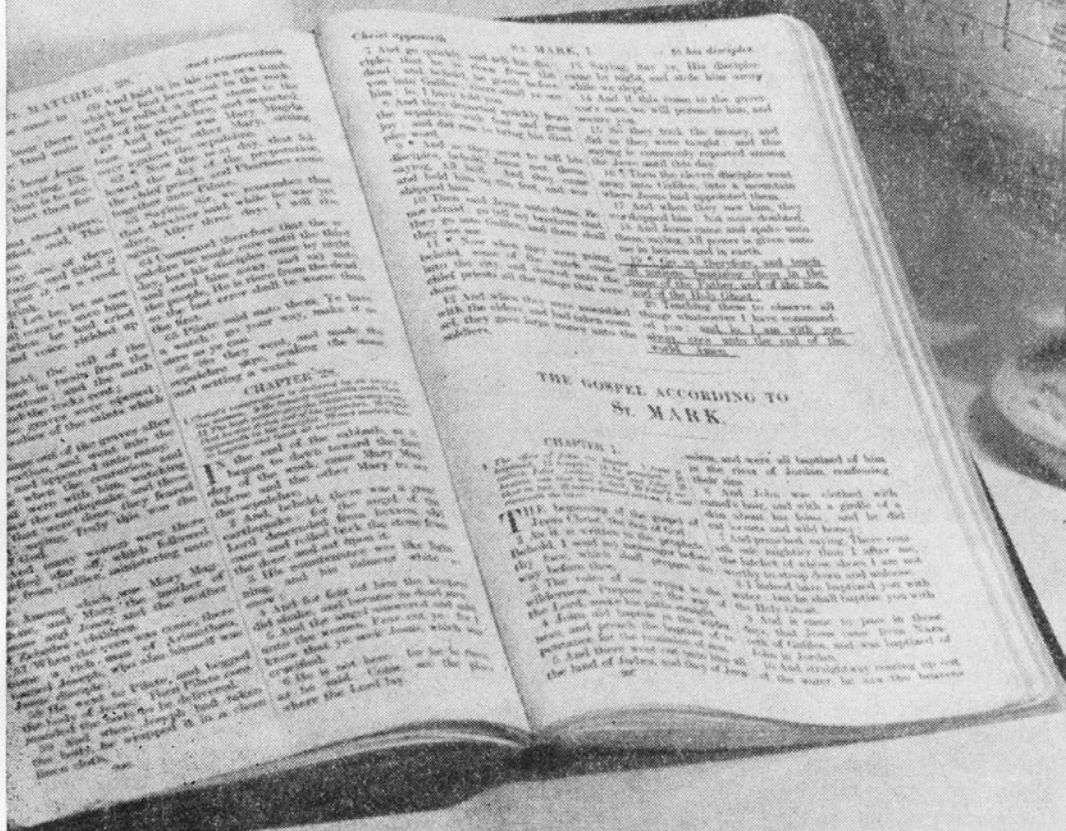


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## EDITORIAL

### TO YOUR KNEES, AMERICA!

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

If ever we needed to humble ourselves, and pray, and seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, it is now. American blood is being spilled again on fields of battle. The Red armies refuse to be stopped. There is wrangling in the United Nations. We are threatened with another surprise attack by ruthless enemies armed with atomic weapons. Can we not hear, above the screaming of the headlines and the noise of confusion, the firm and loving voice of Him who is Master of every situation, saying, "Without Me ye can do nothing"?

We have tried in vain to build a peaceful world. We made great sacrifices in World War II. We invested money and effort in setting up the UN organization. We spent billions of dollars in foreign aid. We did our human best to promote peace, but human schemes are not enough. There is no peace to those who leave God out of their lives and who will not even acknowledge Him in their peace conferences. Peace is a gift from God, withheld from the proud and self-sufficient but freely bestowed on men who will humble themselves and obey His commandments.

We need a Redeemer who can cleanse our hearts and lead us in the paths of peace. It appears that our President realizes this. In a message which he sent last month to 20,000 Baptists who had gathered in Cleveland from all parts of the earth, Mr. Truman said:

"To one and all I would give this warning: the nations of the world—our own included, with its unprecedented wealth and unlimited natural resources—cannot survive materially unless redeemed spiritually.

"Sadly we reflect upon an enormous retrogression in individual liberty and a denial of all human rights behind an impenetrable Iron Curtain in the satellite states where love—either of God or of man—is proscribed. . . . It is for us, in these days of doubt and despair, to bear true and valiant witness to the faith of our fathers—the faith delivered to the saints and transmitted to us through long generations of Christian forebears.

"We must face the problem in a spirit of steadfastness and humility, remembering the admonition of the ancient king of Israel: 'Let no man that putteth on his armor boast as he that taketh it off.'"

The king whom the President chose to quote was wicked King Ahab. The warning was uttered against proud Ben-hadad, king of the Syrians, whose mighty military power was broken soon afterwards in a humiliating defeat. But there is a lesson for us in the experiences of Israel herself during those days of Ahab! Had the people followed the advice of Elijah and walked in the paths of righteousness, they might have lived in peace and dwelt securely under the protection of God's blessing; but

instead, they followed Baal and worshipped idols, so the Lord was kind enough to chastise His people by sending famine and bloodshed to bring them to their knees. Will the Lord have to let dreadful calamity come to our nation to humiliate us, or will the people of America voluntarily humble themselves and turn to God with all their hearts?

We ought to know better than to put confidence in munitions, money, and men. "Ten Men Can Save America," says Proctor Mellquist, describing the members of the National Security Board. But the Lord says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else." Only God can save us.

Thousands of God-fearing people in America are fervently hoping that President Truman will publicly acknowledge our desperate need of divine mercy, and will proclaim a National Day of Humiliation and Prayer. We are convinced that God will honor such a move. Various individuals and groups have petitioned Mr. Truman to make such a proclamation, and he has stated that he was seriously considering the matter and had already made initial investigations toward a Day of Prayer.

There are numerous instances in American history when God has intervened in answer to national prayer. He did it when President Roosevelt called the nation to prayer during World War II. He intervened during the war crisis in 1812, when President James Madison proclaimed the "third Thursday of August as a day of acknowledging the transgressions which might justly provoke divine displeasure, of seeking merciful forgiveness."

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed April 30, 1863, as a "day of national repentance, fasting, and prayer: that the united cry of the nation might be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins." Lincoln held that God rules the world on the principle that we reap what we sow, and in his summons to prayer he said, "We have forgotten God. Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. The awful calamity of war which now desolates the land may be but divine punishment."

It was Daniel Webster, one of America's greatest statesmen, who uttered the solemn warning: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

We fervently hope that our President will have the courage to call the country to its knees. Never has the nation faced a crisis so great as it faces today, and we know no better way to "bear true and valiant witness to the faith of our fathers" than to humble ourselves as a nation and pray for divine forgiveness.

Until such time as the President takes this step, let each assembly of God's people have its own Day of Prayer. Let us pray collectively and individually for our President, for Congress, for our servicemen, and for the entire international situation.

Pray especially for the missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and every agency by which the

gospel is being spread. A spiritual awakening is the only way to peace. Pray for such an outpouring of God's Spirit that multitudes shall turn to Christ, and that the fierce anger of the Lord shall be turned away. God still waits to keep His ancient promise: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

### A WORLD SURPRISE

One of these days or nights—while men are busy with the common pursuits and cares of life, and everything is rolling on its accustomed course—unheralded, unbelieved, and unknown to the gay world, here one, and there another, shall secretly disappear, "caught up" like Enoch, who was "not found because God had translated him." Invisibly, noiselessly, miraculously, they shall vanish from the company and fellowship of those about them, and ascend to their returning Lord. Strange announcements of the missing ones will be in the morning papers. Strange accounts will be whispered around in circles of business and society. And for the first time will apostate Christendom, and the slow in heart to believe all that the prophets have written, have the truth brought home, that no such half-Christianity as theirs is sufficient to put men among the favorites of the Lord.—*J. A. Seiss.*



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# HIS GOOD TREASURE

J. Narver Gortner



THE GOD OF ISRAEL made a conditional promise to His people, in the days of Moses. The fulfilment of the promise was contingent upon Israel's obedience. He said, "The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure." Deuteronomy 28:12. Let us not forget that the saints during this church age constitute God's spiritual Israel, and that we who have received Christ, the Promised Seed, are "heirs according to the promise." So we have a right to claim for ourselves the promise that "the Lord shall open unto us His good treasure."

The word rendered "treasure" is usually so rendered, but in some passages it is otherwise rendered. For instance, in Joshua 6:18 it is rendered "treasury," in 1 Chronicles 27:25 and in Psalm 33:7 it is rendered "storehouses," and in Jeremiah 50:25 it is rendered "armory." And there is also significance in the fact that the word is rendered "cellars" in 1 Chronicles 27:27, 28 where we read of "the wine cellars" and "the cellars of oil."

Let us look at the promise that the Lord has made that He will open unto us His good treasure, or, in other words, will make available unto us His resources. The language God uses in the Scriptures is adapted to convey to our understanding the thoughts of the Infinite which are not our thoughts, for God has told us that "as the heavens are high above the earth, so are His thoughts higher than our thoughts, and His ways higher than our ways."

## I

If we are obedient in seeking the Lord in His appointed way, He will open unto us the treasures of His Word. And

how marvelous are those treasures. There is no book like the book of God. There is no library like the Bible, for the Bible is a whole library. It is inexhaustible. There are depths here that we have not yet fathomed and heights we have not yet scaled. The Bible in this respect differs from all other books. Astute thinkers have produced many profound treatises. Solomon in his day wrote, "Of the making of many books there is no end." But not many of the books that were then extant have come down to us. Only a few of the books that were attracting the attention of men a century ago are now being read. Likewise most of today's books are ephemeral. It is undoubtedly true that the world would be as well off, or maybe better off, if the most of the books that come from modern presses were never published. They do humanity little good, and many of them are the source of untold evil. But the Bible has lived on, and still lives on, and continues to be "the world's best seller." How do we account for it? It is God's message to humanity.

Man was created that he might have fellowship with God, and God with him, and there has been implanted within him a religious instinct that seeks after God and cannot be satisfied with anything or anybody except God. And the Bible, to those who come to it with honest hearts, bears witness to the divinity of its origin. Some books we read once or twice, and then lay aside. But the Bible we read and reread, and each time we take it up we see something new; and if we are being led by the Spirit we are continually discovering new treasures. The Lord opens unto us the treasures of His Word.

## II

The Lord opens unto us, also, the treasures of His love. And how marvelous is the love of God! Of course the greatest manifestation of God's love that has ever been afforded was afforded in the gift of His Son whom He sent into the world to die on our behalf. For He was born that He might die; and His death upon the cross was

an *accomplishment*. Moses and Elias, conversing with Jesus at the time our Lord was transfigured, conversed concerning "the decease He was to *accomplish* at Jerusalem." It was at Calvary that our Lord paid the penalty of sin that the sinner might go free; it was there that He spoiled principalities and powers; it was at that time that He dealt to Satan a blow that paralyzed the devil, and has handicapped and hindered the enemy ever since. And of course our Lord's death was followed by His resurrection. The baptism of His sufferings included not only His death, but also His resurrection from the dead, and culminated in His ascension and exaltation at the right hand of the Father. This was all a part of the divine plan; and the plan was the outgrowth of the love of God.

It was Paul who wrote, "If God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Oh, the love of God! Paul desired to know it, but in expressing his desire he said that it "passeth knowledge." I think that God will be continuing all through eternity to give us new revelation of the greatness of His love. Our hearts will ever marvel, as they have frequently marvelled here upon earth, as He opens unto us the treasures of His love.

## III

He opens unto us, also, the treasures of His wisdom. Ruskin, in that masterpiece of English literature, *The Seven Lamps of Architecture*, has discoursed eloquently concerning the lamp of sacrifice, the lamp of truth, the lamp of power, the lamp of beauty, the lamp of life, the lamp of memory, and the lamp of obedience. I have sometimes wondered why he did not discourse concerning the lamp of wisdom. For Solomon, who was reputed to be the wisest man of his day, said, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding." And let us not forget that he only is wise who knows and loves and serves God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Only the beginning. Progress in wisdom can be made only in

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# The Priesthood of Saints

Niels P. Thomsen

THE NEW TESTAMENT clearly teaches that it is the will of God that saints should exercise their high calling as priests. This has been true down through the church age; and the need for the exercise of this office is greater today than it has ever been before.

I am of the opinion that the days of apostasy are upon us, not because we live in the twentieth century after Christ, but because of the tremendous let-down in prayer and intercession. There are many reasons for this; and some of them are found among fine, fundamental, and God-fearing people. One such is the thought that God has His program all planned, and that our praying cannot change it.

Of course, some praying is foolish because it is un-Scriptural; such as, "Lord, do not let the Antichrist have power." This is just a sample. The Antichrist will come, and he will have power; God will let him have power in order that there shall be the ripening of the corruption of sin. The only prayer God will hear is the prayer that is according to His will. But there is prayer and intercession that is greatly needed today: prayer for the church, prayer for the saints, prayer that such as should be saved will be saved, prayer for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church that Christ bought by His precious Blood.

We are told in 1 Peter 2:9 that we are a royal priesthood; and in Revelation 5:10 we are reminded of the song in which we shall join with the rest of the saints, "Thou hast made us unto our God kings and priests." We believe that as kings we shall reign with Him, and shall we not believe also that as priests we should function in that office? We are priests because we share with Christ in His priesthood, just as we are sons of God because we share with Christ in His sonship, and kings because we share with Him in His royalty.

What a high calling is ours in Christ! May we ever prove worthy of it; and may we ever function in these capacities in such a way that men may know that we have been with Him.

May I point you briefly to two great responsibilities that rest upon the priest. In the first place, he is to stand for God before the people. His words should be the words God would have him convey. He must not present himself; he must represent God. His words should not be the expression of his own ideas; they must be the word of God. This is clearly a great responsibility, as well as a real privilege. All privileges of any worth carry great responsibilities with them. This carries with it the need of witnessing for Christ in this generation. The witnesses to the great truths of the Bible are becoming proportionately fewer, as apostasy increases and compromise and doubt filters in on every hand. And, of course, this witness must not be carried on by word of mouth alone. That can become as dry and tasteless as dust. Our witness must have the anointing of God on it and be backed by a life that reveals it in actual practice day by day. So much of the force of our testimony is lost in the kind of life we set alongside of it. May the life of our High Priest so possess us that men not only shall hear from us, but also shall see in us the manifestation and power of the life that God alone can produce. In this way we shall be true priests of the living God.

As priests we have another great responsibility. We must stand for men before God. Who will present the needs all about us if we do not? Who will present the burdens and needs of a failing church if those who have drawn near to the heart of Christ will not? Some one says that Christ is the Intercessor; He will pray for them. But let us not forget that He has called us to be workers together with Him. This must mean not only that we are to win souls, but also that we are to join with Him in lifting the fallen, opening prison doors for those that are captive, and

breaking the shackles of those that are bound.

When Daniel knew, according to the prophecies, that the seventy years of captivity were ended, instead of telling his people to rejoice because they would soon be going back to Palestine, he set himself to pray and fast. For three weeks he prayed and ate no pleasant food. He used the time to confess the sins of his people, and to plead for their deliverance. Here, surely, is a great ministry that awaits the redeemed today. We know that the coming of the Lord draws near; we are assured that we are living in the end time; but how many of us are before the Lord in intercession for the church that it may be victorious and be caught away when our Lord returns? There are sins of omission as well as sins of commission that need to be confessed before the Lord.

We are told in 1 Timothy 2:1, 2, that we are to pray for all men, even for kings, and those in authority. The preposition "for" (in the original) means *in the stead of*, or *in the place of*. In the main, they are not praying; we should enter into their place in the Spirit and pray as though they were praying. Pray that things may be brought about that our Lord may soon return, and that the kingdom of our Christ may be set up on this earth. In this way we shall indeed be a royal priesthood; for we shall be reigning with our Lord. What marvelous privileges are ours! Let us exercise ourselves in them. Here is real opportunity to exercise the gifts of faith, discernment, etc.

I wonder if we realize what our failure in this regard may mean. Through His prophet Ezekiel, the Lord spoke in the land of captivity, and suggested as a reason for such a condition of the people, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me in the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezek. 22:30. This suggests that if He could have found the MAN, not necessarily *men*, the land would not have been destroyed. He may be looking for that man today. May I, may you, be that man.

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"How near we are to each other," said Fenelon, "when we are all united to Christ!"

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"If all our circumstances find us in God, we shall find God in all our circumstances."

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True repentance has a double aspect: it looks upon the past with weeping eyes, and upon the future with a watchful eye.

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# Humanity's ONLY HOPE

Charles F. McKoy



After traveling all the way around the earth, and viewing present conditions as they exist in various lands, Dr.

McKoy is convinced that earth's only hope lies in the second coming of Christ, just as the individual's only hope lies in accepting Him as Savior and Lord

THIS IS MY FIFTIETH YEAR in the Christian ministry. Although I had never travelled by ocean or by plane, I felt an irresistible urge to come to Asia. I spent several weeks in Egypt and the Holy Land. The one overwhelming moment of my life was when I came to The Place of the Skull, where our dear Lord was crucified. The only way by which I could express the emotion of my heart was to kneel and say: "Lord Jesus, my Redeemer!" while the tears coursed down my cheeks.

In India I had four glorious months in preaching to the students of colleges, training schools, and Indian troops at Jalihalla. I had the joy of leading many Hindus to Christ. In Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, and Hong Kong I saw evidence that the gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. On the Island of Cheung Chau I taught and encouraged a group of sixty-five Chinese Pentecostal young people, who are studying at the Ecclesia Bible School (Assemblies of God) directed by Elmer Morrison, who is well known in Pentecostal circles both in Canada and in America.

At Formosa I had the outstanding experience of my entire ministry. From the day that I arrived there, a time of revival and blessing came to the churches. God poured forth His Spirit in mighty power. Men beating drums went through the streets shouting: "Come out tonight and hear the prophet from America who says that God will protect Formosa." As a result of this unique advertising the churches and

halls were crowded to capacity. Many souls were saved.

At the close of one of the services a group of young men came and asked me to preach on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was offered free time on the radio stations of Taipeh to proclaim the gospel to Formosa and China. Later I was given a testimonial dinner by the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai Shek. Madame Chiang is herself a Methodist, but her mother was Pentecostal. They thanked me that I had been used of God to bring new hope and spirit to the discouraged people of Taiwan.

And now I am in Japan. I have been preaching to American soldiers and Japanese churches. But here I find only one subject of conversation; the newspapers also give all their front-page space to the war in Korea. Surely this is a time when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth." It is a time of great perplexity and distress. What will tomorrow be? Only God knows. After the tremendous sacrifices of the Korean war, will the United States be called upon to make similar sacrifices in Burma, Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, the Philippines, Turkey, and Iran? Let him answer who can.

In my journey around the world I found hatred, strife, jealousy, and religious persecution everywhere. In Egypt there was such hatred of Israel that many Jews would not dare to appear on the streets of Cairo at night. There I found a feeling of bitter hatred toward Christians. In one window I saw a sign displayed: "Egypt is for Egyptian Mussulmans, and Egyptian Mussulmans only." The churches are

tolerated, but are restricted on every side. When I think of undiluted fanaticism, I think of Egypt.

In motoring from Damascus to Jerusalem my baggage was searched frequently for evidence of friendship toward Israel. At El Haran I was at a sidewalk cafe drinking coffee when two police officers came up to me, and asked to look at my passport. They said: "There's a feeling here in El Haran that you are some rich Jew, trying to get through to Israel." I convinced them that I was neither Jewish nor rich. I saw the crowd gathering around, and waiting for the nod from the officers. I did not linger in Haran as long as did Abraham in the days of old, but took the first taxi I could find, and started out for the Holy City.

In the Holy City itself I found such hatred of Israel that no Jews would dare to admit their identity. At the Wailing Wall there was only desolation. Any Jew found there would have been shot on sight. In Lebanon I saw thousands of Arabian refugees who had been driven from their homes in Palestine by the Jews who had established themselves in Haifa and other cities.

When I came to India I found such hatred between the populations of Pakistan and India that it almost seemed as if war would break out at any moment. I saw the filthy tents in which hundreds of thousands of refugees were compelled to live like swine. In Ceylon, Penang, and Singapore, Communists were daily committing such acts of violence as would bring shame to savages of darkest Africa.

In Hong Kong I found order was maintained only because of the presence everywhere of British troops. During the forty-five days that I was there, there were endless street brawls and throwing of hand grenades.

And this is the story everywhere. We are living in a time when peace is taken from the earth. Violence is found on every side. Men have turned their backs upon God, and have sought pleasure in the vilest entertainment. As it was in the days of Noah, and as it was in the days of Sodom, so is it now. The world today seems like a great hog pen in which men and women of vile lusts wallow about in the mud and filth of their own shamelessness.

Having travelled all the way around the earth I find encouragement only as I turn to the Word of God and read: "For the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

"EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!"

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# HEALED

## THROAT AILMENT

I went to the hospital in February, 1950, and the doctor told me I had enlarged blood vessels of the throat. I was in quite a run-down condition. My throat looked as if I had a goiter. The doctor told me that there was nothing he could do, as it was impossible to operate. He advised me not to worry about my condition, but to keep my mind on the Lord and be ready for whatever happened to me. I was prayed for during the meeting that Evangelist W. A. Petty of Beaumont, Tex. conducted at our church. God wonderfully touched my body. Those enlarged blood vessels went down and my throat is normal again. I cannot thank God enough for His goodness to me.—Mrs. Lucy Smith, Route 2, Gilberttown, Ala.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor Oscar Overstreet, Gilberttown, Ala.)

## GOITER AND THROAT TROUBLE

For several years I had been troubled with a throat ailment. When I would be in the least bit of wind I would lose my voice. I would not be able to speak above a whisper for some time. In January, 1950, Evangelist R. E. Jeffery came to our church. I was prayed for during this meeting and the Lord healed me. I was also healed of an inward goiter. I surely thank the Lord for His healing power and for His goodness to me.—Nellie Ellison, Box 227, Tolleson, Ariz.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor O. W. Killingsworth, Tolleson, Ariz.)

## SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY WITH TUBERCULOSIS

My son was a healthy normal child until about a year ago. Then I noticed he was growing thin. He was seven and I supposed that he was just growing taller. On March 21, 1950, I took him to our family physician for a check-up. The doctor took an X-ray of his chest which revealed tuberculosis of the left lung.

My wife's parents belong to the Assembly of God Tabernacle at Windber, Pa. They asked me to let them take Edward to the service to be prayed for. I consented. It was on April 21 that Edward was anointed and prayed for. He was healed by the power of God and has been gaining weight ever since.

Later I took Edward to the doctor. He turned me over to the State Clinic. This meant a new set of X rays. The doctor told me that there was nothing the matter with my boy, but he could not understand how Edward was able to throw off this disease so fast and so completely. He said that he did not have a scar or show any sign that he ever had any infection. I told the doctor that my boy had been prayed for and healed by the power of God. The doctor said, "I do not know anything about that, but I do know your boy is healed."

As a result of my boy's healing I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am

happy in the service of the Lord. To God be all the praise and glory.—Edward L. Simmins, 84 Du Pont Place, Johnstown, Pa.

(Pastor Alfred Coletti, Windber, Pa., verifies this healing. He states that Edward is completely healed.)

## LEAD POISONING, ARTHRITIS, AND GALL BLADDER ATTACK

I was a backslider for many years, and did not concern myself very much about God. Suddenly I was stricken with lead poisoning. I was in terrible agony. Pastor R. S. Peterson of the Brainerd Gospel Tabernacle found me, while visiting the sick in the hospital. He included me in his prayer, while praying for a member in the same ward as mine. Later I called him back to the hospital, and he got acquainted with my wife and me. He asked us to surrender to the Lord, saying that God would help us. Hallelujah, God not only saved us and gave us the joy of salvation, but He also instantly and completely healed me of lead poisoning. I returned home, and soon went back to work at the foundry.

About six weeks later I had a gall bladder attack and a severe attack of Arthritis. I turned to the Lord with all my heart. I was anointed and prayed for by my pastor and the Lummer Evangelistic Party who were there in a meeting. God marvelously delivered me. All praise to His wonderful name. For many years I was able to eat only certain foods. Now I eat anything I want.

My wife and I have restored the family altar, and we are so happy in the love and grace of our blessed Saviour. We give Him all the glory.—Christ Kirsten, Brainerd, Minn.

(Pastor R. S. Peterson, Brainerd, Minn., says, "I can verify this testimony of Mr. Kirsten. It is almost nine months since God saved and healed him. It stands good to date. Praise God.")

## HEMORRHOIDS AND OTHER AFFLICTIONS

Since the Lord saved me 19 years ago, I have desired to trust Him for the needs of my body as well as the salvation of my soul, as I realized He had made provision for both. However, I never could seem to believe for my own healing even though I witnessed many healings in my own family in answer to prayer.

In the space of four years I had tried six different doctors, and each diagnosed my case differently. I suffered continually with pain through my short ribs and beneath my shoulder blades. I had difficulty breathing if I didn't watch my diet closely. I never knew just what the disease was so I was treated for different ailments. However, the X ray showed that I had a bad liver and a dropped stomach.

I was prayed for many times but did not get complete deliverance. God began to deal with me about fasting. As I waited on the Lord my faith increased. On Oct. 4, 1949, our pastor, E. L. Glenn, preached on Divine Healing. I was anointed and prayed for, and this time I actually expected deliverance. God did not fail me. I was wonderfully healed. Bless His name!

The Lord had been so good to me. I yearned to do more for Him and to be a greater blessing to others. I decided to fast occasionally. Not only has it inspired my heart

to believe God for greater things, but it has helped me to have more of that love that "seeketh not her own." I have been able to live more in the Spirit and to spend more time in travailing, intercessory prayer.

About three months ago God again permitted affliction to come upon me. I began to be troubled with hemorrhoids. At first the trouble was only slight, but it grew worse until I was unable to stand on my feet for any length of time. I suffered for almost six weeks. On May 31st I knelt in prayer in my home and desperately cried out to God for help. The Lord graciously met my need that day. He healed me instantly and I have felt no pain or discomfort since then.

What a privilege is ours to trust the Lord for both soul and body.—Mrs. Rachel L. Adams, 617 Leonard, Valley Park, Mo.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor E. R. Glenn, 452 Vest St., Valley Park, Mo.)

## INDUSTRIAL ASTHMA AND INJURED SPINE

Since 1939 I suffered with industrial asthma. According to the doctors my case was the very worst form. X rays taken in 1942 showed only one rib in one side and two ribs in the other side. The other ribs were covered with a fibrous dust. The doctors could do nothing to effect a cure. Drugs brought only temporary relief. My condition grew worse, and each spell was more severe than the last. Blood flowed from my mouth in attacks. I was never without pain in my chest and back. There was a heavy pressure on my chest, and my flesh was sore and sensitive. My future seemed so hopeless.

Last winter Evangelist Harvey McAlister came to our city. My husband and I attended the meetings. We were both unsaved. One night we made our way through the crowd and talked to Brother McAlister. We surrendered our hearts to the Lord. That was Dec. 9, 1949. We were incessant smokers, but all desire for cigarettes left us.

The next Sunday night we went forward for prayer for healing. As I was prayed for, a warmth penetrated every part of my body. All pain and soreness left instantly. The pressure on my chest lifted. I was completely healed. I had also suffered from varicose veins in my left limb. That condition is corrected, although the healing was more gradual.

In 1941 my husband was in an auto accident. He was thrown from the car to the pavement and landed in a sitting position; as a result, his spine was dislocated and injured. The doctors were unable to ascertain his exact trouble. He had given up all hope of recovery and had become reconciled to suffer. He also was afflicted with an aggravating sinus trouble. When he was prayed for, a warm sensation passed through his body, especially to the parts affected. He was healed. All pain was gone, and there has been no recurrence of pain. He no longer feels tired and worn.—Mrs. Luella Scarborough, 1906 Miller Rd., Kalamazoo, Mich.

(Pastor M. R. Searles, Kalamazoo, Mich., verifies this testimony. He states that after several months the Scarboroughs are still enjoying good health. They give all the glory to the Lord, and they are following on to know Him better.)

# PASSING and PERMANENT

## NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

### The Meggiddo Hotel

A new luxurious hotel for foreign tourists has been opened on Mount Carmel. This modern hotel, built at a cost of \$700,000, has been named The Meggiddo, since it overlooks the valley of Meggiddo where the battle of Armageddon (Har-Magedon) will some day be fought. See Revelation 16:16.

### To Make Cars in Israel

Another automobile manufacturer has decided to open a plant in Israel. The Kaiser-Frazer Company planned to begin production in Haifa this month. With a capital of \$2,500,000 the Israel company will employ more than 300 workers and will produce 6,000 cars annually.

### "A Burdensome Stone" Indeed

Making Jerusalem an international city is virtually impossible, according to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, which has sent the problem back to the General Assembly. The UN may have to be content with setting up international authority over just the holy places and religious shrines. Already the Lord is making Jerusalem "a burdensome stone for all people." Zechariah 12:3.

### To Make Oil from Sunflowers

When Israel walked with God in days of old, the Lord "made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs. . . ." But today the people of Israel (many of them) are eating margarine. An experiment is being conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture in an attempt to produce oil for margarine. Five thousand acres have been planted with sunflowers which are expected to yield 400 tons of oil.

### False Christ and His Bride

Father Divine, Negro cult leader, and his young white wife, marked their fourth wedding anniversary recently at a two-day celebration of the "marriage feast of the lamb and his spotless virgin bride." There were two days of banquets, the public invited. "No presents, smoking, drinking, or swearing," the invitation stated. What a diabolical parody on Revelation 19! Those who are present at the true "marriage supper of the Lamb" will not have to be told to refrain from smoking, drinking, and swearing!

### Fake Tobacco Testimonials

Investigation by the Federal Trade Commission into 43 advertisements of testimonials claiming "I smoke so-and-so exclusively" revealed, as *Time* put it, "that some of the people to whom such testimonials were attributed did not smoke at all, some could tell no difference between one brand and another, while still others could not read and did not even know what statements had been attributed to them."

### City-Wide Prayer for Peace

The city of Sacramento, Calif. (population 250,000) has been asked to pray for world peace each day for 30 days. The plan was announced by the Sacramento Ministerial Association following a meeting of representatives of churches, civic organizations, radio stations and newspapers.

World peace and understanding is to be the general theme of the prayers. They will be delivered at noon for 30 days over all local radio stations and on public address systems in stores and office buildings, and in the city's two downtown parks.

The President of the Ministerial Association said the time limit may be extended if public response warrants. All churches in Sacramento are being asked to participate.

We hope the prayers are addressed to God, and not to the people. We hope they come from the heart, and not merely from the lips. If they are sincere and are accompanied by a genuine repentance for sin, such prayers will do more to solve the poor world's troubles than all the troops and diplomacy of the United Nations.

### The Korean Crisis

T. Stanley Soltau spent 23 years in Korea as a Presbyterian missionary and was a leader in the famous Korean Mission. Last month, in an address at the Ben Lippen Conference, Asheville, N. C., he surveyed the background of the Korean crisis.

He stated that Korea is about the size of Pennsylvania, with a population of 25 million. Its authentic history goes back 3,500 years. Its scholars have been famous for their knowledge of Chinese literature and for their exquisite penmanship. They had printing blocks in Korea 150 years before William Caxton invented them in England.

Among Christians, however, Korea is best known as the land with the greatest indigenous church on earth. After 50 years the church numbers 170,000 (mostly Methodists and Presbyterians). It has been truly an indigenous church, self-supporting from the beginning, and self-governing and self-propagating. The Korean Presbyterian Church has had a foreign mission board and has sent missionaries to Manchuria, China, and Japan. The secret of the power of this church has been their love for Bible study.

A series of persecutions has marked the growth of the church. There was a so-called conspiracy in 1913 when the church leaders were falsely accused of rising against Japan. There were 300 Christian leaders tortured for months. In 1919 came the independence movement when Japan sought to discredit the Christian Church. Dozens of churches were burned to the ground.

Then came the great Shinto shrine controversy in 1936-37. The Japanese commanded all the Christians to bow and worship the sun goddess. There was a modernistic group

who took the position that Shinto worship was merely an act of political loyalty, not of worship; but a great portion of the Christians took the position that all who bowed at a Shinto shrine were apostate. Some of the latter, under terrific provocation, did weaken, but many refused to bow down. The Japanese, after torturing the Christian for weeks or months, would tell him that his family would get no food unless he came and bowed to the shrine.

The present situation in Korea began with the Yalta conference. Russia came in to help defeat Japan, and soon overwhelmed the Japanese forces in Korea. The 38th parallel was arbitrarily set as the line between North Korea, which was put under the protection of Russia, and South Korea, which was put under the United States. The Russians, before withdrawing their occupation troops, turned North Korea into a Communist state.

According to Dr. Soltau, two-thirds of all the Korean Christians were in the north. Refugees began streaming down from North Korea at the rate of about 1,000 a day. They reported that although the Japanese occupation had been terrible, under Russia it was far worse. The cruelty and ruthlessness of communism struck against the church. Many pastors disappeared. But as the Christians fled southward they began a great evangelistic movement. Their aim was to establish a church in every village in South Korea.

Then war came. Dr. Soltau said that, although an invasion from the north had been expected, the south was not prepared for full-scale war. If Korea is conquered by the communists, the Christian church will go underground. The communists will control all of south and southeast Asia within a few years, including Japan. These nations will be under a virtual slavery. But he does not believe that the communists will win. He thinks that, since the United States and other nations have elected to resist the communists, the reds will be defeated in Korea, probably after a long conflict, and the spread of communism will then be much slower.

Each year the torrential rains begin in Korea between July 5 and 10. For six weeks there is a downpour which at times amounts to almost 24 inches in 24 hours. This leaves much of South Korea under water. The suffering of the Koreans in the midst of war under such conditions is indeed great. Dr. Soltau urged that we should pray for the Korean Christians during this present trial. Pray that as they meet this new era of suffering a Holy Ghost revival may come and the gospel message may spread over all the land.

### Preparing for Atomic Attack

The 1951 New Jersey automobile driver's license will provide a space for the holder's blood type, in case a quick transfusion is needed after an atomic attack. The State Director of Civilian Defense is urging every resident—driver or not—to learn his blood type so that emergency treatment can be given. By taking this wise precaution many may save their own lives. Natural life is precious but spiritual life is more important; how many are preparing spiritually for such an eventuality, by accepting Christ as their personal Redeemer and consecrating their lives to Him?

# "A LAND OF DEATH"

Laura R. Pape, Liberia

● ON FEBRUARY 15 our school opened at Feloka. There were 240 pupils, 102 more than we had last year. We desired to take as many as possible so they could have the privilege of Christian teaching and the opportunity to attend Sunday School and church, which they might not have elsewhere, but we finally had to turn some away in the lower grades. We just could not handle all of them.

The large enrollment made it necessary that we convert two of the rooms of one of the boys' houses into a large classroom. Bamboo benches were made for the classroom with forked sticks from the *bush*, bamboo, and tie-tie. Backs to the benches? No. Even the wooden benches in the upper classrooms have no backs, and we have only ten desks in the entire school. As time permits, though, and as lumber and money are available, we do hope to have better equipment.

We had 130 primer students and what a time we had getting them divided into classes of equal reading ability! Some had been in school one or two years and did not know what names they had given when they entered school. When the roll was called they answered to more than one name, or not at all! It was several weeks before we had what might be considered a fairly accurate roll. A few have dropped out of school, but with them no longer on the roll and with the duplicate names eliminated we still have 220 enrolled. Most of the students are from nine to eighteen years old. We sent the youngest ones home the first week. The nine-year-old children here are about the size of six-year-old American children. The children are small because of their poor diet.

The students have keen memories. When they overcome the language barrier they learn to read as quickly as do American children.

Physical education and military drill are given on Friday. The drum is beaten to call the students together. One of our eighth grade students, who also teaches primary classes, is a second lieutenant in the Liberian Army. He directs the drill. All schools are required to have uniforms for special national days. Our boys wear blue trousers and white shirts, and the girls wear blue dresses, piped in white.

Some of the students are enrolled for regular Bible School work.

One night two weeks ago before retiring we heard the chickens making an unusual amount of noise. We knew that something was disturbing them, and began investigating. We found driver ants in front of the chicken house. The boys were called to bring bamboo torches. When the door was opened our two hens and their broods came out. The baby chickens had driver ants on their feet. We caught the chicks and pulled the ants off. We had to take hold of the heads of the ants; otherwise, the heads were left buried in the

chickens. The chickens' feet were bleeding.

The next night we put the chickens in a box on the back porch. During the night Louise J. Davis, who is with me at Feloka, called to tell me that the drivers were on the porch. The chickens had awakened her. I grabbed the box of chickens and ran out in the yard with them, and spilled them out on the ground. The boys were summoned. By the time the chickens had been cared for the drivers were in my room. The boys fought them with their torches, being careful not to set anything afire. Long bamboo torches are held down to the marching line. Usually after torches are applied the ants reassemble and march away. We had them in the food room that night, too.

The next morning when I opened the back door I was horrified to see what looked to be two large black snakes entwined around the corner post of the porch. It was the ants. The cook burned them off.

All that morning there was a constant line of drivers going from one grassy spot to another behind the house. At noon I noticed that they had collected just back of my room. They were driven away, but before dark they had mobilized for an attack through the foundation of our house. Again torches were used.

Before retiring I went on an inspection tour and found that the ants were trying to break through the foundation again. They were driven away, but we were uneasy about them all night. Whenever Miss Davis or I chanced to awaken we would take our flashlights and walk around the house. On one of my trips I arrived back at the door and was about to enter when I saw a snake trying to crawl under the foundation. Miss Davis was awakened. She brought a cutlass from the kitchen and chopped the snake's head off while I trained the light on it. We learned from the boys the next morning that it was a young cobra. It had been about two feet long.

The boys found the home of the ants. It was only 100 feet back of our house, at the edge of the *bush*. They tried to destroy the home, but the ants made several sorties against

the girls' quarters before they were entirely routed. Two of the little chickens are still limping from the wounds they received. There were four casualties among the chickens that second night that the drivers launched the surprise attack on them.

This is a land of death. Hawks swoop down right by the house and seize the baby chicks. Today a weasel was out in the open, just back of the house, trying to get something to eat.

One Saturday afternoon a woman brought a sick baby to be treated. The nurse did what she could, but the baby died in her arms on our porch. About the time the baby died there was a loud crash of thunder and a flash of lightning, and then a downpour. While it was yet storming, women from town came to comfort the mother. Then the father came and carried the little body to town. We learned later that the baby's uncle had been killed in his *bush* house on his farm by the lightning that preceded the storm.

We remembered the lightning because of the difficulty we experienced during the storm. Our roof is of mat thatch. When the wind blows the mat is lifted and the rain just pours in our house. That is what happened that day. Miss Davis and I had to cover my bed with raincoats and umbrellas when the storm struck to keep it dry.

There are quite a number of deaths here from lightning. When the wind begins to blow and a storm comes up the town drum is beaten—to frighten away the storm, and to encourage the townspeople!

The people here in Liberia live in fear. It is only those who put their trust in God who overcome the fear. Pray that the blinded eyes may be opened to the truth.

## News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Horst sailed for the Philippine Islands in July.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Hargrave, missionaries to Brazil, on June 16, a son, Bryan Charles.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Williams, missionaries to El Salvador, have returned to the States.

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Forrest G. Barker can now be reached at 5735 3/4 Lomitas Drive, Los Angeles 42,



Floyd H. Horst  
Philippines



Mrs. Floyd H. Horst  
Philippines



Mrs. George C. Slager  
Europe



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Europe





Students and teachers of the Truth Bible School in Peiping gathered for a united prayer meeting on May 1. The work is continuing without outside help.

California. Mr. Barker returned from Peru in June because of ill health.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Guenther of the Liberian field are at home on furlough.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Haydus, who have been laboring in Costa Rica, have returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. George C. Slager, formerly of the North China field, sailed for Europe in late July for missionary service in the Netherlands.

## RESPONSIVE TO GOSPEL

Leonard G. Bolton, Jamaica

● IT HAS BEEN more than two months since we arrived in Jamaica on the AMBASADOR to engage in missionary work here on the island. Jamaica, with its high mountains, rough, rugged coastlines and deep valleys, is very picturesque and interesting.

The nearly a million and a half black folk are so different from the yellow people of China with whom we have been accustomed to working. We can report, though, that they are more responsive to the moving of the Spirit.

We are located at Mandeville, about 2,000 feet up in the mountains, and are traveling back and forth to five churches, helping with the work. National workers are pastoring the churches.

God has worked in our midst since we have been here. In almost every service some have come weeping to the altars. Last Sunday several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Backsliders have been reclaimed. We are believing for a mighty moving of the Spirit.

We wish that you could hear these people sing. It would be an inspiration to you.

The great need here is for church buildings. Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Derr, two of the congregations were able to build small churches. The people had been worshiping in brush arbors, and when it rained they could not have services; but now there are services regardless of the weather.

Last Sunday afternoon we conducted a service in a brush arbor in the mountains. More than a hundred attended the service. A stone foundation had been started there for a church, but the people are unable to complete the building.

At another place we have visited there would likely be two or three hundred persons attending the services if there were a suitable place to worship. There was a brush arbor, but the wind blew it down. Now they have just a table and four chairs.

The people are quite poor, but they are willing to give their time to erect their church buildings. The cost of erecting a church with the people doing the work usually is around \$300.

An appeal already has gone out for offerings for buildings but the needs have not yet been met. We feel certain that many friends would like to have a part in the work in Jamaica. Please send your offerings for the need to the *Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated, "Buildings in Jamaica."*

## SONGBOOKS NEEDED

Miss Mary E. Martin, missionary in Liberia, writes of a need for three dozen used "Songs of Praise" songbooks for outstation work. Songbooks should be in good condition. Any church or group having "Songs of Praise" songbooks they would like to give to the Liberian field are invited to forward the books to the following address: Miss Mary E. Martin, Box 37, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Check with your post office for lowest postal rate.

## EVANGELISTIC CENTER FOR TOKYO

Tokyo! A city of six million people! Two thousand persons listening to the Word of Life in one street meeting!

But, listen! Every night hundreds and thousands of the youth of Japan mill in the streets of Tokyo with nothing but the bright lights of theaters, movies, and dance halls to beckon them. If we could put up a tabernacle where it, too, would catch the eye and beckon to the people, we **know** that hundreds would be saved.

Through a special providence of God, we have been able to purchase a former army theater, large enough to convert into a plain tabernacle which will seat 700 persons. The price? A mere \$1,456, of which all has been paid except \$60.

But if this tabernacle is to be strategically located, it means the purchase of a good lot on a wide and prominent street in the heart of Tokyo. The most conservative estimate we would dare to make for the purchase of such a lot would be \$10,000.

This is Japan's hour. The tabernacle is Tokyo's need. We believe that God wants us to supply the need. If you have some of the Lord's money to send to Japan for this purpose, do it **now**. Send your offering to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, marked "Evangelistic Center for Tokyo."

DO IT TODAY!

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin I. Lund write from Nelspruit, East Transvaal, South Africa: "Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade offerings are making it possible for a large number of tracts to be distributed by Morris O. Williams and Magnus E. Udd in Nyasaland, East Africa."



Sunday School pupils from one of our churches in Jamaica, where Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Bolton are now located. "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight..."

# SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

## SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE

### Lesson for August 27

#### 1 Kings 3:5-15

According to the chronology as given in the Bible, Solomon was twenty years old at the time of our lesson. This is a time of life when youth needs to ask for wisdom, for at this age a person is often marked more by zeal than by knowledge.

#### 1. Solomon's Motive in Requesting Wisdom

The Scripture says, "And Solomon loved the Lord." v. 3. If God is loved with all the soul, the will of the Lord is uppermost. Because Solomon loved the Lord above everything else, his love for the people of God became the passion of his life. Their well-being was of greater importance to him than his own welfare, and it was for their sake that he wanted wisdom.

Some have the idea that Christian love is expressed only in emotion. This is a mistake. Emotions are ever changing. True love is expressed in giving. Self-love shows itself in self-interest. "Give to me," it says. Divine love is shown when we give to others, and Solomon manifested that love when he requested that which would benefit the people.

#### 2. Solomon's Hour of Decision

"In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." v. 5. Solomon had gone to Gibeon to worship. He sought to express his love for the Lord by offering a thousand burnt offerings. This may seem to have been extravagant. Mary's breaking the alabaster box of very precious ointment and pouring the ointment on the head of Jesus looked extravagant, too. However, both were expressions of the greatness of their love. We would not mar this beautiful fact, but we would suggest that the Bible admonishes the need of wisdom (James 1:5) and temperance (Gal. 5:23) or self-control. We would not dampen love; we would exhort that it be guided by wisdom lest, through emotions, an unwise bestowment be made, whether it be of confidence, defense of persons unworthy, or giving of material substance. In all our getting we must get wisdom. Prov. 4:7.

Notice that Solomon had been worshiping God. Usually it is in times of intense seeking after God that we find Him opening to us His will out of which we make choices that are to endure. Solomon had the choice of asking. Would it be riches, honors, or other things that might contribute to self? Instead, all these became as nothing. He would have wisdom to know how to come in and to go out among God's people. When he sought not for self-glory, but asked in humbleness of mind for that which would make him an

efficient man of God, his choice pleased the Lord; and as a reward God gave him not wisdom only, but other added blessings fit for such a king. vv. 1-13.

#### 3. Solomon Realized His Responsibility

Solomon felt that he had a standard to sustain. David had walked before the Lord "in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart." v. 6. If Solomon was to maintain the standard of his father, he too must so walk. Let us apply this to ourselves. Some of us remember the fidelity with which our parents followed the Lord; we recall their love for the Word, their devoted lives of prayer, and the blessing of God in their midst when they met to worship. May we seek to be as faithful to God as they were. By so doing, the blessing of the Lord will continue with us.

Because David had proved faithful, "Thou (the Lord) hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy . . . and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day." v. 6. This is a beautiful tribute to David. It is an equally beautiful tribute to a worthy son. What a grasp of truth for a youth of twenty, when most of the world is going after folly.

#### 4. Solomon's Choice Pleas'd God

Solomon's speech was from deep humility. He said, "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." v. 7. "And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing." v. 10. His speech was not assumed humility; it was genuine, the feeling of his inmost soul. Out of consciousness of his own inefficiency he sought the efficiency that God alone could give, and he received. Later, as Solomon prepared the Proverbs, he wrote, "Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. . . . For riches certainly make themselves wings; and they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." Prov. 23:4, 5.

We need wisdom; yet Solomon says, "Cease from thine own wisdom." James describes an undesirable wisdom. It is a wisdom that plans carnally to selfish advantage. It may harbor bitter envying and strife in the heart. It may glory in being more clever than another. The world is full of this wisdom. Concerning it the Scripture says, "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." We cannot match brains with brains against the ungodly. Primarily this is because conscience will not allow us to stoop to things which the ungodly do. Their clever schemings, however, will provoke the displeasure of God, for "Where is the wise? . . . hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" 1 Cor. 1:20. The unrighteous may think themselves

very shrewd, but God can bring them to confusion.

#### 5. May Our Choice Please God

As Christians we need to trust in the Lord with all our hearts; and lean not to our own understanding. Prov. 3:5. The wisdom of God is spiritual rather than carnal; it is holy instead of sinful; it guides into righteousness of character and judgment, not into unrighteousness and evil character. Worldly wisdom "descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish." James 3:15. The Revised Version, in place of "sensual," has "animal." It may be said to be at first earthly, then to be animal, following the idea of "survival of the fittest." It then stoops to becoming devilish. God save His children from such carnal stoopings. If you are ever tempted to get the better of another, recognize the devilishness of such an attitude and turn from it with all your heart.

On the other hand, there is the wisdom such as Solomon desired, and it is entirely different in character. It is the wisdom of God. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17. Examine these qualities. See how Christlike they are. Then, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

SOLOMON BECOMES KING (Lesson for August 20). Lesson text: 1 Kings 2:1-12.

Sin may be sugar-coated, but there's a lot of bitterness under the thin coat!

#### A PRAYER FOR WISDOM

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to lead my children to thee.



## MISSIONS AT HOME

New Fields . . . Deaf Mutes . . . Prisoners  
Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska  
Foreign Language Groups in U. S. A.

### A REFUGEE JEWESS FINDS CHRIST

Bertha Weiner

Nine years ago I came to America from Vienna on the last transport before the war. I was very discouraged and depressed, for great was my suffering. All that I had possessed had been taken from me by the terrible persecution of the Jews in Austria. But thank God, through the testimonies of some Hebrew Christians, one of whom is a missionary from the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission, I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my Messiah and Savior. I thank God that though I am now seventy-seven years old, at last I have peace and joy in my heart through the Lord Jesus, and I praise Him for His protecting hand and for all of His goodness toward me.

Remember the work of our Hebrew Mission in your prayers. One by one the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is breaking in upon them, as it is ministered to them in love and understanding. We need your interest and financial support for our own Assemblies of God Hebrew work.

### "THE MOST THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE"

As told by Bobby Nathan, and  
reported by staff members of our Assemblies  
of God Hebrew Mission, Chicago, Illinois

Five months have elapsed, at the time of this writing, since I received the precious gift of salvation by the grace of God. I daresay the circumstances in which I was born again were unusual. I have been deaf in both ears since infancy, but despite the fact that I was unable to listen to the message of salvation, I was born again.

I am a young man, twenty-five years of age, born of Jewish parents. Due to my handicap they did not bother to have me study their religion, Reformed Judaism. In some ways I believed that God existed. I had also heard of Jesus Christ being the Son of God: that He had lived in Palestine; that He was said to be the king of the Jews; that He had power to heal people of their bodily afflictions; and that He was crucified. That was all I knew about Him. I was puzzled when my parents told me that Jewish people dislike Him, despite the fact that He was the king of the Jews. I attempted to read the Bible, but gave up after the first few chapters of Genesis.

Until my graduation last May, I was a student in the field of Science and Mathematics at Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C. In the course of my studies I lost what little faith I may have had.

One day last October a colored maid, who

had served my family about fifteen years, showed me a card announcing a healing and salvation campaign being conducted in the Chicago Coliseum. I thought the evangelist must be some kind of fakir or false healer, but my curiosity was aroused when the maid told me she had seen many people healed of all kinds of diseases and afflictions, even deafness, blindness and lameness.

As I approached the Coliseum I noticed a sign on a car outside the building—"He that hath the Son HATH life," and "Jesus Saves." I, being a Jew, instinctively turned my attention away from that car as I went into the building. Inside there were more signs—"I am the LORD that healeth thee," and "With His stripes we are healed."

At this meeting I was to see much that I had never seen before and had never even dreamed could be; for here was the mighty power of the living God! I could not hear the preaching, but I could feel its power, and I could see the delight and worshipful expressions of those who received their healing. I still did not understand about Jesus, but since His Name was given such a prominent place in the signs and songs, I concluded that He must have something to do with the things I had seen.

On the way home from meeting I saw among the car ads one that pictured a cross shining over the world with the words, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." I turned to a pamphlet I had purchased at the meeting and read, "My friends, the glorious miracles of healing you have witnessed have been wrought, not by the evangelist, but by the mighty healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God." I made a simple deduction: If what the Jews say is true about Jesus being an impostor when He claimed to be the Son of God, then why did not God visit His wrath on the believers in Christ? Instead, the believers in His Name were being healed and blessed—not cursed. And I have never heard of the Jews today receiving these glorious things from God. Therefore, Jesus must indeed be the Son of God!

As I finished reading the booklet, I was fascinated by the things I was learning; and then, being unable to restrain myself, I wept aloud as I read about Jesus suffering a painful and agonizing death so that we might be forgiven of our sins, the Son of God taking all the blame for our every evil doing! His sinless and divine body being shamefully nailed to the cross! Shaken with emotion, I wrote a note to the evangelist and said, "I believe in Jesus Christ. . . ."

The next night I was at the head of the group that responded to the call for salvation. After that, what a change when I read the Bible! When I awakened in the morning I thought of Jesus, and my whole being was thrilled with the sense of His presence. At first I hardly knew what to think as I trembled, but the great love I felt and the sense of being "glorified" made me to know now it was the Lord.

There were many things I needed to learn, and I found that a Hebrew Christian lady lived close to my own home. Prior to this I had not even known there were Jews who

believed in Christ. I thought I was the only one. This lady was a member of the Assembly of God Hebrew Mission staff. With much patience she explained the Scriptures to me, and I came to realize that healing for the body is far from being the equivalent of salvation for the soul, which is of the utmost importance.

I can say that I have truly become a new creature in Christ. I no longer care for the things of the world that I once loved. I love the Lord who died for me, and I want to serve Him all the days of my life. My family still loves me, despite my faith in Christ, and lets me remain with them. I want nothing more than to live for the glory of God.

### HIS GOOD TREASURE

(Continued from page three)

love and obedience. And in love and obedience its growth can know no bounds. Is it not likely that God's saints will grow wiser and wiser as the ages of eternity come and go? "If any of you lack wisdom," wrote James, "let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." God opens unto us the treasures of His wisdom.

#### IV

He opens unto us, also, the treasures of His armory. Attention has been called already to the fact that the word rendered "treasure" is rendered "armory" in Jer. 50:25 where we read, "The Lord hath opened His armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation." So the Lord's treasure house contains an armory, and in it are "weapons of indignation" that He makes use of as occasion requires; and in it also are "the weapons of our warfare which are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Paul has given us a most graphic description of the Christian's armor. The desire to enlarge upon this part of my theme is great, but the limits of this article make it necessary simply to refer the reader to Ephesians 6:12-18. Let us carefully and prayerfully study this passage, and be sure that we are adequately equipped for warfare against the principalities and powers of evil that are arrayed against us. Our weapons will be of no avail unless we get them out of the armory of the Lord, and then use them in God's appointed way. May the Lord open unto every one of us the treasures of His armory!

#### V

I go a bit farther and remark that the Lord opens unto us the treasures of His grace. Law is a good thing, but grace is much better. However, it must be remembered that both are necessary. Paul tells us that by the law is the knowledge of sin, and that he had not known lust (that is, had not known that he was guilty of the sin of covetousness) if the law had not said, "Thou shalt not covet." I think many of our preachers make a mistake in not laying greater emphasis upon the law. In the days of the great Methodist revival, and in the days of Finney, the preachers proclaimed the majesty of God's law, and set forth in words of fire the terrible consequences of having broken that law and of failing to flee for refuge to Christ. Sinners trembled, and very frequently, under a sense

of the greatness of their guilt, fell to the ground and lay there, sometimes for hours, while God dealt with their guilty souls. In those days it was when convicted sinners realized what sinners they were that they were regarded as fit candidates to become recipients of the grace of God. And it was then that they had an appreciation of that grace, and could rejoice therein.

The preaching of the law in the power of the Holy Spirit brings conviction; and when the sin-sick man becomes conscious of the fact that he is sick unto death, that the disease of sin is a fatal disease, and that Christ is the only remedy, he is likely to fly to the great Physician, and seek salvation through the grace of God. This is a most important phase of my theme, but I must linger no longer here. Oh, the treasures of God's grace that our Lord has opened, and is opening! And the resources of grace are still inexhaustible. Paul was a wonderful preacher, and he was wonderful only because God had made him wonderful through divine grace, through divine revelations and an unusual impartation of unction from on high. "By the grace of God," he said, "I am what I am, and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain."

#### VI

The Lord opens unto us, also, the treasures of His power. The Word of God tells us that "power belongeth unto God." It is use-

less for the preacher, or for anybody else who is engaged in the work of the Lord, or who may be living a Christian life, to look for power elsewhere. We must look for it where it is to be found. And God has promised to bestow it. But, like all other gifts of God, there are conditions that must be met, and unless we meet them the power will not be bestowed.

I received a letter recently from one of our ministers who, in closing his letter, remarked that he must now get busy in sermon preparation and prayer. Then he proceeded to correct the statement he had made, and he put prayer first, and sermon preparation afterwards. Prayer and power are vitally connected. And they are needed in the preacher's study as well as in the pulpit. May we not conclude that frequently a sermon is a failure in the pulpit because there has been no anointing in the study, no power in the parsonage, in its preparation? And may we not conclude that there was little power in the study or in the pulpit because there had been little prayer? Oh, that God would open unto all our preachers, and all our people, the treasures of His power! He will do it if we meet the conditions, for the promise is still true, "The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure."

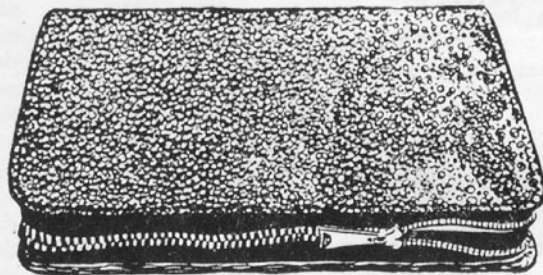
#### VII

Finally, if we falter not, fail not, fall not by the wayside, the Lord will open unto us the treasures of eternal blessedness. Some of

us who are getting near the end of our earthly pilgrimage naturally wonder what heaven is like. We shall not know until we step across the border. I am sure heaven will be better than we have ever dreamed it will be. Paul said, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

I think God has used, in describing heaven, the language that is best adapted to give us an understanding of how blessed and glorious it will be. But the language of earth cannot adequately describe the blessedness of heaven. The experience of it after a while will be "exceeding abundantly above all that we have ever asked or thought." Through His revelation God has given us a little conception *here* and *now* of the treasures of eternal blessedness, but the time will come when we shall have, not the "earnest" of our inheritance merely, but our *full* inheritance. Our Lord will open unto us, in all their fulness, the treasures of eternal blessedness, and will enlarge our capacity so that we can fully enjoy them. The blessedness will last forever. The trials and troubles, the aches and pains, the testings and inconveniences that we may have endured down here, will then seem as nothing. We shall forget them as the most of us have forgotten the troubles of our childhood that seemed so great when we were going through them. Oh, how we shall rejoice in heaven. Let us begin to rejoice down here.

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now. His son had paid the full price. Surely men would give at least a tenth.

In his campaign one day, he met a thoughtless fellow who said, “Me buy bonds? Why, I can invest my money and make much more.” Sadly the father walked away. Could men be so thoughtless, so hard headed, that they would not give 10 per cent when his son had given all? All night he was disturbed by his neighbor’s remark. “I can make more by not giving.” Why should this disturb him so, as others had said as much, though not as abruptly? His pillow was bathed in tears as the night wore on. Then as the day drew near he fell wearily asleep.

Suddenly he dreamed he was at church again. The message was being given, but not by a man this time. God was speaking, though not seen. The voice was filled with agony; the cry was soul-stirring. The message was: “I have given my Son; won’t you give 10 per cent to save the world?”

When day had come, the lonely father

sought his pastor’s office. In tears he said, “Pastor, you are right. I believe in tithing now. God has taught me that He has given His Son. He has given all. Surely I cannot refuse to give at least a tenth of all I have to save others from the darkness of hell.” —Selected.

## PERHAPS TODAY!

“Perhaps today, from every clime and nation,  
Shall souls redeemed ascend to meet their Lord;  
To suffering ones, great glad emancipation;  
To those who toil for Him, a sure reward.  
We look not down a track of endless years;  
It may be that TODAY our Lord appears!”

## VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

We invite our readers to write and express their views on subjects of general interest. Letters that are thoughtful and edifying will be published as space permits.

### In Regard to Public Schools

I want to thank you for the editorials about our Public Schools, in the July 15th EVANGEL. They surely struck a note in my heart. To my way of thinking, the Bible should be read in school, not taught, as so many teachers are not Christian.

I am 72 years of age. When I went to school we had the McGuffey readers. Every lesson spoke about God or had a good moral lesson. I wrote to our Governor expressing my desire that those books be put back in our schools. That kind of teaching built character in our youth, and if our nation ever gets back to God it must lay the foundation in the homes and schools. Children in those days had the fear of God in their hearts. May we pray earnestly about this great need.—Mrs. Rosa E. Ray, Portland, Ind.

### Non-Pentecostal Readers

You may be interested in the fact that the assistant pastor of a large Baptist church, who has recently taken over that pulpit, is a regular reader of the EVANGEL and uses much of the material contained therein for inspirational and illustrative purposes. I give the paper to various friends here at the Bethlehem Steel Company’s Quincy Yard, and I praise the Lord for the many good reports which I receive each week from non-Pentecostal readers.

May God continue to bless the editorial staff and to use this paper of ours.—Malcolm D. Kemp, Braintree, Mass.

### Some Words of Appreciation

I want to express my genuine appreciation of the EVANGEL. Excellent spiritual content, combined with newness, vital statistics, special features, current events in the light of prophecy—all of this while making it definitely the official organ of the Movement.

I especially appreciate those pictures of the various churches. It has its effect in the right place.—Leonard Palmer, Pastor, Burlingame, Calif.

### Likes Sermons by Council Ministers

I want to tell you how much I am enjoying the EVANGEL. I like to see the nice little Assembly of God churches throughout the nation. To me they tower higher than all the Swiss and Rocky Mountain scenes you could picture on the cover.

Another feature that I like is the increased use of sermons by our own ministers of the General Council, coming quite often from a cross-section. There is the notation of his pastorate or home address. I know that other writers are a help, and the recent articles by Robert Shuler are fine, but I also like the messages by those of our own Fellowship.—Lester P. Summers, Pastor, Angleton, Tex.

#### Cartoon of the Year

Have you ever thought about conducting a poll of the readers as to which cartoon they thought was best? The other day four of us local preachers were discussing spiritual things and we happened to mention Charles Ramsay's cartoons. Each one told of certain cartoons which had particularly impressed him. Why not ask each reader to look back over the past EVANGELS and submit his vote for the cartoon of the year?—J. Bashford Bishop, Pastor, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Ed. Note: Why not? Many have been deeply moved by Brother Ramsay's cartoons. He waits on God for his ideas just as a preacher waits on God for his sermons, and therein lies the secret of his success. Which cartoon has impressed you most, out of all the EVANGEL cartoons in 1950? Write the title and date of the cartoon on a penny post card and mail it to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. The cartoon that gets the most votes will be reprinted.)



#### WITH CHRIST

Walter O. McKim, Hollister, Calif., went to be with the Lord June 24, 1950, at the age of 74. Brother McKim became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1912. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Violet McKim, and a step-son, John Hopcroft, of New Mexico.

William L. Selby, Melcher, Iowa, went to be with the Lord May 26, 1950, at the age of 75. Brother Selby became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1915. He pastored a number of churches in Iowa. The last few years he spent in evangelistic work.

#### PENTECOSTAL DOWNPOUR AT ARIZONA BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

We wish to thank the Lord for a blessed visitation of God's Spirit on our boys' and girls' camps this summer at our camp grounds at Prescott, Ariz. Some dozen or so of the boys were filled with the Spirit and a goodly number were saved. The girls had a Pentecostal downpour. Twenty-five were filled; and all, except one, who were not saved when they came, were saved when they went home. The attendance was better than we have ever had. We praise the Lord for it all.—J. K. Gressett, Arizona District Superintendent.

#### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CHANGES NAME

By unanimous vote at its 29th annual District Council, the North Central District voted to change its name to Minnesota District. The District officials were reelected to office upon the nominating ballot. Russell H. Olson, who has served as Assistant Superintendent for a number of years, declined his election because of other duties. Ivan O. Miller was elected to this office. Other officers serving for the coming two years are as follows: G. Raymond Carlson, Superintendent; Wilson A. Katter, Secretary; and F. J. Lindquist, President of North Central Bible Institute.

The blessing of the Lord rested upon the 24th annual Lake Geneva Camp Meeting. J. Roswell Flower served as Camp Bible Teacher and C. C. Burnett ministered as Camp Evangelist. The ministry of Mrs. Flower also was greatly enjoyed. A large number were saved and many received the Baptism of the Holy

Spirit. The blessing of the Lord was manifested in each service. One of the highlights of the camp was the response to the missionary appeal. One cash offering totaled \$1,141 and another nearly \$1,000 in addition to other missionary giving.

A general spirit of revival is resting upon the District. Thirty assemblies have recently built or purchased new property, or are in the process of building. A number of new fields have been opened which show bright prospects.—G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent.

#### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

TRENTON, TEX.—We had a revival with Evangelist James R. Brasher of Gracemont, Okla. Nine were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed. We had a homecoming Sunday, July 2nd. Brother R. L. Bennett preached in the afternoon service. We had 115 in Sunday School. Our previous record was 107.—Gene Young, Pastor.

ELLISVILLE, MISS.—We thank the Lord for the revival we had with Evangelist and Mrs. L. E. Giddings of Tyler, Tex. There were 15 saved, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church. Noah C. Gibson is pastor, and the church is moving ahead under his direction.—Clyde A. Love, Sunday School Superintendent.

MURDO, S. DAK.—We recently closed a 2½-week revival with Evangelist W. O. Ziegler of Redondo Beach, Calif. God's blessing was manifested in an outstanding way in this new field. Ten received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Remarkable healings took place, including deafness and athlete's foot. The pastor was healed of an attack of polio.—Glenn A. Weslander, Pastor.

EL CAJON, CALIF.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Elmer Van Horn of Oklahoma City, Okla. Nineteen were saved. There were three major healings. One child was healed of an infection on his face; a woman was healed of heart trouble; and another one healed of a back injury while sitting in her seat during a praise service. Praise God! This has been one of the best meetings in the history of the church, which is only three years old.—Stanford E. Linzey, Pastor.

LAUREL, MISS.—We had a successful revival with Evangelist A. P. Adams of Memphis, Tenn. This meeting was a spiritual lift to our entire church. Our Sunday School was greatly helped. We appreciated the sound gospel preaching.—B. H. LaFon, Jr., Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Evangelist Howard Rushtoi of California recently concluded one of the greatest revivals ever held in the history of Bethel Temple. The continued attendance exceeded other revivals. God blessed in a very special way. Conviction accompanied the messages from God's Word on salvation, prophecy, and healing. Backsliders and sinners found God precious to their souls, and many were healed. Church members were stirred to begin a closer walk with God. We thank God for the way our church has been revived and blessed.—Charles R. Jones, Pastor.

LOVELAND, COLO.—We had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris which was one of the most successful we have had in some time. Our hearts rejoiced to see young and old alike stirred for God. Among those saved were two complete families. The entire church was revived. The prophetic messages attracted much attention. God moved mightily each morning, burdening the people for lost souls, as they gathered in the house of God for prayer. Many new people were in attendance as they witnessed the power of God to save souls and heal the sick.—R. G. Gilbert, Pastor.

JASPER, TEX.—In July, Evangelist Jack Coe and party began a tent meeting here. People came from far and near. Even in this small town the crowds averaged from 1,000 to 3,000 each night. As many as 300 came to the altar for salvation. Many were filled with the Holy Ghost and others were drawn closer to the Lord.

People were healed of all manner of diseases. One little girl who had rheumatic fever was healed. Her mother took her back to Dr. McCrieght in Kirbyville, Tex., and he said that her heart was normal. He also told them to let the child play like other children. The mother's name is Mrs. Avery Hogan, General Delivery, Kirbyville, Tex.

Eight-year-old Maxie Pearl Lakey of Brooklyn, Tex., was cross-eyed as a result of measles and high fever at the age of one year. God healed her eyes instantly as she was prayed for. W. A. Grounds, Presbyter, Beaumont Section.

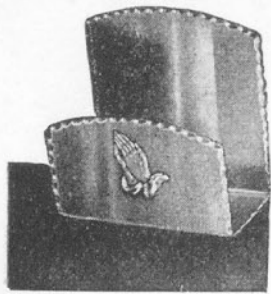


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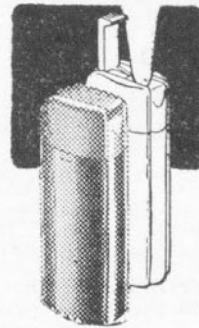
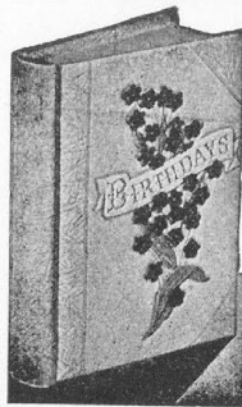
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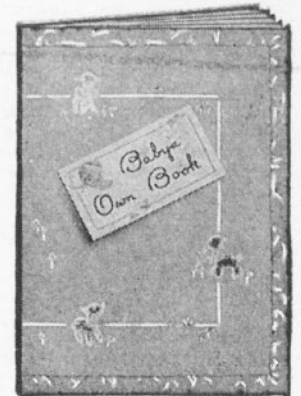
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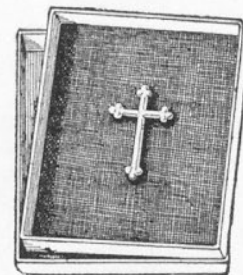
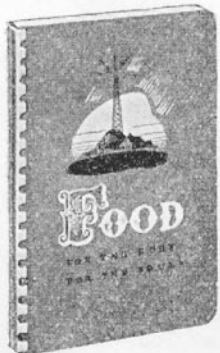
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WANAQUE, N. J.—Midvale Gospel Church, cor. Cross St. and Ringwood Ave., Sept. 10—24; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa.—by Frederick D. Pettet, Pastor.

SHADE GAP, PA.—Open-air tabernacle, Harper's Grove, sponsored by Fair Ridge Pentecostal Church, Aug. 9—27; Evangelists Anthony Mayeski, Shickshinny, Pa. and William Caldwell, Hazelton, Pa.—by Mrs. Bely C. White, Pastor.

KENNETT, MO.—First Assembly of God, Kennett at 6th St., Aug. 14—18; special services commemorating Thirtieth Anniversary. S. K. Biffle, Joplin, Mo., speaker. Homecoming Aug. 20, Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker.—by V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CAMP (WESTERN SLOPE), Grand Mesa Christian Association Camp, Grand Mesa, Colo., Aug. 14—18. Camp teacher, Guy Heath; camp evangelist, Verne J. Crews.—by Richard D. Emerson, District C. A. President.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Millville Assembly of God, Church and Third Sts., Aug. 16—27; Evangelist Mabel Willetts, Midlothian, Md., Dean of Women and an instructor at South-Eastern Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla.—by J. B. Davis, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MO.—Union tent revival, 20th and Maiden Lane, Aug. 13—Sept. 3; Fox Evangelistic Party. Afternoon services 2:00 p.m., Tues. through Fri., at First Assembly of God, 1508 Virginia Ave. Evening services in tent 7:45 p.m. every night except Mon.—by S. K. Biffle, Sectional Presbyter.

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PORTER SPRING, TEX.—We had a splendid 3½-week revival with Evangelist Carrie Woosley of Fairfield, Tex. We enjoyed a precious outpouring of God's Spirit. People were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sick bodies were healed. The entire church was refreshed and blessed.—Roy Granberry, Pastor.

MARTINS FERRY, OHIO—We had a ten-day meeting in June with Evangelist and Mrs. F. J. Papiernik of Melcroft, Pa. The Lord richly blessed. Approximately 35 were saved, five were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many sick were definitely healed. On the last Sunday afternoon 19 were buried in baptism by immersion. We praise the Lord for the new life in the assembly.—J. R. Hengoed, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—We baptized 24 persons in water Sunday, July 16th. Most of these were adults who had been saved during the past few weeks. We have been conducting prayer meetings each week as a part of several sincere efforts to win souls. Recently we have been enjoying a gratifying harvest of souls. Others in the church are catching the vision for prayer and personal work. The revival fires continue to burn brighter.—Herbert W. Ezell, Pastor, Wilmington Blvd. Assembly of God.

BOYERTOWN, PA.—In June we opened a pioneer work here in an old Methodist Episcopal Church on East Philadelphia Ave. and Franklin St. At one time there was a Pentecostal work in this town, but it disbanded. Will you please pray for this effort, and if you have friends or relatives in this community kindly communicate with them or with me.—Joseph S. Ziegler, in care of Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We recently closed an outstanding revival with Evangelist Warren Litzman. We had intended to have only a two-week meeting, but God began to move in such a marked way that the revival continued to the sixth week. It was a blessing to see several saved for whom prayer had ascended for 10, 20, and 38 years. It was impossible to count the converts, as the altar calls were given during the song service or other portions of the service as the Spirit moved. Numerous miracles of healing took place. Some of the people prayed many nights while the message was being preached. We have felt the conviction of God in a greater way than ever before. Truly the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in these last days.—J. P. Pecorino, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

### COMING MEETINGS

BELL CITY, MO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 20—Sept. 3 or longer; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo. (Kathryn Baughn and Ruth Skaggs are pastors.)

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