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



#### PLASTIC YEARS

They pass so soon, the days of youth;  
The children change so fast:  
Quickly they harden in the mould,  
And the plastic years are past.

Then shape their lives while they are young;  
This be our prayer, our aim—  
That every child we meet shall bear  
The imprint of His name!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

# THINGS TO COME

Fred H. Neubauer

*He will show you things to come.*  
John 16:13.

IT OCCURRED IN 1940.

The answer from the Lord was conclusive!

A new effort was being undertaken to establish an Assembly of God in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Certain factors that clouded the history of previous efforts had caused me to ponder the wisdom of declaring our distinctive Pentecostal testimony. With a deep sense of the gravity of the moment I gave myself to waiting on God until I would hear from Him for His direction. The following experience which came to me in vision was God's answer to my perplexity. Bear in mind the fact that this was only a vision, though I believe it was a God-given one.

Two men in semi-military uniform appeared at our home. A sealed envelope was handed to me with a stern warning: "Don't fail to oblige!" Upon opening this missive we learned it was a summons for our family to appear at a certain place without delay. No extra personal effects were to be taken along. The first impulse was to ignore these instructions, but the parting warning of the two men shocked us into action.

My wife Corinne and I and our two children, Ruth Esther and Fred Elmer, hurried to our car and carefully followed directions to our destination. As we drove along we noticed an unusually large number of cars heading in the same direction. It seemed to us that the occupants of every car were friends and acquaintances—fellow-Christians. The expression on each face betrayed bewilderment and apprehension. Very stiff greetings in salute were exchanged. As the miles covered brought us nearer our destination an ominous feeling of treachery overcame us. Endless lines of cars converged on the area from every point of the compass.

A gathering darkness without twilight had quickly fallen. Suddenly we were aware of an illumination that seemed to come from everywhere. I suggested to my family that we slip out of the car, now barely moving, and take flight from the scene, but Corinne pointed out that there was not so much as a shadow

to offer us a temporary hiding-place because the light was so revealing.

Now there appeared a cordon of uniformed men on either side of the road with fixed bayonets. Others stepped up to our car, snapped open the doors and barked a command for us to get out—Corinne and Ruth from their side, Fred Elmer and I from our side. Without a moment's time to ask a question we were urged along with the rest—men and boys in one direction, and women and girls in an opposite direction. Immediately I was overwhelmed with a conviction that this was COMMUNIST DOMINATION!

Next we were herded into horse-drawn wagons which appeared to have been used for hauling livestock. With scarcely enough room left in which to move, the load was completed and the endgate slammed shut. Somewhere in the press of this human cargo I heard my son's pitiful cry as he called for me. I was helpless to give him aid or comfort. I began to pray and to ask God to watch over him, and to protect my wife and daughter wherever they might be. As we rumbled along this became a prayer meeting on wheels. Repeatedly we were threatened with the extinction of our lives or the lives of other members of our families. All the while I

noticed we were covering what seemed to be vaguely familiar territory—not strange or foreign.

Our wagon lumbered to a stop and we were unloaded. Here again we were segregated and ordered through certain doorways opening into what appeared to be army barracks. As I stepped into a doorway my arm was seized and instantly a hypodermic needle was thrust into it. My first thought was that it might be a vaccine, since we were now prisoners and might be detained indefinitely. In a matter of moment a sense of numbness and insensibility came over me.

Although in a stupor I seemed to be regaining my senses while lying on a hospital bed, at the foot of which stood two men and a woman dressed in soiled white uniforms. Their dark countenances wore a fiendish grin as they hovered over me. On the wall beyond them hung a portrait of a person they referred to as "our great comrade." As I feebly turned my head to the left I could see, through my foggy vision, a long battery of beds with a helpless victim on each, and an attendant at the foot of each bed. As I listened to the excited chatter of my attendants I began to understand what they were saying as they frantically

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## Paper Charges Reds Will Have Cardinal Under Drug During Trial

LONDON (AP)—The Tablet, a British Roman Catholic weekly, declares Hungarian Communists plan to administer a will-destroying drug to Josef Cardinal Mindszenty before his trial on charges of high treason.

The magazine has printed an article drawn up on instructions of the Hungarian cardinal primate before his arrest. The article is entitled "Trial by Actedron." The weekly says actedron—unknown to western medical men, at least under that name—is the will-destroying drug.

The article is to be read from the pulpits of all Roman Catholic churches in the dioceses of Shrewsbury and Birmingham.

The article says it is essential "to draw the attention of Hungarian and foreign public opinion to the methods of the Communist police and the utter defenselessness of the victims."

THE ARTICLE cites two previous Hungarian trials, one of a priest. It says both defendants denied indictments against them but after some time in their cells appeared listless in court and accepted the charges made.

"Behind the full confessions, the self accusations and brokenly hanging heads," the article says, "lurks the dread weapon of Communist tyranny against which there is no defense—actedron."

"Today in the Soviet-occupied countries it is common knowledge that any person arrested by the political police is starved for a few days. Then for a week or two the prisoner receives salted fish but no water.

"WHEN THE unfortunate prisoner is on the verge of dying of thirst," the article continues, "when he has lost his power of taste and is in a state of collapse, he is given a drink.

"It makes no difference whether it is water or soup; the prisoner no longer tastes anything and he does not notice that a small tablet has been dissolved in this liquid—a tablet of the potent nerve-destroying actedron.

"Actedron destroys the nerve centers; it does not kill, only paralyzes."

The article says the drug at first gives immense strength and raises the prisoner's self confidence.

"NEXT DAY the reaction sets in. It begins with a strong head-

ache and vertigo. Then a steadily increasing sense of uncertainty overcomes him.

"He has an urge blindly to obey the slightest orders and is psychologically incapable of saying no to anything.

"The victims are led to the trial in this condition."

The article declares "against actedron there is only one defense." This, it says, is to warn public opinion.

"However many 'full confessions' Moscow may produce," the article continues, "however many radio stations broadcast the Mindszenty trial, its victims will no longer be their old selves but wrecks whose nerves have been destroyed by potent drugs and who can be ordered to make any number of confessions and who are no longer masters of themselves."

Photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the Akron "Beacon Journal," the leading newspaper in Akron, Ohio, in January 1949.

Nine years before the "will-destroying drug" reportedly was used on Cardinal Mindszenty, God warned Fred H. Neubauer that the Communists would resort to such methods—and showed him the way of escape!

# Your Fears Can Be Conquered!

Nelson E. Hinman

FEAR BESETS ALL of us. We do not all fear the same things, nor do we all fear to the same degree, but we all have been afraid.

I am not thinking about the sort of fear that comes as sudden fright, but a deeper, more subtle fear that manifests itself in worry, dread, anxiety, or timidity. That kind of fear affects us all.

We worry about people, about finances, about old age, grey hair, our children, our job, about death. Some are afraid of the future. They fear the unexpected. They fear insecurity. They fear sickness. It seems there is no limit to the things that plague people with the spectre of fear, which manifests itself in worry, anxiety, dread.

"Worry is one of the most destructive of all human emotions. No state of mind is more injurious to body, mind and spirit. Excessive anxiety disrupts, paralyzes the whole personality. Worry destroys people physically and mentally. It blurs all mental processes. It distorts reason. Worry ruins our disposition. It makes us touchy, irritable, impatient, and sad. When people fly off the handle and get upset, it is often due to an excessive, strangling anxiety."

The word "worry" means literally "to strangle." No wonder it drains off our energies, reduces our working efficiency, and makes us unfit for daily duties.

How many of you are always tired, exhausted, half out of breath, or cannot get enough rest no matter how much or how honestly you try? You feel as if there is a hot dagger under your shoulder blade. If you are a woman, you could burst into tears at almost any minute. If you are a man, you could blow up like a volcano and then fall back utterly exhausted, unable to explain why you did it. In all probability the whole trouble could be traced to fears, known and unknown, buried deep in the emotional life. Such

a state of fear has been known to leave serious cases of ulcers, heart trouble, high blood pressure, rheumatism, arthritis, and a host of other afflictions too numerous to mention. Dizzy spells, violent vomiting, asthma, partial loss of sight and hearing—all have been traced to such causes. Certainly the apostle knew what he was saying when he wrote, "Fear hath torment" (1 John 4:18).

Fear, like fire, is a life-preserving asset when under control, but a devas-

"THE DARKER THE GLOOM, THE BRIGHTER THE LIGHT."



Drawn by Scott Shadburne, Springfield, Mo.

tating demon when out of control. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," said the wise man in Proverbs. By such fear men depart from evil. I want my child to have a healthy fear of fire, knives, guns, and traffic—such a fear will go a long way toward preserving his life—but I sincerely hope no such fear shall ever *dominate* his life.

How can we deal with fears? How do we get them out of the driver's seat, off the throne of our lives and return them to the servant's quarters where they belong?

First, let us classify very generally the fears that we deal with. There are fears from the past and fears of the future. Both of these are often taken into the present. No wonder so many are having nervous breakdowns: they try to live in all three tenses at once! They struggle with today's burdens; they pile on yesterday's load; and then try to shoulder tomorrow's problems also. That is enough to make the strongest falter. It just cannot be done without strangling one's very life. Jesus taught us to take no anxious thought for the morrow.

I suggest as a first step in the conquest of fear, "FACE your fears." Look them squarely in the face. Fears are cowards. They look like Goliaths at a distance, but when you stop and face them, determined to defeat them, they turn into silly little pigmies.

I know a man who had taken a very tidy sum of money from his firm and had covered his tracks very well. In fact, it seemed there was little chance of his ever being discovered. But his guilt tormented him. He was constantly afraid he would be found out. He tried and tried to return the funds to the company treasury secretly, but was always unable to do so. Finally in desperation he went to his pastor and confessed the whole matter. The wise preacher recommended that the young man go to his employer, tell him frankly what he had done, and volunteer to make every amendment possible. The young man did so.

The employer, though quite angry, was willing to help the young fellow adjust the matter. He took a note for the amount stolen and permitted him to pay it off in small monthly deductions from his salary. It took the young man nearly five years to clean up the debt, but he found it was worth it ten thousand times over to be rid of that tormenting, nagging fear that was driving him to distraction, that was about to ruin his family, his health—everything. When we *face* such a problem the Bible way

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(by confessing to God and to the one we have wronged) we find a way out.

In the early days of my first pastorate I had been working in secular employment to pay my way. I received a handsome salary. The church was paying my rent and providing me with an allowance for my car, and so I was able to make payments on it far bigger than are normally required. Suddenly I lost my job, and the church became my sole support. It had never supported a pastor before. How would I ever make those staggering car payments? I worried until I was nearly sick.

Finally I said to myself: "This will never do. I'm going to face this matter squarely." I went to the banker who carried the contract on my car and told him frankly what had happened. I told him that I was at his mercy. He said: "Young man, every time a payment is due on this car and you're unable to make it, come to my desk and tell me so. Bring me whatever you can pay on it. I'll see that you never lose your car as long as you make a personal appearance here every time you are short on a payment."

I cannot tell you what a relief that was. The Lord was good to me and I was able to pay for the car without missing a single payment—but I got the worry off my mind by facing the matter squarely.

Another step to take in the conquest of fear is, "REFUSE TO HONOR your fears with your attention." Fears are like spoiled children—they thrive on attention.

When I was a little fellow in school, one of my classmates delighted in tormenting me. He was as sly as a weasel. He would slip up behind me, pinch me, or stick me with a pin, and then run. I was not nearly as fleet as he and I

never could catch him. Finally in desperation I went to my teacher and tearfully told her what was going on. I said I had tried every way I could to get my hands on him but in vain. The teacher said, "Sonny, just ignore him." I made up my mind I would do just that. Next time I felt that knifing pain in the back of my leg, I whirled around and there he was. As usual, he was already out of reach and running fast. He looked back over his shoulder expecting to watch my misery as I gave futile chase. But this time, to his disgust, I just scorned him. I looked at him in disdain, and then turned around and went on about my business. I shall never forget the look of disappointment and defeat that swept over that boy's face as I turned away from him. My boyish heart pounded within me in delight. I had licked a tormentor, and I knew it. He tried several times after that to rouse my wrath, but I did not give him the satisfaction even of turning around to notice him, and that was the end of the whole affair.

Fear breeds like bacteria, if you meditate upon it. God wants you to commit each trouble to Him. Cast your burden on the Lord and then forget it. When it bobs up in your mind, reject it at once. Take positive action. The Psalmist said, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Get busy with something else. Sing a hymn of praise. Start a new conversation. Change the subject. Ignore your fears, and they will die.

Another step to be taken in the conquest of fear is, "Take action NOW." Procrastination feeds fear. The longer one puts off tackling an unpleasant problem, the more opportunity he has to worry and fret about it.

If a sense of guilt worries you, confess it NOW. The sooner you do, the sooner your mind will be at ease.

If you worry about going to hell, then give your heart to Christ NOW. Do it without delay. Why fret and worry about it? You know you ought to accept Christ as your Savior and Lord, so do it NOW.

If there is a misunderstanding between you and a friend, quit suffering about it. Go and settle the matter with your friend. Do it NOW.

If a letter you should write is keeping you awake at night, get up and write it. Loss of sleep will not hurt you nearly as much as worry.

The GREATEST step in the conquest of fear is to whole-heartedly embrace the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will help you to meet the practical problems of every day. Jesus Christ came not only to save us

from our sins, but also from our mental torments. He came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. No man is living abundantly if fear is in the driver's seat of his life.

Read Matthew 6, verses 19 to 34. Jesus told us not to worry about earthly things, such as money, food, clothing, or bodily health. Our heavenly Father will take care of all these matters for us. If Jesus said we ought not to worry, then it is possible to live without worry. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Be careful for nothing." (Weymouth translates it, "Do not be anxious about anything.") "In everything with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." One can move the misery of anxiety to the perfect peace of God through the exercise of praying, making each want and request known to God, and then expecting Him to look after it.

*"Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer."*

You can cast all your care upon Him. He cares for you. He will carry your burdens, but I cannot promise you that He will free you from worry unless you take such steps as I have indicated. God will not supplement your cowardice, your laziness, or your unwillingness to face the realities of life. He will supplement your weaknesses if you will make a serious step to win the battle with fear. Step out against fear as courageously as David went against Goliath. Once you have committed your troubles to the Lord, the battle is not yours. It is His. God will grant you strength through the Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Ghost, to conquer every fear.

Take courage and believe God. Determine that your fears are going to be your servants, not your master. "Fear not," the Bible says in dozens and dozens of places. Everyone has fears of some kind. The Psalmist had his full share, but he said: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Even Paul had fears; he said, "We were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears" (2 Corinthians 7:5). But he conquered his fears and refused to worry. "I can do all things (can endure all things) through Christ which strengtheneth me," he declared. Every Christian can say the same thing if he will.

# Joel, the Pentecostal Prophet

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THERE IS a three-fold element in all Bible prophecy:

1. The prophets gave a message to those living in their own day and time. The better we can understand the conditions that prevailed in their day—political, religious, social, and other conditions—the better we can interpret their prophecies.

2. They also revealed future events, for out of the midst of existing conditions they were ever looking forward to a day of consummation.

3. They uttered principles by divine inspiration which are applicable for all time. "That to us is the SUPREME VALUE OF THESE WRITINGS. The times have changed, but the principles have not." "These men of God give us an interpretation of history that we cannot afford to miss, and a gradually unfolding insight into the eternal purpose of God for His people. They throw light upon our own day and our own situation by announcing the eternal principles of divine providence which will always operate whenever similar conditions are present."—Yates.

## The Prophet Joel

Nothing much is known of the prophet Joel beyond the short introduction which he gives of himself. His name is compounded of two divine names, Jehovah (Yahweh) and El, meaning "Jehovah is God." He was the son of Pethuel, a name signifying "the sincerity of God."

Concerning the date of Joel's prophecy there is a difference of opinion. Liberal critics of the Old Testament are almost unanimous in assigning to it a date after the exile of Judah to Babylon. This is in accord with the unbelieving bias of these men, who have tried to put all the prophets as late as possible, in order to disprove their prophecies and make them mere historical accounts. But the position of Joel in the Hebrew canon (between Hosea and Amos) would indicate that Joel preceded Amos—and Hosea and Amos prophesied in the eighth century B. C. Furthermore,

Amos begins his prophecy with a passage from Joel (cf. Joel 3:16 with Amos 1:2). Amos may have borrowed from Joel toward the end of his message, also (cf. Amos 9:13 with Joel 3:18).

There are good grounds for believing that Joel's prophecy belongs to the times of King Joash and of Judah (read 2 Kings, chapters 10 to 12). During these days conditions were the same as pictured by Joel. Athaliah, the daughter of Jezebel, with her religion of Baal, had just been put down. Since the boy Joash was not old enough to rule the kingdom of Judah, the high priest, Jehoiada, was doing his best to rebuild a kingdom on godly principles. He restored the worship of Jehovah in the land and returned the temple to its place of prominence. But the people were still far from genuine repentance.

Jehu, king of the northern tribes of Israel, was doing his best to stamp out the last vestige of Jezebel's evil influence and to exterminate the Baal worshipers who thronged the land. Hazael, cruel king of Syria, was fast becoming a terror to Israel and the surrounding nations. The Assyrians from the east under Shalmaneser III were intent upon conquering the west. It was a trying period in the history of Palestine.

## The Message of the Book

The book of Joel falls into two nearly equal divisions: (1) Joel speaks, calling the people to prayer and repentance. 1:1 to 2:17. (2) Jehovah speaks, prom-

ising to remove His judgments, to bestow prosperity, to judge their enemies, and to give rich spiritual blessing. 2:18 to 3:21.

It has also been divided as follows:

1. DEVASTATION. Sign of judgment. 1:1 to 2:11.

2. SUPPLICATION. Call to repentance. 2:12-17.

3. RESTORATION. The Vision of blessing. 2:18 to 3:21.

## CHAPTER ONE

### Calamity and Desolation. 1:1-12

The people were faced with the most devastating locust plague that the land had ever known in the memory of living men (1:1-3). Some interpreters consider that the prophet enumerates (v. 4) four different species of locusts—"the multitudinous one, the gnawer, the licker, and the devourer. The most celebrated Hebrew commentators understand the passage of locusts in the proper and literal sense."

Van-Lennep in his *Bible Lands* describes the locust plague as follows: "The young locusts rapidly attain the size of the common grasshopper, and proceed in one and the same direction, first crawling, and at a later period leaping, as they go, devouring every green thing that lies in their path. They advance more slowly than a devouring fire, but the ravages they commit are scarcely inferior or less to be dreaded. Fields of standing wheat and barley, vineyards, mulberry orchards, and groves of olive, fig, and other trees are in a few hours deprived of every green blade and leaf, the very bark being often destroyed. Their voracity is such that, in the neighborhood of Broosa, in the year 1856, an infant, having been left asleep in its cradle under some shady trees, was found not long after partly devoured by the locusts. The ground over which their devastating hordes have passed at once assumes an appearance of sterility and dearth. Well did the Romans call them 'the burners of the land,' which is the literal meaning of our word 'locust.' On they move, covering the ground so completely as to hide it from sight, and in such numbers that it often takes three or four days for the mighty host to pass by."

This is just what Joel describes. The picture is one of utter desolation. Vegetation of every description is stripped of leaves and bark. There is no vintage to produce wine; the corn, wheat, and barley are devoured; every kind of tree is withered and blasted (vv. 4-12).

The question often arises in men's



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minds, Are these so-called natural things in God's power and used by Him to arouse man to a sense of his moral responsibility? Ezekiel 14:21 answers the question affirmatively. The wind (Job 1:19; 28:25), the snow (Job 37:6; 38:22), the clouds (Job 26:8; 36:29; 37:16; Isa. 5:6), and the floods (Job 28:11; Psa. 29:10) are also seen to be instrumentalities of divine chastening and judgment.

#### Call to National Repentance. 1:13, 14

First the prophet calls the priests, the spiritual leaders of the people, to repentance (v. 13). "Judgment must begin at the house of God." 1 Peter 4:17. Then the prophet calls the rank and file of the people to a fast and a solemn assembly in the house of the Lord—to repent and cry to God for forgiveness and deliverance (v. 14).

Great calamities call for nation-wide prayer and repentance. Consider the present pressure upon our own nation from aggressor nations, with the consequent destruction of our youth and the draining away of national resources. Consider also the destructive forces of storm, flood, hurricane, etc. These evidences of divine displeasure call loudly for national repentance.

#### The Mourning Prophet. vv. 15-20

The prophet's own words, employed to justify the urgency of the previous appeal to the priests, the magistrates, the elders, and the whole community, are recorded in this passage. Out of deep personal emotion and with vivid descriptive power he pours out his plaint. He calls this plague on the land a visitation or "day of the Lord," a destruction from the Almighty (v. 15). The devastation by the locusts has been followed by a state of doleful mourning (v. 16), the blasting of the seed in the ground (v.17), and famine (v.17). The pitiful plight of the dumb beasts, who have to suffer with man for lack of provender, is vividly pictured (v. 18). The "fire and flame"—spoken figuratively on the scorching rays of the sun in a season of extreme drought—has added its toll to the locust plague (v. 19).

### CHAPTER TWO

#### Greater Calamity Ahead. vv. 1-11

Joel's perspective in chapter two reaches beyond the immediate calamities of his own day. "Blow ye the trumpet," he says. "Sound an alarm." He warns that a greater calamity is ahead which will be, indeed, a "day of the Lord" (v. 1), a time of divine judgment and sore distress typified by intense darkness (v.2). The descriptive items in this passage would indicate that this coming calamity is something even more terrible than a locust plague, something supernatural in nature. A double application is possible:

(a) A prefiguring of the hordes of Assyrians, cruel, ruthless, powerful who would overrun the land, as did occur (see Isaiah 36; cf. also v. 17, 20, "heathen," "northern army"). (b) A last-days visitation of demon powers like "locusts" from the bottomless pit (cf. Rev. 9:1-12). Notice the details—"locusts, horses, chariots" in Revelation 9 corresponding with the passage in Joel.

As in relation to the locusts plague of chapter one, the nation is again shown the way of deliverance from these calamities through genuine, heart-felt repentance (vv. 12-17), for God is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great mercy."

#### Great Temporal Blessing Promised. vv. 18-27

Repentance on the part of Israel will be followed by divine forgiveness. God will pity His people and send them great temporal blessing (v.19), deliverance from their enemies (v.20), fruitfulness (v.22), abundant rain (v.23), bumper crops (v.24), a restoration of the wasted years (v.25), a restoration of Israel's true worshipful relation to Jehovah (v.26) and His manifest presence among them (v.27).

These glorious blessings can hardly be fulfilled before the glad day of Israel's restoration to God and the reign of their Messiah-King. The focal point of every prophet's message is this marvellous day of consummation when "in the dispensation of the fullness of times he will *gather together* (literally, *head up*) all things in Christ" (Eph. 1:10). It even goes beyond this into the infinite reaches of the eternal kingdom.

#### Spiritual Outpouring Promised. vv. 28, 29

God said, "It shall come to pass *afterward*, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. Peter, in quoting this passage on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21), varied Joel's time phrase by substituting "In the last days," an expression which refers to the days of the Messiah or the last days of the old dispensation. However, the church dispensation was accompanied in its outset by the glorious outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and we believe it was and is the purpose of God to continue this outpouring until today, throughout the entire church dispensation. The outpouring of the Spirit came first upon a nucleus of godly Jews who had accepted Jesus of Nazareth as their Saviour and Lord. We believe that again, in the end of the age, the Spirit will come upon a similar nucleus of wise-hearted Israelites (cf. Dan. 12:3, 10; Zech. 12:10; v. 32—"remnant") who will call upon the name of the Lord.

#### Strange Signs (vv. 30, 31) and Deliverance. v. 32

The great and terrible day of the Lord preceding the final deliverance of Israel will be characterized by *strange signs* in the physical world. These are described particularly in the book of Revelation, chapters 8, 9, 16. That this final outpouring of the Spirit and these signs terrestrial and celestial are to occur as events of the great tribulation, which will usher in Israel's restoration, is proven by the introductory verse of Joel 3 which follows—"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem"—for 2:32 and 3:1 belong in sequence. The chapter division is unfortunate.

### CHAPTER THREE

#### Assembly and Judgment of the Nations. 3:1-8

That the regathering of Israel "in those days" (v.1) goes far beyond the meager return from Babylonian captivity in Nehemiah's day (2 Chron. 36:22, 23) is proven by the fact that "in those days" there is also to be a gathering and a judgment of the nations who have mistreated God's people (v.2).

The prophet looks far beyond his own day and sees a dispossession and slavery of his countrymen, a partition of their land, and a scattering of them from their heritage (v.2b). This was accomplished in various stages—

the Assyrian bondage, the captivity to Babylon—and even reaches to the great dispersion when Palestine became a Roman Province.

#### The Final Onslaught Against Palestine. 3:9-17

That there is to be a judgment of living nations prior to the restoration of Israel and the setting up of the millennial kingdom of Christ, was clearly predicted by our Lord Himself in Matt. 25:31-46. In Joel 3:9-17 we are told the time, the place, the occasion, the manner, and the result of that judgment of the nations.

The nations are pictured by the prophet as gathering together, by proclamation, their united military resources, preparatory to an attack upon Palestine (v.10); cf. Rev. 16:13-16; 19:15-21). [The word "heathen" in these verses is better rendered "nations".] Thither also Jehovah musters His spiritual forces to deal with these foes (v.11), and in a place designated as the valley of Jehoshaphat the battle is joined. So far as evidence goes, no valley actually bore this name, but Joel appropriately named the scene "Jehoshaphat" meaning "Jehovah hath judged" (v.12).

This whole judgment procedure is likened to the harvest and the grape-gathering, when the wine was pressed out under the feet of the garners (v.13). Cf. Rev. 14:14-20. [The word "fats" should be "vats" in this verse.] The armies of the nations are described as "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." [The word "decision" is more correctly rendered "concision" or "threshing."] Celestial signs accompanying this "day of the Lord" are depicted (v.15), and the Lord comes forth to do battle for Israel as He did on various occasions in their past history. Israel is preserved from annihilation (v.16), is spiritually transformed (v.17), blessed with Jehovah's presence (v.17), and delivered from foreign oppression (v.17).

#### Israel's Final Restoration. 3:18-21

Great material blessing and prosperity follow these momentous events—great fruitfulness, and abundant refreshing waters (v.18). The implacable enemies of Israel, symbolized by Egypt and Edom, are left desolate (v.19), but the covenant nation of God endures for ever, cleansed through judgment and graced with the glorious presence of Jehovah (vv. 20, 21). Cf. Ezek. 43:1-7; 48:35; Isa. 1:25-27 2:2-4. Hallelujah!

The prophecy of Joel presents some valuable practical lessons for us today—

1. Calamity and disaster is designed by God to turn men to Him.

2. Judgment upon sin is inevitable. No individual may hope to escape.

3. Whether it be judgment terror or chastening blessing depends upon the response of men's hearts to the voice of God.

4. Great calamities call for a nation-wide season of prayer and repentance.

5. True repentance is always followed by forgiveness and restoration.

6. God can restore the years "that the locust, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar have eaten." How encouraging to us to know that the crooked ways can be made straight by divine grace.

7. The Pentecostal experience is for "all flesh." Let us claim our inheritance!

# PASSING and PERMANENT

## NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

### Anti-Liquor Advertising

It is reported that the Methodists are buying advertising space in Kentucky newspapers to tell the truth about whiskey. This is believed to be the first time an advertising campaign against liquor has been waged by a church group.

### Army Seeking 165 Chaplains

The Army has issued an urgent call for 165 ministers to volunteer as chaplains. If this number is not obtained immediately, the Army will call in reserve chaplains. Applicants must be under 33 years of age and must have college and seminary training.

### Pentecost in Norway

Membership in religious groups outside the Norwegian State Lutheran Church jumped from 90,000 to 120,000 in the past twenty years, according to the 1950 public census returns just released. While dissenters increased 33% since 1930, the general population grew by only 12%. Most rapid increase was made by the Pentecostal movement, which showed a 400% gain since the 1940 census. The Pentecostal group is today the largest among dissenters in Norway.

### Christians in Nigeria

The 1950 census of Nigeria, British West Africa, shows that half of the total population of the capital city of Lagos (230,000 people) is Christian. Nearly all the rest are Moslem. Of course we do not know how many of these professing Christians have genuinely been "born again," but it is significant that according to the census Christianity is strongest among young people under 25, and the proportion of Christians decreases with age, indicating that Christianity has been steadily gaining ground in this area for a considerable time.

### "Ecumania!"

The present ecumenical craze which finds its major expression in such organizations as the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches should not mislead the Bible-taught Christian. It is the work of the Holy Ghost to make all believers one, and there is nothing whatever in Scripture to indicate that they should all be gathered into the fold of one titular church. The fact is that if we are numbered among the redeemed we are one, and nothing can possibly make us more one.

In the light of Biblical prophecy the whole ecumenical movement becomes suspect for two reasons. First, because Scripture clearly indicates that in its final phase the apostate church, like the world, will come under one head, and will indeed be associated with a single-power world-government. Secondly, such an ecumenical movement unquestionably demands a compromise in the matter of principles which have been held by some sections of the church with the evident blessing of God for many centuries. Let us beware, lest . . . we merely make another Babel.—*Advent Witness.*

### Negro Chaplain at Cheyenne

For the first time in Wyoming's history, a Negro minister is serving as chaplain of the state legislature. He is Pastor B. J. Washington of the Second Baptist Church, Cheyenne.

### J. Edgar Hoover Says

"The Gideon school program is the finest thing that has ever been done for the youth of America." The Gideon program consists of distributing a New Testament free of charge to every pupil that desires one. Since the program was begun only six years ago, 5,710,258 Testaments have been distributed to children throughout the United States and Canada.

The Director of the FBI explained: "It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems and the inspiration for Christian living."

### Testaments Fall Into Red Hands

The Gideons International (Chicago) recently had an order for more than 100,000 Service Testaments to go to Korea, where they would be distributed among the fighting men by the chaplains. According to Samuel A. Fulton, the United Nations forces were obliged to leave behind a good many provisions when they retreated from Northern Korea in December, and a large number of New Testaments were among the supplies. "So these Testaments up at the front lines fell into the hands of the Reds," he said. "However, it was a weapon they could not use against us, and we trust the message of these books reached some of these people." The Gideons are publishing nearly 60,000 Testaments a week for free distribution among servicemen.

### The "Family" Bible

A few years before the war, a humble villager in eastern Poland received a Bible from a Pentecostal colporteur who visited his small hamlet. He read it, was converted, and passed the Book on to others. Through that one Bible two hundred more became believers.

When the colporteur, Michael Billester, revisited the town in the summer of 1940, the group gathered to worship and listen to his preaching. Brother Billester suggested that instead of giving the customary testimonies they all recite verses of Scripture. Thereupon a man arose and asked, "Perhaps we have misunderstood. Do you mean verses or chapters?"

"Do you mean to say there are people here who can recite chapters of the Bible?" asked Billester in astonishment. That was precisely the case. Those villagers had memorized, not only chapters, but whole books of the Bible. Thirteen knew Matthew and Luke and half of Genesis. One had committed all the Psalms to memory. Together, the two hundred knew virtually the entire Bible. Passed around from family to family and brought to the gathering on Sundays, the old Book had become so worn with use that its pages were hardly legible.

### "Don't Send Your Children to Sunday School," says Judge. "Take Them."

A defendant appeared in the City Recorder's Court at Greenville, N. C., charged with being drunk. Judge J. W. H. Roberts told the defendant that if he could show evidence of having talked with a preacher—any preacher—within two weeks, the charge against him would be dropped.

In addition, the judge asked the defendant if his children attend Sunday School, and the defendant said he sent them every week. "Well, don't send them," the judge declared. "Take them yourself."

### "Magnificent Lives"

An editorial in the *Dallas Morning News* stated that "American missionaries are still our best ambassadors in the Far East." Under the title, "Magnificent Lives," the editorial said:

"A North Korean professor at Pyongyang University, Dr. Peter Song, tells how the Reds, in five years of dictatorship, were not able to turn his people against us by vicious propaganda. The Soviets painted these selfless men and women of God as lying, thieving scoundrels. 'We were amazed,' adds Dr. Song, 'for everyone in Pyongyang knew them to be kindly, honest, and magnificent people.' And if the Russian mouthpieces lied about these Good Samaritans in their midst, how could the Koreans put any trust in the rest of their anti-American propaganda? Our prayer at home should be that the rest of us may measure up, in part at least, to the good name given us by these 'magnificent people.'"

### THE "FREE EVANGEL FUND"

A number of readers have contributed to our Free Evangel Fund. As a result, we have been able to send the Evangel to many people in foreign lands who wanted it but who could not pay for it, due to government restrictions on currency or other unfavorable circumstances. These people have expressed deep gratitude to the friends who have made it possible for them to continue to receive the paper.

Occasionally we receive letters from people in the U.S.A. who, because of sickness or adversity, are unable to subscribe but who would like to receive the Evangel. For example, a brother in a state Hospital wrote to us last week saying:

"I want to tell you how much enjoyment and spiritual refreshment I get from reading The Pentecostal Evangel whenever it is given to me by a good Christian brother here who gets copies from his sister. Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of the Evangel every week? At present I am without money, but if I should get \$1.50, the yearly subscription price, I would send it to you at some future time. I wish I could say when this would be, but I cannot. I pray it will be soon.

"I would so appreciate this. It would bring me so much joy to receive the Evangel each week."

If you could send us a dollar, it would enable us to send the paper free of charge for eight months, to this dear man or to some other person to whom it would be a great blessing. Please address your letter to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri, and mark your gift, "For the Free Evangel Fund."



ABOVE: Complete group of Russian Pentecostal refugees following morning worship on Sunday after their arrival in San Francisco. LEFT: A. A. Gouroff, former pastor of the Russian Assembly in New York City, addressing refugees. He knew them in China and has been active in helping them reach the States. RIGHT: G. I. Avramenko, spiritual head of the group, expressing gratitude for the help given his people. The Russian church in San Francisco arranged a special program for January 28.

## 130 Russian Refugees Arrive in States

LAST CONTINGENT OF 20 EXPECTED THIS MONTH

ONE-HUNDRED AND THIRTY Pentecostal Russian refugees, who have been trying for a number of years to reach the United States, arrived in San Francisco aboard the *General W. G. Haan* on January 25. They boarded the naval ship in the Philippine Islands, their last place of sojournment.

"It was a happy and touching occasion," wrote Gustave Kinderman, Field Secretary for Europe for the Foreign Missions Department, concerning the refugees' arrival in the States. "They are deeply grateful."

The Field Secretary was on hand to greet them when they reached San Francisco, as was also A. A. Gouroff, one of their fellow countrymen, who knew them in China and is helping to get them settled in the United States.

The Russian church in San Francisco, the Northern California and Nevada District, and the Foreign Missions Department have each given a hand in caring for the refugees, and helping them to get settled. A number of individuals have taken an interest in their welfare. Sponsors have been awaiting their arrival for months.

It was several years ago that the Pentecostal band left their homes in Soviet Russia. They reached the Philippine Islands by way of Turkestan and China.

A letter signed by a representative of the group while yet in China in 1947, indicates the thought of the people toward their new homeland: "It is our hearts' desire to go to the United States of America because it is a country where God is respected. We wish

to live and die in that country which is free from fear and where we can freely worship our Lord for the rest of our life."

Our former missionary to China, George R. Wood, visited the refugees in Lanchow, Kansu, Northwest China, in 1948. In an article appearing in the October 30, 1948 *Evangel* he gave an interesting account of their faith:

"I have had the pleasure of being in Lanchow, Kansu, Northwest China, for two weeks. While there I learned much of their (the refugees') sufferings. As many as two and three families are living in one room. There is little clothing and never enough to eat. They receive much persecution. The Chinese say that they have strange meetings during which they all kneel and pray aloud, and that they even speak in tongues and believe that Jesus heals their diseases. The Chinese also say that they go so far as to profess some of the gifts of the Spirit. Since that is what I believe, these Russians are my brothers and sisters.

"I shall never forget my first service with them. We were gathered in a room approximately nine feet by fifteen feet. A little mustard-oil lamp provided light. There was one small bench and a small grass mat. The people filed in, the men on one side and the women on the other. . . . We started the service. I have never heard better music. . . .

"I delivered a message in Chinese. It was interpreted. I know God was blessing for tears streamed down their faces. It grew late and I had to get to my quarters. They begged me to sleep all night in their quarters,

saying they could double up more in order to let me have a room. . . . Finally, after promising to be back on the morrow, I went home, escorted by several of the men. I asked them why they thought so much of me. They replied, 'You speak our heavenly language, and you understand us and are not afraid of us.' I was the first missionary in nearly twenty years to minister to them."

The refugees received the Pentecostal message through an Assemblies of God missionary who worked among them in their homeland as early as 1921. Seventeen thousand souls were reported to have been won to Christ through the efforts of the missionary. He was arrested in 1929. The persecution of believers which followed made it necessary for some to seek a home elsewhere.

Here is an account of the beginning and early part of the trek as given by one of the refugees some time ago:

"We were driven out first from Soviet Russia because of our religious beliefs and later from Turkestan for the same reason. Many of us had good farms and cattle, but everything was destroyed when the Russian and Chinese Communists drove us from their midst. [Editor's Note: They stopped in Sinkiang, China, and lived there for a number of years.]

"We traveled by horse, by carts, and in trucks through bitter cold. In order to save the lives of the children we had to put all the clothing on them we could get. For some of our older people it was too severe an ordeal and we buried them on the way. At Lanchow, China, we found several American mission-



aries who gave us shelter, supplied us with food and clothing, and gave us a place for religious services. They also helped us obtain special permits from the Chinese authorities so that we could proceed to Shanghai."

There was a time after the group left Soviet Russia when the people existed on sweet potatoes and sweet potato vines.

We rejoice with these friends that they have at last reached our land. They are greatly to be commended for their unfailing loyalty and love to Christ.

Upon their arrival in San Francisco, G. I. Avramenko, who has been the spiritual leader of the group throughout the long journey, stated, "Our brethren are anxious to get settled and do not wish to become a burden to you."

Everything is being done to get these friends situated as soon as possible. They have been housed in temporary quarters in San Francisco.

A last contingent of three families (twenty persons) is expected to arrive in the States some time this month. They were detained in the Philippine Islands by illness.

## "As Seemed Good to the Potter"

Lillian Trasher, Egypt

IT HAS BEEN forty years now since I opened the Assiut Orphanage.

The years have been full and well worth while. Many children have passed through our hands. All who have come to us have been in some way "broken."

My sister once said to me, "Lillian, I never saw a place where there were so many sad stories." I replied, "Yes, of course, that is why we are here."

Our home has been a home for the sad and broken. Jeremiah says, "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." This has been our work—the giving of new chances to boys and girls who have lost or who have never known their parents; the giving of a new home to poor widows who have lost their husbands and their support; and the giving of new perspective to life to blind girls through their sense of touch.

Children, coming to our orphanage, who would never have been able to go to any kind of school, have received good educations. Those who had no one to teach them the way of salvation, through the orphanage, are now able to teach others. Boys have grown up to make homes for their widowed mother and their own family.

It has been a lovely work, this *making over* the lives of all of these, but *without your* help it could not have been done. Some of you have stood by all of the forty years, and other friends have been added. May God bless all of you for your part.

We have just finished building a large room for the small babies. The room which we had been using was too small. Our new

room has large glass windows on two sides to keep the room warm in the winter. It gets quite cold here but the sun gives warmth.

We hope soon to begin rebuilding the rooms which fell last year. We need the space.

When we need a new building we never wait for the money to come. We just start building. We know as the work goes on that the Lord will send in the needed sum.

## NEWS NOTES

John C. Tinsman and Roswell B. Cavaness, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived home safely.

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Send all foreign missionary offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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Mrs. Carol Shaver, missionary to South India, returned to the States in February.

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Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Bryant, and Dorris Elaine Trigg have arrived in India.

## NEED IN SICILY

From Anthony A. Caprino, one of our ministers in Camden, New Jersey, who has spent some time during the past year ministering to the people in Italy, and from U. N. Gorietti in Rome, comes an appeal for funds for the work in Catania, Sicily.

Brother Caprino was in Catania and preached there. Under his ministry a revival began, and in a month's time more than one hundred were baptized in the Holy Spirit and scores were saved. The present membership roll is around six hundred. Souls continue to be saved daily.

To house the Christians and to reach others with the gospel a building, seating 2,000, was purchased for approximately \$7,000. Offerings have been given by the Christians in Catania for the church, but much of the money must yet be raised by April to retain the property and save the money invested.

Friends interested in the work and desiring to help are urged to act promptly in view of the situation. Offerings should be sent to **Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Catania Church Building."**

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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## A JOURNEY WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

LESSON FOR MARCH 18

Luke 24:13-16, 25-33

Before considering the contents of our lesson, let us turn to the Old Testament where we find the resurrection of Christ presented in type. In Leviticus 23:4-8 are instructions, first, concerning the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, typifying Christ as our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7) and Christ as the Bread of life (John 6:35). Next comes the offering of a sheaf of the firstfruits of the harvest (vv. 10-12), typifying "Christ the firstfruits" of the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20, 23). The time when this sheaf was to be waved "before the Lord, to be accepted" for Israel, was "on the morrow after the sabbath" (Lev. 23:11). Thus we find the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week set forth long before in the type.

The resurrection of Christ was as essential to our salvation as His crucifixion, for "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain . . . ye are yet in your sins." 1 Cor. 15:14, 17. In His crucifixion He "was delivered for our offences;" in His resurrection He "was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25. The resurrection of Christ gives proof of the fact that His sacrifice on the cross was divinely accepted, and that we who believe are justified (or considered free from all guilt) through Him.

### 1. The Women Bring a Startling Report

Very early in the morning the women came to the sepulchre, hoping that they might be able to anoint the body of the Lord (Luke 23:55 to 24:1). What was their amazement upon arriving at the sepulchre to find the stone had been rolled away and the body of Jesus gone (Luke 23:2, 3). Then they saw the angels and heard the message, "He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 23:4-6). The angels reminded them how Jesus had said that He would be delivered up to death and that He would rise again (v.7). Returning to the disciples, their report of these things seemed unbelievable (v.11). Then Peter went out to see for himself. John in his Gospel tells us that he went with Peter (John 20:2-10). By now rumors concerning the event were spreading, filling hearts with wonder and with awe.

### 2. Two Disciples Journey to Emmaus

It is said that Emmaus was about seven English miles from Jerusalem. This provided a walk sufficient for much conversation, and the conversation centered on "all these things which had happened" (v.14). These two disciples had heard the report that the

women had gone to the sepulchre and found it empty, while angels announced that Jesus was risen. Now as they walked to Emmaus they "reasoned." They wished they might understand concerning all the events of the last few days—why He whom they had believed to be Messiah had been crucified—and now concerning the meaning of the word that He was risen from the dead. What did it all signify?

Human reason alone can never solve the mysteries associated with divine things. Revelation, and revelation alone, can solve them. "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" 1 Cor. 1:20. The two disciples were sincere, but perplexed and sad (v.17). Depending on human ability to understand may only deepen one's perplexity.

### 3. They Meet a Fellow-Traveler

As the disciples reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them—"but their eyes were holden," which means they did not discern that it was He. Mark, in recording the events connected with the resurrection of Christ, says, "After that He appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country." Mark 16:12. Were not these the same two who were en route to Emmaus? Jesus was with them, but He was unrecognized, or as yet not revealed.

Time and again we meet questions which we are unable to answer. We reason, because we wish to know why such things can be, but we reason in vain. When we cannot understand we do well to commit the situation to God. "Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Israel faced situations beyond the ability of unaided man to fathom. Then the Lord said, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jer. 29:11. Although Israel was perplexed, God would lead them into victory. Paul the apostle also became "perplexed," but through faith he was "not in despair" (2 Cor. 4:8). Therefore trust in God when reason leaves you in the dark.

### 4. They Receive Light

Jesus knew the hearts of the two who walked to Emmaus. He drew near, although they did not know Him. How long He was with them before making His presence known we are unable to say. How might they have felt, when He did reveal Himself, had they been murmuring and complaining, finding fault with Peter or others disciples? With what care we ought to watch our words, for the Lord often hears when men do not!

As long as the dis-

ciples' conversation was upright and they were seeking to understand truth, Jesus had no censure for them. He came to remove the blindness from their eyes, to give them a revelation of the truth of the Word, and a revelation of Himself. (See their perplexity in vv. 18-24. Then, see the unfolding of the Scriptures in vv. 25-27.) Light was coming, not to their minds alone, but to their hearts. "Their eyes were opened" (v. 31). "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (v. 32).

They had treated Jesus kindly as a stranger; they had constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening." Then came their rewarding. They would favor Him with food and shelter. He, to their surprise, turned their blessing upon their own heads—"He took the bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them" (v. 30). This He will do for us, when we do good for Him and for His brethren (Matt. 25:40). God be praised that we have a perfect Savior, a risen Lord, a Great High Priest, who understands us and ever lives to make intercession for us.

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Burial of Christ (lesson for Sunday, March 11). Lesson text: Matthew 27:54-66.

### Wrong Choice

Man is still deluded by the devil's lie that there must be access to the tree of knowledge before he can come to the tree of life. God's order is life first, knowledge afterwards. The heart must come before the mind, and because we have put light before life we are now in peril of atomic destruction.—*Prophetic News*.

## HE STILL WALKS THE EMMAUS ROAD



"Ye sorrow not as others which have no hope."

# HEALED

## HERNIA

I had a hernia of several years standing and had to wear a truss all the time. In January, 1950, Evangelist R. E. Jeffrey was holding a meeting at the Assembly of God church in Tolleson, Ariz. I was saved in this meeting. Later I was prayed for and the Lord healed me. I took my truss off at the church and left it there. Praise God, I do not need it any more!—T. E. Vanosdell, Tolleson, Ariz.

(Pastor O. W. Killingsworth of Tolleson has verified this testimony.)

## BACK AFFLICTION

For several years I was afflicted in my back and side. When I was a girl I fell out of a tree, and dislocated the bones in the lower part of my backbone. One doctor was able to get the bones back in place, but they would not stay. I was never free from pain, whether sitting, lying down, or standing.

I was prayed for in the revival with W. V. Grant of Malvern, Ark. The Lord healed me. Over a year has passed and I am still well and able to work every day.—Mrs. John Jester, 212 Fairview St., Hot Springs, Ark.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor E. B. Jones, Hot Springs, Ark.)

## PUNCTURED LUNGS AND BROKEN BONES

In May, 1949, while I was driving a farm tractor, I struck a big bump. While I was endeavoring to get it out of gear, I slipped and fell between the pulley and the wheel which are only eight inches apart. I weigh 210 pounds so you can see what a tight squeeze I went through.

I was taken to the hospital immediately. After the doctors examined me they told my family that I would not live through the day. I was a heap of broken bones. My lungs were punctured and I was hemorrhaging frightfully. I was so sick and in such terrible pain I could not pray. I was thankful that I had already made my peace with God.

Our pastor, R. S. Peterson, was called and prayer was offered for my healing. God instantly stopped the hemorrhaging and gave me ease. The doctors and nurses were amazed as they could not understand how the bleeding stopped so suddenly.

They set my hip as both knuckles were out of joint. As I was lying on the bed rejoicing in the promises of my Savior, I suddenly felt the touch of His hand upon my body. Immediately I knew that I was healed. I told the doctor that I was healed and wanted to go home, but they did not dismiss me. The doctor did not tell me that my back was broken in two places until I insisted on leaving the hospital.

Before I was discharged from the hospital I caught cold and took pneumonia. I was cold, still, and helpless. I called upon God, and He heard my prayer and completely delivered me.

The doctors finally gave consent for me to leave the hospital. They told me that I would

never walk again without crutches, or I would be in a wheel chair. I was dismissed on August 25 and was ordered to keep the braces on until April 1.

Three days after I was released from the hospital I walked back there without the braces on, and without crutches. When the hospital Sisters saw me walking they said, "Hildebrandt, pray for us. You know the value and power of prayer, otherwise you would not be here today."

By November 1, I was back on my job and have been there ever since. I am 60 years old and walk without a limp, and my back is straight.—W. J. Hildebrandt, 6th Street S. and Oak, Brainerd, Minn

(Pastor R. S. Peterson, Brainerd, Minn. has verified this testimony. He states: "I have known Brother Hildebrandt for a number of years, and I was present when he was healed. He is a faithful member of our Assembly.")

## SPINAL INFECTION

When our baby boy, Steve, was four and a half months old he became seriously ill and lay with fever for two weeks. He was unable to keep anything on his stomach and he was very weak. At first we were not too concerned as we thought he was cutting teeth. Finally he became so bad that we took him to a doctor for examination.

When the doctor examined him he became greatly alarmed as our baby's neck was stiff and he was unable to move his body. His head was pulled back and he could hardly breathe. His tongue hung out of his mouth. The doctor called the hospital and told them to get in touch with a baby specialist and prepare for a spinal puncture. He told us that our baby had a dangerous spinal infection, which is similar to polio.

We left the office heart sick, but we knew that nothing was too hard for Jesus. We called Pastor W. W. Shaw and others to come in to pray. We started to pray at 6:00 p.m., and continued in prayer until God gave us the assurance that our baby would be healed.

In a few minutes he began to move his head and laugh. Soon the fever broke. While we were praying the doctor sent word that our baby would die before morning if we did not take him to the hospital for treatment, but we were rejoicing because God had already done the work.

Steve is a year old now and is a living testimony to God's healing power.—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eastman, Conrad, Iowa.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor W. W. Shaw, Conrad, Iowa.)

## INJURIES FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

August, 1949, while en route to an evangelistic service, I was in an automobile accident. Several ribs were broken which punctured my right lung. My pelvis bone was broken and many nerves and nerve centers in my back and neck were injured. By February, 1950, God had healed my lung and straightened out my ribs.

In July, 1950, I began to have trouble with my back and hips. I began to have attacks of temporary paralysis from my waist down as a result of the injured pelvis and injured nerve centers. By the middle of August my fever was exceedingly high. Most of the time I could not walk, and when I did walk it was three-inch or four-inch steps. I could not sit down and was compelled to lie in bed most of the time. At times I was unconscious from the high fever.

Students and faculty of Southwestern Bible Institute and many other friends were praying for me. On August 20, 1950, God gave me this promise: "I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee." The Lord told me that before a week had passed I would be healed and that I would be able to conduct the revival campaign I had scheduled.

The Lord kept His word. My pelvis and hip bones were completely healed. The paralysis disappeared, my nerves were calmed and my body strengthened. The fever left completely and also the intense headaches.

I was able to conduct the three-week meeting. I am still healed by the power of God and I suffer no pain whatsoever. God's healing power is real. I know what it means for God to say, "Rise up and walk."—Lora Anne Buerkle, Box 607, Lake Village, Ark.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor O. J. Crank, Lake Village, Ark. In December we had a letter from Sister Buerkle and she states that she is attending Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex. She climbs several flights of stairs every day, and goes out each week-end in ministry. She states that her back and hips are straight and strong, and that she still has complete healing.)



This is how the church in Santa Monica, Calif. appears since the new Sunday School addition was completed this winter. The Sunday School unit added 2800 square feet of floor space to the church facilities. Philip H. Hawtin is Pastor.

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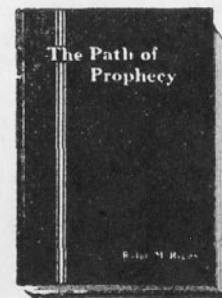
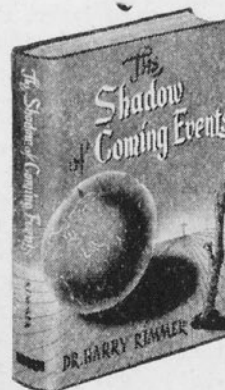
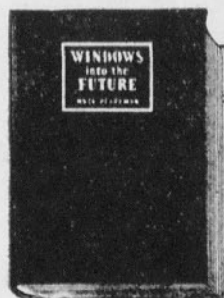
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## CAN YOU NAME ME?

I never was guilty of wrong action; but on my account lives have been lost, trains have been wrecked, ships have gone down at sea, cities have burned, battles have been lost, and governments have failed.

I never struck a blow nor spoke an unkind word; but because of me homes have been broken up, friends have grown cold, the laughter of children has ceased, wives have shed bitter tears, brothers and sisters have forgotten, and fathers and mothers have gone broken-hearted to their graves.

I have intended no evil; but because of me, talent and genius have come to naught, courtesy and kindness have failed, and the promise of success and happiness has yielded sorrow and disaster.

I have no color except black, no sound but just my silence, no cause for being myself, no progeny except grief and disaster. You may not on the instant call me by name, but surely you are personally acquainted with me. I AM NEGLECT.

In addition to all the above things, I confess that I am causing you to refrain from activity in the most important thing in your life, the salvation of your priceless soul!

The Lord Jesus Christ finished the work necessary for your salvation on Calvary's Cross. Judgment was poured out upon Him. His precious blood was shed for many, for the remission of sins. He has been raised from among the dead and is now seated on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens.

You have heard the gospel message over and over again. Even now the Savior's invitation, "Come unto Me," is ringing in your ears. You never intend to be lost. You expect to be saved someday, and you entertain thoughts of being with and like the Savior for all eternity.

But I am holding you back. I am preventing you from definitely deciding to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. If I continue to do so until the messenger of death calls you, it will be forever too late for you to be saved—YOU WILL PERISH.

It remains to be seen whether or not you are going to break the hold which I have upon you. After hearing my honest confession, and listening to my faithful warning, are you going to remain negligent? There is one way by which I may be overcome; that is by immediate definite action. The power and opportunity are yours. Act now!

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be

spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him." Heb. 2:3.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1). "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2). "Choose you this day."—Tom Olson, in now.

## THE PEOPLE ARE COMING

For forty years I have seen evangelists begging, coaxing, entreating, pleading with men and women to raise their hands, or to come down the aisles to accept Christ. That day is gone. They are now coming without any such pressure. God is in the meetings. He is working in the hearts of the people. They come compelled by the Spirit Himself.—Oswald J. Smith



## WITH CHRIST

Benjamin E. Mahan, Washington, D. C., went to his eternal reward February 19, 1951, at the age of 62. Brother Mahan became an ordained minister in 1917. He was pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Washington, D. C. at the time of his homegoing.

## 1951 CONVENTION OF P.F.N.A. TO BE AT DETROIT, MICH.

The Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has just announced that the fourth annual convention of this body will be held in the Cass Technical High School auditorium at Detroit, Mich., Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, 1951.

The Fellowship embraces nine Pentecostal church organizations and a number of independent Pentecostal churches, having an aggregate of more than half a million enrolled members in the United States and Canada. The Assemblies of God are charter members.

Previous conventions were in Des Moines, Oklahoma City, and Memphis. It is anticipated that the 1951 convention in Detroit will draw the largest crowds yet.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MISSOULA, MONT.—The Lord graciously blessed in the two-week revival with Evangelist Christian Hild in January. Attendance was exceptionally good. The Sunday School record was broken with an attendance of 397. Over 30 came to the altar for salvation, and several testified to definite healing. Evangelist Hild had services for the children and a number came for salvation.—Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

DANTE, VA.—We accepted the pastorate here last November and were grateful to find a good foundation laid by the previous pastors. Our Sunday School averaged 85 for December and 114 in January. We are praying and working for a larger building. We had a revival with Evangelist Doris Jeanne Nimmo of Memphis, Tenn. and souls were saved and baptized.—E. C. Worley, Pastor.

ROSEVILLE, CALIF.—On Dec. 31 we began a meeting with Evangelist Claude Wood of Cupertino, Calif. which continued for five weeks. A goodly number came to the altar for salvation, and 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A good many were healed. This was a real old-time Pentecostal meeting, and our people have a new determination to go on with God.—R. A. Wilson, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

CLINTON, IOWA—Evangelist James B. Hosier of Waterloo, Iowa held a successful revival here recently. A good number came to the altar for salvation and many new people attended the meetings. Ten joined the church.—C. E. Thompson, Pastor.

GILLETTE, WYO.—We recently had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The attendance was good and God moved in a wonderful way. Souls were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Ghost.—A. I. Haun, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—We concluded a good meeting with Evangelist Floyd McWhinney of San Diego, Calif. A goodly number were filled with the Spirit. We broke our Sunday School attendance record with 219 present.—J. W. Nash, Pastor.

HARTFORD, ILL.—We had a glorious revival with Evangelist Willis Meyers of Oxnard, Calif. Thirty were saved and eight received the Baptism. The revival fires continue to burn and people are finding God in our regular services.—J. M. Graham, Pastor.

LIMA, OHIO—We had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg of Toledo, Ohio. Night after night God's presence was manifested in a wonderful way. About 25 came to the altar for salvation. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others who had grown cold were refilled. The entire church was stirred and many who had never attended our church before came to this meeting.—Earl E. Hart, Pastor.

HOBBS, N. MEX.—We had a four-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. H. M. Wisenbaker of Sulphur Springs, Tex. Quite a number found the Lord and were filled with the Holy Spirit. We appreciated Brother Wisenbaker's timely messages, and Sister Wisenbaker's singing and music added much to the services. Several testified to the healing of their bodies.—Ollie Mae Henderson, Pastor.

MOBILE, ALA.—We have concluded a glorious three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp of Arkansas. The attendance was good throughout the meeting. Thirty-six were saved and 15 received the Holy Spirit. The anointed singing and music was a blessing to all. Many testified to healing.—J. D. Stevens, Pastor, Prichard Assembly of God.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—We have just concluded a meeting with Evangelist E. L. Slavens. From the first night we had record attendance, and interest increased with each service. Many remarkable testimonies of healing were given. This meeting has inspired our church to expect a normal ministry of healing to continue. Many new people attended these services. Methodists and Baptists are hungry for the Holy Spirit, and they are fasting and seeking the Lord.—Milton Beckett, Pastor, Blenheim Assembly of God.

BUTTE, MONT.—For over a year we have been experiencing wave after wave of revival. The last wave began January 16 when Evangelist Christian Hild came for a week's meeting. The church was filled to capacity every night, and at the close of each service the altar was filled with people seeking the Lord. For the city-wide youth rally on Saturday night we obtained the First Presbyterian church to provide more room.—Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor.

FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Orrin Kingsriter conducted a successful three-week meeting here. About 25 came forward to accept Christ as their personal Savior. The majority had never been in a Pentecostal church before. Seven received the Holy Spirit. We prayed for a large number of people who had physical needs and God performed some outstanding miracles.—E. F. Erdmann, Pastor.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX.—Last September we enjoyed one of the greatest revivals that I have witnessed. Evangelist P. J. Brauchler of Lakeland, Fla. was with us for two weeks. Many were saved. In one service there was such a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit that it was impossible to know how many prayed through. The altar space was filled and a number sought the Lord for salvation at their seats.—Alfred and Lois Roeber, Pastors.

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SHREVEPORT, LA.—We had a five-week revival with Evangelist Leona Sumrall of Springfield, Mo. God's presence was felt in a most unusual way. About 50 were saved and 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Charles Miller, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

WAMPUM, PA.—We are rejoicing in the way God moved the people when Evangelist Mal Kerr of Pottsville, Pa. was with us. In spite of icy streets and extremely cold weather they came for miles to attend the services. There were many miracles of healing. Incurables were given a new chance in life. Backsliders came back to the Lord, sinners were saved, and our people were encouraged to press on.—W. C. Harper, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—The meeting we had with Evangelist Star Thomas of California was one of the greatest times of refreshing that we have had for a long time.

One sister who had a cancer on her nose was prayed for. That evening as she washed her face the cancer came off and there is not a scar left.

Another lady who had been in the hospital for a number of days was brought to the meeting, and God instantly healed her. A sister in the meeting saw a vision of the arm and hand of Jesus reach down and touch this woman as she was prayed for.

These healings took place over a month ago. Both these ladies are still healed and in good health.—M. W. Roll, Pastor.

COTTAGE HILLS, ILL.—Last October we had a meeting with Evangelist Carl C. Haas of Springfield, Mo. Prior to this meeting we had been fasting and praying that God would send us an outpouring of His Spirit. As a result, God gave us a revival. Nearly every night the altars were filled with people seeking God for deliverance from sin. Our town was stirred and many new people came into the church. The Lord is still pouring out His Spirit in our midst and hardly a service goes by without someone coming for salvation.

In January Brother Haas was with us again for six nights. The auditorium was filled every night, and many received the Holy Spirit. There were also a number of healing testimonies.—Kenneth Marshall, Pastor.

MT. PLEASANT, TEX.—God has been moving in our midst in a mighty way. Recently we had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Adams of South Dakota. Eleven men came forward for salvation. Our men's Bible class increased to 31, and we broke the Sunday School record with over 100 in attendance. A number were healed by the power of God.

After a two-week rest we had a meeting with Evangelist Ralph M. Elmore of Winfield, La. A number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have just completed a new parsonage.—D. L. Brankel, Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Feb. 7—We have just closed a revival campaign which drew the largest crowds in the history of the North Side Assembly of God. It began Dec. 18 and continued for 7½ weeks. W. V. Grant of Malvern, Ark. was the evangelist.

Every night many responded to the altar calls and sought the Lord—as many as 125 in one night. Every night for over 50 nights people were filled with the Holy Spirit, as many as 40 in a single night. They were also filled in their homes, on the bus, in the Sunday School, at C. A. meeting, and in many of the day services. There were seekers in the prayer rooms until the early hours of the morning after practically every night service. We know of about 700 who received the Acts 2:4 experience.

The power of the Lord was present to heal, and this advertised the meetings and drew the crowds. Many different kinds of afflictions were healed in answer to the prayer of faith. Several people were spared the necessity of undergoing operations. We have dozens of signed testimonies of healings but we are withholding them from publication until sufficient time has elapsed for verification.

The revival spirit remains in the church as it had for months before these meetings. The reason that God paid us such a gracious visitation is that the people prayed. God wants to send revival to every body of believers and He will if they will pray.—Jacob Filbert, Pastor.

LONE PINE, CALIF.—In January we had a revival with Evangelist Bartley Lasater of Whittier, Calif. Twelve gave their hearts to God, and a number were healed. This is the first time in our 22 months of pioneer work in this little town that souls have been saved in our church. One young man has been saved since the meeting closed.—Merrill Rogers, Pastor.

LUZERNE, PA.—The Luzerne Assembly reports an increase in all departments for 1950. The Sunday School showed a good growth. We had a fine DVBS under the leadership of Wilfred Hillar, a student of Eastern Bible Institute.

We had a tent meeting with Evangelist A. R. Vanderploeg of Ohio. The meeting drew the largest attendance in the history of the church. Some were saved and many received spiritual benefit. Following this meeting nine were baptized in water.

We had special services with Carl Butler and John Burgess, returned missionaries from India. Another special meeting was with Adolphus T. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of the New England District. Several new members came into the church. J. B. Woolums is our Pastor.—Mrs. Marguerite Grey, Church Secretary.

## COMING MEETINGS

*Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.*

GENERAL COUNCIL—Atlanta, Georgia, August 16—23, preceded by C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, August 15.

LANCASTER, PA.—Mar. 11—25; Evangelist Fred D. Drake. (Boston W. Turner is Pastor.)

BAYARD, NEBR.—Feb. 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call. (J. M. Peck is Pastor.)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Bethel Temple, 21st and "W" meeting in progress; The McColl-Gerard Trio. (Nelson Hinman is Pastor.)

COQUILLE, OREG.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist Fulton W. Buntain of Canada.—by Howard S. May, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Mar. 13—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Dwight McLaughlin and daughter.—by Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

BENTON, ARK.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen.—by T. W. Reddin, Pastor.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Solberg.—by Arvid Kingsriter, Pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—Bethel Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson.—by Dale C. Zink, Pastor.

STUTTGART, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist Emerald Wray, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by W. H. Richardson, Pastor.

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Archie F. Bursch, Spokane, Wash. (Clay Stephens is Pastor.)

KEYSER, W. VA.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, W. Piedmont St., Mar. 6-25; Evangelist Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill.—by Herman W. Fry, Pastor.

WOODWARD, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 10th at Webster, Mar. 13—23; Evangelist G. E. Chambers, Hot Springs, Ark.—by J. C. McCluskey, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ME.—Anniversary services, West End Gospel Tabernacle, 1090 Congress St., Mar. 23—26; Walter Bouchard, Montreal, Canada, guest speaker. Northern Section Fellowship Day, Mar. 26, 2:30 and 7 p.m.—by Robert Wallace, Pastor.

OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, S. E. 20th at Main and Madison Sts., Portland, Oreg., Apr. 3—5. John Hall, Compton, Calif., speaker. For reservations write District Secretary N. D. Davidson, Box 2015, Portland 14, Oreg.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX.—City-wide union Spanish revival in progress at Benito Juarez Auditorium, 435 E. Jefferson St.; Evangelist Rudy Cerullo and party. (J. A. Trevina is Chairman.)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, 9th annual convention, Chicago, Ill., Congress Hotel, April 10—13. For information write NAE office, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

ST. JAMES, MO.—Mar. 11—25; Evangelist A. A. Bradley, Memphis, Tenn.—by T. B. Conway, Pastor.

CROSSETT, ARK.—West Crossett Assembly of God, Mar. 4—; Evangelist Faye Wakefield, Dallas, Tex.—by Joe Higgins, Pastor.

DELANO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, 7th and Jefferson, Mar. 6—25; Evangelist Kenneth R. Schmidt.—by Paul J. McKeel, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 38th and Wightman, Mar. 4—; Evangelist H. Ralph Love.—by A. K. Moore, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Mar. 4—25; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (Earl Odell is Pastor.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—North Side Assembly of God, Mar. 4—18 or longer; Harry E. Call Evangelistic Party, Spencer, Ind. (Herman R. Rose is Pastor.)

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, S. Davis and Earle Sts., Mar. 4—18; Evangelist E. E. Krogstad, Oakland, Calif.—by L. R. Anderson, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—Danforth Gospel Temple, 1050 Danforth Ave., Mar. 11—25; Evangelist Fleming May, Seattle, Wash.—by G. B. Griffin, Pastor.

TEMPLETON, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 18—; Evangelist and Mrs. W. C. McCollum, Bell, Calif.—by Thomas Hickerson, Pastor.

FRUITLAND, WASH.—Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 1 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Malvaney, Seattle, Wash.—by Edwin J. Torgerson, Pastor.

TEXARKANA, TEX.—Calvary Assembly of God, Cor. Perre and Tucker Sts., Mar. 11—; Evangelist C. I. Myers, Wison, Ark.—by H. L. Pillow, Pastor.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, March 13—16, Springfield, Missouri. For information and room reservations write Convention Committee L, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Mo. Registration fee, \$1.00. Seats for registered delegates will be reserved each evening until 7:30.

ARKANSAS S. S. CONVENTIONS—Special speaker, Paul Copeland, National S. S. Director. Out-of-section speakers for afternoon. Services 10:30 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sections 1 and 5, Mar. 23, First Assembly, Fort Smith.

Sections 2, 3 and 4, Mar. 26, Batesville. Sections 6, 7 and 8, Mar. 28, Kensett. Sections 11, 13 and 14, Mar. 30, Warren. Sections 9, 10 and 12, Apr. 2, First Assembly, Malvern.

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Paris Section, March 20—21, two nights and one day, first service 7:30 p.m., Assembly of God, Mount Pleasant.

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## THINGS TO COME

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ly wrung their hands and glared at me: "Now let us see if the injection was successful! Will he remember his wife and children? Will he pray? Will he denounce all his former associates and curse them? Will he acclaim our great comrade?" Again came the strong impression: "COMMUNIST DOMINATION!"

One of the attendants whispered something to the other fellow and at the same time pointed over to my right. With great effort I turned my head in that direction. There upon a nearby bed lay my wife in similar circumstances to mine. Our attendants stood tense, watching, waiting! My whole body seemed leaden, but I managed to lift my arm slowly and extend my hand toward Corine. With great effort she responded by extending her hand toward mine.

The instant our hands were clasped together we began praising the Lord and acclaiming Him as the Son of God and the only true Savior. As we continued to worship the Lord during the next few moments, clarity of senses and speech returned to us, and in a few moments we were on our feet with our hands upraised exalting and worshipping the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

By this time our attendants were infuriated as only demon-possessed humans could be, but suddenly Corine and I burst forth speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God alone can give utterance. We continued worshipping the Lord in this manner, as we fully realized He had brought us through our greatest crisis and delivered us from the hands of the devil and the devil's agents. Our attendants and would-be tormentors began screaming: "They've got the wrong spirit! They've got the wrong spirit! We can't affect them!"

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When before the throne in heaven  
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When the Spirit prompts the asking,  
When the waiting heart believes:  
Then we know of each petition  
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Dorothy C. Haskin

"Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body."

These words of Ralph Waldo Emerson express so beautifully our need of attending church. And there is a secret to steady church attendance. It is the conviction that it is a holy tryst with God; a vigil shared by the early Christians in the dark catacombs, by the Pilgrims on the bleak shores of the new world, and by His own throughout the world today.

On Saturday night, like an eager school girl, you begin your preparation. You watch the clock so you will not stay up late, for you want to be your best in the morning. You decide what to wear, see that hubby's socks are mended and that Sylvia's best hairbow is ironed. You even prepare as much of the breakfast as possible so your mind may be free from the clutter of details in the morning; so your spirit may be hushed before God.

There is a solemn joy in waking up with the thought, "Lord, this day I shall abandon myself to Thee, to sing Thy songs and Thy praises." And later, there is the precious knowledge, "I am going to worship the One who ever loves me."

There is an old legend told of Zacchaeus, the publican. It tells that each morning his wife noticed that Zacchaeus was up and out of the house before she awoke. She wondered, "Where does he go so early?" and she decided to spy on him.

The next morning she awoke early and when Zacchaeus left the house, she followed him. He went down a dusty road, out of the town. She followed, darting from tree to tree so that he would not see her. Finally he stopped at an old gnarled tree. He pulled off a few dead leaves, weeded the base of it and watered it carefully.

Unable to contain her curiosity, she came from where she was hiding and demanded, "Zacchaeus, why are you fussing with this old tree?"

With the fire of devotion in his eyes, he answered, "Don't you remember? This is the tree I climbed to see Jesus. This is where I met Jesus!"

And that is what the church is today—the place where we meet the Savior! We can meet Him there at every service.

## MISSIONS AT HOME

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Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska  
Foreign Language Groups in U. S. A.

### "LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK"

"Possibly some of us have not fully realized just how white the fields are."

This impassioned expression comes from the heart of the Superintendent of our Latin American Bible Institute on the Mexican Border, Frank Finkenbinder. Having spent many years in gospel work among the Latin American people, Brother Finkenbinder thoroughly understands just how ready for harvest the Latin American fields are, and how urgent is the need for laborers to gather in the grain.

"Latin America for many years has been considered *the neglected field*," this Bible School leader continues, but he also cites the progress which is being made in recent years to bring Christ to these needy people. Revival fires are constantly breaking out. Bible Schools have been established for the training of consecrated young men and women. This particular school on the Mexican border is located at Ysleta, Texas, near El Paso. "Here in the Bible School," Brother Finkenbinder explains, "practically every one of our fifty-three students have given evidence of a divine call to the work of the Lord. It is our earnest desire that they all may finish the full three-year course. In Bible School, life is sweet because of the spiritual fellowship, but we must admit that when financial discouragements come to the students, it takes real consecration to remain in school.

"We charge our students the meager sum of \$150 a year for board, room and tuition. Of course, this doesn't begin to cover the cost, but we keep the charge low so that as many young people as possible may be able to take the training. During last December our operating expenses amounted to \$1,345, while the income for the same month was only \$379. The time has arrived when we must appeal to the generosity of our missionary-minded friends for help."

In this school we see as real a missionary need as could be found in a foreign missionary Bible School in any land. Fine consecrated workers are eager to bring the light of the gospel to their own people who are held in bondage and darkness. Most of them have no finances for their training, and the low rate charged will not carry the expenses of the school through the year.

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP? You may not have a large amount to give, but your offering added to others will help to keep the school in operation. Please act promptly for the need is very urgent. Send your offering "For the Latin American Bible Institute" to the Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.