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

Let's enlarge our field!



A HIDING PLACE

The perilous times which Christ said should come in the last days are already here. A war is raging in Korea which might easily explode into a global conflict, and atomic warfare is an imminent possibility.

Civic authorities are fully aware of the danger. 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. In Chicago, all forces are being alerted in readiness. Chicago authorities are preparing for at least 60,000 deaths, and 100,000 seriously burned, in the first atom bomb explosion should such a calamity befall that great city.

Last month the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense issued a 456-page volume, *The Effects of Atomic Weapons*, to tell the American people what defense, if any, can be found in the event of an atomic attack. No doubt the civil defense planners all over the country will study the book carefully and put many of its recommendations into effect without delay.

"Real atomic defense," we are told, "is a long-range job on a national scale. It would take years and cost billions to disperse industries, put key plants underground, and build huge, deep shelters for city dwellers. But local civil defense units can do plenty now. Effective shelters can be built inside most buildings, or below ground level, with foot-thick reinforced concrete."

In Arkansas, one group has set its mind on construction of atomic bomb-proof shelters in the Ozark Mountains. *Moody Monthly* tells us that papers have already been filed for Colonies of the Ozarks, Inc. The retreats are to be constructed close to natural caves. The buildings are to be made of pumice stone which the promoter asserts, would give protection from harmful atomic rays.

Another project is contemplated in the Missouri Ozarks. Lester Dill of Stanton, Mo., who owns a 26-mile-long cave, has asked the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a million-dollar loan "to develop an underground 'Noah's Ark,' safe from A-bomb and H-bomb attack."

Dill has proposed that several thousand picked persons could hide in his cave. He would prefer to shelter scientists like Einstein, medical experts, chemists, engineers and other specialists, and promising young people "whose survival would be essential to future civilization."

Tom M. Olson asks: "Is this not progress in reverse? At one time Jesse James and other outlaws hid in this 26-mile-long cave. Now sin has reached such a pass that outlaws are to be above ground, and in the air, while the world's eminent scientists are to hide away in it for fear of their very lives!"

Men will need such a shelter one of these

days, not only as protection against human enemies but to hide them from the wrath of God when He arises to judge the world for its wickedness. In that day the sun shall become black, the moon be turned to blood, and the stars shall fall to the earth.

John said, in describing that awful day: 'And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?' Revelation 6:12-17.

Death will be preferable to the fate of the unsaved in that time of judgment. "In those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." They shall search in vain for a place to hide from an angry God.

But today there is a Hiding Place. It is not in any underground "Noah's Ark," nor in any other earthly shelter. It is in Him who is the antitype of Noah's Ark; namely, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Of Him it was written, "A Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind; . . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Isaiah 32:2.

Are you hiding in Christ today? Are you resting all your hope in His blood for cleansing, and in His resurrection for justification? The Bible gives a test whereby all can know whether or not they are in the Ark of Safety. It states: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." When a person is "born again" there is a change in his life to show it.

Those who are in Christ need not fear the wrath of God. When His judgments are in the earth they will not be here to suffer with the ungodly. The Lord will say to them:

"Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." Isaiah 26:20, 21.

Happy are those who have such a Hiding Place.

HE DIED OF WHAT HE DID NOT HAVE!

Not long ago a man in San Francisco shot himself. He had money; he owned a prominent night club in the city. He bought and sold hotels, and he was just completing negotiations to purchase the Southern California mansion of a former movie idol.

He had no special disappointments or frustrations. As far as natural things were concerned, it looked as though he had everything he needed to make him happy. But he shot himself; and though he received all the help that medical skill could give, his life could not be saved.

This man had been sick a short while, and

thought he had cancer. Therefore he committed suicide. But when the autopsy was performed there was not a trace of what he feared. The cancer was not there!

How often we suffer from what is not there. We dread the thing that never comes. And in so doing we kill the poise of spirit and strength of soul that would hold us firm in the exigencies that come to every life. Thus we miss the opportunity to live in victory both for our own good and for the sake of those who are affected by our testimony.

Paul wrote: "I shall endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. . . . If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He will also deny us: if we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself." He is ever faithful. With Christ in the vessel we can smile at the storm. He brings sunshine in shadow, peace in the tempest, sight to the blind, strength to the weak, and life to the dying.

As He spoke to His questioning and faltering disciples of old, He still speaks to the hearts of those that listen for His still small voice, saying, "Fear not." The child of God need not die the thousand deaths of fear or dread; but knowing Him in whom he has believed, he is persuaded that He is able to keep that which he has committed unto Him against that day.—Selected.

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The Present World Situation

in the Light of Bible Prophecy

Ralph M. Riggs

AS MEN'S HEARTS are now failing them for fear looking after those things which are soon coming on the earth, the child of God is made more conscious of his great heritage. For he is not in darkness as are others and he need not sorrow as do others. He has been told by his faithful Lord just what to expect and what to do.

Through the mouth of His servant Daniel, God gave a preview of successive world governments from Daniel's time until the end. World history has fulfilled that prophecy and brought us down to the next to the last of the series.

Daniel's vision was of empires that were world-wide in their dominion. "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all . . . And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." Daniel 2:37-39. History has confirmed that the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman empires ruled over the then known world, each succeeding the other in the control of all nations and peoples.

Now the last of these divided into the Eastern and Western Empires in A.D. 330 with capitals at Constantinople and Rome respectively. Rome fell to barbarian hordes in 476, and Constantinople to the Turks in 1453. Since then there has been no world empire, although Charlemagne, Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm, and Hitler have in turn attempted to bring one into being. Great nations have maintained a balance of power by alliances which kept each other in check.

But Daniel saw a world empire smitten by the Son of Man when He came to establish His Kingdom which was to consume all other kingdoms and endure forever. This is a prophecy that a real

world government will exist at the time of Christ's coming at Armageddon. John also tells us that all the world will wonder after the Beast, and power will be given Him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. The False Prophet will "cause the earth and them that dwell therein" to worship him. Under the Antichrist "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" will come to battle against the Lord at Armageddon. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." Revelation 19:19. This will indeed be a world-wide federation and combination of kings, nations, and armies, under a single leader.

There is to be a feature of this end-time world government which will distinguish it from the previous one. "It was diverse from all the beasts which were before it; and it had ten horns." Daniel 7:7. "The ten horns . . . are ten kings. . . . These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. . . . For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Rev. 17:12, 13, 17. Other world governments had resulted from the military conquest of all the world by one dominant power. At the end-time a world

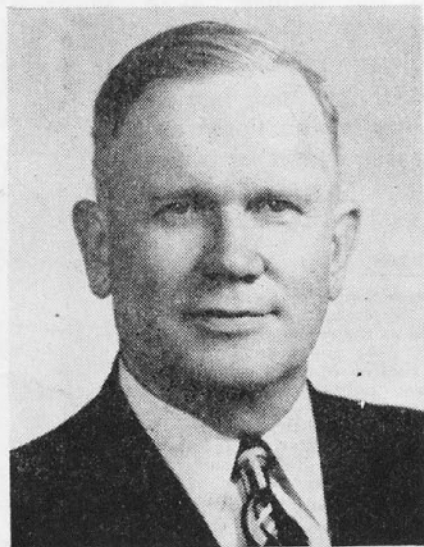
government is to be formed by ten kingdoms AGREEING to give their power to a leader.

This new thing in world government was attempted in 1815 when the great nations entered into what was called the Quadruple or Grand Alliance. This was an effort to unite the nations by voluntary agreement. But independent action broke the agreement and the effort failed, for there was no army or super-government to hold these nations together. In 1919 the League of Nations was formed under the inspiration of our own President Woodrow Wilson. Again failure came for lack of agreement and co-operation. And now, a United Nations is a further advance in that same direction. But again a great cleavage results in two camps rather than one. But the Bible says there must be a world government before Christ comes to set up His millennial reign, and it is to be a federation by AGREEMENT.

At the present time there seems to be two ways in which a real world government by agreement can become a reality. The threat of attack by Russian Communism has already driven the Western Nations of Europe and the Atlantic nations into a confederacy never achieved before. Even a single army with one overall command is now being worked out. The greater the pressure, the more real will be this union. Could the developing strength of this federation overawe the Russian block and effect their voluntary submission to the other nations to make the United Nations a real world government? Today this possibility seems remote indeed.

The other is terrible to contemplate. "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. . . . And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." Rev. 6:4, 8. One fourth of the population of the earth is approximately 500,000,000 people. But the

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This is a digest of the message preached by Brother Riggs at Camp Meeting at Wichita, Kansas, July 23, 1950.

"I Bombed Pearl Harbor"

The Christian Testimony of the Japanese Commander who led the Air Armada of 360 planes that bombed the American Fleet in Pearl Harbor.

I AM MITSUO FUCHIDA. As chief commander of the whole air squadron, I participated in the air-raid on Pearl Harbor on December 8, 1941 (Japan time), which actually opened up the Pacific War.

On that very morning, seating myself in the first plane, I led the whole squadron of 360 planes into Pearl Harbor, and having ascertained that the main force of the American Pacific fleet, comprised of eight warships, was at anchor in Pearl Harbor, I lifted the curtain of warfare by dispatching that cursed order No. 1, "Whole squadron, plunge into attack!" It was 3:19 a.m. according to Japan time, which was December 7th, 7:49 a.m. by Hawaii time.

My heart was ablaze with joy for my success in getting the whole main force of American Pacific fleet in hand, and I put my whole effort into the war that followed it with strong hatred towards America, the result of which was that misery which is clear to every one today.

Why were we aviators filled with such strong hatred against America then? Of course, we had neither hatred nor enmity towards American people as individuals, but the Board of Supreme War Command in Japan was strongly convinced that destiny of the war was wholly dependent upon the success or failure of the Pearl Harbor attack. Hence, in order to secure unflinching success in that strategy, the military high command accused America with such strong words as, "Brutal and proud America, the long-time enemy" etc., to create hatred of the aviators toward America.

Having thus started participation in war, I devoted myself to conducting warfare throughout the following four years, presenting myself as a most patriotic and faithful soldier to the mother country.

During these four years, I faced death several times, including six crashes into the sea, but was miraculously saved every time to survive and see the war's termination.

After the war—and 25 years of Navy service—I retired and took myself to farming, but it was indeed a path of thorns to me. I had never in my life

realized so keenly the unreliability of other men as I did during these years. I was strongly convinced that one's own ability was all he could rely upon, and consequently I worked diligently in silence, giving but a cold glance to the world affairs around.

The new career which I started from nothing, as it were, was so insignificant and slow, like an ant's progress. Nevertheless, as time passed on I built my house and digged the well; but my life during these years was no other than a re-enactment of the story of Robinson Crusoe.

Thus my lonely life dragged on. But in the meantime as I continued living in closer relation to the earth, through plants, cattle and nature, my mind was gradually led to think of the presence of God, the creator of all these. I came to feel ashamed of my former godless idea that man's own power and ability was his only trustworthy resource. I had never been an atheist. But I was brought up in circumstances of very little religious atmosphere; consequently, I grew up to manhood without any religion and later enlisted in the Navy. Thenceforth I held the former "War Catechism" as my only ideology (faith).

With the termination of war, the national aspect was altogether transformed and Japan stepped out for the recon-



These fliers, once enemies, are now brothers in Christ, both saved as the result of reading the Bible. At a great mass meeting held on May 14, 1950, in the largest auditorium in Osaka, Japan, each of these men gave his testimony. Four thousand crowded into the auditorium and thousands more milled around outside, unable to enter. At the close of the meeting 500 souls came streaming down the aisles to receive Christ as their Savior. Photo by courtesy of Pocket Testament League, New York.

struction of the nation with the slogan of PEACE.

Four years have elapsed since, and in these years I have been watching the constant change of social phenomena, but with cold eyes. Nevertheless, I could not help but love the mother-country with her mountains and rivers, irrespective of good or bad. Accordingly my mind has been constantly set on the problem as to what would be the proper way for Japan to exist hereafter.

Finally I arrived at the conclusion that the only way for the Japanese to survive and prosper would be to have every one of the Japanese people thoroughly made peaceful, irrespective of other nations' conditions.

However, my militarily specialized mind saw in the prevalent world conditions a possible danger of another war and a second Pearl Harbor. Therefore, with the sincere desire to warn the people, I determined to send out into the world a book entitled, "No More Pearl Harbor," no matter how insignificant my work might be. As my writing progressed, however, I came to realize that in my appeal for "No more Pearl Harbor" there must be an assurance of the transformation of hatred among mankind to true brotherly love. So long



"I Bombed Pearl Harbor"
(Mitsuo Fuchida)

"I Bombed Tokyo"
(Jacob DeShazer)

as mankind remained in opposition to one another within the frame of nationality, the only consequence could be the destruction of civilization.

The latter half of the twentieth century should be a generation of mankind as a whole, and not a generation of separate nations; but finally the problem remained as to who could be the one to accomplish such a great task as this?

In the midst of these thoughts, one day in Tokyo at Shibuya Railroad station at a Pocket Testament League street meeting, I received a Christian pamphlet.

The pamphlet was the testimony of Mr. Jacob DeShazer entitled, "I Was a War Prisoner of Japan." At the first glance my mind was captivated by the pamphlet and I read it through with great enthusiasm. One portion of the pamphlet interested me particularly and that was the confession of Mr. DeShazer that during his imprisonment, he one day came to feel a strong desire to read the Bible. He recalled to mind what he had heard before about Christianity which could transform human hatred to true brotherly love. This portion, as I read, drew my mind to the same state, and with a desire to read the Bible I purchased one and started reading. Before covering the first thirty pages my mind

was strongly impressed and captivated.

"This is it!" I was strongly convinced. I concluded that the true realization of "No More Pearl Harbor" was no other than to expect Christ's second coming and to endeavor to prepare men from all over the world worthy of welcoming Christ's return.

As a first approach towards this, I was convinced that I should first of all become a good Christian. Thus, I contacted Pocket Testament League representatives who showed me from the Bible how to become a Christian. I then opened my heart and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior on April 14th, 1950.

Today is just one month since I was saved. Naturally, I am still in the early stage of Christian growth, but I feel great joy in my daily Bible reading, and my heart is filled with peace as I kneel down to pray. Moreover, I think I can say today without hesitation that God's grace had been constantly set upon me and guided me even before I came to know Christ.

God has revealed to me the way of salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. I decided to believe whatever is revealed in the Bible, accept it, and stand as His witness telling others this truth with the help of the Lord.

close to Him as to be always in His very shadow. The author of this Psalm, before going any further, speaks of his own obedience to the command to abide. He says, as an aside, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

Several amazing and priceless rewards are promised to him who abides "under the Shadow of the Almighty."

First, "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence." Paul wrote the same truth to the Colossians: "The Father . . . hath delivered us from the power of darkness." During my recent illness this promise of the Psalmist, and Paul's words to the Colossians, assuring me that God has delivered me from "the powers of darkness," were on my lips hundreds of times, and with telling effect. I used them as a sword as Jesus did in His fight with Satan in the wilderness. My determined thrusting at the fowler who had wickedly ensnared me, finally brought about his defeat.

The next one of these solemn promises takes us to the hen house, "He shall cover thee with His feathers." Listen! Hear their unafraid, contented little voices. The mother hen seemingly is quoting Paul, "Be careful for nothing, my precious chicks." Let us little ones who think and reason, safely covered by the feathers of the Almighty, be as wise and trusting as unthinking chicks. This is wisdom, for our safety is assured while theirs is not.

Next, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Shield and buckler must be used. This calls for activity. There is something for us to do in order to profit by the "exceeding great and precious promises" God has given us. The chicks are safe without effort, being mere chicks. But if we are to remain safe we must trust while under those wings. We must be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let God know what we need. Those under His wings are to fearlessly trust His truth as their "shield and buckler," and wield it as a sword.

They must not be afraid. Refusal to worry is a feature of the trust demanded: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

Such language covers so much territory that it amounts to saying we are not to be afraid of any danger whatever. Either fear or anxiety, when permitted to occupy one's mind, amounts to doubting the truth of God's promises, and so denying God's honesty. But to

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Reading Between Inspired Lines

IN PSALM 91

Charles Elmo Robinson

HE WHO DECIDES to "dwell in the secret place of the most high" is very welcome to do so; but, as is the case when one takes up residence anywhere, he must conform his life to the laws of his chosen dwelling place. At the very outset this dweller is told to "abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Dwelling there calls for far more than making that his address. He must abide there. A man may have a certain address, while he abides elsewhere.

There is an overlapping of meaning in the two Hebrew words translated "dwelleth" and "abide." The idea of staying is in the primary meaning of each, but in the Hebrew "dwelling" is not such a full-time matter as "abiding." A man, speaking the Hebrew way, may dwell in Missouri and abide in Kansas at the same time. Or he may dwell at

his residence while he abides at the tap room. I know an old man who all of his married life has been at his home with his family at all times when not kept somewhere else by duty. Unfailingly, when his duty to be from home ceases, he starts at once for home; no loitering nor pleasure seeking keeps him from his home. This man not only dwells at his home, but he also abides there.

So, "shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" is a very strict requirement. An excellent description of abiding is found in the first Psalm: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." These are things he does *not do*. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." These things he *does do*.

Besides, he who dwells in the secret place of the most High must abide so

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE INFANT CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Lesson for October 1

Luke 2:25-39

Before considering the lesson proper, let us look briefly at the ordinance of circumcision, when the male child was eight days old. This was a covenant rite instituted by God in the life of Abraham, a sign of God's covenant with him. Genesis 17:10-14. It was to be continued with his posterity as a sign of the covenant. Lev. 12:3. Thus the promise in the covenant which God made with Abraham was to be to his seed also, and the circumcised child thus became partaker of the promise and of the protection of God.

In the Christian church circumcision no longer was a sign of the covenant. Paul declared that if people were circumcised and kept the law of Moses as steps necessary to salvation they were fallen from grace. Gal. 5:3,4. The Christian's covenant is through the blood of Christ. Matt. 26:28. It is well, however, to dedicate our children to God as early as possible, feeling that by so doing we have covenanted with God, and He with us, in their behalf.

1. God's Blessing on Obedience of Faith

Gabriel had conveyed to Mary that she was to have a son, who would be Immanuel, "God with us." When the Son was born the angels announced His birth, while wise men came from the east to worship Him, guided by a star. Being a faithful follower of the Lord, Mary became obedient to the law of the Lord and, like every other good mother in Israel, brought her son to the temple and offered her offering as the law had instructed. Lev. 12:6,8.

Here we find also the truth that our Lord Jesus was "made," or born, "under the law." Gal. 4:4. And why? "To redeem them that were under the law." v. 5. In all things the law was perfectly fulfilled in Christ who "hath redeemed us from the curse of the law." Gal. 3:13. And the purpose? "That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." v. 14.

God's blessings are received through obedience to His Word. Where there is real faith there is obedience. Abraham believed God, then he obeyed. He started for the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan he came. It is error to think that, because Jesus died to save us, we have license to live in disobedience to the will of God and yet claim eternal life.

2. Poverty no Hindrance to Christian Blessing

Solomon said, "Give me neither poverty nor riches." Prov. 30:8. He knew the snare of wealth; he knew also the sacrifices that pov-

erty requires. Let those that have wealth trust not in uncertain riches (1 Tim. 6:17); and let him that is without riches rejoice in the blessing of God, and trust in Him to be the supplier of needs. James 2:5. Christ, the Savior of all, knew riches above all the wealth of man (2 Cor 8:9), but became one of the poorest that He might become the Savior of all. His start in life was among the poor. Had His parents possessed the means, they might have brought a lamb as an offering at the time of Mary's purification (Lev. 12:8), but being poor she brought that which she had, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Luke 2:24. It is not what we have to offer; it is how we offer.

3. The Man Simeon

Scripture does not say that Simeon was a prophet. It says, "There was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel." May this teach us that any of God's redeemed ones, who are walking carefully with God, may be used of the Lord. When we become too prophet-conscious the workings of God may become spoiled. Simeon, with a longing heart, was waiting for the coming of Messiah and for the fulfillment, through Him, of the promises of God. Since he so lived that "the Holy Ghost was upon him," dare we say the anointing of the Spirit did not abide on some in Old Testament times? Simeon had the witness that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Since he lived in the Spirit, "he came by the Spirit into the temple," divinely guided, although he may not have been conscious of special guidance at the moment. Let us remember that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way." Psalm 37:23.

4. The Prophecy of Simeon

Seeing Jesus, he took Him into his arms and blessed God. He was now ready to go to be with the Lord. He had seen the salvation which God had provided. It was there in the little child. Yes, my friend, our salvation is in Jesus, wholly wrapped up in Him. In Him we are complete. Col. 2:10. We need nothing more.

What did Simeon see in Jesus? "A light to lighten the Gentiles." The Jews had thought their Messiah would be only for themselves. The Spirit through Simeon declared He was to be for all the world. He also was to be "the glory of Thy people Israel." Then Simeon saw a sad picture in relation to Israel. "This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel."

Thus the Spirit spoke of

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their rejection of Him, their fall and captivity, but also of their restoration. They were not to be left entirely without hope. The nation would rise again. For a full explanation of this we do well to look at Romans 11. There, in vv. 7-11, the blindness of Israel is seen, and in vv. 25-27 their rising again.

5. The Prophecy of Saintly Anna

This was an aged woman, a prophetess, one who devoted her time to prayer and devoted service. She likewise "spoke of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Who then can say that women have no place in Christian service? May we so live that the Spirit of the Lord may rest upon us, and use us, preserving us from evil, and keeping us from error.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

THE FOLLY OF A WISE KING (lesson for September 24). Lesson text: 1 Kings 11:4-13.

"Joy is the flag which flies from the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there."

HER SAVIOR TOO



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Protestants Vanishing

According to *United Evangelical Action*, over 700,000 evangelical Christians are missing or unaccounted for in Soviet Russia. Before World War II there were 1,000,000 Protestants in the U.S.S.R. Now there are said to be only 300,000.

The Answer to Communism

The gospel of Christ is the answer to Communism. Prior to the North Korean invasion, the Christians of South Korea had completed plans for a \$120,000 radio station at Seoul to broadcast the gospel not only to the South Koreans, but north of the 38th parallel as well. Let us pray that, if Jesus tarries, this plan may materialize and that the message of full salvation will soon reach out to every part of Korea.

A Crisis Looming

Prime Minister Manning of the Province of Alberta told the annual convention of the Gideons Society of Canada that civilization today is approaching one of the great crises of human experience.

"The greatest need now is not for more social and moral reform, not for more creeds and dogmas and codes of ethics; but the greatest need of this day and age is for men and nations to get back to the Bible as the Word of God; to get back to the old-fashioned family altar and to Jesus Christ."

Russia and the Jews

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has charged Stalin with trying to wipe out all Jews in areas controlled by the USSR. By discriminatory legislation and Communist boycott the Jews are gradually being deprived of all means of making a living. This is not hearsay. The AFL keeps a force of trained observers in Europe operating closely with the underground movements in Red territory, so its executives speak with authority.

If the Russians would read God's edicts against the nations which persecute the Jews, they would know that divine judgment falls upon these nations. But the Reds reject the Bible and thus forsake their own mercies.

Colored Christians Fewer

It used to be said that "white folks got all the money and the Negroes got all the religion," but according to the magazine *Ebony* the Negroes have been getting more and more money and less and less religion. Few of the 50,000 Negro churches in the U.S. draw more than 40% of their membership on Sundays, compared to 65% a generation ago.

The Negro used to look to his church as the answer to almost every need. Now he looks for leadership to his union or social clubs. But when God pours out His Spirit in Pentecostal fashion the hearts of our colored friends are quick to respond. Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the colored people of our land.

The Wages of Sin

Those who refuse to accept God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord and persist in sin are still getting the wages thereof, according to recent statistics given by Dr. E. Gurney Clark of Columbia University. It seems that syphilis killed 13,000 people in the U.S.A. last year and sent 66,000 to mental institutions. Clark states that the optimistic view that venereal diseases are under control is premature, adding that more than 3,000,000 Americans are affected by syphilis and that it still is a problem of the first magnitude.

To Win Souls by Television

The Lutheran Laymen's League recently voted to put the Lutheran Hour on television on a national scale. E. R. Bertermann, director of the weekly broadcast, said that the television program would start early in October.

It is reported that Charles E. Fuller's weekly program, the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, will also be on television soon. Present plans call for a half-hour television program to be released over the American Broadcasting Company TV network each Sunday evening, beginning October 8.

There will thus be three gospel programs on television on a national scale, including Percy Crawford's program, Youth on the March, which began last winter.

Preaching Behind the Bars

Jailed Salvation Army officers in Czechoslovakia are carrying on their work in prison despite persecution, according to a *Religious News Service* dispatch from Washington, D.C. The Army has been outlawed as "subversive" by the Czech government, its property confiscated, and a number of its officers imprisoned.

General Albert Orsburn, international leader of the Salvation Army, has received a report that the imprisoned officers are giving the gospel to those around and exhorting them to accept Christ. He said the jailed officers are becoming physically weaker but spiritually stronger in their persecution.

The General said that one Salvation Army officer who has a wife and three children has been in jail for eight months, undergoing constant interrogation, without any indication that he will be given a trial.

In another instance, he said, a woman officer of the Salvation Army was interviewed by two security police who asked her to accompany them to headquarters. Four months later she had not been seen or heard from.

Freedom-loving people will sympathize with these preachers who are being treated so cruelly and unfairly. Actually, however, these preachers ought to be envied, for they have an exceeding great reward awaiting for them in the life to come. The Master said: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake. . . . Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Matthew 5:10, 12.

Please Order NOW

If you desire extra copies of our CAMPAIGN ISSUE, kindly mail your order immediately. It will be *Evangel* Number 1900, dated October 8, 1950. We anticipate a large demand for this special *Evangel*, and there may be a delay of a week or two before an order can be filled unless we receive it by press date.

Many churches have already placed their orders for hundreds of copies, and plan to distribute them door-to-door during Enlargement Month. This CAMPAIGN ISSUE will be designed especially to invite new friends to our Assemblies and Sunday Schools. It will proclaim the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing, the Baptism, and the Second Coming.

To make it easier for you to cover your community with this special *Evangel*, we are offering it at the low price of \$1.50 per hundred copies, postpaid anywhere in the U.S.A. This is only half the usual rate. If your church wants a quantity, please mail the order at once to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. Sow in faith, and God will give a harvest.

Christian Broadcasts in Israel

The people of Israel will hear the Christian message over Radio Israel, and they will hear it in the Hebrew language. This is due to a change of heart on the part of Israel authorities who had previously banned a gospel sermon in the Hebrew tongue which was scheduled to be given on June 11.

However, a spokesman for the government (Gershom Agron) said that the messages must not constitute an affront to the religious feelings or the sense of propriety of other religions. This statement was considered satisfactory by the Protestant clergymen who are sponsoring some of the Sunday afternoon broadcasts. Each program is 45 minutes in length, and Protestants, Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics, and other Christian groups take turns in conducting the broadcast.

Korean Christians Threatened

A plea for speedy ratification of the United Nations genocide convention has been sent to 57 countries by the South Korean government which said that 700,000 Christians face persecution and mass murder at the hands of North Korean forces.

The government warned that the invading Communists "will try and are already trying" to liquidate the 400,000 Protestants and 300,000 Roman Catholics in the occupied South Korean areas. Korean Christians are threatened, according to the appeal, because they are "impliedly opposed to the rule of Moscow," and because many South Korean government leaders are Christians.

As a moral gesture aimed at deterring this persecution, the government urged prompt approval of the convention making the mass extermination of racial, religious, or national groups a crime under international law.

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His first time in Sunday School! And an important day of his life. His family had met the church census worker who called at their home. They had had with a church since their father was born. They agreed that he should come.

What a thrill! Other boys and girls, too.

Our leaders have th

W. R. STEELBERG, General Superintendent GAYLE



"But what are they among so many!" exclaimed Andrew when he discovered the lad with the loaves and fish. So some think of the Sunday School's efforts to reach the multitude. But let the Lord add His blessing and let all be contacted, then those who hunger shall be satisfied, and the family of the redeemed swiftly enlarged.



BERT WEBB, Assistant Superintendent



The greatest opportunity for evangelism available to the laity is in the Sunday School. Thousands of people who will never preach a sermon will be instrumental in the salvation of souls through participation in the enlargement and Sunday School visitation campaign. Let us do now what we know God wants us to do now.

J. R. FL



Enlarge Your Field for Greater Yield

The Assemblies of God are united in their desire for Sunday School enlargement. During October our unity will be demonstrated graphically as over six thousand Schools join together in this all-out effort for Christ. Think of it! Over six thousand Schools, over sixty thousand officers and teachers, enlisting nearly one-half million in behalf of Sunday School. Our executives, the National Sunday School Department, district officials and local leaders join in, head, heart and hand.

A multitude of soldiers, marching in step, creates a mighty impact. A multitude of Spirit-filled believers, going from door to

door in a single month, will make a mighty impact, too. America will feel the effects of this effort. Prayer and planning are behind it. We are believing God for a larger field.

If you are a pastor or a Sunday School worker, you have a special part to play. For it is your responsibility in your church, to organize and carry through the kind of program which will result in permanent enlargement. These are goals to work toward:

EVERY SCHOOL TAKING A CENSUS

EVERY SCHOOL MAKING CONTACTS

EVERY SCHOOL ADDING A CLASS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enlargement

...y School! And it could well be the most im-
 ...s family had never gone to church. In fact,
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 ...boys and girls, the songs, and the stories! A

startling new world, opened through Sunday School enlargement!
 But how small were these things compared with those wonders
 which overwhelmed his parents as later they found Christ.
 Sunday School enlargement means more than numbers. It means
 reaching a boy like this. It means touching for Christ all the lives
 which surround him. Sunday School enlargement means souls.

Have this to say about Sunday School Enlargement:

GAYLE F. LEWIS, Assistant Superintendent



Never was there such need for intensive enlargement. Millions of unchurched challenge every believer to do his utmost to reach this multitude for Christ. We have realized great spiritual and numerical gains through Sunday School emphasis. I urge every pastor to enlist his people in this door-to-door search for souls.

RALPH M. RIGGS, Assistant Superintendent



The Sunday School holds more compact promise for rapid and sound Church expansion than any other agency. Through what better channel may we love the lost, look after the fatherless and widows, teach the Word, and engage many workers, than an efficient Sunday School? Expand your Sunday School and you expand the Kingdom.

FRED VOGLER, Assistant Superintendent



These lines are being written in the All-Alaskan convention in Anchorage where we are emphasizing to the delegates that the future of evangelism here rests in reaching youth. If we fail in this responsibility, the Territory may be lost for Christ. By His grace our fifty-six missionaries in Alaska will not fail.

J. R. FLOWER, General Secretary



Have you heard the term, *Spontaneous Expansion of the Church?* Reduced to simple language, it means the Church's natural growth through personal witnessing. An invitation to visit Sunday School requires no special consecration or ability, but it furnishes a most effective means of bringing the lost to Christ.

W. A. BROWN, General Treasurer



The Sunday School is the handmaiden of the Church. Through the ministry of Spirit-anointed teachers and a clear-cut presentation of gospel truth in each class, saturated with intercessory prayer, it lays a foundation for rugged character in the individual and builds lasting spiritual values into the life of the Church.

NOEL PERKIN, Foreign Missions Secretary



Many today are enlisting youth through promises of conquest and earthly glory. The Sunday School presents to young and old alike the challenge of serving Christ. How important it is that this avenue of the church be utilized to the fullest extent that many new recruits may be enlisted in these crucial days.

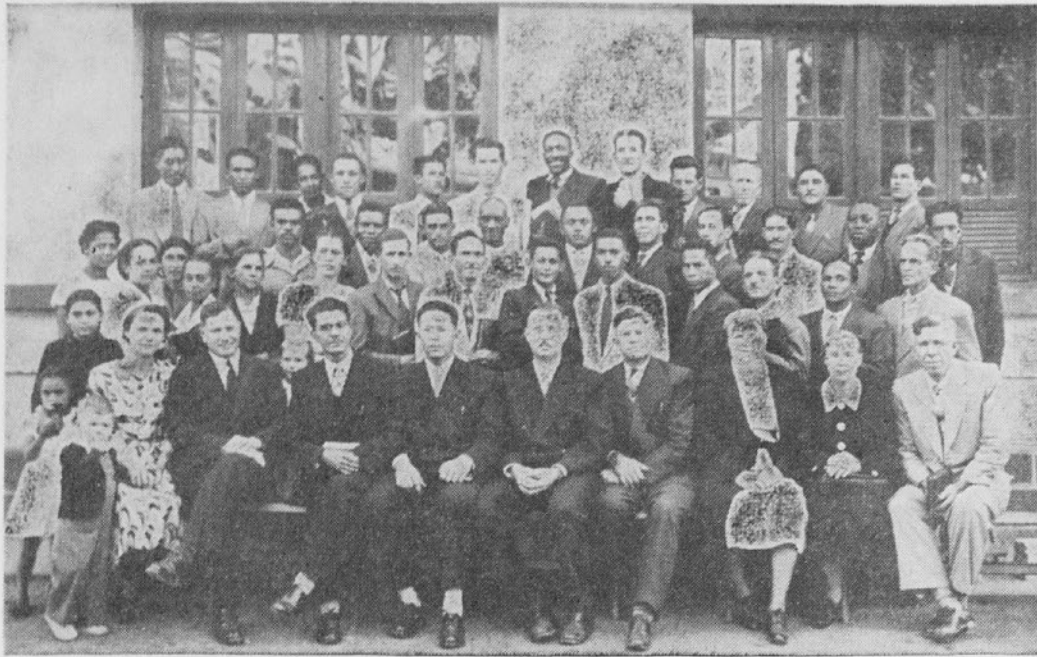
October is

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enlargement Month

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have a church, which will toward:



SHORT-TERM BIBLE SCHOOL, LAVRAS, BRAZIL

Students and teachers of a short-term Bible School held at Lavras, Brazil from July 2 to July 30. Seated on the front row are the teachers. They are, left to right: Mrs. Julius O. Olson, Julius O. Olson, two national ministers, Lawrence N. Olson, John P. Kolenda, Mrs. John P. Kolenda, Mrs. Orla S. Boyer, and Orla S. Boyer.

Their LOSS in the End

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling W. Stewart, El Salvador

● OUR CENTRAL CHURCH in San Miguel went through some deep water the last few weeks, and it seemed that the enemy had thrust in his winning blow; but again we can say, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We had just begun to hold services in our new church building in San Miguel when two priests came to hold their catechism classes in our neighbor's yard, just across the street. Even though it is against the law to conduct church services within 150 feet of any other church here, we let them continue. Usually they work against us until they make fools of themselves, and they are the ones to receive the great loss in the end.

They made no complaint against us until we began to use our public address system to proclaim the message of truth and life; then they brought down their public address system, too and set it up in front of our church. They began to make false statements about us.

Some of the residents around the church were enraged against us and got up a petition to have our church officials brought before the city council. When our men told the whole story the officials of the city defended us. The Catholic priests were advised that if they returned to hold services in front of our church they would have to pay a heavy fine. Of course, that made many of the Catholics angry. One of them, who lived near the church, turned his radio on full volume during our services, making it difficult for us to carry on our services. Fortunately the owner of the house where the Catholic lived is a

friend of some of our believers. He ordered the Catholic to move. The man said that he would move, but that before he did he would kill our pastor and one of our outstanding workers.

Needless to say, we prayed and just a week ago the man moved. We have not been molested since. Our pastor and the worker have not been harmed.

Our people have seen the delivering power of God. Their faith has been strengthened.

Evangelistic Center in Lima

Herbert B. Felton, Peru

● DURING THE VISIT of Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America, to Peru this year, it was decided that the RIMAC Church of Lima should be classified as a national evangelistic center of Peru.

This local church in Peru's capital, Lima, a city of more than 700,000 population, secured a loan in 1946 of \$5,500 to purchase the property where the church services have been held since 1933. The local church has paid back \$2,000 of that loan, but due to an unfavorable exchange of the dollar the church is having difficulty shouldering the remainder of the loan. The Peruvians have been faithful in giving, but though their giving is greatly increased over former times it cannot equal the

need in view of the devaluation of their own money. They now have to pay three times the amount for the dollar that they formerly paid.

The Sunday School now averages more than 250. It has reached 298, but it is with great difficulty that the number is accommodated in the church building. Some do not attend because they know there may be no room for them. The Sunday School has been divided three times already to start other Sunday Schools and churches in other parts of the city so as to allow room for new persons to come to the Rimac Church. More room is greatly needed.

We solicit your help in caring for the debt, and providing more space for the evangelistic center. Offerings should be sent to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Evangelistic Center, Lima."

Hindus Interested

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Edwards,
South India

● OUR WORK in Shencottah, Travancore, South India, is young. We have only been in Shencottah two years. When we came few of the people here and in the surrounding villages had heard the gospel, so the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is also new to them. We have been teaching the people of our congregation concerning Baptism. Recently at their request we arranged three full days of prayer. The days started with Bible study, and ended with an evening service. Six received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Last year two young men of one village two miles away became interested in the gospel through the literature we distributed at their village. We noticed that they asked for new literature each time we visited them. They told us that they wanted to be Christians. We prayed for them, and waited to see whether or not they really were in earnest. At our first convention in the new church they went to our altar for salvation. They have now been baptized in water, and one of them, Thomas, has the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and will be attending Bible School this year.

During our last convention another young man from the same village, whom we had named "Mark," received water baptism and a young woman from the village was saved.

A year ago there were no Christians in that Hindu village. Is it not a matter over which we can all rejoice?

Sponsors are needed for some Pentecostal Russian refugees who left Russia a few years ago, and have since been seeking a permanent home where they may enjoy freedom of worship. We have record of their making a temporary stop in Shanghai in June, 1947, having at that time walked more than 3,000 miles to get there. They are now in the Philippines. Anyone desiring further information concerning the refugees should write Gustave Kinderman, Assemblies of God, European Division, 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 604, New York 10, New York.

The KEY to Evangelization

Henry B. Garlock
Field Secretary for Africa

● WE ARRIVED in Johannesburg, South Africa, on May 24, and were met at the airport there by some 50 or more missionaries and ministers of our Assemblies of God fellowship.

On May 31 we drove to Witbank to take part in the commencement services of the African Bible Training Institute, located at Witbank. A number of missionaries and African workers had gathered from many parts of the Union of South Africa to witness the services.

It had been my privilege to attend the commencement exercises at the close of the first school year at Witbank three years ago when the school chapel was also dedicated. Great progress has been made by the Institute since that time under the leadership of Frederic H. Burke, the principal and founder.

When the time arrived for the exercises to begin we heard singing on the outside of the building. In marched 19 fine African young men and women, led by their instructors, Mr. and Mrs. Burke and Miss Ada H. Reitz. Six of the number were graduating.

It was inspiring to hear the testimonies given by the students of how God had opened

the way for them to attend the African Bible Training Institute. What blessings had been in it for them. The graduates were happy that they were ready to go out to tell others the story of salvation.

The school songs and special numbers were rendered in English and Zulu. The message was interpreted into Zulu by Pastor Masondu, a capable Zulu worker.

Much hard work, time, prayers, and tears had gone into the preparation of the six graduates for Christian service, but we believe that their work will more than compensate for it in souls saved. Only six are going out this year, but if Jesus carries undoubtedly they will be able to accomplish much in the great African harvest field. The need is tremendous. Andrew Murray once declared, "The KEY to the missionary problem is the native ministry." We believe that he was correct. The KEY to the evangelization of Africa in our generation is well-saved, Holy Ghost-filled, and Bible-taught African workers.

Please pray that funds will be made available to expand the facilities of the African Bible Training Institute.



Anthony Giordano
Paraguay



Mrs. Anthony Giordano
Paraguay

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giordano, new missionary appointees, sailed for Paraguay on August 26.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Borst, missionaries to the Fiji Islands, arrived in the States on August 27 for their furlough.

Now in Punalur

Mildred C. Ginn, Lydia H. Graner,
South India

● WE HAVE "pitched our tent" in Punalur to work with the Indian brethren in the Bible School there and among the assemblies located in the section during the absence of the John H. Burgess family, now on furlough. We had been in Trivandrum.

In May we went to Madras to meet our friends, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Shaver, new appointees to the field. While in Madras we were made very conscious of the watch care of our heavenly Father. We had a room on the second floor of the Young Women's Christian Association building. During the night we were awakened to find a man standing between our beds. Realizing that we had awakened, he dashed for the door with our purse, which contained all of our money. We were soon in pursuit. The watchman headed him off at the front door and he retraced his steps and ran into us in the upper hall. He thrust the purse into our hand as he went by, but made his escape over the roof from the inner court.

Bible School at Punalur opened on July 3. How glad we were to be able to occupy the new building! Perhaps we will be able to put up the dormitory before another year opens, but that is in the Lord's hands. At present we are negotiating for rice land for the Bible School. Since the war it has been so difficult to obtain rice for the students. Large sums have to be expended yearly for rice. When we have our own land, a big problem will be solved and funds saved.

The gifts that have come in for the rice land have been of great encouragement to us. We believe that our Father will guide and continue to bless as He did in the purchase of our other Bible School property. Do pray for us to that end.



AFRICAN BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

African Bible Training Institute, Witbank, Transvaal, South Africa, on Commencement Day this year. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Burke are standing near the center in the back of the picture and Miss Ada H. Reitz is on the front row. Henry B. Garlock, who with Mrs. Garlock attended the exercises, was the photographer.

GREAT YOUTH RALLY

planned for the opening night

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

This convention will be held in the Ellis Civic Auditorium at Memphis, Tennessee, October 3 to 5, 1950. Christ's Ambassadors within driving distance should send large delegations to this great meeting, where they will meet young people from many other Pentecostal groups.

The rally will be in charge of Don Mallough, National Secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department of the Assemblies of God.

Representatives of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the Church of God, the Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Church of the Open Bible, the International Pentecostal Assemblies, and the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel will be there.

There will be two full days of meeting on the 4th and 5th of October, ending with a great evangelistic rally on Thursday night when Evangelist Gayle Jackson will be the speaker.

Make your reservation for hotel or other accommodations NOW. Do not delay. Write to L. R. Graham, 652 E. Trigg St. (Phone 9-5747), Memphis, Tenn. enclosing postage for reply, informing him as to time of arrival and type of accommodation desired. The Hotel Claridge has reserved rooms for 200. First come, first served. All hotel reservations should be made before September 30.

Come praying and believing for a great move of God and a most precious time of Pentecostal fellowship.

—J. ROSWELL FLOWER, Convention Secretary.

READING BETWEEN INSPIRED LINES

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be of good courage is a mark of faith, and is most pleasing to our Lord.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand." It may be the Psalmist, with prophetic foresight, spoke to Christians who would be in the midst of exploding, death-dealing atomic bombs. If so, he says their infernal power shall not come nigh those who abide "under the shadow of the Almighty," and who do the other things such dwellers are told to do. Indeed it *must* mean safety from these terrifying bombs, to be in harmony with the other tremendous promises of this extraordinary Psalm. No wonder these promises are carefully limited to those who perform the difficult things required of those who dwell in the secret place of the most high. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked" who do not so dwell.

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Where else is there so mighty a promise of our almighty God? In explaining it the author of the Psalm brings himself into the prophetic promise as he did when he declared his own purpose to trust the Lord. He gives the reason why this great promise is made: "Because thou hast made the Lord *which is my refuge*, even the most High, thy habitation." The word "habitation" speaks of the same constant presence by choice in the shadow of the Almighty that we found to be in the basic meaning of the word translated "abide."

But this promise by no means implies freedom from all distressing things. I have recently recovered from weeks of sickness (which God healed in answer to the prayer of faith when its divinely planned purposes had been achieved); but all during the illness I devoutly thanked God for it. I noticed that it was creating in me a love for and a protracted study of the Bible. To me it was not an evil nor a plague, but something meant to be a great blessing, which it was. It enabled me to draw much closer to my Lord, and to understand His precious Word far better than I had ever before been able to do. Through the weary days I continued to thank God for the chastening sickness, many, many times. Without chastening one has no right to believe himself a son of God, for God says plainly, "If ye be without chastening, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

I see no need for between-the-lines reading of the balance of this Psalm. The persons spoken to are carefully designated, and the promises made are plain and great, needing only to be believed in the heart as the commands of the Psalm are obeyed.

As a final word God says: "Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high because he hath known My name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

You never have tested God's resources until you have attempted the impossible.—F. B. Meyer.

THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION

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stage is now set for just such a destruction. Atom bombs and other atomic weapons, to say nothing of the dreaded hydrogen bomb and bacteriological warfare, are man's inventions for his own destruction. If World War III should break upon us, the result would inevitably be One World Government, for one side would completely subdue the other. And there is no doubt as to who the victor will be, for Russia and her satellites are to fall upon the mountains of Israel. Ezekiel 39:4. The empire of the Antichrist is to be Roman, and not Russian; and is to be composed of nations that "agree" together, which is hardly the brand of Russian Imperialism. It is possibly worthy of simple mention that the Security Council of the United Nations has eleven members which would automatically become the prophesied ten if Russia were eliminated.

But what of the immediate future? The sixth chapter of Revelation which describes the War destroying one fourth of the earth's population, follows the fourth and fifth which show the saints safe in heaven. Our Lord has said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:28, 36. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:9. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev. 3:10.

Noah was saved from the flood, Lot from the destruction of Sodom, and the Israelites from the plagues of Egypt. To most of us this means that the Lord is coming as unexpectedly as a thief to take away his own *before* the great and terrible day of the Lord come. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

MY BLESSED SHELTER

I have found a blessed Shelter—
Spirit of the living God;
Hidden in Thy strong enfoldings,
'Neath the sprinkling of the
Blood.

I have found a blessed Shelter,
Safe from every sinful dart—
Holy Son of God, my Bridegroom,
In Thy broken, bleeding heart.

I have found a blessed Shelter,
Holy Father—in Thy home;
Perfect love all fear dispelling,
Sweet as honey from the comb.

Oh, this glorious blessed Shelter
In the shadow of Thy wings!
Here my soul doth rest securely
And my heart forever sings.

—Robert W. Cummings

SOULS SAVED AT CAMP IN WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Sectional Camp at Mt. Hope, W. Va. closed on July 14. During the ten days we enjoyed the teaching and evangelistic ministry of our camp speaker, Marvin L. Smith of Mobile, Ala. The Lord met us. Souls were saved and new consecrations were made to the Lord.—W. Glenn West, District Presbyter.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT CAMP WELL ATTENDED

The Appalachian District Camp held Aug. 4—13 in Mabe, Va. was well attended by ministers and visitors from all parts of the District, and from other Districts. The tabernacle was filled to capacity, and many stood outside each night. God blessed the entire camp. Marvin L. Smith of Mobile, Ala. was camp speaker. Many said that this was the best camp they had attended in years.—W. W. Smith, Big Stone Gap, Va., Camp Chairman.

PHILIP MEGNA IN EUROPE

On April 28 we sailed from New York for meetings in England and other parts of Europe. During 10 weeks in England and Scotland, we ministered in 22 Assembly of God churches and can report a most gracious spirit of revival present. Many souls were won for the Lord. We had revivals in Nottingham, The Potteries, Rushden, Manchester, Edinburg, and London. We found the same hunger for God everywhere and a great expectation of a new and refreshing outpouring, and indeed we experienced a good measure of it in the meetings.

We are now in Italy, and later will minister in Germany and other countries. Please remember to pray that God will continue to make us a blessing and use us for His glory.—Philip and Edna Megna.

CAMP MEETING BLESSINGS IN SOUTHERN OREGON

The first Assembly of God Camp for the beautiful Rogue Valley and Southern Oregon was held in Medford, Oreg. in July. The speakers were Pastor Dwight McLoughlin of Tacoma, Wash., Evangelist and Mrs. Alfred Trotter, and Atwood Foster, District Superintendent of Oregon.

The attendance was good throughout the camp, especially in the evening services. The afternoon of the last day a missionary offering was received amounting to over \$1500.

These meetings proved very profitable and a great blessing to the folk in the valley who could not attend camp elsewhere.—O. W. Klingsheim, Camp Chairman.

REVIVAL STIRS WARRIOR, ALA.

God has given us a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost that has stirred this little town in northern Alabama. For the past nine months we have had nightly prayer meetings at the church, praying that God would send a revival. Although the Pentecostal message has been preached here over 40 years, this has been known as a hard place. We realized we needed an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God sent Sister Vera Holmes of Grandbury, Tex. to begin our revival. The church began fasting and praying for the unsaved husbands, for those who did not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and for different individuals. The first week remarkable things began to happen. A music teacher who had been in Pentecost over 20 years received the Baptism. A brother who claimed he had been seeking the Baptism 36 years came through to a glorious experience. A prominent citizen of the town, who had been mayor for 10 years, was gloriously saved. He came back the next night, was slain under the mighty power of God, and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

God began to move on the hearts of those

for whom we prayed. They came and were saved or filled with the Spirit. A young business executive and his wife from Birmingham were among those who received the Holy Ghost. God moved in such a mighty way that some who said they would never enter the door of the church were forced to change their minds. Many were saved during the 5-week meeting and 25 received the Baptism of the Spirit. Every member of the church now has the Baptism, and our Sunday School attendance is almost double what it was a year ago.—Talmadge F. McNabb, Pastor.

WOMEN CONDUCT OWN CAMP IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The first Women's Missionary Council camp of Southern California was held July 29 to Aug. 5 at beautiful Huntington Lake. It was attended by ladies from all over the District, as well as visitors and leaders from other parts of the state.

God blessed our entire camp. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Fresno, Calif. was our able leader. Mrs. Margaret Jones, missionary from Africa, spoke each evening under the anointing of the Spirit. The mornings were given over to devotions and an open forum in which we discussed vital phases of W.M.C. work. The afternoons were given over to handicraft and recreation. A blessed time was had by all who attended.—Martha McLean, W.M.C. President, Southern California District.

MIRACLES AT AUBURN, N. Y.

The city of Auburn has been shaken by a mighty Holy Ghost revival. It has been said by many that this is the greatest revival in this area since the days of Finney. For four weeks the power of God was manifest nightly to save, heal, and deliver from bondage. It was not uncommon to hear folk of various denominations relate, "If we had known that Christ was such a Deliverer we would not have had to spend our money on medicine and doctors." Others, who were saved, threw their cigarettes on the platform and gave up the habit. It was a marvelous sight, night after night, to see men, women, and children make their way to the prayer room for salvation. Seventy-two were converted.

The revival was an outgrowth of much prayer and waiting upon God. For approximately ten years the work here has been struggling. But the importunate prayers of the saints for revival and for a church building of their own has been heard.

The services began in the First Assembly of God, with Evangelist H. E. Hardt of York, Pa. The first evening five gave their hearts to the Lord. As our facilities were limited, we launched out in faith and pitched a large tent. A lot was secured with parking facilities. Lumber, seat ends, piano, public address system and platform were donated. From the very beginning we knew it was God. There was no necessity for making any financial drives for the need was met as soon as it was presented.

We opened the tent service on July 12 and the crowds began to come. A godly Alliance minister, Pastor L. C. Robie of Seneca Falls, and his people stood solidly with us. There were some definite conversions among his group as well as outstanding healings.

In the 10:00 a.m. prayer meetings souls were saved. An Episcopalian lady was saved in our first morning service, and that night was healed of a serious internal condition. She was scheduled for an operation, but was able to cancel the appointment.

Another lady was healed of shaking palsy. She had been unable to hold a dish in her hand, but after her healing, was able to write her testimony in her own hand.

Another lady had undergone an operation for goiter that cost her \$2485. Shaking palsy developed as a result of the operation. She was healed of the palsy and toxic goiter. In her written testimony she stated that she had consulted 126 doctors. This testimony is on file and can be examined at any time.

Auburn will never be the same because of the result of this meeting. The Word was presented in the power of the Spirit and was far reaching in its effect. We are now in the process of purchasing a church. On the closing night of the meeting, dates were set for another meet-

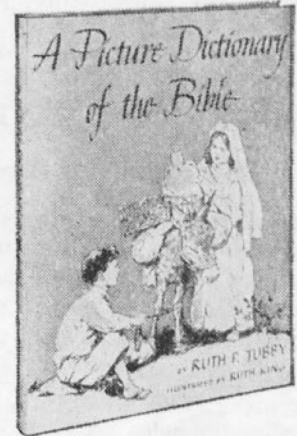
ing next summer. Our brother was given a unanimous invitation to return, should the Lord tarry.—Leon L. Miles, Pastor.

UNION TENT MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Evangelist Robert Fierro conducted a most unusual city-wide tent meeting at Alton, Ill., with eight Assembly of God churches of this area co-operating. Philip Hogan, recently returned from Formosa, opened the meeting Aug. 6 and 7 with a ringing challenge to the churches and ministers, pointing them to the ripened grain in need of harvesting. These first two meetings got the revival off to a good start as a number sought God for salvation the very first night. Robert Fierro arrived for his first service under the big tent Aug. 8.

God did more for us than we could ask or think in the days that followed. Many of our friends from other churches were filled with the Holy Spirit. Although the meetings are over we are receiving calls from denominational Christians who want to know more of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the revival whole families came into the light and experience of Pentecost. Many testimonies of divine healing were given to the glory of God.

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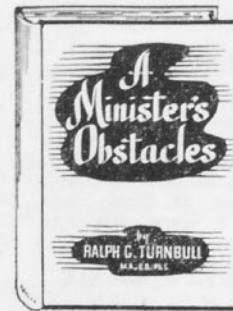
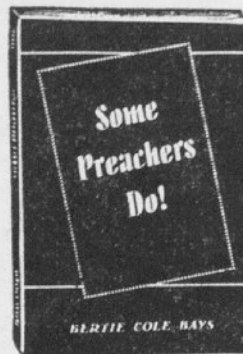
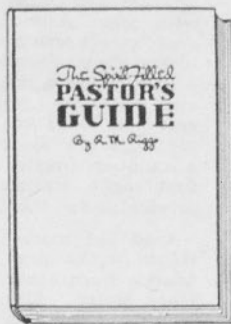
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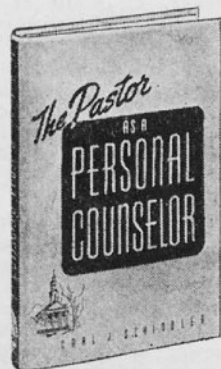
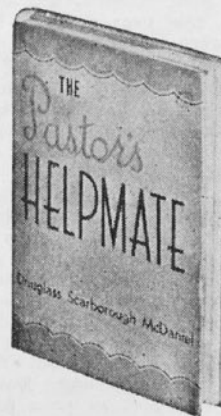
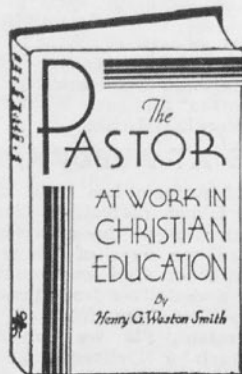
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Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson brought a most unusual message Sunday afternoon, Aug. 13. Hilliard Griffin of Granite City, Ill., spoke at the C. A. Rally held Aug 19 in conjunction with the city-wide meeting. God blessed the message in a Pentecostal way. Our largest crowd was estimated at between 1300 and 1400. Above the expenses of our meeting we received over \$1200 for foreign missions which was sent directly to our headquarters at Springfield, Mo.—J. C. Kofahl, Secretary, Assembly of God Ministerial Association.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

FREER, TEX.—We had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. W. M. Panos. There were several saved and nine received the Holy Ghost. Many were healed and the saints revived.—S. L. Davis, Pastor.

VOTAW, TEX.—We thank the Lord for a wonderful three-week revival. We are so glad the Lord sent Sister Lillie Gordon and husband of Fairfield, Tex. our way. Several were saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. The church in general was greatly stirred and brought closer to God.—Ethel Smart, Pastor.

JORDAN, MONT.—We have enjoyed the ministry of the Musical Mandigos of Bismarck, N. Dak. The Spirit of the Lord was present in all the meetings. The revival was extended a week longer than scheduled. We had several converts, and as a whole the church received spiritual uplift.—Julius F. Braun, Pastor.

CHARLESTON, MO.—The Sunday School conference with E. E. Noland, Sunday School Representative of Mississippi, was a great blessing to our church. Our Sunday School continues to grow, for which we praise the Lord. When we came here the school was averaging 110. The first two months we averaged 165, the fourth and fifth months 175, and for the months of August 227. We are believing God for a 350 average.—E. E. (Ted) Smith, Pastor.

LUCUS, IOWA—In July we had a 15-day meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert C. Hanson of Minneapolis, Minn. The church was well filled almost every night. Two were saved, some sought the Lord for a closer walk, and many gave testimonies of healing. Much interest was shown and people of several denominations attended. We are thankful to God for this meeting.—Merlin N. Steen, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We are thankful to God for the rich blessing He has bestowed upon the people of the Sunnyland Assembly of God. In October, 1949, Brother O. L. Davidson came to be our pastor. The membership consisted of 28 faithful men and women. The building was not completed and had an indebtedness of \$300. This debt was soon cancelled and a loan for \$2500 was made in order to complete the building.

The building is 40x70 and the auditorium seats 300. There are two prayer rooms, a nursery, rest rooms, a balcony, and pastor's study. New benches, chairs and two window fans have been purchased. The interior is finished in different shades of brown paneling. The ceiling is white celotex, and the wainscoting is California redwood. The curtains and draperies were purchased by the C.A.'s, and they are now paying for the new piano.

On February 5 we moved into our new building. J. W. McClellan preached the dedicatory message in the afternoon. That night we began a meeting with Evangelist Warren Litzman. Many were saved, including several families. Many were filled with the precious Holy Ghost. In May we had another good meeting with Evangelist Aaron Walker.

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Last June we held our first V.B.S. We did not have sufficient teachers and helpers, but we had 131 enrolled and gave 84 certificates at the close of the school.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We just closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist Kenneth Schmidt. The services were wonderful and the entire church was blessed. Some were saved and there were several refilled with the Holy Ghost. The attendance was large. Most of the people attending these services were Christians. I am confident more would have been saved if we had been able to get the sinners out to the church, as the Word of God went forth in mighty power.—John Bunyan Lilley, Pastor.

PORTALES, N. MEX.—In July we had a meeting with Evangelist Hardie Weathers of Houston, Tex., which proved to be the best revival held here in many years. The Lord blessed us from the opening service until the closing night. There were souls saved or baptized with the Holy Ghost nearly every service. Our Sunday School was greatly benefited. We are in a nearly new building, and for all practical purposes we have reached our capacity to accommodate present crowds. Our church has been blessed in every department; the evangelist's ministry of the Word and his prayer life have been a source of great inspiration to our assembly.—James D. Bell, Pastor.

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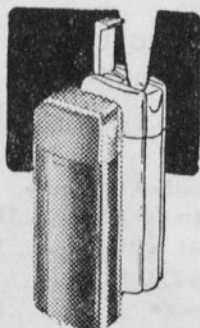
DURANT, FLA.—Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting, Oct. 5-15; A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., morning and evening speaker. For information write J. E. Blount, Durant, Fla.—By E. T. Corbin, Pastor.

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GALVESTON, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 10—; Evangelist W. B. Shows, Conroe, Tex.—A. L. Parker, Pastor.

ITHACA, N. Y.—Calvary Full Gospel Church, Sept. 17—Oct. 1; Evangelist Werner Johnson.—by Roy Nylin, Pastor.

LEBANON, OREG.—Sept. 27—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (Harold Robeson is Pastor.)

SCOBEY, MONT.—Full Gospel Church, Sept. 19—Oct. 3; Eden Evangelistic Party.—by Leon Mitchell, Pastor.

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HELENA, ARK.—Meeting in progress; Evangelists Helen Cox and Mabel Brown.—by Clarence Hampton, Pastor.

ROCKDALE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Sept. 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. (Captain C. Gee is Pastor.)

LA PORTE, IND.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, 701 East Lincoln Way, Sept. 13—27 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg, Toledo, Ohio.—Roy B. Warner, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 3737 Wightman Ave., Sept. 10—24; Evangelist John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif. (A. K. Moore is Pastor.)

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