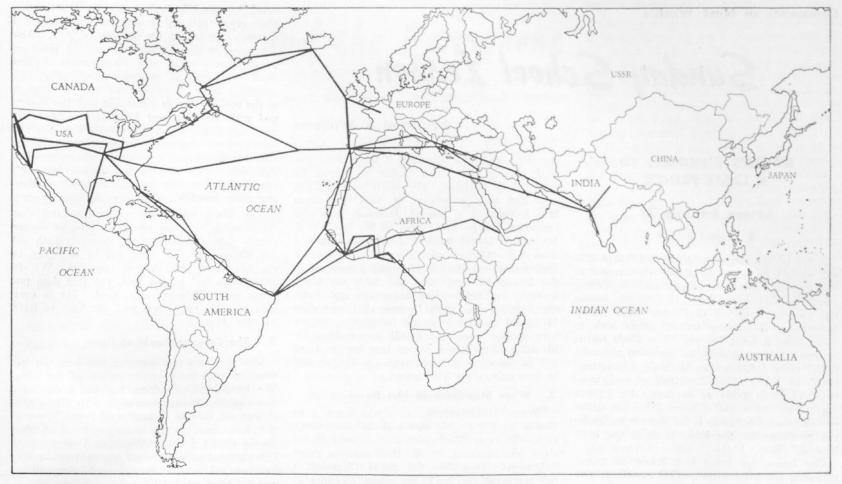
"Missionaries make very good passengers. It is wonderful to be on a plane when each flight is begun with prayer, and when praise and singing often can be heard above the drone of the engines. We have had almost no complaining on the part of the passengers even when they have been under trying circumstances and conditions. There is a delightful fellowship aboard the plane, and between flights on the ground."

What was the opinion of the missionary's job?

Robert T. McGlasson was of the opinion that only the sunny side has been exposed. "I have had the privilege of accompanying the AM-BASSADOR on three of its overseas flights, and am now departing for the fourth. I recognize that I have seen missionary life at its best at the various stations that we have visited in the different countries. Our missionaries have changed their daily schedules to accommodate and entertain us; nevertheless, I have seen beneath the surface the great price paid by most of them in fulfilling their call. Privations are many. One needs a definite call to serve Christ outside the United States," he said.

Bill Taylor had little aspiration to become a missionary. "A large fraction of our people have wanted at some time to be a missionary. If they were to visit a dozen mission fields as I have they would likely think a little more seriously of it. All the glamour is taken away when one is brought in contact with missionary life. It is just another job with a lot of work. One cannot go home at night and get away from it, either," he observed.

"I do not see how the missionary is able to endure his lot. Prayer gets him through, I guess.



ROUTES OF THE AMBASSADORS

The C-46 and B-17 have crisscrossed the world since trans-oceanic flights were begun with our first plane, the C-46, in August 1948. It has been estimated that close to 160,000 miles have been covered by the AMBASSA-

DORS. This includes the present trip to the Holy Land, but not the return flight. Note on the map the countries crossed. Since the B-17 was put into operation, 144 passengers have been transported.

It is definitely a *called-job*. I would not want it from choice." This came from Eugene V. Callentine.

"I thought I was doing a big thing when I gave myself to Christian aviation, but when I see how the missionaries labor under such adverse conditions I realize that I am doing very little," Herman Revis admitted.

We asked if he preferred Christian aviation to commercial. He told how he came to offer himself for missionary aviation. He had heard a message along the line of making one's life worthwhile. "It hit me. I took inventory, and inquired right away about the possibilities of working with the AMBASSADOR. I knew about the plane. My period of service with the AMBASSADOR has been the happiest period of my life."

All the crew members are given a feeling of security knowing that passengers and folk at home pray for the safety of the plane. Captain Revis told of four occasions when there were definite answers to prayer for the AMBASSADOR. "I do not believe that it just happened," he concluded.

Were there any suggestions as to how to improve our missionary program? Yes. "Send more missionaries," advised one. "Those that we have are working like mad." Another suggested a co-ordinated program for all the fields. He also thought that we could use a few more up-to-date methods, especially along the line of visual aids. As he saw it, where interpreters must be depended upon, justice is not done to messages and instructions. He felt that if the

nationals could see through use of visual aids, they would be able to catch on more quickly.

A third thought was that the indigenous plan should be pursued where it has not been put into full practice.

"Is there a future to missionary aviation?" we queried. The opinions:

"Yes; however, we need to run more like the regular airlines, which would take an extra investment but would save in the end. I am thinking particularly of caches of airplane parts and motors at various points."

"There are many possibilities not only for the trans-oceanic end but for the use of lighter aircraft on the field. Transportation and communication seem to be among the major problems of the field. Airplanes would mean speeding up the missionary program. Light aircraft is adaptable to use almost anywhere."

"I believe that there are great untouched fields in that direction. Our missionary planes in West Africa have opened new doors for the gospel and are saving our missionaries much in time and effort; and as for our missionary transport service, to me it is a most inspiring project. Not only are we transporting our own missionaries and those of associate boards, but we are proclaiming to the world that we are aware of the momentous days in which we live and the fact that the gospel must be conveyed by every modern means available to man."

"Missionary aviation certainly has its place. The direct contact with the missionaries is invaluable in building up their morale. They get acquainted with the load passing through. There are messages delivered. It brings home a little closer."

We were interested in something Brother McGlasson had to say further about the effect that the plane has on the missionaries. "After one of our take-offs at Ouagadougeu, one of the missionaries let us know that the group of missionaries left on the ground could hardly see the plane because their eyes were so filled with tears; not tears of sadness, but tears which could only be understood by those living under such privations—tears of appreciation for the brief time of fellowship, and of thankfulness to God for the contact that they had had with us."

The co-pilot was in the Pacific during the war. "While in the navy on the rocks in the Pacific we used to sit up to see a plane come in from the States. The fact that it had been in the States perhaps just the day before really meant something to us," he mentioned.

"You think that even a plane from home would mean something to the missionaries?"

"Yes, that's what I mean. They have their eye on home, too."

It was reported that in almost every place the plane is received with joy. It is not unusual for large crowds to be on hand. All the men mentioned the receptions given the plane at Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, French West Africa on the several occasions that the plane has landed there. The welcomes have been especially warm at Ouagadougou. Police have had to hold the crowds back. Uniformed men have been stationed at each main intersection to guide the

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Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

DAVID'S KINDNESS TO A LAME PRINCE

Lesson for July 23 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Some of the most wonderful Biblical truths are subject to abuse by those who choose to mar their meaning with unrighteous lives. Truths which emphasize the grace of God are among the richest of all of God's provision. How unfortunate it is when unholy people seek to make them a cover for sin. The Bible warns against making grace "an occasion for the flesh" (Gal. 5:13) or for "a cloak of covetousness" (1 Thess. 2:5), "a cloak of maliciousness" (1 Peter 2:16), or an excuse for following "pernicious ways." 2 Peter 2:2. The grace of God toward believers is for those who "make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:14.

Our lesson for today is a lesson in grace, revealing the helpfulness of God for those who are helpless in themselves.

1. A Manifestation of Grace

The Scripture says, "And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people." 2 Sam. 8:15. And David said, "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ch. 9:1. Here is a beautiful lesson in substitution. Kindness was to be shown, not for the sake of "any of the house of Saul," or because of merit in them. It was entirely "for Jonathan's sake," because of the merit of Jonathan. To us this means that God shows kindness to us not because of our worthiness, for we had none, but entirely because of what Jesus is. We are saved through the merit of Christ and that alone. He who tries to add merit of his own to Christ's merit, as a means to salvation, entirely misses the mark. Such was the error of the legalistic Jews who went among the Gentile converts telling them they must be circumcised, and keep the law of Moses, or they could not be saved. Acts 15:24. It is the error into which the Galatian believers fell. Gal. 1:6, 7; 3:1-4; 4: 21-31. It is an error into which certain proselyting teachers of the present would like to bring the people of God.

2. Grace Toward an Enemy Family

The house of Saul was an enemy family to David. Saul had done all in his power to destroy David. We too have come from an enemy family. "There is none righteous, no not one." Rom. 3:10. "For if, when ye were enemies, ye were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Rom. 5:10. Is it not wonderful that God has reconciled us unto Himself for Jesus' sake?

David was not satisfied with merely making the offer. He was anxious to show kindness, therefore he began inquiring if there were any from among the fallen family to whom he might show kindness. He finally located Ziba, who had been a servant of Saul, and from him learned of a son of Jonathan who still remained, but he was "lame on his feet." v. 3. By nature David disliked disfigured people. 2 Sam. 5:8. Only a spirit of grace could cause him to welcome into his fellowship a lame son of the family of Saul who had been his bitter enemy. By nature God hates sin, and hates the fruit of sin. Only because of Christ docs He grant us His love and fellowship. If we love another enough, we will do anything for his sake. The degree of our love for the Lord will be shown in our willingness to forgive and to love others for His sake.

3. When Mephibosheth Met David

"When Mephibosheth . . . was come unto David, he fell on his face and did reverence." v. 6. He was filled with fear. Would David show him kindness, or did their meeting mean judgment? How like the sinner. Warned to flee the wrath to come, the sinner trembles at the presence of the Lord. He knows that, by nature, he is condemned. His whole family from Adam is condemned. The power of life or death was with David; what would he do? The power of life or death for us is with God; what will He do?

David did not leave Mephibosheth long in suspense. He said, "Fear not, for I will surely show thee kindness (or grace) for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually." v. 7. What a promise! "Will restore thee all the land of thy father." When God saves us, He restores to us. That which was lost through the fall in the garden is restored in our Lord Jesus Christ and for His sake. We received even better than we could have received through the first Adam. We are made "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ." In the ages to come we will see the richness of our lot through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. How great, how benevolent is the Lord toward us who were poor lost

4. The Lifting Power of Grace

We have already seen that grace, exercised through David, lifted fear from the heart of Mephibosheth. We have seen also that grace restored the possessions forfeited through the fall of the dynasty of Saul. Now we see Mephibosheth lifted into the place of personal fellowship and comradeship. "Thou shalt eat bread at my table continually." In salvation there is more than just restoration of the soul. There is fellowship with the Father and with His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It was wonderful to Mephibosheth that his inheritance was restored; it was more wonderful that he should enjoy personal fellowship, eating with David and having communion with him. Fellowship with God is more precious than any other benefits or blessings we may receive.

The Lord wants our fellowship, and that "continually." When saved we need to realize that God is always with us. Mephibosheth did not always feel the same, but he could go to the table each time it was prepared. We do not always feel at our best, but that does not break our fellowship with God. He is ever near us. He ever loves us. He likes to have us near Him.

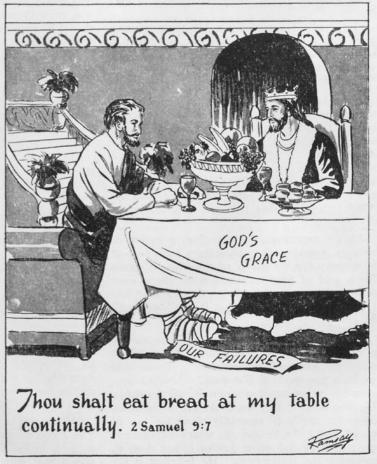
5. The Covering Power of Grace

Mephibosheth was lame in his feet, yet his lameness was not seen as he sat at the table. We have our infirmities, but the Lord hides them as we sit in communion with Him. Although we may be conscious of them, "there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." We have a covering of His righteousness. We are accepted in the Beleved. God help us to appreciate our calling, and not to abuse our Christian standing.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID (Lesson for July 16.) Lesson Text: 2 Samuel 7:4-16.

A GRACIOUS KING



The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

Building Houses at Jerusalem

Of the 50,000 housing units being built by government sponsored agencies in Israel during the current year, 10,000 units are being erected in Jerusalem.

"The Desert Shall Blossom"

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, famed American soil conservationist and water resources control expert, has accepted a one-year appointment, effective October 1, as consultant to the Israel Government. His ten-year plan to develop water power in Israel and to irrigate the arid regions is expected to make the little land one of the most fertile and most prosperous spots in all the earth.

Religious Freedom in Israel

When Daniel A. Poling returned from his visit to Israel, he reported that complete freedom of worship for Protestants, Roman Catholics. Moslems, and all other religious groups, as well as for Jews, "is a fact in Israel." He said that there is a "dynamic religious faith" which "runs like a fire" throughout Israel. It explained to him how so few could withstand so many in battles and now, in peace, how they could perform the feat of receiving up to a thousand refugees daily and keep their gates open for all who would come.

The Threshold of Redemption

"There is no truer expression of the marvel of Jewish history today," states a Zionist writer, "than the noble ritual that takes place on the airfield at Aden every time a planeload of Yemenite Jews leaves for Israel. As the passengers go into the modern American planes and the pilot prepares to take off, the Shofar—ancient ceremonial horn of the Jewish people—is solemnly blown. For the airfield at Aden is the threshold of redemption."

The church of Jesus waits for a different sound—a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. We, too, stand on the threshold of redemption, waiting for the Saviour to catch us away to our heavenly Zion when our salvation shall be complete.

Sunday Schools Show Decrease

Church membership in the U.S.A. increased during the past year, but Sunday School membership went downward, according to the 1950 Southern Baptist Handbook edited by Porter Routh.

81,497,698 Americans belong to a church of some kind. The Roman Catholic Church claims to have 26,718,343 members, as compared with 26,075,697 the previous year (but the figure would be much smaller if members were counted on the same basis as in Protestant churches).

Forty-eight Protestant groups, with a membership of more than 50,000 each, reported a total of 47,199,675 members, compared with 46,719,184 the year before. The largest Protestant denomination is the Methodist Church with 8,792,569 members. The Southern Baptist Convention comes next with 6,761,265.

There were 283,150 congregations in 1949, as compared with 279,374 in 1948.

It was disclosed that 27,944,454 pupils were enrolled in Sunday Schools and parochial schools in 1949, as compared with 27,981,457 in 1948. Protestant Sunday Schools in general showed a loss during the year of 37,003 members.

This decline was not evident in many individual evangelical groups such as the Assemblies of God, however.

Religion in Hungarian Schools

Religious teaching will be forbidden in the schools of Hungary if the Central Committee of the Workers' (Communist) Party has its way. The Communists assailed the Ministry of Education recently for being too lenient by permitting religious classes to continue. In their statement they asked that "the democratic spirit of public education be assured through the more energetic assertion of Marxian and Leninist ideology in textbooks and study courses."

No Prayers in Czech Schools

New instructions forbidding Roman Catholic teachers to say prayers in schools, have been issued in Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia, the Vatican Radio announced. The station declared that teachers have been made responsible not only for seeing that children do not pray in school, but also that they join in singing the Communist "Song of Labor."

Meanwhile all traditional religious expressions, such as "Praised be Jesus Christ," have been banned and ordered replaced with "Honor to Communist Labor," "Long Live Stalin," and similar greetings.

Recent Comment on Television

Norman Cousins, editor of Saturday Review of Literature, says: "Out of the wizardry of the television tube these days there is coming such an assault against the human mind, such a mobilized attack on the intelligence, such a mass invasion against good taste, as no communication medium has known."

Russell Taylor Smith says: "Television brings actual pictures of crime and vice and drunkenness into the home. . . . Television is now joined to moving pictures in being a source of juvenile delinquency. It will bring the saloon, the brothel, the gambling room, the burlesque show, with all their suggestiveness and veiled obscenity, into the homes of millions."

Gideons Entering Japan

The Gideons have entered the door to Japan, swung open to the gospel by General Douglas MacArthur. Someone said of the present challenge that "Japan represents the first opportunity the Church has had since the day of Pentecost to win a whole nation for Christ."

A Gideon field man has gone to Japan to contact Japanese Christian business men for membership in Japanese Gideon camps to be formed soon. A committee of Gideons is going to Japan to present Bibles in hotels, hospitals, schools, jails, etc. The committee and the field man are making the trip at their own personal expense. They hope to arrange for the printing of Bibles and Testaments in the Japanese language on Japanese presses.

Sudden Destruction Is Coming

We pray for peace, and hope that the invasion of South Korea by the Communist armies will not thrust all the world into another horrible war. Yet we know that as long as sin usurps the throne of Christ there can be no lasting peace, and we might as well face the grim reality of what another world war will mean. Dr. Ralph Lapp, head of the U. S. Navy's Nuclear Research Division, has said:

"Horrible as it may sound, we must be prepared to lose ten to fifteen million people in the first days of the super-blitz. course, is just too much for ordinary people to think through. U. S. scientists have warned that the only adequate defense against this sort of thing is the decentralization of American cities now, and a wide dispersal of their population. It is safe to say that this will not be done. We were complacent when U. S. bombing planes dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They were dropped without warning, but the Japanese were enemies at the time and far away. Five years after this event, the danger and power of obliteration on a nuclear scale is staring us all in the face."

Sudden destruction is coming for the world, as prophesied in the Scriptures. 1 Thessalonians 5:3. But our Lord is coming for His Church. Let us be sure we are in that blood-washed number, and do all in our power to warn others to hide in the Rock of Ages as a refuge from the wrath to come.

Well-Known Boxer Converted

Christian Life reports that "Chuck" Taylor, who boxed "Sugar Ray" Robinson for the world welterweight championship in 1947, has signed a new contract. He has given his heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ in return for eternal life.

Chuck was converted after an explosion ripped his home. He and his family miraculously escaped death as they lay asleep in their beds.

There was something peculiar about the explosion. His two-year-old son Dennis usually slept in a crib. However, little Dennis crawled out of the crib that night and went into a bedroom to sleep with two brothers. The blast of a hot water heater later ripped the crib to splinters.

"If Dennis had been in that crib, he would have been killed for sure," said Taylor. The incident probably had much to do with his decision to attend a revival meeting. Going to the altar, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Now he plans to become a minister of the gospel. He lives at Coalport, Pa., working as a coal miner during the day and testifying for the Lord in evening and Sunday services. He's done with the ring and all that the world offers.

A Thesis on "Free Love"

A professor in a Michigan university required of his students a thesis on the subject of "Free Love." A Christian young lady in the class reported that the papers written were "so vulgar and sensuous that they made me want to crawl under a seat." However, this same young lady wrote her thesis on, "The Free Love of John 3:16," and turned an awkward situation into an opportunity to give them a beautiful gospel message!

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NEW FOLDING CHURCH TRAILER

J. M. Ruthven, Designer

The newest thing in the religious world has arrived. It is the New Folding Church Trailer, used in place of tents or rented buildings where no buildings are available for pioneer gospel work or branch Sunday Schools.

When unfolded the Church Trailer seats 125 people, folds up to eight feet (standard road width), and looks like an ordinary moving van on the highway. It can be pulled by any car or light truck.

These Folding Church Trailers are being built and used in many parts of the country, and with a small heating unit are adequate for any weather conditions. Only an hour or two is required to set up the church. The building can be made to rest closer to the ground if a little dirt is dug out where the blocks are placed which support the axles. The seats and small piano are placed in the center when preparing to move.

Materials most commonly used are ¼" weatherboard plywood or sheet aluminum. It is all wired for electricity, and the cost of the building (labor extra) totals approximately \$1,000.

Normally a gospel work may be opened, and a new church building under way within a year, at which time the Folding Church Trailer is released for Operation No. 2 in any other desired location.

Address all inquiries concerning the Folding Church Trailer to the designer, J. M. Ruthven, % Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, or directly to 5313 Sheila Street, Los Angeles 22, California.

FROM AMOEBIC DYSENTERY AND OTHER AILMENTS

As long as I can remember, I have been weak, having an amoebic condition almost from birth.

The Lord saved me when I was ten, and in my teens led me into the truth of Divine Healing. I was always frail as a child, but the Lord showed me that He was ever sufficient for body, soul, and spirit. Praise His name!

It was during my latter high-school days when I was attending church services almost every evening, studying late at night and again early in the morning, that I had a physical breakdown. The doctor's diagnosis was low blood pressure, pneumonia, T. B., acute bronchitis, and a nervous breakdown.

Confined to bed, I was too sick to pray, but I promised the Lord that if He would raise me up I would dedicate my life completely to Him. He heard me, quickened me by His Spirit, and within six weeks I was back in school.





The New Folding Church Trailer: Left-ready for the road; right-ready for gospel services.

While attending Eastern Bible Institute the Lord again revealed Himself to me in healing power. I had a physical ailment over which I had no victory, but one day in chapel I saw a vision of Jesus upon the Cross. In the vision, I saw the stripes that were laid on the Lord's back, by which we received our healing. He spoke directly to me, "Do you see these stripes, Ruth?" "Yes, Lord." "These stripes were for you." I left the chapel service a different person; I was determined to trust the Lord, and He answered according to my faith.

After graduating from Eastern Bible Institute, I entered Booth Memorial Hospital in New York City for nurse's training, graduated, and went to work at the Bronx Hospital in New York. I became very tired and weary during work, so I asked Pastor Robert Brown, of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, to pray for me. He definitely prayed that the Lord would do a new thing for me in giving me perfect health. From that time on I began to get better.

Later I felt definitely called to the foreign field to do missionary work. Upon taking the physical examination I learned that my blood count was too low.

While in New Haven studying the Chinese language at Yale University, I attended the Gospel Tabernacle where Grady L. Fannin is pastor. One day, having caught a severe cold. I asked the pastor to pray for me and to remember my amoebic condition. It was just a simple prayer; no immediate result could be seen, but I took the Lord at His word.

When I went to the Yale Health Center for a check-up, the doctor was amazed to notice a marked improvement; my blood count had taken a big jump. The doctor at the Associated Mission Medical Office in New York City verified the fact that I was perfectly well. During the past year I have gained in weight until I am even above normal. To God be the glory!

Today I am every whit whole, a testimony to God's healing power. I would like to leave this verse with you, found in Jeremiah 17:14—"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."—Ruth E. LeFever, New Haven, Conn.

"THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD"

Capper's Weekly reports that it costs taxpayers six cents every time a member of Congress opened his mouth during the last session of Congress. Twenty-one million words were printed in the Congressional Record at a cost of \$1,260,000. The Government Printing Works is the largest printing establishment in the country.

OUR MISSIONARY TRANSPORT SERVICE

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missionaries and crew through the city. Bamako, Upper Ivory Coast and Lungi airport at Sierra Leone were also given honorable mention. The people have been amazed in many of the places that a religious organization was able to sponsor such an advanced program.

It seems that most places are satisfied that it is not the purpose of our plane to give trouble. Where there has been distrust it has soon broken down and has given way to genuine friendship. Often papers are not even requested. Our purser advised that numerous friends in official and semi-official circles overseas have been cultivated, and that they are eagerly following the progress of the AMBASSADOR.

Some anti-American feeling has been noticed on the trans-oceanic trips, but very little has been directed at our passengers and crew. They have been treated with respect.

The Foreign Missions Department has been very fortunate in having efficient crewmen for the operation of the two AMBASSADORS. That the flights have been made without any unusual incident is certainly due largely to their skill under the guidance and help of God. The word used most to describe the present crew is "conservative."

Purser McGlasson, who works more with the passengers and represents the department, has paid excellent tribute to the other members of the crew. He said, "They are the grandest group, and delightful to work with. Their unusual skill and the way they work together as a team gives us something for which we can be both proud and thankful. They have conducted themselves in the best traditions of aviation in general, and have helped us to set certain precedents in the new field of missionary aviation." That is no doubt the consensus of all who have seen them work. Brother Mc-Glasson is also entitled to credit for some of the smooth operation of our missionary aviation program.

Trips scheduled for the future are: August 1, a trip to Africa; September 26, another trip to Africa; and a possible inspirational trip to Europe of approximately three weeks' duration, leaving Springfield around August 29. The plan on the latter would be to stop at Rome, Paris, one or two other major continental cities, and London. Pentecostal churches would be visited at the points touched.

Prayer Is Not Enough

Dorothy C. Haskin

• PRAYER CAN BE a waste of time. All too often we hear people say, "Pray and everything will be all right," when it won't. God has not promised that prayer alone is a cure-all. There are times when prayer is a waste of time.

When the flood waters swept over the earth, Noah would have found prayer no substitute for the ark, but fortunately Noah didn't try to substitute. Any praying that Noah did is only known by inference, but twice the Scripture says, "Noah did according unto all the Lord commanded him."

There have been sermons preached about the carpenters who helped Noah, but there is no mention of them in Scripture. As far as we know, Noah built the massive ark by himself. That was work, but when it was completed, it, and not prayer, was what was needed.

Not only in the Bible, but in history, we find examples of the fact that prayer is no substitute for work. At the beginning of the Reformation, Martin of Basel came to the knowledge of the truth of salvation and he made a wonderful prayer. On a leaf of parchment he wrote, "O most merciful Christ, I know that I can be saved only by the merits of Thy blood. Holy Jesus, I acknowledge Thy sufferings for me. I love Thee! I love Thee!" Then he removed a stone from the wall of his chamber and hid the parchment. It remained there, undiscovered, for more than a hundred years.

Meanwhile another Martin defied "the powers that be," translated the New Testament into German, wrote a Catechism and other books, composed hymns, and was the greatest single influence used by God to bring in the Reformation. Martin Luther practiced what he preached when he said, "Pray, but keep the hammers pounding."

If we want God to use us as He used Noah and Martin Luther, we must be like the Chinaman who, when asked how he brought so many of his friends to the mission, replied, "I get on my knees and talkee, talkee, talkee, then I get up and walkee, walkee, walkee."

Nor is prayer a substitute for obedience. Balaam was a man of prayer and yet we have the shameful history of "the error of Balaam." Balak, king of Moab, wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites. Balaam said that he could not do it without the consent of Jehovah, so he prayed, asking God's permission. Each time he prayed, the answer was "no." But Balaam was tempted by the bribes which Balak offered, so he kept praying and persisting in his own way. In the end, he failed.

How different was the case of C. T. Studd. Charlie Studd was a great cricketer in England who became a missionary, first to China, later to India and finally to Africa. When he was a young man he stayed with Dr. F. B. Meyer. He was up at four o'clock studying his Bible. When Dr. Meyer asked him what he had been doing

at so early an hour, he replied, "You know that the Lord says, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments;' I was looking through all the commandments that I could find that the Lord Jesus gave, and putting a stick against them if I have kept them, because I do love Him."

All of us are following either Balaam or C. T. Studd. When there is trouble in the church, or in the life of a Christian, we often hear the excuse, "But I prayed." Yes, no doubt there was prayer, but was there also obedience?

We need to go beyond the place of prayer to the place of complete surrender. Paul of Tarsus was so full of prayer that when he wrote the Epistles he even included some of his prayers. But Paul was also a man of surrender. He counted all things but loss that he might win Christ. He could well preach,

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice," for he could also say, "I am now ready to be offered."

That spirit has come down through the ages in the lives of the men whom God has used. William Borden, missionary to the Moslems, said, "I take my hands off my life."

And James H. McConkey wrote, "There is no substitute for your act of surrender. When God, states a condition of blessing, no other condition, however good elsewhere, can be substituted. That is why all your crying and waiting and petitioning, yea, even agonizing before God, have accomplished naught but to leave you grieved, disappointed and dazed at lack of answer. You have been praying instead of obeying. Prayer is all right with obedience but not instead of it. 'Obedience is better than sacrifice.' So it is better than prayer, if it is the thing God is asking."

Nor is a prayer a substitute for prayer. It is vain to pray that "people will see that we have been with Jesus." Dr. John Hubbard has pointed out that the apostles never offered such a prayer, and yet the people saw it. They "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." If we pray for people to see that we have been with Jesus, when we haven't the prayer can not be answered. But if we spend time with Jesus, then our lives will show it.

Los Angeles, Calif.

The Christian's Use of Money

Charles V. Fairburn

● THE QUESTION is not, How did this man get his money? This man is a Christian—that rules out all wrong ways of getting money. The problem is, What use does the Christian make of his money?

We are not discussing what he does with the tithe—that is the tax for a citizen's privileges in the Kingdom—but, How does he use the other nine tenths of his money?

One man spends all he has on sensual pleasures, his meat, his drink, his body, his clothing. His whole investment is in things which perish. And certainly that man is not a Christian.

Another builds "a home below," stocks broad acres with pure cattle, builds bigger barns for increasing crops, and finally says: "There, Soul, take it easy! Not a worry about days to come!" But neither is this man a Christian, for God says: "Thou foolish one! This night . . .; then whose shall those things be?"

Another spends all on things aesthetical—cultural values; he is a glutton for self-improvement; yet "God is not in all his thoughts." He is "ever learning, yet never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," for "the world by wisdom knows not God." And neither is this man a Christian.

The fact is, no man can be Christian who in any wise makes himself his own god and spends his money in the worship of his god. The Christian cannot be other than Christlike, and "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Then, if the Christian is

to use his money as unto the Lord, "For Others" will be his motto.

"And I charge you," said Jesus, "so to use the mammon of unrighteousness as to win friends who, when ye fail, shall welcome you into the everlasting habitations."

How can a Christian do this?

Christ answers: "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The only wealth that is incorruptible, which cannot be burglarized, that never depreciates in value, that is absolutely secure, is that which is laid up in heaven. And that is what we have given away for Jesus' sake. Oh, we must pay our way fully and honestly through this world; but our wealth, our real savings, is what we invest in others, in the supplying of their wants, the relieving of their distresses, in achieving and advancing their good. Dean Farrar sums it up tersely: "We turn mammon into a friend, and make ourselves friends by its means, when we use riches not as our own to squander but as God's to employ in deeds of usefulness and

Says the apostle: "But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth . . . that they that buy, be as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell might have died a wealthy physician and surgeon in England, but he gave his life for the needy of Labrador. Charles E. Cowmán might have passed on a wealthy business man, but he preferred to be cofounder of a great missionary society. Ezra King, of Kansas, made his contracts and mixed the cement for his great government bridges as though in the very presence of Christ. His stationery bore the legend, "I Am Determined So to Live by the Grace of God That No Man Can Truthfully Speak Evil of Me." So he lived; so he died; and his widow continued his generous subscriptions of thousands of dollars to missions and other worthy causes. He made to himself friends by his Christian use of

Those who thus make use of wealth win the everlasting friendship and eternal good will of those whom they befriend. And, beyond the shadow of a doubt, when such reach Home in the morning, there will be shining eyes on the Upstairs Welcoming Committee to greet them. And they will welcome them into everlasting habitations. But, best of all, the Master Himself will smile and say: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me."—Free Methodist.

OUR SCHOOLS NEED THE BIBLE

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the directors of the National Society of the United Secularists of America jointly challenged this law. The State Superior Court reviewed the case, and we are glad to say it upheld the existing law.

In making the ruling, the judge declared: "Repetition of the Lord's Prayer as a morning exercise, without comment or remark, and a reading from the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, without comment, are certainly not designed to inculcate any particular dogma, creed of belief, or mode of worship. Accordingly, the provisions of the New Jersey statute under review do not contravene the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution."

Does Bible study have any influence on the character of the pupils? Some statistics recently published in The Watchman-Examiner indicate that it does. Mr. Spillman, executive secretary of Carolina Christian Fundamentals Association, makes comparison of two cities in the South. One city of 151,826 population, after 10 years of Bible study in its schools, had 7 delinquency cases per 1,000 population. A second city of 196-042 population, after the same 10 years without Bible study, had 12.5 delinquency cases per 1,000 population. Almost double the delinquency rate! But after 15 years more of Bible study in the first city and no Bible study in the second city, the first city had only 3.3 cases, while the other continued to have over 12.5 cases per 1,000 population.

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Among the Assemblies

LULING, TEX.—We are enjoying one of the best revivals which has been held here in several years with Evangelist Bob Willis of Aransas Pass, Tex. Every department of the church is being benefited and the attendance and outside interest is good. The singing and instrumental music is a real blessing. M. W. Putnam is pastor.—Hazel Lefevers, Church Reporter.

SENATH, MO.—We had a revival with Evangelist Roy Gilliam of Little Rock, Ark. The people were stirred to seek a closer walk with God. Some were saved and others were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Ralph Roberts, Pastor.

MILLETT, TEX.—We have just closed a rerevival with Sister J. D. Conner of Terrell Wells, Tex. There were some saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our church was blessed in a special way.—Mrs. Alice Banning Pastor.

NEVADA, IOWA—We recently closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist James B. Hosier of Waterloo, Iowa. There were seven at the altar for salvation and the entire assembly was stirred by our brother's ministry. The revival spirit is still with us.—Milton L. Woods, Pastor

AVONDALE, ARIZ.—We had a very good revival with Evangelist Jennie Powell and her co-worker, Neola Moore, both of Phoenix, Ariz. There were 8 or 10 saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and 6 baptized in water. The entire church was stirred to seek a closer walk with the Lord.—O. D. Denning, Pastor.

WETUMKA, OKLA.—We had a revival with Evangelist G. W. Alsup of Sapulpa, Okla. There were some saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The church voted unanimously to build a new church in a better location. The last day of the revival the people gave around \$2,000 towards the building.—C. A. Rich, Pastor.

CUTLER PARK, (near Visalia, Calif.)—We are happy to report that the camp meeting held in Cutler Park was a great success. The anointed ministry of Evangelist Bobby Clark was a blessing. Souls were saved in every night service. The Bible studies of A. G. Osterberg inspired the saints to live a more holy and consecrated life. Crowds overflowed the 60x90 tent almost every night. One night there were about 1,100 present. We are thanking the Lord for the many who were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Monroe S. Thompson, Pastor, Woodlake, Calif.

HOUSTON, TEX.—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God has recently had one of the most outstanding revivals in our knowledge of its history. Evangelist W. L. Litzman was engaged for a pre-Easter revival and God began moving in such a marked way that the services continued through the sixth week. The ministry and deep consecration of our evangelist stirred our hearts. Almost everyone carried a burden for their unsaved acquaintances. One lady was responsible for 15 people coming to God. Most of the new converts brought in their friends. The revival fires burned until we stopped counting the ones who were saved, filled, or healed. Many were healed of various afflictions. God gave us a mighty stirring that is still being felt in our regular services.—G. Q. Manley, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, CALIF.—We are rejoicing in God's goodness to us. The Lord has given us a beautiful building. For years we had been renting a small hall. When it was suggested that we build a new church, we did not think it could be done. Our pastor, however, believed that the church could be built through the help of the Lord. He prayed, sacrificed, labored, and God rewarded his faith. We had our first service in the new church April 19. It seats 265 people. We are looking forward to building wings on the church for more Sunday School rooms.

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We recently had a four-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Lester Fox. There were 20 saved, around 16 gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit, and 18 baptized in water. The church as a whole was built up. A. C. Martindale is our pastor.—Ethel Morrow, Church Secretary.

MINOT, N. DAK.—We had a month of nightly meetings with the Norman Gardners of Wenatchee, Wash. This was a splendid campaign, and our church was packed out night after night. Quite a number made their way to an old-fashioned altar for salvation. There was real hunger manifest each night in the prayer room as the people tarried in prayer and praise. A goodly number were healed. Our church was benefited in all departments. Our evangelist worked faithfully to boost the Sunday School, stir up the C. A.'s, and encourage the entire church.—Raymound R. Wiley, Pastor.

ALVORD, TEX.—We had a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Panos of Fort Worth, Tex. Nineteen were saved, and 16 received the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed and the revival spirit still prevails in every service. Our Christ's Ambassadors have outgrown their present room and we are planning to build a new hall for them next month. We average around 30 in attendance in the C. A. class.—H. M. Harrison, Pastor.

DEWEY, OKLA.—We had a good revival with Evangelist Wesley Goodwin of Wellston, Okla. for one week, and then Evangelist Alford Haymaker of Tuxedo, Okla. continued the meeting for another four weeks. Fifteen were saved or reclaimed and 15 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Sixteen were baptized in water. Ten recently came into the church. This has been one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. We need more room as our Sunday School has grown from about 40 to 118 in the last year.—J. W. Hudson, Pastor.

ASHDOWN, ARK.—We had a successful revival with the R. D. Jones Evangelistic Trio of Texarkana, Ark. There was an unusual amount of interest throughout the entire campaign. Many nights the building was packed and additional seats were brought in, and yet people were standing inside and outside. Sixteen were saved and a goodly number were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School record was broken twice during the meeting, with 300 present on the last Sunday in spite of rain. We are greatly encouraged to go forward and accomplish greater things for God.—Marvin E. Hart, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANS. We have enjoyed some very profitable meetings the past months which have increased and strengthened our church in the Lord. Evangelist and Mrs. Dean Underwood gave us a very fine summer campaign with good results, especially among the young people. The altars were filled every night with hungry souls seeking the Lord. Evangelists Gladys Pearson and Margaret Plunkett conducted a glorious fall meeting that created a real hunger for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Twenty-six received the blessed Pentecostal experience according to Acts 2:4. Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Barnes conducted a ten-day winter meeting that stirred our souls to be ready for the coming of Christ. Deeper consecrations were made and quite a number of backsliders returned to the Lord.

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We have just closed a four-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews of Seattle, Wash. The Holy Spirit brought deep conviction of sin and many repented and turned to the Lord. About 75 or more sought God for salvation. One man 83 years old and his wife turned to God and were baptized in water. Another man 73 came to God. One man returned to God and brought in four of his brothers. One testified that he was so glad he had found a place to go besides beer taverns and liquor stores. A number were delivered from the tobacco habit. There were some outstanding healings. Thirty-one were baptized in water and 27 came into the church. The revival continues with good interest. Last Sunday night six were saved.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

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(Near) TRUSSVILLE, ALA.—We had a glorious revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. Men and women for whom our prayer band has prayed for years came to the altar and found God precious to their souls. We praise the Lord for our young people and for our newly organized Christ's Ambassadors class. Eight in their number were saved during this revival.—J. F. Crocker, Pastor, Vann Valley Assembly of God.

DE KALB, TEX.—We had a glorious revival, with Evangelist Ralph M. Elmore of Calhoun, La. The attendance was good throughout the meeting. Many nights the church was completely filled, and some stood outside looking in through the doors and windows. Our Evangelist's anointed singing and music brought joy and blessing to all who heard him. His message was stirring and inspiring. We counted 23 who were saved, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, 20 baptized in water, and 11 added to the Assembly. Many testified to definite healing of various afflictions. The spirit of revival is still among us.—B. O. Smith, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—The South Bend Gospel Tabernacle has enjoyed a fine revival with the Erickson evangelistic party, assisted by the Henry family and the McColl-Gerard Trio. There were miracles of healing each night of the four weeks. Many hundreds were contacted for the gospel. Several received the Holy Spirit. The number varied from a few to about fifty who responded to the altar call each night. Many of these were from surrounding towns, but we were happy that the revival spread into these districts too. There were remarkable testimonies of healing that have been certified by physicians. Many nominal church people were stirred by this spiritual move.—Lester Sumrall, Pastor.

SAYRE, OKLA.—We had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church with the Jones Evangelistic Trio of Texarkana, Ark. Large crowds attended these services, and many nights it was necessary to bring in additional seats to accommodate the people. Many attended this revival who had never been known to attend a full gospel church before. There was an unusual amount of interest shown during the entire campaign. Around 22 were saved, and a goodly number received the Baptism. The last Sunday we broke our Sunday School attendance record with 156 present. The church was inspired by this campaign, and we appreciate the visitation of God's spirit.—Nath Franks, Pastor.

BENTON, ARK.—We had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Higgins of Russellville, Ark. The meeting was planned for three weeks but was extended to five weeks. There were manifestations of God's power such as we had not seen in previous revivals. We lost count of the number who were saved or filled with the Spirit, but 45 can be definitely accounted for. Practically all who were saved during the meeting were also filled with the Holy Spirit. Our evangelist's ministry of the Word was blessed of the Lord in a gracious way, but many nights God placed it aside to deal with the lost through manifestations of the Spirit. God performed three outstanding miracles which stirred our hearts and made us conscious that nothing is impossible with Him. We broke our Sunday School record, and established a new average attendance of 213 for the five weeks. On the final Sunday of the revival 19 were baptized in water.—D. B. Ballard, Pastor.

SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—Sunday, May 21, was a memorable day in the history of the church here. It was our first Sunday in our new church. For the past 20 years the people have worshiped in a small building without adequate facilities. Three and a half months ago we began actual construction. The people had a vision for souls, and a mind to build, and with their united effort we were able to complete the church in a very short time.

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It is modern in design and, according to comments of the people here, is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. The church has a seating capacity of 325 with balcony, 22 class rooms, a Sunday School office, a church office, and a nursery. At the opening services we had over capacity crowds, and a record-breaking Sunday School. The Lord was present to bless. We are praying for a great revival to sweep through our midst and spread throughout the city.—Paul M. Wells, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Two years ago last April we came to the First Assembly to succeed the late Pastor C. A. Lasater. For more than 29 years Brother Lasater faithfully served this congregation, and the fruit of his ministry continues. Our church building, which was enlarged last year, is insufficient to accommodate the crowds. The Sunday School average has increased from 212 to 435. We are grateful for the numerical increase, but we are more grateful for the 189 that have been saved in the past 18 months. Over half of them have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. There have also been a number of outstanding healings.

Final plans are now being made for the construction of a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 1500. Our present church will become the educational building upon completion of the new building. We give God all the glory for His wonderful works among us.—Pastor and Mrs. B. Owen Oslin.

PLACERVILLE, CALIF.—We concluded a four-week revival with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey of Placerville, Calif. Nine were saved, and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. We thank God for such a moving of the Spirit in our midst. We broke our Sunday School attendance record with 117. Our people say that this is one of the best revivals the church has had. We are planning a water baptismal service in the near future, and 11

raised their hands as candidates. We have not opened the doors for membership as yet, but we are expecting as many as 12 members or more to be added to the Assembly roll. Some gave good testimonies of healing during the campaign. The last night of the meeting 11 responded to the altar call. I am sure the churches of this city and nearby communities felt the influence of this revival.—Travis F. Baker, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OREG.—We are happy to report a continuous revival in our church since the first of the year. In almost every service people have been seeking God for salvation and a deeper life, and many have been healed. The week following Palm Sunday Brother Robert Doherty from Shady Cove was our speaker for a short series of services. Immediately following his ministry Evangelist John F. Hauck commenced a revival which continued for five weeks. Many were blessed and faith was strengthened as the Word of God was preached each night. Quite a number reported definite healings in their bodies. Thirty-one have been baptized in water in two recent baptismal services, and three have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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Our Sunday School set a new attendance record Easter with 306 present, and there has been good attendance since that time. We do praise God for His moving in our midst.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

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Three weeks prior to the meeting several of our people arose early each morning and came to the church at 6:15 for prayer. God did not turn a deaf ear. During the meeting several came to the altar for salvation, and two were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The attendance throughout the meeting was good. People from other denominations in town, and people from surrounding assemblies, came to the meeting and received a blessing. A group of young people came with their sponsor from a Methodist church 15 miles away. Three of them were converted that night. A young man from a neighboring town, who was planning to become a Christian Science practitioner, was gloriously saved. We gained many new friends who are still attending the church. Four more have been saved since the meeting closed.

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HAWKINS, TEX.—Assembly of God, July 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen.—by J. B. Linney, Pastor.

NORFOLK, NEBR.—Tent meeting, cor. Whitney and Hendricks, July 9—23 or longer; Evangelist N. D. Sheneman.—by Dale C. Hastie, Pastor.

LA JOLLA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 648 Genter, July 9—16; special children's meetings, Evangelist Harry Leacock.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Assembly of God, 3rd Ave. W. and S. "D" Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist Hilton Griswold, Shenandoah, Iowa.—by Max Johnson, Pastor.

AUBURN, N. Y.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 101 North St., July 9—23 or longer; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Neighboring assemblies invited to cooperate. —by Leon L. Miles, Pastor.

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W. VA. SECTIONAL CAMP

West Virginia Sectional Camp Meeting, Mt. Hope, W. Va., July 14—23. Marvin L. Smith, Bible Teacher and Camp Evangelist. For information write W. Glenn West, Dorothy, W. Va.

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Potomac District Council, Potomac Park Camp Grounds, Falling Waters, W. Va., July 17,—20. First service Mon. night, July 17, C. A. Rally. Council sessions July 18, 19, and 20.—by E. O. Dickerson, Secretary.

REDDING, CALIF.—July 9—; Evangelist Hans Bretschneider.—by Harold Byram, Pastor.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.—July 30—Aug. 13, Evangelist Gerald Eden and Party, Coffeyville, Kans. (Frank Tatum is pastor.)

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Omaha St., July 11—23; Evangelist C. C. Wilcox.—by Ernest O. Swanson, Pastor.

SENTINEL, OKLA.—Assembly of God, July 23—Aug. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hutsell, Modesto, Calif.—by J. W. Sandlin, Pastor.

GENEVA, OHIO—Assembly of God, July 9—23 or longer; Evangelist John Wilkerson and Party.—by Ernest Ohde, Pastor.

UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO—Assembly of God, 518 N. Dawson St., July 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.—by C. E. Dewlen, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—United Full Gospel Crusade, Cor. 20th Ave., N.W. and West 63rd, July 19—Aug. 6; Evangelist Nelson Hinman, Sacramento, Calif. Crusade composed of 6 Full Gospel churches in northwest Seattle—Ballard Gospel Tabernacle, Bethany Baptist, Evangel Temple, the Foursquare Church, Fremont Tabernacle, and the Philadelphia Church. Roy Johnson. Chairman.—by R. W. Harris, Pastor Fremont Tabernacle.

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