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

COMING AWAY RESTORED



"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD; AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME."—PSALM 51:10

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK — MAY 6-13

Make Way for Revival!

Revival means a return to life. It is a spiritual resurrection among God's people. It is a burst of spiritual springtime after a long barren winter. It is the breath of God falling upon a dormant church, as on a valley full of dry bones, causing the church to awake to righteousness, marshal all its forces, and advance as a mighty army to capture souls for Christ.

There must be life in the body before it can grow, and there must be revival in a church before God can add souls to it. In many places there is a dearth of soul-winning because there is a dearth of daily prayer, daily Bible study, Spirit-born worship, and other elements of spiritual life. Efforts to win the lost end in failure because they are wrought in the energy of the flesh and not in the power of God's Spirit. When will we realize that every genuine conversion is a work of the Holy Ghost?

We love to read how "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47) but we need to stop and consider what kind of a church this was. It was not formal, cold, or worldly. It was a born-again church, a separated church, a Spirit-filled church. It had none of the careless gossip that keeps people from joining some churches. There were no petty jealousies, no unkind backbiting in that first Pentecostal Assembly in Jerusalem. Christian love flowed freely from heart to heart to such an extent that the believers were willing to share all their possessions with any brother or sister who might be in want.

Notice that these early Christians had more than a verbal testimony; they had a vibrant life. They did not need to say, "I was in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost, and was filled with the Holy Ghost." Folk could tell it just by watching them and listening to them.

The Bible says, first of all, that these people had gladly received Peter's message on repentance. They had repented from the heart and had been baptized in water. Thus they had made a clear break with their old way of life—no more lying, no more stealing, no more carnal living for them. They had dedicated their lives to serve the Saviour whom their countrymen had crucified, and were determined to put Him first even if it meant persecution and possible death.

Having been soundly converted and filled with the Holy Ghost, they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. They chose Christian people for their friends. They fellowshiped with them, broke bread with them, prayed with them. Their greatest delight was to be at prayer meeting or Bible study. One meeting a week was not enough for them. They were in a meeting every day—and in between meetings their lives reflected a gladness and a singleness of purpose that won the admiration of the outsiders. No wonder people were being saved and added to that church every day!

Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, have been designated as days of prayer and heart-searching preparatory to the nationwide simultaneous Golden Jubilee evangelistic campaign. Do we want to see souls saved and added to our church? Then we must humble ourselves, and pray, and return to this way of life where the Lord is all and in all. God wants to breathe on us, revive us, and clothe us with that spiritual power that will draw the lost to Christ.

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... we believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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*Beyond the Lord's teaching on such subjects
as marriage and divorce, child-bearing and
filial love, there are spiritual lessons also.*



Christ's Teaching on Family Life

by W. I. EVANS

LOVE IS THE BASIC, ESSENTIAL, ETERNAL law of God and it should govern all our relationships. This is the dominant truth in our lesson which is found in Matthew 19.

Our lesson may be divided in two parts. The first concerns marriage and divorce. The second has to do with the children that are born of the love between husband and wife.

The Pharisees came to Jesus and tempted Him saying, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" They hoped to embarrass Him, to trap Him, but they were disappointed for He answered: "Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Here Christ struck right at the heart of the matter. Without qualifying, without wasting words, He touched the very foundation of God's established procedure. He said that God ordained that husband and wife should be joined together, should be one flesh, and that the union should not be broken by man.

This article from the ministry of our deceased brother has never been published. It is a stenographic report of his teaching in a Sunday morning Bible class (December 31, 1950).

Then the Pharisees pressed the matter further. They reminded Jesus that Moses permitted a man to give a writing of divorcement and to put his wife away. "How come?" they said. They thought they surely had Him ensnared this time. But Jesus gave an answer that must have thoroughly disconcerted them. He said, "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

In other words, Jesus was saying that God established it as the fundamental and unchangeable order of things that husband and wife were intended to live together in a union that was humanly insoluble, and nothing was to destroy that relationship.

"Because of the hardness of your hearts"—Jesus was including the Pharisees who stood before Him. He was saying to those Pharisees and to all men, from that day to this, that when God recognized husband and wife as being united, as one flesh, the law that should govern their relationship from that time on was the fundamental, changeless law of love.

The whole law is in one command: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." On these, Jesus said, hinge all the law and the prophets. God established the marriage relationship on His eternal law of love, but instead of abiding in that love the people allowed hard-

ness to come and to crowd love out of their hearts. God had made no provision for hardness of heart, for that is the opposite of love. But God accommodated Himself to the sinful condition of men's hearts and told Moses to permit divorce. One commentator suggests that Moses permitted divorce for fear lest the hardness of a man's heart would express itself in such hatred that he would murder his wife to be rid of her! Divorce came through the perversity of human nature; it was not God's original plan.

Divorce and hardness of heart is a reversal of the law of God. It is as if God were to put the whole natural realm in reverse: as if the sea should suddenly become of such a quality that men would build their cities on the surface of the water; and the surface of the earth should suddenly become so liquid and soft that houses would sink down and all human and animal life that could not escape to the sea would sink from view. It is a reversal, also, of the object lesson that God has given us in marriage.

If you will turn to Ephesians 5, you will see that God intended to teach through husband and wife a lesson on spiritual relationship. The apostle tells us that a husband and wife living together on earth typify a heavenly relationship that shall go on eternally. "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also

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could He stand by and see His dear Son mutilated for the sins of men? How could He remain aloof when Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The answer is: God the Father Himself was *in* Christ when Christ died on Calvary (2 Corinthians 5:19). The Father actively participated in the redemption of the world; and

The Spirit of Revival

THIS IS THE MONTH WHEN ASSEMBLIES of God people are conducting revival campaigns across the nation and around the world. These simultaneous campaigns are in celebration of the signal outpouring of God's Spirit in Azusa Street, Los Angeles, in 1906. Fifty years have elapsed since that event. As we now observe the Golden Jubilee we are 800,000 strong, at home and abroad, and we still enjoy the presence and power of that same blessed Holy Spirit who fell in those early days. Very naturally therefore we break forth in a spirit of revival.

The spirit of revival emanates from the Spirit of God, our heavenly Father. It was He who drew salvation's plan. It was He who sent it down to man. It was His love that devised Calvary and sent the Holy Spirit to spread the news of full and free salvation around the world. It was *God* who loved the world enough to give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. And He still *so* loves the world. The same loving heavenly Father lives within His obedient children (John 14:23). Is it any wonder, then, that the love of the indwelling Father should burst forth through His believing children?

This innate love of the Father's is not inert. It is not something that is just theoretical or figurative. It is actual and literal and hot. Otherwise how

He lives and loves today, and longs for the salvation of men.

The spirit of revival is an expression of the Spirit of Christ. He whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He is the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety and nine just persons, who need no repentance, and goes after the one lost sheep. He is the Good Samaritan who stooped to lift the bruised and bleeding man on the Jericho Road and took him on His own beast to the inn. He is the same, yesterday, and today, and for ever. Bless His holy Name! And He still yearns for the salvation of the lost. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The only reason He has not yet returned to claim His own and to take His own rightful throne is His long-suffering compassion toward men (2 Peter 3:9, 15).

Who can deny that it is His Spirit that prompts and impels us to blow the bugle, to sound an alarm, to give notice to the devil that we are on a crusade for souls? The Lord Himself seeks to implement His redemption and to make His death efficacious in the lives of men. He has come down from the Cross in victory; has come triumphantly through the barred tomb; has ascended in glory to the right hand of the Father;

and now He sends His disciples into all the world anointed to preach the glad tidings. And He actually goes with them and works with them, confirming the word with signs following. We go with Him and we work with Him.

The spirit of revival is the outbreathing of the blessed Holy Spirit. The Father and the Son have specifically designated the Holy Spirit as their Spirit and made Him their Divine Agent to carry out their will. When He is come *He* will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8). It is through the sanctification of the Spirit that we who have been chosen from the beginning are brought unto Him (2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2). John the Baptist, the greatest preacher of repentance among the sons of men, was baptized in the Holy Ghost before he was born. The Holy Spirit pervaded him from his mother's womb and thundered through him, saying, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance."

Is it any wonder, then, that a Holy Ghost Movement should be born in revival and be borne along on the wings of revival? The great impetus of God's reviving, saving presence and power of fifty years ago still surges in our midst and in our individual hearts. It is He who calls and leads us in this world-wide revival effort. The only real revival is a Holy Ghost revival, and a Holy Ghost revival we will have, by the grace of God.

Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one in essence, in substance, in nature, in purpose, and in will. Jesus prayed that we all should be one, as He and the Father are one. We, in answer to that prayer, unite as one great body in world-wide revival.

STOPPING THE WHIRL

No Christian can afford to live constantly in the whirl. Daniel needed to have an Olivet in his chamber amid Babylon's roar and impiety. Peter found his on a housetop in Joppa. Let every child of Jesus resolve that he will have a place and a time for meeting his dear Master alone, and he will go forth from such holy interviews with his face shining and his strength renewed.

—Theodore L. Cuyler

Jude - The Book of

CONTRASTS

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THE BOOK OF JUDE, NEXT TO THE last book of the Bible, is classified as a general epistle. This distinguishes it from the epistles that were written especially to certain groups or individuals. Epistles such as Romans and Corinthians were written to the Church (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2). Ephesians was written to the saints at Ephesus (Eph. 1:1). Some epistles were written to persons; for example, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. The book of James was written to the twelve tribes of Israel (James 1:1), and First Peter was written especially to the dispersed Jews (1 Peter 1:1). However, the book of Jude was written to no special group or individual; thus it is classified as a general epistle, addressed "... to them that are sanctified . . . preserved . . . called" (Jude 1).

There is some difference of opinion as to which Jude wrote this book. Some feel he was the brother of James (Acts 1:13); others believe he was the brother of Jesus (Matt. 13:55).

The book of Jude is composed of at least three main parts: verses 1-3 are the introduction, containing the writer's greeting and purpose in writing; verses 4-19 describe the apostasy which is the occasion for the epistle, mentioning its past, present, and future; and the final section, verses 20-25, are encouraging words exhorting the Christian to be true.

The key verse of the book is contained in the introduction—"I . . . exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith" (v. 3). It is the keynote for the entire epistle.

In the book of Jude we find God using a unique method of portraying truth—that of contrast. Businessmen display their products to the best advantage; God has done this in Jude. Many times a dark background makes the object displayed stand out in bold relief and be readily seen.

For the background God has taken His oils and brush and painted a very ominous scene. The first dark strokes He applies are the "ungodly" (v. 4). These are wicked and impious. They have denied the faith; therefore they are men of loose morals, for after leaving the truth they found no advantage in pretense. Solomon wrote of these when he said, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil" (Prov. 16:17).

Verses 5-7 strike a death blow at the doctrine of eternal security (that is, if a person has once been saved, it is impossible for him ever to be lost). Jude calls attention to the illustration of those of the children of Israel who were destroyed in the wilderness because of their unbelief, and of the angels "which kept not their first estate" and now are "reserved in everlasting chains . . . unto the judgment."

With a second stroke of His brush God adds another dark patch—that of "filthy dreamers" (v. 8). These are the ones who dream day and night of the disgusting, the dirty, the foul, and the obscene. These are further described as those who have "filthy communication" (Col. 3:8), and "wicked imaginations" (Prov. 6:18). Their vileness calls forth the wrath of God in fullest measure (Jude 14, 15).

Continuing with this somber blackness God adds another shadow—that of the "murmurers" (v. 16). These are the ones who complain and grumble. They flatter a servant of God to His face but gossip and undermine his influence when his back is turned (Ex. 15:24; John 6:41; 1 Cor. 10:10). God paints this part of the background as a warning, reminding us of what happened to Cain, Balaam, and Korah (Core) who rebelled against the Lord's appointments (v. 11).

Again in verse 16 God places another foreboding color upon the canvas—that

of the "lustful." These have degrading passions and desires, sinful and inordinate affections (Rom. 1:27; 1 Thess. 4:5; James 1:14; 2 Peter 2:10). They walk "after their own ungodly lusts."

One would think that the background would be complete by this time, but God adds another dark color—the "mockers" (v. 18). These are the individuals who treat with scorn and contempt the works of righteousness. They deride and ridicule holiness. Such as these were the children who were destroyed because they called after Elisha, "Go up, thou bald head" (2 Kings 2:23). Others like them were the people of Ephraim and Manasseh who laughed at King Hezekiah's exhortation to seek God (2 Chron. 30:10).

At last the canvas is filled with dark colors as the Lord adds the final one of the "sensual" (v. 19). These are they who live for the gratification of the natural senses and the indulgences of their fleshly appetites (1 John 2:16). They "separate themselves" from the people of God because they "have not the Spirit."

What a depressing background! But now God begins to arrange the beautiful display that makes up the final section of this book. It is a display of His jewels.

Verse 20 brings to the forefront the "beloved." These are the ones near to God's heart, those He loves very dearly. These are the sons of God. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1). They are beloved because they edify themselves in the faith, pray in the Holy Ghost, and keep themselves "in the love of God" (vv. 20, 21). These are the "preserved" ones spoken of in verse 1. In order to preserve fruits, one cooks them in large amounts of sugar. God sometimes allows us to simmer on the

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WHY SHOULD A MAN 'HATE' HIS WIFE?

Christ taught that there is no discipleship without discipline. In all the relationships of life we are challenged to put His Kingdom first.

by DONALD GEE

PERHAPS NO OTHER WORDS OF CHRIST have been more difficult to understand, or have been more ridiculed by critics, than those in Luke 14:26—"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

The Christian understands that the word "hate" is used here in only a comparative sense. The Lord Jesus Christ possesses claims upon His disciples that are so absolute that even the warmest natural affections must pale into insignificance. Indeed, their very positives become negatives. The essence of the matter lies in the cost of discipleship, and on that point the New Testament is entirely consistent.

Nevertheless, such a startling word from the lips of our Lord calls for careful examination. There is no use trying to whittle down the meaning of the word in the Gospel. Exactly the same word is used, for instance, in "Do good to them which hate you" (ch. 6:27), and "His citizens hated him" (ch. 19:14). Evidently Jesus intended a strong meaning. Absolute violence must be done to natural affections where family ties conflict with allegiance to Christ. Those who want a somewhat softened version can find it in Matthew 10:37—"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." But the final meaning is the same. Countless testimonies have arisen

throughout the centuries, in many lands, of those who have unflinchingly put acceptance of the Christ and His claims before either the threats or the pleadings of relatives and loved ones.

In recent years it has been shown that Jesus Christ makes no greater claims upon His disciples than are made by revolutionary parties and ideals in politics upon *their* enthusiastic devotees. The prevalence of soft and easy-going religion is a large part of the explanation of powerlessness in Christianity. Not even the baptism in the Holy Spirit supplies true power for Christian witnessing unless it is joined to blood-red sacrifice. There is no cheap road to spiritual power at any time, and we can accept it as axiomatic that any so-called Pentecostal baptism that costs us little will prove empty and disappointing as a means of power. Emotion and excitement and ecstasy it may give—but not power.

It was to check such unthinking enthusiasm of the crowd that Jesus uttered these hard words. We are told that "there went great multitudes with him," for the miracles of healing, the notoriety of the preacher, and the popular "movement" were all drawing many followers. So "He turned and said to them, If any man come to me, and hate not. . . ." "He TURNED." He was going on to Calvary; now He turned to look back at the following crowds, and flung out His challenge and His conditions for discipleship. He even mentioned a "cross," and indicated how He would die. Their discipleship might mean THAT! In any case, it would call for a spiritual death to self-love. It is true that we need enthusiasm in the follow-

ers of Jesus, but it must be a thoughtful enthusiasm. Any preaching that provokes unthinking and merely emotional enthusiasm is unfaithful to the very heart of the message we have been commissioned to proclaim. We have been sent to make *disciples*, not just converts.

But "hating" your WIFE! What can this mean? Obviously our Lord trusted the common-sense and the conscience of His listeners to interpret Him correctly. For His words on the sacredness of conjugal love are well known—"... shall cleave to his wife" (Matthew 19:5). Jesus certainly did not mean that His supreme claims upon His disciples might be used as a ground for divorce, or for the disrupting of proper family life. "If the unbelieving depart, let him depart" is the later direction of the New Testament (1 Corinthians 7:15), but the initiative must not come from the Christian. Beyond all that, we have the positive command, "Husbands, love your wives" (Ephesians 5:25). Evidently there must be a balanced interpretation of these almost contradictory scriptures that does justice to both. We have to "hate" our wives when discipleship demands it; and yet love them enough to lay down our lives for them if need arises, and cleave to them beyond all other family ties.

In a recent week I received two interesting letters. One was from a grand servant of God reproaching himself for his wife's breakdown in health, because he felt that perhaps it has been caused in part by his continued absences from home preaching the Word in distant places at the call of the churches. The other was from a mother flamingly in-

dignant because her daughter, so she affirmed, had been shamefully neglected by her Pentecostal pastor-husband for the sake of his many engagements at committee meetings and the like. Both letters opened up a type of personal problem which many married preachers have had to face. Perhaps it throws some light on Paul's preference for celibacy!

Is there any word of wisdom on this matter? It is far from unimportant. I think the first thing to notice is that the saying about hating a wife for the gospel's sake is followed in the same verse by the commandment for the Christian to hate HIS OWN LIFE ALSO. One of the most deceptive things about an itinerant preaching ministry, especially if it takes the minister to distant lands and attractive places and includes the glamor of world travel, is that the preacher may engage in it just because he thoroughly enjoys it. The same applies to another type of man who loves committee work, and officialdom, and constant traveling to conferences. Let us keep clear in our minds that there is nothing wrong, but everything right, in finding joy in serving Jesus. But we need to recognize our motives. Is it joy in consciously obeying the call of God? Or is it purely natural gratification in doing that which we find congenial? Are we just as ready to undertake tasks for Christ and the gospel that are very uncongenial, but nevertheless a plain duty? What genuine grounds have we for affirming that our constant absences from wife and family are in the will of God? Do we ever inquire what our true friends think about it all? A broken home, a sullied marriage, and a wounded affection is a heavy price to pay just for gratifying the itch to travel, or the love of office.

Another vital factor is the attitude of the wife herself. If she is a Christian, and especially if she wholeheartedly shares her husband's discipleship and call to service, then the couple will settle every question on their knees together—not without tears and not without mutual heartaches. The "cross" is a real thing. But many a happy preacher has known the priceless treasure of a God-given wife who, with eyes starry with tears, has herself bid him go forth to that to which they both know God has called. They share the cross, and they will surely share the crown. It would be good if young Christian couples contemplating marriage, perhaps after meet-

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Have Faith in God

By placing our eyes more upon the
Lord and less upon our faith, we develop real faith

by ANNE SANDBERG

Where do you place your faith? Do you have faith in God, or do you merely have faith in your faith?

Once there was a vast reservoir filled with clear, pure water—water that was used to supply the needs of a great city. And there was also a pipe or channel connected to the great reservoir, through which the water flowed to all the people. In comparison with the reservoir, the channel was a very little thing. But one day its pride was lifted up, and it began to think, "My, I certainly am great; just think of all the water I supply to these thirsty multitudes!"

Then, as it watched the throngs of people passing by, the little channel was brought low in humility. For the throngs, as they passed by, scarcely noticed the pipe. They admired the reservoir and realized that it was the source of the water, whereas the pipe was merely the little channel through which it flowed.

There is a lesson here for every Christian. Perhaps we have been puzzled over the weakness of our faith. Could it be that we have taken the Saviour's saying, "Have faith in God," with the wrong point of emphasis? Perhaps we have underscored the wrong word. We have looked to our faith instead of looking to God. We have supposed that the answer to our prayers depended on our faith when actually it depends on God. We must not exalt our faith. We must not credit it with success. We must realize that miracles are performed by God only. He is greater than our faith, and can do His mighty work in the presence of a very little faith.

Do you not recall that when Jesus cast about for an object with which to compare man's faith, He chose a mustard seed because it was the smallest

of all the seeds. He said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed. . . ." It is not the size of our faith that counts. The question is, *Where do we place our faith?* Our faith at best is a tiny, minute speck like a mustard seed; but God is the eternal, almighty Creator. A little faith in a great God can do wonders, whereas a great faith in a small power can do little.

The Bible does not exalt faith. It tells us that faith is a gift of God and that God alone should be exalted. It tells us what wonderful things God will accomplish through faith; but those wonderful exploits are the acts of God, not the acts of faith. Let us quit placing faith in our faith, or in some other person's faith, and put our faith in God. Faith is the little channel which, though powerless in itself, connects us to the limitless reservoir of God's grace and power.

All through His earthly life Jesus went about performing wonders, doing miracles, healing the sick, even raising the dead. He wanted to show us not the greatness of faith but the greatness of Himself. He has told us that if we have faith in Him, He will do the same for us, through the little connecting channel of faith. He wants us to take our eyes off ourselves, off our faith, and to fix them on Himself.

By placing our eyes more upon the Lord and less upon our faith, we will develop much more faith. Meditate on God's Word. *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* Let us not think of our faith, or of our lack of faith. Let us fix our mind upon the Lord, and as we contemplate His greatness and His grace we will find faith springing up in our hearts sufficient to form that channel between the Reservoir and mankind.

Is Christian Benevolence Outdated?

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THE WORD "BENEVOLENCE" MEANS the desire to do good, charitableness, good will. Benevolence is one of those traits of man that can be traced to his being made in the image of God, and it is a basic Christian grace.

In the Early Church deacons were first appointed to handle the distribution of *material* relief to the poor. In those days this was an important ministry of the church and is often mentioned—first by Christ and then by the apostles who carried on His work.

Paul received offerings from the churches for the poverty-stricken saints in Jerusalem. In one letter to the Corinthians he devoted two entire chapters to his appeal in behalf of the needy (2 Corinthians 8 and 9). John spoke very plainly concerning this in his third epistle, verse 17. "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Surely "benevolences" was an important part of the ministry of the Christian church in the days of the apostles. For an interesting study, it would be profitable for thinking Christians to take time to look up all the references in the New Testament to giving alms and giving to the poor. You will probably be surprised to find what emphasis is placed on this ministry.

A number of our churches have local commissaries, through which distribution is made to the needs of the poor. This is commendable. In addition, in-

dividual Christians, often become aware of a need, and quietly lend a helping hand to someone. Surely such evidences of Christian love are to be encouraged and commended.

But as a movement we have a further responsibility. Two hundred eighty individuals who have ministered in our churches as pastors, evangelists or missionaries (or have served faithfully as the wives of ministers) are now in need. Shall we as a church say, "Go in peace—be ye warmed and fed by the state, or by someone else perhaps—but what we give is for the work of the Lord—it is Corban, so we have no further responsibility to you"?

On the other hand, there are other provisions. Some may argue that under our government it is no longer necessary for the church to give to the poor. Doesn't the state welfare provide for such things now? In view of the vast harvest field, and the many needs of the church, should we not conserve our resources? Christian benevolences is scriptural, but is it necessary now?

Perhaps this is a ministry of the church that you have not considered seriously before. Amongst all the other voices in the world, the cry of the aged

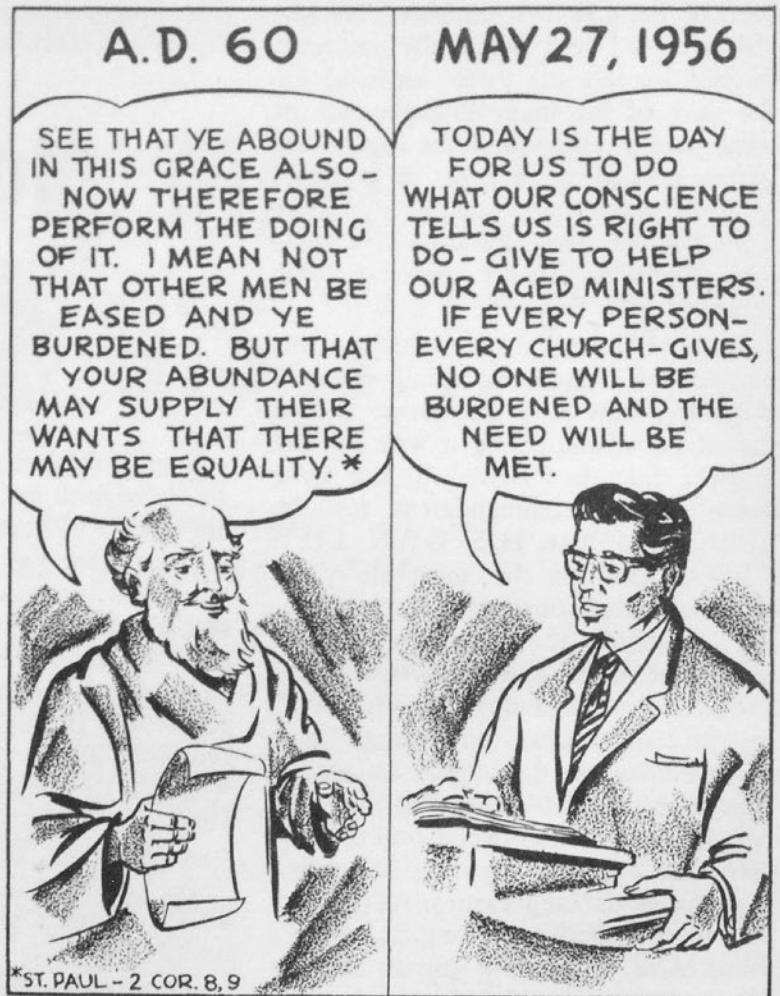
and the homeless is often quite muffled. The Department of Benevolences is the hand of the Assemblies of God churches stretched out to the needy, especially to our aged ministers. We can only help as you feel moved to do good through us.

What do we owe to our aged ministers? Only the individual churches can decide the question. Other articles dealing with the subject will follow in this series. Read them all. Give the matter thought and prayer. Write and let us know how you feel about benevolences as a ministry of the church. Our address is: Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

NO ANCHORAGE HERE

Suppose that there were no changes, no disappointments, no wrecked and ruined hopes, no unrealized expectations, no shattered plans, no empty chairs, no wayside graves, no darkened hearths and homes—what then? Why, we would be desiring to stay here, and weaving our little nest in time; and there would be no such reaching out of hands toward the great unseen.

—Selected.



When Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchanan ministered to the Indians at Fort Hall, Idaho, they rejoiced in the conversion of a young Shoshone Indian named Jimmy Dann. They were happy when Brother Dann went to Southwestern Bible Institute to prepare himself for ministry to his own people.

Then, as the Lord led, the Buchanans left Idaho and went to North Carolina to minister to the Indians there. (They are now taking Christ to the Croatan and Cherokee Indians of that state.) Jimmy Dann saw and accepted the challenge of taking the full gospel to the Sioux Indians of South Dakota. He took his family to that state, and God has been blessing and helping them as they have reached out to as many Indians as possible with the message of salvation.

Not content with preaching only to those who came to the regular services, Brother Dann determined to take the message of salvation into the prison on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota where he labors.

He wrote to the Home Missions Department asking for literature to be distributed, and received permission to give it out in the services. Here in his own words is the story of his first prison service on the Rosebud Indian Reservation:

"We arrived at the Rosebud Indian Agency at 1:20 p. m. and set up our phonograph. We played gospel records,



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OUR INDIAN MINISTRY SPREADS

Shoshone Indian Wins Sioux to Christ

and then at 2:00 p. m. the guards marched the 24 prisoners to the Tribal Hall where we were to hold our services. Then the police in charge rigged up a tape recorder. We gave the prisoners Assembly Songs so they could join us in singing. We felt the power of God moving during the song service. After a few songs we gave them the Word of God, the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I also had taken along an elderly man who accepted Christ in our ministry here. He's our community and tribal councilman. He gave a testimony to the prisoners about our Lord and Saviour.

"Many of the prisoners were convicted of sin. When I made the altar call we felt that some of them wanted to accept Christ. Three young men came to the altar with tears streaming from their eyes, asking God's forgiveness.

Here are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dann and their family. This consecrated young Shoshone Indian couple minister to the Sioux Indians at Norris, South Dakota. Recent reports indicate that the work is progressing. A small parsonage is being built for them on the Rosebud Reservation where they have been granted two acres of land by the Indian Council on which to build.

Work on the Evangelistic Center has also begun. Meanwhile they hold services in an old condemned building which is not adequate for their congregation.

Pray for this building need and for our other Indian workers who face similar problems.

"After we closed the service the jailor and policeman asked if I could come every Sunday. I told him I will if my car will hold out. They have given me permission to call on any prisoner or to visit any one in the prison, at any time of the day, week or month. Do pray for us.

"The Tribal Chief of Police told me that was the first jail service the prisoners had had in years, so we are praising God for this opportunity of furthering the Gospel of Christ in Indian prisons.

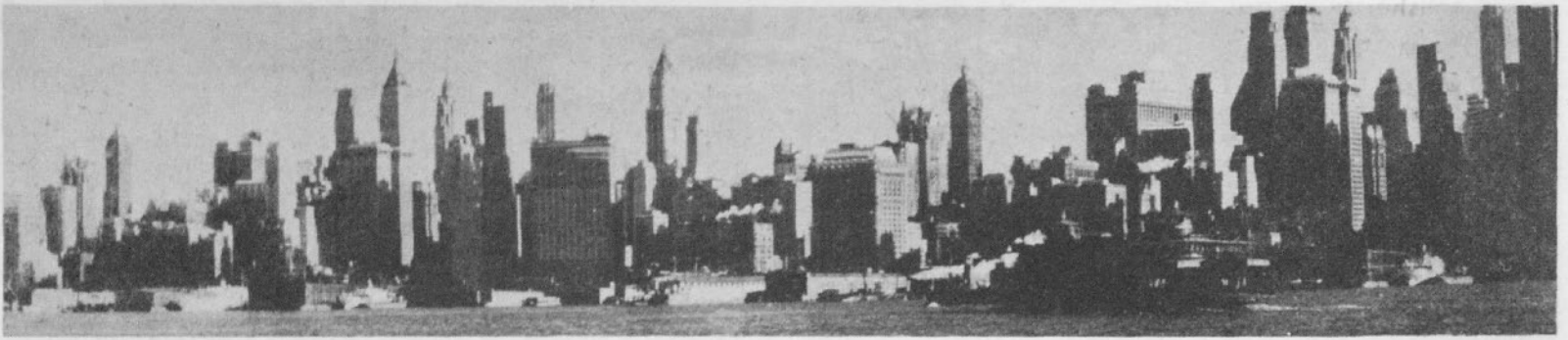
"Oh, how we thank God that He is moving among the Sioux Indians. Many tribal officials are behind this Indian Evangelistic Center which we hope to build soon here in Norris. Many healings have taken place since we came here, and some are being threatened with excommunication from other churches if they attend our services. But we have some that want the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

The work at Norris is only one of many Indian works which need our prayers. Ask God to supply building and other financial needs. Your offerings for our Indian Work will meet a real need at this time.

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

Roman Catholic Hospitals Increase in Number

Fourteen new Roman Catholic hospitals were opened in the U. S. last year, and five in Canada, bringing the total number of Catholic hospitals in the two countries to 1,502.

Mormons Dedicate New Temple in Los Angeles

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints dedicated a \$6,000,000 temple at Los Angeles with more than 50,000 Mormons attending the four-day ceremonies. It is the largest temple ever built by the Mormons, having an auditorium that seats 2,600 people, and a chapel seating 380, plus about 90 rooms of varying size.

Philadelphia's Oldest Active Minister Honored

John P. H. Schweitzer, Philadelphia's oldest active minister, received a congratulatory telegram from President Eisenhower as part of the celebration of his 90th birthday. He has been pastor of the Corinth Avenue Presbyterian Church for 62 years, believed to be a record pastorate.

Round-the-Clock Church Planned in Copenhagen

Plans for a chapel, shelter, and counseling service that will be open 24 hours every day, are being drafted in Copenhagen, Denmark, by a social welfare organization named the Church Army of the Cross. The center will be located in the heart of the business area. The counseling service will be directed especially to persons planning suicide.

Additional Church Being Built Following Tornado

The city of Udall, Kansas, lost its three churches in the tornado that destroyed much of the town last year. But it now has four churches under construction to replace the lost three. All are expected to be ready for dedication services on May 25 when the city will observe its first "comeback" anniversary after being virtually wiped out by the twister.

The new church is a Baptist, first of that denomination to be organized in Udall. Established churches for which new buildings are being erected are the Methodist, Congregational, and Nazarene.

New Boy Scout Award Honors Methodist Bishop

The Boy Scouts of America have established a special hiking award in memory of Francis Asbury, the pioneer circuit-riding preacher who was the first American bishop of the Methodist Church. The Asbury Trail Award will be conferred upon Explorer Scouts who hike the old Cataloochee trace between Lake Junaluska and Cosby, Tennessee.

First blazed by Cherokee Indians, the 35-mile Cataloochee trace cuts across the Appalachian Mountains through rugged wilderness. Bishop Asbury's journal records that he crossed the then uncharted Appalachians more than 60 times, while traveling 270,000 miles to preach 16,000 times between 1771 and 1816.

The new award consists of a gold-plated medal and a certificate. In addition to hiking the trail, Boy Scouts seeking the medal will be required to complete a reading course in the life of Bishop Asbury.

Atheist Loses His Case Against the Chaplaincy

Federal Judge Edward A. Tamm has dismissed a suit brought by a professed atheist to remove chaplains from the government payroll. Frank C. Hughes, 73, Minneapolis, claimed that use of his tax money to support military chaplains was unconstitutional, but the judge ruled against him because he failed to show that he was injured substantially by the situation.

Members Seek to Prevent New Church Building

Eight members of the First Christian Church in Newcastle, Indiana, filed suit in circuit court to prevent the trustees from erecting a new church building. The objectors say that even though a new building is needed, the church cannot afford it. In ten years, they claim, the members have been able to raise only \$100,000 in cash toward the \$600,000 required for the building. They contend that to build would overburden the congregation and might result in their having no church at all.

Communist Anti-Religious Campaign Still Active

Communist governments continue to tell their people that religion is a "spiritual poison," the United States Information Agency reports. One Soviet radio station also said that people created God "as a reflection of monarchy on earth. . . . Thus we see that God did not create man; man created God."

Another Soviet station warned its listeners: "Some time ago great work was done in the field of atheistic propaganda, but now its tempo has slackened markedly. It is the duty of party organizations to pay the most serious attention to the intensification of anti-religious propaganda, and to make it militant and aggressive."

Communists know that their godless ideologies cannot survive where Christianity is allowed to flourish.

Lack of Challenge Seen in Church Work

A call for a return to "brave preaching" and the rediscovery and revival of the old ways of the early church and the apostles, was sounded by Dr. Paul Calvin Payne of Philadelphia. The Presbyterian educator addressed an audience of 600 ministers at the School of Religion, University of South California.

"Those brave souls who would take the church seriously find themselves baffled and distressed by the lack of challenge, or by the little church chores that are assigned to them when they volunteer for service," Dr. Payne said. "The church today is paralyzed at the moment of its supreme opportunity, because we have committed the blasphemy of insisting that what is so costly for God shall come easy to us.

"We haven't dared face our congregation with a hard gospel. Consequently we have attracted to our churches the timid, the soft, the unadventurous. What we forget is that the kind of people who change the world are attracted, not repelled, by the call to hardship and courage," he said.

Book Publishers Charged With Obscenity

Clarence W. Hall, editor of *Christian Herald*, told New York's Legislative Committee on Obscene Literature that books are becoming the "worst violators of decency." In asking for laws "with teeth in them" to restrict all obscene publications, Mr. Hall charged that "an author can put into a novel words and scenes that would ban magazines from the mails, close down movie houses, rule radio and TV off the air." He further stated even "clean" books are being promoted as "sexy" by the publishers.

Certainly no Christian should ever be found guilty of having this type of literature in his possession.

New Fossil Finding May Completely Disprove Darwin

Anthropologists have been puzzling lately over the discovery of a human fossil which they claim is ten million years old, and which may, once and for all, explode Darwin's theory that man and ape had a common ancestor.

A prominent Swiss paleontologist, Dr. Johannes Hurzeler, revealed to a group of scholars in New York recently that the fossil found in an Italian mine in 1872, long believed to have belonged to an ancient ape, actually belonged to a human creature.

The discovery dramatically challenges the writings of Charles Darwin, in the opinion of Dr. Helmut de Terra of Columbia University, *International News Service* reported. Darwin theorized in the 19th century that man and ape had ancestors common to both. The new discovery suggests that man was actually a contemporary of several ancient apes, and that man and apes have no family ties whatever.

The 26 fragments of skull and jaw which comprise the "find" have convinced both Dr. de Terra and Dr. Hurzeler that they have discovered a direct ancestor of modern man and not, as was previously believed, some unknown "sidebranch" which has long since died out.

With their favorite theory so dangerously close to being completely disproved, we hope that many anthropologists will now accept the Genesis record at face value. It does not show a common ancestor for men and apes—it shows a common Creator.

Missionaries Study New Radio, New Phonograph

On display at a recent missionary conference was an amazing new development which may be the means of taking the gospel to more people in less time than ever was possible before. It was a transistor radio. The set had no tubes but used three of the new transistors instead. It was operated by three small mercury flashlight batteries costing 56c each.

According to Abe Thiessen, S. I. M. missionary associated with the African radio station ELWA, this set would run five hours a day for two years on those small batteries. The amount of power used by this set was 1/300 of the amount used by the ordinary small flashlight bulb.

"Since battery consumption has been the major problem facing the missionary in the distribution of radios, you can see how this immediately opens up a vast new potential. These sets can be easily tropicalized and made tamper-proof, and thus will require a very minimum of maintenance." Pretuned to a gospel radio station, the receiving sets can be placed in hundreds of places where missionaries can only visit occasionally.

Another invention being studied by missionaries is a new 98c phonograph developed by the Radio Corporation of America. The little plastic phonograph (not yet in production) is operated by hand. It plays special seven-inch 78 rpm records which can be made for a nickel apiece. It is simple enough for a child to work. With it, gospel songs and sermons could be distributed to a thousand villages at an amazingly low cost.



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GARBED SISTER IN KENTUCKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

It is reported that more than 80 Roman Catholic sisters are teaching in the public schools of Kentucky, half of them in Marion County. The above picture appeared in the "Courier-Journal" of Louisville, Ky. on March 22, 1953. According to the newspaper, the picture shows Sister Albert Maria, principal of the St. Vincent de Paul School at New Hope, in Nelson County, teaching seventh and eighth-grade public school classes.

A retired Protestant minister entered a court suit to prohibit the sisters from wearing their religious garb while teaching in the public schools, and the case went to the Court of Appeals, Kentucky's highest tribunal. The decision was announced in February 1956. The Court of Appeals decided 6-1 that it is permissible for garbed nuns to teach in the public schools of Kentucky. The question of what further steps may be taken to remedy the situation is now being studied by POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State) and other friends of religious liberty.

Satan Speaking to the Subconscious

It is a good thing at bedtime to commit our thoughts to the Lord and to ask Him to guard our minds while we sleep. God is able to condition our minds, as well as our bodies, for the coming day, and He may occasionally give us a revelation through a supernatural dream. But people need to be warned against some of the devices now being offered relative to the subconscious.

We refer to a gadget that has been perfected by a man on the West Coast. According to a report relayed to us by Brother J. Narver Gortner, the gadget is about the size of a silver dollar and it is operated by electric power. You put it under your pillow at night, and set it to start at a late hour by which time you expect to be sound asleep. It does not speak loudly enough to awaken you, but in a very gentle voice it says something like this: "You are very happy and successful. Your blessings are many and your joys are great; and your blessings are going to increase in number, and your joy in the days to come will know no bounds. There is nothing to worry about. Conditions in the world are getting better all the time, and good people are on the increase."

Your subconscious mind takes all this in while you sleep, and these thoughts become a part of you. It sounds like an echo of the voice of Satan himself, but it is his business to make people think everything is rosy when it isn't. The Bible says that evil will increase up to the time of Christ's second coming. It warns that people need to repent and be saved. It says that unless they confess their sins and trust in the Saviour, their future is dark indeed. People need to be warned not to listen to this or any other voice that echoes such lies of Satan, but to keep a Bible or New Testament in their bedroom and let God speak to them from its sacred pages.

How Important Is the Christian Home?

A Senator Speaks . . .

The home is the basic unit of our society and someone has truly said, "As goes the home, so goes the nation."

Far too often, parents have left the responsibility of the early training of their children to the church, the public school and the community.

While the above mentioned institutions and agencies are important in the life of our children, the childhood training in a home determines largely the adult life of the individual.

The fundamental responsibility of every father and mother is the nurture of the religious life in the home. Fortunate indeed is the child that is nurtured in a home where the family altar is preserved in the worship of their Heavenly Father. As these children grow and reach adolescent age, they will have a knowledge of their Creator and an abiding faith in their Lord and Saviour. These will serve as an anchor and be of inestimable value when trials and temptations beset them—as they most certainly will.

Some years ago a very prominent man told me how important he felt the early home training and Sunday School had been in helping his own son through the age period of

fourteen to eighteen years. This man stated if our young people have the background to get through this period, we can feel that their future is secure. This has been my personal observation.

Not only that, I am deeply indebted to my parents, who have gone to their heavenly reward, for the early training in a Christian home—for the hours my mother spent in giving me instruction in the Scriptures—for their parental prayers and for a home where the atmosphere was conducive to the development of Christian character.

While it is true that there have been many changes in our home life within the last fifty years, the fact remains that the stability of our economic, social and religious life still depends on the family affections and a devotion to spiritual ideals.

If we are to continue to enjoy the heritage left us by those who have given us this great nation, we must again restore the family altars in the home and give our children and their children the same sound, fundamental Christian training for which we are indebted to those who have gone before. We break faith with them and with God if we do less.

—Frank Carlson, Kansas
Member of U. S. Senate

A Mother Speaks . . .

Just as a home is something far more than a house, so children are infinitely more than the biological products of marriage; they are immortal souls committed into the care and keeping of parents, and what those parents do with this sobering responsibility and opportunity has its bearing not only on these precious little lives as they grow and mature but also on their destiny for eternity.

The foundation upon which we, their parents, must build is two-fold: the Christian home and the Word of God. In Psalm 11:3 David warns us: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Knowing this, Satan has done, and is continuing to do, all in his power to destroy these foundations.

The Christian home can be destroyed through neglect, indifference or distraction. It takes will power, firm resolve, careful planning and faithful, determined, ingenious persistence to establish and maintain a Christian home—personal devotions, family prayers, faithful spiritual instruction of our children, wise discipline, plenty of wholesome activity and fun—wit and wisdom. In short, it takes more than any human parents can manage in their own strength and in their own wisdom. It is only as we walk with Christ and rely wholly upon Him that we can make our homes truly Christian. And after we have done everything humanly possible, it is still nothing but the grace of Almighty God

that hallows that which we have attempted to do, that touches the hearts of our children so that they turn to Him in repentance and faith and love. It has been well said, "Man builds, but God hallows." We must take care of the possible and trust Him for the impossible.

"And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (1 Kings 9:3).

The Word of God, Satan cannot destroy; but he is doing all in his power to plant seeds of doubt as to its inspiration. As of old in the Garden of Eden, he still insinuates, "Yea, hath God said?"

Life itself is so uncertain. Our children need to be given something to guide them through life, something that will never let them down. The only source of infallible knowledge that we have is the Bible; and they must be taught from babyhood that while their parents may be wrong, and their ministers may even be wrong, yet the Word of God is never wrong.

If we can send them forth into the world knowing that the Bible is in truth God's Holy Word, they will be armed for the onslaught of doubt, insecurity and evil of every description. They will have with them the one sure thing in an unsure world.

Moses died. As Joshua took over the Gargantuan task of leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land,

what did God give to him? The promise of His presence with him, and the Book of the Law. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). We dare not send our children forth to face life with any less.

The foundation must precede the superstructure. We dare not wait, as some say, until our children are old enough to decide for themselves in the matters of religion. We teach them how to eat properly, how to dress properly, how to behave properly—and yet, the most vital part of all, their spiritual development, would we leave until too late?

An Educator Speaks . . .

One time I heard a wealthy man and his wife say, "We are doing our best for our sons and daughter, but it is not our intention to leave them a financial fortune."

Naturally, I was surprised to hear such a statement, and I listened as they continued their explanation: "We have spent much time with our children—enjoying every minute with them. We have given them partial financial support through school, and we have led each one of them to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have taught them the Word of God. They are prepared for life."

It is surely true that when a person knows Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and is instructed in the ways of the Bible, he is prepared for life. These are the most *important* things.

We are living in days of big business. Wheels are frantically whizzing around, producing items not by the dozens but by the millions. But, for parents the greatest business of all is leading sons and daughters to a saving knowledge of Christ, and daily instructing them in the things of God!

The Duchess of Hamilton said in Edinburgh last spring, in an address on the Christian home, delivered to the leaders of the Woman's Guild in Scotland: "We cannot make our children into good Christians by training them how to behave. We have to teach them what to believe."

We must pray every step of the way. We need literally to raise our family on our knees with a consciousness of Christ ever beside us. If they can have the background of a godly, happy home and this unshakable faith that the Bible is indeed the Word of God, they will have a foundation that the forces of hell cannot shake.

—Mrs. Billy Graham
Montreat, N. C.

How lamentable that so many men and women succeed at building a business or a reputation, but fail miserably at building a home. Parents who neglect their families, however successful they may be before the world, are failures before God.

"How," you may ask, "do you build a home?" The best way is for parents to know the Word of God themselves, then teach it to their children. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

For good mental health, for joy, and stability, there is nothing like the Word of God. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13).

When we build our homes with the Bible, we not only give our family members the best in the world, but eternal life—HEAVEN TOO!

—Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, California
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CONCERNING Love and Spiritual Gifts

A valuable translation of a well-loved Scripture passage

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THE WRITER HAS RECEIVED MANY blessings from a study of Paul's writings to the Corinthians on the subject of love (1 Cor. 12:31 to 14:1). A detailed study of the Greek and of the best authorities available has resulted in the translation below. The sole objective in presenting it is to give a full-orbed view and a sharply detailed photograph of love, the queen of all Christian virtues.

In this notable passage of Scripture Paul presents the queenly virtue in the role of a vital and indispensable companion to all God-inspired service. One English word (such as "kind" in 13:4, King James Version) has often been enlarged to an entire sentence to incorporate all the important shades of meaning carried in the original Greek. In this manner we have sought to gather together into one rendering all the various permissible translations or definitions (as far as possible) of each particular Greek word or phrase, so that the reader may have a much fuller conception of the rich treasures of divine truth embodied in the Greek original.

We do not, of course, claim inspiration or infallibility for the following rendering. Only the God-inspired Greek text enjoys that distinction. Nevertheless, we have sought, by means of prayer and long hours of study and meditation, to present a clear and accurate rendering of what we understand to be the exact sense or meaning of this significant passage of divine love as related to the exercise of spiritual gifts.

All interpolations for which there is not definite authority in the Greek original have been italicized. But only such interpolations have been added as are clearly implied by the context.

The reader, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, will of necessity be the final judge of the personal value of this particular

rendering of one of the best-loved portions of the Holy Scriptures.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31—14:1

12:31 But continue to earnestly desire and zealously strive for the greater *spiritual* gifts. And now, in addition to this, I point out to you a still more excellent way of *spiritual* progress and attainment—a way which surpasses beyond measure *that of merely acquiring and exercising the bare gifts of the Spirit.*

13:1 Though it were given to me to speak in every language of men and even in that of angels, yet if I have not love *as my motive in so doing* I have become as resounding brass and a noisy gong, or a clashing and clanging cymbal.

2 And though I possess *the gift of prophecy*, and can perceive and understand all the secret counsels *of the wisdom of God*, and all the knowledge *of God*, and though I possess all the faith *of God* so that I can remove mountains from one place to another, but am devoid of love *in ministering these gifts*—I am nobody—I count for nothing!

3 And though I sell all my property and possessions and then morsel out the proceeds in small portions of food to the poor so as to feed the largest number; and though I deliver up my very body even to be tortured and burned so that I may glory and boast about it, but am not inspired by love *in doing all these things*, I gain no reward whatsoever thereby.

4 This love is very patient, long-suffering and forbearing. It is very kind and gracious—pleasant, friendly, and obliging. This love does not burn with jealousy or envy. This love does not put itself forward to make parade and display of itself, neither is it boastful, nor puffed up with pride and a sense of its own importance.

5 Love is never unseemly, rude, nor discourteous, neither does it cause shame by behaving indecently or exposing its nakedness through lack of proper clothing. Love does not selfishly insist upon its own rights and interests and way. It cannot be incited to irritation or bitterness, neither does it blaze out—in exasperation—with passionate anger. Love is never resentful and malicious, neither does it add up the wrongs it has suffered and brood over them, nor does it attribute evil to others by mere surmisings and snap judgments.

6 Love never rejoices over the triumph of injustice and wickedness, over wrongs done to others, or when others go wrong and are punished. Contrariwise, it is gladdened by that which is right and good, and rejoices in sympathy with the Truth as she triumphs and prevails over evil and unrighteousness.

7 Love quietly bears up under anything, and, being slow to expose, covers over with silence *the errors and faults and sins of others*. Love is ever trusting and unsuspecting; it exercises faith in everything and is always eager to believe the best. Love is ever hopeful in all things. Love endures bravely and calmly to the very end all that it is called upon to suffer.

8 This love never lapses nor ends—no, not even at any time does it fall off and disappear from its place of usefulness *in God's present or future order of things*. On the other hand, whether there be prophesyings, they shall be rendered useless and shall therefore be discarded and put away forever: whether there be *gifts of diversities of languages*, they shall cease permanently: whether there be *the gifts of the Spirit pertaining to knowledge*, they shall be rendered useless and shall therefore be discarded and put away forever.

9 For, through the operation of the relevant gifts of the Spirit, we gain knowledge and we prophesy on the installment plan—bit by bit, as it were—each time bringing forth merely a little part or fragment of the complete whole.

10 Nevertheless, as soon as that state which is perfect and complete arrives to supersede the other, then that which brings forth only the partial and fragmentary shall be rendered useless and shall therefore be discarded and put away forever.

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child; I had desires, feelings, and preferences like a child; I reasoned and argued like a child. Now, however, that I have become a man, I have discarded my childish ways and am done with them forever.

12 For now, during this present order of things, through the gift of prophecy we see and observe the invisible only as if by means of dim and obscure reflections from a mirror—reflections which puzzle us as when we try to solve a riddle. But then, when the complete and perfect state of things is ushered in, we shall see that which is now invisible face to face—clearly and completely—with no detail lacking. Now, at present, by means of the gifts of the Spirit pertaining thereto, I gain knowledge only in a partial and fragmentary manner—as on the installment plan—bit by bit, “line upon line, here a little, there a little.” But then shall I know and understand—immediately and fully—even as also I have all along been fully known and understood by God.

13 Yet now—during this present order of things—faith, hope, and love, these three, abide with us in continual, uninterrupted manifestation—not with temporary lapses and pauses such as fall between the merely occasional manifestations of spiritual gifts. And of these three, the greatest is LOVE!

14:1—Therefore aim at this LOVE and keep on in hot pursuit after her. Nevertheless, continue in the meantime to earnestly desire and zealously strive for spiritual gifts, but especially the gift of prophecy.

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The Power of Example

by Margaret Conn Rhoads

I INQUIRED OF A CERTAIN MOTHER WHO had three wonderful children what problem in rearing my children was myself.” ing them so well. She answered without a moment's hesitation: “My greatest problem in rearing my children was myself.”

Then she went on to explain: “I was fortunate enough a few months prior to my marriage to hear a brokenhearted mother who was returning from a criminal courtroom say, ‘I see it now. I was a model housekeeper but a poor mother. I kept my mahogany dusted but had little time left for Jim and Edward.’”

“That night when I was talking with my husband-to-be I told him that all my plans for furnishing our home were changed. I had decided I would have the simplest kind of furnishings and the most efficient kind of housekeeping helps. ‘I am going to specialize on being a good mother, provided that I am fortunate enough to have children.’”

“I had the children—three of them—and I determined they should be physically well, mentally keen, and morally clean. How did I bring it about? Not by giving most thought to rules for their conduct but by specializing on my own.

“Can you conceive of children in the home never hearing cross words, never getting sharp commands that antagonize by their very unkindness, never being overwrought because the mother is unstrung, and never hearing jangling between father and mother?”

“We all agree that children are mimics. If you use sharp tones, be assured that you will hear their echo. If you are over-

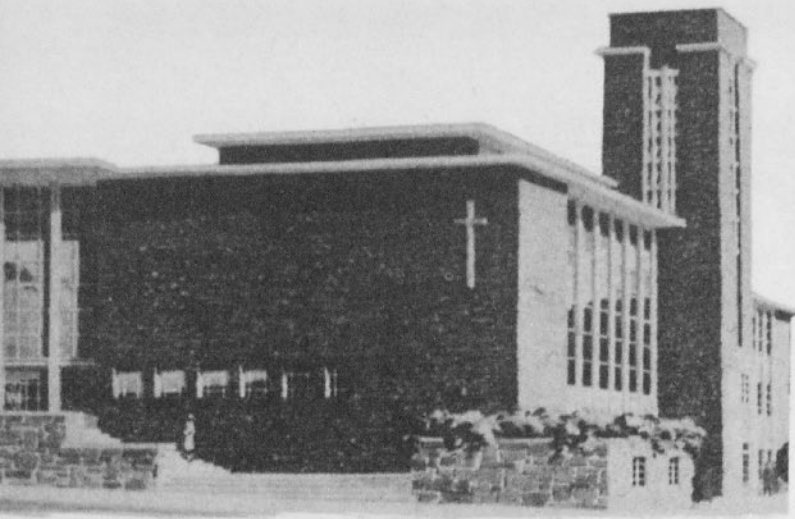
worked and your own temper is on edge, expect the children to react in like manner.

“Too many parents spend their precious time making rules for their children's conduct when they should study their own. I found filling up my children's leisure with interesting work or play left them no time to idle, fret, or get into mischief. I found if I kept myself physically fit so that I could think clearly and advise gently I avoided scoldings and family bickerings. Both my husband and I found that specializing on being good parents made us bigger and finer and gave our children an example to follow which helped much to make their conduct what we desired.

“You can't teach ease of manner when the household in which your children live is continually upset; you can't keep children well if you allow food to be served continually that hurts them; you can't make children morally clean if you condone the white lie, or are lax in your own morals, and do not fight for clean living and right thinking; and you can't lay down a set of rules for your children to follow and expect them to live by them unless you show that you are living by them yourself.

“My advice to all young parents is: Simplify your household duties in order to give time to yourself and your children; set a rule of conduct for yourself, rather than for your children; provide health-giving foods, insist on enough sleep, show an interest in each child's inclinations; fill the children's time with enjoyable occupations and thus give them a chance to learn good habits which are, fortunately, just as hard to break as bad habits.”

—Mother's Golden Now



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"As the home goes, so goes the church; as the church goes, so goes the nation; as the nation goes, so goes the world."

Train Them While They're Young

R-R-R-R-R. THE PHONE WAS RINGING, and we were in the midst of family prayers. Mother quietly arose from her knees and tip-toed to answer it. It was for me, but Mother said that I was busy and asked if the person could call later. How well I recall that when my buddy did call again he asked why I could not answer the phone, and I was ashamed to tell him. What a rebuke it has been down through the years to realize that I was ashamed of my Lord!

Indelibly written on my impressionable child mind were the memories of these evening-by-evening prayer sessions. After supper my dear old Dad would take down the Bible and read a passage himself, or pass the Bible on to Mother or one of us to read, and then we would all kneel to pray.

At first it was our parents and six children, then five, then four, then two. Now we are all away from home but that rendezvous with God still takes place. I know that every night Mother and Dad take us all before the Throne of Grace, asking that the Lord will have His way in our lives.

Today four of us boys, including the one who came to live with us, are in the gospel ministry, proclaiming the riches of God's grace. The two other boys are actively engaged in Christian work, and my only sister is a living testimony to His saving grace. Thus all of us are serving the Lord. Recently I visited the homes of my brothers, and each one has a family altar. The five

children in those homes who have arrived at the age of accountability openly confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and take part in audible prayer. *Was the family altar in our home worth while?*

In these days, modern Christian parents wish for their children a godly heritage and a life of Christian service. With that in mind they take them to Sunday school, bring them up in the church and prepare them to go to a Christian college. All of these institutions are commendable, but the first Bible training should center around the family altar.

Each day the children should be brought into the presence of God by their parents. During the early, impressionable years the family altar should become a part of the children's daily lives. Let the little minds understand that Father and Mother have faith in a God who cares for even the small things in our lives.

Today young people are asking us how such a great God could care for them. That never troubled me. I learned in my childhood that God was concerned for our family, interested in the cattle on our farm and the sick horse in the stable, and He yearned over the soul of our unsaved neighbor. Parents teach your children by way of the Family altar. We read, "Bring the child up in the Sunday school and he will not be brought up in the law courts." I maintain that Christian parents should go one step beyond this and bring that child up around the family altar.

Father, Mother, if you have not had family prayer and Bible reading, let the word of one who owes his Christian heritage to that institution speak to your heart. Let my experience remind you that you owe it to your children.

Family Altar S

1. The father should be the priest of the family altar, receiving the co-operation of his wife and the full obedience of the children. If the father is not saved, then the mother must assume the spiritual leadership of the family altar.
2. Let the Word of God be the center of family worship; not books about the Book, but the Book itself.
3. Let the Bible reading be clear, earnest, brief, and attended by a few appropriate remarks and practical applications.
4. Strive for a variety. Try weaving your Bible readings about great verses, great events, great prophecies, great problems, great prayers, great wisdom. Where there are children, lean heavily on the Psalms for devotion, and Proverbs for wisdom.
5. Be quiet in spirit and reverent in attitude. Never permit argument, strife, or bickering at family worship.
6. Praying should be brief and to the point. Earnest prayers rather than long prayers should be the aim.
7. If there are young children in the home, plan your family worship for a week in ad-

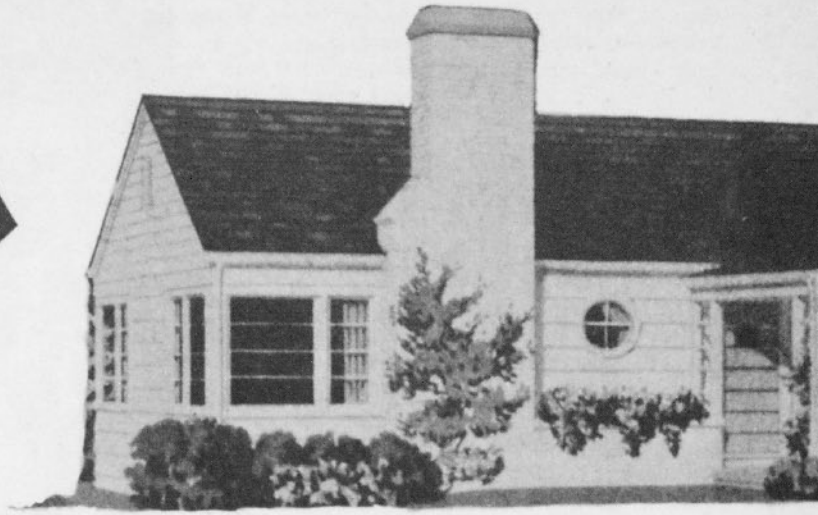
But even greater than that responsibility is your obligation to God, who said: "These words . . . thou shalt teach . . . diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6, 7).

Today there are many helps published to encourage the maintenance of the family altar. Set aside a time each day for prayer and the reading of God's Word with whoever is at your home. You'll be blessed and God will be honored. Let's have a family altar!

—by Edward T. Barram
in Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

FAMILY

ALTAR



the church; as the church goes,
civilization goes, so goes civilization.”

—Foreman Lincicome

Our Suggestions

vance in the light of the individual needs of your own family and the members who make it up.

8. Sometimes it is well to tell a Bible story instead of reading it, or to read from a good Bible picture or story book suited to the age of the child. (Some even use a flannelgraph.)

9. Keep family worship informal. Children should feel free to ask questions or make an occasional comment, but should not be allowed to forget that family altar time is a time for quietness and listening to God's voice.

10. Occasionally let the children tell of their experiences in school, play, or in other relationships where these seem to have a bearing on the topic of the reading. This will help them bring all their experiences into vital relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

11. Let the children pray too. As they pray, they will learn how to cast their cares upon the Lord, and this is the greatest knowledge in life.

—“Moody Monthly.”

The Tie That Binds

I was a guest in the house of comparative strangers, and as we came out to the dining room I noticed there was some confusion and slight embarrassment; but I was asked to return thanks and the breakfast went on.

The next morning the father said, “We have made you one of the family now, and before we sit down I am going to tell you just how things are. You see, we do not have much time for our family worship, but it is a rule that there must be an unbroken circle at the

breakfast table. Before we sit down each one of the family, commencing with four-year-old Jimmy, repeats a verse of Scripture, after which we join hands around the table and repeat the Lord's prayer: then I offer prayer.”

After this explanation Jimmy started off with, “Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

I learned later that the four-year-old was allowed to say the same verse for a month; that the ones under eight (oh, yes, they had them all ages, as there were ten) must have a new verse every week; over twelve there must be a new verse every morning and it must not be repeated within thirty days.

A few months after that I was in a university town, and there I met the oldest son of the family. I said to him, “A fine family you have back in the old home town.”

“Yes, sir,” and his eyes lighted with pleasure.

After talking with him a few minutes I said, “Would you mind telling me what you miss most now that you are away from home?”

The boy hesitated a moment. It is not easy for a boy of that age to unveil the deepest feelings of his heart. Then, though a deep flush showed beneath his tan and freckles, he looked straight into my eyes, and replied, “It is the hand-clasp at the breakfast table. If I could feel my father's warm clasp, and repeat with them the Lord's Prayer, it would start the day off right, and nothing would matter then!”

Again he hesitated but finished manfully, with a trace of huskiness in his voice, “The memory of those mornings at home stands between me and many a temptation; it keeps me going straight.”

—Anonymous

The Call to Breakfast and Prayer

“Breakfast is ready!”

As long as I can remember that has been the call to family worship in my parents' home. I do not know whether they ever tried any other hour of the day for family worship. I do know that hour never passed any day without Bible reading and prayer at the breakfast table.

As I think back, it must have been exceedingly difficult to maintain that family altar in my home. There were five children. Some of us had to be pried out of bed and pushed off to school. Others bounced out at 5:00 a. m. It did not matter, however, if one of us was trying to rub his eyes open while another displayed his impatience to be off by nervous squirming, there was time for Bible reading and prayer. Perhaps I should have said, time was taken for Bible reading and prayer.

Maintaining a family altar takes determination. Somebody has to believe that the daily worship of God is important. At least one member of the family must be convinced that a soul will starve without food as quickly as the body. Then just as much effort will go into maintaining a family altar as goes into arranging three meals a day. Someone needs to be convinced that getting the children off to school to learn the truth about two plus two and how to spell “receive” is less important than a few minutes with the Book which reveals Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

There is just no way to maintain a family altar unless somebody wants to keep it going.

—by Duke K. McCall
in “Western Recorder”

*"The blind see, the lame
walk . . . to the poor
the gospel is preached."*

by GLENN HORST

Now home after three months
of glorious revival in Liberia



Ralph Byrd prays for a blind woman in the Liberia campaign.

We Saw Old-Time Revival in Liberia

PART ONE

"All of Liberia is waiting for you, from the President down to the least of us." These were the words with which we were greeted when we stepped off the plane in Roberts Field at 11:00 o'clock on the night of Friday, December 30, 1955. The words were spoken by a member of the Cabinet of the President of Liberia. We were to realize as time went on that all of Liberia literally was waiting for the salvation-healing revival.

Another high government official said that the inauguration was merely an essential incidental but that the revival was the important part of the inaugural program.

The first man prayed for on the first night of the revival in Monrovia was Senator Gibson. He had had serious stomach trouble for more than twenty years, and had traveled all over Europe and the United States seeking relief and a cure. After six major operations, the last two being in the United States of America, he was sent back to Liberia beyond the hope of medical science. But in that split moment of time when the power of God went surging through him, he realized for the first time in over twenty years he was without any pain. Joyfully he cried out so that the whole crowd of thousands could hear him, "I'm healed, I'm free of all pain!" He began

to weep for joy, and then turned to the President and thanked him for bringing Brother Byrd to Liberia. The President told us afterwards that with Senator Gibson's healing he felt the revival had already paid for itself. But that was only the beginning. For five weeks the revival continued in the city of Monrovia, the capital. The sick came from all over Liberia; they came from other countries including Gold Coast, Nigeria and the surrounding French territories, a seemingly endless stream of sick humanity wanting to be healed.

The emphasis of the closing weeks of the revival was on the fulness of the Spirit. Many experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The first one to receive the Baptism in the Spirit was this same Senator Gibson. We heard him speak with tongues and magnify God. Dr. Ward, the President's pastor, also received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, as did Dr. Delaney, the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, who prayed the prayer of invocation at the inauguration of the President.

Reluctantly, we had to bring the meeting to a close in Monrovia. Our next stop would be in Lower Buchanan, the largest city of Grand Bassa County. As we stood on the dirt airfield in the city of Monrovia, we saw a large crowd of passengers assembled, and we knew that the plane would have to make two trips. After waiting just a few moments, the pilot called us into an inner office and told us that the President

had asked him to fly the Byrd party to Lower Buchanan first and then return to pick up the passengers for the scheduled flight.

In a short while we arrived at the dirt airfield in Lower Buchanan. We were met by and entertained by the representative to the House of Representatives, Mr. Anderson. For four nights and three days we were to witness the presence and power of the Lord in this city in an unusual way. If there had been any question as to how the meetings would go after we left Monrovia, we found our answer here. As I look in my diary now, I read that in the first service nearly everyone who was prayed for was healed. In the next meeting some sixty were prayed for, many of whom were deaf, and nearly all of them were healed. A government officer was standing beside us keeping count of all who were prayed for and all who were healed. By actual count of his records, over 90 per cent of the people prayed for were instantly healed by the power of God.

The morning of the last day was



This woman, made deaf and dumb by witchcraft, was delivered.

A Senator Writes

Cape Palmas, Liberia
March 2, 1956

Dear Sir:

The Inaugural Salvation-Healing Revival held in Harper City, Maryland County, by Rev. Byrd and party from the 24th of February to the 2nd of March, was one of the greatest spiritual revivals the country has ever witnessed.

People from all parts of the County and hinterland as well as from across the borders of our territory thronged Harper City in thousands and attended the morning, noon and night services.

These services held in a place specially prepared to seat the great attendance were like unto the days when the Paraclete came and the Pentecostal power was outpoured and men and women were filled with the Spirit and the power of God. Invalids who had not walked for years leaped and praised God. The paralytic, the deaf and dumb, and all manner of diseases were instantly healed in the meetings by faith under the power of the Holy Spirit.

marked by a special spirit of faith that came upon the whole congregation. For a period of nearly four hours three of us prayed for the sick, with only a few minutes' break for refreshments. It made no difference who prayed, nor what the sickness was, nearly all were healed. During the hovering presence of the Lord, every sickness known to man was healed by the power of God that day.

One touching incident that stirred all of us was that of a man dressed in rags, really more naked than dressed, who had traveled three days on foot to get to the services. As he stood before Brother Byrd, he pointed to his ears, and the folk who had brought him said that he had never heard a sound in his life nor had he ever spoken a word. God healed him instantly and completely. When the man heard the singing, the first sound that he ever heard, he could not understand it, for he had not heard their language before. But he did enjoy the music. Tears came into his eyes. Without a thought he grabbed and hugged Brother Byrd and wept for joy. Walking back to Representative Anderson's home where we were staying, we reminded each other of the words by which we were greeted, "All of Liberia is waiting for you, from the President to the least of us." Senator Gibson, high in the government of Liberia had been healed, and he had waited for twenty years. Now a ragged man from the remote interior of the bush of Liberia, who had waited all of his life, had also been healed. The Cabinet member had

The faith of the people grew and became so great that at each meeting the power of the Spirit was felt throughout the entire service, and thousands who felt their pains and diseases healed gave testimony and glorified God in their praises.

At the expiration of the brief period of visit allotted to the County of Maryland, the parting service was the most touching. Thousands wept, expressed their loves, deepest appreciation and gratitude to God for the wonderful ministry of Rev. Byrd and party, who within a week exemplified such superlative love and Christlike spirit of sympathy for humanity which endeared them in the hearts of the people and made them feel knitted in the bond of fellowship as kiths and kins in the Kingdom of God.

At the close of the last service nearly all of the people marched with Rev. Byrd and party to their place of residence singing joyously and touchingly parting hymns and sacred songs which were indeed thrilling and stirring.

Truly God's presence has been felt in this great revelation and spiritual re-awakening resulting in a great number of people including the ministry of many denominations filled with the Holy Spirit, which we pray and hope might continue to grow and expand until it reaches the remotest part of our Republic and ultimately envelope the darkest region of Africa.

Sincerely yours,
Senator James N. Anderson

spoken prophetically when he said, "All of Liberia."

Our next stop was in the city of Greenville in the County of Sinoe. While we were in Greenville we heard beautiful singing, for the Kru people are known as the best singers in Liberia. The revival in Greenville was outstanding in that there were fewer sick people there than any other place visited. However, the Lord did a wonderful work there. The day after we arrived a deaf and dumb man was healed. A lame woman who had been carried into the service walked out and then ran down the street shouting and praising God for complete deliverance. Thus God manifested His presence in Greenville, and the lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind and all manner of diseases were

healed in the city of these proud but lovely Kru people.

We arrived in Cape Palmas, the southernmost city in which we held meetings, and were entertained by Senator Anderson. The Senator had been sent back to the city of Cape Palmas by the President to see that everything was in order for our revival. It is difficult to describe the revival in Cape Palmas, for there a new high was reached and this in a matter of one week. More than 6,000 were prayed for. The Lord had laid upon the heart of Brother Byrd to take our missionaries and some of our national workers with us as we went amongst the crowd to pray for the sick. When the spirit of faith came upon the people, he would

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Left, Senator Gibson, the first man prayed for and the first healed; he is asking the blessing on the offering. At right, John Hurston (District Superintendent) and Glenn Horst.



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ask the missionaries to pray for the sick and he stayed with them. It was only a short time until the missionaries and the national workers were praying for the sick right along with the rest of us, and God was giving them faith to believe that all manner of sicknesses would be healed. Our hearts were made glad as we saw the deaf made to hear, the blind made to see, the lame made to walk in answer to their prayers.

It had been our hope as we were flying across the Atlantic not only that God would give revival while we were in Liberia, but also that revival would be left there. The way for this revival to carry on would be for our missionaries and national workers to continue in the ministry of praying for the sick and having a "signs following" ministry.

We have been asked, "Were there any *outstanding* miracles?" They are all outstanding miracles, it seems to me, when every day for hours at a time the power of God is manifest to heal. While we were in Cape Palmas, President Tubman's cousin, Roosevelt Tubman, was instantly healed as we prayed for the sick collectively. Roosevelt Tubman had been paralyzed for fourteen

years and had not been able to speak a word during that time. As he was standing in the crowd with eyes closed while we were praying for the whole group that was sick, the power of the Holy Spirit came upon him. I didn't know who he was, but he came and handed me his card and said, "Here's my card, I don't need it now, God just healed me." He stepped to the microphone, and when he spoke he said, "You all know me." They had seen him hopelessly crippled and had not heard a sound from him in fourteen years. Now with their own ears they heard him speak, and it is not exaggeration to say that the congregation of thousands of people went wild with joy.

Our next stop was the interior village of New Hope Town founded by Miss Florence Steidel some twenty years ago in order that lepers might be treated. Some five or six hundred lepers live in this village, but when we arrived we found that eight Paramount Chiefs had come, and they had brought nearly all of their people. Where these thousands stayed we do not know, but we know that the presence and power of God was manifest amongst them. In our stay of four nights and three days more than 11,000

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people were prayed for. The blind, the lame, the deaf, the dumb, were healed and withered hands were made strong again. God mightily poured out His Spirit upon the hungry ones. The high light of New Hope Town's revival was that many hundreds received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. In one service alone well over 200 people received the Baptism, speaking in tongues and magnifying God.

On the morning that we left, well over 1,000 people came just to sing farewell to us. It was a touching scene when the lepers sang in their native dialect a song which translated would go something like this, "Because of our sickness, we cannot shake hands with you, so we simply wave good-bye." It seems that time will never erase from our mind the sight of those lepers, some of them without hands, waving their farewell to us.

(Part Two in next week's issue)

Paramount Chiefs Write

Zwedru Headquarters
Tchien District, E.P., L.H.
March 11, 1956

Dear Ambassadors of Christ:

We, the undersigned, a special committee, beg to avail ourselves of this golden and glorious opportunity, expressing and voicing the sentiments of thousands of citizens of the Tchien District, first, to register our thanks to you for the acceptance of the official invitation extended you by our dear and beloved President, Dr. William V. S. Tubman, to attend the inaugural ceremonies of him and Vice President W. R. Tolbert of January 2 of the current year, and also to participate therein by conducting an ecclesiastical and spiritual revival and healing campaign throughout the Republic.

Your travel to Tchien, one of the remotest urban districts of Liberia, evangelizing and spiritualizing the people herein, indicates your piety and divine services to God. Since your advent into this district, from the 7th to the present date, marvelous miracles have been spiritually wrought by you in the name of our blessed Saviour, in that dumb have spoken, deaf have heard, blind eyes have seen, lame have walked and many other infirmities have been expelled. Many persons who were grown up in sin have been converted and they are shouting "Halleluia" along the streets and praising the Name of Jesus.

Your spiritual activities in this District, we are sanguine, will bring about a turning point in the political, social and moral situation; for, in the past when the inhabitants had but a little knowledge of God and His doings, their minds and consciences were so opaque that official intervention could hardly convince them otherwise, which always resulted to perpetual differences between them.

These, we are sure, are considered events of the past today, a new and better understanding between these people has been established from your religious doctrines.

It is but a duty cogent and imperative bestowed upon us, the citizens of Tchien, in deep acknowledgment and appreciation of these spiritual meetings convoked by you in this district and the results therefrom derived, to return thanks to God, our common Creator; to President Tubman, our illustrious leader; and yourselves for the divine services you have so fittingly rendered us, who have long been in dire need of spiritual food. We can say unreservedly that our hunger has been filled and our thirst has been quenched spiritually, and we pray that as you take your exodus from us this day, the great and triune God, the Arbiter of human destiny, will give you longevity and direct you in all your undertakings and avocations of life; and that you will ever and forever remember us in your daily supplications, which will also be reciprocated.

In conclusion, dear Ambassadors of Christ, words become inadequate and succinct for us to mention the high appreciation and great esteem and love each and everyone of us have cherished and imbibed in our hearts for you and also our Christlike leader, Dr. William V. S. Tubman for having caused this district to be regenerated in the blood of Christ, and we are sure that this consideration of us by him will redound to the glory and honor of his name. Amen. We wish for you God's blessings and safe passage to your homes.

Yours in Christ,
Paramount Chief Gwah Jarlee
Paramount Chief Karunga Keta
Relations Officer Silas P. Rue
Relations Officer George Wah Harris
General Wm. N. Ross
N. K. Massaquoi
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Secretary to the
Committee

Station Managers Commend "Revivaltime"

REVIVALTIME brings blessing and hope to many thousands of people as it wings its way to the farthest ends of the nation each week. From Maine to California and from Washington to Florida, testimonies pour in daily telling of glorious spiritual victories wrought as a result of the broadcast. Truly this is the hour of triumph and victory. This is the hour when the Holy Spirit is moving, bringing victory through salvation, victory through healing and deliverance from every bondage.

Not only does the public enjoy this Full Gospel broadcast, but radio station managers express their gratitude for having a program like REVIVALTIME on their program schedule. Here is what some of them are saying about REVIVALTIME:

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: "We regard REVIVALTIME as one of our most outstanding programs." GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO: "Very popular program in our area." GRIFIN, GEORGIA: "Glad to have this program." SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: "A good religious program with strong faith." ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY: "This program enjoys a large listening audience." HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA: "One of the finest programs we have." NORFOLK, VIRGINIA: "Excellent religious broadcast." MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN: "We consider this one of the finest religious programs we carry and the audience comment has been good." YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA: "REVIVALTIME is a very important and worthwhile program." CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA: "Very good program." NEWTON, KANSAS: "This program is tops. We like it."

Several station managers have expressed their appreciation for REVIVALTIME to the local pastor. For example, Pastor R. L. Mallory, St. Albans, W. Va. writes: "A new radio station has been built in our city of St. Albans.

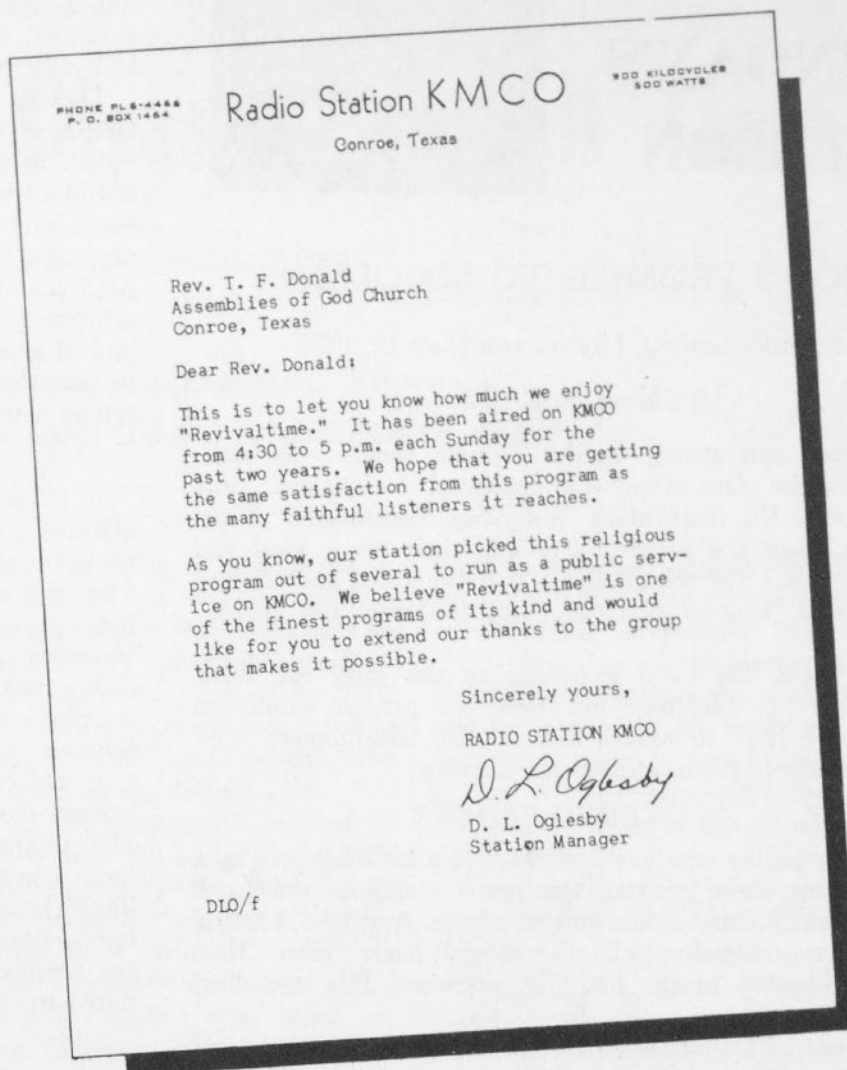
We have contracted to be on the air for fifteen minutes every day and a half hour on Saturday. We want to start out by putting REVIVALTIME on our Saturday time. This will be a 1,000-watt station and will reach around 350,000 people clearly. Mr. KANDEL, MANAGER OF THE STATION, IS CERTAINLY SOLD ON REVIVALTIME. IN HIS ESTIMATION, IT IS THE BEST RELIGIOUS PROGRAM ON THE AIR AND HE INTENDS TO SPOT OUR PROGRAM THROUGH A HALF-HOUR OF CHURCH NEWS WHICH IS TO PRECEDE US ON SATURDAY MORNING."

Vernon Boyer, Brookville, Pa. says: "I received a call from the station manager yesterday and this is what he said—'Reverend Boyer, you are the first person I have told this outside of our radio personnel. We have opened a second radio station and plan to open

the third in the very near future. WE LIKE REVIVALTIME AND WOULD LIKE TO PLACE IT ON OUR TWO ADDITIONAL STATIONS.'"

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SUNDAY'S LESSON



GOD'S PROMISE TO SOLOMON

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MAY 13, 1956

2 Chronicles 7:12-20

Emotions ran strong as the Temple finally was completed and the place of worship dedicated to the Lord. For two weeks the dedication festivities continued. Then Solomon "sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people" (v. 10).

That night the Lord appeared to the king for three purposes: (1) to tell him that his prayer would be answered; (2) to assure him of His faithfulness; (3) to inform him of the conditions for blessing.

ANSWERED PRAYER

Like the pastor who has just finished a building program, Solomon had been praying that the blessing of the Lord would be manifested in the new structure. And God, looking upon the earnestness of the king's heart more than upon the beauty of the building, promised His continued blessing.

A House of Sacrifice. "I have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice" (v. 12). God chose to hallow the Temple which Solomon built, and to make it a house of sacrifice and prayer. It was to be the place where the priests would offer the atonement for the sins of the people. The worship of all Israel was to center around this building. Israelites who were away from Jerusalem would turn toward the Temple and pray.

In the New Testament, Jesus is the Temple, the center of all our worship. We are now separated from this Temple, but we may turn our hearts toward Him in prayer and worship and receive audience with the Father.

A House of Glory. "I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (v. 16). Spiritual blessing should be regarded not as the exceptional, but as the *normal* experience of the Church. If the glory of God should cease to be manifested in our church, let us seek the Lord until His presence and power is restored to us.

GOD'S PROMISE OF BLESSING

Forgiveness. God promised that in times of spiritual declension He would forgive the people if they would only turn and repent. It is significant that the Lord said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face..." (v. 14). This is the golden text of revival. When God's own people get right with Him, the sinners will be powerfully convinced of their lost condition.

Established Throne. "If thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, . . . then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with

David thy father" (vv. 17, 18). This promise was conditioned upon Solomon's obedience. If he would be faithful as David was, then he would also enjoy the blessings that had been promised to his father.

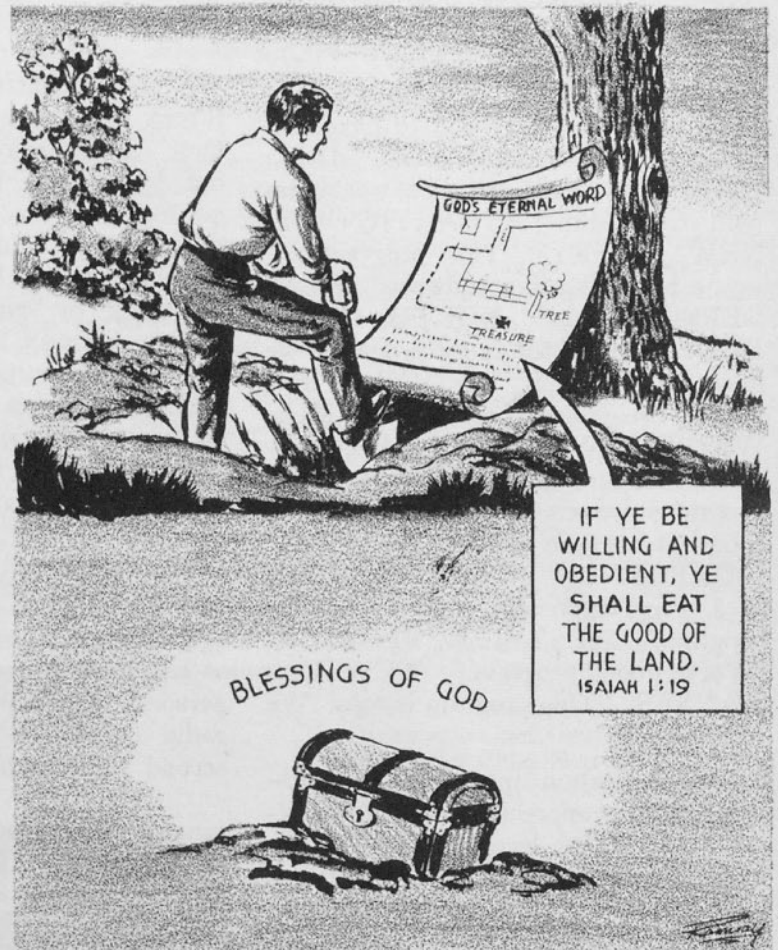
Though King Solomon had been praying for his people, God gave special promises to him. God wants us to be unselfish in our prayers as in other aspects of our lives. A friend of mine had been seeking the baptism of the Spirit every night in cottage prayer meetings. One winter night the roads were blocked with snow and it was storming so hard that he was unable to leave home. Disappointed, he went to his room and began to pray. The Lord reminded him of a young man who needed to be saved. As he began to pray earnestly for this unsaved boy, the Lord filled my friend with the Holy Spirit and he spoke in tongues fluently.

WARNINGS OF JUDGMENT

A Dispersed People. "If ye turn away, and forsake my statutes, . . . then will I pluck them [the people] up by the roots out of my land which I have given them" (vv. 19, 20). The land of Canaan serves well to illustrate the Christian life. Just as obedience was necessary for the children of Israel to continue dwelling in the land of blessing, so obedience is necessary for the Christian. We must heed the warnings of God's Word, lest sin separate us from our Saviour.

A Deserted Temple. Not even the Temple would be exempt from judgment if God's people should fail Him. In fact, judgment *begins* at the house of God. The time finally came when the Temple was deserted by God. In Matthew 23:38 Jesus said, "Behold, *your* house is left unto you desolate"—desolate because "Jesus went out, and *departed* from the temple" (Matthew 24:1). Never before had anyone dared to call the place of worship *man's* house. Even when

FOLLOWING THE CHART



The Greatest Disaster of All Time

by VIRGINIA L. SCHNEIDER

The ship of sin is sinking fast! There is not a moment to lose! There is danger in delay!

THE SHIP WAS CONSIDERED UNSINKABLE—the giant White Star liner *Titanic*. Experts stated that her separate compartments were so built that the captain, by moving an electric switch, could instantly shut them off one from another and thus make the vessel practically unsinkable.

Someone asked a deck hand, "Is this ship really unsinkable?" He replied, "God Himself could not sink this ship!"

On April 10, 1912, the largest and most glamorous ship in the world set out upon her maiden voyage from England to New York. Her staterooms were crowded with the rich and fashionable of the day. Little did they realize that her first voyage would also be her last! Five days out, the *Titanic* struck an iceberg that gashed a 300-foot dent in her side. The ship and 1502 of her passengers quickly plunged to a watery grave.

On that long-to-be-remembered night no general alarm was sounded, although the "unsinkable" *Titanic* was fast filling

with water; but the word was passed all over the ship in one way or another. There were sixteen wooden lifeboats on board, capable of carrying 1178 people—only slightly more than half of the 2207 souls on board. Women and children were told to climb in first—the men could take any space that was left.

Many of the passengers refused to believe there was real danger, and some were reluctant to leave the sinking ship. One passenger said, "We are safer here than in that little lifeboat."

As time was running out, a ship's officer urged, "Ladies, you must get in at once. There is not a moment to lose!" But one woman still refused to enter the lifeboat, whereupon the officer shouted, "Don't waste time if she won't get in!"

The wife of a wealthy merchant stayed on the sinking ship because they refused to let her husband get in the lifeboat with her. "We have been living together for many years," she said, "and where he goes, I go."

Every lifeboat was filled to the limit. Every crew member worked furiously to save as many lives as possible. In spite of their valiant efforts, 1502 souls went to the bottom with the proud mistress of the seas, and those who were rescued said that the cries of the perishing were heart-rending.

How horrible was the tragedy—the worst sea disaster of all time! Yet

Bring your tears to Jesus,
Tell Him all your sorrow,
Every fear that makes you
Dread a dark tomorrow.
Let His love enfold you,
Let Him dry your tears;
He will keep tomorrow
And the coming years.

—Glen D. Anderson

there is an even greater disaster and that is the final fate of the passengers on board the foredoomed Ship of Sin. That ship, too, is glamorous and inviting. Satan assures the world that all will be well with its passengers—that there is nothing to fear. But the Ship of Sin is bound for destruction. Sin's glories, like those of the proud *Titanic*, are short-lived.

The gospel warning has sounded to all its passengers: "Board the Lifeboats of Salvation." Unlike the lifeboats on the sinking *Titanic*, these Lifeboats have room for all. None need be lost. And there are no restrictions as to who may get in first. "There is no difference . . . for *whosoever* shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:12, 13).

Don't stay on the doomed Ship of Sin for any reason. Even if a friend or loved one refuses to board the Lifeboats, don't throw away your own soul. Remember that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). The destiny of your own soul is in your hands. What profit will you have if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?

The Ship of Sin is sinking fast! There is not a moment to lose! There is danger in delay. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 4:8) for "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Listen to the call from the Lifeboats of Salvation: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. . . . Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6, 7).

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Jesus chased the money-changers out of the Temple, He had said, "My Father's house shall be called a house of prayer. . . ." But now, man had rejected the God of the Temple, so God rejected the form of worship which continued to be offered in that building.

God answered Solomon's prayer because of his great desire for God's glory. Someone has said, "God respects not the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are; nor the geometry of our prayers, how long they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how beautiful they are; but the spirituality of our prayers, how heart-felt they are."

Daily Devotions

Daily Bible Readings Based
on Next Sunday's Lesson



MONDAY, May 7

PROMISES OF BLESSINGS—Deuteronomy 28:1-14

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God" (v. 2).

Divine blessings come as a result of obedience to divine law. Behind all forms of blessing a personal God can be seen. These blessings are put before the curses so that we may see that God is slow to anger but swift to show mercy. It is His delight to bless!

Both blessings and threatenings of God are designed to awaken us to our responsibilities toward God. How much better it is to be stimulated by blessings rather than by threats of judgment.

God's promises are conditional, and those seeking His blessings must discover those conditions and respond wholeheartedly. Israel was instructed to hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord. All other voices were to take a lower place. Next, they were told to observe and do all His commandments. God cannot honor those who close their eyes and stop their ears to His declarations. This would be contrary to the divine standard of righteousness.

God never fails to fulfill His promises when man has done his part. Whenever the promised blessing is wanting, it is an indication that we have left something undone, or have not properly appreciated His Word. God is eager to bless His people!

—DAVID B. DRAKE

TUESDAY, May 8

WARNINGS OF JUDGMENT—Deuteronomy 28:15-25

"Cursed shalt thou be..." (v. 16).

Someone has said, "Curses never come causeless." That is true, if related to our God. Many gods created by the imaginations of men are pictured as

ready to pronounce a curse upon man at the slightest opportunity, but not so with our God. It is significant that the warnings of judgment in Deuteronomy 28 come only after promised blessing. Our God desires to bless. Judgment comes only after the attitudes and actions of men have forced a holy God to send it.

Twentieth-century people would do well to read the warnings in our text and tremble. The apostle Paul in Philippians 2:12 reminds us of our need for a sense of awe, flowing out of the realization that we are dealing with more than a man—we are dealing with God! "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

The curses listed for Israel were far-reaching. They were total in their scope and coverage. As Paul said to Christians on the verge of turning back, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!" (Hebrews 10:31).

—PAUL COPELAND

WEDNESDAY, May 9

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID—2 Samuel 7:4-17

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever" (v. 16).

Great honor, favor, power, and success attended David's pathway, yet his purpose to build a house for the Lord was never to be achieved. While David wanted to build a "house for God," God wanted to build a "house for David."

God tendered David some "exceeding great and precious promises." His son would succeed him upon the throne and have the pleasure of erecting the

Temple, a cause which was dear to David's heart. Furthermore, David's posterity would be settled permanently in their own land, and Israel's kingdom would be established forever.

And we, too, are joyously anticipating the time when the One greater than Solomon—the Lord Jesus Christ, the "seed of David," prefigured in the Davidic covenant—will return to earth and occupy His rightful throne.

What a glorious day that will be when His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ! The government shall be upon His shoulder, and righteousness and peace shall prevail.

—LOUISE NANKIVELL

THURSDAY, May 10

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM—Genesis 17:1-8

"And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee. . . . And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan" (vv. 6, 8).

God initiated this promise. It was unsolicited. The outmoving of the nature of God toward man is beyond human comprehension. The greatest theologian can never express it better than the writer of the Sunday School hymn,

*"Jesus loves me, this I know;
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong."*

The Lord is good. The Psalmist put it this way, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." And again, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" Our biggest challenge is to give God a chance. The promise found in 2 Chronicles 16:9 sums up this entire passage of God's liberal dealing with Abraham, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." God is the kind of Friend who will always "pick up the check" first.

—C. M. WARD

FRIDAY, May 11

GOD'S PROMISE TO JACOB—Genesis 28:10-22

"Surely the Lord is in this place; and

I knew it not" (v. 16)!

What a confession!—to stand in the very gateway of heaven, yet be totally oblivious to the divine presence. If this was shocking in the case of Jacob, how much greater should be our condemnation. With our greater light and revelation, we so often are unable to recognize Him. How easy it is to become insensitive to the divine presence. Before we sit in judgment on Jacob we should pay some attention to our own experience.

Many seem to feel that the only place they can find God is in the church, or in seclusion; in joy or in prosperity. They ignore the fact that we often find God in very strange places and in the midst of adverse circumstances.

I hasten to salute Jacob in his reaction upon hearing the marvelous promises of the Lord. These promises would have sent most of us into the third heaven, and rightly so; but Jacob held on long enough to do some promising of his own. He was not content just to be a recipient of blessing. He was also going to contribute blessings. He not only received a promise; he gave

promises. The promises of the Lord are "yea and amen" to those who believe. How enduring and substantial are the promises you make to God? When you start to petition Him, be sure that you are ready to respond by giving. This is important to victorious living.

—JAMES W. VAN METER

SATURDAY, May 12

GOD'S BETTER NEW COVENANT—Hebrews 8:1-13

"For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer" (v. 3).

Without an offering in his hand, the priest had no more power to intercede for the people than an ordinary man. And when the priest offered a sacrifice to appease the wrath of an aggrieved Deity, it must be the very best. The lamb must be without blemish. When the Hindu offers a boy as a "hook sacrifice"—to be swung on a trapeze with hooks in his shoulders—he must be the fairest, fattest boy in the village. Sinful man, no matter what his country,

no matter how depraved his state, knows that he is separated and estranged and that it takes a desperate effort to establish proper relationship with his deity.

Our Christ, in His burning zeal to reconcile this reeling old world with its Maker and King, cast about for a sacrifice that would be "perfect," something that would be "permanent," something that would be "precious." The answer was His very life, His own blood! And He gave that gladly and freely! What a Saviour!

—M. L. KETCHAM

IN A SMALL PLACE

"Fret not because thy place is small,
Thy service need not be;
For thou can'st make it all there is
Of love and ministry.

"The dew drop, as the boundless sea,
In God's great place has part;
And this is all He asks of thee:
Be faithful where thou art.

"In thee His mighty hand can show
The wonders of His grace,
And He can make the humblest room
A high and holy place."

69-155 A.D.

Biographical SKETCHES

By CHLOE STEWART



OF POLYCARP'S MANY LETTERS, ONLY ONE, HIS EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS, IS STILL IN CIRCULATION

POLYCARP WAS A DISCIPLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN

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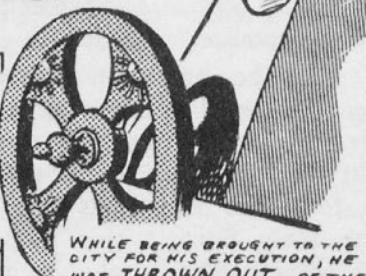


3 DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE HAD A VISION FORETELLING HIM OF HIS MARTYRDOM.



WAS SO MUCH EFFORT MADE TO CAPTURE SUCH A VENERABLE MAN?

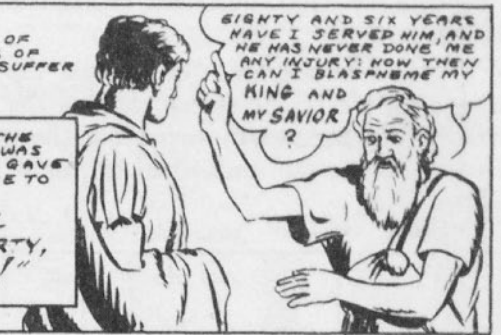
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WHILE BEING BROUGHT TO THE CITY FOR HIS EXECUTION, HE WAS THROWN OUT OF THE CHARIOT IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING BECAUSE OF HIS UNCOMPROMISING ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST.

POLYCARP WAS ONE OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF EARLY CHRISTIANS TO SUFFER MARTYRDOM.

THE PROCONSUL AT THE STADIUM WHERE HE WAS TO BE PUT TO DEATH, GAVE HIM HIS LAST CHANCE TO SAVE HIMSELF. "SWEAR, AND I WILL SET THEE AT LIBERTY, REPROACH CHRIST!"



SIXTY AND SIX YEARS HAVE I SERVED HIM, AND HE HAS NEVER DONE ME ANY INJURY: NOW THEN CAN I BLASPHEME MY KING AND MY SAVIOR?

ONE OF THE APOSTOLIC FATHERS

POLYCARP

(BISHOP OF SMYRNA, ASIA MINOR)



O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY... I GIVE THEE THANKS THAT THOU HAST COUNTED ME WORTHY OF THIS DAY... THAT I SHOULD HAVE A PART IN THE NUMBER OF THY MARTYRS.

IN FULFILLMENT OF HIS VISION, HE ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE "WILD BEAST SHOW" AND WAS, THEREFORE, BURNED TO DEATH UPON A PYRE.

AT HIS OWN REQUEST, HE WAS NOT SECURED WITH NAILS, AS WAS CUSTOMARY, FOR HE SAID THAT GOD WOULD GIVE HIM STRENGTH TO ENDURE THE FIRE WITHOUT MOVING.

Christ's Teaching on Family Life

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loved the church and gave Himself for it." The love of husbands and wives is a picture, displayed to the world, of God's love for man. God is love, but He is invisible. He has no way of disclosing or revealing Himself; therefore He created the marriage relationship as a portrayal of His unchanging and eternal love for human beings. But when divorce takes place the picture is distorted; it is reversed; it testifies that God's established order is not that beautiful steadfast love that is kind, considerate, and unselfish, but that it is vacillating, selfish, unkind, and inconsiderate.

When divorce takes place, the husband and the wife separate in defiance of God's established order. They are saying to the world that God isn't the kind of God that He represents Himself to be.

It seems to me that Jesus made the issue very clear. He struck right at the heart of the matter in answering those Pharisees. He said that when Moses al-

lowed divorcement it was a temporary arrangement because hardness, bitterness, and hatred had taken the place of love in men's hearts. They were defying their Creator. They were saying to God: "I won't live by Your basic law of love. I won't allow love to actuate me in my relationships. I will do as I please." Therefore divorce was permitted. But Jesus said it was not so from the beginning. That is not the order God established.

We need not be surprised that God should permit divorcement, because He often has had to accommodate Himself to the mistakes and failures of His people. You will recall that God did not give Israel a king in the beginning, but they rose up and demanded to have one. God said to Samuel, "They are not rejecting you; they are rejecting me." So God allowed them to have a king. He even intervened in the matter of their choice of kings, and gave them instructions as to how they were to conduct themselves in royal matters, in spite of the fact that in choosing a king they were rejecting God.

This fact was so evident to Paul that when writing to the Romans he said, "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." That is to say, God in His marvelous mercy accommodated Himself to His people, even in their departure from the way He had chosen for them. Instead of rejecting them and casting them from Him when they refused to walk in His way, He continued to bless them. They mistakenly assumed that God's blessing was evidence of His approval. Paul said, "Not so; the goodness of God is not given to approve your actions, but rather to turn you to repentance."

We need the application of that truth today. We live in the end time of this present age, and we have participated in one of the greatest spiritual upheavals in history—the marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This outpouring seems, from the scriptural point of view, to be the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The former outpouring came on the Day of Pentecost when the

gospel seed was being planted. Now in our day, in God's harvest time, just before the ingathering, the Spirit has been poured out again to ripen the spiritual grain for garnering. But down through the years we have been slipping. The church that was filled with the Spirit and separated unto God has been introducing innovations. Because there seems to be evidence of God's blessing upon our innovations we say that God has stamped His approval on our innovations; but the truth is that the Lord is merely showering us with His goodness in an effort to cause us to turn away from our innovations and to repent.

Now let us look at this whole situation from another angle. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus, He told them that the basic underlying principle in marriage is a love that will cause a man to separate himself from others, such as his parents, and cleave unto his wife. Love leads to separation. It is true in the spiritual life also. Love for Christ will cause us to separate ourselves from the world and cleave unto Him.

We live in an age when Christian separation is rapidly vanishing. Even the choicest of God's people are flirting with the world. They are reaching out to forbidden things, touching this and that. My good Pentecostal friends, before God ever poured out this Latter Rain fullness of the Holy Spirit upon us, He searched our hearts until we were separated. In those days we cast aside hundreds of things that we are taking back into our bosoms now. We need the searching, penetrating, illuminating fire of the Spirit of God to burn among us and to teach us the basic necessity of separation. The breakdown in the realm of marital relations today has its parallel in the spiritual realm. We are failing to be separate; we are committing adultery with the world (James 4:4). We need to sound aloud the Word, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Turning to the other part of our lesson, we notice that Matthew's narrative in chapter 19 goes immediately from the discussion on divorce to the story of the little children who were brought to Jesus to receive His blessing. I think the linking together of these two incidents is by divine arrangement. They are vitally related one to the other, for

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a home is not complete without children. A family consists of a husband and a wife who love one another, and the children that are born of that love.

God instituted the family. The apostle Paul used family terms in Ephesians 3 when he wrote: "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. . . ." That is to say, the idea of the family originated in the heart of God, and when that Father-Son relationship was established between God the Father and God the Son in the eternity past, God was setting up the pattern. When He created man He shaped man after that pattern; He made them male and female; so when they are joined together and become one flesh they are being fashioned after the pattern of God in whom the family relationship originated.

When children are born, the love of the father and mother will shape their destiny. (Oh, the tragedy that comes to the children if the parents are separated! The innocent children suffer the most from a divorce.) I wonder if you have ever stopped to think how much you owe your parents for what you are: If they truly loved one another, you were begotten of that love, and then that love was poured into you. It shaped your life. It moulded your thinking. It developed qualities that are now present in you. That love is powerful; it is dynamic; it revolutionizes the lives that come under its sway.

Mothers brought their children to Jesus that He might put His hands upon them and bless them; but the disciples rebuked them. "Don't bother the Master," they said. But Jesus had time for the children. He said, "Don't turn them away; bring them to me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." You and I by the New Birth become members of God's family and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. The essential qualities of a child, begotten of the love of a husband and wife, bind that child to its parents.

The parents are in the stead of God in that child's life until the child reaches the age of accountability. The heart of the child is occupied altogether with its parents. There is no one else in all the universe that matters to that child, except Mother and Daddy, because its life depends upon them. The child's life is so surrendered. It is utterly dependent and clings to the parents with a love that is implicit and complete. Jesus said that we must have that same kind of dependence, trust, and love toward our

heavenly Father if we would be in His kingdom. He said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

Turn to Philippians 2 and you will find a portrayal of the Son who was completely absorbed in the Father's love. He knew nothing else but that love. He was absorbed in it to such an extent that He left the ivory palaces of heaven and humbled Himself in obedience to His Father. He surrendered Himself until He descended to the level of mankind, and continued to surrender Himself again and again in His downward descent until He found Himself hanging in agony upon the cross of Calvary, dying for us. The apostle says, "Let this same mind be in you—this childlike mind, this childlike surrender, this childlike abandonment of Himself to the love of the Parent. Let this mind possess you so that, as true sons of God, you will be governed in all things by love one for another and will be unassuming, unselfish, undefiled in a wicked world."

When I was a small boy, my parents took us out of the city to a camp-meeting ground where we had a cottage and

there we spent the summer. Year after year we had the delight of dwelling out-of-doors instead of being pent up in a little city house. One afternoon I went to a nearby lake, and I was having a good time playing, when suddenly a storm came up. The water poured down from the clouds in torrents. When I saw how quickly the ditches were filling up, I became terrified. My first thought was, "The water in the ditches will cut me off from Mother." I didn't wait for a second thought. My two little legs started going like pistons. I made a dart toward the house. I saw a puddle before me, and it was quite deep. I wondered if I would drown in that puddle and never get to my mother; but I didn't stop for it. I plowed right through. I came to another ditch and feared I would drown in it; but I gritted my teeth, clenched my fists, and plunged right into it. I felt I must get to my mother. My heart was wrapped up in her. I knew she loved me and if only I could reach her I would feel safe. I got to her, all right; and oh, she meant more to me than ever.

That is how God wants His children to love Him—"of such is the kingdom of

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heaven." He loves us with an all-consuming love and He wants us to respond with a similar love toward Him. He wants us to trust Him implicitly. When I think on these lines I feel like crawling in the dust in repentance before God. I feel as if I have just been playing a game when God has been wanting me

to be absorbed in love toward Him. God is waiting to lay hold of the lives of men and women who will abandon themselves to Him as children abandon themselves to the love of their parents. God help us to respond to this love until it possesses us and consumes us and burns like a fire in us and through us.

He keeps His children "from falling." Paul refers to this provision in Romans 16:25 where he describes the believer as being established.

Second, by the blood of Christ and with the robes of His righteousness which He has provided, the believer is presented faultless before the presence of His glory (Col. 1:22).

Finally, with a magnificent gesture, God finishes His divine display by pointing out that the believer is presented in the presence of the Eternal God "with exceeding joy." This is a joy unlike any found in the world. It is His joy over His redeemed and sanctified ones.

We can have a measure of that divine joy. It is the joy which bubbles from within; a joy which is unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8). This is a joy which, as the Scotsman expressed, is "better felt than telt." It is a joy that abounds in hope (Rom. 15:23); it is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22); and it is full (1 John 1:4). The little girl who asked the Lord to fill her cup of joy had an appreciation of this relationship with the Lord. She prayed, "I'm not very big, Lord; and my cup is small; but I can run over lots!"

The final verse of the book contains the Spirit-inspired praise which comes from the heart of the child of God as he beholds the wonderful wisdom, glory, and majesty of the grace and the love of God.

What a contrast this book of Jude holds! What extremes of sin and salvation! What a divine display! Yes, the book of Jude is a prize epistle. It contains only twenty-five verses, but it is packed with divine truths—truths like precious gems gleaming against the blackest background of man's inability, apart from Christ, to be reconciled to God.

BELL SOUNDS

Every bell properly constructed and played, produces two principal sounds: the strike note that is positive and true, and the hum note, sustained and melodious. In an acceptable bell these two tones are in perfect harmony. Like a bell, the child of God must give forth the strike note of consistent testimony and the hum note of consistent living. There must be no discord, no unequal emphasis. When these two forms of witnessing are in proper relation to each other there is delicate blending which issues in the music of life.

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Why Should a Man Hate His Wife?

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ing in Bible school, would settle it together beforehand what will be their attitude should the Lord call for some measure of separation in the work of the ministry. It could save future storms.

Even when there is mutual agreement for times of separation, the husband should lighten the strain as much as possible. He should see that his wife is suitably provided with companionship during his absence, and that she will have her needs supplied. Absences ought to be as brief as possible, consistent with fulfilling the work to which the minister has been called. There have been some among us who have maintained and cherished home and family life in the midst of even world-wide traveling with the Word. Money spent on some additional travel in order to have periods at home has been wisely invested. The reverse is a false and dangerous economy.

It goes without saying that, whenever possible, a wife should accompany her husband. Most of the above has been written with those years in view when a little family makes the mother's presence at home both wise and essential. When there are no such family cares, then the gospel need not separate husband and wife, except under quite unusual circumstances. It certainly reads as though Peter's wife traveled with him (1 Corinthians 9:5). What a grand help-meet a wife can be! And popular preachers are all the better for having at least one unvarnished critic traveling with them.

The most crucial issue arises when the wife is an unbeliever and seeks to hinder her spouse from full discipleship. Then the Christian husband has no alternative but to put his Lord first. The issue is clear. A Christian man, how-

ever, is not blameless if he deliberately married an unbeliever. He has disobeyed the command in 2 Corinthians 6:14, and the unequal yoke is bound to gall. If the conversion of one or the other has taken place after marriage, then the case is different. This remains to be said—a believing husband or a believing wife should do all in his power to win the other by love and consideration. In such case it is very probable that the Lord will not call His child to actions that would widen the breach. The path of discipleship will be found in seeking to live together in peace and harmony on the natural level, until in God's good time, and by His grace, there is a union on the spiritual level also.

A BOOK OF CONTRASTS

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burner of a fiery trial in order that His love may be cooked in. This will keep us from being spoiled or sour! "The Lord preserveth the faithful" (Psa. 31:23).

God displays His goodness to the children of men in verse 21 where they are offered "the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." This is the essential perfection of God whereby He pities and relieves the miseries of His creatures (Psa. 23:6). This mercy is everlasting (Psa. 100:5).

God's attitude toward the wicked is one of mercy. He wants His children to have that same attitude and to show compassion (v. 22), "pulling them out of the fire" (v. 23).

God completes His divine display by three additions found in verse 24. First,

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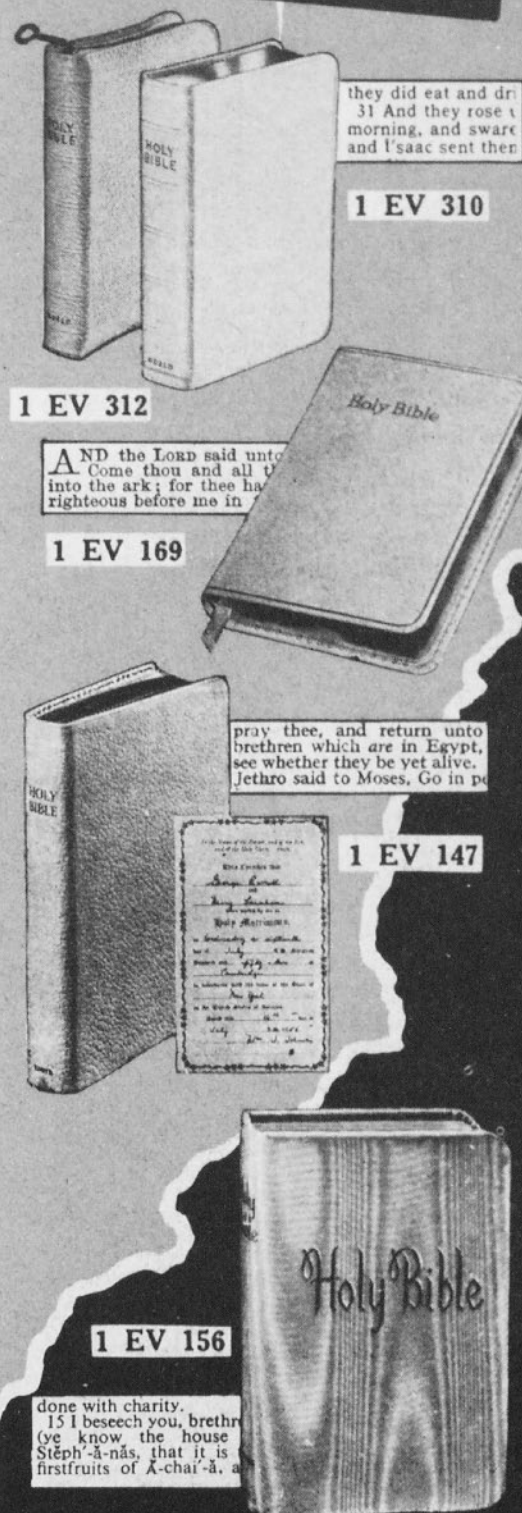
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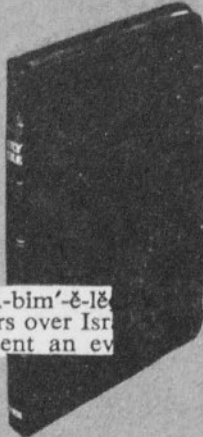
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477 NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR

The Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God reports that 477 new churches were established during 1955, to set a new record for our Fellowship. Many Assemblies are helping start another church in their cities or in nearby communities.

PIONEER PASTORS REPORT REMARKABLE PROGRESS

Reports from 196 pastors who pioneered new Assemblies of God churches in 1955 indicate that they have made remarkable progress. While the average age of these churches, at the time they made the report, was slightly less than six months each, their average Sunday School attendance was over 31 each.

These 196 pastors reported that 1,086 persons had been converted, 426 baptized in water, and 627 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Other statistics included: 66 C. A. groups were started, 46 WMC groups, and four Men's Fellowships. The new churches gave over \$5,174 to Home and Foreign Missions and \$309 to Revivaltime. Out of these 196 new churches 28 students plan to enter Bible school or college.

EVANGEL COLLEGE TO EXPAND AS IT ENTERS SECOND YEAR

Evangel College, the Assemblies of God liberal arts institution at Springfield, Missouri, expects to register 250 freshmen during its second year of operation which opens this fall, President Klaude Kendrick has stated.

The new school opened in the fall of 1955 on an excellent piece of property given to the church by the government after a military hospital was closed. Enrollment for the first year of operation totaled 103.

In addition to an enlarged student body, Evangel College expects to have a greatly enlarged faculty and staff during the 1956-57 school year, Brother Kendrick indicated. The college has employed eighteen faculty and staff members during the current school year but plans to add seven more next year.

Included in the addition will be Biology, English, French, Spanish, Social Sciences, and Home Economics teachers.

Steps are being taken immediately to activate several more of the existing buildings on the campus to make housing space for the larger enrollment in 1956-57, the president states. Remodeling of several buildings will also give additional office and classroom space, as well as room for more laboratories.

Registration will be held at the college on September 11, 1956, for the new school year.

1957 REGIONAL CONVENTIONS TO FEATURE SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Sunday School Department will conduct six regional conventions during 1957 to promote the "on to a million" enrollment campaign.

Currently the church has a Sunday School enrollment of 805,182, according to a recent announcement by Bert Webb, executive director of the Sunday School Department.

The goal is to reach a million by 1960.

Conventions planned for 1957 are as follows: Jacksonville, Fla., January 29-31; Wichita Falls, Tex., March 5-7; Sacramento, Calif., March 19-21; Spokane, Wash., March 27-29; Des Moines, Iowa, April 9-11; and Rochester, N. Y., April 23-25.

According to a recently completed Sunday School check-up, the Assemblies of God had an average attendance during 1955 of 586,229 with an increase in enrollment of 30,082. The average attendance showed an increase of 26,809 during 1955, Brother Webb has stated.

The six Sunday School conventions planned for 1957 will spotlight all phases of church school operation, including promotion, teaching methods, organization, and visitation planning.

Assisting with the convention in addition to the Executive Director will be C. W. Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department, and D. V. Hurst, assistant secretary.

REVIVALTIME SPEAKER'S ENGAGEMENTS

The REVIVALTIME speaker, C. M. Ward, may be heard in person in the following cities:

May 8-10—HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND—New York District Council, to be held in the South Huntington High School Auditorium, 31 Walt Whitman Road (on Rt. 110 near Jericho Turnpike, which is Route 25). Evening services—7:45 p.m.

May 11—TIPP CITY, OHIO—Bethel Tabernacle, Fourth and Plum Streets. Revivaltime Rally, 7:30 p.m.

May 15—HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA—Revivaltime Rally in the City Auditorium, 7:45 p.m.

May 29-30—ROCHESTER, NEW YORK—District C. A. Convention, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Assembly of God, No. Plymouth and Jones. In the Power's Hotel Ballroom, 34 W. Main Street, on May 30 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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.

NEWARK, OHIO—May 13-27 at Newark Assembly of God; Evangelist J. G. Gott.—by Gene Z. Kulik, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—May 15-27 at South Akron Assembly of God, 57 W. South St.; the Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn.—by R. D. Dobbins, Pastor.

ELLWOOD CITY, PA.—Apr. 22-May 6 at Assembly of God; Evangelist L. T. Stewart, McKeesport, Pa.—by A. Reuben Hartwick, Pastor.

WALLA WALLA, WASH.—Apr. 22-May 13 at Assembly of God, 304 N. 2nd Ave.; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Riverside, Calif.

WRAY, COLO.—Begins May 20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ted Stephens and family of Oklahoma.—by J. W. Arnold, Pastor.

SHERMAN, TEX.—Revival and Workers Training Course at Glad Tidings Assembly, 1604 S. Travis, begins May 13; Evangelist Paul Copeland.—by Orville J. Painter, Pastor.

SHAKOPEE, MINN.—May 8-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ivan R. Kramer. (Richard Holmquist is Pastor.)

CARUTHERSVILLE, MO.—May 13-27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. H. E. Waddle, Nashville, Tenn.—by Idama Keeton, Pastor.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA—May 6-20 at First Assembly of God, 504 N. 2nd St.; Evangelist Amelia Joseph Bullock, Lakeland, Fla.—by Mirko E. Parlotz, Pastor.

RUSTON, LA.—Begins May 13 with Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Roy Baker is Pastor.)

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIF.—Began Apr. 22 with Evangelist and Mrs. Danny Hope. (Leonard Weston is Pastor.)

WEST TERRE HAUTE, IND.—May 10-27 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (Archie Brown is Pastor.)

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.—Began Apr. 29 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Robert D. Clark, Bakersfield, Calif.—by J. W. Dollins, Pastor.

DAVENPORT, IOWA—May 6-20 at El Bethel Assembly of God, 14th and Main Sts.; Evangelists Jerrell and Wanda Snyder, Santa Cruz, Calif. (Ralph McCaully is Pastor.)

OLIVEHURST, CALIF.—May 9-20 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Searl W. Stover is Pastor.)

SAPULPA, OKLA.—Apr. 29-May 13 at First Assembly of God, 202 S. Maple; Evangelist George Hayes, Houston, Tex.—by Claude E. Maples, Pastor.

COAL, TEX.—Begins May 10 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Hughes, Fort Worth, Tex. (E. L. Medley is Pastor.)

CULPEPER, VA.—May 16-27 at Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist William Caldwell, Lancaster, Pa.—by Paul E. Boyce, Pastor.

GREAT BEND, KANS.—Began Apr. 29 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Gene Thompson, Camden, Ark.—by J. O. Rosenberg, Pastor.

BRADLEY, ALA.—May 6-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. (J. L. Brown is Pastor.)

SHAWNEE, KANS.—May 1-13 at Assembly of God; Evangelist R. Alan Davis, Tulsa, Okla.—by L. R. Bilhimer, Pastor.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—May 8-20 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist H. B. Kelchner, Flintstone, Md.—by R. A. McClure, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Begins May 13 at Sunnyland Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Fleck. (O. L. Davidson is Pastor.)

SPRINGFIELD, OREG.—Begins May 2 at Bethel Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush.—by Warren H. Cornelius, Pastor.

HOOD RIVER, OREG.—May 8-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (Ernest W. Bedwell is Pastor.)

AITKIN, MINN.—Continues through May 20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (R. C. Schlunn is Pastor.)

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

GERM WARFARE (Genesis 3:1)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR MAY 6

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CORNING, N. Y.—Began Apr. 24 at Assembly of God Tabernacle, Cutler Ave.; Evangelist Ron Ripley.—by Norman G. Love, Pastor.

TAFT, CALIF.—Apr. 29-May 13 at Assembly of God, 314 Asher St.; Evangelist Bill Lewis Wilmington, Calif.—by Norman L. Field, Pastor

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—May 1-20 at Assembly of God, 227 Ferry St.; Evangelist L. K. Dodge, Williamston, N. Y.—by Russell W. Harvey, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Begins May 13 at Humble Road Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Laughlin, Breckenridge, Tex. (R. N. Andrews is Pastor.)

GUTHRIE, OKLA.—Began Apr. 25 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Hastie, Springfield, Mo. (V. H. Shumway is Pastor.)

SHELBY, MICH.—Dedication of new Assembly of God, May 6 at 3 p.m. Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, speaker.—by Donald Matthews, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—Begins May 20 at Faith Assembly of God, Washington and Del Mar Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Satterfield, Little Rock, Ark.—by Paul E. Jones, Pastor.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Spring Convention at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 W. 33rd St., began Apr. 22 with Hattie Hammond. Celebrating 49th Anniversary, May 5.—by Marie E. Brown, Pastor.

HETTINGER, N. DAK.—May 1-13 at Assembly of God; Evangelist William Borows. Sectional S. S. Rally, May 10-11 with Robert Pirtle, Springfield, Mo., main speaker.—by Edward D. Kidroske, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONTACTS WANTED—We are in a pioneer work in Seymour, Ind. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—by Duard Baldwin, Pastor, Seymour, Ind.

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GEORGE E. SHEPHERD, 76, went to his heavenly reward March 24, 1956. Brother Shepherd was ordained in 1920. He pastored several churches in Iowa and north Missouri.

WILLIAM E. WOOD, 47, Racine, Wis. went to be with the Lord April 9, 1956. Brother Wood was ordained in 1933. He pastored churches in West Point and Peoria, Ill. and for the last nine years was pastor of the Assembly in Racine.

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4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
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