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



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Serve Him With Gladness!

Some folk marvel at the happy zeal and devotion with which Pentecostal people serve the Lord. They are amazed at our willingness to do all kinds of Christian work. They watch in astonishment as they see hearts outpoured in worship, money outpoured in consecration, lives outpoured in devotion to the missionary cause which is so dear to God.

The explanation lies in the fact that the Lord has put His own Spirit within us, and we have fallen in love with Jesus. Not only the promise of reward in the life to come, but also and especially the presence of Jesus with us day by day, is the source of this holy urge that impels us to give Him our best.

We are simply carrying out both the spirit and the letter of the 100th Psalm. We Assemblies of God people assume that the Psalmist was addressing us when he wrote: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." We have often been accused of being noisy. Our critics have to admit that if we make some noise when we worship, it is a joyful noise, and we are making it unto the Lord; so in this we are quite Scriptural.

"Serve the Lord with gladness," the Psalmist said. We know of no other appropriate way to serve Him. The Lord has been very good to us. He has washed away our sins, transformed our lives, healed our bodies, filled us with His Spirit, and answered our prayers in so many wonderful ways. We feel that the least we can do, in gratitude for all His mercies, is to serve Him and to do it with gladness. Any show of reluctance on our part, when asked to do something that will glorify Him, would be base ingratitude.

"Come before His presence with singing." Yes, we do that, too, for God has put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise unto Him who loves us with an everlasting love. The Holy Spirit inspires love songs in our hearts and we sing them to Jesus. Sometimes they are in a language that only He can understand. Many times they are in a language that is known to those about us, and as we sing His praise we encourage one another.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves." How well we know it. If left to ourselves we would be of all men most miserable, for we have no power in ourselves to do that which is right. "We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." He has made us. He has redeemed us. He deserves all the credit for anything there is about us that is good. Therefore with sheeplike simplicity we follow where He leads us and pasture where He feeds us.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." Oh, how we love to do it. There is nothing like the giving of thanks to drive away the clouds and carry us into the full sunlight of His presence. We enter the courts of our King with praise for His majesty and power. We remember that He is still on the throne. The wicked may seem to prosper for a time, and the proud may seem to triumph temporarily, but we remind ourselves that the kingdom of our God is an everlasting Kingdom. And when the works of modern man lie crumbled in the dust, and time has tarnished all their glories as surely as those of Persia and Greece and ancient Rome, the subjects of that everlasting kingdom will still be enjoying the benefits of His gracious reign.

"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." We will bless His name. We will thank Him for His goodness. We will trust in His mercy. And we will place all our hope in His truth.

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Does God differentiate between half-truths, exaggerations, and deliberate lies?

Truth or Consequences

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HA VE YOU EVER PLAYED "TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES"? There is a popular radio program by that name, and when a contestant gives a wrong answer the man in charge says, "You haven't told the truth, so you must take the consequences." In a sense, every one of us is playing that game, for God has established it as a basic principle of life that if we do not tell the truth we must take the consequences. The consequences of lying are inescapable, not only as regards future judgment but also in this present life.

When thinking of the evils of lying we are prone to recall the drastic penalty inflicted upon Ananias and Sapphira in the Early Church, and perhaps secretly thank God that such severe measures are not commonly used by Him today. We mistakenly feel that if adversity, scandal, and shame do not follow our falsehoods we have escaped judgment and have "gotten away with it."

But this is pure delusion, for the "consequences" will immediately appear *within!* The inward penalty of lying is the instant loss of a good conscience, the forfeiture of peace of mind, the fear of exposure, the sacrifice of self-respect, and an inevitable weakening of one's moral fiber, leading to subtle undermining of character and personality. Thus, "telling the truth or taking the consequences" becomes a literal and unavoidable choice, affecting the whole man, physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually.

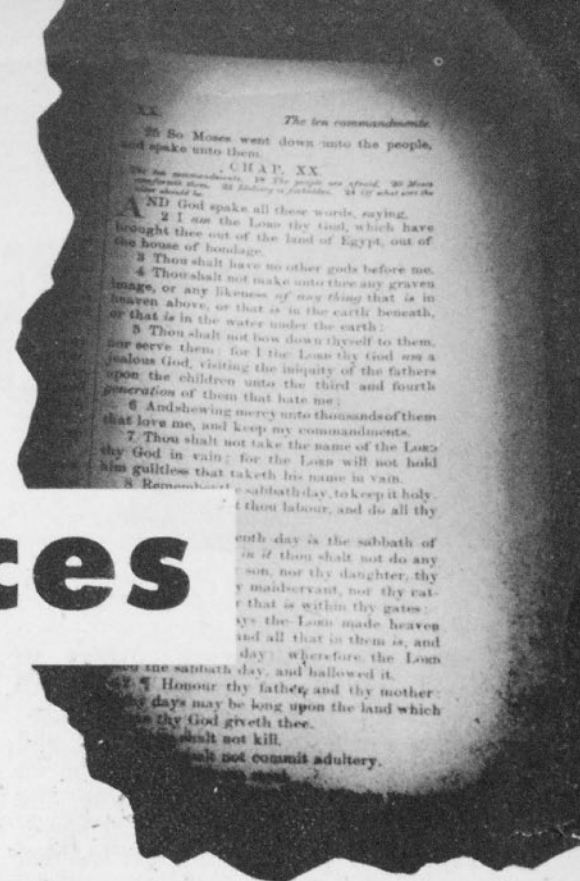
That Christians are capable of lying is plainly shown by Paul's exhortation to the Ephesian church: "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour." But the incongruity of the thought is repulsive—how can lying lips be found in the person who professes to be indwelt by the One who said, "I

am . . . the truth," and by the Holy Ghost, who is called "the Spirit of truth"?

However, the incidence of brazen falsehood is relatively rare among Christians. Among believers the menace takes on far more subtle aspects. For here the lie must be camouflaged by a measure of truth to make it reasonably tolerable to the conscience, much as the pill is sugar-coated to make it palatable and to hide its bitter ingredients. Thus the "half-truth" and the "slight exaggeration" come into common usage, without seemingly causing the slightest disturbance to the conscience of the offender. But there is no verbal "twilight zone" where matters are neither light nor dark, neither true nor false. White is white and black is black. Truth is truth and lying is lying! And that which is not *all* the truth really is not the truth at all! "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour" (Eph. 4: 25).

Handling the truth is like handling money; absolute *honesty* and integrity must prevail. And be assured that God's standards are not relative. We would not dream of speaking of a "little adultery" or a "little murder"; yet we speak of "little lies," when actually the latter is as impossible as the former. The man who steals a dime is as much a thief as the man who steals a million dollars. And the man who deliberately departs from the truth in the least is actually as much a liar as the most shameless prevaricator. In both cases it is the violation of principle rather than the degree of transgression that determines guilt.

This also the Master made clear—"He that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Thus, if a man says he pays his tithes when he knows that at the end of the year he has given less than one-tenth of his income to God, he is



guilty of sin. And if a pastor states that his church seats a thousand people when he knows that it actually seats only seven hundred, he is a liar by God's definition. Or if an evangelist knowingly and with intent to deceive boasts an audience of two thousand, when by actual count there are less than twelve hundred chairs available, he also exercises "lying lips."

The Christian who can thus handle the truth carelessly and feel that it is of small significance whether or not he exercises absolute honesty in speech, is self-revealed as one who has never had a true revelation of God's white-hot holiness such as we find presented in Revelation 20:11: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Nor does such a one walk with a daily sense of God's all-seeing eye upon him as did Paul. "But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:17), Mark the sober words, "In the sight of God speak we."

Both God's estimation of lying and the terrifying ultimate "consequences" thereof are set forth in the Revelation in language most awesome and terrible. The man with callous conscience concerning careful conversation needs but to meditate with open mind on Revelation 21:8 and 22:15, to be forever jolted out of his deadly complacency. "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." "For without [the gates of heaven] are . . . murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie!"



Judgment Is Inevitable

JESUS SAID, "WHOSOEVER COMETH TO me and heareth my sayings, and doeth them I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock" (Luke 6:47, 48).

"I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found" (Psalm 37:35, 36).

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God" (1 Peter 4:17).

These are days of judgment. God is the judge of nations. "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isaiah 40:15). "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doeth thou?" (Daniel 4:35). Let no man think that Russia or Communism are beyond God's control. The destiny of our own nation and the uncertainties of the forthcoming national elections are in His hand.

The individual sinner also is under His observation. "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). The adult criminal, the juvenile delinquent, the bank robber (whether he robs at pistol point, or through systematic deception over the years), the business liar and cheat, the stealer of affections that belong to another, the vile and impure—all these sinners are sowing to the wind and will reap the whirlwind. It is as inevitable as the laws of nature. Almighty God presides over His laws of cause and effect, of sin and punishment, and sees that there are no exceptions.

By what law are Christians exempt from the law of sin and retribution? By

the law of grace and forgiveness. Thank God that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). But don't forget the IF. That little word, as someone said, is forever getting in the way. God is as angry at unconfessed sin in the Christian as in the sinner. He demands a holy church, one without spot or wrinkle. To lie about secular matters or religious matters is a lie just the same, and it must be an abomination to God. To take the money that belongs to God, or the church, or a fellow worker is as bad as any other kind of stealing. Misappropriation of funds is an ugly phrase, and it is even more ugly when committed in a pious sort of manner in Christian work.

Sins that creep into the ranks of the Church have a way of smoldering a long time. May God give every Christian, particularly every minister, a holy hatred of sin. Hate it in yourself in the smallest form. Put it to an open shame by public confession, and ask for prayer and forgiveness. Don't worry about your "reputation" if you have done wrong—it's already fatally undermined by the poison of sin and the only way to redeem it is to expose and confess and get rid of your sin. It is better to deal with a small sin the Bible way than let it grow and become so big that it drags you down to public disgrace and to hell. Tread the young lion under foot, lest you be destroyed by a full-grown lion later on.

This brings us to a matter that is an occasion of stumbling to many Christians, especially to those who are young and immature. It cannot be taken that a man is right, either in morals or in all doctrine, merely because souls are saved and bodies healed under his preaching. It must be said firmly and kindly that the Lord will bless His Word even if the devil himself preached it. Paul said some preached Christ even of envy and strife, and he would actually rejoice therein (Philippians 1:15, 18). Why? Because Christ was preached, regardless of motive or background of the preacher. GOD

HONORS HIS WORD. Yet God is no respecter of persons. He will hold every man accountable for every act of dishonesty and every degree of selfishness, greed, falsehood and impurity. He who sins is a sinner until he confesses and forsakes his sin, regardless of his title or profession. God cannot wink at sin; He cannot deny Himself. Be not deceived, for God is not mocked. He will expose and punish sin in the long run. But He is merciful and ready to forgive all sin that is confessed and forsaken.

We need to read again the solemn words of the Apostle Paul: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

Jesus warned, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

He whose eyes are as a flame of fire still walks in the midst of the churches. "The time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God." Let us all be humble and walk "soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12, 13).

A true story of how a seventy-year-old logger in the North found peace at last.

SANDY WILLIAMS IS A MOST REMARKABLE character who pioneered in the Cariboo hinterland of British Columbia, Canada. He came from a strict Presbyterian family and was schooled in the Bible at his mother's knee, but he did not serve the God of his fathers during his early manhood.

If there was anyone who should have been driven by fear to the Lord, it was Sandy. Early in life, with a flare for adventure, he joined the Scots Greys and saw action in South Africa. While facing the enemy guns he was wounded in battle. One day Sandy came in from military duty and unsaddled his horse; he found a poisonous snake coiled in his overcoat. The coat had been strapped to his saddle. He had escaped death by inches!

After his discharge from army life, Sandy became a marine fireman, living a very wild life. He plunged deeper and deeper into sin. The Lord spoke to his heart through a storm at sea, but he did not yield, nor were his mother's prayers answered at this time.

During the gold rush days Sandy came to Canada and freighted on the famed Cariboo trail. One day he was driving his team and wagon over a pioneer bridge when the bridge gave way. The horses kicked themselves free, but Sandy Williams was left alone to suffer with a broken hip. Delirious, he lay at the side of the trail for hours before he was rescued.

Sandy continued in the way of Cain while logging in the virgin forests of British Columbia. He became known as one of the hardest drinking men in the north. Then came the depression, old age, failing eyesight, and the problem of living alone.

True, Sandy Williams had been kind

to the unfortunate. On more than one occasion he had given away his last dollar. He had repaired watches and clocks, and had kept Coleman gas lanterns in working order, without accepting a penny. He was a generous man. But he was far from God. As a drinking, cursing recluse, living out his last days on earth, he was fast approaching the wrath of God and eternal destruction.

All of the misfortunes of this man's life had not caused him to turn to the Lord. But what war, snakes, storms, and accidents could not accomplish the Word of God was able to do. How he chanced upon a copy of the Bible I do not know. But a copy came into his hands, and he began to read it. Then he began to listen to religious radio broadcasts. As he did so, there came back to mind the Word that had been planted in his heart by godly parents seventy years before, and the prayers he had repeated at his mother's knee. The entrance of God's Word gave light, and Sandy Williams was gloriously saved. Though he had not been inside a church for over fifty years, Sandy was converted in his log cabin home in the rugged Cariboo.

Sandy's life, which could have been used in service for the Lord Jesus, was

wasted. Nevertheless, God's grace was gloriously manifested in his heart. This lifelong rejector of the Saviour at long last found joy and peace in experimentally knowing Christ. How wonderful is the saving grace of God!

My friend, do not say that there is no hope for you. Do not say that you have sunk too low! That is the devil's lie. The grace of God can reach anyone, anywhere, no matter what his circumstances might be. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Could I Be Called a Christian If—

**Could I be called a Christian
If everybody knew**

**My secret thoughts and feelings
And everything I do?**

Or could they see the likeness

Of Christ in me each day,

Or could they hear Him speaking

In every word I say?

Could I be called a Christian

If everyone could know

That I am found in places

Where Jesus would not go?

Or could they hear His echo

In every song I sing,

In eating, drinking, dressing

Could they see Christ in me?

Could I be called a Christian

If judged by what I read,

By all my recreations

And every thought and deed—

Could I be counted Christ-like

As I now work and pray—

Unselfish, kind, forgiving

To others every day?

—Selected

A WORD TO YOUTH

Choosing the Right College

As the time is here when many of our young people, with the help of their parents, are deciding which college to attend this coming fall, I would like to offer one word of advice to them.

The most important factor in your decision should be your spiritual welfare. What shall it profit a young person, if he gains the highest degree from the most famous university in the whole world, and

hurts or possibly loses his own soul in so doing?

Your Assemblies of God fellowship is offering you good liberal arts education in a wholesome Pentecostal environment. It will be safer for you to attend a Pentecostal college. For detailed information, address The Education Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

—R. M. RIGGS



A BOTTLE in the SMOKE

In trying times we feel like a bottle in the smoke,
but we need not allow the smoke to get into us.

I AM BECOME LIKE A BOTTLE IN THE smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes" (Psalm 119:83).

The bottles of David's day were not made of glass as those today. They were made from the skin of an animal, often that of a goat, and were used for carrying liquids, especially water, which is scarce in those Eastern countries and is sold through the streets of the villages. These skins were easily injured if exposed to heat or smoke and could lose their contents through evaporation. To prevent this, their owner would oil them well.

Did you ever stop to realize that we also are bottles? It took the sacrifice of an animal's life to bring those bottles into existence, which reminds us that we became Christians through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Foreign elements can injure our experience and testimony, but thank God there is a heavenly provision. Throughout Scripture, oil is spoken of as a type of the Holy Spirit, and for us to keep anointed (well-oiled) means that we shall be well-protected.

It is our chief mission as redeemed ones to carry the water of salvation to satisfy the thirst of a world wandering in the desert of sin. We are just bottles, differing in capacity, and in our abilities, with varying opportunities for service, but we can all carry the water of life. It is a good thing to remember, though, that if we are conscious of our weakness and inability, we need to make frequent trips to the fountain to get a fresh supply.

Oh, how the devil likes to get us in the fire and smoke of temptation, trial, discouragement! He knows that if he can keep us there long enough, we will dry up, our capacity will shrink, and after a while we will crack under the strain so we cannot hold the water. We will get all smudged up, so our testimony will suffer. Because of this, we must be sure to keep well-oiled—to have frequent applications of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is why we need a daily coming to the Cross, why we need to take advantage of every means of grace, reading the Word, prayer, attendance at the

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house of God, seeking God at each altar service. This is why we need to keep being filled with the Holy Spirit—saturated, like Aaron of old, from the top of our head to the soles of our feet.

Now, let us look at another phase of the smoke-experience. A bottle in the smoke would not be able to know or understand what was happening just outside of its immediate surroundings. All it could see would be the smoke. It could not tell that just beyond the smoke area the sun was shining as serenely as ever.

Have you ever been in the smoke of testing and trial? Did you feel circumscribed by your trials so that everywhere you turned you found no means of escape? Perhaps you were tempted to become discouraged and to wonder if God had forgotten you. All you could see was the smoke of the trial. With David you had to say, "I am become like a bottle in the smoke." Perhaps you feel that way right now.

But take courage! Remember that you are not the first bottle to get in the smoke. David had such an experience. We are not told what incident he refers to here, but it could be one of many. It could have been when he was forced to flee for his life and live in the wilderness, while his wife Michal was given to another man. Or it could have been the time when, while he was away, his city Ziklag was burned to the ground, all his wives and children were taken captive, and his followers talked of stoning him. Or it could have been the time when his own son Absalom rebelled, and David was forced to flee for his very life.

And others have felt like "bottles," too. Joseph was like a bottle in the smoke when he was incarcerated in the Egyptian prison. And there was Abraham, whom God asked to offer his son; and Paul in the Roman dungeon. John Bunyan languished in the New Bedford prison.

Adoniram Judson was thrown in filthy jails. But God brought them through triumphantly. So take courage; He'll do the same for you.

Here is an encouraging thought: although the bottle may get in the smoke, the smoke doesn't have to get in the bottle—if we have the cork David used. He said, "I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes." It is the Word of God that we need when we get in the smoke of trial. It will keep us true, support us when falling, and inspire our courage.

When you get in the smoke, remember the example of David. Let the afflictions, testings, trials, heartaches come—let them swirl like smoke around you—but fill your heart and mind with the Word of God. Remember His statutes, His Word. Remember that He has said, "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." Trust in His promises. He said, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and He promised to provide "a way of escape." He said He never would leave nor forsake you. If you will use this "cork," you will come out of your smoke experience not a *bitter* Christian, but a *better* Christian.

A godly saint was asked by his minister, "How are you today?" He replied, "My head is resting very sweetly on three pillows—infinite power, infinite love, and infinite wisdom." The minister mentioned this in a sermon; and then, some months later, was called to the bedside of a young woman who had gone through an operation. She told him that after the operation they took her pillows away, saying kindly that it would be impossible for her to have them for a while. Then she had told them, "You can't take away three pillows I have—infinite power, infinite love, and infinite wisdom." She had learned the secret.

Are you like a bottle in the smoke? Rest on the promises of God. He loves you with an infinite love; He guards you with an infinite power; He has planned your life with an infinite wisdom. He will bring you through.

AT FIRST THOUGHT, THE BEAUTITUDE of Jesus—"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5)—seems a hard saying. But let us consider the verdict of history.

Of all the proud men who ever lived, Alexander the Great and Napoleon Bonaparte were probably the most haughty. No doubt Alexander was the only European who was deified during his lifetime. Roman emperors were worshiped, but not until after death. Our Western tradition, even among pagans, has always frowned upon this practice which so shamefully feeds the ego of an individual at the expense of his fellow men. Yet Alexander sat on his throne like the lord of all creation and compelled all who approached him to prostrate themselves at his feet. His armies swept over most of the known world. At the height of his arrogance it seemed that no power could withstand him.

But in the end Alexander was a failure. He died when he was 33 of fever, wounds suffered in battle, and gross dissipation. Within a few short years after his death, his vast empire was torn to pieces by quarreling successors. It was one of the shortest-lived dominions the world has ever seen.

As to Napoleon Bonaparte—rarely, if ever, has there been a more colossal egoist. Night and day he dreamed only of fame and fortune for himself. Any person who got in his way was crushed without mercy. When an adviser cautioned him that his projected Russian campaign might cost a million men, Napoleon replied cynically, "What are a million men to me?"

Close students of Napoleon's life doubt whether he really cared for any individual. Here is his comment on love: "There are two levers for moving men—interest and fear. Love is a silly infatuation; depend upon it. Friendship is but a name. I love nobody." For nearly two decades men and women cringed before him. At one time the entire continent of Europe was apparently at his feet.

But what happened? A sudden turn of events found Napoleon sullenly eating his heart out in exile on lonely St. Helena island. His boasted empire had tumbled in ruin. France was never again to regain her old glory as a world power.

So the story runs from the tyrants of ancient times to the dictators of today. Over and over again the lesson of history is repeated. In the long run the proudest are the weakest. Their little day scarcely dawns before it is over and gone.

On the other hand, consider the meek men of history. The first one that most people think of is Moses. "Now the man

The Might of MEEKNESS

by ALLEN BOWMAN

Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3). And what an unenviable position was his! He was called upon to lead a horde of slaves out of Egypt in the face of hostile rulers and warring peoples, burdened with the care of complaining millions who had to live from hand to mouth in the desert, criticized by the ones who should have been his warmest supporters. There were times when he was almost in despair. He was not even permitted to visit the promised land before his death.

But what about the results? Moses' leadership opened an all-important epoch in history, for it made possible God's revelation of Himself through His chosen people. The Mosaic law, given by God, was the most fruitful code ever written. Moses' writings, inspired by the Holy Spirit, began the greatest of all books—the Bible. We owe him a debt so great that it is impossible to measure it.

Consider also Paul, the humble apostle. By birth a proud Pharisee, a "Hebrew of the Hebrews," he was brought so low on the road to Damascus that he could say with all sincerity, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 3:8). He went through life hunted and reviled, buffeted and beaten and shipwrecked, only to wear a prisoner's chains for years and to die at last a martyr.

But think of the final outcome! Paul changed the course of history by taking the gospel to the Gentiles. His missionary journeys were destined to transform Europe and finally America. He placed

a permanent stamp on Western civilization. His epistles fixed the main current of Christian thought and theology. His vitalizing influence will go on forever.

The supreme example of meekness, of course, is our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself as no other could, for He came from heaven to take upon Himself the form of a servant. Despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, with no place to lay His head, He lived out His brief life on earth in poverty and seeming obscurity. At the end He suffered shameful crucifixion with the lowest of criminals. Never before or since has the world seen such an example of utter lowliness.

Yet Jesus is recognized today as the most influential Person who ever lived. The very calendar centers in Him. He brought us eternal life. His host of followers, held to their allegiance by the power of love alone, form a kingdom that will have no end. Some day every knee shall bow to Him, for He will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. His apostles, despised in their day, will sit on thrones of judgment (Matt. 19:28). Even His obscure followers, unknown to the pages of history, will judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3).

What a contrast to the puny achievement of the Alexanders and the Napoleons, the Mussolinis and the Hitlers—achievements which the passing winds of time have so quickly swept away!

When Jesus said that the meek shall inherit the earth, He spoke a most profound truth. There can be no doubt about it. *The meekest are the mightiest* in the end.

Humility Is Perfect Quietness of Heart Under Every Circumstance

ALONE

in a County Jail

DRIVING ON A WINDING BLACKTOP ROAD in one of our southern states, I crossed a railroad and passed some old dilapidated houses. Suddenly I noticed a sign and an arrow, pointing down a dusty road which led to a state prison.

The strong wind stirred up the dust behind the car like a cloud and soon I came to a new sign informing me that I was on the prison grounds. A gate, made of rough lumber which had seen better days, blocked the road.

A man with a gun and ammunition belt came up to the car and asked the purpose of my visit. I said, "I would like to see the Warden." He promptly went inside a little frame building, and upon emerging he opened the old wooden gate that squeaked on its rusty hinges. "OK, sir," he said.

I stopped the car beside him and asked, "Are you a guard employed by the state, or are you an inmate serving time whose good record has been rewarded by a trusty job?" The answer was, "I am serving life. But by a good record, I am hoping sooner or later to be recommended to the Board of Pardons for some consideration. I have been here thirteen years, and my record is perfect."

In the Administration Building we met the newly appointed Warden, a very friendly man. He appreciated every effort from an outsider to boost his rehabilitation program. He suggested that his office be used for interviewing the inmates. A clerk, also an inmate, received an order from the Warden to call in all the men whom we had on our list for an interview.

They are all men in their best age. One who wanted a Bible Study course gave the impression of being a very intelligent man. From the day he was saved he had constantly read the Bible and had a good understanding of the Word of the Lord. In reply to my question, "How were you saved?" he told the following story:

"Before I was converted I never went to church, but lived a sinful life until I was 30 years old. One night, under the influence of strong drink, I stole a car and was arrested. It was the first time such a thing happened in my life. I had never before committed an unlawful act. I was locked up in the county jail all alone—the only person in the whole jail.

"A couple of days after my arrest I saw a man coming in through the steel door. He walked up to my cell and said, 'I noticed in the paper last night that a man had been arrested. I decided to come down and talk to you. I am the Assembly of God pastor here in town.' After this introduction he began to talk to me about salvation and how necessary it was to be right with God. I said to myself, 'I am the only one locked up in this jail. This pastor took time for a thief like me. There must be something to religion.'

"I told him that if God could deliver me from the worthless life I had lived, I would serve Him the rest of my life. The pastor helped me to pray and confess my sins. He visited me all the time and gave me instruction until I was transferred to a state prison. Later I was transferred from the state prison to this prison farm because of my good record. This fall I will be released. Already I have been accepted by a Bible School."

Later in the evening I asked the Warden if he had any objection if this inmate had a Bible class and gave out Evangels, tracts and gospels to the inmates. The Warden said, "He is a very dependable man. He was transferred from the other prison where I was deputy warden. All have the highest respect for him. If you think he could teach a Bible class, it is all right with me."

What a challenge! A man locked up all alone in a county jail—a pastor visits him and leads him to the Lord. In prison he received a call to be a minister of the gospel. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

But what if the Assemblies of God pastor had not cared enough to go to this one man—alone in a county jail? He might never have been saved. The influence of his life for Christ might never have been felt by the other inmates of the penitentiary.

Many Assemblies of God pastors are visiting county and city jails regularly, seeking the lost. Remember this: every prisoner in every state and federal penal

institution was once in a county jail. Don't overlook your opportunity to witness to these needy souls in your community.

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A prisoner who recently completed the Basic Bible Study Course (prepared by Arvid Ohnell as a preliminary study for prisoners who desire to take the regular Correspondence Courses) wrote: "I have received my Certificate of Award given by the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department on completion of your Basic Bible Study Course. To me it is something so wonderful that I can not find words to express myself. I don't see it as just another award that might be earned. Instead, I see the people that love the Lord so much they will go to any length to pave the way for anyone that desires to seek the Lord.

"Thank you from the very bottom of my heart, and I ask to be remembered in your prayers that I may grow stronger in our Lord, and work for Him always."

These courses are only made available to prisoners as funds come from interested individuals and churches. Your offering should be designated "Prison Work," and sent to

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific St.
Springfield 1, Missouri

A CAUSE OF INSANITY

In an address at Keswick, Dr. A. T. Pierson made the following suggestive observations:

"I have been greatly impressed by the fact that in the insane, the will is almost always stubbornly, obstinately, pervertedly, and irredeemably contrary. Not long ago I introduced that fact in conversation with a friend, a physician in Boston. I asked a question of that deeply devout man, 'Doctor, if it is the case that in almost all forms of insanity the will is obstinate and stubbornly perverse, and uncontrollable, may there not be a truth in this; that if the will is thoroughly broken to God, it will not be obstinate toward men, and insanity becomes proportionately impossible?'"

"After a few moments of thought he said, 'I have never thought of it before, but it strikes me that it is so.'"

"May it not be possible that in many cases insanity is the result of never having laid the will down absolutely at the Master's feet, so that, when ill health overtakes us, the will at once asserts itself in determined opposition to all reasonable suggestions, or even conscientious courses? There is pre-eminent need in every direction for mental and moral balance, and spiritual as well as physical balance—of a will that is entirely given up to the only Will that has a right to rule."

—The Standard Bearer

Read this article for added help on today's Sunday School lesson

SOILED FEET in the Master's Hands

by FRANK M. BOYD

Director of Correspondence School

ONE OF THE SUBLIME INCIDENTS IN THE life of our Lord was His washing the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-17). Here is revealed the meekness and humility of the Master in stooping to perform the task of an Oriental servant, whose duty it was to wash the soiled feet of his master when he returned from the public bath.

Some honest folk find in this account warrant for an ordinance or public service in which the saints literally wash each other's feet. They find ground for this in Jesus' words: "If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought also to wash one another's feet: for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

However important the lesson in humility is, and whatever ground some may find in John 13 for establishing a foot-washing ordinance, we miss the main import of this passage if we stop here. The occasion and the background for the Master's action is clearly revealed in the language of vv. 1 and 3—"When Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father," and, "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God and went to God." In other words, He significantly passes over His impending passion at Calvary, important and vital though this was, and speaks of what will follow Calvary; namely, His priestly session at the Father's right hand in the heavenlies. It was in the light, then, of this coming priestly ministry that He now washes His disciples' feet.

The deeper spiritual significance of our Lord's action is further established by Peter's remonstrance with his Lord—"Lord, dost thou wash my feet?" (in other words, Peter was saying, "Lord, it would be more fitting that I wash your feet") and in Jesus' reply, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Peter well knew that his Lord, in actually washing his feet, was thereby exhibiting His humility; consequently Jesus' words indicate that Peter is to come into

an experience later which will reveal to him an even deeper significance in his Master's act.

When Peter now more vigorously remonstrates with the Lord (v. 8), Christ significantly says, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." In other words, "Peter, if I do not minister to you in this way and if you persist in your ignorance and stubbornness, you will be excluded from My fellowship; you will not share with Me in the coming glory." Peter's language in v. 8 in the Greek original is most forceful—"Thou shalt not [very emphatic] wash my feet forever" ["unto the age," or as long as the world stands]. Consequently the Lord, in turn has to use forceful words to rebuke Peter.

Again, the impetuous Simon blurts out, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" (v. 9). The reply of the Lord to Peter directly and in His words concerning the whole group of disciples (vv. 10, 11) reveals their relationship to Him. We miss the real meaning of v. 10 in our Authorized Version for there are in the passage two quite different verbs, both translated "wash." The verse should read: "He that is bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean entirely; and you are clean, but not all of you." This language expresses the custom of Christ's day. The guest was supposed to bathe at the public bath before coming to a feast; thus, only the feet, clad in open sandals and soiled by the dust of the road, had to be washed. The disciples were all clean, as Christ pronounces; they all had been spiritually bathed, except Judas, but they still needed their soiled spiritual feet to be washed by the Master's hands.

How was all this ministry of the Lord exemplified in Peter's case? The last three verses of the chapter predict events soon to come in Peter's life which reveal the significance of the "thou shalt know hereafter" of the Lord. Peter self-confidently asserts in the words John records (and as Matthew caught them)—"Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be of-

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Did Jesus intend an ordinance of foot washing?

Did His actions have a deeper significance?

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fended. Though I should die with thee; yet will I not deny thee." The Lord solemnly warns Peter, "Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow [before the morning breaks], thou shalt deny me thrice" (Matt. 26:34).

The words of Luke 22:31 in connection with Peter's self-confident assertiveness throw light upon the "hereafter" in Peter's experience—"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for you, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted [turned again], strengthen thy brethren."

Peter was soon to fall into Satan's sieve, but how precious to know that undergirding him and the other loyal disciples were the faithful intercessions of their loving, sympathetic Master. We all know the story of Peter's awful denial of his Lord. Peter, indeed, loved the Lord, but he did not yet know how weak and frail human nature is, and how self-assertiveness will be accepted by Satan as a challenge, if not verily by the Lord too. And so he miserably failed, lost out in fellowship with his Master, and had to miserably "swallow his words."

But was Peter "converted"? Did he turn back again? Yes indeed. And what did it take to restore him? Not the harsh chastening rod, but only a look of compassion from the eyes of Jesus. This look broke Peter's heart. (Luke 22:61, 62). I question whether Christ ever chided Peter for his denial. Rather, when He rose from the dead, He singled Peter out for the reception of the good news. "Go tell my disciples, and Peter," He said. Undoubtedly Peter was thoroughly ashamed of his defection and denial of his Lord. Christ also gave Peter occasion on the shore of Galilee, before His ascension, to assert his love for Christ three times to cancel out his thrice repeated denial.

What a wonderful, tender, sympathetic Foot-Washer we have. He who did not chide Peter, but dealt with him so lovingly, is our great High Priest. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted [tested or tried] like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly [with a fearlessly outspoken plea—Way] to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time [in due season, or in crisis] of need" (Heb. 4:15, 16).

Someone has said, "Christ died to make us clean; He lives to keep us clean."

Herein is involved our fellowship "with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). Do we realize that fellowship with God—that place of communion, of heart understanding and mutual love—is one of the paramount blessings of our salvation? We should cherish this place most ardently. Does He have to use the chastening rod to restore us, or will a tender glance from His eye break our hearts? Does He need to bathe us completely, or merely to "wash our feet"?

It is always possible at any time to have audience with our gracious divine Foot-Washer. When we are conscious of lapse or failure, or even disobedience, let us come promptly and humbly to Him that He may cleanse our way. If we are con-

This Week's Cover

The painting on the cover page is a good portrayal of the new house of worship in Oak Park, Illinois, erected by members of Bethel Temple, an Assemblies of God church. William L. Williams is the pastor.

The new Bethel Temple is located at 6235 West North Avenue (corner of Harvey) in the world's largest village (population 63,000). North Avenue divides Chicago and Oak Park at this point. The church has a strategic location on highway 64, a main artery leading into Chicago from the west.

The building, 60 feet wide and 115 feet long, is constructed of concrete blocks and face brick. The auditorium (with balcony) seats 600 conveniently. The full basement is divided into four Sunday School departments.

W. R. Williamson, Illinois District Superintendent, was guest speaker at the dedication service on January 16. The dedication marked another important milestone in the 39-year history of the church. Bethel Temple was founded in 1917. In the intervening years it has changed location three times. Former pastors include Andrew Fraser, S. Raymond Fostekew, Otis R. Keener, Harry A. Stemme, W. Swanson, Paul Ralstin, and Guy L. Phillips. The present pastor, Brother Williams, came to Bethel in 1950. It was under his leadership that the members bought the new site and erected the new building to adequately accommodate their growing Sunday School and congregation.

scious that our place of fellowship has been temporarily lost, we should lose no time to have it restored. Do we miss Him? Of course. I wonder if He does not miss us when we are not in His presence.

Then, how shall we fulfill the Master's instructions to His disciples, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet"? I think the answer is simple. He has made us "a kingdom of priests" (Rev. 1:6, literal). One of the gracious ministries He has given us is to pray one for the other. Little do we know the struggles, the keen temptations, the fiery trials our brethren are passing through. When someone slips or fails we are too prone to judge him, to criticize him, and even to presume to understand his motives, when we are not wise or sympathetic enough to do so.

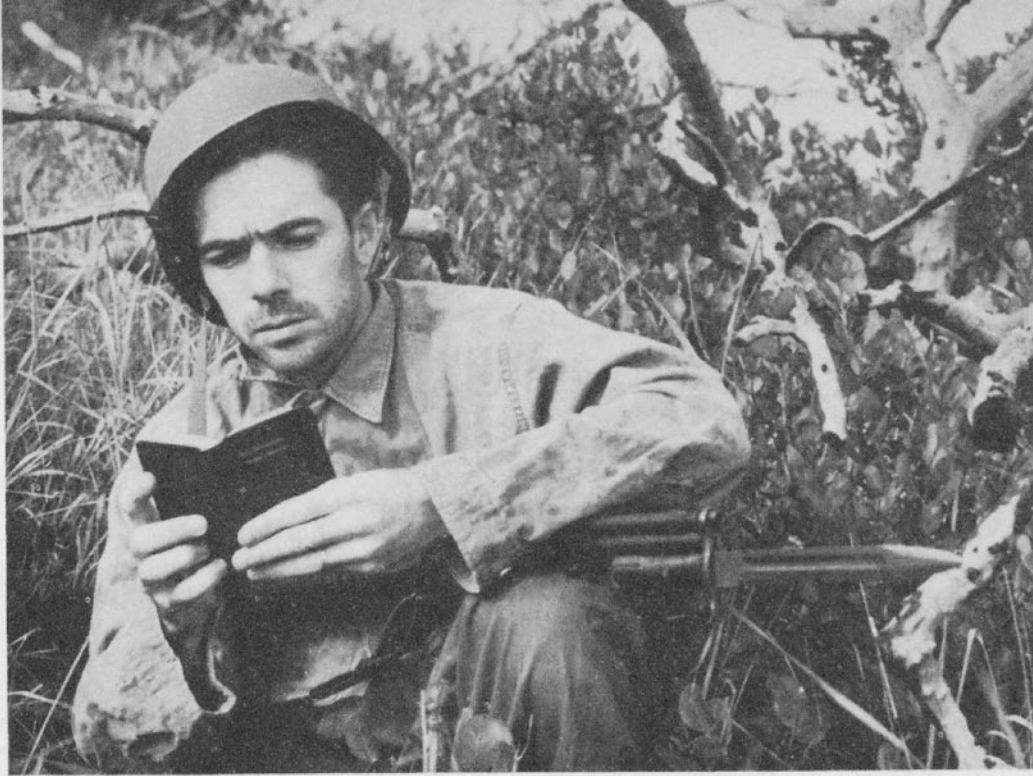
The answer is summed up in a verse which we often overlook, in Paul's epistle to the Galatians—"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, *ye which are spiritual* [do we make a pretense to being this?] restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." This kind of foot washing is much more difficult than observing an outward ordinance, and it also is more effective, beautiful though the ordinance might seem.

Let us look to our divine Foot-Washer for cleansing of our own way, and let us diligently endeavor to cleanse our brother's way by our sympathetic intercessions!

CLEARING HIS CONSCIENCE

There was once an old codfish dealer, a very earnest and sincere Christian. One year two other merchants persuaded him to go into a deal with them by which they could control the codfish market and greatly increase the price. The plan was succeeding well, when this good man learned that many poor people in Boston were suffering because of the great advance in the price of codfish. It troubled him so that he broke down in trying to pray at the family altar, and went straight to the man who led him into the plot and told him that he could not go on with it.

Said the old man: "I can't afford to do anything which interferes with my prayers. And this morning when I got down on my knees and tried to pray, there was a mountain of codfish before me high enough to shut out the throne of God, and I could not pray. I tried my best to get around it or get over it, but every time I started to pray, the codfish loomed up between me and my God. I won't have my family prayers spoiled for all the codfish in the Atlantic Ocean, and I shall have nothing to do with it, or with any money made from it."



The Army of the Lord

Apostles, prophets, and teachers are "officers"
in God's army—but He needs foot-soldiers, too!

by Evangelist INEZ STURGEON, Eugene, Oreg.

THE ARMY OF THE LORD UNDER HIS command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," has marched to the battle in unbroken ranks with banners flying and hearts aflame—ever preaching, ever praying, ever working against the dead line, "this gospel . . . shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

The shores of the earth's far reaches, the jungle paths of tropical lands, the paved highways of the civilized areas, the dusty streets of heathen countries, and the frozen wastes of the far north—all these have felt the tramping feet of the army of the Lord! What a triumphant ring the words have!

And yet the very grandeur of the words is a discouragement to many. Probably every minister has heard it: "I am just an everyday sort of Christian. I can't do the big things. I am not gifted to plan stratagem for battles. I have no special talents to lead groups on forays into enemy territory and return with the spoil. The army of the Lord? Tell me, where do I fit in?"

Judging from 1 Corinthians 12:28-30, the apostle Paul might well have been standing in the reviewing stand as the army of the Lord marched by on parade. Leading the parade were the officers—men of great ability in leadership, with spiritual power to direct and co-ordinate; these were the "apostles [and] prophets." Then came other officers with other duties, "teachers . . . [workers of] miracles . . . [those with] gifts of healings." But these are all officers.

Who then make up the great host that is yet to pass the reviewing stand? Paul answers, "God hath set . . . in the church . . . HELPS." Under this banner the members of the Body of Christ march as an unbroken chain that encircles the world.

Not all are apostles. Not all are prophets. Not all work miracles. But the *helpers* fill the gaps and breaches, and are actually the *helpers of the army of the Lord*. What good would a general be if he did not have an army to carry out his proposed attack? What would be the use of having engineers if there were no foot-soldiers to cross the newly erected bridge and defeat the enemy? Even in

our jet age of modern warfare, military minds still agree that victory depends on the foot-soldiers.

Think what a failure the brilliant and successful ministry of Apollos would have been without the "helps" of Priscilla and Aquila, whom Paul called "my helpers in Christ Jesus." Remember the comfort that came to Paul through the ministry of "helps" on the part of Lydia at Philippi, as well as the house of Stephanas and their "ministry of the saints" (1 Cor. 16:15-18). Read the closing salutations of the epistles and there you will find a roll call of "every-day Christians" without whose ministries the Church of Jesus Christ would have been hindered from sweeping on to victory.

Luke paints us a word picture to illustrate this ministry. Against a dreadfully dark and stormy sky, with raging seas and mounting waves, Luke shows us a small ship in which the apostle Paul is being taken to Rome. The ship is about

to break up. The captain calls for the cables, prepared for just such an emergency, and the Scripture says, "they used *helps*, undergirding the ship." The great billowing sails could not do it; the oars, be they so strongly manned, were useless; but they used *helps* to hold the ship together.

The physical body has membranes, ligaments, muscles, and nerves that strengthen and hold it together, making it possible for us to do the physical feats we are called upon to do. These are *helps*. They are not the eyes that see, nor the tongue that speaks, nor the ears that hear, nor the feet that walk—but they are the *helps* without which none of these other organs could function.

The *helpers* in the church, filling their sphere of life with zeal, vision, and love for lost sinners, have ever had a most important ministry. There must be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to make the army of the Lord a well-rounded, successful unit; but the *helpers* make up the working, moving, vitalizing force.

So if you are a Sunday School teacher, an intercessor, one who visits in homes to win others, or who gives your testimony in the daily callings of life, and helps to make up the rank and file of your church—lift up your head. Let the rhythm of the forward-marching feet stir you, for you are a most important part of this army. Without you there would be no army of the Lord.

"Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it" (Col. 4:17).



THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

Oklahoma Governor Backs Temperance Education

Governor Raymond Gary told a United Dry Association rally at Oklahoma City that by the time the next school term starts an alcohol education program will have been developed. Amid thundering applause he declared, "I've taken my stand with you folks, and that's the way I'm going to continue!" (The United Dry Association is made up of church members of various Protestant denominations.)

The governor advocated a "common-sense" program of education for Oklahoma school children to combat the advertising campaigns of distilleries. "Distillers are trying to use education in their advertising to build up the 'man of distinction' and appeal to hero-worship," he said. "We must offset this through our public schools."

The United Drys, at the rally, adopted a budget of \$103,000 for 1956 to conduct a vigorous campaign against alcoholic beverages.

Bishop Sheen Violates Scripture on Television

It is reported that people throughout the nation are still talking about the shocking mistake that Bishop Sheen made in a TV appearance a few weeks ago. As millions watched their television sets and listened to Bishop Sheen, he reportedly said that Jesus Christ had left heaven and taken on the Nature of man; that He had lived among men and finally died for man's sin; that He had acquired this human Nature from His mother Mary.

Such a statement is not consistent with the erroneous Roman Catholic view that Mary was a sinless person herself! Neither is it Scriptural to say that Jesus took on the Nature either of angels or of man. He retained the Nature of His Father, the Almighty God, and merely took from Mary His human flesh. A Redeemer who took on the fallen nature of Adam could not save us. We needed a sinless Saviour from whom we could become partakers of the Divine Nature, and the Lord Jesus Christ was just such a Saviour.

Gambling Bill Killed by Kansas Senate

At the request of religious leaders, the Kansas Senate killed a bill which would have permitted pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog racing in the state.

Religious Publications to Retain Low Postal Rates

Religious publications would not be affected by President Eisenhower's proposal to increase postal rates. The President recommended to Congress that the present low rates on second-class and third-class mail should still be granted to publications of religious, charitable and non-profit organizations. The proposal means a great deal to the Gospel Publishing House and similar organizations. A postal rate increase would raise the cost of our Sunday School literature by many thousands of dollars.

Bible Still "Best Seller" in Israel

The Hebrew Bible is still the top "best seller" in Israel. More than 1,000 new books were published in that country last year and the Bible topped them all with a printing of 18,000 copies.

Successful Conventions Held in Portland and Denver

Two things are happening at each of the regional World Missions Conventions: (1) The people's eyes are opening wide in amazement at the scope of the Assemblies of God missionary program, as portrayed by the Home and Foreign Missionary Departments and the Women's Missionary Council; and (2) the people's hearts are opening wide in response to the challenge of World Missions. Lives are being dedicated to missionary work and money is being consecrated to the cause of world evangelism.

At Portland, Oregon, there was a heavy snow a few days prior to the convention, and traffic was moving with difficulty. As a result, only about 1300 were present the first night, but there were more the second night, and on the closing night there were over 3000 in attendance. The sudden death of Governor Paul Patterson, who passed away less than an hour after he had given an address of welcome at the convention, solemnized and saddened the community. Since it was the Governor's last public appearance, the radio and press gave considerable publicity to his convention address. The Governor told the convention he always counted it a great privilege when asked to speak to a church group, because his father was a minister. He said there is a great work for churches to do. Just as statesmen have the responsibility in their sphere to protect the freedom of the Government, he said, the churches have the responsibility in their sphere to protect freedom of worship and freedom of religious work.

At Denver, Colorado, the convention opened amid freezing weather and a real blizzard. There were 1200 present the opening night, but the crowd was larger the second night, and on the third night there were between 1700 and 2000. At each convention the people were enthusiastic over the workshop sessions and the visual presentations through colored slides and vu-graph projection. "We had no idea the Assemblies of God had such a widespread missionary program," so many said. The WMC's played an outstanding part at the conventions. There were as many as 600 present in the WMC workshop gatherings.

No Fishing Allowed in Georgia on Sunday

The House of Representatives in Georgia failed (by four votes) to repeal a law against Sunday fishing. It is still a misdemeanor to fish on Sunday in Georgia but many people break the law, including church members.

Russians Hope to Create New Arctic Islands

The latest Soviet futuristic project is new islands in the Arctic, reports *Newsweek*. Red broadcasts claim that small land masses can be created by artificial volcanic eruptions triggered by subterranean nuclear explosions.

Lutheran Named Head of Indonesia's Army

A Lutheran has been named commander-in-chief of Indonesia's 250,000-man army. He is Col. A. Harris Nasution, an active member of the Batak Lutheran church, and how he got to the top of the army in a republic whose chief religion is Mohammedanism is a mystery even to Nasution and his friends.

Prefabricated Church Displayed at Convention

A prefabricated church was displayed in Chicago by the National Association of Home Builders. It is a product of United States Steel Homes, Inc.

The church, which can be completed in four days, is of L-shaped modern design and includes a stainless steel spire. It comes in fifteen different designs, ranging in price from \$15,000 to \$35,000.

Judge Tears Up Minister's Traffic Ticket

A minister in Charleston, W. Va., recently received a ticket for overtime parking outside the Charleston General Hospital. He was visiting a patient in the hospital who was critically ill.

When he appeared in police court, the minister said to the judge: "Your honor, the job of saving the man's soul took longer than I expected, and I'm sure his salvation is worth the price of one parking ticket."

The minister didn't have to pay a fine. The judge tore up the ticket.

Evangelical Editors Meet in Chicago

A hundred editors and editorial assistants registered at the Midland Hotel, Chicago, for the eighth annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association. For two days they discussed problems associated with the editing and publishing of religious periodicals. A number of experts on related subjects spoke to the group, and numerous panel discussions were held.

Some of the speakers were: Dr. Bob Cook, president of Youth for Christ International; Arnold Torsell, assistant advertising director of the Chicago Daily News; Wesley Hartzell, city editor of the Chicago American; and Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas.

Senator Carlson read a personally signed greeting from President Eisenhower. The Chief Executive extended "best wishes for an inspiring meeting," and said that the labors of the editors "contribute much to the moral and spiritual life of our country."

The Senator cited the great religious heritage that Americans enjoy, and declared that "we must accept our responsibility and obligations to preserve this great heritage for future generations." He commended the E. P. A. members "for the splendid work you are doing in the Christian publications field."

The "magazine of the year" award went to *Christian Life*. Other publications to receive "awards of merit" were: *Christ's Ambassadors Herald*, *Youth for Christ Magazine*, *Conquest*, and *Missionary Broadcaster*.



The Evangelical Press Association, at its annual convention in January, elected the above officers to serve E.P.A. during the coming year. They are (from left to right): Russell T. Hitt, executive editor of "Eternity" magazine, newly installed president; Miss Verda Bloomhuff, office editor of "Action" magazine, re-elected secretary; Louis H. Benes, editor of "The Church Herald," re-elected vice-president; Mel Larson, managing editor of "Youth for Christ" magazine, re-elected treasurer; Oliver G. Wilson, editor of "The Wesleyan Methodist" and J. Fred Parker, editor of "Conquest," both elected directors.

Norwegian Pastor Accepts Stalin Peace Prize

A Lutheran clergyman, Pastor Ragnar Forbech of Oslo, has caused much consternation in Norway by accepting a \$25,000 Stalin Peace Prize. An extreme liberal in his political and economic views, he has been prominent for several years in the pro-Communist world peace movement. In 1953 he toured the Soviet Union and Communist China.

Puerto Rican Protestants Ask Justice Warren Not to Accept University Degree

The Evangelical Council of Churches of Puerto Rico has urged Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court to decline an honorary degree from the University of Puerto Rico.

It based the plea on the fact that the university proposed to bestow a similar degree upon Dr. Jose Castan Tobenas, presiding justice of the Spanish Supreme Court, at the same ceremony. The Protestant body said it is "unalterably opposed" to granting of the honor to Dr. Castan whom it described as "the responsible head of the judicial system of the antidemocratic and dictatorial regime of General Francisco Franco."

Many Protestants throughout the world are watching Spain to see if the government there will surrender any of its religious intolerance now that Spain is a member of the United Nations. The manner in which Protestants have been restricted and persecuted for their religious work in Spain is contrary to the U. N. Declaration of Human Rights.

Many Miracles of Healing Seen in Liberia

As reported elsewhere in this EVANGEL, a mighty spiritual revival is being kindled in Liberia. God is answering the prayers of Ralph Byrd, Glenn Horst, and other ministering brethren as they pray for the sick, and many miracles of healing are being witnessed.

The following are some excerpts from Brother Horst's diary highlighting a few of the more spectacular cases during the second week of the campaign:

January 17—"One deaf girl and two deaf boys healed. One girl with lame arm healed while sitting in her seat."

January 18—"One paralytic instantly and completely healed. Deaf mutes were healed and heard for first time."

January 19—"A deaf and lame woman hears for the first time and runs for first time in 25 years."

January 20—"On the platform one crippled woman danced, and deaf boy was instantly healed."

January 21—"Chief Justice Russell healed of rheumatism and deafness. He is like a boy with a new toy. Justice Davis was healed too. He sent a wire to his doctor, 'You lost a good patient. I have been perfectly healed.'"

January 22, Sunday—"Two wonderful services. Prayed for the sick for two hours. More deaf mutes were healed. Of course, many abdominal diseases were healed too. When we ask for testimonies, the line never ends."

The meetings continued in Monrovia, the capital city, and President Tubman said that before the evangelists leave Liberia (late in March) they must hold meetings in a number of coastal cities. At some of these places the officials plan to declare the day of the meeting a public holiday. All businesses, shops, etc., must close so the people can come to hear the gospel.

Meanwhile the Lord was stirring the people spiritually. The healing of sick bodies was turning many to righteousness, and many were being converted to Christ. The ministers of various denominations were growing hungry for Pentecostal power. Prayer for the sick was being confined to the morning services, and the night services were being held in the church where the people were being encouraged to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Pray for such an outpouring of God's Spirit to come upon the ministers and members of all the churches, that the revival will continue and increase in power and scope until Jesus returns.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

DONELSON, TENN.—The Donelson Assembly of God experienced a real move of the Spirit of God during a recent two-week campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Jay Alford of Little Rock, Ark. Four souls were saved, one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several were healed by the power of God. The attendance, both in the Sunday School and in the revival services, was very gratifying. The church especially rejoices over the \$1000 pledge raised by Brother Alford toward the purchase of a lot, to be paid in full by Easter Sunday. The fellowship and assistance given by churches of the Nashville area was deeply appreciated.

—James T. Galligan, Pastor

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The ministry of Evangelist Harvey McAlister of Rochester, N. Y. proved a great blessing and encouragement to all who attended the special services at Trinity Pentecostal Church recently. The power of God was manifested in the healing of the sick. A believer was also filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Allan A. Swift, Pastor

PECOS, TEX.—The entire church was greatly blessed by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Eldridge of Santa Barbara, Calif. Six souls were saved, seven received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many testified to divine healing. There was a good interest throughout the services.

—O. W. Newman, Pastor

JEANNETTE, PA.—A series of Bible studies brought by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent of North Carolina, has just concluded at the Jeannette Assembly of God. While presenting rich Bible teaching by means of a chart, "The Plan of the Ages," Brother Stirling was led to bring many Holy Ghost anointed messages on victorious Christian living. This proved a real inspiration to all who heard.

—A. A. Amerine, Pastor

HOUSTON, TEX.—The blessing of God attended the week of meetings conducted recently at Lake Forest Assembly of God by Billie Joe Starnes, pastor of the Winona Assembly of God. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was evident upon the ministry of the Word, and there was a good response at the altar services. This is a new work, and the folk here are

trusting God to enable them to erect a building in the near future.

—D. R. Johnson, Pastor

TIPP CITY, OHIO—The presence of the Lord was very evident in services held by Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa, from the very start of the campaign. Due to special times of fasting and prayer, Bethel Tabernacle experienced an unforgettable season of refreshing. Four souls were saved, nine received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Sunday School was built up, and the saints were edified.

—E. P. Cooper, Pastor

BELLEVUE, OHIO—During three weeks of revival meetings held recently with Evangelist June Cook of Columbus, Ohio, eight sinners were converted and six received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. One of the C.A.'s, upon receiving the Baptism, spoke for over two hours in a beautiful heavenly language. Many folk from other churches came in to enjoy the blessings of God, and some are now seeking the fullness of the Spirit.

—Paul C. Taylor, Pastor

MARIETTA, PA.—The folk at Marantha Chapel are rejoicing over a great Holy Ghost awakening during recent meetings conducted by Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. Night after night sinners came forward for salvation as soul-stirring messages were delivered. By the end of the first week, nine believers had been filled with the Holy Ghost. Many others received this experience later on as the mighty visitation of God continued. There were numerous testimonies of healing, many of which were experienced while the afflicted ones were seated in the audience. Frequently after the meetings were dismissed folks would gather in their homes to intercede for the lost, continuing in prayer as late as 4 o'clock in the morning. Truly this gracious visitation of God far exceeded all expectations.

—E. S. Bell, Sr., Pastor

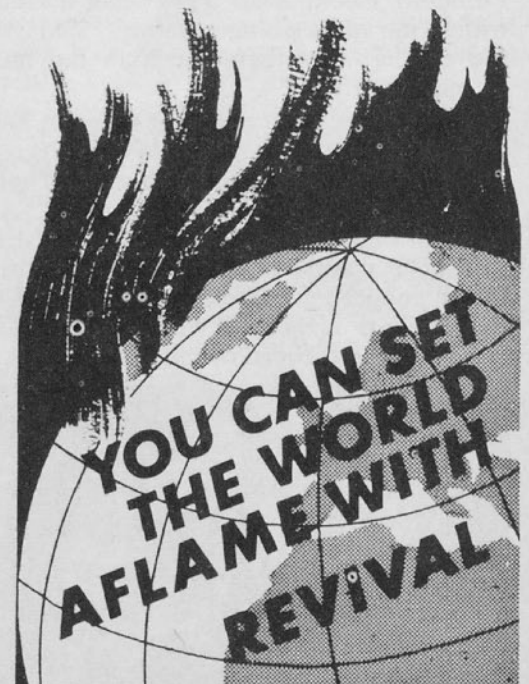
MARSHALL, TEX.—As a result of the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, the church here has been inspired anew to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The altar was filled repeatedly with people seeking God and making new consecrations. During the campaign 60 churches joined forces with Marshall Assembly of God in

a section-wide Christ's Ambassadors Rally held in the City Auditorium. The inspiring theme of the rally and the message of the evangelist was, "Youth Aflame for God."

—Franklin E. Kennedy, Pastor

TRAFFORD, PA.—A very profitable four-week campaign was held recently at Trafford Gospel Tabernacle by Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N.Y. There was an unusually good attendance throughout the services. A number were saved, and several received the fullness of the Spirit. There were numerous testimonies of deliverance from various illnesses and afflictions. The church benefited inestimably from the evangelist's heartfelt burden for the work.

—H. A. Christopher, Pastor



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Prayer Sunday

MARCH 4

Pray for World-Wide Revival Now!



—Philip Gendreau, N. Y.

Souls With a *LEAN*

How can we explain the fact that from the beginning of time people of faith have emerged from the masses, leaning toward the Light rather than the darkness?

IT IS BAD FOR A HOUSE TO LEAN, FOR then it is in imminent danger of falling. One of the most famous buildings in the world is the leaning tower of Pisa; it has leaned for centuries without falling, and that is such a phenomenon it attracts world-wide attention.

But there are other circumstances under which a lean is not at all a serious thing, but rather perfectly natural. For instance, we have flowers and tomato plants started in the house for transplanting. They continually lean toward the light. Let the boxes be turned around and the lean of each plant will start in the opposite direction. This is in compliance with that botanical process, photosynthesis, whereby the action of light upon chlorophyll initiates a production of other substances vital to plant life. From this production, each leaf being a factory, plants derive their universal greenness. Without the action of light upon chlorophyll, plants are white and spindly. They look sickly and unnatural, like potato tubers growing in a cellar.

Now this has a spiritual application. Light is one of those great natural phenomena that speak to us of God. We are told that "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). But natural men love darkness rather than light. We are told in John 3:19, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Note this: it is this choice of darkness rather than light that condemns men and women. Jesus Christ is the coming of the light of God into a world darkened by sin.

The Scriptures speak thus of John the Baptist: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might

believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." This Light is Jesus Christ, whom we may personally receive, and who immediately fills our dark hearts with the light of the knowledge of God the moment He is allowed to enter.

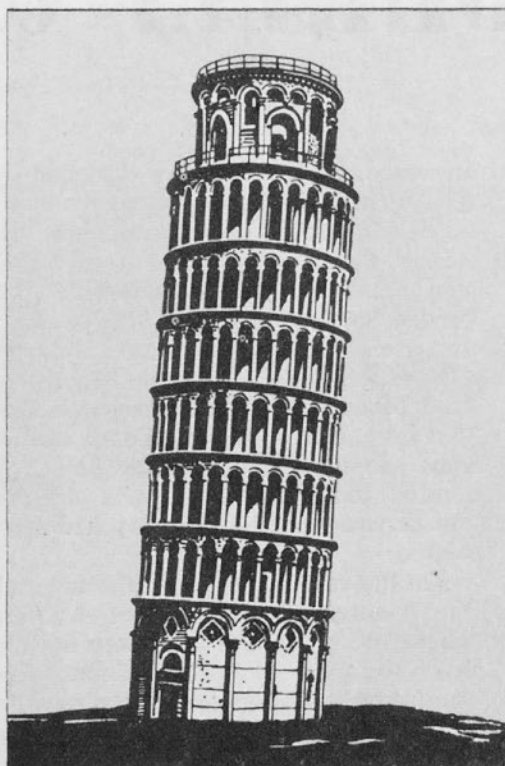
But there is no natural inclination of the human heart toward Him who is the Light of the world. In this respect we are a natural monstrosity, going contrary to all the laws of nature. The plants, obeying the demands of a natural urge, lean toward the light because they must have light. It is indispensable to the natural processes of growth. But we humans incline toward the darkness. Why? Be-

cause our deeds are evil. We have so much to hide, and therefore shrink from the Light that would expose it. We are afraid of the reproof of the truth. "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved" (John 3:20).

If this is the universal tendency of the human heart, what is the explanation of the fact that there is in the world a company of people who have emerged from the great masses of humanity with this distinction, that their urge, their lean is toward the light rather than the darkness? They are obeying the true urge of their hearts, the urge toward God. They are making the right choice and traveling in the right direction. But why? We find the answer in John 3:21: "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be manifest, that they are wrought in God." Plant life blindly, almost instinctively, turns to the light. I have never yet seen a plant turn the other way. But this is because there is no principle of will in plant life, only an automatic obedience to a biological process; but men are not automatons or robots. They are creatures of intelligence and will, whose obedience to the higher laws governing their nature is not blindly mechanical but voluntary. There is in every man, I am persuaded, a drawing to the Light. But for every one who yields and leans to the Light there are a host who withdraw from the Light into the outer darkness. Hell is described as "outer darkness." It is that eternal region where God is not, and where in consequence there is no light, only total unrelieved darkness.

What is the lean of your soul, toward the Light or toward the darkness? Your eternal destiny hinges on your answer.

—E. Leslie Thomas



Brothers Byrd and Horst

that God would do the same today wherever He could find men who would believe.

At this first service, after speaking briefly, Brother Byrd requested those suffering severe pain to hold up their hands. He then selected a number of them for prayer. God was evidently moving in this selection. The first to be prayed for was Senator J. L. Gibson who had been sick with stomach trouble for nearly twenty years. He had had six major operations and the doctors had finally admitted they could do nothing for him. This was unknown to Brother Byrd, though it was common knowledge to most of the people present.

God instantly healed the Senator. Overwhelmed with joy, he shook hands with President Tubman and several others, expressing his gratitude to God. Many others were healed in this first service. When a crippled woman was able to walk straight, the Under-Secretary of the Treasury remarked, "Why, she doesn't even limp!"

The morning service was held at the Assemblies of God church. The place was packed, and the speakers had difficulty in gaining entrance. More than 1,300 cards were handed out to sick people desiring prayer.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Byrd and Glenn Horst at airport being greeted by the President's personal representative (his aide) on their arrival in Liberia.

NEWS FEATURE

The LIBERIAN CAMPAIGN

MIRACLES OF FAITH HEALING SWEEP MONROVIA!" So ran the headline of Liberia's only daily newspaper regarding the Salvation and Healing Campaign being conducted in that country by Ralph Byrd, Assemblies of God pastor from Atlanta, Georgia, and Glenn Horst, Secretary of Overseas Evangelism for the Assemblies of God.

Our two brethren were invited by President Tubman to hold the campaign following the ceremonies of his third inauguration. Reports of the great success of the salvation-healing meetings conducted by the Byrd-Horst party in the Philippines had reached President Tubman and he desired the same thing for his own country.

The many prayers of the faithful intercessors, who have been asking God to do a great thing in Liberia, are being

answered. Multitudes have thronged into Monrovia to attend the meetings and to witness or partake of the miraculous blessings of God.

A number of government officials attended the services from the beginning and some scarcely miss a single service. One of these, the Honorable Mr. Dennis, Under-secretary of the Treasury, testified that he and many of his friends had had grave doubts as to miracles being performed today, but that since attending the services all their doubts had disappeared.

On the very first night of the meetings, the Centennial Pavilion of Monrovia where the night meetings were held was filled to capacity. President Tubman himself introduced the speakers and remarked on the miraculous power of God as shown in the Bible. He expressed his belief

President Tubman accepts a special copy of COSTAL EVANGEL (issue of January 8) from



at report blessings of God outpoured during Inaugural Revival in Monrovia

On the second night of the services, the Pavilion was so crowded that some people were actually hanging over the balcony. The instantaneous healings caused the emotion of the crowd to run high. In their desire to see better, the crush became dangerous and it was necessary to close the meeting early to avoid accidents.

At one of the services, eight tribal chiefs were prayed for and all of them were healed. One had been blind, and another lame for more than ten years. Each of the chiefs testified to their own people in their own language.

Police and soldiers had to be called out to handle the vast crowds at both morning and evening services. When the meetings were moved to the stadium so that more people could be accommodated, the same situation occurred.

Many and varied were the physical deliverances which the Lord wrought. A boy who was a deaf mute from birth was taken to the services. A card was secured for him and he went to the evangelist for prayer. Immediately he was able to hear and to make sounds. He repeated several words and numbers after Brother Byrd, proving that a miracle had taken place. A woman with a cataract on her eye was healed. Several deaf folk had their hearing restored.

A girl with a deformed head, caused by fluid, was carried in—she was unable to walk. Prayer was offered for her and she was able to walk immediately, thanks to the Saviour's healing touch.

One healing of note concerned an old preacher who had spent most of the past

ten years in the hospital. He was blind; his memory was gone; he could not talk. He was paralyzed and in addition suffered with stomach trouble. But nothing is too hard for the Lord. He was completely and instantaneously healed. His helpless condition and long sojourn in the hospital had earned him the name of "Hospital Baby." Now he was well again! It was suggested he return the next night to testify, but he didn't want to put it off—he testified right there and then, using such a fine vocabulary it amazed all who heard him.

These are but a few cases of the many hundreds who were healed to the glory of God. The spiritual blessings have been equally as pronounced.

One columnist remarked in a newspaper that "Today before our eyes many wonderful healings are taking place through faith in the wonderful and all-powerful name of Jesus. God's servant, Rev. Ralph Byrd, repeatedly says that he has no power of his own, and he has not. He is but a mere man. But here is the secret: Ralph Byrd believes in God; he has completely surrendered his life to God and God is using him to manifest His power in a wonderful way."

The article starts out: "Faith in God has won more battles than any atomic invention." The concluding thought picks up the theme again: "Yes, it is not the destructive forces of modern warfare, however formidable they may seem, but a LIVING FAITH in a LIVING GOD who keeps and fulfills His Word, that can give the kind of security which humanity so much desires."

In the same Liberian paper is a letter in the Children's Corner, by one who signs herself "Aunt Clara." It deals with the presidential inauguration and the evangelistic campaign. We print it as it was given, to show that the meetings are affecting the boys and girls as well as the adults.

Dears Boys and Girls—

Why, you are just having a wonderful vacation! Parades! Marches and parties! How nice! We should thank God at all times for our beloved President and Mrs. Tubman. They are never too busy to give us children a good time. God bless them.

But listen, dear children, a very wonderful thing is happening. You know that a lot of people were here for the inauguration. They were invited by our government. A minister (like your pastor) came, too. He is preaching and praying for people. All who believe what God says are getting well. Boys and girls just like you are getting well and walking straight. How wonderful!

The bigger folks are so many, there may be a meeting just for children. Would you like that? Send us a letter if you do, and we will speak to Dr. Byrd for you. But you must first believe that Jesus can make you well. You must believe this with ALL your heart. Then Dr. Byrd will pray for you. Do you love and believe Jesus?

God bless each of you plenty.

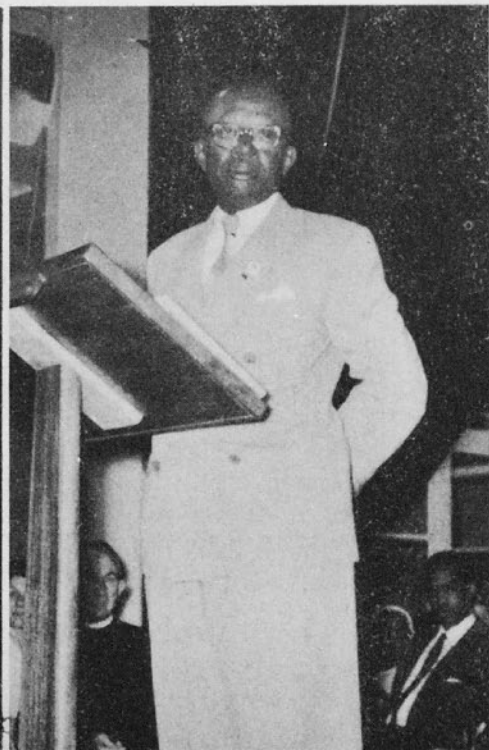
Lovingly yours,
Aunt Clara.

of THE PENTE-
from Glenn Horst.

President Tubman gives a welcome
at the opening service.

Miss Collier, missionary from New
Hope Town, brings special music.

Mrs. Parker, wife of Monrovia
Mayor, introduces the President.





Arriving for the inauguration of Liberia's president are Ralph Byrd, Mrs. Byrd, and Glenn Horst. After witnessing the inauguration ceremonies, these Assemblies of God ministers conducted a salvation-healing revival in Monrovia, capital of Liberia, at the request of President Tubman.

WE WERE GUESTS AT THE INAUGURATION OF LIBERIA'S PRESIDENT

by GLENN HORST

THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TUBMAN of Liberia to his third term of office was a scene I shall not forget.

We were seated seven rows from the front and could witness the entire ceremony. What a thrilling affair it was! The

Senate Chaplain prayed like a Pentecostal preacher. He is a very spiritual man.

The stirring part of the ceremony included not only the inaugural address but the action of the President that followed. Mr. Tubman stepped out of the

pulpit, knelt on the floor, and prayed. Many were in tears. His prayer was simple, asking God for guidance and grace and imploring the Holy Spirit to dwell within.

A colorful parade followed the inauguration and a Presidential banquet took place in the evening. Several missionaries were present and we occupied a special table.

Many were the statements of faith and expressions of expectancy concerning the revival which was to follow the ceremony. The President's pastor told the people: "Prepare your hearts, for God's Spirit is to be outpoured. The Lord has smiled on Liberia and will visit us with signs that shall follow them that believe; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. This message is for today, and we shall keep these gifts and revival after Brother Byrd has returned to America."

The President then told us he wants the fullness of the Holy Spirit. A senator told of the hunger in his soul and said that he knew God would do a new thing in Liberia. He further stated that the inauguration was merely incidental and the big thing would be the revival.

With such interest in spiritual things depicted by government leaders, who can tell to what measures the Lord will bless Liberia?

(Additional material on the Liberian campaign on pages 13 and 16.)

Literature —

An Important Missionary Weapon

IN EVERY COUNTRY TODAY GREAT BATTLES are being fought in the world of ideas. There are two great fronts for the battle—political philosophy and religion. In some respects, the two are inextricably related.

Democracy is battling Communism. Christianity is warring against the false religions of the world, including Communism. And the main weapon is paper and printer's ink.

Strangely enough, these weapons could not have been used fifty years ago among the masses, because only a small percentage of the world's population could then read. But at present, fifteen million il-

literate persons are being taught to read each year. Authorities estimate that in fifty years, adult illiteracy will have vanished from the world.

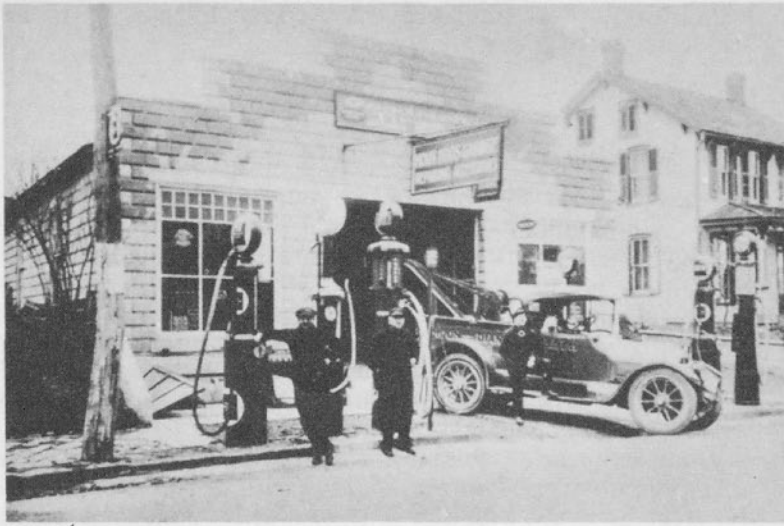
This current hunger for ability to read is partly the fruit of decades of missionary work. The great pioneer missionaries such as William Carey, Henry Martyn and Robert Morrison were indefatigable workers in Bible translation and in the production of Christian literature in the language of their people. Through the years, missionaries have taught their converts to read, so that they might be able to study the Bible for themselves. They helped awaken the desire for learning.

But teaching a man to read is somewhat like giving sight to the blind. You may want the blind to have sight so that he can see something you consider very worth while, but once his eyes are open you cannot control what he sees. We have taught men to read, but have produced little for them to read except the Bible.

While we have been busy with other things, Satan has rushed in to supply the demand for reading matter that we have helped create. For example, the Communists have produced at least two pieces of Marxist literature for every man, woman, and child in the world.

The Catholic Information Society has proclaimed its aim of arming Catholic laymen with pamphlets that can make them the greatest sales force in the world for the Catholic faith.

Seventh Day Adventists operate forty-three printing plants over the world and have more than two million people enrolled in one of the many Bible cor-



The three photos on this page graphically depict the progress of the First Pentecostal Tabernacle, Akron, Pa. The upper left photo shows the property some years ago before it was acquired by the church. The photo above shows the church as it appeared from 1941-1954. The same church building as it appears now is shown below.

Progress in Akron, Pa.

A STORY OF CONVERSIONS

The home of the First Pentecostal Tabernacle in Akron, Pennsylvania, has an unusual history. It began as a garage and was converted into a very attractive church building, as indicated by the three accompanying pictures.

In fact, all the property used by the First Pentecostal Tabernacle has been "converted." The parsonage is a converted cigar factory. The W.M.C. headquarters and apartment for visiting evangelists or missionaries is a converted barn. The Sunday School bus is a converted school bus. Of course, all of the property has been greatly improved by conversion.

The pastor, Gordon Preiser, is the second full-time pastor of this church which was begun by the Assembly in Lancaster, Pa. when the late Wilfred A. Brown was pastor of the Lancaster Assembly, William M. Murray, one of the Lancaster church members, was the first pastor. He doubled as building contractor and pastor. E. J. Klaus was pastor for a brief period. Warren C. Anthony was pastor from 1947 to 1951 and he was succeeded by Brother Preiser.

Akron is not a large town, having just 1,500 inhabitants and six churches, but the First Pentecostal Tabernacle has a substantial congregation with a Sunday School that shows a slow but steady increase. The attendance runs around 60. Needless to say, all of the church members, like the church property, have also been converted!



respondence courses which they offer.

Meanwhile, evangelicals are just beginning to awaken to the tremendous value of the printed page. So far we have been producing "too little, too late." Although today's missionaries are perhaps better trained than in previous generations, very few of them are producing literature for their adopted people.

The blame hardly rests with the missionaries. Writing is unglamorous and tedious. It demands much time and some withdrawal from a dawn-to-dusk round of activity with the nationals. More important, most missionaries feel unqualified. They have been counseled to take courses in carpentry and mechanics to fit them for life in a primitive land, but very few have been advised to study how to present their message effectively in writing.

However, the blame goes far beyond missionary-counselors. The Christian church at home has never appreciated the tremendous worth of the printed

page. People would rather give funds for an airplane than for a printing press. Financially, books never have an appeal equal to that of buying medicine for pagans.

Yet literature can work where the missionary can never go. A gospel magazine can go behind the "purdah" that keeps Moslem women from every contact with a missionary. There is no race barrier nor language hurdle between a tract and its reader.

The Christian book in a national language is free from the limitations of the missionary. It never has to come home on furlough; it has no health problems; it requires no funds for housing; it never becomes involved in personality conflicts.

Christian literature is one of the most efficient and economical tools available to the modern missionary. *And it is becoming more and more indispensable. Today it is an absolute essential.*

Hundreds and thousands of dollars are needed now to meet the great challenge

of hungry minds around the world. If the Christian message does not reach them, Communism and the false sects will.

Every alert missionary-minded church should have funds for literature as part of its regular missionary budget, for the need is a constantly recurring one which will grow and grow as literacy encompasses the world.

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We are happy to know that our children in the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade have seen the importance of literature on the Foreign Field and have pledged themselves to finance its supply. Untold good has resulted from their sacrifices. We can truly say our young folk are waging a great battle with the strong Satanic political and religious powers in the regions beyond, in the field of literature, and their warfare is successful.



BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, March 5

JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT—John 14:15-18; 16:7-14

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (v. 14).

The Holy Spirit comprehends all the purposes of God in Christ from the foundation of the world through all the eons of eternity. Who then is better qualified to make Christ known to every believer! As though using a huge magnifying glass, the Holy Spirit brings forth to our wondering gaze the glorious mysteries of the God-man, the depth of His humility, the beauty of His character, the fullness of His love, the reach of His compassion, the power of His Word. Only the Spirit can reveal these truths, thus glorifying Christ through heavenly illumination.

Christ is glorified in such revelation to us! But it does not stop here. The Holy Spirit, unhindered, proceeds to glorify Christ in us—"Christ in you, the hope of glory." Our very nature changed by beholding Him—the unveiled Christ in His power and beauty! And it does not stop here. The Spirit now glorifies Christ through us—witnesses for Him in word and deed. The Spirit's continuous work of glorifying Christ depends on our yieldedness, our obedience.

"Oh, to reflect His grace, causing the world to see
Love that shall glow till others shall know
Jesus revealed in me."

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

TUESDAY, March 6

THE DEPARTURE AND RETURN ANNOUNCED—John 14:1-7

"Let not your heart be troubled" (v. 1).

An untroubled heart? Now—when Jesus was announcing His departure? Far from being untroubled, the hearts of those disciples were sad. They felt like orphaned children. They knew that Satan had entered into Judas, and that he had just gone out to betray their Master. It was the eve of the Crucifixion. The last hour had come. It was night.

In the midst of this tumult Christ said to them, "Let not your heart be troubled." Let there be no tumult within; let perfect peace abide. Let tranquility reign. For the foundation of this untroubled heart is not outward circumstances, but a real faith in God and His Christ.

Another ground for this untroubled state is that there are mansions on high in our Father's house. Here we encounter trials, but up there He has an eternal city, a place He is preparing for us. We need not be troubled. There will be no bombs or blackouts there. The pilgrimage will soon be over. He would not deceive us, or them. He said, "If it were not so, I would have told you." There are no illusions. Keep your

heart steady, then, for He is coming soon to take us to that wonderful home above.

—T. J. JONES

WEDNESDAY, March 7

PROMISE TO BELIEVERS—John 14:8-14

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (v. 14).

Our limitless asking relates to the building up of Christ's kingdom on earth. For this is the work Jesus had begun to do and was about to delegate to the believers. (v. 12).

"In my name"—this is a most essential element in our praying. In Great Britain arrests are made "in the name of the Queen," signifying that the Monarch is the symbol or embodiment of the British law, which demands the action of the officer in apprehending the offender.

There is no magic in the use of the phrase, "In the name of Jesus," when used in prayer. If the subject of our petition is not in harmony with the laws of Christ's kingdom, no response is assured. We cannot demand "in the name of Jesus" things intended for our carnal pleasures.

But ask anything you will for God's glory and the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth, and you are assured that God will do it.

—J. J. MUELLER

THURSDAY, March 8

BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SPIRIT—Psalm 51:10-19

"Take not thy holy spirit from me" (v. 11).

The famous king fell into gross sins when he took Bathsheba and had her husband slain. When he finally realized the blackness of his sin, he was truly repentant. He was broken-hearted at the thought of losing God's Holy Spirit, for no one knew better than he the blessings which man may receive through the Spirit. In this Psalm David speaks of these blessings: joy, strength, and ability to witness, in particular. These he was determined to regain. To this end he pleaded with God, "Take not thy holy spirit from me."

The Lord Jesus startled His disciples with the declaration, "It is expedient [necessary] for you that I go away." His explanation followed, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

On the Day of Pentecost this promise was fulfilled (Acts 2). Although the personal experience of each one was evidenced by speaking in other tongues, there was also more abundant life, joy, and power in each instance, as the Holy Spirit filled them.

Thank God, we live in the same dispensation, and the multiplied thousands who have been baptized in the Spirit and know the blessings of that endowment pray with David, "Take not thy holy spirit from me."

—D. LEROY SANDERS

FRIDAY, March 9

THE FATHER'S GIFT—Luke 11:5-13

"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (v. 13). This verse is the whole point of the lovely parable of the man whose friend came at midnight, never allowing discouragements to deter him, until he had actually obtained three loaves to set before his guest.

The Heavenly Father desires that the Holy Spirit should be richly outpoured upon His people, resting in mighty anointing upon our yielded lives. We see this clearly demonstrated in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. After He had fasted alone forty days and nights in the wilderness and had obediently gone down into the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

This unction of the Spirit Jesus was careful to preserve, spending many nights alone on the mountains in prayer. We too may speak and move in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit. It is the Lord's standard. He has made the provision. Of us His requirement is the persistent seeking, until

we too move and witness in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

—ZELMA ARGUE

SATURDAY, March 10

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT—Ephesians 5:14-21

Satan counterfeits everything God does. He was once "the anointed cherub that covereth," and occupied that position long enough to learn a lot about God's plans and methods. Intoxication is his counterfeit of being filled with the Spirit. The man who is under the influence of wine imagines that he is wise and great and excellent; that he is what he is not; that he can do what he cannot do; whereas the Spirit-filled believer obtains the power of God so that he can do that which, apart from God, it would be impossible for him to do. And he has joy such as the world is utterly unable to give.

The Spirit gives power. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). God's purpose is that His power shall continuously flow from us; such power must continuously be generated within us by the indwelling Spirit of God. Then we become like an artesian well, and there flow out of us "rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

Have I thus been filled? Am I being filled now? Is my experience always fresh and full? Are "rivers of living water" flowing out from me to make the desert around me "rejoice, and blossom as the rose"?

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours."

—J. NARVER GORTNER

Revivaltime News Flash

REVIVALTIME was released over the following new stations beginning the week of February 5.

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A Plea From The Unsaved



Hundreds and hundreds of names came into the REVIVALTIME office to be added to the list of unsaved loved ones. These were prayed for on February 5 in REVIVALTIME's second annual prayer service for the unsaved. There were thousands of Christians praying on that night for those who desperately needed Christ. A large group of prayer warriors gathered at the radio studio to join, by the medium of prayer, those who sent the name of an unsaved loved one, and prayed that God would perform a mighty miracle of salvation in those lives. Together they prayed, with faith that He would hear and answer prayer for the salvation of loved ones, for Jesus said, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22).

Not only did friends send names of their loved ones that were unsaved, BUT A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE SENT THEIR OWN NAMES SAYING THAT THEY WANTED TO BE SAVED AND REQUESTING US TO PLEASE ADD THEIR NAMES TO OUR LIST TO BE PRAYED FOR. Let us share a few of these letters with you:

WARREN, OHIO—"In place of requesting prayer for a loved one next Sunday, Feb. 5, I want you to pray for me. I want to be saved, but for some reason I can't get through to God. I have been a real sinner, but now I want to live a Christian life."

MERCERSBURG, PA.—"I don't feel that I am saved, and I do so much want to be. I've prayed much for a full assurance of salvation, but it seems that my faith is so weak. I suppose that it is the enemy telling me that I can't be saved."

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—"I am asking that my name be put on your February 5th prayer altar. I need what the loved ones you pray for need—salvation—so I am sending my own name."

Hundreds like these are desperately looking for spiritual help! Will we sit idly by without giving them the help that they need? YOU CAN ANSWER THEIR PLEA BY BECOMING A PARTNER TO REVIVALTIME. YOUR PRAYERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED and your financial help is greatly appreciated to keep REVIVALTIME'S message going to those who are lost and want to be saved. Write that letter TODAY, saying that you will do YOUR PART and become a faithful partner to REVIVALTIME this year.

NORFOLK, VA.—"I am deeply concerned about myself as I have strayed away from God and am greatly in need of His spiritual guidance."

CLEVELAND, OHIO—"I want you to pray for me to be born again. I promised my mother three months ago before she died that I was going to try to meet her. Please, Reverend, tell God about me. I don't want to go to hell."

CRESTLINE, OHIO—"I would appreciate having prayer on February 5th for myself and my wife's salvation."

KANSAS CITY, MO. "Will you please take my name before the prayer band next Sunday? I desire to be saved and feel the need of someone that can touch God."

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Separation or Isolation?

IT IS NO SECRET THAT THERE ARE HUNDREDS of people in every community who are unreached by the churches. They go their way as if the churches did not exist. They do not even enter to see what the churches have to offer.

Why is this? It would be very easy to put the blame on them, saying that they know they are welcome, and it is their fault if they do not come. It is also possible to find a reason in the nature of the message we proclaim, for the Scriptures teach that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:18).

But we know there are other reasons,

too. Sometimes it is the inconsistency of our lives. We do not live up to what we profess. Or it could be our lack of concern. We have withdrawn ourselves from those about us who are not in our circle. We have become quite smug in the satisfaction of our own status before God, and we have grown indifferent to the status of others before God. We may even declare that we have "come out from among them" in accordance with the scriptural teaching in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, but our separation may be virtual isolation. We may talk much about not being of the world, but forget that we are *in* the world to bear fruitful witness to Him who is our Saviour. Is there any-

thing we have done in the course of the past week to reach a single individual for Christ?

The distinction between separation and isolation is one that must be carefully drawn. Jesus was "separate from sinners" and yet He was called "the Friend of publicans and sinners." He was "holy, harmless, undefiled" yet He mingled freely among them. They did not corrupt Him, but He delivered many of them from their sins because of His loving concern for them.

Do we have friends among the unsaved? Then we are the ones who can reach them. We need not be drawn into their ways, but we shall never draw them into the way of the Lord unless we show a spiritual interest in them.

Think of what could happen if each one of us would assume responsibility for some unsaved friend—praying for him, seeking to win him, or at least inviting and offering to accompany him to the services of the church where he might come under the hearing of the Word of God. How recently have you tried?

—Howard W. Oursler, in *Eternity*.

The Lord Is Still Our Healer

by D. M. NISSLEY, Roaring Spring, Pa.

SINCE MY ARTICLE ON HEALING APPEARED in the EVANGEL (July 18, 1954), I have been gratified to receive letters from seventeen states and Canada regarding it. God has laid it upon my heart to pass on to the EVANGEL readers a few of the various healings that have taken place in our forty-five years of ministry. These are written with the prayer that they will encourage some reader's heart to embrace the simple Word of God in faith, thus claiming personal healing.

A sister in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was sent home from the hospital as an incurable case. While I visited friends in that area, her bishop requested that I visit her. When I arrived at her home, she told me that she was waiting to die. I told her that the Lord had provided for her healing and that He wanted to heal her. Then I recounted the testimonies of some who were healed in my home community. This seemed to raise her faith. We anointed her and prayed a simple prayer of faith. Immediately she said, "I can move my limbs." Then she said, "Oh, my tumor is gone." God had performed a miracle.

A young boy had a tumor on his brain and was not expected to live until morn-

ing. I was called out of our evening service to pray for him. After a short prayer in faith, I returned to the service. The next day the boy was up and healed.

One of our neighbors was taken quite ill and advised by the doctor that she should go to the hospital. Her son-in-law asked me to come and pray for her. The doctor was still there, but after prayer the woman was healed—there was no need for her to go to the hospital.

On another occasion we prayed for a man who had a blood clot on his brain. His doctor had given him up to die. After a simple prayer in faith, the blood clot was gone.

Another man arranged to bring his son-in-law to be prayed for. This young man was literally covered with sores. The doctor had advised him to move to a warmer climate, warning that he could not live long in our area. We prayed for him and the Lord completely healed him. He is still living in this area—and there is no sign of any more sores.

An unsaved woman, in the hospital with tuberculosis, requested prayer for her healing. We first prayed for her salvation, and she was gloriously saved. Then we prayed for her healing, and God miraculously undertook and healed her.

On still another occasion we prayed for a girl afflicted with rheumatic fever. She was delivered and healed. Later on this same girl was afflicted with St. Vitus's dance. God also healed her of this.

A woman in Pennsylvania had cancer and was given just two weeks to live. After we prayed for her, God healed her. That was seventeen years ago. A woman in Georgia heard about it and wrote to us, asking us to pray for her also. She had cancer, too. We instructed her that if there was any sin in her life she should confess it, and then she would be healed. She was willing to follow these simple instructions, and God healed her—even though the doctors had given her only six months to live. We have received many letters from this woman since her healing in 1945, thanking and praising God for what He did for her.

But there were some who were not willing to meet the conditions of God's Word. A woman in New Jersey who had cancer wrote requesting prayer for her healing. We sent her instructions similar to the ones we had sent to the woman in Georgia. But she was not healed. Why? I inquired and found that she was at variance with one of her neighbors and was not willing to confess her sin.

Many people want healing but fail to be healed because of a spiritual fault in their own lives. The Lord wants to heal us, but God is a holy God; it is only as we meet Him on His holy terms that the answer is complete. The Lord is good, and He will heal all who come to Him and make an unconditional surrender.

Eyes Healed Through Prayer

For fifteen years I had to wear glasses periodically. Whenever I got a headache or severe pains in my eyes I had to put the glasses on. Four years ago when I went to my eye doctor for an examination, he said that I would have to wear my glasses steadily. He said that if I did not wear them my eyes would become so bad that even glasses would not help.

So for three and a half years I continued to wear my glasses every day. The moment I would get out of bed I would put them on, and would keep them on all day. Even though I wore the glasses I still had terrible pains in my eyes, and my headaches persisted.

I had been praying continually for the Lord to heal me. On February 9, 1955, my pastor, Brother Deegan, prayed for me, and the Lord wonderfully healed me.

It is now a year since the Lord healed me. I do not wear glasses anymore and do not suffer with headaches or pain in my eyes. To God be all the praise.—Mrs. Mary Colino, 13 Pulaski Dr., N. Arlington, N. J.

(Endorsed by Pastor John Deegan, Arlington, N. J.)

Boy Delivered of Convulsions

In 1953 my seven-year-old boy had what the doctors called nervous convulsions. They were caused by a blood clot on the brain. He was unconscious for five hours. We took him to a brain specialist in Yakima, Washington, who gave him three kinds of medicine to take three times a day; but he still had spells, as many as three in one day.

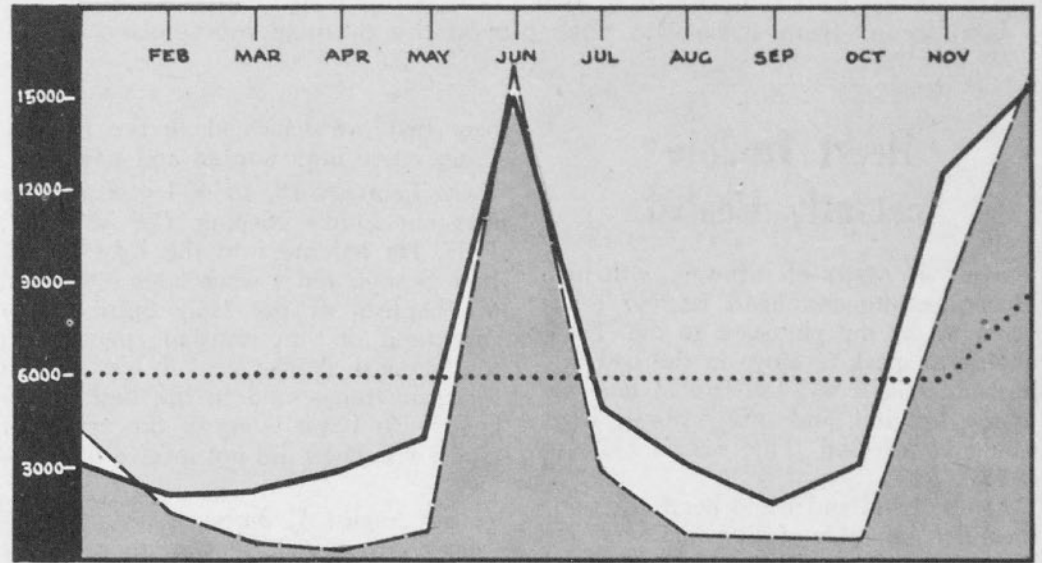
On June 2, 1955, Jerry got worse and we almost lost him. He was down for nine weeks. We took him to the University Hospital at Kansas City but they didn't help him there. They said the only hope was in brain surgery. But I knew that God could heal him without an operation.

Then I started going to the Assembly of God in Goodland, Kansas. I asked the pastor, Raymond E. Harris, to pray for him. He did, but Jerry had another spell. I said, "Brother Harris, I know God can heal Jerry. He says in His Word that if we ask anything in His name believing, it shall be done." Brother Harris took the Bible in one hand and laid his other hand on the boy, and we all prayed. God healed the boy and he never has had another spell or taken a dose of medicine since. I praise God for His mighty healing power. It's real.—Mrs. Stella Bowman, Goodland, Kans.

(Endorsed by Pastor Raymond E. Harris, Goodland, Kans.)

COLD FACTS

about a very real need



1954 RECEIPTS

1955 RECEIPTS

1955 EXPENSES

KEY TO GRAPH:

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We have drawn this graph to picture the facts about Old Age Assistance receipts. The broken line on the graph represents O.A.A. offerings in 1954. You will see that we began well in January of 1954 with receipts of over \$4,000 for the aged ministers. Then a steady decline in offerings brought the line down to a low of \$300 in April. The semi-annual appeal in May sent it up to \$16,000 in June, but it fell to \$3,000 in July and \$1,000 in August, not rising again until the Thanksgiving appeal, when it finally reached a peak of just over \$16,000 again in December. You will see that these two peak periods in June and December did not offset the low periods between the semi-annual appeals. This is our constant problem.

In January 1955, we inaugurated the monthly plan of church giving. The unbroken line indicates that the monthly offerings have stabilized O.A.A. receipts to a certain extent. However, the peaks in June and December still do not offset the lows between. The only answer is that more Assemblies should participate in these offerings for needy aged ministers.

THE AGED MINISTERS DO NEED OUR HELP. Checks totaling an average of \$6,500 are sent to them each month. Offerings from the churches should take care of this need, but year after year they have fallen short. The solution, however, is quite simple. Only \$12.00 yearly from each Assemblies of God church would cover the expense for Old Age Assistance. One-third of the Assemblies of God churches sent offerings to the O.A.A. Fund in 1955. We must appeal to the remaining two-thirds of the churches to take this need seriously. The aged ministers, missionaries, and their widows can be helped without undue burden to anyone when each Assembly shares in this obligation to the needy pioneers of our Movement.

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The Lord Is My Healer

God promised physical healing to His people, saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Here are personal testimonies from some who have proved the promise marvelously true

Heart Trouble Instantly Healed

After six weeks of suffering with high blood pressure and heart trouble I was given up by my physician to die. I was unable to speak or move in the bed. My husband said it was too late to take me to the hospital, and that my only hope would be in God. This was in October 1955.

My husband and I had been attending the First Assembly of God in Livingston, Tennessee, where I am now a member. My husband called for our pastor, W. J. Malone, to come and pray that God would heal me. I wasn't conscious when Brother Malone came, but God's great healing power was there to meet my need. Praise God, when the pastor anointed me I was instantly healed and arose shouting the victory. We are praising God for a Pentecostal church where the Word of God is preached in its fullness and power.—Mrs. Arlie Smith, Livingston, Tenn.

(Endorsed by W. J. Malone, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Livingston, Tenn.)

Injured Bones Made Normal Again

Nine years ago I was thrown from a runaway horse and dragged by it. At that time the doctor said it was a wonder my back was not broken. After spending three weeks in bed I was normal again except for what I called a "trick" sacroiliac. If I turned quickly to look over my shoulder, it would slip out of place and put pressure on the spinal cord. Sometimes it would slip back again quickly; other times it would stay like that for weeks or months causing me constant pain.

I consulted medical doctors, osteopaths, and chiropractors, but could not find relief. Like the woman in Luke 8:43 I had "spent all my living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any." The condition grew worse and worse. Finally my back was becoming stiff so that it was torment for me to try to bend. My children had to fasten my shoes for me. "Mama's back" was the

ogre that overshadowed all the fun my three active boys wanted and needed.

On February 28, 1954, I gave my life into our Lord's keeping. On March 7, 1955, He led me into the light of the Full Gospel, and a week later I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. From that time on, my constant prayer was for physical deliverance. I was prayed for many times, and to the best of my knowledge I was living in the center of God's will, but I did not receive my healing.

Last August 5, during a healing service at our church, I was anointed by Quentin Edwards, a young Texas evangelist, and our pastor, Orville C. Smith. The pain seemed to fade away and stayed away till I got home. Then while I was praying before retiring it returned in full force.

I lay in bed feeling that I had definitely reached the end of my rope. I prayed, "Why am I to be burdened with this misery? My faith is strong, Father. I know that You desire good things for Your children. Surely You are just waiting to remove this burden from me. What is the stumblingblock, Lord?"

The Lord showed me that I had not been as strong in faith as I thought. Somewhere, lurking in the back of my mind, were some miserable doubts. They were placed there by Satan, I'm sure, just to rob me of this victory.

Scrambling out of bed, I fell on my knees and thanked God for His answer. I thanked Him for my healing, and thanked the Holy Spirit for chasing those doubts out of my mind. Then I arose from my kneeling position (without taking hold of the bedstead!) and I went to bed and fell asleep.

I awoke the next morning a new woman, praise be to God! From that moment to this I have not had a trace of pain or ache. I can turn myself in any direction, bend and touch the floor with straightened knees, dress myself, fasten my shoes, run and play games with my boys. I've shed another intolerable burden at

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

the foot of Calvary. Hallelujah!—Mrs. Lee C. Fisher, Miami, Fla.

(Endorsed by Orville C. Smith, Pastor of The Full Gospel Tabernacle, Miami, Fla. who states that Mrs. Fisher is a converted Jewess and is enrolled in the Correspondence School of the Assemblies of God.)

Miraculous Recovery From Diabetes

A few days after Thanksgiving 1950 I suffered a nervous shock and was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. In about six weeks I lost fifty-three pounds, and after a series of examinations I was told that I had sugar diabetes due to the nervous shock. The doctor said it was incurable and that I would have to live on a very strict diet.

In April 1954 I became very sick again and in June I was sent to the hospital for observation.

I had a radium treatment at that time for a tumor, and five weeks later was operated on. Due to the diabetes, the doctors expected a lot of trouble, and for two and a half hours I was on the operating table. Previous to this I had read the twenty-third Psalm. It proved to be a source of help and comfort, and I know it was this that pulled me through better than anyone expected.

I was told to move from where I lived because I would not be able to continue my work as superintendent of an apartment house. I was to have complete rest from work and worry; otherwise I could not live for more than six months.

It was impossible for me to move, and so I did not get the required rest, and my diabetes condition got worse. I started to attend the Assembly in Arlington, New Jersey, and in August 1955 Pastor Deegan and his people started to pray for me.

In November I had to go for a check-up. The day scheduled for my check-up I made a test and found the sugar count to be 1%. In the afternoon it had dropped to 0.5%. At 6:30 that same evening the test was negative. When I arrived at the doctor's office and gave him this information he made another test to be sure I was correct.

After he completed my examination the doctor told me that indeed my sugar condition had cleared up, and also that I had recovered a hundred per cent from my operation. He said that I no longer needed to diet. All I could do was put my arms around my daughter and thank God for healing me. My doctor declared that this was indeed a miracle.—Laura Guilds, 728 Kearny Ave., Kearny, N. J.

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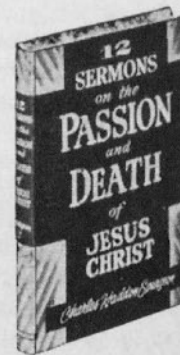
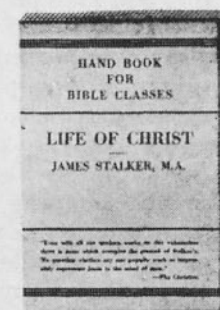
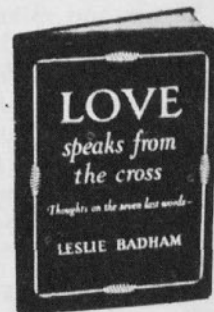
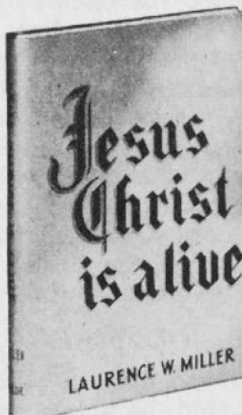
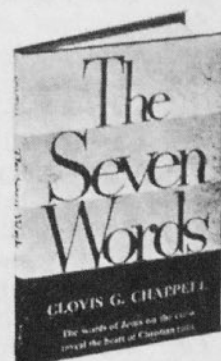
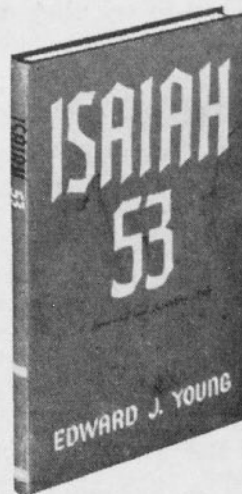
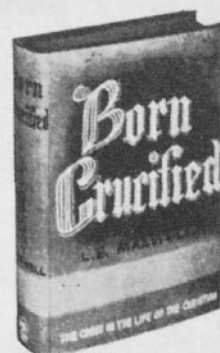
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SUNDAY'S LESSON



JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson for Sunday, March 11, 1956

John 14:15-18; 16:7-14

The fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth chapters of John's Gospel are of tremendous importance. They contain Christ's last instructions to His disciples before Calvary. Last words are usually significant. These last words of Christ are the most important things He had to say; they outline the exceedingly great truths concerning the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

THE TITLE OF THE SPIRIT

The Lord Jesus called the Holy Spirit "another Comforter" (John 14:16). The Spirit is the divine *Paraclete*. He is the "one called alongside to help." Christ told His disciples that He would not leave them as "orphans" (John 14:18, margin). The Holy Spirit's presence would mean everything to them that Christ's presence had meant. He would be near each one of them at all times. The word *advocate* in John 2:1, also rendered "comforter," literally means "one within call." So near will the Holy Spirit be that the least call, the faintest whisper is heard immediately, and all of the omnipotence of the Third Person of the Trinity is brought to the assistance of the one who calls!

The Saviour cautioned the disciples not to be surprised if the world would not understand when they talked about the person and ministry of the Spirit. "The Spirit of truth," said He, "the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him" (John 14:17). Because their eyes are blinded by sin, and their minds darkened by unbelief, the world cannot grasp nor accept the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It would be easier to describe a glowing sunset to a blind person, or to explain the glorious sound and harmony of a symphony to a deaf person, than to convey to the mind of an unbeliever the glory of the person and the work of the Spirit.

THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT

The Saviour was in the difficult position of trying to help the disciple to understand the new relationship with the Spirit that awaited them with the coming of Pentecost. In one revealing sentence the Lord Jesus explained what would happen: "For he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17)! The presence of God dwelling with His people was not a new thought to these disciples. Israel's history glowed with the shekinah glory of His presence. The pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire were literal, glorious facts which they knew and believed. Had not the glory of the Lord become so overwhelming at the dedication of the Temple that the priests could not stand to minister? Yes, the disciples knew all of this. But how could they anticipate the meaning of Pentecost? The Lord Jesus said simply, "He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you!" In all of His thrilling glory and power, the Holy Spirit would come to take personal residence in each of the disciples.

It is said that a minister who was quite jealous of the great ministry of Dwight L. Moody, once scornfully asked the question, "Has D. L. Moody a monopoly on the Holy Spirit?" And the quiet reply came back, "No, but the Holy Spirit has

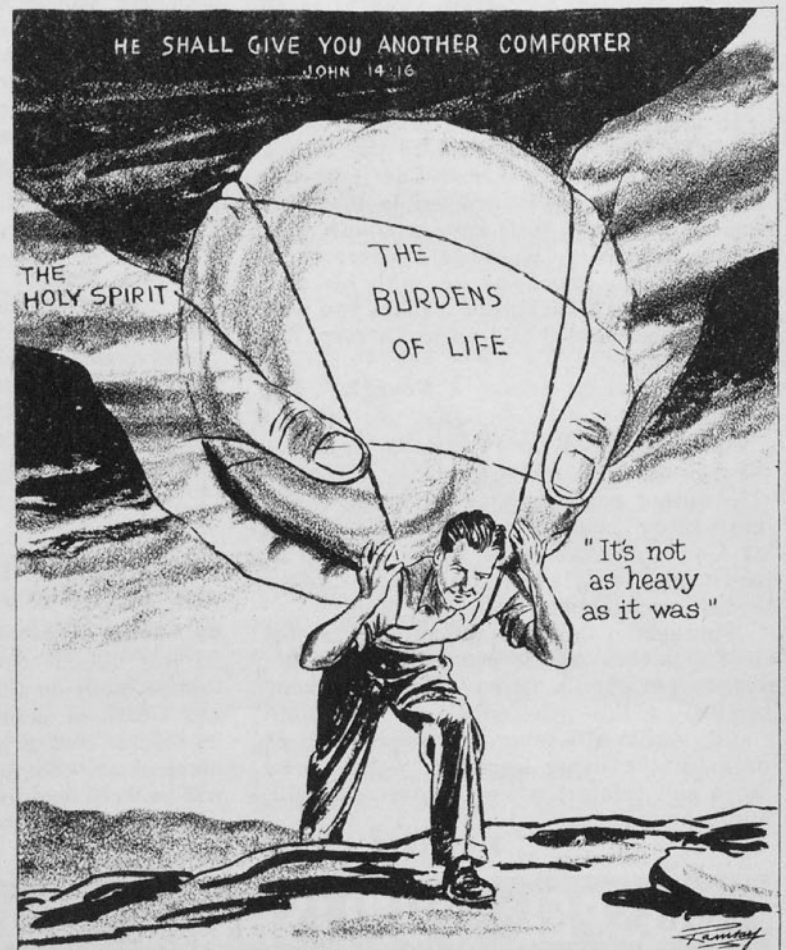
a monopoly on D. L. Moody!" This, said our Lord, would be the meaning of the new relationship of believers to the Holy Spirit. He would come to dwell within, to possess, to monopolize the believer for the fulfillment of the mighty purposes of God! In the baptism of the Holy Ghost the believer does not seize the Holy Spirit to use Him, but rather the Holy Spirit takes residence in the believer and uses him! As someone once said, our task as a church is not to get people into Pentecost, but to get Pentecost into people! And when the Holy Spirit comes to monopolize and use the believer, the person quickly learns the true meaning and power of Pentecost.

THE SPIRIT'S MINISTRY OF TEACHING

"The Holy Ghost . . . shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Scriptures; and in the Pentecost experience which awaited these disciples, He would come as the Illuminator, the Teacher of the Word of God.

One of the verses which has often been quoted as a description of the glories of heaven, is actually a scripture which magnifies the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9—"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Usually we stop there, and say, "Oh, won't heaven be wonderful! It will surpass anything we could possibly imagine!" This is true, but *read on* to the next verse: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." The omniscient Holy Spirit knows the wisdom and the deep truth of God's redemptive plan. He guides the diligent disciple as he studies the Scriptures, and He makes the truths of the Word flame within his heart.

Have you ever gone on a guided tour? If it is ever your good fortune to visit New York City be sure to go to the RCA building. Guided tours are conducted throughout that fabulous



"LIGHTENS THE LOAD"

place. I shall never forget the experience of seeing that building through the eyes of the guide. We began in the foyer. I had been looking around, and thought I had already seen everything in the foyer. The guide simply said, "Please look up!" And then, for the first time, I noticed the tremendous mural that covers the ceiling. As the guide explained the symbolism of the artist in that magnificent mural, a whole new world of meaning opened to me. Now, the guide had not put the mural there. It had been there all the time. He merely pointed it out to us, and helped us to understand and appreciate its meaning.

But how much more glorious to go on a guided tour through the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit as the Author will faithfully point out the beauties, and fully enable you to understand and appreciate the divine truth of God's Holy Word!

THE SPIRIT'S CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY

"For he shall not speak of himself. . . . He shall glorify me" (John 16:13, 14)! The Holy Spirit is the true Vicar of Christ on earth. He does not displace Christ; rather He enthrones Christ in the lives of the believers. His ministry is *Christ-centered!* Every gift and grace He exercises are for the one purpose to magnify and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

Go to one of our great observatories. There you may study the stars through the lens of a powerful telescope. The heavenly bodies are brought near in all their blazing glory. As you look through the telescope, you do not see the instrument. In fact, the instrument is almost forgotten in the glory of the vision it reveals. In this same sense, the Holy Spirit brings the glory and the beauty of Christ in overwhelming reality to the believer.

Or, consider another illustration. Television is one of our modern marvels. The true picture of one's face and the true sound of one's voice can be broadcast, then received over a television set. It is as though a personal appearance were made in each home where the program is received. Time and space are defied by this electronic wonder. But television is only a faint illustration of what the Holy Spirit has been doing in the lives of believers through this Church Age. By His miracle-working power He supersedes space and time and brings Christ in His thrilling reality to each believing heart. He does what television cannot do; He *literally* brings Christ to you! "I will come to you," promised Christ (John 14:18). This was the "heavenly vision" that enabled Paul to go triumphantly through unbelievable suffering. It was Christ's real presence that enabled every one of the apostles to suffer a martyr's death without flinching or failing!

Historians say that Napoleon's presence on a battlefield among his soldiers was electrifying. "The little Corporal," as his men affectionately called him, inspired men to feats far beyond their ordinary ability. But think of Christ! His presence, His touch, His love have moved millions in every generation for the past two thousand years! In His Name and for His glory the greatest achievements of men have been wrought!

The sense of His nearness, the reality of His presence, the vision of His face, and the sound of His voice are brought to us by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who has come to glorify Christ!

—Emil A. Balliet

"I've Had My Fortune Told!"

"If you grace the palm of my hand with a quarter, I'll tell your fortune; I have great insight," said a gaudy Gipsy woman to Dr. Harry Ironside after she had sat down in the seat next to his on an interurban in a western city.

"I'm Scotch," replied the well-known Bible expositor. "Besides, my fortune has already been told. It's in print. Let me show you."

Pulling out a New Testament from his coat pocket, he said, "Here is my past." And he read to the astonished woman Ephesians 2:1-3—"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked . . . according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

Uncomfortable, the woman started to move away but Dr. Ironside continued, "Wait, lady; here is my present: 'But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus'" (Eph. 2:4-6).

"And here is my future," the preacher said as he continued his reading from Ephesians: "'That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.'"

"I sat down by the wrong man," the Gipsy woman muttered as she moved to another seat.



DREAMING
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Many of us came to know Christ when our youth was past. We were already in the midst of the "busy years"—from 20 to 50. Supporting or raising a family made it impossible to do some of the things we felt moved to do for God.

Do you, at 50 or older, look back, thinking of what might have been if you had been saved as a youth?

You would have gone to Bible School, perhaps.

You would have dedicated yourself to the mission field.

You would have worked full-time for God.

Now, at 50 or older, you may have more free time. "But it is too late," you say. "I am too old."

It is not too late! There is a way you can serve. It is a service stripped of glamor. You will receive no glory from men. Perhaps it is not the spectacular manner in which you wished to serve. But God may want *this* kind of service.

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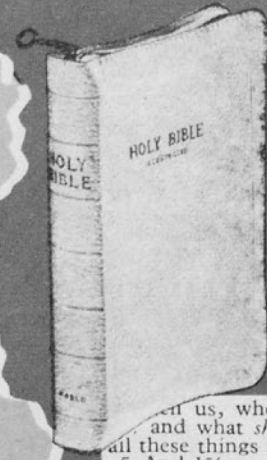
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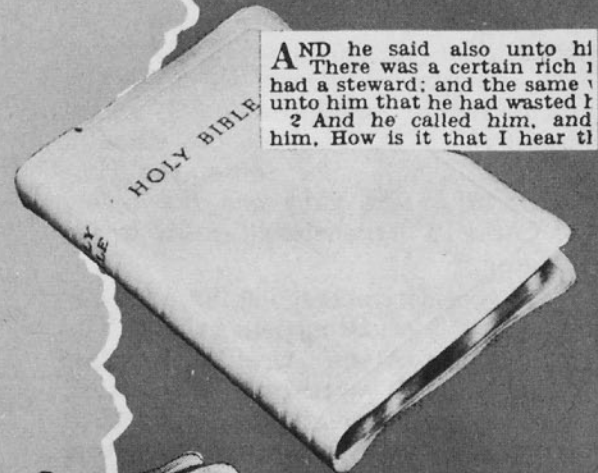
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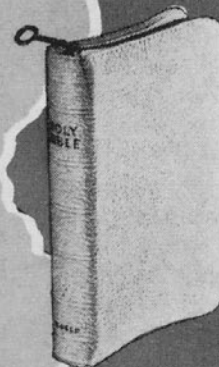
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Jazz at Church

Many are concerned about a trend which has been noticed in some of our Pentecostal churches: a lightness and irreverence in our music which I feel is very unbecoming to deep spirituality.

Those who listen to the radio know that the world is feeding on jazz music and talk which is not only shallow but which does not nourish the finer sensibilities of the people. This is indeed tragic to the growing boys and girls of America. But what shall we say when it enters into the church of Jesus Christ!

The natural man does not seek the things of God; his human sensibilities crave the things of this earth. The world therefore goes to shows and other forms of entertainment in order that it may be amused by those who perform and entertain. This, however, ought not to be so with the spiritual man. But we have noticed, in all ages and under all circumstances, that whenever God's Spirit ceases to work, substitutes are brought forth in His place.

We have noticed in many Pentecostal meetings that sacred songs are now put to ragtime music, and that people work themselves into a frenzy playing and singing in the effort to please the listeners. Their chief concern does not seem to be to have the mind of the Lord, but rather that they may appeal to the human instincts of their audience, without even considering whether or not God is pleased. God does not change, neither does the worship of God; they that worship Him must worship Him *in spirit and in truth*. Winning souls for Jesus is a serious problem, and calls for our noblest and best. Singing and playing gospel songs and music is a part of the worship of a holy God, just as much as is preaching or praying. We should therefore enter into His courts whether it is to sing or play, *with holy reverence and godly fear*. Many who would not think of entering a pulpit to preach without praying earnestly to God that He would bring forth the truth with telling effect, deem it nothing to sing or play without ever asking God's blessing and approval upon that part of their ministry.

Jazzy music and singing is merely a substitute, and instead of appealing to deep spirituality it caters to the natural man. It bespeaks two things. First, that the person who thus entertains has largely lost the deep touch of God he once possessed. Second, that his audience, who applaud, have drifted in the same direc-

tion. May God help us to keep in the center of God's will in our playing and singing as well as our preaching! Individuals and assemblies that feed on "jazz" music and singing and "entertainment" preaching run in a shallow vein and have a superficial experience, which serves them while they have no trial, sorrow or persecution; but when they enter into

the "valley" experience they do not stand true, because they have not built on the right foundation.

This "jazz" trend has also invaded our camp meetings and conventions. At such gatherings all classes of people are assembled; not only the true children of God, but outsiders come to hear about God and to see His manifestations and power. They frequently go away disappointed. If we disappoint those for whom Christ died, and wound their weak consciences, may we not, in so doing, sin against Christ? Let us therefore go a little deeper with God in order that we may have the approval of His precious Holy Spirit upon our ministry.

—R. A. Brown

Through the Fire

John Maynard was well-known as a God-fearing pilot on Lake Erie. One summer afternoon he had charge of a steamer going from Detroit to Buffalo. Someone saw smoke ascending from below; and the captain cried out to one of his men, "Simpson, go below and see what that smoke is!"

The sailor obeyed. He soon came up, his face pale, and said, "Sir the ship is on fire!"

Bravely the crew dashed buckets of water on the flames, but in vain. The fire had already made too much progress, and since there were large quantities of resin and tar aboard it was useless to try to save the ship.

The passengers rushed to inquire of the pilot, "How far are we from land?"

"Seven miles," he answered.

"How long before we reach it?"

"Three quarters of an hour, at our present rate of steam."

"Is there any real danger?"

"Danger enough *here!* See the smoke bursting out? Go forward if you would save your lives!"

Passengers and crew all crowded to the forward part of the ship, but John Maynard stood at his post. After a time the flames burst out in a sheet of fire; clouds of smoke arose. The captain cried out, "John Maynard!"

"Aye, aye, Sir!" came the answer.

"Run her on shore!"

Nearer and nearer she approached the shore. Again the captain cried out, "John Maynard!"

The response came feebly, "Aye, aye, Sir."

"Can you hold on another five minutes, John?"

"By God's help I will!" came the reply.

John Maynard's hair was scorching from

the scalp; one hand was disabled; and his teeth were set—yet he stood firm as a rock. He beached the ship. Every man, woman, and child was saved as John Maynard's spirit took its flight to God.

Even so, Jesus "*steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem*"—to the cross-crowned hill and through the fires of the wrath of God, that He might bring us to eternal safety.

Lifeless Boy Restored In Answer to Prayer

I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. My little son Mike was in a lifeless condition. It seemed that he was strangling to death. His eyes had rolled back, he had turned blue, and his teeth were clamped down in a deathlike grip. He wasn't breathing. He appeared dead.

I picked him up and took him to the First Assembly of God, where a prayer meeting was in progress. As the church prayed and reached the throne of God, Jesus touched little Mike and restored life to him. I am praising God for this miracle. I'm glad that if we believe Him all things are possible. Little Mike is still doing well and is much more active than ever before. Praise the Lord forever. —Mrs. Nalty Nations, Brookhaven, Miss.

(Endorsed by Pastor S. H. Balius, Brookhaven, Miss., who states, "This woman's son is 2½ years old and seemed to have a touch of asthma. But the night she brought him into the church his breathing had ceased. The entire church called upon God, and He heard the cries of His people. Mike is now doing fine.")

"TONGUES"

TWELVE REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE IN SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES

1. Because Christ mentioned it among the consequences of faith. Mark 16:17.
2. Because the accompaniment of the Baptism of the Spirit in each outstanding case in Acts was so signalized. Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6.
3. Because Paul, the greatest apostle, spoke in tongues and that more than anyone else. 1 Cor. 14:18.
4. Because the portrait and experience of a New Testament Church is not complete without it.
5. Because it is one of the nine gifts deliberately chosen by divine wisdom as the full equipment for the Church. 1 Cor. 12:10.
6. Because, when the gift of Tongues was in full operation, all the other gifts were manifest too. 1 Cor. 1:5-7.
7. Because the first members of the finest church in the New Testament spoke in tongues when filled with the Spirit (Acts 19:6) and the members of that church were said to be all sealed with the Spirit in that way. Eph. 1:13.
8. Because, by the authority of God and by personal experience, it is declared to be edifying. 1 Cor. 14:4, 5.
9. Because it is set in the church equally with teachers. 1 Cor. 12:28.
10. Because it is by the Holy Ghost's declaration a convincing sign to unbelievers. 1 Cor. 14:22.
11. Because it is the point of the overflow of the Spirit. Acts 2:4; Eph. 5:18, 19.
12. Because it is accompanied by a larger vision of God. Acts 10:46.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

80 CERTIFICATES EARNED AT CITY-WIDE TRAINING COURSE

AUSTIN, TEX.—In January a city-wide Workers Training Course was given at the East Austin Assembly of God. Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, District Sunday School Directors, were in charge. Twelve churches were represented, and 120 were enrolled. Eighty certificates were issued the following Sunday. The five nights of two-hour class periods proved to be a time of blessed fellowship and inspiration.—J. Paul Joyner, Pastor, East Austin Assembly.

SPECIAL FEATURES TO MARK ANNUAL N.A.E. CONVENTION

Two special features that will highlight the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals this year will be a Layman's Luncheon and a Church Planning Center. The convention will be held April 10 to 12 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Church Planning Center is being promoted by the Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension. It will exhibit displays related to the building and furnishing of modern church plants. It will acquaint delegates of the more than forty denominations that are expected to be represented at the convention with the latest developments in church planning.

The Layman's Luncheon is being promoted by Kenneth Keyes, real estate broker from Miami, Florida, who is head of the layman's undergirding program for the N.A.E. All interested laymen are invited to the luncheon which is scheduled for Thursday, April 12. It will be open to ministers and all convention delegates.

Leon H. Sullivan, investment banker from Philadelphia, will address the laymen on the subject, "The Layman's Testimony." Mr. Sullivan is actively engaged in Christian work and travels widely under the auspices of the Christian Business Men's Committee, International.

Other speakers featured in various sessions of the convention will be Henry H. Savage, Paul S. Rees, Howard Ferrin, C. Stacey Wood, William Ward Ayer, Clyde W. Taylor, and C.

Morse Ward, radio speaker for the Assemblies of God "Revivaltime" broadcast.

For further information, write George L. Ford, Associate Executive Director of the N.A.E., 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

TRAINING WEEK BECOMES A TIME OF REVIVAL

ALBANY, GA.—God met us in a wonderful way in January during our Workers Training Course. Charles H. Harthern, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Tallahassee, Fla., was the instructor. The anointing of the Holy Spirit rested on him as he taught. Souls were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit during the meetings, and the Christians were stirred to seek a deeper experience with God.—Selma Bishop, Secretary. (Mrs. J. S. La Grone is Pastor.)

CHOIR ON EASTER TOUR

GREEN LANE, PA.—The Eastern Bible Institute a cappella choir will visit Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania on an eleven-day Easter tour. They will sing in Jeannette, Pa., Mar. 23; Detroit, Mich., Mar. 25, at Brightmoor Tabernacle, in the morning, and Revival Tabernacle in the evening; Battle Creek, Mich., Mar. 27; Akron, Ohio, at First Assembly of God, Mar. 29. Youngstown, Ohio, at Highway Tabernacle, Mar. 30; New-castle, Pa., Mar. 31; Chambersburg, Pa., April 1 in the morning; and Harrisburg, Pa., April 1 in the evening.—Robert L. Carlson, Music Director.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OPENS REST HOME

FLORENCE, COLO.—A beautiful 2½-story red brick home, surrounded with nearly four acres of land and fruit trees, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Park Cooper of Florence to the Rocky Mountain District. The home is to be used as a rest home for ministers and missionaries. The Coopers have been active in church work for many years, and they have desired to help the aged who have retired from active ministry. Since making the bequest Mr. Cooper has gone to his eternal reward.

Florence is located in the beautiful fruit valley of the Arkansas River, and its year-round climate is ideal for such an institution. District officials state that they believe it will develop into one of the finest homes of its kind.

The home is in operation and is receiving guests. It meets the specifications of the state of Colorado and is in full harmony with the plans and policies of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Interested parties may write to W. W. Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.—Milton Newman, Publicity Agent.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Began Feb. 26 at Northside Assembly, 2555 N. Stone Ave.; Evangelist Frank Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (S. A. Weddle is Pastor.)

LEON, IOWA—Begins Mar. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Jean Lucy, and Vera Riley, Russellville, Ark. (George R. Lamb is Pastor.)

SMACKOVER, ARK.—Mar. 11-31 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (E. B. Jones is Pastor.)

GLADEWATER, TEX.—Mar. 12-25 with Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh, Jacksonville, Fla. (E. A. Gruver is Pastor.)

DEADWOOD, S. DAK.—Begins Mar. 5 at Central Assembly of God; Evangelist C. J. Greer, Springfield, Mo.—by Reino Tilus, Pastor.

UNION GAP, WASH.—Mar. 6-18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist W. V. Kononen, Sedro Wooley, Wash.—by Wesley Maddicks, Pastor.

MILES CITY, MONT.—Began Feb. 26 at Assembly of God, Leighton and Center Ave.; Evangelist Oliver Johnson, Powers Lake, N. Dak.—by Eric H. Seaberg, Pastor.

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LINTON, IND.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 with Evangelist Woodrow Oxner, Springfield, Mo. (Lloyd Wead is Pastor.)

HOPE, ARK.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at Hope Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge, Tulsa, Okla.—by W. C. Land, Pastor.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Began Feb. 26 at Assembly of God; Evangelist George E. Elrod. (C. Curtright is Pastor.)

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Begins Feb. 29 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—by L. A. Messick, Pastor.

HOUMA, LA.—Began Feb. 26 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jay Alford, Little Rock, Ark.—by J. E. Dube, Pastor.

EUGENE, OREG.—Workers Training Course at First Assembly of God, Mar. 13-17. Robert Pirtle, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

SALINA, KANS.—Begins Mar. 7 at Assembly of God, 118 S. 8th; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler.—by Fred Prather, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Began Feb. 21 at Hillcrest Assembly of God; Evangelist Bob Pruett.—by J. W. Nash, Pastor.

VERNON, TEX.—Begins Mar. 4 at First Assembly of God; George Gospel Team, Hobbs, N. Mex. (M. W. Putman is Pastor.)

FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—Began Feb. 27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Elwood R. Greer, Enid, Okla.—by Clarence Glaze, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—Began Feb. 14 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God; Evangelist Ralph I. Cranston, Seattle, Wash. (A. R. Mattson is Pastor.)

TOPEKA, KANS.—Mar. 6-18 at Highland Park Assembly of God; Evangelist Judy Moss, Dallas, Tex.—by A. M. Selness, Pastor.

McMINNVILLE, OREG.—Began Feb. 28 at Full Gospel Church; Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom, Florence, Oreg.—by Albert Davis, Pastor.

MERIDIAN MISS.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at Highland Assembly of God, 4001 - 20th St.; Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Tyus, Graceville, Fla.—by R. H. Broadhead, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at First Assembly of God, 1031 Fries Ave.; Evangelist Paul Copeland. (James Pearson is Pastor.)

SEATTLE, WASH.—Mar. 6-25 at White Center Assembly of God; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (Robert B. Tangen is Pastor.)

MASON CITY, IOWA—Feb. 28-Mar. 11 with Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Cummings. (A. L. Ullestad is Pastor.)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Mar. 18-Apr. 1 at Full Gospel Assembly, 64th and Figueroa; Evangelist Noble L. Ballew, Citrus Heights, Calif. (Warren L. Hill is Pastor.)

NAUGATUCK, CONN.—Feb. 29-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (Louis Watrous is Pastor.)

MATTOON, ILL.—Begins Mar. 4 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe, Springfield, Mo.—by J. A. Drysdale, Pastor.

LARAMIE, WYO.—Mar. 4-18 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Daniel Johnson, New England, N. Dak.—by Currell Muirhead, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Mar. 4-18 at Highway Assembly of God; Evangelist Eldon Bryce. (P. F. Ramsey is Pastor.)

INDEPENDENCE, MO.—Feb. 22-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Bennett, Colo. (John R. Waldron is Pastor.)

DUNN, N. C.—Began Feb. 14 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex.—by Robert E. Palmer, Pastor.

FRUITA, COLO.—Begins Mar. 7 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Wendell and Verla Mae Reed, Denver, Colo.—by Park W. Reed, Pastor.

CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (D. L. Rhodes is Pastor.)

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Mar. 6-18 at Emmanuel Home Mission, 836 Union St.; I. E. Ade, Bible teacher.—by Robert S. Beisel, Pastor.

RATON, N. MEX.—Begins Mar. 11 at First Assembly of God, 3rd and Moulton; Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Laughlin, Houston, Tex.—by Dave E. Laughlin, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—Began Feb. 21 at First Assembly of God, N. Howard and York; Evangelist and Mrs. W. S. Barham, Houston, Tex.—by V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

BLUE ROCK, OHIO—Feb. 28-Mar. 11 at Stone Station Assembly of God; Evangelists Elsie Bolton and Barbara Goodwin, North Canton, Ohio.—by James M. Bryan, Pastor.

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.—Feb. 28-Mar. 11 at Pentecostal Assembly of God, 149 S. Conococheague St.; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Lancaster, Pa. (V. W. Miles is Pastor.)

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA—Began Feb. 21 at Assembly of God Tabernacle; Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman, Berlin, Ohio.—by Gerald L. Logsdon, Pastor.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Mar. 11-April 1 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Carl C. Haas and Party, Springfield, Mo. (J. B. Davis is Pastor.)

NORWICH, CONN.—First Anniversary Services at Norwich Assembly of God, Mar. 2-5. Speakers: J. Robert Ashcroft, Springfield, Mo.; Paul W. Kinney, Plainville, Conn.; Grady Fannin, New England District Superintendent; and Gerald Flokstra, Presbyter.—by Robert L. Lundstrom, Pastor.

QUINLAN, TEX.—Feb. 26-Mar. 10 at Cain's Chapel; Evangelist D. R. (Pete) Pulley, Terrell, Tex. Homecoming, Mar. 18. All day services; dinner on the grounds.—by Dorothy Wallace, Secretary. (Claud E. Johnson is Pastor.)

WYOMING DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Mar. 6-8 at First Assembly of God, Cheyenne, Wyo. Bert Webb, Phil Wannemacher, and Bob Pirtle, National Sunday School Department, speakers.

COMMERCE, OKLA.—Began Feb. 23 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Mary Warren and Mary Marsh. (W. F. Gilchrist is Pastor.)

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Began Feb. 29 at Friendly Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Roland D. Hastie, Springfield, Mo. (J. C. Shull is Pastor.)

BINGEN, WASH.—Mar. 6-18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Jepson, Ashland, Oreg. (C. C. Hutchcroft is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Mar. 4-18 at Evangelistic Temple, 2000 W. 11th St.; Hardt Evangelistic Party, York, Pa. (Raymond T. Richey is Pastor.)

SOLVAY, N. Y.—Mar. 7-11 at Pentecostal Christian Assembly (Italian); Evangelist D. J. Paglia, Slocumb, Ala. (Frank Maccarone is Pastor.)

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of the "Y" Assembly of God in Kountze, Tex. has been changed to Glad Tidings Assembly of God.—Clyde C. Ricsen, Pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—The Assembly of God in Harper, Kans. has moved from 9th and Central to 608 E. Main.—Howard W. Marshall, Pastor.

WANTED—We have a pioneer church in a predominantly Finnish-speaking community. We want to contact Assemblies of God ministers who speak both Finnish and English.—Harold W. Kauppi, Box 96, New York Mills, Minn.

CONTACTS WANTED—I am opening a new Assembly in the north part of Phoenix, Ariz. Our temporary location is 17 E. Osborn Rd. If you have friends in this area, kindly send me their names and addresses.—C. E. Leib, 3130 W. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz.

CONTACTS WANTED—We have started a new church in Streator, Ill. If you have friends in this area, kindly send us their names and addresses.—Carl Korte, 205 N. Vermillion St., Streator, Ill.

NEW CHURCH—We have started a new church in Albion, Ill. Nine have been saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit. The first Sunday we had 20 in Sunday School. If you have friends in this community, please send us their names and addresses.—Floyd Aldrich, Albion, Ill., Pastor.

ROGERS BROTHERS QUARTET—The Rogers Brothers Quartet is available for engagements on week ends until the end of school, and then at any time during the summer months. The quartet also doubles as a brass ensemble. Kent, Jerry, Carl, and Maurice Rogers, Cliff Johnson, and Mrs. Maurice Rogers, accompanist, make up the musical group. For engagements write Rogers Brothers Quartet, Box 526, ONC, Kankakee, Ill.

WITH CHRIST

J. C. MORGAN, 60 Ellsinore, Mo., went to his eternal reward January 3, 1956. Brother Morgan was ordained in 1927. He pastored several churches in Missouri, and he was pastoring the Assembly in Ellsinore at the time of his death.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE, 78, Bothell, Wash. went to be with Jesus January 30, 1956. Brother Whiteside was ordained in 1939. He was one of our supernannuated ministers.

ARTHUR J. HANSON, 49, Enid, Okla. went to be forever with the Lord January 27, 1956. Brother Hanson was ordained in 1944. He pastored in Texas and Oklahoma and also labored as an evangelist.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

SORCERERS (Rev. 21:8)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR MARCH 4

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



THE YEARS ARE RAPIDLY DYING, AND IN twenty years, forty years, eighty years, not one who is reading this page will be upon earth. Therefore we do well, like Moses of old, to ascend the mount and take a Pisgah-view; not of the kingdom which Christ will establish when He comes, but, far over the tops of those coming kingdom centuries, to the Everlasting Kingdom which belongs to every believer on the merits of Christ.

NO TEMPLE

First we see some things which are not in heaven. Perhaps the most striking is that there is no temple: "I saw no temple therein" (Rev. 21:22). What is a temple? It is God's foothold on a sin-cursed earth; it is one burning spot of holy light in a world of darkness. A temple is the place where blood is shed, sin atoned for, and a sinful race approaches a holy God: but in heaven there is no sinful race. No sin is to be atoned for; no blood is to be shed; no fallen race is to be reconciled to God. The very need for a temple is gone. The consuming fires of Deity play harmlessly among sinless men. There is no more striking proof of the holiness of heaven.

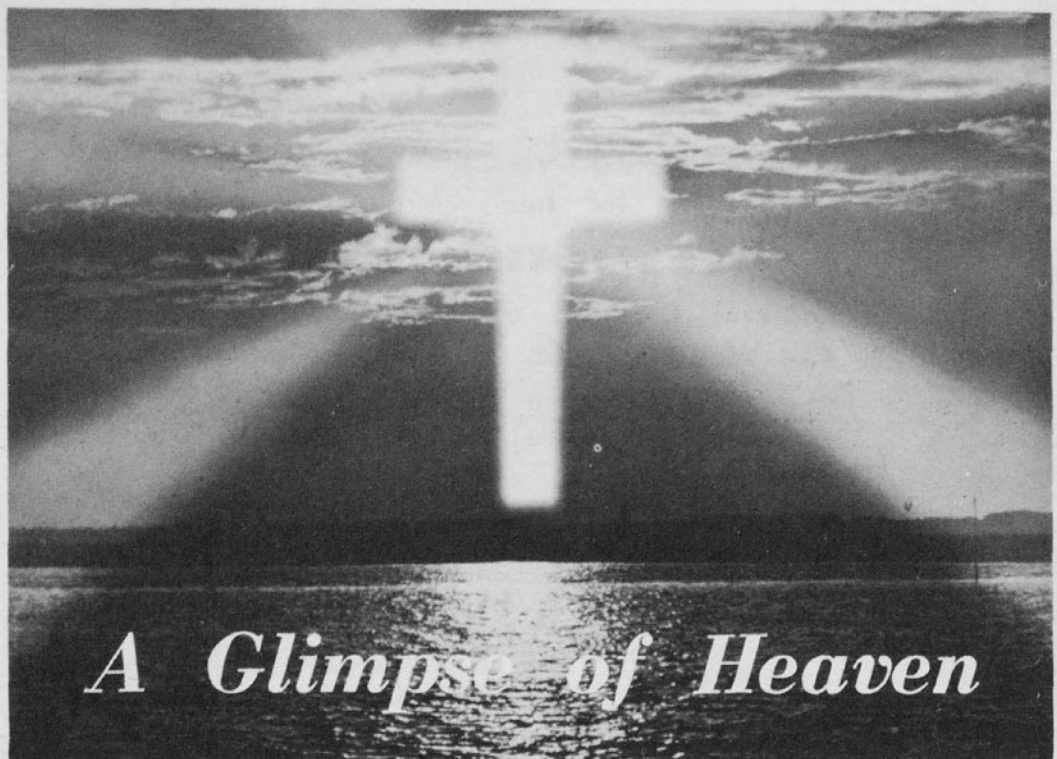
NO DEFILEMENT

Again, there is no defilement: "And there shall in no wise enter in any thing that defileth, or he that maketh an abomination or a lie." God once made a perfect world; but what happened? A liar entered into it with a lie. And sin is a leprosy which does not stop with one sin: the leprosy of that one lie leavened the whole world. So therefore what does God do? He forever locks the door against any tempter and temptress the universe has ever known. There will be no temptation outside us, and no answering temptation within.

It is not said that defilement does not exist, or they that make an abomination or a lie; but that they "shall in no wise enter" the Holy City. Where are they? "Without [the city] are the dogs, and the sorcerers and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie" (Rev. 22:15)—"without," "in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone." The fire brands are kept in the fire, lest they again ignite the whole universe.

NO TEARS

There is another lovely absence in our eternal home. There shall be no tears. God "shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." Do we remember one ex-



A Glimpse of Heaven

quisite promise to Israel? "The people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more" (Isa. 30:19). There is one thing we shall never see in heaven: never a white, shrunken face, that we loved more than anything on earth, between four boards. There is one thing we shall never hear in heaven; a sob. Among all the teeming millions of the new heaven and the new earth there will not be heard a single sob. Why? To cut off the sources of sin is to block the fountains of sorrow. Sin—sorrow—sobs—that is the invariable order. Cut off the root, sin, and you dry up the fountain, tears. No funeral tears; no conscience tears; no hospital tears. God so cures the sin that He absolutely annihilates all sorrow.

A NEW CREATION

Now we see some things that will be in heaven. There will be a new creation. "And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." How laborious is the love of God! First a new spirit—that is regeneration; then, a new body—that is resurrection; then a new creation—that is the home for the renewed man. All this is for us who have sinned. God's love creates a new universe that His children may be perfectly happy.

A NEW SOCIETY

Next, there will be a new society. They "only" shall enter "which are written in the Lamb's book of life." All high characters, all noble dispositions, all heroic hearts will be our companions in heaven. How is this? Souls left to their own will at last rot away from even the appearance of goodness; but the blood of the Lamb liberates captive manhood.

A man is not really a man until he is a Christian. Grace takes the ground-design of manhood, as God meant it to be, and builds on it the palace God originally planned; and these perfected souls are to be our companions forever.

THE FACE OF GOD

Many other things will be in heaven; we can name only one more—the best of all. "God himself shall be with them, and be their God." This overwhelms all comment. "They shall see his face" (22:4). God, not in the human person of His Son, but absolute Deity, will be visible, present before our eyes, whereas now no man can see God and live.

THE WATER OF LIFE

We observe one thing more. In the midst of the description of heaven is planted one of the loveliest invitations to it ever uttered. It is planted right in the middle of the picture, as a glowing ruby is set in a gold ring. Here it is. "And he saith: Write"—for it was not only for living ears, but for millions of ears not yet born—"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." There is the lovely Gospel message ringing out of the heart of heaven. Who says it? "The Almighty." What does He give? Water of life—a well of water springing up into everlasting life. To whom does He give it? To "him that is athirst." Thirst, a desire for eternal life, is the only condition of the gift. On what terms does He give it? "Freely"—that is, without cost. It is a deep solemnity that if we go to hell after receiving this invitation it is our own responsibility.

—D. M. Panton