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



**God's Truth Shall Keep Them Free!**

## How Firm a Foundation?

The mammoth rockslide on the Niagara River last month was a vivid reminder of the importance of firm foundations. The day before the crash, no one dreamed of danger. The massive wall of the gorge looked as solid and immovable as ever—a sheer wall of solid rock rising 220 feet above the river. Had anyone even suggested a rockslide they would have been ridiculed. True, a giant rockfall had destroyed Prospect Point two years ago—but that was right at the falls, where the river's erosive force reaches a peak, whereas last month's rockfall was half a mile downstream from the falls.

A few hours before the tragedy, someone at the huge hydro-electric works deep down in the gorge noticed a seepage at the base of the station, and a crew began working feverishly in an effort to sandbag the leak. But all in vain. Suddenly there was a terrific cracking sound as the walls and ceiling of the building began to give way. The workmen ran for their lives. Moments later, two great sections of the power station lay buried beneath thousands of tons of rock. A giant section of the wall of the gorge, five hundred feet wide, had given way causing one death and an estimated hundred million dollars' loss.

How firm are *our* foundations—as a nation, as a church, as individuals? Do we take our safety for granted? We love to quote the Saviour's words—"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And because we know the Scriptures we suppose our freedom is secure. But knowledge alone is not enough. Truth will not make us free (or keep us free) unless we cherish it, embrace it, and make it the ruling power in our lives. Otherwise, the very truth in which we have trusted will judge us, condemn us, and come crashing down to bury us in misery.

NO IMAGINARY DANGER



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Great is the debt we owe our forefathers for national and spiritual liberty—but greater yet is our debt to Christ.

# We Are Debtors

by B. L. BRESSON

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**W**E ARE DEBTORS TO OUR COUNTRY. Independence Day is a worthy monument in time erected to the memory of those who counted their lives a cheap price to pay for freedom. On that hot Philadelphia day in July, 1776, a declaration was agreed upon which was to become the symbol of man's struggle against oppression.

One must search through a veritable maze in quest of the causes of the American Revolution. The Revolution was the result of man's search for freedom as expressed by two schools of thought. Since very few immigrants came to the United States from Lutheran countries before the adoption of the Constitution, the political contribution of this branch of Protestantism was not large. Most early settlers in America were Calvinists in religious doctrine. These people made a substantial contribution to our national life. In addition to their religious principles, they advocated a written law rather than the edicts of a monarch, faithful fulfillment of all contracts, a representative form of government and the right to resist oppressive rulers.

The other source from which our early civic ideals came was "Natural Religion." It is curious that two exactly opposite approaches to religion would produce similar results. It is impossible to fully explain Natural Religion here. Suffice it to say that Newton had discovered certain "natural laws" in science. It was then supposed that all matters pertaining to the universe could be explained by such "natural laws." (Natural Religion is fully explained by Carl Becker in *The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth Century Philosophers*.

The political approach to the problem was treated by John Locke in *Two Treatises on Government*.) These sources, Calvinism and Natural Religion, largely gave us the framework for our system of government.

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We are debtors to our Church. We have tasted of the Pentecostal infilling of divine power which came to the upper room, which James calls the early rain. We believe that his reference to the latter rain has been fulfilled in the past half century. During the last half of the nineteenth century the Protestant church was cold and formal. Many church people had spent so much time defending the validity of the Scriptures that they had lost all the fire and zeal from their lives. The church was plagued by the "social gospel," which spread like a malignant sore. It went so far as to substitute works for faith as the means of salvation. Finally, the conflict between Darwinian science and religion produced a rational interpretation of life rather than an acceptance of the Scriptures.

Under such influences, large segments of the church moved toward a

new interpretation of the Bible. This defection destroyed direct inspiration, internal evidence, divine revelation and all forms of the supernatural. People around the world rebelled against such a weakening of the Christian faith. This reaction to formalism produced the holiness movement and ultimately the Assemblies of God.

As a church we adopted many features of government from the Puritans and similar groups. Like them, we accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The laity elect pastors and elders, admit new members into the church and manage the finances of the congregation. Control of the church is vested in the body of believers. Also we accept the idea that men are stewards of whatever material wealth may come to them.

Other guides to the Assemblies of God were borrowed from the Quakers. They attempted to restore Christianity to its primitive simplicity, charity and spirituality. Divine grace and salvation were seen to be freely available to all on the basis of confession, repentance, and the outward evidence that the sinner had turned from his ways of evil. They rejected ceremony, inequality and authority, except as founded on God's prerogative. In the work of the ministry the moving of the Holy Spirit was considered more essential than education. Local congregations were given central authority. Each person was given the privilege of participating in the church service.

Fortunately for our movement, our early leaders kept us from the extremes sometimes indulged in by these two groups. The "inner light" of the Quak-

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# The Importance of Praying for Rulers

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**B**ECAUSE NATIONAL RULERS ARE MINISTERS of God (Romans 13:1-7), it is a primary duty of the Christian life to pray for them continually, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim. 2:1, 2).

Though not all rulers realize it, they are divinely appointed servants of God, ordained by Him to enact and enforce just laws, and empowered by Him to punish those who do evil. It is also their duty to praise and encourage those who do well.

When national rulers recognize and honor God, He gives them great favor and blesses rulers and people in many ways. They enjoy peace and prosperity. Crime will be curbed, labor problems solved, and happy contentment will prevail.

It is God's desire that every nation should enjoy His blessings of peace and quietness, for He wills "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). It is the responsibility of a nation's leaders to maintain such peaceful conditions that the gospel of Christ can be proclaimed without hindrance of any kind; for it is through hearing and believing the good news of Christ's death and resurrection that men are saved from sin and come to know the truth that brings true freedom.

It is therefore of great importance to pray for all in authority, that they may be influenced by the Spirit of God to do His will. Prayer should be offered for their individual salvation, for only as they actually know God and His Son Jesus Christ will they come to know the perfect will of God.

Genuine conversion to Christ is just as important for a nation's ruler as it is for the lowliest citizen of his realm. The highest earthly honor and power cannot be made a substitute for the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. In God's sight "all have sinned," and there is no righteous person on earth; "no, not one" (Romans 3:10-26). When the first man Adam sinned against God through unbelief and disobedience (Genesis 3), his divine nature died. He became morally unlike God and a stranger to his Maker. So it is essential that the divine nature be "born again" in every human soul. This supernatural birth is brought about by believing the "exceeding great and precious promises" of the gospel, by which men again become "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). As Adam's likeness to God died when he disbelieved and disobeyed the Word of God, men are today restored to the image of God by believing the words of His Son Jesus Christ and by obeying all His commandments. It is only through the new birth that men can be restored to favor with God, so this spiritual experience is just as essential for a nation's leader as it is for the greatest sinner in his country.

Prayer should be offered not only for the salvation of national rulers, but also for their preservation from evil powers that seek to influence their minds. The Bible teaches that Satan is

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**P**AUL SAID THERE WERE TEACHERS in his day who consented not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, "supposing that gain is godliness; from such withdraw thyself" (1 Timothy 6:3-5). Peter said, "There shall be false teachers among you" (2 Peter 2:1). This apparently has now come to pass. "Success cults" turn out best sellers, taking some of the principles and promises of Christianity and adapting them indiscriminately to saved and unsaved people alike. All it takes is a little positive thinking, a little more psychology, and presto—the world is at your feet! This amounts to a corruption of Christianity, a detour around the Way of the Cross. Hence a little study of *The Relation of Riches to Righteousness* may be in order.

Riches are not inherently sinful. We are told that "Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2). The story goes on to say that "Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds and cattle" (v. 5). And the herdsmen of these two men quarreled, to the embarrassment of Abram. He generously gave Lot his choice of all the land around them, and offered to go in the opposite direction to whichever one Lot should choose. Lot chose the best land available. He displayed selfishness and greed, whereas Abram showed unselfishness and nobility of character. They both were rich, but their riches affected them differently. The one gave his life for riches and grabbed greedily, even though it meant his uncle's loss. The other voluntarily gave up material advantage in order to maintain his spiritual integrity. (In the end, Lot lost all the material things for which he had sold his soul, and Abram gained infinitely more, even of material land, than he had surrendered. Thus God enters the picture and renders His verdict upon such decisions. It is always thus, eventually.)

Job likewise was a very rich man. "His substance also was seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east" (Job 1:3). And God set out (at Satan's challenge) to show the world that here was a man who loved Him more than riches. With all his worldly riches gone

# The Relation of Riches to Righteousness

The General Superintendent Speaks



*The Bible warns us against  
presuming that material gain is godliness.*

in a sudden catastrophe (and how suddenly such riches can disappear), Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." And when the long, severe trial was over, after Job had repented of his self-righteousness and had learned to abhor himself, God gave him greater riches than he had had before. Thus a man can be rich and still love God correctly, or he can lose his riches and still love the Lord ardently. We should not serve God for the material advantage in doing so (although there is indeed great advantage in serving God). We should not pay tithes merely to get God to bless the nine-tenths more than the ten-tenths would be blessed without Him. The tithe belongs to God, and even our offerings above the tithe should be given to Him and to His work out of a desire to obey Him and a sheer love for Him and His work.

But neither are riches a barometer of God's favor, or of our righteousness. Jesus Himself had no place to lay His head when He was here on earth. "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor." Paul said, "We both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and labour, working with our own hands" (1 Corinthians 4:11, 12). And who can deny the pre-eminent spirituality of Jesus and Paul?

An infidel farmer had fields adjoining those of a Christian farmer. Rains fell on the infidel's land but not so well on the Christian's, and so his crops were far better than the Christian's. He twitted the Christian at harvest time.

"You see," he said, "it doesn't pay to be a Christian. I'm an infidel and I have good crops, and you are a Christian and have poor ones."

"Well," said the Christian, "my God does not settle all His accounts in October."

David said he had seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree. He was envious when he saw the prosperity of the wicked. "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castest them down into destruction" (Psalm 73:16-18). "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love Him?" (James 2:5). It is far better to be poor in this world and be rich in faith, than to be rich in this world and devoid of faith. To be rich is not a thing to strive for. "Labor not to be rich" (Proverbs 23:4). *To be greedy of filthy lucre is to be disqualified from being a minister.* "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Timothy 3:3; 6:9). You cannot judge a man's true success by his salary or his affluence. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Man looketh upon the outward appearance but God looketh upon the heart.

Here is God's rule of life with regard to riches and righteousness: *Seek ye*

*first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.* Devote yourself to the search for God and His favor. Become more pure in heart, more humble, and more believing as the days go by, and God will take care of the houses and lands and material possessions. Take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? Or, Where-withal shall we be clothed (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek). If we rather seek for the things of God, and take thought day and night to be rich in His kingdom, then He promises to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly and lives as cited in Psalm 1:1-3; *whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.* Joseph was a godly, virtuous young man; and that which he did, God made it to prosper (Genesis 39:2, 3, 23). "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them (Psalm 62:10). Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2). What God gives, hold lightly and keep it subject to His call and command. Paul said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound; everywhere and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need" (Philippians 4:11, 12). That is a lesson that every Christian needs to learn.

*Sam Riggs*

## RULERS (Continued from page four)

now controlling the vast majority of mankind. He endeavors to destroy and hinder the work of God on earth by corrupting national leaders. When they swerve from the path of morality and duty, their evil example and errors in judgment can soon bring disaster to a nation, and possibly a war that will prevent many nations from hearing the gospel of Christ. Pray, therefore, not only for the genuine conversion of national leaders, but also that they will follow Christ so faithfully that their minds will not be influenced by the efforts of Satan to corrupt them.

Leaders also need continual prayer that God will give them divine wisdom and counsel, clear discernment of truth, good judgment and understanding. Since they are subjected to more and stronger temptations than most men, they need prayer that God will give them great strength of character, patience, humility and all other graces that

can only be wrought in the soul by the Spirit of God.

Because the influence of a national leader is so great, Christians should pray that his life will be an example that others may safely follow. When a leader is known to be a true worshiper of God, a student of the Bible and a regular church attendant, thousands of people will follow the pattern of Christian living that he sets before them. His example will make the work of the churches much more fruitful, for he will incline the hearts of people towards God. It will then be much easier for ministers of the gospel to evangelize their own nations and the whole world.

In addition to "supplications, prayers, intercessions" offered for all men and for national rulers, there should also be "giving of thanks" for them (1 Tim. 2:1, 2). Christians should thank God for His chosen leaders, for they are His gifts to bring His blessings upon

the nations. As they are faithful in following Christ and His teachings, their people will enjoy prosperity, peace and contentment. The Bible contains many examples of national prosperity and divine blessings resulting from government by God-fearing rulers. It also contains the accounts of disasters that came upon nations whose leaders turned from God. Thanks should therefore be given to God for those whom He has exalted to positions of power, and continual prayer offered for their individual salvation and consistent Christian living.

Failure to pray and give thanks for national rulers is a sin against God. Our unconcern for their personal salvation may result in the eternal loss of their souls. Neglect of intercession for them can bring revolution and war, oppression and the loss of freedom.

Let us therefore remember to pray daily for all in authority, for by such prayers peace can be prolonged and God's blessings enjoyed by all nations.

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# The Day the 'Liberty' Boat Sank

**T**HE WIND BLEW FIERCELY AND RAIN came down in freezing torrents at unexpected intervals. It was a typical chilling February day in Newport, Rhode Island. Waves from the stormy Atlantic heaved violently at the waterfront and uncomfortably rocked the many ships of the U. S. Fleet anchored in Narragansett Bay.

There was little activity in the bay that day. These treacherous waters had ruthlessly capsized smaller craft in weather like this, snuffing out many lives.

In spite of the unpleasant weather, spirits were high aboard the ships—it was pay day and that was enough to gladden any sailor's heart.

Howard Cain was one of hundreds of sailors who had the day off (they call it "liberty") to go ashore. The weather was miserable, but he had peace in his heart. As a Christian he wanted his shipmates to know the Lord. He was glad he had a praying mother. He was happy that she had requested the Servicemen's Division to pray for him, too.

When it was time to return to his ship, Howard found a "liberty" boat to take him back; but he dreaded that short trip across the bay more than an ocean voyage. The weather had become more severe; and it was obvious that if the bay became much rougher all small craft would be forbidden to sail.

As Howard stepped into the boat, he was pleasantly surprised to see five of his shipmates to whom he had testified.

They struck up a conversation as the boat moved away from the landing and headed toward the open bay.

The waves churned, tossing the small craft unmercifully in the angry billows. The full force of the winter wind struck the boat as it pushed farther into the bay. Chilling, salty spray beat upon sailors and waves spilled into the craft.

Suddenly, terror loomed before them. The coxswain frantically battled the craft to direct its course. Uncontrollably driven by the violent waves and wind, the boat bore down on a buoy anchored in the bay. The pealing of the bell on the buoy, accentuated by the howling of the storm, added to the anxiety.

And then it happened! With a sickening thud, the "liberty" boat plunged into the buoy causing the bell to ring violently. The men struggled to regain an upright position. Water poured into the crushed bow of the boat. The only alternative was to abandon the little vessel.

There was little time to prepare to get into the icy waters. Quickly the sailors removed their pea coats and

put on life jackets. Before Howard completed donning his life belt, the boat sank—carrying his pea coat and his billfold to the bottom of the bay.

Before the full realization of his loss swept over him, he became aware of his shipmates in the water around him. Fear gripped them as they frantically cried out for help. Howard was frightened, too, but he found he had an inner peace overshadowing the fear. He realized that perhaps this was God's opportunity to reach the souls of his shipmates. He assured them that God could and would help them. He told them that God wanted to save their souls, as well as their bodies. Then he set the example by praying. Each of the five shipmates began praying after him—and there in the very jaws of death, God redeemed their souls.

Then another miracle took place. Within a very few minutes a ship spotted them and every man was rescued.

Reflecting on his experience Howard wrote: "In the task of putting on the life jackets we had to take off our pea coats. My money was in a pocket so I lost everything, but God rewarded me with something more priceless—the souls of five men. I thank God for saving our lives and our souls."

At the next opportunity, Howard and five very grateful shipmates went ashore and together they went to praise God with the Christians in the Newport Assembly of God. There was a ring of joy in their hearts. They knew what it meant to have real liberty within. They had found it the day the "liberty" boat sank. Their sins had been buried in the sea of God's forgetfulness, too.



# FREE INDEED!

by W. H. Moody

**F**REEDOM! WHAT A WONDERFUL HERITAGE! Our forefathers toiled for this, and our young men fought in two world wars to maintain it.

Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be *free indeed*" (John 8:36). The political freedom which we enjoy and for which millions in other lands hope and pray is but a shadow compared to that glorious freedom of the spirit which the Son of God offers to every individual.

What a pity that people in some countries languish beneath the rule of dictatorial and tyrannical governments without ever knowing that such freedom as we enjoy even exists in the world. The greater pity is that many people are bound by Satan and do not seem to realize that they are bound. They are blind to the fact that there is a spiritual liberty in Christ Jesus that they have never known. They go about their daily pursuits utterly unaware of the fact that they are bound by the fetters of sin—and unaware of its final consequences. If only they knew the scripture that says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Then there are people who have awakened to the fact that they are being deprived of their human rights but who seem unable to save themselves. They are like the millions who realize they are captives of Satan but cannot find the way of escape.

They have tried to pay for their sins. They have tried confessing their sins to men. They have joined some church and have submitted to many religious ceremonies. They have done many good deeds. They have even put the communion cup to their lips. Yet, for all this, they know in their hearts that they are still bound by a force called sin.

To be really saved and delivered from Satan's power is like escaping to a new country where true freedom is enjoyed. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Let us not be deceived by cumbersome traditions of men. Let us turn sincerely to the Bible, where we will find the answer to our problem—a sure way of escape from sin and its consequences to glorious liberty in Christ.

First of all, we must truly repent of our sin. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). Then we must have faith in the sacrifice of Christ for us personally. If we could be delivered from sin by some other means, then Christ would not need to have died. "For God so loved the world, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Finally we must commit our lives completely to God. As we follow Him day by day, He has promised to keep us. "He is able to keep that which I

have committed unto him" (2 Tim. 1:12).

This eternal freedom in Christ can be yours right now if you will come God's way to receive it.

Freedom from sin, O Lord, how I need it!  
From all my guilt I now turn to Thee;  
By faith in Christ I humbly receive it;  
Make me Thy child forever to be.

## WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

It is the sob of God.

It is the anguished cry of Jesus as He weeps over a doomed city.

It is the cry of Paul, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

Evangelism is the heart-winning plea of Moses. "Oh, this people have sinned. . . . Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of the book which thou hast written."

It is the cry of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die."

It is the declaration of John Wesley, "The world is my parish."

It is the sob of parents in the night, praying for a wayward child.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian





# Saved As a Sinner

by A. H. STEWART

WHAT A WONDERFUL FEAST Matthew (also known as Levi) made for his Saviour. Luke records the fact that he invited a "great company of publicans and of others" (chapter 5). How easy it is for the Christian, having experienced the joy of salvation, to imagine Matthew calling in his friends so they might hear the Son of God and believe on Him.

Outside, however, there were grumblers—scribes and Pharisees who found fault with the fact that Christ and His disciples associated with sinful men. These critical individuals began hurling the question at the disciples, "Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?" And even though the disciples may not have had the answer, their Master did. Jesus answered that question as He said, "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Christ, the great Physician, was looking for those who recognized their sins so that He might apply the healing balm of His grace.

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." What wondrous words of grace and love. This was His mission.

When the Duke of Kent, father of Britain's Queen Victoria, was facing death, he expressed concern over the fate of his soul. His physician endeavored to soothe his mind by referring to his respectability and his position. But the Duke stopped him short by saying, "Remember, if I am to be saved, it is not as a prince, but as a sinner."

There is one peculiar class of people for whom Christ died—sinful men and women. He came to call sinners to repentance, for only sinners can be saved!

Archbishop Usher often said he hoped to die with the prayer of the publican on his lips. His wish was fulfilled, for his last words were, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Just before death Dr. Woods of Andover, England, replied to a friend who asked if he should pray with him: "There is no prayer that meets my case but that of the publican, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

Rowland Hill remarked at one time, "People talk about looking back on a well-spent life. I look up to Him who spent His life gloriously to redeem my soul; and there alone I dare to look."

Friend, have you been brought to repentance—that is, to change your mind about your condition, and acknowledge that you are a sinner, and also to realize that God loves you just as you are? "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Take God at His word right now; cease to think of your fitness; wait no longer

for feelings. It is in trusting that we receive God's blessing of eternal life. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

Dr. James Gray expressed this glorious truth in these words:

"Tears unavailing, no merit had I;  
Mercy had saved me, or else I must die;

Sin had alarmed me, fearing God's face;

But now I'm a sinner, saved by grace.

"Only a sinner, saved by grace,  
Only a sinner, saved by grace,  
This is my story, to God be the glory,

I'm only a sinner, saved by grace!"

—Messenger of Peace

## Four Freedoms

by FRANCIS W. PHILLIPS

AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN STOOD shoulder to shoulder during World War II, determined to guarantee four basic freedoms to the peoples of the world.

Here are the four freedoms the Christian enjoys.

### 1. FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION

Paul writes: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). The charge of guilt has been removed from those who believe.

### 2. FREEDOM FROM SIN AND ITS POWER

How eloquently history can speak of the slaves of lust who have been liberated through the mighty work of Him who came to destroy the power of Satan!

### 3. FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO THE FATHER

God's chosen people, the Jews, in all their years of national life never enjoyed this freedom as we can. Their approach to God was through a human priesthood, with all its inherent weaknesses. The presence of God meant terror to them. The thunder and lightnings of Sinai, from whose summit God spoke, caused the people to cry out to Moses, "Speak thou with us...but let not God speak with us, lest we die" (Ex. 20:19). As Christians enjoying the liberty Christ has bought for us, we are invited to come boldly unto the Throne

of Grace—not through a human priest, but through our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us—rich or poor, wise or simple—has this privilege.

### 4. FREEDOM FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH

"Forasmuch then, as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil, and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14, 15). Death holds no terrors for the Christian. Thanks be unto God, we have a more sure word of prophecy than the writings of pagan philosophers who hold out no hope to a frightened world. Christ died, was raised in resurrection glory, and now lives—forever lives—Victor over sin, death and the grave.

"Daddy, is God as nice as you?" asked a little lad on the threshold of death—and seeing the answer in his father's wet face, he said, "Then I'm not afraid to die."

These are the freedoms the Christian knows. The price that was paid was the precious blood of God's only begotten Son, poured out on Calvary. Accepting Him as your personal Saviour will guarantee these freedoms to you, now and forever.

—Tract by American Tract Society



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

### 1957 General Council to Be Held in Cleveland

The 27th annual General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, August 28-September 4, 1957, the Executive Presbyters announced recently.

### Youth for Christ Reports 53,000 Conversions

A survey of approximately 250 chartered Youth for Christ rallies in the U.S. revealed a total of over 53,000 decisions for Christ this past year, YFCI Executive Director T. W. Engstrom reported.

### Churches Plan Housing Project for the Aged

Twenty churches in the Denver (Colorado) area have formed a corporation to build a \$1½ million housing project for the aged. Plans call for 250 units to be erected on a seven and one-half acre plot at the edge of a new residential district. A spokesman said the interdenominational project should pay for itself without subsidy.

### Condemn "Rock 'n Roll" Music

Catholic Youth Organization directors, at a New England regional meeting, condemned "rock 'n roll" music as "pandering to the lower instincts." The unanimous opinion of the youth leaders was that this type of music contributes to moral delinquency and is inconsistent with Christian morality.

### Calls Anti-Church Zoning Ordinances "Un-American"

A spokesman for the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues declared that local zoning restrictions that limit the construction of churches and synagogues are "un-American" and should be banned by law. "Despite the glib alibis offered," he said, "measures obstructing the building of sanctuaries reflect hostility to religion. These local actions not only violate the spirit of hospitality, they are un-American and represent an infringement on the liberty of worship."

### Pope Gets "Red Book" of Communist Persecutions

Pope Pius XII was presented a "Red Book" on Communist anti-religious persecution recently. The volume documents the situation of Catholics in many Communist-dominated lands, including the Soviet Union, and is intended to prove that even if Communist methods vary or change, the anti-religious aim is always the same.

One cannot help but wish that someone would also present the Pope with a "purple book" recording the persecutions of Protestants in Spain, Colombia, Bolivia, and other Catholic-dominated countries.

### Gospel Clinic Opened in Dayton

The Gospel Clinic—"an approach to people about the personal salvation of their souls"—was opened recently in downtown Dayton, Ohio. The clinic is non-denominational and is working closely with the National Association of Evangelicals. The Nazarene minister in charge explained the purpose of the clinic in these words. "We have dental clinics and medical clinics. This is a clinic to tell people about the gospel."

### German Clergymen Now Permitted to Enter Politics

New legislation permits clergymen of Martin Niemoeller's church in Germany to take part in political life. The new law adopted by the Synod of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church in Hessen and Nassau is at wide variance with regulations adopted by other Lutheran groups which "create a clear division between the job of a clergyman and that of a politician."

The only restriction is that a clergyman must take a leave of absence from his church when running for state or federal parliament, and he must go on inactive ministerial status if elected to a federal post.

### Each Russian Baptist Called a "Little Billy Graham"

A Baptist leader from the Soviet Union told a Baptist audience in the nation's capital that "in every one of our members we have a little Billy Graham." Alexander Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians, thus described the personal evangelism technique employed by Russian Baptists.

Mr. Karev stated that there are "about half a million baptized members registered on our rolls," but that to determine the number of Baptists one "would have to ask each one how many persons they have personally won to Christ. Some," he went on, "would be able to say fifty—I do not exaggerate—and others would say thirty. The average would be at least five or six. So we know there are at least three million Baptists in the Soviet Union." He further explained that each convert must fulfill a probationary and preparatory period of at least three years before membership is granted.

Religious meetings outside the churches are not permitted in Russia. Therefore, he said, "we do not have evangelism as you know it, with large mass meetings. . . . Every Russian Baptist considers himself a missionary. . . . We go to every street or alley and talk about Jesus Christ, person to person."

Mr. Karev is one of the five Russian Baptist leaders who toured the U.S. during June.

### French-Canadians Joining Protestant Churches

An "enormous loss" of French-Canadians to the Protestant churches is noted in a report by the French-Canadian Education Association of Ontario. More than 60,000 out of the 477,677 French-speaking Canadians in the Province of Ontario have registered as non-Catholics.

### Catholics Increase in the U.S.

Roman Catholics in the U.S. and its territories now number 33,574,000—an increase of nearly a million in the past year, according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1956. There has been a 37½ per cent increase in the total membership of the church in the past 10 years. (These figures include children and inactive members also.)

### Descendant of Famed Missionary Helps Finance Church

Miss D. Livingstone-Bruce, great granddaughter of the famed explorer-missionary David Livingstone, has given 10,000 pounds (\$28,000) to finance the construction of a church for Negroes in Southern Rhodesia. The structure will accommodate 1,000 persons.

### A Million Pennies for Missions

"A Million Pennies for Missions" is the slogan of a church in Atlanta, Georgia. The pastor, who reports that only pennies will be accepted to meet this year's goal, said that jars placed in strategic places around the church should help the congregation reach its monthly goal of 83,333 pennies.

### Church Sets New Record in Missionary Giving

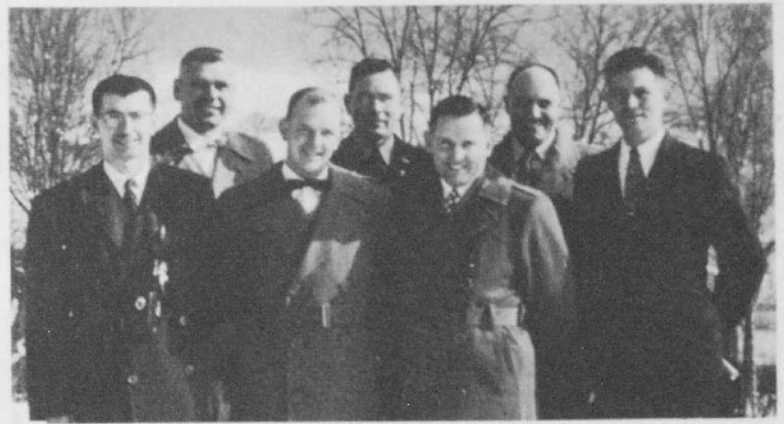
The Christian and Missionary Alliance set a new record for itself last year by giving \$3,343,000 to missions. The members gave an average of over \$50 each for missionary purposes during the year.

An insight into the missionary zeal of this group is given in the story of Stanley Tam, owner of a smelter at Lima, Ohio, that does a \$200,000-a-year business. He told the annual meeting of the group that God had spoken to him to give all the future profits of his business to religious work. Previously he gave 51 per cent of the profits of his business for the Lord's work. From now on, Mr. Tam stated, he will serve on a salary so that the company's entire profits can be devoted to helping meet "the great world need for Christian guidance."

### CHAPLAIN ON "VOICE OF AMERICA"



Chaplain (Major) Walter Tashnick, an Assemblies of God minister stationed with the U.S.A.F. in Germany is shown preparing to make a Russian-language broadcast which will be beamed to those behind the Iron Curtain through the facilities of the "Voice of America."



### ASSEMBLIES CHAPLAINS IN EUROPE ATTEND RELIGIOUS RETREAT

Pictured above are seven of the nine Assemblies of God chaplains now stationed in Europe. They recently met for a time of spiritual refreshing at the Protestant Chaplains' Religious Retreat at famous and scenic Berchtesgaden, Germany, a location made famous by Adolph Hitler. The chaplains called the meeting "A Pentecostal Chaplains' Retreat within a Protestant Chaplains' Retreat."

The chaplains are, from left to right, first row: Captain John Pope, 1st Lt. James Cotton, Major John Lindvall, 1st Lt. Albert Rice. Second row: Major Walter Tashnick, 1st Lt. Elton Curnutt, and Major Dudley Boyd.

### Something New in the Education Field

The Education Department of the Assemblies of God recently introduced a bi-monthly newsletter called the "Assemblies of God Educator." Containing information pertinent to those engaged and interested in the work of Christian education, the "Educator" will be especially helpful to administrators, teachers, prospective teachers, and college students. It will be published every other month at a subscription rate of \$1.00 for two years. Send your order to: Department of Education, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

### Leaders Alarmed at Juvenile Crime Increase

Officials of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare are alarmed by the fact that half a million children were brought into juvenile courts last year. There was a 9 per cent increase in the caseload of 977 juvenile courts during the past year, and 383 of these courts reported that 1955 was by far the worst year in their experience.

One shudders to imagine what this country will be like if this trend continues. The children need to be reached for Christ *before* it becomes necessary to have them appear in juvenile courts.

### Liquor Advertising Expenditures Reach New High

The Methodist Board of Temperance reports that the alcoholic beverage industry now ranks third among all advertisers in the amount spent on television "spot advertising." Its expenditures of nearly \$8½ million on "spot ads" in the first three months of this year were topped only by the advertising of the food and drug industries.

The Board also stated that the liquor industry's newspaper advertising hit a new record last year—almost \$60-million—a 2.7 per cent increase over the previous record which was set in 1954.

And yet the liquor industry would have us believe that these tremendous expenditures are not designed to induce more people to drink!

# Christian Servicemen's Home in Tokyo

## A Christian Home When Far From Home

by MRS. WM. H. SAKWITZ, Tokyo

**T**HERE ARE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN boys who have a Christian "home" in Tokyo, Japan. There can be no doubt that this "missionary project" was born in the heart of God. What do young men need when they are eight or ten thousand miles from loved ones, in a strange country where sin is so accessible and temptations are so great, more than a real home—one that radiates the presence of Christ through the lives of the family members; one that can help them, hold them steady, and guide them to the Saviour. That is just what the Tokyo Home is.

Of course, every home needs a father and a mother, and Tokyo Home is fortunate to have "Mom" and "Pop" Mincey. After twenty-five years of ministry in the States, God dealt with Rev. and Mrs. E. William Mincey until they realized that He had chosen them to make a "home" for young servicemen in Japan who needed spiritual help and guidance. In the fall of 1952, the Minceys opened Tokyo Home in an old Japanese house with broken windows, tetami floors and no heating system. But there was a warmth of love there that made up for the lack of these things, and the boys began to come—in small groups at first, but as the good news spread, more and more found their way home. Boys began coming from other points in the Far East—Formosa, Okinawa, Korea and from ships to spend their R & R or their leave at "home."

In November of 1953, the "family" moved into their new home with great joy and thanksgiving. A large Japanese house, centrally located, was remodeled to be as much like a Stateside home as possible with hardwood floors, tile kitchen and bath, even a real fireplace in the den. Here the boys were able



Pop and Mom Mincey

to enjoy the atmosphere of home, family altar, recreation, home-cooked meals and real Christian fellowship. Nearly 2,000 meals are served free of charge to military personnel alone each month. This is a work of faith—and though operating costs are extremely high, God continually sends in funds from various sources to meet the increasing expenses. It is our sincere prayer that He will open the hearts of more parents and churches in the States to see the great need of this type of missionary work among our own sons and daughters, and get behind it with their prayers and support.

The work of Tokyo Home grew to such proportions that it became necessary for Mom and Pop Mincey to have

help. An appeal was made to the Foreign Missions Department, and God miraculously opened the way for my husband and me to come to Japan. What a privilege is ours to have a part in the marvelous work of God in Tokyo Home. It was a great thrill to see some twenty boys accept Christ during February, and many others were prayed with and helped. Yes, God is performing miracles at Tokyo Home.

Here are excerpts from some interesting letters received from servicemen and their wives:

"I'll always be thankful for Tokyo Home and the inspiration it has been to me. I want my home to be just like it."

"I'd like so much to be with you, too. We want to say *thank you* for being so good to our daddy. We love you 'cause our daddy does" (from a Chaplain's wife).

"I was in Japan twenty-two months before I found my way 'home,' and oh, how I regret the delay. Words cannot tell of the love I felt the moment I walked in the living room and met Mom."

"Mom, I'm so thankful for everything you've done for my husband. I'm

Receiving a box from the United States



so glad he has found in you the love of a mother he never had. Take good care of my husband for me, Mom and Pop; help him stay close to our God in heaven."

Friend, do you know of a boy in service who is stationed in the Far East, or who may be sent there in the future? Please tell him of a mom and dad and a Christian family who are waiting for him to come "home." No matter what his race or creed may be, each one will hear a sincere "Welcome home, Son," as he enters the door. You can be sure that he will find love, understanding, and Christ Himself at Tokyo Home.

## OUR MISSION

We are not storerooms, but channels;  
We are not cisterns, but springs,  
Passing our benefits onward,  
Fitting our blessings with wings;  
Letting the water flow outward,  
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# Miracles at Tokyo Home

by MRS. E. W. MINCEY

**T**HE CHRISTIAN SERVICEMEN'S HOME in Tokyo, Japan, is truly a miracle of God, and we praise Him for the continued miracles which He performs here in the lives of young men so far from their own homes. It is indeed a sacred call from God to represent the parents at home. "Pop" and I receive each boy as our own son and do our best to lead him aright. It is not a church or chapel, but a Christian home where boys feel the presence of the Lord as they enter the doors. I would like to tell you a story of one of these boys.

Art came from the States with a preacher's license—a fine young man, but proud, so full of the attitude, "I'm the youngest man in the community who owns his own business. I'm Art. My! aren't you lucky to know me?" On a Sunday afternoon Art came "home," and during the service he began to see himself as he really was—a proud, arrogant sinner. But he wasn't willing to humble himself and acknowledge before others that he was only a sinner in God's sight. He left that day and didn't come back. We began to ask, "Where's Art; what has happened to him?" With heads bowed in shame, boys would sadly tell us, "Art



Hymn-Sing time



One of many birthday celebrations

has gone wrong." Yes, it seemed that suddenly this boy had lost all restraint. Reports came to us that he often came into the barracks drunk. One boy said, "Mom, I'll never have confidence in Art again as long as he lives." But our hearts were still aching for him, and we prayed continually that he would come "home."

Three months later on a Sunday night, Art met Mr. Mincey at the door of the chapel. "Hello, Pop, where's Mom?"

"She'll be up on the next elevator, Son. Where have you been?"

Just then Mom arrived and exclaimed, "Oh, Son, we've missed you. When are you coming home?"

"I'll be home Wednesday night, Mom."

"All right, we'll be looking for you."

On Monday night the door burst open and there was Art. "I told you I'd come, Mom."

"Yes, but you said you were coming Wednesday."

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"I couldn't wait, I *had* to come home."

That Monday night Art was truly born again, and he told us his story. He said he had met the Light of truth that Sunday afternoon three months before, but had refused to walk in that Light. Rather than continue in his own moral, self-righteous way, he began drinking and went down with the crowd. But here is the miracle, in Art's own words:

"One day as I went to a Japanese hotel, I slid back the doors and saw the girls waiting inside. Suddenly God rescued me! I turned and ran as fast as I could to the nearest taxi, and rode to the chapel. I prayed there at the altar for nearly two hours, and felt some better, but I knew that I just had to get home to Mom and Pop where I had left off. So here I am, Dad—Mom—I've come home; and I've come to my Heavenly Father as a lost sinner, as a prodigal son."

The tears of humility were coursing down his cheeks, and he has been a different person ever since. God has given this boy a wonderful gift of writing and of speaking, and he is now attending Bible College preparing for full-time ministry. He's starting revivals and family altars in the States wherever he goes. Art learned to love family altar at Tokyo Home. Now church after

church, women's groups, young people's groups are vowing before God to begin family altars. Yes, Art found Christ in Japan. He became a new creature in Christ and gave God a chance in his life. He learned, as we all must learn, that without the Lord we can do nothing.

Thank God for the hundreds who have found Christ in Tokyo Home. One of the most unusual conversions that took place here was that of a young Indian boy who was raised on a reservation in South Dakota. Although his mother was German, Floyd had been taught by his Indian father to worship eight "gods." One Sunday afternoon after a message on salvation, I went to him and said, "Son, Mom would like to talk with you and have a word of prayer."

"Please do, Mom."

We went into the prayer room and I gave him the wonderful promises of God's Word. Then I asked, "Are you willing to accept the one living God?"

Hesitantly he said, "I am, Mom, but will He have me?"

He drank in every word as I gave him more scriptures assuring him that God loved and wanted him.

In desperation he said, "Mom, I want to. I almost believe, and then something within me says, 'No, Floyd, you can't, you can't.'"

As we prayed together this happened over and over again. My shoulder was wet with his tears. As he was struggling, I realized that it was a demon within him.

"Son, would you like Dad and some of the fellows to pray with you?"

"All right, Mom."

I went into the kitchen and asked the fellows who were doing dishes to pray for this young Indian boy. They dropped to their knees on the kitchen floor and cried to God for his deliverance. The boys in the living room also dropped whatever they were doing and joined in prayer. A few fellows gathered with Pop around the poor, confused, demon-possessed boy. Pop talked with him and then told him to say "Jesus." Floyd struggled to say the word but it wouldn't come out. In sincerity he tried again and again and suddenly he cried, "Jesus! Jesus!" He lifted his hands toward heaven, and suddenly a light broke across his face, as he said, "Jesus! There is but ONE GOD—I accept You now." Then looking up in excitement he exclaimed, "Jesus has saved ME!" Our

Indian son threw his arms around both Pop and me, and said, "Oh, thank you, Mama; thank you, Papa."

Floyd testified that night in chapel, saying: "If it weren't real I couldn't stand here before you. I am saved by the One Living Saviour. A heathen boy from Christian America found Christ in heathen Japan."

These are just two of the hundreds of miracles being wrought by the hand of God at the Christian Servicemen's Home in Tokyo. Won't you stand with us in prayer, and help us by getting word to boys who are being sent to the Far East? Tell them that there is a home where Christ reigns in Tokyo, Japan; and where they will be welcomed with outstretched arms into the fellowship of this great family.

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

April 1956

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. Kansas	151	135	89
2. Nebraska	81	71	88
3. Eastern Dist.	220	192	87
4. New York	130	113	87
5. New Jersey	90	78	87
6. North Dakota	50	43	86
7. Michigan	161	134	83
8. South Dakota	47	40	85
9. W. Central Dist.	213	181	85
10. German Br.	17	14	82
11. Northwest Dist.	259	212	82
12. Wyoming	33	27	82
13. S. Idaho	53	43	81
14. Oregon	192	154	80
15. Minnesota	138	109	79
16. Potomac Dist.	159	125	79
17. Ohio	172	133	77
18. Illinois	192	148	77
19. Rocky Mtn.	120	92	77
20. S. Missouri	321	246	77
21. Wis.-N. Mich.	134	102	76
22. Montana	67	49	73
23. New England	99	69	70
24. So. Florida	138	96	70
25. N. California-Nev.	320	221	69
26. S. California	335	229	68
27. N. Carolina	71	47	66
28. W. Florida	135	86	64
29. West Texas	120	74	62
30. Appalachian Dist.	64	39	61
31. Texas	497	299	60
32. Alabama	243	143	59
33. Georgia	119	70	59
34. Louisiana	136	80	59
35. Tennessee	88	51	58
36. Oklahoma	468	269	57
37. Indiana	151	81	54
38. New Mexico	81	43	53
39. South Texas	259	135	52
40. Kentucky	66	34	52
41. Yugoslavian Br.	4	2	50
42. Arizona	78	37	47
43. S. Carolina	49	23	47
44. Mississippi	86	39	45
45. Arkansas	429	171	40
46. Ukrainian Br.	23	7	30
47. Hungarian Br.	19	4	21
48. Greek Br.	15	2	13
49. Russian Br.	10	1	10
50. Italian Br.	65	6	9
51. Lat. Amer. Br.	285	22	8
52. Polish Br.	21	1	5



Mom and one of her sailor "sons"

# Communism Contrasted With Christianity

A statement contrasting Communist teachings with those of the Bible on six important points was read from Batak Protestant Church pulpits throughout Sumatra a few weeks ago.

The Batak Church, founded in 1861 by German Lutherans, has over 600,000 members. In view of the danger of Communism which is threatening the churches in Indonesia, the Great Synod of the Batak Church adopted the following statement:

"1. Communism teaches: Religion is a product of human thought, so God is created by men. But the Scripture emphasizes: God was in the beginning and God revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. It is God who created man and the whole earth.

"2. Communism teaches: Religion is like opium, which only drugs people to sleep and weakens them. But the Scrip-

ture emphasizes: The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith (Romans 1:16).

"3. Communism teaches: Sin is the 'class-ification' of life, and proletarians (planters of rice and workers) are not sinners. But the Scripture emphasizes: Sin is transgression against the Law of God, and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

"4. Communism teaches: Our redemption is freedom from 'class-ification.' But the Scripture emphasizes: The redemption of men is freedom from sin by the blood of the crucified Christ.

"5. Communism teaches: Economic factors determine human life, and the perfect life can only be achieved on earth by techniques and by the strengthening and development of industries. But the Scripture emphasizes: All depends on the grace of God, not on hu-

man strength or ambition. The perfect life is not to be found on earth but we hope for peace and life in the world to come.

"6. Communism teaches: Man's hope is an international community which is free from the 'class-ification' of human life. But the Scripture emphasizes: Our hope is not on earth but in the life to come, that is, God's community which is saved by Jesus Christ."

After quoting these arguments, the message stated: "Our Church rejects Communistic teaching for there is no other redemption but by Christ. . . . Jesus Christ is our Saviour and gracious Lord, which is the gospel for sinners." The message called upon any members of the Church who may have embraced Communism to disavow it and to shun every movement which is founded on Communist doctrine.

## THE BIBLE

The Bible is a masterpiece of literature, but we should always remember that the Bible's primary appeal is not to literary men but to sinful men, not to our poetic sensibilities but to our guilty consciences, not to our intellectual curiosity but to our lost souls.

# Biographical SKETCHES



ORIGEN WAS BORN AT ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT ABOUT 185 A.D. HIS CHARACTER WAS PURE AND NOBLE. THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH RECORDS THE NAMES OF FEW, IF ANY, WHOSE MORAL QUALITIES & INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS ARE MORE CONSPICUOUS THAN HIS.

## ORIGEN adamantinus

HE RECEIVED A MOST THOROUGH EDUCATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS FATHER, LEONIDES. HIS FATHER REQUIRED ORIGEN NOT ONLY TO KNOW THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF GRECIAN LEARNING, BUT ALSO TO COMMIT MANY SCRIPTURES TO MEMORY.



MANY STUDENTS WERE ATTRACTED BY HIS EXCEPTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. AMONG OTHERS WHO WERE TAUGHT BY ORIGEN WERE THE FAMOUS PLUTARCH & HERACLAS.

Chas. Stewart

HE WAS A VERY VOLUMINOUS AUTHOR. SOME SAY HE WROTE 6,000 VOLUMES.



WHEN ORIGEN WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, THE GREAT PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIANS UNDER SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS BEGAN, AND ONE OF THE VICTIMS WAS HIS FATHER.



DURING THE DECIAN PERSECUTION IN 249, HE WAS IMPRISONED AND SUFFERED GREAT CRUELITIES. HE BECAME SO WEAK FROM HIS SUFFERINGS, HE DIED IN 254 A.D.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

# Miracle

## at the BREAKFAST TABLE

by HILDA ROVIK LINDAL

ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH BRINGS great joy to believers is the wonderful way in which God honors His Word. When the Lord saved me twenty-two years ago, one of the many things I had to face was Deuteronomy 6:6, 7—"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

Realizing that I was insufficient for this great task and that my help and power must come from God, I simply prayed, "Lord, if I am to love and serve Thee by obeying this commandment to teach my family and speak Thy words, then Thou Thyself must

teach me, for I am not sufficient in myself."

God graciously heard this prayer and helped my husband and me in this great responsibility. One of the things He showed us was to select a portion of the Psalms to memorize and recite before and after meals. This we did and all were greatly blessed in taking part. We found it a delight to have our guests join in reciting various passages.

Our family grew up, married, and established homes of their own. But Dad and I continued to offer to God, before and after each meal, some Psalm of thanksgiving from His own Word.

One day the Lord sent to our home a missionary who needed rest. During her stay with us she enjoyed our time of Scripture memorization and recitation before and after each meal. Several

weeks of wonderful fellowship passed by quickly.

One morning after breakfast we recited together Psalm 103:1-5. When we had finished the missionary excused herself and hurried to her room.

Later she told me that as we recited the verses together, the third verse of that Psalm suddenly became alive to her—"Who forgiveth *all* thine iniquities; who healeth *all* thy diseases." On reaching her bedroom she knelt to pray and saw clearly the connection between the two "alls." Immediately her faith laid hold of the Word of God, and she said, "Lord, I know you have forgiven *all* my iniquities; now I believe you to heal *all* my diseases."

She had gone into the bedroom wearing glasses which she had needed for over twenty years. When she came out her sight was restored.

The physicians were unable to cure the pernicious anemia which weakened her, but Jesus healed her.

This incident occurred several years ago, and today she continues to rejoice

## Our Family Altar

### MONDAY

JULY 2

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 4:1-11

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10b).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Emphasize that (1) Jesus was tempted, so that He is fully able to help us when we are tempted; (2) one of the most effective ways to overcome temptation is to use scripture against Satan.

**QUESTION TIME:** What were the three recorded temptations of Jesus? (vv. 3, 6, 9) How did He overcome each one? (vv. 4, 7, 10) Why was Jesus tempted? (Heb. 2:18; 4:15)

**PRAY** for the Lord's help in overcoming all temptations.

### TUESDAY

JULY 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 5:1-11

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God" (Acts 5:4c).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Stress that (1) Ananias and his wife yielded to temptation; (2) all sin is really against God (v. 4)—which means that when we are disobedient, tell lies, or commit any sin, we hurt God most of all.

**QUESTION TIME:** Were Ananias and Sapphira forced to sell their property? (v. 4) What was the result of this judgment? (v. 11) Why did God choose this severe judgment? (It was a warning to both saved and unsaved that all sin is very seriously wrong.)

**PRAY** that we will be kept from all lying.

### WEDNESDAY

JULY 4

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 12:29-36

**TODAY'S GEM:** "And the Lord went before them" (Ex. 13:21a).

**FOR THE PARENT:** On this Independence Day remind your family of the day when Israel was delivered from Egypt. Recall that (1) Israel's deliverance is typical of the Christian's deliverance from a sinful life (Rom. 6:22, 23); (2) God always cares for His own.

**QUESTION TIME:** Name as many of the ten plagues as you can. (Ex. 7:20 to 12:30) How did God provide independence for us? (John 3:16) How may we possess that freedom? (Acts 2:38)

**PRAY** that God will help us to live victorious lives, conquering all sin.



IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS

**A REGULAR FEATURE FOR THE FAMILY**

In response to many requests from parents, we are beginning in this issue a regular weekly feature for the entire family. In it you will find many helpful and inspirational articles slanted especially to family life.

God organized and blessed the home as the basic unit of life—and a Christian home should always be the place where all members work together in unity and love, and where children grow up realizing that spiritual values are the most important. To that end this feature is dedicated.

An important part of this feature will be "Our Family Altar." This was formerly known as "Daily Devotions." You will find that the readings have been changed to make them better suited for family devotions, but they can also be used for private devotions. If you do not already have a family altar, organize one now. Use these portions as guides for your worship—the last three each week are related to the next Sunday School lesson for adults, juniors, and primaries.

Prayerful use of this feature will enable you to build a better home for the glory of God.



# ROVER

**A dog that taught his master to be faithful**

Rover was not a very pretty dog, but he had learned to be obedient. One cool morning he followed his master, Farmer Smales, to the field. Rover always enjoyed running after the tractor as his master plowed the field.

Soon the sun came out, and it got very warm. Farmer Smales pulled off his jacket and threw it on the ground under a tree that grew at one end of the field. He called to his dog and said, "Rover, you look after that coat and don't let anybody come and steal it." Rover gave a sharp yelp—as if to say, "I understand," and he sat down beside the coat, determined to take care of it until his master came back.

The sun grew hotter and hotter as Farmer Smales plowed his field. When he finished one field, he went to the next, but was suddenly called home to talk to a man who came to see him about some business. That night as Farmer Smales closed up his barns and took care of his stock, he wondered where Rover was. You see, Farmer Smales had forgotten that he had left Rover to watch his coat.

Farmer Smales had quite a large farm, so he was up early the next morning to do more plowing. He missed Rover frisking around at his heels. It was so warm that day that he didn't need to wear his coat—so he didn't even think of it.

About a week after this there was another cool morning and Farmer Smales began looking for his jacket. He hunted in all the closets and even looked in the barns. Finally he came to his wife and said, "Mother, where did you put my jacket?"

Mrs. Smales always seemed to have a way of knowing exactly where everything was, but this time she said she had not seen his jacket for about a week. "I'm sure it isn't in the house," she said. "In fact, I haven't seen it since you wore it that cool morning about a week ago. Did you leave it in the field?"

Then Farmer Smales remembered how he had worn the coat that day and had left it in a distant field, telling Rover to take care of it. "So that's where Rover has been," he muttered to himself.

Farmer Smales hurriedly drove to the field where he had left his coat. Sure enough, there was Rover still sitting by the coat. When he saw his master, he gave a little yelp. He was too weak to run to him, but just crawled along the ground to get to his master and lick his hand.

Farmer Smales stooped down and gently picked up Rover. He was sorry that he had forgotten the dog, but he also thought of something else. Fondly

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## THURSDAY

JULY 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 3:1-12

**TODAY'S GEM:** "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review the story of King Rehoboam (see Sunday's Lesson page). Emphasize that (1) God cannot bless the person who refuses to obey Him; (2) corrections from God, as from parents, are a sign of love; (3) seeking God's guidance is the way to successful living.

**QUESTION TIME:** What was the incident that brought about the division of Israel? (1 Kings 12:1-19) How can we have the guidance of the Lord? (Prov. 3:6)

**PRAY** for the Lord's guidance in our daily lives.

## FRIDAY

JULY 6

**SCRIPTURE:** John 2:13-22 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:30b).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Emphasize that (1) Jesus had a great respect for His Father's house; (2) if Jesus revered God's house, we should too. Let the children suggest specific ways in which they can show reverence for God's house.

**QUESTION TIME:** Whom did Jesus drive out of the temple? (v. 14, 15) Why did He do this? (Matt. 21:13) What temple was Jesus referring to in John 2:19? (John 2:21, 22)

**PRAY** for a new appreciation for the house of God.

## SATURDAY

JULY 7

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 10:46-52 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

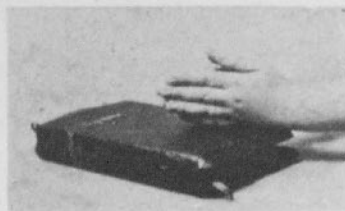
**TODAY'S GEM:** "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review the story of the healing of blind Bartimaeus. Stress that (1) Bartimaeus kept calling for Jesus even though the crowd urged him to be quiet; (2) Jesus wants us to pray to Him often, bringing all our needs to Him, believing Him to answer our prayers.

**QUESTION TIME:** How did Bartimaeus know Jesus was passing by? (v. 47) What did he do after he was healed? (v. 52) What did the people do? (Luke 18:43)

**PRAY** earnestly to be drawn closer to Jesus.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## A KING WHO LIVED FOOLISHLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR JULY 8, 1956

1 Kings 14:21-31; 2 Chronicles 11 and 12

Rehoboam succeeded to the throne of Israel at the death of his father Solomon, but made a bad start as a king. His first official act was to "crack the whip" over the twelve tribes (2 Chronicles 10). When they asked him to lighten their burdens, he said he would only make them heavier. As a result, the kingdom was divided. Ten tribes rebelled against him and made Jeroboam their king. Only two tribes (Judah and Benjamin) acknowledged Rehoboam as their king.

From the very beginning, therefore, Rehoboam showed himself to be proud, headstrong, and foolish. The pages of history are replete with rulers of his type. The tyrants of old, the dictators of the present, are examples of the Satanic pride that deposed and cast down Lucifer from highest heaven to deepest hell. What a far-reaching effect a single act can have! One hasty decision, one foolish word, can change the destiny of a man or nation. It can close the door of eternal life and open the portal of perdition forever.

### A DISOBEDIENT KING

King Rehoboam's first reaction to the rebellion of the ten tribes was to gather an army and force the rebels into subjection. But the prophet brought a message from God to the king and to all the soldiers, saying, "Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel; return every man to his house; for this thing is from Me" (2 Chron. 11:4). Whereupon the army disbanded, and a somewhat subdued Rehoboam decided the best thing he could do was to consolidate his position over the two remaining tribes.

For three years all went well, but after the king had established his kingdom and felt strong, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him (2 Chron. 12:1). God then permitted Shishak king of Egypt to attack Rehoboam and to force him to terms. Disobedience always brings disaster. God loves His human creatures too much to let them get by with sin!

### A CHASTISED KING

By the time the king of Egypt had captured the fortified cities of Judah and had laid siege to the capital city of Jerusalem, King Rehoboam and the princes of Israel decided they had had enough. They humbled themselves and said, "The Lord is righteous." They realized that they had forsaken the Lord and that He had given them the punishment they deserved. God heard their prayer of repentance and He said, "They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance" (2 Chron. 12:7). He did not permit Shishak king of Egypt to destroy them; nevertheless He did permit Shishak to subjugate them, and tax them, and take away much treasure from Jerusalem. God said that since the people of Israel had refused to serve Him they would have to serve Shishak,

"that they may know My service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries." They learned it is much easier to serve the Lord than to serve a foreign tyrant!

We are told that Shishak "carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made" (2 Chron. 12:9). Rehoboam quickly made shields of brass to cover his embarrassment, and let them be displayed instead of the shields of gold; but it is doubtful whether very many people were fooled by the substitution. Each time Rehoboam and the people looked at those shields of brass they must have been smitten with remorse as they realized that but for their sin and rebellion against God they still would have the shields of gold and still might be enjoying all the blessings that were theirs in Solomon's reign.

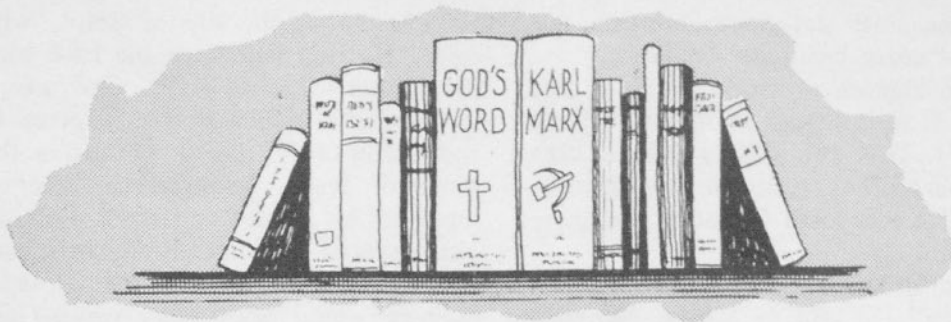
### A MISSPENT LIFE

Of Rehoboam it is said, "He did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord" (2 Chron. 12:14). He inclined his heart toward his own desires, and not toward God's Word. He set his heart upon self, and not upon the Lord. He died at the age of fifty-eight, after reigning for seventeen years, leaving behind a record of which no one could be proud. He started off with a united kingdom, more powerful and more prosperous than any other in all the earth, and ended up with a divided kingdom paying tribute to a foreign power. He gave to history a reign marked by sin, shame, and suffering.

Mark the man whose heart is perfect before the Lord, and behold the upright in heart; for the end of that man is peace. But the end of the wicked and his misspent life shall be cut off. He shall not stand with the righteous in the assembly of the saints.—by William Burton McCafferty.

### ATTACKING THE WRONG CAMP





# Can We Coexist?

by Dick Hillis

GENERAL MARK CLARK, SPEAKING of the Korean war, said, "We obtained solid evidence that the Communists slaughtered 11,622 members of my U.N. Command while they were defenseless prisoners of war. These men were tied to their fellow prisoners and transported to previously selected sites. They were dumped ALIVE into trenches dug for the purpose and summarily shot."

Call these defenseless lads to witness. Let the dead speak. Ask them to tell you what they think of coexistence with the Communists. Ask the millions in Communist slave labor camps to tell you what they think of coexistence. Let the blood of hundreds of Korean pastors and thousands of Christians cry from the Communist execution grounds its testimony of the mockery of coexistence.

What is coexistence to the Communist? It is to use all means to avoid global warfare, but at the same time to allow the Communists' "conquest by infiltration and pocket wars" to continue until the balance of power is theirs, and the subjugation of the entire world is assured. Communism neither believes in nor allows for coexistence. It tolerates no loyalty except that to the Communist Party. Not for a moment have the Communists relinquished their purpose of world domination. Communism crusades with the sweet-sounding motto of coexistence while it crushes the nations with whom it makes a pretense to coexist.

## A SATANIC POLICY

What is this with which we are asked to coexist? It is the satanic policy that "might makes right." It is the atheistic principle of "out with God." Let the

Communist leaders testify: Lenin said, "The spread of atheistic views is our chief task." Marx wrote, "the idea of God is the keystone of a perverted civilization. IT MUST BE DESTROYED." Is it any wonder that Communist Hughes scoffed, "Good-bye Christ!" Communism exalts the infidel and executes the believer. It worships at the feet of Judas and drives nails into the feet of Jesus. Judas agreed to coexist with Christ but only until he could betray Him. Communism, the monstrous offspring of Judas, will display an elaborate window dressing of friendship, but only until it can enslave us.

Re-think history. Moses, the great leader of Israel, was once faced with an arch enemy as cruel and atheistic as the Communists. Amalek was born of carnal Esau and a concubine. *What is so thoroughly born of the flesh as Communism?* The Amalekites in arrogant pride "feared not God and raised their fist against the throne of God." *Where is the clenched fist raised against the throne of God today?* It is recorded that Amalek moved in behind the children of Israel as they marched across the hot desert and cruelly destroyed the faint and the feeble. *Who today has moved into the areas of the world where dwell the weak and feeble, to subjugate and destroy?* When God spoke to Moses, coexistence was not suggested. "I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." God warned that an alliance with atheism was out of the question—"what communion has light with darkness?" As Moses led his people in prayer for the mercy of God, Joshua led the armies of Israel into military victory. Thus freedom reigned and the testimony of God continued.

In contrast to this, in recent history we tied the noose around our national neck when we recognized the godless Communists as the official government of Russia. Later in our hour of need we turned our backs on God and took a known murderer of millions to our breast, affectionately calling him "Uncle Joe." Today, through diplomatic intrigue, we are being moved into a position of false security.

## STRIKES AT OUR FAITH

President Eisenhower said, "Here there is joined no pallid argument between slightly differing philosophies... this conflict strikes directly at the *faith of our fathers* and the lives of our sons." Yet, through swallowing the toxin of coexistence we lay down our faith for so-called "peace in our time"—a false peace because there can be no peace. The fact that one third of the world already suffers the slavery of Communism, while millions more await their doom as it sweeps relentlessly on, is proof that coexistence is a myth. From behind the iron curtain comes a warning from a courageous bishop who knows—"Christian churches cannot accept coexistence with anti-Christian philosophies!" Today, the Communists fear nothing so much as the spiritual force of intercession to Almighty God. This is the main force with which to stop them—we dare not neglect it. Thus the answer to our problem is—

*The individual praying—*

*The church uncompromising—*

*The nation unyielding.*

*(From a tract by Orient Crusades)*

## DISBELIEVING GOD

There is one thing more pitiable, almost worse, than even cold, black atheism: to kneel and say, "Our Father," and then to get up and live an orphaned life; to stand and say, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty," and then to go on fretting and fearing, saying with a thousand tongues, "I believe in the love of God!—but it is only in heaven. I believe in the power of God!—but it stops short at the stars. I believe in the providence of God!—but it is limited to the saints of Scripture. I believe that the Lord reigns!—only with reference to some far-off time with which we have nothing to do." That is more insulting to our Heavenly Father, more harmful to the world, more cheating to ourselves, than to believe in no God at all.—*M. G. P.*

# The Magnificence of God the Father

There is no possible way of knowing God except as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

by BRACY GREER

**G**OD THE FATHER IS A SEPARATE AND distinct personality in the adorable Godhead. This distinction is clearly seen in a reference Jesus made to His second coming—"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, *neither the Son, but the Father*" (Mark 13:32). This shows that the Father is distinct from the Son in that He holds a secret which the Son does not share. (Read also Acts 1:6, 7.)

God the Father is the greatest in the Trinity. This fact was declared by our Lord when He said, "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28).

God the Father is not tangible or material as is the Lord Jesus. Christ is the only member of the Trinity who has a body—"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead *bodily*" (Col. 2:9).

The Father is a Spirit (John 4:24), but this does not mean that He does not have a definite being and shape. Jesus said, "The Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, *nor seen his shape*" (John 5:37). God the Father, though a Spirit, does have a shape, for man was made in the image of God. It is hard for us to conceive of anyone being a personality without having a body; but even though the dead in Christ do not have bodies

between death and the resurrection, they do not cease being personalities.

The essence of God's being is fire. "Our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). God the Father is the silent partner of the Trinity in this dispensation. He sets forth Christ as the object of faith.

God, in this age, has never been seen by man. He said to Moses, "No man can see me and live." Someone may say, "But men did see God in the Old Testament. Didn't Moses see His hinder parts as He passed by? Job saw Him in the whirlwind, and Isaiah saw Him in the temple." Yes, they saw God, but not God the Father.

"No man hath seen God at any time," declared Jesus. "The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18). This leads me to believe and teach that every manifestation of Deity has been Jesus Christ. Deity has revealed itself only in Christ in both the Old and New Testaments.

*The day of the full revelation of the adorable Godhead has not yet come.* There must be a progressive revelation of the Godhead. A man who is blind and has had restoration of sight through surgery must not see the light all at once lest he be blinded again. It is necessary to let light into his room slowly. Likewise, God could not give us the full revelation of Himself all at once because we could not stand the vision. In this age Deity has veiled itself in human flesh by the incarnation of Jesus. For a thousand years after this age ends, during the millennium, Deity will be revealed only in Christ. This is the "day of Christ" (Phil. 1:10).

*The full revelation of the Godhead is coming.* Somewhere in eternity, after the millennium and after the renovation of the earth by fire, God the Father will fully reveal Himself in the phosphorescent brightness of the fullness of Deity. This revealing fullness has been referred to as "the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12). "Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him . . . that God may be all in all" (1 Cor. 15:28).

Many people today are suffering from a distorted conception of God, but the basis of our salvation is to know what God is. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). There is no possible way of knowing God except as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

The character and disposition of God

is reflected in the life of Jesus, who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). God weeps in the tears of Jesus; He forgives in the words of Jesus; He blesses in the touch of Jesus. Jesus is the "express image of his person" (Heb. 1:3). God also suffered the anguish of Christ and shared in the sorrows of the Cross.

Some would ask, "How could God, so remote from the scene of the Cross, have any part in the redemption of mankind?"

I think one of the best answers that could be given to this question is found in a story that came out of the Boxer Rebellion in China when missionaries were so grievously persecuted by the Chinese brigands. One incident involved a missionary who was tied to a tree and was forced to watch helplessly as blood-thirsty natives tormented his son in his presence. How the missionary longed for the power to burst the bonds as he saw his son suffering under the torments that finally took his life. His heart ached as he heard his son cry, "Daddy, help me! Save me!"

So, God the Father stood helplessly by as His Son cried out in anguish from the Cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" God was unable to help because His hands were tied by the promise He had made.

If you have any doubt that God suffered in the sorrows of Calvary, let me refer you to one of the gold star parents of this great nation. Speak to that father or mother whose son lies buried beneath a white cross on some foreign soil. Ask them if they have not suffered days and nights of anguish as they have renewed the scenes of sorrow in their own minds.

But gold star parents have the consolation that their sons died that others might live, and this is also the consolation of God. His Son died so that all might live. God Himself is a Gold Star Parent.

"I saw a star in your window last night  
As I passed down your homely street,  
And I felt just then that I knew you somehow,  
Though perchance we may never meet;  
For I have a star in my window, too,  
On a street just over the way,  
And the beams of your star reach out to mine  
Like hands that clasp, eager to pray.

"And I saw a star in God's window, too,  
After dark when the day was done,  
And it seemed God whispered to my sad heart,  
'I gave a Son—my only one.'  
Then the light from God's star pierced the  
night afar,  
And touched gently our folded hands,  
And the stars in the window seemed to say,  
'He understands—*God understands.*'"

# We Are Debtors

(Continued from page three)

ers, when carried to its ultimate end, can and sometimes does lead to confusion and fanaticism. The Puritan groups followed a cold interpretation of the Bible leading to formalism and dogmatism. The ultimate end of such a spiritless approach to God is oppression and stale religiosity. Up to the present time we have happily maintained a balance between the extremes of these two theories.

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We are debtors to Christ. He died at Calvary and brought redemption. Others have died for good men. Christ alone died for those who hated, despised and rejected their Benefactor. He was able to pay man's debt of sin because He was the sinless sacrifice. No other means could bring release from the load of guilt. The Saviour, who brought freedom from bondage, said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Today we need the admonition, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." Peter reminds us that "ye were . . . redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ. . . ." He paid the supreme sacrifice that we might be really free. He also poured out the Holy Spirit that we might have power to live a victorious life.

It is a tremendous privilege to enjoy a salvation which blots out a sinful past and gives us inner power to live a triumphant life. Christ is the vine of which we are the branches.

Since the branch bears the fruit, we are the immediate producers of the fruits of the Spirit. As we recognize that our ability to produce fruit depends on the life-giving flow from Christ, real joy floods our heart. A life wholly surrendered to God is joyful. Thus Christ sets us free, gives us power to live a new life, and makes us happy in walking the way of the Cross.

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*Freedom* is a privilege of mankind for which many have died. We are the recipients of this blessing. As we re-evaluate our heritage let us humbly pray that we may in some sense be worthy of such sacrifice. Our nation's fathers said, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." In our own movement the pioneers suffered, many times were in want and often misunderstood, to establish the church which has blessed our lives. They were men and women "of whom the world was not worthy."

To God we owe allegiance for the love expressed toward us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Let us be grateful for liberty. Our country provides a free political atmosphere in which we can serve God. Our church gives liberty which promotes the free operation of the Spirit. Our Christ bestows a personal inner freedom which brings peace and happiness in a burdened world. Thank God for America, for the Assemblies of God and, most of all, for Jesus.

Bow with Abel at the Cross of the slain Lamb.  
Catch step with Enoch and walk with God.  
Launch out with Noah on God's waters.  
Go forth with Abraham in Pilgrim faith.  
Dig wells with Isaac and get down to divine resources.  
Climb ladders with Jacob and see God.  
Be clean like Joseph and live with God.

—John W. Weddell.

## The Middle East

Bob Considine, international news correspondent, in a recent speech in Atlantic City, took considerable time to define the present trend of events in the Middle East.

In his opinion war is likely—probably soon, maybe later. The seething hatred between the Arabs and Jews is intensifying. Communal farms of collective interest and activity as carried on by the Jews, are supported with almost unbelievable devotion and sacrifice. In some instances the only tangible personal reward for a year's work is a Parker 51 fountain pen.

It was fascinating to hear him describe how the Jews have taken that barren desolate region and are making it to blossom as the rose. The Jews have gone there to die rather than to surrender. Some of these communal farms are located on the front-line of Arab territory and, strange as it may seem, have adopted names such as "Buchenwald" for a collective farm unit. It simply means they are there to die rather than give up.

For Bible students to pick up the newspaper and read Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Israel and Turkey, it says this one thing. Places and things that will figure in time of the end are looming on the horizon.

J.N.H. in *Evangelical Visitor*.

## Preach as You Walk

On one occasion Francis of Assisi said to a young monk of his own order, "Brother, let us go down to the town to preach." The invitation to accompany the great man of God gave the young monk much pleasure. Together they walked through all the principal streets of the town, down the byways, and along the alleys. This was done without a word being spoken by either of them.

On arriving back at the monastery, the young monk said: "Father, you have forgotten that we went down to the town to preach."

"My son," said Francis, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many. Our behavior has been closely watched. It was thus we preached our morning sermon. It is no use, my son, walking anywhere to preach unless you preach as you walk."

—W. G. Hathaway.



# Bread for the Hungry

by VICTOR TRIMMER, National Home Missions Secretary



**I**N MARK 6, VERSES 34 THROUGH 44, we have the familiar story of Jesus taking five loaves and two fishes, blessing them and breaking them to feed the multitude in the desert. This story presents a challenge to the church and the Christian today to give to the hungry world the Bread of Life, for there is BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY.

In verse 34 we read, "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." Sheep without a shepherd are lost sheep. Christ looked upon people and saw them not in their natural state but in their spiritual state. He saw them not in relation to time, but in their relationship to eternity.

In Isaiah 53:6 we read, "All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way." The world because of sin has been separated from God and is lost. The prophet tells us: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that he cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1, 2). This is a description of the whole world—sinful, separated from God, without a shepherd, lost. This condition has filled the heart of man with an unsatisfied hunger and longing, for man was created to have fellowship with God. Separation from God because of sin has made it impossible for man to enjoy this fellowship and divine life for which he was created. But always and continually in the heart of every man there is a hunger and a longing for this spiritual life—everlasting life—and the satisfying joys and peace that come with it. The multitudes of the world are as sheep without a shepherd.

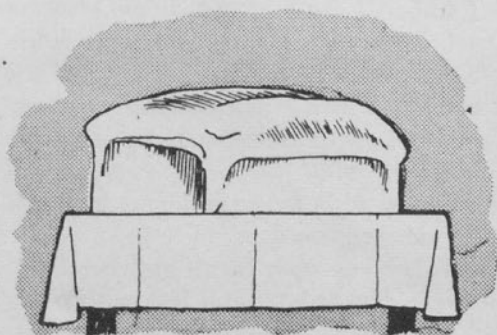
In John 4:35 Christ tells us, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Oh, that God by the Holy Spirit would

anoint our eyes so that we like Jesus could see men in the light of eternity.

In so-called Christian America, only 68,000,000 of our population profess any kind of religious belief. Some 30,000,000 persons under twenty-one years of age are receiving no religious training. Only 28 per cent of the population ever attend church; on an average, 8 per cent attend Sunday morning services and 2 per cent attend Sunday evening services. Ten thousand villages in the United States are without churches. Rural churches are dying at the rate of 1,000 a year. Millions are without the Bread of Life! Add to these the 421,600 Indians, the 5,198,000 Jews, the 500,000 Deaf, the 194,300 men and women behind prison bars, the 135,000 natives and whites in Alaska, and the 10,147,000 foreign-born people within the United States. To this multitude we have been commissioned to give the Bread of Life.

In the 35th verse of Mark 6, Jesus tells us that this multitude was in a desert place. This world is a desert place. There is nothing here that can satisfy the hunger of the hearts and souls of men. Jesus told the woman at the well of Samaria, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again" (John 4:13). The world's broken cisterns of pleasure and sin cannot satisfy the longing of the souls of men for bread.

In Ecclesiastes 2:1 we read, "I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also is vanity."



The 10th and 11th verses: "And whatsoever mine eyes desired, I kept not from them. I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour; and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit."

Material things cannot satisfy the spiritual hunger in the hearts of lost men. It takes more than religious ritual or church services to meet this need. The manna given to the children of Israel in the wilderness was a type of the Bread of Life that was to come, but this manna did not satisfy the hunger of the soul. In John 6:49 we read, "Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead." The spiritual hunger of men's lives cannot be satisfied with shadows and types, or with religious forms and rituals, but only with the very Bread of Life.

In verse 41 of Mark 6 Jesus took bread, blessed it, and gave it to His disciples to set before the people. As natural bread was provided on that occasion, God also has provided living Bread which will meet the hunger of the souls of men.

In John 6:35 and 51 we read, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Before the multitude could have bread, the bread had to be broken. So our Lord was broken, beaten with stripes, nailed to a cross and His side riven by the sword of the Roman soldier. Jesus Christ became the Bread of Life. On Calvary He bore in His own body the sins of all the world. The innocent bore the guilt of all the condemned.

There is BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY. 1 John 5:12 states, "He that hath the Son hath life. He that hath not the Son hath not life." In John 3:16 we read, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

There is Bread for *all* the hungry. Verse 42 says, "They did *all* eat and were filled." So it is with the spiritual bread. Whosoever will may come and eat. Provision has been made and there is enough for everyone. None need go hungry. No man need be lost. Jesus Christ has died upon the cross and paid the price for sin. There is BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY.

But one question must still be answered. Have all the hungry had a chance to receive the Bread of Life? The commission to the disciples on that day was, "Give ye them to eat." This is our commission also. We are

to give to the world the Bread of Life. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 6:15).

In 2 Corinthians 4:3 these words challenge us, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." If we do not give men the Bread of Life, they will die in their sins. They will never have the life that Jesus Christ purchased for them upon the cross. One of the accusations brought against Job in an effort to find the reason for his trials was, "Thou hast withholden bread from the hungry."

"No," we cry, "never!" But look again at the facts. In our land of plenty there are still multitudes without the Bread of Life. Some have actually died without having heard the gospel even once. Others still wait in darkness.

Could it be that because of our unconcern and selfishness they are not being offered the Bread of Life? Two

hundred Assemblies of God home missionaries are laboring unceasingly to take the Bread of Life to the hungry. Hundreds of pioneer pastors are sacrificing themselves to help take the Bread to the hungry; but if this great task is to be accomplished, every Christian and every church must be dedicated to the task.

July is Home Missions Emphasis month. Write and ask for a free packet of informative literature on our Assemblies of God Home Missions program. Learn how you can help in providing Bread for the Hungry in our nation. If possible, enclose an offering for home missions. Write to:

BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY  
HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri

## Why Do They Drift Away?

As I was reading a newspaper the other evening I came across this paragraph:

"A retail stores group has just completed a survey on loss of customers and the reasons are rather astonishing. One per cent die; three per cent move away; four per cent are classified as floater patrons; five per cent switch stores on the recommendation of friends; nine per cent are chronic beefers, but—get this—68 per cent of lost customers blame it on the indifference of sales personnel."

I couldn't help but feel that these same figures might well apply to the loss of patrons to a local church. Is it not true that many who come into our fellowship and then drift away do so because of indifference on the part of our church members? Do you make it a point to be friendly to those who choose to worship with you? Do you go out of your way to make them feel welcome and at home? Probably most of us do not—and that is the main reason why many who attend for a season fail to return.

Will you please become a committee of one to make your church a friendly church where everyone feels at home and welcome.

Would you be willing to seek out those who need encouragement that

they might realize the urgency of the Gospel? Certainly these areas take concentration and effort, but notice how the world pushes their products. Dare we do less when eternal souls are in the balance?

—Warren Magnuson in *The Standard*.

## RETURN TO WHAT RELIGION?

At the same time that it is becoming more "religious" America is also becoming more "secular." In a poll to determine the most important date in universal history, for example, thirty outstanding Americans placed the birth of Christ in a tie for fourteenth place. At a time when people have been buying more Bibles than ever before in history, less than 50 per cent of the people quizzed could name even one of the four Gospels.

Most Americans will claim to be Protestants, Catholics or Jews. Yet this does not mean that the extent of their allegiance is very deep. Much of what is preached in church and synagogue, much of what is professed in the pews, appears to be pretty thin stuff.

All of this forces a reassessment of the "return to religion" which godly churchgoers take for granted as an unambiguously "good thing." The question must be asked, "What is the religion to which Americans are returning?" And there is impressive evidence that it is something quite different from Judaeo-Christian faith. Is it the "man upstairs," with whom one is to be chummy rather than worshipful? Is it, as Rev. Irving Howard suggests, "faith as a technique for getting results"? Is it graces printed on napkins in Howard Johnson's? Is it praying dolls? Is it listening to jukeboxes, bellowing forth for a nickel, "Faith, hope and charity, that's the way to live successfully," a notion that would have profoundly shocked Paul?

The evidence is overwhelming that the return to religion is not primarily to faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The new religion is faith in faith.—Robert McAfee Brown in *Presbyterian Life*.

We can never make up for our lack of obedience by giving extra ministry, or by becoming more enthusiastic in some particular sphere. The Lord wants obedience, and if we yield ourselves to Him for a life of obedience, He will look after our character and build it up into the likeness of His Son; and there will be no doubt about conquest in the realm of ministry. —Selected

# The Servicemen's Division Is Remembering "Our Forgotten Sons"

by Warren F. McPherson, Servicemen's Correspondent

A RECENT LETTER TO THE SERVICEMEN'S Division greatly amused me. It was from a sailor and said:

"Dear Sir: I would like to take your Bible course so I may understand fully just what it was for God to sacrifice His only *forgotten* Son. . . Sincerely, Don."

My amusement did not last long when I realized the boy had perhaps stumbled on more truth in such an error than is evident. To many the Lord is certainly "God's *forgotten* Son."

Since then I have also come to realize that there are many others, especially young men in our nation's armed forces, who are *forgotten sons*. This realization has come through letters from servicemen who write to say that our letters are the only ones they receive! Occasionally a man will write to say that other than his family, everyone has forgotten him—including his pastor and the members of his church. What a pity that we should neglect and forsake the youth of today who are valiantly defending our freedoms!

We live in a so-called time of peace, but there is a subtle war going on. We call it the "cold war." In order to keep the front lines of this "war" at bay, it is necessary for our nation to take nearly one million men each year. These men—boys in the flower of young manhood—are quickly and sometimes inadequately trained and then scattered across the face of the globe. Stationed out there in scores of foreign nations, they form a front-line defense against the spread of atheistic Communism.

Many of the young men going into military training today have never been away from home for prolonged periods of time before. They have never had to face the responsibility of standing alone for their own convictions and decisions. Induction comes and they find themselves in the midst of strangers—surrounded by unfamiliar environment and customs. If the church and

home have prepared them, they will have little trouble. However, if proper training has been neglected, there will be trouble.

What happens when a man says goodbye and leaves for training? The answer to this question may be the key to a thousand problems. Will the church make every effort to keep in touch with him, or will he become another *forgotten son*? It is estimated that there are at least 20,000 Assemblies of God servicemen today. Yet, less than a third of these men are known to the Servicemen's Division. Our mailing list contains about 7,000 addresses, including many servicemen of a wide variety of creeds and beliefs other than Assemblies of God. Where, then, are all our boys? Are they being forgotten?

The Servicemen's Division specializes in remembering our servicemen. However, our only means for securing addresses is through individuals or churches interested enough in these men to send the addresses to us. Occasionally a man will send in his own address, but not often.

A major problem facing us is keeping the addresses current. We have no way of knowing when a man's address changes unless he or the original informant of the address tells us. By learning of changes as soon as they occur, we save considerable expense and keep mail flowing to the men without interruption.

## OUR MINISTRY BY POSTAGE STAMP

Every serviceman on the mailing list receives four general letters every year—one each quarter. Enclosed in these letters is an assortment of tracts, leaflets, booklets, and any number of personalized remembrances. It has become customary to enclose an actual snapshot of the Servicemen's Correspondent and his family at Christmas time in our

special letter. This personal touch has resulted in the salvation of several men.

Every week brings a flood of personal letters from servicemen around the world. There may be a letter from a fellow stationed in South Africa, or from a port in India; a letter from Rabat, French Morocco, or Manila, Philippine Islands. There will be letters from lonely, isolated outposts in Korea, Germany, and Alaska. Occasionally there is one from Canal Zone.

These letters represent a wide variety of needs. Many men are very lonesome, especially the ones from Korea. Others ask questions about spiritual matters. Fellows sometimes conduct Bible studies and need help; others may have met questions in dealing with buddies; or still others are just in need of help in their personal problems.

A surprisingly large number write to state frankly that they are unsaved. They usually assure us that they have committed gross sins and are living a



Warren McPherson at his desk, writing letters to U. S. Servicemen.



miserable existence. Such letters end up pleading for help in finding salvation!

There are moral problems, too. The men openly discuss their problems with us, and in complete confidence they often bring into the open some of the most intimate situations they face.

Domestic cares are also present. Many write about their confusion in regard to a girl friend who may have differing religious beliefs; there are other instances where a man is having marital trouble, and we try to give them the same consideration and counsel as they would receive from their own pastor.

One of the greatest compliments the Servicemen's Division ever received was from a boy who said: "After reading your letter, I really felt wonderful. I felt like I had just had a long talk with my pastor or some other good Christian back home."

Letters come from civilians, also. Although we cannot give the civilians as much personal attention, we endeavor to help them when their needs concern servicemen. With us the servicemen come first! However, many write to ask us where their servicemen can find Christian fellowship. Sometimes their friend is in trouble and needs help. Here again we do everything possible to help.

#### PUBLICATIONS FOR SERVICEMEN

Letter-writing is but one part of our ministry. There is great need for the printed gospel. The Servicemen's Division has been publishing special servicemen's literature since before Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941.

*Reveille*, our servicemen's bulletin, has been published in 26 issues totaling nearly 17,000,000 copies. This colorful, patriotic paper was originated by the late Myer Pearlman. It has gone around the world countless thousands of times. It has even been translated into various other languages. It is not uncommon to hear that one copy of *Reveille* has passed through the hands of 300 to 500 men. Testimonies of conversions through *Reveille* are numerous.

Every serviceman on the mailing list receives a free copy of *Reveille* each time a new issue is published. Quantities are offered free to a man who may want a supply for distribution among his buddies.

The same policy of free distribution is also true in regard to the special

servicemen's tracts, the E. X. Private Series. These tracts all have a military slant. They are designed to catch the attention of the servicemen, hold it long enough to get him engrossed in the subject, then hit him with a straightforward gospel message.

Other gospel literature is made available through the Servicemen's Division as finances and demand will allow. This literature is also offered to any military or Veterans Administration chaplain.

#### THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Eighteen Assemblies of God ministers are now on active duty as military chaplains. These 18 men reported nearly 1,000 positive known conversions for last year. They ministered to almost 400,000 men. We are proud of the work being done by our Assemblies of God chaplains. The Servicemen's Division aids our chaplains in every way possible.

The Assemblies of God also has an auxiliary chaplain program through our contact pastors. About 120 pastors located near military installations have volunteered to contact the men. This ministry is proving beneficial in encouraging Assemblies of God servicemen to get into a local church and thereby maintain their testimony.

Civil Air Patrol chaplains are also doing a commendable work among the cadets of the Air Force auxiliary. The Civil Air Patrol chaplains and contact pastors are served by the Servicemen's Division.

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Because of financial limitations, the Servicemen's Division is unable to ex-

pand into additional fields of ministry. There are many opportunities but not enough finances. However, results are encouraging in the present ministry. Dollars stretch unbelievably at times in reaching the men who serve all of us. In spite of financial limitations, the servicemen who benefit from this ministry are never aware of such problems. It is against our policy to solicit financial help from the men on our mailing list.

The two chief aims of the Servicemen's Division are: first, to reach every unsaved serviceman with the saving message of Christ; second, to encourage each Christian serviceman to live for God and also challenge him to win others to Christ. All this is done with a sincere desire that no serviceman will long remain a *forgotten son*.

## NEEDED - JOY

Mood is a kind of mental weather. There is weather in which nothing will grow. The farmer knows the damage done by prolonged periods of cold, wet weather in the spring after the seed has been planted. Sometimes the seed will rot in the ground, requiring a new planting with all the loss and extra work this entails. Weather may be too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet to favor good crops, and the Christian's moods, in like manner, may be unfavorable to spiritual growth and fruitfulness. Christian service carried on during prolonged heaviness of heart may be as good as wasted.

George Mueller would not preach until his heart was happy in the grace of God. Jan Ruysbroeck would not write while his feelings were low, but would retire to a quiet place and wait on God till he felt the spirit of inspiration. It is well known that the elevated spirits of a group of Moravians convinced John Wesley of the reality of their religion, and helped to bring him a short time later to a state of true conversion.

The Christian owes it to the world to be supernaturally joyful. In this day of universal apprehension, when men's hearts are failing them for fear of those things that are coming upon the earth, we Christians are strategically placed to display a happiness that is not of this world, and to exhibit a tranquillity that will be a little bit of heaven here below.

—A. W. Tozer (Selected)

### RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT



THE FIRST TIME AMERICA  
WAS PUBLICLY SUNG WAS  
AT THE OLD NORTH  
CHURCH IN BOSTON ON  
JULY 4, 1832.



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

►OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Evangelist Dean Underwood just concluded a two-week revival in the Eastside Assembly of God. A number were saved and several were healed. The preaching of the evangelist was a great blessing to the church.

—C. R. Franklin, Pastor

►LOVELAND, COLO.—God poured out His Spirit in old-fashioned Pentecostal style in special meetings that were recently concluded here by Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen of Austin, Tex. The sick were healed, believers were filled, and backsliders were reclaimed.

—E. C. Grauberger, Pastor

►SALEM, OREG.—Central Assembly recently experienced a wonderful four-week revival with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Prineville, Ore. There was heavy conviction upon saint and sinner alike. Many were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Ghost. A man from another church who said that the Pentecostal truth was not of God was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached an all-time high of 143. This campaign was a real milestone for the church.

—Fred Versolenko, Pastor

►MT. VERNON, OHIO—A two-week revival has just been concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. The rich anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the sound Scriptural preaching of the Word resulted in a number being saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. There was a good attendance with a number of first-time visitors. The church rejoices over a great time of spiritual blessing.

—Linden A. Ford, Pastor

►PLYMOUTH, Ind.—Over two hundred visitors attended the two-week revival conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner. In that time 12 came forward for salvation, three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled and healed. The entire church was stirred to bring in the lost and to witness as never before. The Sunday School climbed to 234.

—William VanWinkle, Pastor

►ELKTON, MD.—One of the greatest revivals in the history of Glad Tidings Assembly was experienced during the three weeks of services conducted by Evangelist Frank C. Mays of Akron, Ohio. Many were saved, many filled with the Holy Spirit, and some received healing. There was a definite move among the young people. The church is considering expanding to meet the needs of the enlarged attendance.

—Daniel W. Hare, Pastor

►KERMIT, TEX.—For two and a half weeks God graciously poured out His Spirit upon the young people here under the ministry of Evangelist Elbert Smart of Beaumont, Tex. The straight preaching of this young evangelist was a great blessing and highly appreciated by the church.

—M. F. Hankins, Pastor

►MANTES, N. C.—Several came to the altar for salvation during the revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Strickland of Walhalla, S. C. Their ministry was a great blessing to all who heard them. The Sunday School increased 100% the last Sunday. The neighboring church in Wanchese was also greatly benefited by the revival.

—Ernest Etheridge, Pastor

►DENVER, COLO.—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed three weeks of revival with the George Gospel Team (Ken, Patsy, and Don) of Hobbs, New Mexico. The fine music and singing and the anointed preaching of this trio was a great blessing. Several sought the Lord for salvation. Others were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Plans are made for the Team to return for a second campaign.

—Verne J. Crews, Pastor

►MOULTRIE, GA.—The church here was greatly stirred in recent revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Maxwell Cloud of Jacksonville, Fla.

—R. B. Palmer, Pastor

►DELAWARE, OHIO—The First Assembly of God just concluded a successful revival in its new church building with Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. A goodly number were saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Along with the revival the church held a dedication service with the District Superintendent as speaker. The whole church was lifted up and edified.

—Edward Jones, Pastor

►POTOSI, MO.—The church here has just enjoyed six weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Orval Ross and family of St. Louis, Mo. The presence of God was manifest each night. Eleven were saved, and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Five were baptized in water, and 13 new members were added to the church. Deaf people were made to hear, and there were many other wonderful healings. (Asa J. Leach is pastor.)

—Edna Roberts, S. S. Secretary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ensley	A of G	June 24—	Jack Fowler & wife	C. E. Cox
	Enterprise	First	July 8—	Jesse Ray	Howard P. Trawick
Calif.	Antioch	First	June 24—	Loyd Evans & wife	R. M. Catlett
	Bell	Full Gospel A/G	June 17—	B. L. Alexander	Douglas H. Brown
	San Bernardino	First	In progress	Frank Lummer & wife	L. H. Hauff
Conn.	Waterbury	*A of G	June 24-July 15	J. B. Woolums	Sidney Regnier
Ill.	Dixon	A of G	June 24-July 8	A. F. DiMusto Family	Elmer Powell
Ind.	Clay City	*Area wide	July 1—	T. T. Ward	C. Glenn Perkins
Mo.	St. Louis	Faith Temple A/G	July 3-15	John C. Poteet	J. A. Brooks
N.Y.	Potsdam	*A of G	June 27-July 15	William A. Caldwell	Wm. C. Burkett
Ohio	Zanesville	First	July 3-15	Wm. F. Voodre	David Wilson
Pa.	Warren	A of G	July 3—	Albert Gilbert & wife	Wm. H. Adams
Tex.	Azle	Friendship A/G	June 17—	Tommy Hughes & wife	A. E. Stephens
	Cameron	A of G	June 24-July 8	Bob Laughlin & wife	Don Henderson
	Houston	Calvary Temple	June 21—	Dean Underwood	C. N. Rice
	Jasper	First	July 1-22	Erling Saxelid	A. G. Calaway
Va.	Winchester	*Hayfield A/G	June 26—	L. K. Dodge	C. B. Glover
Wash.	Republic	A of G	June 26-July 8	Ruth R. Specter	Leo Barrans
Wyo.	Laramie	**First	June 19—	Virgil Warens & wife	Currell Muirhead

\* Tent revival

\*\*Children's and Youth revival

Announcements should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

►ORANGE COVE, CALIF.—The presence of the Lord was graciously manifest in recent meetings conducted here by Evangelist Roy Pennington of Modesto, Calif. Four souls were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. A number testified to being healed.

—W. H. Morris, Pastor

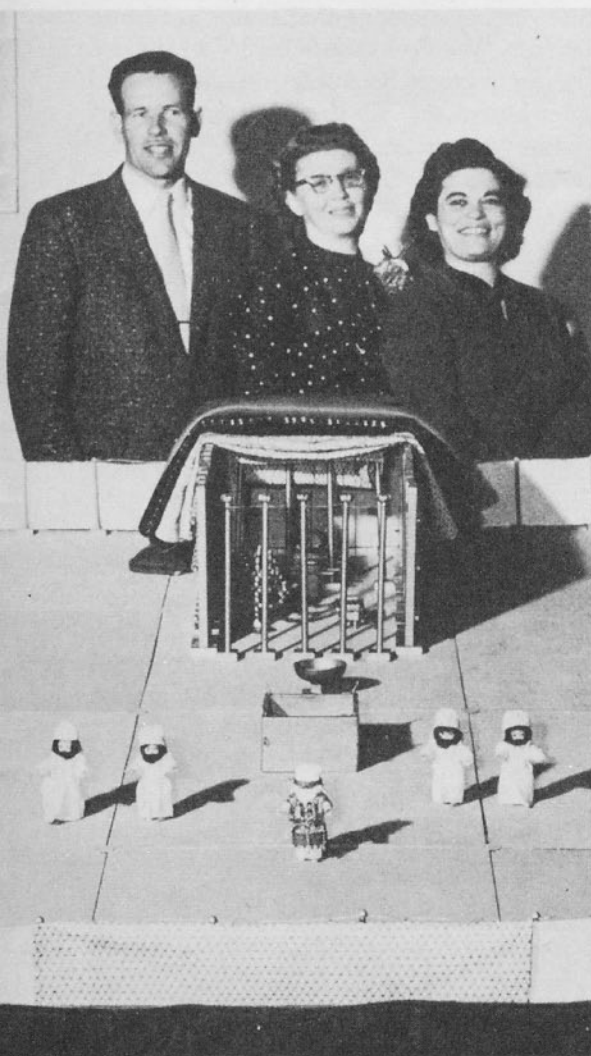
►CARROLLTON, ILL.—Evangelist and Mrs. C. M. Walls of Cottage Hills, Ill. recently held one of the greatest revivals this church has experienced in several years. Sixteen came to the altar for salvation. The power of the Holy Ghost was so great that some literally ran to the altar.

—J. W. Lamb, Pastor

►HOOD RIVER, OREG.—Evangelist Ruth Rachel Specter, a converted Jewess, has just concluded an outstanding series of meetings in the Hood River Assembly of God. The messages centered around the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Sister Specter used a model of the Tabernacle 8 ft. by 4 ft. which had been built to scale. Every piece of furniture and material is constructed as God had instructed Moses. Through her Jewish background, with the help of the model Tabernacle, Sister Specter made Christ very real in the lives of many.

—Ernest W. Bedwell, Pastor

Pastor and Mrs. E. W. Bedwell of Hood River, Oregon, stand with Evangelist Ruth Specter (right) behind the model of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness which Sister Specter uses to illustrate her Bible teaching.



►BLUE MOUNTAIN, ALA.—The Assembly here recently experienced a very wonderful revival with Evangelist W. F. Patterson of Waycross, Ga. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and several were healed. A four-year-old girl who had heart trouble and never walked was healed, and is now walking.

—Arnice English, Pastor

►BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Evangelist C. L. Dixon of Covina, Calif. recently conducted a very successful series of meetings in the Calvary Full Gospel Church. There were eight saved, 10 baptized with the Holy Spirit, and seven refilled. The whole church was stirred during these three weeks. The blessing of God was signally manifest under the anointed ministry of Brother Dixon.

—O. D. Burkett, Pastor

►ELLSINORE, MO.—The church here recently experienced a mighty outpouring of the Spirit in a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John D. Wetzel. Seventeen were saved and a number testified to definite healings. One man was delivered from his crutches and deafness. A lady was healed of a throat tumor. The Lord be praised for this spiritual refreshing.

—Kenneth E. Doyle, Pastor

►PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Kensington Pentecostal Church recently enjoyed the good ministry of Evangelist J. E. Risner of Tulsa, Okla. The services had to be limited to five days, but in that brief time there was a gracious moving of the Spirit of God. Souls were saved, several were healed, and several baptized in the Holy Spirit. All in the congregation were refreshed.

—Walter R. Wilhelm, Pastor

►ELLWOOD CITY, PA.—The church here experienced one of the best series of evangelistic meetings in its history under the ministry of Evangelist L. T. Stewart of McKeesport, Pa. The ministry of the Word fed the souls of the hearers and the Lord confirmed His Word with signs following. A number came forward for salvation and are going on with God. Testimonies are still coming in telling of the touch of God upon sick bodies.

—A. Reuben Hartwick, Pastor

►CARBONDALE, PA.—The evangelistic services conducted in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Azusa Street outpouring were greatly blessed of God. Byron D. Jones of Ashley, Pa. ministered in the first three services and at that time the people were brought closer to God. Then Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. carried on for two more weeks. People were thrilled to hear her testimony of deliverance from the life of a hopeless cripple. Verification was given to the story by her display of the body and leg braces and built-up shoes she wore at the time she was instantly healed by the power of God. Seven came to the altar seeking salvation; one backslider was reclaimed; and many were delivered from sicknesses. The church is still experiencing the blessing that God sent through His anointed servants.

—Arthur R. Hontz, Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALLEY CAMP MEETING at Kerby, Oreg., July 31-Aug. 12. Evangelist Johnny Hoskins, Salem, Oreg. Donald E. Trimmer is local Pastor.

POLISH BRANCH CONFERENCE—July 5-7 at Polish Assembly of God, 6706 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. Special speakers each evening. For accommodations write John Motdoch, 17265 W. 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham, Mich.—by John T. Nichol, Secretary Polish Branch.

NEBRASKA SECTIONAL CAMP—June 26-July 4 in Baker's Grove, one mile south and one mile west of Ainsworth, Nebr. Ray D. Murphy, Nampa Idaho, speaker. Evening services only, except Sunday at 2 p.m. and July 4 both morning and evening. Water baptismal service at 3 p.m. on July 4.—by L. S. Nichols, Sectional Presbyter.

## EVANGELIST KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT



J. O. Johnson

Evangelist James O. Johnson, 30, and his wife were killed in an automobile accident May 26, 1956. Brother Johnson graduated from Central Bible Institute in 1948 and was ordained in 1950. He had been active in evangelistic work since his graduation. Funeral services were conducted at the First Assembly of God in Memphis, Tenn.

## MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Man to care for tent and complete outfit.—Evangelist B. D. Bennett, Box 232, Rosemead, Calif.

WORKERS NEEDED—If you like to work with children and desire full-time Christian service, write qualifications for any type work and mail to National Children's Home, P.O. Box 1017, Hot Springs, Ark.

WANTED—Back numbers of EVANGELS for distribution in home missions field. Send postpaid to Talmadge F. McNabb, 52 Springbrook, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

WANTED—Young couple or anyone moving into this area, to help in Riverview Assembly of God, North Jacksonville. We need musicians and a C. A. leader. This is a new church located at 2309 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, Fla.—J. H. and Mrs. Carlisle, Pastors.

## Revivaltime News Flash!

The following stations were added to the REVIVALTIME radio log beginning the week of May 27.

LATROBE, PA. (WAKU)

Saturday—6:30 p.m.

(1570 kc; 1,000 watts)

Contact cleared through P. S. Brendiar

CONCORD, N. H. (WKXL)

Check local newspaper for time (1450 kc.; 250 watts)

SANTA FE, N. MEX. (KTRC)

Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

(1400 kc.; 250 watts)

SEATTLE, WASH. (KTW)

Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

(1250 kc.; 1,000 watts)

### TIME CHANGES:

MEADVILLE, PA. (WMGM)

Now heard at 10:30 p.m. Sunday



testified to the healing touch of the Lord and said she felt the assurance of salvation. She also promised that she would begin attending our church." (J. Rudolph Wilkerson, Pastor.)

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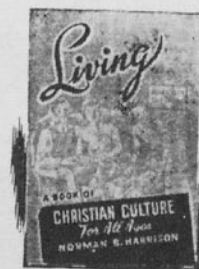


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# Church Babies

It is astonishing how many people there are in the churches who have to be nursed. Instead of being spiritually strong men and women, they are mere babes and have to be cared for. Through their infirmity the church, instead of being a workshop, becomes a nursery, a hospital. Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." But many who profess to be mature believers are still playing with spiritual rag dolls.

Spiritual babes, instead of doing work, make work for others. The difference

between a child and a man is that the man works and the child makes work for others. Most churches of today are full of babies. They do not help; they hinder. Many have not learned to walk, but they have learned to talk. Some of these church babies are a whining set, and the church finds itself under constraint of running a nursery for many of them. The preacher must spend much of his time cradle-rocking to keep them from whining.

Some of these babies are thirty, forty and fifty years old. Did you ever see a gray-headed baby? I have. Many of them. They never get out of spiritual

babyhood. They have never cut their teeth. Permanently dwarfed in spiritual infancy! What a pity! Instead of eating meat, they must in mid-life and beyond be nursed from the bottle.

The reason so many are not strong men and women in Christ Jesus is that they do not eat the proper food. We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We cannot grow in grace by feasting on sinful pleasures. We must have God's Word. Many are drinking milk who ought to be eating meat.

It is no disgrace to be a baby. But we must not remain babies. Religion is a growing in holiness, a development into the image of Christ Jesus. Therefore, I say, "Quit you like men, be strong."—E. H. Henderson, in *Western Recorder*

## ROVER

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he looked at his dog and said, "Rover, you faithful dog, you! What a lesson you have taught me! I remember the Bible verse which says, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' Rover, I want to be as faithful to God as you have been to me."

He carried the dog home and lovingly nursed it back to health. In a week Rover was just as frisky as ever. It was an important lesson for Farmer Smales. He became a more faithful Christian than he had ever been before, and he always said about Rover, "That dog preached me the best sermon I ever heard."

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I am the Lord thy God  
...which leadeth thee  
by the way that thou  
shouldest go. *ISAIAH 48:17*

## Lord, Help Me—

To avoid boasting lest I be found to be as Peter.

To forgive without reservations, even as I would like to be forgiven.

To be more critical of myself than of others.

To buy the truth and sell it not.

To "follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

To practice self-denial for Jesus' sake.

To be found faithful though I cannot be able or brilliant.

To believe so that I am exposed to the blessing of God.

To have patience with unpleasant and trying people.

To love the unlovely—if not for their own sakes, then for Jesus' sake.

To not worry but give God a chance to take care of and work out what I cannot.

To seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, knowing that with these all necessary things shall be added.

To be constructive rather than obstructive.

To use my head, knowing that clear thinking goes with good religion.

To have a thankful heart.

To pray and not grow faint.

# Minced Oaths

A VITAL MESSAGE FOR CHRISTIANS

by George H. Seville

A visiting minister was asked to lead in prayer in Sunday School, and when he had finished, a teacher heard one of her girls whisper, "Gosh, what a prayer!" Such an exclamation seems incongruous in expressing one's appreciation of a prayer, but a little thought will lead anyone to the conclusion that "gosh" is not an appropriate word for a Christian on any occasion. When we look into the original meaning of such interjections, we may be surprised that even Christian people are habitual users of expressions which the dictionary terms "minced oaths."

A commonly used interjection is "Gee." It is capitalized in Webster's **New International Dictionary**, and given this definition: "A form of Jesus, used in minced oaths." Two common words and their definitions are these: "Golly—a euphemism for God, used in minced oaths; gosh—a substitute for God, used in minced oaths." "Darn, darned, damnation" are said to be "colloquial euphemisms for "damn, damned, damnation." Persons who allow their lips to utter "Gosh-darned" quite freely, would be shocked if they realized the real meaning of the word.

A certain minister who is now a professor in a sound seminary was not allowed to use "goodness," "mercy," or "gracious" as exclamations when he was a child. He was inclined to think the restrictions a family peculiarity, merely a parental overcarefulness; but now he can see that it had a sound Scriptural basis. The Westminster Shorter Catechism asks, "What is required in the third commandment? The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, **attributes**, ordinances, words and works." Certainly goodness, mercy, graciousness are attributes of God.

The use of minced oaths is quite contrary to the spirit of the New Testament teaching. For example, our Lord Jesus said, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all. . . . But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one" (Matthew 5:34, 37, R.V.). The phrase "whatsoever is more than these" suggests the use of an exclamation or an

expletive, which is defined as "something added merely as a filling; especially a word, letter, or syllable not necessary to the sense, but inserted to fill a vacancy."

James in writing his epistle repeats almost exactly the words of Christ quoted above, but adds the warning, ". . . that ye fall not under judgment" (James 5:12). That last word recalls our Lord's declaration, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36, 37). If we try to excuse ourselves by saying that these exclamations slip through our lips unawares, we need to heed the Holy Spirit's warning in the epistle of James, "If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain" (1:26).

James seems puzzled by the same anomaly that puzzles us; namely, the presence of minced oaths on the lips of Christians. Writing of the tongue as a "restless evil . . . full of deadly poison," he said, "Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God; out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:8-10).

While no attempt has been made to give a complete list of all the words in the vocabulary of near-profanity, enough has been said to indicate that present-day speech has fallen below that standard which Christ set for His disciples. A careless following of others in the use of these common minced oaths will dull our own spiritual sensitiveness, and will weaken our Christian testimony.

To gain the victory in this matter of full obedience to our Lord Jesus, we need to make the prayer of David our daily petition, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

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