

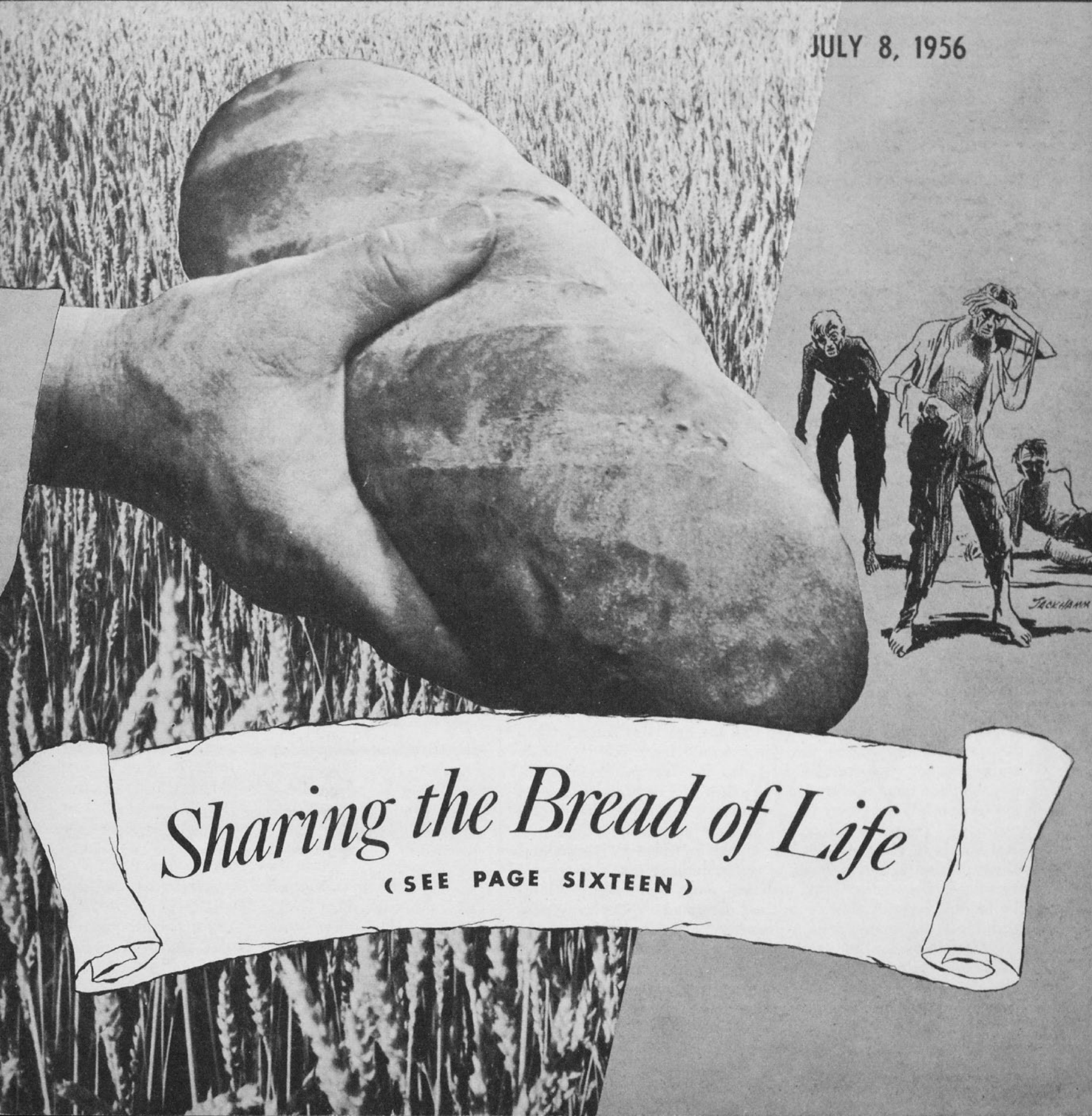
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Sharing the Bread of Life

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God-Anointed Music

What is music? Sidney Lanier, the poet, said that music is love in search of a word. (He lived in a day when the rock'n'roll variety was still confined to Africa.) Franz von Liszt, the noted composer, described music as the universal language of mankind by which human feelings are made equally intelligible to all. But no definition in mere words can fully describe a force that is spiritual by nature. One might as well try to define the New Birth! William James, the pioneer of modern psychology, tried to do that and he came to the conclusion that conversion cannot be adequately explained in psychological terms. All he could say was that it changed human lives and was a real quality in regenerated men and women. So it is with music. We may not have an adequate definition for it, but we all know it is a force with marvelous powers to move the human spirit either for better or for worse.

It is recorded that music once lifted Philip the Fifth of Spain out of a serious mental illness. The king had fallen into a state of total dejection. He refused to be shaved, and could not compose himself sufficiently to appear in council or to attend to any of the royal business. The queen, after exploring all other possible remedies, remembered that the king was highly susceptible to music, so she devised a plan of musical therapy. The celebrated musician Farinelli was invited to Spain and was asked to give a concert in a room adjoining the king's apartment. The king was so moved by the music that he summoned the musician to his bedside. First he loaded him with compliments; then he asked how he could reward such talents. Farinelli replied that he desired nothing but that the king would permit his attendant to shave and dress him, and that he would endeavor to make his appearance in the council as usual. The king yielded, and from that time his mental sickness gave way. Music had effected the cure.

This incident from the eighteenth century reminds us of another story, much earlier, when David's sweet music broke the evil spell that was upon King Saul. Music has often been used of God to soften the human heart and make it receptive to His will. We find it so in times of worship. How often the mind has been dull, and the spirit heavy, until harmonious notes of sacred music have struck a responsive chord in our hearts and we have suddenly found ourselves entering into an attitude of worship. How often, in a gospel service, a song of Christian testimony or exhortation has found its way into the hearts of sinners when the words alone without the music would have failed. Music is a mighty force. Controlled by Satan, it drives people to sensuality, sin, and hell. Controlled by God, it lifts us to purity, peace, and heaven. What power for good or evil rests in the hands of a musician! Thank God for all who have surrendered their musical talents to Him, and who are employing them in His service. Their playing is not a form of entertainment but a means of ministry. They seek God's approval more than men's. They are humble and self-effacing in their demeanor. They pray over their music as earnestly as a preacher prays over his sermons. Therefore there is a quality of sweetness, simplicity, and reverence attached to their music that the Lord can bless. Their music lifts men and women into a place of blessed communion with Christ. Thank God for music anointed by the Holy Ghost.

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A Charge to Keep

**We have a charge to share the gospel
with the world--and a social gospel is not enough**

by **GAYLE F. LEWIS**

Assistant General Superintendent

WE READ IN GENESIS 28:1—"AND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him. . . ."

A blessing from God is always accompanied by a charge from God. Sometimes the charge is specifically outlined in the Word; at other times it is implied. But whether it be a nation, or a denomination, or an individual that is involved, a blessing always brings commensurate responsibility.

America is a nation blessed of God. Our living standard is the highest in the world. Our life span is longer. Our educational system makes it possible for a much larger percentage of our young people to enjoy higher learning than those of any other nation.

We lead the world in our system of free enterprise. One of our great national headaches has to do with the surplus of food produced on our farms—while, ironically enough, millions of the world's population go to bed hungry every night.

But a nation so blessed is a nation charged with a great responsibility. When God blessed Abraham and sent him forth from Ur of the Chaldees, He told him at the outset, "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing. . . ." Israel was blessed and charged with the responsibility of being a blessing to others. When Jonah shrank from the responsibility that went with the blessing of Israel, God had to deal severely with him.

In Israel all the families of the earth were to be blessed through the Messiah.

Our own nation can never occupy the unique place Israel was given, for our Saviour came through that nation. But in this twentieth century our nation is responsible to give the Saviour to the world. This nation was founded by humble men and women who recognized that they owed their very lives to the goodness of God who brought them through stormy seas and adverse conditions to these shores. They recognized God in all that they did, and He blessed them. The growth and development of our nation materially in the years since the Pilgrim Fathers first landed here would astound them, could they see it today.

Perhaps, too, they would be astounded to know that we are so materialistic in our outlook. Our lavish provision of food and arms to other less fortunate nations can never wholly discharge a Christian nation's responsibility before God. We have a charge to share the gospel with the world, and the purveyance of a watered-down version of the Truth in the form of a social gospel will not discharge this responsibility.

But now let us look a little closer to our own peculiar blessing and charge as Pentecostal people. We have been reminded lately of the growth and position of the Assemblies of God in relationship to other denominations. The record is something for which we should give humble thanks to God. We are told that our Sunday School enrollment of more than three quarters of a million places us eighth from the top in a survey of some 265 church groups in the United States.

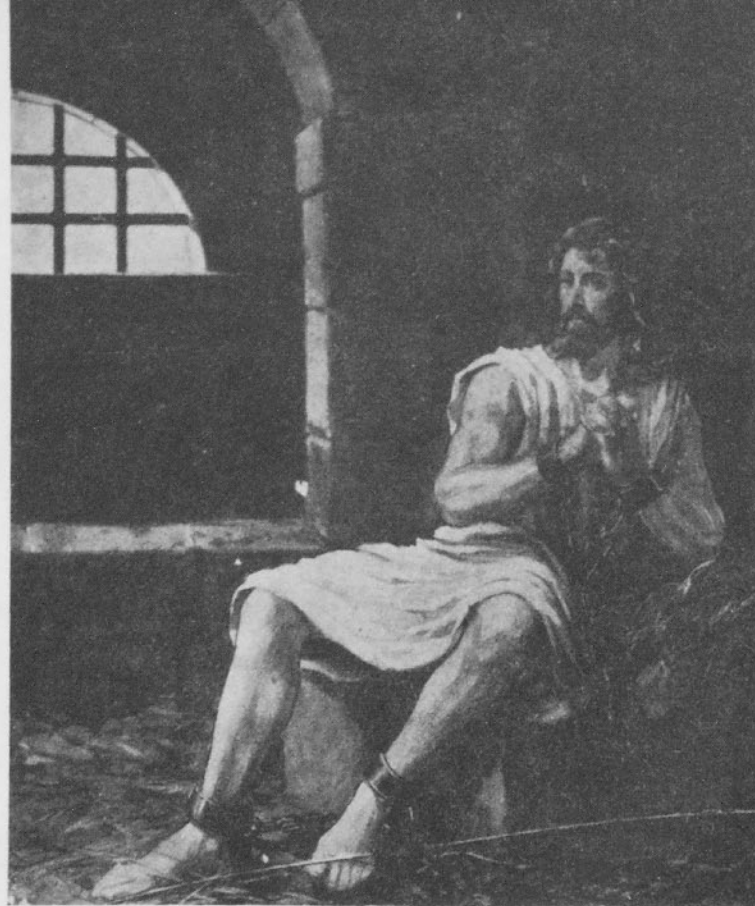
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L. N. PEARSON

Go and Tell John Again

by Esther Kerr Rusthoi



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LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF JESUS: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11:11).

What a tribute! What a compliment from the very Son of God! The Bible records the lives of many heroic *great* personalities: Moses, Abraham, Daniel, Elijah, Paul. And Christ measured every word He spoke. He never rendered snap judgment. His verdict pronounced John the Baptist as the greatest of the great!

Before his birth, John was equipped and destined by the Almighty for a *great* work. Think of his heredity! Zacharias the priest—his father. Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus—his mother. Both parents were righteous, godly, blameless. They had prayed for a child, but their prayer was not answered for many years. Delays are not denials. In God's *due season* John was born. His birth was accompanied by a great visitation from heaven. The people praised and magnified God: "What manner of child shall this be!" Zacharias prophesied: "A prophet of the Highest: for he shall go before in the Spirit and power, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel"

(Luke 1:80). Alone with God. In school under the tutorship of the Almighty. Volumes of meaning lie within those few words. John's dealings were with GOD! There were no gospel radio programs to tune in. No evangelistic meetings to attend and observe. No correspondence courses in successful methods in the ministry. John the Baptist was not a carbon copy, not a duplicate of anyone. He was God's man!

The day came when his *desert shut-in* days were over. He had grown. He had waxed STRONG in spirit. Fearless, dynamic, courageous, Spirit-anointed, he was ready to fulfill his God-appointed ministry. He had no advance man, or human *promoter*, no newspaper or radio station through which to advertise, no attractive "tent cathedral" or auditorium. Psychologically, the *odds* were against him! He did not use diplomacy or tact, no Dale Carnegie method of "winning friends and influencing people." He preached *straight* and *hard*: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" But the multitudes thronged out to the wilderness to hear the *message* from God. They saw a completely consecrated vessel, dressed simply. So great a spiritual appetite was whetted, that a genuine revival of repentance blazed into great proportions. "There went out unto him *all* the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were *all*

baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins" (Mark 1:5).

John had the unequalled privilege and honor of introducing Jesus. He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). It was God's time for the earthly ministry of Christ to begin. The crowds *shifted* from John to Jesus, but this *pleased* John. "Ye yourselves bear me witness," he told them, "that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must *increase*, but I must *decrease*" (John 3:28-30).

Life moved on. Another side of the life of John is portrayed in Holy Writ. His big crowds and popularity were gone. There is no joy comparable to that of leading souls to repentance and acceptance of Christ. That was *yesterday* for John. His fearless preaching caused him to be thrust into prison. At length he began to feel forsaken and discouraged. His faith wavered to the point where he sent a message to Christ saying, "ART THOU HE THAT SHOULD COME? OR LOOK WE FOR ANOTHER?" (Luke 7:19).

How much of our theology, doctrine, religion is *real*? What can a man believe in, when it seems the bottom has

dropped out? Where is *reality*, in the midst of a whirlwind of frustration and conflicts?

It would be lovely if everyone sailed home to heaven on flowery beds of ease without troubles or disappointments, carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. But the true fact is, that the *greatest* man born of woman experienced what saints of all ages have learned that, "man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7).

However, John made the wisest move anyone can make when facing stormy winds of adversity and doubt. He sent to the right man for the answer to his questionings—he turned to JESUS. He was not scolded for his lack of faith or his wavering belief. Jesus still knew that John was a *giant*, the greatest born of woman. But Jesus also knew the crushed, bleeding heart of the man and the human questionings.

The Saviour said, "Go and show John *again* those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me" (Matthew 11:4-6).

Christ sent a reassuring message of the positive proof of His divinity! His earthly miraculous ministry fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah.

Go and tell John again that he was not misled. He had not been chasing a will-o'-the-wisp. He had not believed a wrong doctrine. He had not embraced a false hope. His message was not visionary, but real. Everything that John believed about Jesus before the tidal wave hit his ship of life, was still everlastingly true.

The great cardinal, fundamental truths in God's Word are *forever settled* in heaven. God is GOD! We may not understand His dealings with us individually. Questions may at times fill our minds. But, blessed is the one who is not offended or stumbled and who never turns back. Blessed is the one who **KEEPS FAITH!**

Even in these days of titanic conflict when *faith* is being tested, **KEEP ON BELIEVING.** Jesus says, "Behold, I come quickly: *hold that fast which thou hast*, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

Unquenchable Fire

WHAT IS CLAIMED TO BE THE WORLD'S greatest and most devastating fire has now been raging incessantly for over seventy years. It covers thirty square miles of beautiful, rolling woodland in southern Ohio, surrounding New Straitsville, a small town which was laid out in 1870 by a mining company.

The subterranean coal fire was started when a handful of desperate miners, in one of the most bitter strikes in Ohio history, seized a number of loaded coal cars, doused them with oil, set them ablaze and pushed them down five different shafts.

Twelve square miles became slowly toasting earth where cisterns steamed and dried up, where potatoes were dug precooked, where an \$80,000 school building was overheated in winter even when the furnace was turned off. From the bowels of the earth there arose enormous clouds of steam and smoke.

The earth has been ripped open by violent convulsions, leaving cracks which vary from an inch to a yard in width. At intervals there can be seen monstrous fiery craters large enough to swallow a truck. At times great internal combustions cause explosions which send massive tongues of devouring flame as high as two hundred feet into the air.

Many of the residents of this district were gradually compelled to evacuate their homes, as the awful underworld inferno ate its way to their property. Farm animals accidentally stepped to their death in the fiery pits, before the farmer could fence them off.

Repeated attempts have been organized to smother this terrible inferno. Cement walls were sunk, but they cracked. A creek was diverted into the

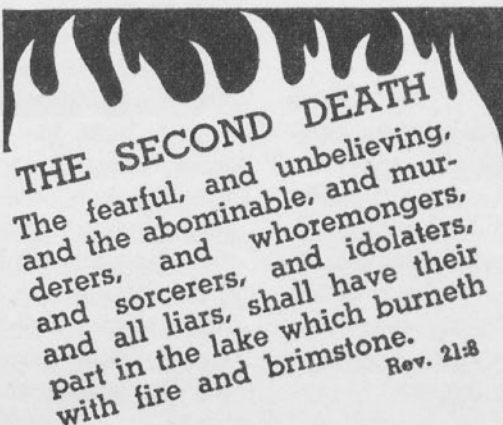
openings but it emerged as steam.

In 1937 the W.P.A. of the U.S. Government allocated \$360,000 and hired 400 local coal miners in a major effort to save this valuable coal field. Three noninflammable barricades, mud-packed tunnels, one of them a mile and a quarter long, were sunk in key positions. The fire was trapped, and it is believed that it will ultimately burn itself out. One barricade has saved a 5,000,000-ton field, and the other two have confined the fire to an area of thirty square miles. At colossal cost the Government eventually will be able to preserve the beautiful countryside and save the precious fuel which is needed to warm people's homes and generate power for the factories.

But we know of a more horrible hell than this—and the Bible tells us of a barrier that was made to withstand and subdue it. The Book of Revelation (chapter 19, verse 20) tells of "a lake of fire burning with brimstone." And Revelation 20:15 contains these startling words: "*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*"

What a terrible fate! No one wants to end up in that sea of flames that burn for ever and ever. But, thank God, no one has to—provided they will accept God's plan of salvation. God provided a Cross on which His own dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, died to pay the penalty of men's sins. That Cross is the barrier that will save men from the literal, consuming, eternal burnings and permit their names to be written in the Lamb's book of life.

Have you accepted the Saviour? Have you embraced the Cross? Have you repented of your sin and asked God to write your name in His book of life? It was for this the Saviour shed His precious blood. It is not God's wish that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The same Book that says, "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," also says, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Salvation and eternal life may be yours, free of any cost to you, if you will say "Yes" to God. The decision rests with you.



THE SECOND DEATH
The fearful, and unbelieving,
and the abominable, and mur-
derers, and whoremongers,
and sorcerers, and idolaters,
and all liars, shall have their
part in the lake which burneth
with fire and brimstone.
Rev. 21:8



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

More Churches Sponsor Scout Troops

There are 27,444 Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer units operating in Protestant churches—a net gain of 2,638 units during the past year.

Sudan Government to Take Over Mission Schools

The government of the newly proclaimed independent republic of Sudan announced it will shortly take over all Christian missionary schools in South Sudan.

Israel Produces Polio Vaccine

Samples of the Salk anti-polio vaccine produced in Israel have passed exacting tests and, by autumn, considerable quantities will be produced. Israelis now plan a fall vaccination program for children between the ages of six months and three to four years—another example of Israel's progressive leadership in its part of the world.

Christianity Not Keeping Up with Population Growth

Although there are more Christians now, statistical estimates indicate a relative decline of 5 per cent in the world's Christian population in 24 years. In 1953 the Christian population of the world was about 32 per cent, while in 1929 it was about 37 per cent. These figures, of course, include all who go by the name "Christian."

Alcohol Offenses Keep Police Busy

More than half of all arrests reported to the FBI in 1955 were alcohol-related. Out of 1,861,764 total arrests reported from 1,477 cities, more than 59 per cent were for liquor law violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and driving while intoxicated. These figures do not include the charges of assault, rape, and offenses against family and children in which alcohol is often a major factor.

Protest "W for Whiskey" Designation

Alcohol advertising turns up in the most unlikely and insidious places at times. Commissioners to the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. found such a situation and organized a protest against the "W for Whiskey" designation in the new phonetic alphabet being used by the armed forces.

It was pointed out that this alphabet not only affects communications, but is also used to designate military companies—so that W Company would become known as Whiskey Company. It was also noted that many radio call letters in the U.S. begin with the letter "W" and, therefore, in the phoneticized versions "whiskey will mean the U.S.A. around the world." The group stressed that "the use of the word 'whiskey' in this way gives free publicity to a very harmful commodity . . . which plays a large part in crime, accidents, immorality, and the breakup of homes."

Effect Merger in North Australia

Three denominations in Australia's Northern Territory—Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian—recently merged into one body known as the United Church of North Australia.

Survey Show Safest Drivers Religiously Inclined

A three-year study by the University of Colorado School of Medicine shows that the safest drivers are those who tend to be religiously inclined, have conventional views, and behave in "socially conforming ways."

Bishop Links Atheism, Protestantism, Communism

An indication of the intolerance of the Roman Catholic Church in Colombia was given in a recent pastoral message of a Catholic bishop in that country. He found it necessary to warn his flock about "the grave danger" of Protestantism which, he said, takes the Colombian's religious faith from him and casts him into an "abyss of unbelief, religious indifference, and practical atheism." He also said Protestants who have joined themselves to "Communism and other leftist factions" have had "no small part" in these disturbances.

Colombian "logic" is direct and deadly: all Communists should be put to death; all non-Catholics are Communists; all Protestants are non-Catholic; therefore, all Protestants should be put to death. However, the supreme sacrifice is usually only required of native Protestants; the apostles of intolerance find it prudent to spare the foreign missionaries.

Largest Protestant Church in Colombia Closed

The largest Protestant church in Colombia has been closed to all Colombians by the government. Attendance at this church, the Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Barrancabermeja, averages over 1,000 and frequently runs close to 2,000. The church is located in a territory recently reserved exclusively for Roman Catholics, and Protestants are now forbidden to carry on any religious activities in that area.

Another Pentecostal church in Colombia also had its difficulties. A mob of people, led by the local priest, broke into the group's chapel at La Galicia and stole a number of articles that had been stored there. These stolen articles were reportedly sold at a public sale. Reports also indicate that the mob celebrated mass before leaving the chapel and that obscene writings and insults were inscribed on the chapel's walls. Following this outrage a general threat was made against the lives of all Protestants in the area, and more than 300 believers were forced to flee the vicinity. Local officials made no attempt to restore order or protect the Protestants and their property.

City Bans "Rock and Roll" Dancing

"Rock and roll" dancing is out in Santa Cruz, California—by police order, according to the *Associated Press*. Saying its heavy, pounding beat leads its fans to "highly suggestive" motions, a police lieutenant closed a weekend dance at Civic Auditorium because the music "drove to abandon" too many of the 200 teen-agers there. Even though the music itself is not banned, dancing to its rhythms "will not be tolerated in the future anywhere in Santa Cruz," said the city's chief of police.

The commendable action of Santa Cruz's police force points up a valuable lesson: the best way to prevent crime and immorality is to remove its causes.

Catholic Hospitals Get Most Hill-Burton Funds

More than four-fifths of the total appropriations under the Hill-Burton Act have gone to Roman Catholic hospitals. The law provides for federal aid to subsidize construction of hospitals and medical institutions, including those that are church-owned.

Southern Baptists, at their convention in Kansas City, learned that of the total appropriations of \$124,977,670 (as of August 1, 1955) under the Hill-Burton Act, a total of \$100,381,067 of the taxpayers' money went "to or for the benefit of hospital and medical facilities constructed or being constructed under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the United States."

Urges Spiritual Teachings to Protect Majority

Dr. Joseph B. Cavallaro, president of the Board of Higher Education, told Roman Catholics attending a Holy Name Society rally in Brooklyn that moral and spiritual values should be taught in public schools to protect the rights of the "overwhelming majority."

Dr. Cavallaro noted that such teachings had been criticized on the grounds that rights of non-believers—"secularists and atheists"—would be violated. However, he pointed to a recent study which showed that 95 per cent of the American people "are a believing people and have a religion." He then asked, "Are we to favor the irreligious parent and pupil over the religious parent and pupil? One wonders if it is wrong to teach moral and spiritual values but right to teach about Communism and Marxist doctrines. What possible good can one expect from the exclusion of such training?"

Did You Know . . . ?

Did you know that the foreign membership of the Assemblies of God numbers 420,438—about 20,000 more than our members in the U.S.; that we have 84,756 Sunday School teachers teaching an enrolled Sunday School attendance of 805,182 in the U.S. alone; that almost five tons of literature is printed every work day at the Gospel Publishing House; that the combined circulation of our periodicals is over 2 million copies per issue?

These facts are gleaned from a new release of statistics on the Assemblies of God. The entire report is offered to our ministers free of charge by the Public Relations Department. Other free helps available from the department include a general news release on the Assemblies of God, a pamphlet on news writing, a pamphlet on the operation of the Assemblies of God, and assistance in your local church advertising program. Address your request to: Public Relations Department, Assemblies of God, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



ENCYCLOPEDIA PRESENTED TO EVANGEL COLLEGE LIBRARY

Richard D. Strahan, Dean of Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, is shown accepting an encyclopedia set which was presented to the college library by Affiliated Food Stores. Kenneth E. Lea (right), Operations Manager for the Springfield area, made the presentation. The set of books is the Funk and Wagnalls Universal Standard Encyclopedia, a 25-volume set which the chain of 750 food stores is offering on a "book-a-week" plan throughout the four-state area of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and part of Arkansas.

Hundreds of books have been donated to the Evangel College library during the past year. Over six thousand volumes have been entered to date and the schedule of expansion calls for the addition of approximately three thousand more books each year. If you have books which you wish to donate, kindly send them postpaid to the Librarian, Evangel College, 1111 North Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. Or, if you will first send a list of the books you have, the librarian will tell you which titles he can use, and Evangel College will pay the postage on the specified books.

Dishonesty in Business

According to the best estimates, dishonest employees in the U.S. last year helped themselves to \$500 million in money, merchandise, and materials—an average of about \$1,000 a minute. Only 8 per cent of these had been with their employers less than a year, and 47 per cent had been employed five years or more.

Persecution Flares in Mexico

The home of a native convert in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, was bombed—fortunately without fatalities—because he permitted religious services to be held there. When a Southern Baptist missionary appealed to the mayor about the situation, the mayor admitted his inability to control the influence of the local Catholic priest over the people.

Locusts Invade Israel

Israelis recently faced a new type of invasion from Egypt—locusts. They were of the small, hopper variety, reports *Israel Speaks*, but because of the vigilance of the Plant Protection Department of the Agriculture Ministry, relatively little damage was caused. Millions of the locusts were destroyed by a new drug produced in Haifa, called Lindane, which was sprayed from both the ground and the air.



I Was a Spiritualist

by *Marie Bridgeman*

Cushing, Oklahoma

SINCE I BELIEVE THAT THE SPIRITUALISTS are not conscious of the dangers in which they are involved, I want to relate some of my personal experiences in Spiritualism and to tell how God led me from darkness to light.

Never once will I say, as some have tried to prove, that the cult is based on fakery. You will not persuade a sincere Spiritualist to turn from his beliefs by trying to prove that the phenomena he beholds is not real. I often saw our big dining table moved by a supernatural power. One night a neighbor, who came into a seance to behold the workings of the spirits, tried to hold our table down during the working of the evil spirit, and although he was a big man he was unable to hold it still.

I never recall a family altar in my childhood home. Instead we had seances at which all sorts of strange happenings occurred. The trumpet (a material object) would move around by supernatural power and touch the corners of the ceiling. It was equipped with a luminous band so that it could be seen in the darkness when it performed its antics. I have seen the trumpet circle about and take vigorous whacks at the people who were present. The trumpet has circled up to my ear, and I myself have heard the guttural sounds of the spirits.

We were each assigned a spirit guide, and my guide was called Elizabeth Ann. I did not readily accept her, however. I decided that if she was genuine she would have to prove herself.

And she did. At that particular time I was in my early teens and was in distress concerning my school work. I was becoming quite exhausted in the effort to master my studies. One night in the midst of a seance my mother spoke to me. She asked if my studies were getting me down. She knew nothing of my concern for I had told no one about it. But Mother said that Elizabeth Ann had revealed herself to her and had asked her to admonish me to go easy on my studies and relax more. This was my spirit guide's cunning way of saying, "See, I really am your guide."

Thinking about this later, however, I could see the terrible wrong in it, for I was a very bad girl at that time. I had been running with a gang who didn't mind stealing or lying if it were advantageous at the moment—and I was no exception. If Elizabeth Ann were my guide, then she was leading me in her direction. If she knew enough about me to know of my difficulty with my lessons, she couldn't help but see when I took things that didn't belong to me. If she were a good spirit, why didn't she concentrate on important things? Since I have been converted, the Holy Spirit tells me when I do the slightest wrong and urges me to ask God's

forgiveness. Elizabeth Ann was evil, and all she sought to do was convince me of her reality so she could control me.

I can never associate Spiritualism with gentleness. There were too many rough and crude spirits. Many Spiritualists tell me they understand what I mean to some extent. They believe that there are evil spirits, and that the good ones step back and let the boisterous ones take control. But that is where the devil has them fooled. All spirits coming into a seance are evil. The spirits can't (or won't) confess that Christ came in the flesh, nor can they operate when you talk of the blood of Jesus. God, in His Word, tells us that those who consult with familiar spirits "are an abomination unto the Lord." Deuteronomy 18:9-14 says: "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord." Spiritualists consult with familiar spirits. Necromancers are those who try to communicate with the dead. God forbids these practices.

We discontinued our seances when I was in my teens and World War II came. My brothers went into the armed services, my sister married, and my father went into defense work. Mother

and I lived alone. I was a member of a large church in the city, a Christian by name and a Spiritualist at heart. That was the situation when the Lord came into our home.

Mother began seeking God—not spirits—for protection for her sons in the war. She fasted and was on her knees almost constantly. As she prayed, God began speaking to her about His love. She talked about Jesus.

Then God began dealing with me. A young neighbor girl invited me to attend an Assemblies of God Church with her. I liked the enthusiasm in the service. I considered myself a Christian so I listened for further instructions on how to draw closer to God. Then I heard about the Holy Spirit. The preacher was admonishing the people to tarry until the Holy Spirit came into their lives according to Acts 2:4. I began with an earnest, hungry heart to tarry.

For the first time in several years I became very conscious that I was a Spiritualist. As I prayed, "God, fill me with your Spirit," I could sense that somehow the words "Holy Spirit" and "Spiritualism" didn't go together. I couldn't understand why. As I prayed earnestly for divine guidance, I began to feel there was something wrong with Spiritualism.

Try to put yourself in my place. For twenty-one years I had been raised a Spiritualist and was thoroughly conscious of my reasons for my beliefs. I knew very little about the Holy Spirit except what I had recently heard in the Assemblies of God. Yet I was sure that the Holy Spirit experience was right and that the spirits with whom I had communicated were evil. "But if Spiritualism is wrong," I asked myself, "what is wrong with it? There is a power. I've felt the table move. I've

heard the voices. I remember when Grandmother lay dying, and I saw a spirit light the gas light before my eyes. The lighting required the striking of a match and the turning of a gas jet; yet it was not done by any human hand. How can such things be explained?"

I went from minister to minister begging them to tell me what Spiritualism was. No one knew. One modernistic minister leaned back in his chair and said "Now, young lady, just forget it. It's all fakery." On such occasions when they spoke in this manner, I felt embarrassed for them that they had not sought God and studied further to know more about the spirit world. No wonder so many still seek spirits.

There was also a class of Christians who drew into their "shells" the moment I mentioned Spiritualism and asked if they could help me. Let me

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The Power of the Blood of Christ

WHEN I WAS IN MY TEENS, MOTHER and I decided to attend a Spiritualist meeting. We both were unsaved at the time.

During the service a number of people were testifying about many things. Suddenly one man stood to his feet and said, "I thank God for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ."

This declaration electrified the whole meeting.

The gentleman went on to praise the Lord for many other things, but he always returned to the theme of the Blood. As he praised God for His grace and the saving power of Christ's blood, his face beamed.

Mother and I both knew that this man possessed something real and that he was indeed a happy man. At that time, however, we did not know the source of his joy.

He sat down again, but the service was never the same. The atmosphere was charged with something we could not define. No one else tried to speak. It seemed they couldn't.

After an awkward pause, the medium leading the service, evidently in considerable trouble, tried to establish her "connection" with the "other world." Nothing happened.

by CHARLES A. HARRIS

Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

"I am afraid I will have to close this meeting," she finally admitted. "There is a strange power present tonight, and I can't seem to break it."

We sat there a few moments longer; then the meeting was dismissed.

From the incident we began to realize that even casual attendance at these meetings was dangerous for we had been on the devil's territory!

Several years later when we were

saved, we again came in contact with the gentleman whose testimony had broken up that Spiritualist meeting. He was a man who was so happy in his faith in Christ that he praised God wherever he went. He had happened into the Spiritualist meeting and found people testifying. He knew nothing of their beliefs, but he did know what God had done for him, so he had seized the opportunity to praise God for His goodness.

What was the result? One man praising God for the power of the blood of Christ closed at least one Satan-inspired service. Think what an army of God's people could accomplish if they went everywhere with this same message!

God's people must take the initiative in the battle against sin. *There is power in the Blood.* God honors everyone of His children who honor the Blood.

The Blood is more than a symbol—it is the power of God manifested in cleansing and protection. Sin is cancelled by it. Lives are kept pure by it.

If all God's people would thus exalt the precious Blood, we could defeat the powers of hell on every hand. Let us arise again with a ringing testimony to the far-reaching power of the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.





Over-all view of banquet that opened 1956 session of A.C.T.S.

Record Attendance at



Seventeen District Sunday School Directors and 45 Sectional Sunday School Representatives attended A.C.T.S.

A TOTAL OF 162 REGISTERED FOR THE 1956 SESSION OF A. C. T. S.—including many who had attended one or both of the preceding sessions. The fact that so many returned for a second or third year speaks well for the value of these annual training sessions.

New courses are offered each year at A. C. T. S.—the Advanced Christian Training School. This year twenty-one instructors led the students in practical and intensive study of methods to help solve the problems that face them in their Christian Education work; and during the week there were many favorable comments indicating that the students were highly pleased with the help they were getting.

This third annual session of A. C. T. S. was held on the campus of Central Bible Institute May 28—June 1. Whereas 75 received certificates at the first annual session in 1954, and 120 in 1955, this year's total was higher yet. Thus the school is marked by a steady numerical growth, and an increasing interest is manifest each year by those attending.

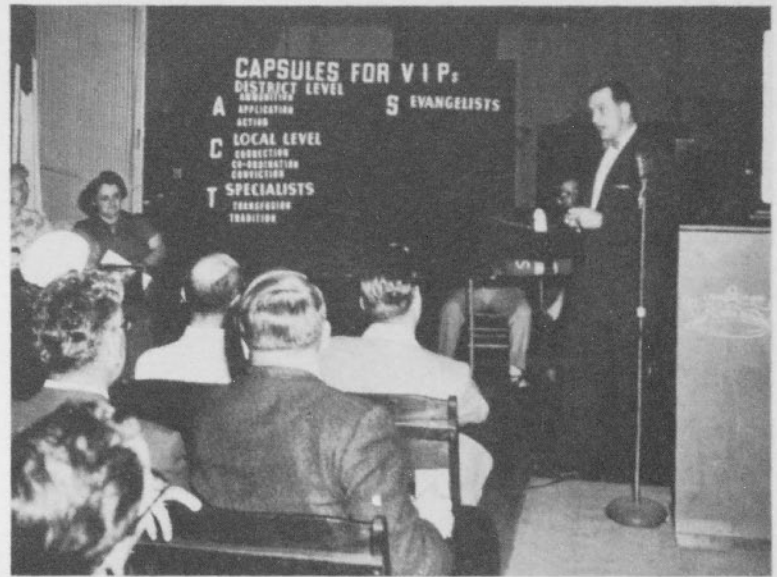
In addition to the many classes offered, there were a number of special features. Each evening Emil Balliet gave a lecture on "Soul Winning Through the Sunday School" to the entire student body and outside visitors who wished to attend. Special workshop craft sessions were held every afternoon where students were able to complete a project of their own. A class on "Church and News Relations" was conducted each afternoon.

The entire session was launched with a banquet program on Monday evening, when some 200 persons gathered for fellowship and asked God's blessing upon the classes which began the next morning.

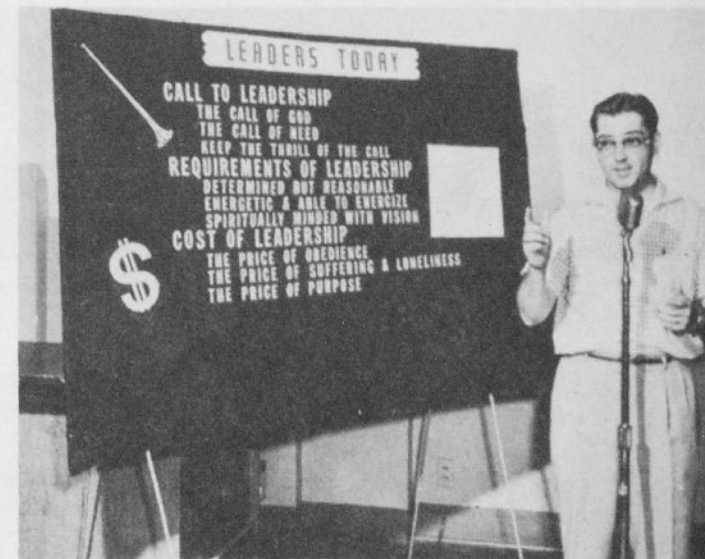
The students came from Arkansas, Alabama, Colorado, California, Florida, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan, Montana, Mississippi, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Tennessee.

Among those attending the school were 24 pastors, 12 Sunday School superintendents, 7 Christian education directors, 8 workers' training instructors, 3 evangelists, 45 sectional Sunday School representatives, 17 district Sunday School directors, and many child evangelism workers. They received certificates on Friday afternoon at a "Capsule Commencement," after which they scattered in all directions to return to their home districts and churches, better equipped to work for the Lord, and determined to do their part in "reaching the million."

At the closing exercises, the dates for next year's A. C. T. S. were announced. The fourth annual Advanced Christian Training School will be held June 3-7, 1957, at Central Bible Institute. Many who attended this year plan to be at the 1957 session also.



C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary, was speaker at the "Capsule Commencement" which climaxed the 1956 A.C.T.S.

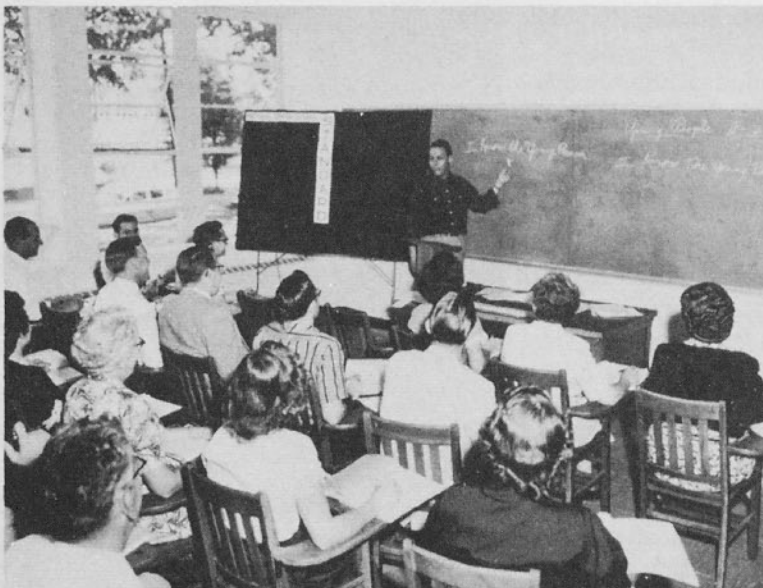


D. V. Hurst, Assistant National Sunday School Secretary, was the first of four speakers at breakfast devotions.

1956 A.C.T.S.

The Third Annual Session Was Marked by New Courses and Greater Interest Than Ever

Bob Pirtle, National Sunday School Representative, teaches the Young People's Department Specialization Course.



Maxine Mitchell, Supervisor of the Child Evangelism Division, conducts a Primary pupils' panel feature.





1956 Convention in Japan

Enthusiastic Christians gathered at Komagome for the 1956 annual convention

IT WAS A RACE AGAINST TIME TRYING to complete the new girls' dormitory in time for the Annual Convention. The cry was for more room. People were coming from far and near not just for one or two meetings but for the whole convention. Two days before the opening service the work on the building was finished. Within forty-eight hours it was packed to capacity. There were beds everywhere. This was where the women guests were housed. Thank God for the vision and generosity of our American people who made this new project possible.

Each service was eagerly anticipated; the first was at six o'clock in the morning. Even four meetings daily were not enough for some, for they were heard praying and praising God together late into the night and at the break of dawn. Over 800 were present at one service and 5,000 throughout the entire time. The Lord be praised! Souls were saved, numbers were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many testified of healing. There was freedom of worship and real fellowship between nationals and missionaries. We were also privileged to have with us "Grandma" (Mrs. C. F.) Juergensen, who had just cele-

by John J. Clement, Tokyo

brated her 88th birthday. She has lived to see the fruit of many years of faithful sowing in this country.

We even had our bookstand at the convention just as we do in the homeland. The Japanese are avid readers. We must get our testimony out in print. Our Literature Department is doing a fine work. A whole building is now being prepared for this work which will also house our growing Sunday School needs.

The continuous growth of the work is evident. Postwar years were planned with prayerful anticipation that the church should be definitely Japanese. The building of the Bible school was one of the first projects—to date there have been six graduations resulting in the establishment of many new churches. Two years ago it was necessary to divide the field into four districts with a presbyter in each. This year three more districts had to be added making seven in all. Able presbyters are in charge of these, two being missionaries.

Brother Yumiya, Superintendent, expressed appreciation for the work of

the missionaries, with a plea that they continue to labor with the Japanese brethren until the work becomes sufficiently indigenous. There are frontiers yet to be reached and territories yet to be penetrated which calls for down-to-earth pioneering. The missionary still plays a tremendous part in this regard. Our united prayer is that the day will soon come when the Japan Assemblies of God will be not only able to carry on itself but sufficiently strong to make evangelical inroads into every nook and corner of the nation and establish churches everywhere to the glory of His Name. We have come a long way; already we see the tree that God has



The big tent pitched near Central Bible Institute, Komagome, Tokyo

planted taking root downwards and bearing fruit upwards.

We are already anxious as to how we shall house next year's convention, should Jesus tarry. Our old brown tent is not what it used to be! We lengthened the cords this year, but it cannot be done any more. WE MUST BUILD. We need a place to seat at least 1500 people—a fitting testimony to our growth. Is God able to meet this need? A thousand times, yes! Please pray and help us to bring it to pass.



Sitting Japanese fashion inside the Convention tent



Central Bible Institute graduates now in the work



Oldest and youngest Assemblies of God missionaries in Japan—Grandma (Mrs. C. F.) Juergensen, 88, and Gloria Jean Hymes, six weeks.

Christians are being persecuted, but the blessing of God is still being manifested in Holy Ghost power.

Pray for Colombia!

by HARRY K. BARTEL, Bogota, Colombia

THERE IS INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGNING against the Protestant minority in Colombia. A heavy fine imposed by the Mayor of Sogamoso with daily threats to close our school, concerns our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nowowiejski and Miss Trella Hall, who desire that we join with them in urgent prayer regarding the work. The constant strain is very heavy. Two national evangelists from another mission are in prison in stocks. All evangelical work in the Choco and other regions have been closed by the government.

So far thirty churches have been closed and seven pastors jailed during a two-week period in April of this year. A Mennonite Brethren missionary from Canada has been placed under 1,000 pesos fine, which he will have to pay when he returns to Istamina, Choco, where the five churches of the mission have been closed. In the State of Santander, four churches of the Four-square Gospel Missions were closed. The Inter-American Mission of Bolivar has had seven churches closed, together with two Baptist churches in Amazonas and two Lutheran churches in Boyaca.

Restrictions have been placed upon Protestants in certain territories so that no native Protestants can attend services. This will affect many more missionaries and churches and will affect the largest Protestant church in Colombia at Barrancabermeja (Foursquare) which has had an average attendance of 1,700 people.

Mission medical work has been prohibited by the Mayor of Istamina, Choco. In a recent case in Noanama, a baby of Protestant parents was very ill. As the child lay dying, two nurses stood helplessly alongside the bed. Medicine was on hand to treat the child, but they were not permitted to use it.

When twenty armed men threatened to wipe out the congregation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in La Plata, Huila, the Mayor and Governor of the State refused to grant

police protection for the Protestants.

In an interview with an official, a Canadian missionary was told that the police have a right to shoot into meetings where communism is suspected, and most Protestants, both Colombian and foreign, are suspected of being communists. The missionary was informed that the police would not put a bullet through him, but there would be no hesitation when it came to the Colombian pastor (who accompanied him) or the others if they were suspected.

In Palomino, Bolivar, two Colombian pastors were jailed and put in stocks, and another jailed in Achi, Bolivar. There were three Lutheran pastors jailed in Socota, Bolivar, and when a fourth went to visit them, he too was jailed.

While persecutions are going on, God's power is being manifested. A Baptist missionary from Puerto Rico, working in Bogota, recently resigned his church and mission to preach the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. He had experienced this even before entering the ministry, but had grown cold. After contacting the new Assembly of God here he received a mighty refilling.

A dying woman received healing from asthma which was choking her to death. When prayed for, Cecilia de Melo was instantly healed but not fully healed. She had suffered for twenty-two years. That night she was saved and for the first time in her life had peace. A severe attack of asthma caused her to be taken to the hospital unable to breathe without the use of oxygen. While she was there she had a vision of Jesus. It seemed He came and touched her and she was fully healed. Her testimony has been a great blessing. Shortly afterward Cecilia received the Baptism in the Spirit.

Many have made profession of salvation and a number have been healed in their bodies. We praise God for manifesting His power. His Presence will go with us through the persecutions!

MARRIAGE CEMENT

Love is the bond that God has given
to hold the home together

by MINA WIARDA



WHAT THIS GENERATION NEEDS, and badly, is an unbreakable marriage cement. It is not possible that the God who ordained marriage in the first place would fail to provide such a bond. Yet in reporting spiraling tabulations of the divorce disaster, how seldom is God's own wonderful formula mentioned.

The repeated references to the high divorce rate, rather than being remedial, may only tend to encourage the disillusioned, disappointed, and discouraged to resort to the same popular means of terminating their marriage. What we need is a re-emphasis of God's strong, unflinching marriage bond.

That bond is *love!* People get along with each other by love. Love spells compatibility. Love dissolves tensions. Love is of God. Marriage is sacred in all, is entirely of God's design, and to be accounted for to Him.

Though God is Author and Giver of

this marriage love, husbands and wives are responsible for its maintenance after the ceremony. While homes must be established and maintained, the children reared, the property guarded, the business attended, yet first of all couples are to cherish and foster this choicest of their possessions—their marriage love.

Love is a matter of one's will. We can will to love or not to love. Concerning his difficult mate, a young father cried, "I don't love her any more—I can't!" But when shown that he could if he would, and that his will in the matter was under his own control, enabling him to keep his vow, he resolved that he would love, by God's grace, with the result that he returned to his family. Love dissolved his divorce action.

A pretty young mother was sure that she and her husband were not "well mated," and that she was in love with a former sweetheart, now a married

man with a family. She was shown that her husband's faults, like everyone's, were to be covered with the love which she vowed when wedded. When she saw how she had disobeyed God in failing to love her husband, plus the wrong of coming between the other man and his wife and children, as well as the prospect of robbing her own little ones of their father's fellowship by divorce, she returned to her husband with restored love. Divorce was defeated by love.

The price paid to maintain a marriage is often temporarily great, but it pays. Love ennobles the one who exercises it and refuses to part with it whatever the cost. And the love of either father or mother, under trial, is a wonderful example for the children. *One loving parent can make home worth while.*

Our Family Altar

MONDAY

JULY 9

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-22

TODAY'S GEM: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19b).

FOR THE PARENT: Remind the family that (1) Jesus wants us, like these disciples, to follow Him; (2) following means trying to be like Him in all things; (3) then we become able to win others to Him—this is being a "fisher of men."

QUESTION TIME: What is a fisher of men? (A soul winner.) Did these disciples hesitate to follow Jesus? (vv. 20, 22.) Read and discuss the qualifications for a follower of Jesus (Matt. 16:24-26).

PRAY for God's help in winning souls to Christ.

TUESDAY

JULY 10

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:37-43

TODAY'S GEM: "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

FOR THE PARENT: Emphasize that this passage shows (1) Peter as a fisher of men (v. 41); (2) how to be saved (v. 38); and (3) how to receive the Holy Spirit (vv. 38, 39).

QUESTION TIME: How can a person be saved? (v. 38). Who may receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit? (v. 39). What did the 3,000 do after they were saved? (v. 42).

PRAY for each family member to be genuinely saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 11

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 26:7-12

TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed" (1 Sam. 11:26a).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress (1) the sin of gossiping about the leaders of the church—they are the Lord's anointed; (2) being obedient to those over us—at home, school, church, and to the Lord.

QUESTION TIME: Why was Saul chasing David? (Saul was jealous of him and knew that God had promised he would be the next king.) Why didn't David kill Saul? (v. 11).

PRAY that God will help us to honor His servants and be obedient at all times.



Bible Book ABC's



(To find the answers to these questions, use the index in the front of your Bible.)

1. What letter of the alphabet do more books of the Bible start with than any other?
2. How many letters are there which do not begin the name of any Bible book?
3. Name a book in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament which begin with the letter "A".
4. How many books can you find which begin with the letter "Z"?
5. How many books of the Old Testament begin with the letter "E"?



ANSWERS: 1) (there are 12); 2—8 (B, F, G, U, V, W, X, Y); 3—Amos, Acts: 4—2 (Zephaniah, Zechariah); 5—5 (Exodus, Ezra, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Ezekiel).

A noble mother of many children suffered innumerable and indescribable offenses in her marriage. It would be difficult to describe how impoverished her home became through the faithlessness of her husband. Her lot became one of stark poverty. One day, while in utter despair over her wretched situation, she came to a firm conclusion—that she would not quit, she would not take the world's way out, she'd stay by. She recalled her promise to love to the end, and she would! She would dismiss bitterness toward him who deserved it, and would love and win him.

That decision marked a turning point, giving her restored love, new courage, increased wisdom, and the unfailing help of the Lord. There followed a few more hard years, and then a great heart change came over her seemingly worthless mate, followed by years of love, happiness, and prosperity.

Recently he passed away, leaving her financially well off, a benediction to her children and their families, and a great spiritual blessing to her community. And she is blessed with the knowledge that he died a Christian, a gentleman, and a business success, all through her faithfulness to her marriage vows. Love never fails—it suffers long, bears, believes, hopes!

If we but recognized the source of lovelessness, we should have nothing to do with it. It is of the enemy, the great home-wrecker. Divorce is his way out. God has a better way—the way of love. Love makes for faithfulness in the midst of hardships, disappointments, and

discouragements. The injunction, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," issues from God's love. Only love can hold the home together when testings come.

Many a marriage, now looked upon as successful, has borne a stain or a strain that long ago was forgiven and buried under love. That's what love is for. Love inspires and sustains faith, for faith works by love. Love produces results that nothing else can. It melts hard hearts, breaks stubborn wills, transforms lives, rights others' wrongs, covers others' failings and mistakes. Love suffers long, and is kind, and blind! It is not the abundance of things,

but *love* that makes happy homes.

To what length, someone may ask, is this love to go? God gives the answer—"Even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it"—He went all the way. Love knows no limit. The giving of oneself in love to the noble achievement—an unbroken marriage—is the assurance of success, by God's grace.

God, who is love, will restore, maintain, and increase this love in all who are willing to obey Him in the matter of keeping their chief marriage vow—to *love*—for it is His own unfailing marriage cement!

—*Gospel Herald*

THURSDAY

JULY 12

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1

TODAY'S GEM: "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psa. 1:6).

FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of King Asa (see Sunday School lesson page). Point out (1) what the godly do not do (Psa. 1:1); (2) what the godly do (v. 2); (3) the reward of the godly (v. 3); (4) the contrast with the ungodly (vv. 4-6).

QUESTION TIME: Was Asa a good or bad king? (1 Kings 15:11). What does meditating in God's Word do for the Christian? (Psa. 1:3).

PRAY that God will give us a greater hunger for His precious Word.

FRIDAY

JULY 13

SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-15, 31:34 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:17b).

FOR THE PARENT: Let the children review this story. Then emphasize: (1) Jesus' concern for one person (v. 4); (2) the results of the conversion of this woman (vv. 39-42); (3) that as Jesus derived great satisfaction from doing God's will (v. 34), so should we.

QUESTION TIME: Why was the Samaritan woman so surprised when Jesus asked for a drink of water? (v. 9). According to Matthew 7:21, who will enter heaven? (Those who do God's will).

PRAY that we will always do God's will.

SATURDAY

JULY 14

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

FOR THE PARENT: After reviewing the story of Zacchaeus, stress (1) his desire to see Jesus (vv. 3, 4); (2) that as Jesus knew all about Zacchaeus, He knows all about us; (3) that Jesus came to save sinners (v. 10).

QUESTION TIME: Was Zacchaeus a tall or short man? (v. 3). How did Jesus know Zacchaeus was in the tree? (Jesus knows all things.) Did Zacchaeus get saved? (v. 9). What does Luke 19:10 mean to you?

PRAY that all we say and do will please God.



Sharing



A multitude of ministries must share our "Home Missions Loaf"

JULY IS HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH IN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES.

But to our more than two hundred Assemblies of God home missionaries, every month of the year affords an opportunity to break the Bread of Life to hungry souls lost in the homeland.

They have caught the vision of sharing the Bread of Life with those who for one reason or another are not usually found within our Assemblies of God churches. They are constantly reminded that while the Bread of Life is plentiful in some areas, there are still many places in our own United States where the difference between a soul hearing the gospel and not hearing it depends upon one person—the home missionary.

The theme for Home Missions Emphasis month is BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY. But it is more than a theme to our home missionaries. It is a command from God, compelling them to live sacrificially in order to take the Bread of Life to the lost in the neglected areas of our society.

Do you and I have no responsibility to share in this great task? Can we plead ignorance of the need of the men and women who wait for the Bread of Life in our own homeland?

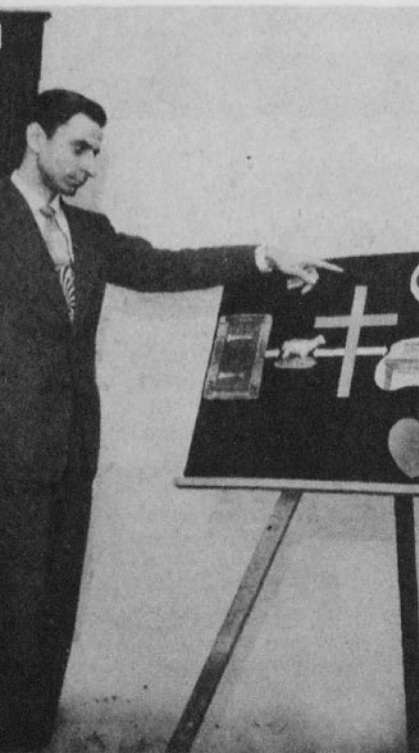
No! There is something we can do! In addition to facing the powers of darkness and enduring other hardships, many of our home missionaries are without adequate financial support, getting less in a month than most of us get in a week. Worn-out vehicles and half-finished buildings plague many of them and hinder the work of God.

They need our financial help and they need it now. Will you join in a great Home Missions offering during July? Designate your offering to a home missionary you want to help, or send it undesignated and it will be used in a needy place. Send your offering to

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

1 Here a minister to the Deaf breaks the Bread of Life by means of the sign language and visual aids. The Deaf must receive our special ministry or thousands of them will be lost.

2 Children of the far north, these Eskimos represent the thousands of native Alaskans who wait for the Bread of Life. Assemblies of God home missionaries determine that they shall not remain hungry.



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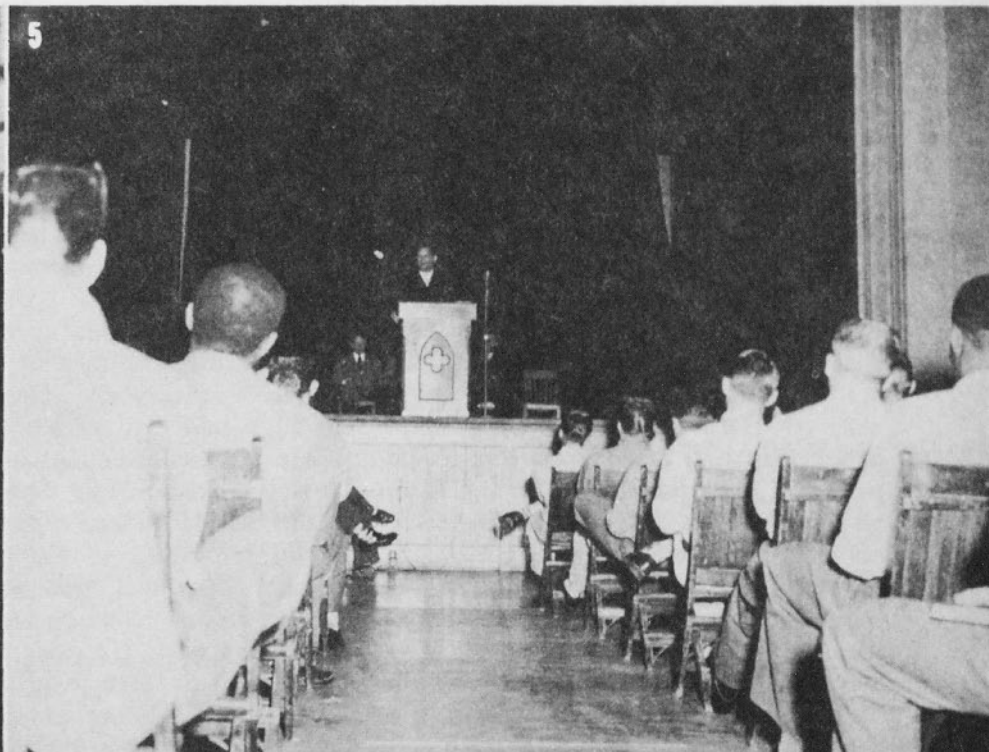


4 This son of Israel who has found the Bread of Life now witnesses to other hungry souls of his race in Philadelphia. He knows that only Christ can truly satisfy the hungry heart of the Jewish people.

3 The new Assemblies of God church at Nixa, Missouri (Dan Woodall, Pastor) is a symbol of the hundreds of new churches started every year to give the people the Bread of Life.

6 The Navajo medicine men in this photo are intent on sand-painting, which they believe will bring healing to sick bodies if it is done well. They too wait for the Bread of Life.

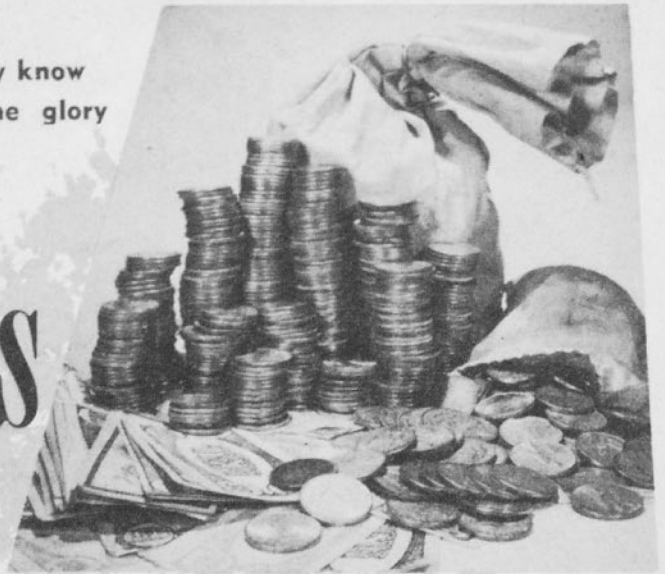
5 Many a prodigal has "come to himself" behind prison bars, and cried in desperation, "I perish with hunger." Here in one of our state penitentiaries they receive the Bread of Life.



"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

Unclaimed Riches

by James A. Stewart



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE BRITISH Treasury in London there lie millions of pounds sterling that have been left unclaimed by rightful heirs to great fortunes? One cannot help being shocked at the ignorance and carelessness that caused this almost unbelievable situation.

A still more amazing fact startles us, however, and that is that there is a vast multitude of Christian believers living in spiritual poverty, who have not yet claimed their glorious spiritual inheritance in the Lord Jesus.

The immensity of the believer's wealth is set forth in Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. In this, the Alps of the New Testament, we soar into the dizzy heights of the believer's spiritual privilege and plenitude. We hear the Apostle tell us of the vast riches of God which are ours in Christ, and minutely explain to us how we may become possessors of this divine wealth.

As an evangelist, Paul was not content, as some are, for the young converts to come forward and just testify that they were saved. Neither were the other evangelists; otherwise we should never have been enriched with the Epistles in the New Testament. This letter should be studied carefully if we are to preach the gospel aright to the unsaved. Here we have a compendium of the Christian life. Here we have the sum and substance of all evangelism, and the glorious goal of all evangelistic effort. The gospel message is not simply to accept Christ, but it is also a responsibility to accept the entire Christian life.

Paul's concern for the spiritual life of the Church is manifested in the burden of his two mighty prayers found

in his letter (Ephesians 1:17-21; 3:16-19). The Apostle was longing to bring these newborn babes into a place of wealth in their risen Lord. He preached and prayed powerfully, that their inward eye might be enlightened, so that they might understand their heavenly calling, and the rich glory of the Saviour's inheritance in them, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in them (Ephesians 1:18-19). He prayed with a burning heart that they might know all that was involved in their initial acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

After saluting the saints in Ephesus, the Apostle plunged into his glorious theme of the believer's potential riches. It seems as if he could not wait any longer to proclaim the glorious news. He began with his first doxology: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has crowned us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ" (ch. 1:3, *Weymouth*). How amazing that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ! There is not a single blessing that is not yours, my brother, my sister. All these spiritual blessings are wrapped up in Christ for your spiritual enjoyment now. Here we have the whole blessed Trinity linked together to enrich the believer. These spiritual blessings are really the blessings of the Holy Spirit. God the Father has blessed us with every blessing of the Spirit in the glorious Redeemer. *We must remember that the Spirit never communicates anything other than what He finds in Christ.* A blessing apart from Christ would be no spiritual blessing at all. You will have noticed already that wherever the

fullness of Christ is mentioned, it is associated with God's supply in Him for the need of His people. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and ye are complete [made full] in him" (Colossians 2:9, 10). What a precious truth is John 1:16, "And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." Here is grace upon grace; grace to enable us to receive and enjoy grace; and more still, grace corresponding to every grace laid up in Christ. Oh my fellow Christian, how glorious that every blessing in the heart of God can be communicated to your emptiness by the Holy Ghost!

In verse six, Paul went on to tell us that we have been "accepted [highly graced] in the Beloved [One]." We are accepted by the Father in all the acceptability of the work and worth of our gracious Lord. *Weymouth's* translation of this verse is faithful and accurate, and leads us to the gateway of the glorious deposits of the believer's wealth in Christ. "To the praise of the splendour of His grace, with which He has enriched us in the beloved One." Glory to God, we have been enriched in Christ! We stand amazed at the threshold as we begin to explore our potential wealth purchased by the precious blood of our Redeemer.

As we scan our title deeds, we discover that "riches" is a key word throughout this Ephesian Epistle. We have five glorious verses concerning this theme:

"The riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints..." (1:18).

"But God, who is rich in mercy..." (2:4).

"The exceeding riches of his grace..." (2:7).

"The unsearchable riches of Christ . . ." (3:8).

"The riches of his glory . . ." (3:16).

The words "exceeding" and "unsearchable" graphically portray our untold wealth. The word translated "exceeding" in chapter two, verse seven, is that from which comes the English word "hyperbole," applied to exaggeration. The word literally means "to shoot beyond the mark" and implies therefore the thought of excess. Paul meant that although one uses the utmost wealth of language in speaking of these riches, he cannot shoot beyond the mark; the riches of God exceed all powers of expression. Hallelujah! "The transcendent riches," says Weymouth.

The word "unsearchable" in chapter three, verse eight, means riches that can never be explored. Not only is it impossible for us to measure them or to form an estimate of them, but we can never get to the end of our estimation. There is a boundless universe of unlimited riches that still lies before us when we have carried our search as far as we can go. *Here our spiritual Geiger-counters are helpless to explore all the riches which are ours in Christ.* Not only so, but these riches are "untraceable." The thought is that of seeking to trace a path through the woods, and finding that so many paths go out from each path that the whole thing is "untraceable." Such are the riches of Christ—"past finding out" (Romans 11:33).

No wonder the Apostle prayed fervently, "May He, out of the rich treasury of His glory, strengthen you through His Spirit with a power that reaches your innermost being" (Knox). Are you drawing from this rich treasury of grace and glory? Do you know that you are destined and appointed to be an heir and joint-heir with Jesus Christ? How amazing that our salvation is linked with God's great purpose for the glory of His beloved Son! The tragedy of the hour is that so few believers are possessing their possessions in Christ.

There is a difference between inheritance and possession. God gave Israel the land of Canaan as an inheritance, but it was their responsibility to possess it. "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread," He said, "shall be yours." How much of your inheritance have you possessed? How much have you placed your feet upon? John Bunyan, with great spiritual insight,

pictured a man in the House of the Interpreter, raking among the dust to find coins or gems, while above his head a celestial hand was stretched out with a crown set around with blazing jewels. I heard of a man who, as the result of an accident, lost his mind for a little time; and although he had just enough to live on when he lost his senses, he thought he was a millionaire and wrote out checks for great sums of money. Alas! the saints of God today invert the story when they are not in their right senses, and believe themselves paupers when in reality they are millionaires.

We are brought into our inheritance by the Holy Spirit, who makes real the fullness of Christ. Is it not a marvel that there should be any believers not filled to the utmost? If God has purposed and made boundless provision for this fullness, is it not an amazing thing that any believers are not filled? It is enough to make the angels weep.

By what power are we brought into our inheritance? God says, as it were, "If you want to know what I am able to do for you in the exceeding riches of my power and grace, here is a unit of measurement. When you can measure what I have done in my Beloved Son, in raising Him from the dead and setting Him far above principalities and powers to be the victorious Head of the Church, then you have the yardstick by which to estimate my ability in the saints: 'the transcendent greatness of His power in us believers as seen in the working of His infinite might when He displayed it in Christ by raising Him from the dead, and seating Him at

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart!
O Joy of all the meek!
To those who ask, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
In Thee be all our glory now,
And through eternity.

—Bernard of Clairvaux

His own right hand in the heavenly realms" (ch. 1:19-20, *Weymouth*). A free translation would be: "according to the active energy of the victorious might of His strength which He effectually wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead."

*Paul was standing at a great altitude as he made his second mighty petition (3:16-19). The Apostle had asked the greatest thing that faith can dare to ask: viz, the empowering of the Spirit, the indwelling of Christ, and the fullness of God—and yet he crowned it all with this burst of praise, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think!" "He whose power is at work within us is powerful enough and more than powerful enough to carry out His purpose beyond all our hopes and dreams" (Ephesians 3:20, *Knox*).*

Dear timorous saint, standing on these dizzy heights, wondering if God is able to bring you into such a wealthy place, because of past failure; here is a doxology of encouragement: "God is able." Able to do *what*? He is able to do what we ask. He is able to do what we think, and we think more than we ask. He is able to do all that we ask or think. He is able to do *exceeding abundantly above* all we ask or think. He is able to do it for you.

According to your capacity you will be filled—filled with all the fullness of God. And then, lest you should think that this is a mere rhapsody and so entirely beyond you, the doxology reminds you that there are heights far beyond even this. The possibilities of the Christian life are infinite and inexhaustible.

"How sweet the plea from self to flee,
And shelter in my Saviour;
Oh, precious grace, with Him's my place,
In God's eternal favor.

"Jesus the goal before my soul,
The One I know in glory;
While I'm on earth I'd tell His worth,
The saved ones' sweetest story."

HOW WOULD WE FEEL

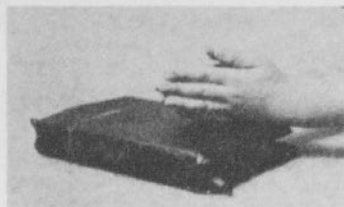
If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do, and if the excuses were no more justifiable than ours?

If God's promises were no more certain than ours?

If God withheld His blessing from us as we withhold our offerings from Him?—*Robert G. Lee.*

SUNDAY'S LESSON



A KING WHO TRIED TO DO RIGHT

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR JULY 15, 1956

1 Kings 15:9-24; 2 Chronicles 14, 15, 16

After two lessons concerning the sordid lives of two ungodly kings, how refreshing to consider a king who in the face of great difficulty and danger promoted a spiritual revival. Every day of our lives we are faced with trials and tests which are real and dangerous. Yet if we face them with the faith, obedience, and courage which Asa displayed, we too shall win victories which will bring blessing both to ourselves and to others.

FAITH CHALLENGED

The Test of Faith. (2 Chron. 14:9). An army of a million men came marching against Asa's much smaller and newly organized forces. What a fearful prospect! How would Asa respond? And, incidentally how do *we* meet the challenge of faith presented to us in every adverse circumstance?

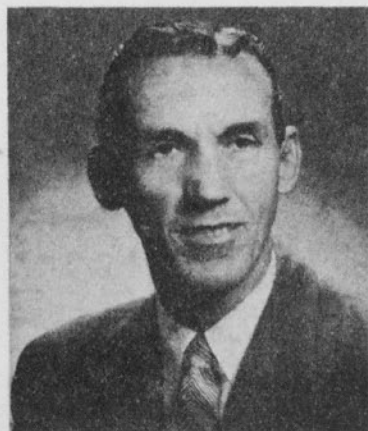
The Prayer of Faith (2 Chron. 14:10, 11). Asa assembled his army, but not without resorting to God at once in a wonderful prayer of faith. Observe the quality of it:

"Lord, it is nothing with thee to help." Asa's faith and prayer were God-centered! He looked beyond the seriousness of circumstances to a God whom he knew was both able and willing to help those who put their trust in Him!

"Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee." What? Rest at such a time? That is exactly what God's Word promises to those who trust Him!

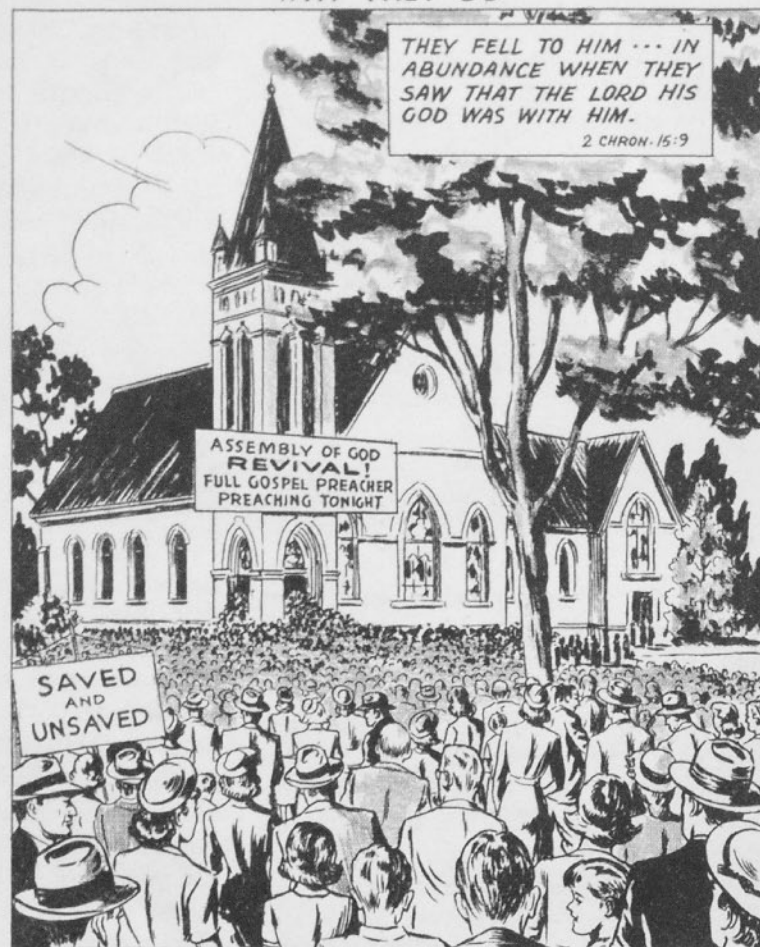
J. B. BISHOP TO WRITE LESSON COMMENTS

We take great pleasure in announcing that J. Bashford Bishop, whose photo appears at the right, has kindly consented to write the comments on Sunday's Lessons for the benefit of our many EVANGEL readers. Brother Bishop is Pastor of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God in St. Petersburg, Florida. Before assuming pastoral duties in that city he was pastor in Jacksonville, Florida, for a year. He also served on the faculty of Central Bible Institute and South-Eastern Bible Institute for a number of years. He is a Presbyterian of the South Florida District Council.



Brother Bishop has had considerable experience as a writer for our Sunday School literature. He wrote the Intermediate Teacher quarterly during 1939-1940. He succeeded the late Myer Pearlman as writer of the Adult Teacher quarterly 1943-1946 and 1949-1951. He also wrote the Sunday School lesson comments for the EVANGEL for four years (1939-1943) until the feature had to be discontinued due to paper rationing. We believe the EVANGEL readers will welcome his writings again and will find them richer, clearer, and more helpful than ever.

WHY THEY GO



"And in thy name we go against this multitude." Asa had learned the secret of spiritual conquest and victory! He was not advancing in his own strength, neither was he defending some carnal plan of his own. He was moving in the will of God and was backed by the power and authority of God! And when we are sure that we are going forth truly "in His name," we may be equally sure of victory.

FAITH'S FRUIT

The Routing of the Enemy (2 Chron. 14:12, 13). "So the Lord smote the Ethiopians." The wording makes it evident that Asa's army had little to do with the victory which was won. Through God's miracle-working power the enemy was put to flight, great spoils taken, and great fear came upon surrounding cities which saw God's power revealed.

This victory is reminiscent of one enjoyed by a small New Testament army of believers which, in threatening days, sought the Lord, received power from heaven, and exerted blessed spiritual influence (Acts 4:29-31; 5:12-13). What God did for Asa, and for the first disciples, He will also do for us if we seek Him and believe Him.

The Removal of Iniquity (2 Chron. 15:8, 16). Soon after the military victory, Asa was encouraged by a Spirit-inspired prophet to seek the Lord, to be courageous, to count on God's help. And Asa's prompt, uncompromising response is an example to any of us who profess to want Pentecostal revival today. All of the idols and idolatrous altars which had cursed the nation for years were now removed.

Even Asa's personal feelings and sympathies were put aside in his sweeping action in behalf of righteousness, for Asa removed his own mother from being queen because he

found her guilty of the sin of idolatry!

What lessons for us in all this! There can be no real revival where sin is not drastically dealt with. We cannot tolerate sin either in ourselves or in those we may love, if we desire to have God's best.

The Revival of the Nation (2 Chron. 15:9-15). Asa now called all the people of the nation to gather together at Jerusalem. And we read that the response was tremendous! Why? Because "they saw that the Lord his God was with him." Faith and righteousness are catching!

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord . . . with all their heart and with all their soul . . . and he was

found of them." How these words should challenge and inspire us today. We are seeing moral and spiritual decay everywhere. False religions are doing as much damage to our church today as Old Testament idolatry did to the nation in Asa's time. Are we prepared to seek the Lord with all our heart and soul, to be as obedient to God, as true to God-given convictions as was Asa? Are we prepared to cut across our own desires and affections in order to please God? After the centuries have passed, God's promise still stands, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

—by J. Bashford Bishop

Billy Graham's Traffic Ticket

"Dr. Graham, why all the evil if God is loving; and why do we need special help to save us, as you say?"

The question came from a Princeton student high up in the balcony. Billy Graham looked up at him and a smile played over his face as he answered, "That's a good question; one that I get quite often . . . and it's a crucial one. Perhaps I can best answer it with a personal story.

"God established laws when He created the world, and when such a law is broken, someone pays a penalty. It's usually the same with man-made laws.

"A month or two ago I was driving south when suddenly I was arrested for speeding," the evangelist said. "At the time I was about ten miles over the required limit. When I saw the state trooper, he was coming towards me from the other direction, so when we had stopped, I asked, 'How did you know?' He answered with one word, 'Radar.'

"We found the judge in the nearby town in a local barber shop. 'It will be ten dollars,' he announced, looking around when he saw us.

"Then he got down from the chair and came over. I reached in my pocket for the ten-dollar bill. I was conscious of his close scrutiny.

"Don't I know you?' he said, still looking closely.

"I hope not,' I answered, rather ashamed.

"Why, let me see. . . You look like that minister, Graham, I saw on TV last week.'

"Yes,' I admitted, 'that's right. I'm Billy Graham.'

"That's so! . . . Well, you're doin' a fine work, young man. I'm for it.'

"At this I'm afraid I began to push the ten-dollar bill back into my pocket, but, 'It's ten dollars,' repeated the judge—who was perhaps watching my hand.

"This time I held the bill out to him, but the judge hesitated. 'A fine work,' he said again. Then he paused. Finally, he said, 'I'll tell you something. I'm going to pay that fine for you.'

"Then he took out his own money, selected a bill, wrote a short note on a piece of paper, and stuffed both back into his pocket. Then he smiled and shook my hand. 'There,' he said, 'that's that.'

"In Jesus Christ God, the Father, has done something like that for man—something infinitely more important, of course—and paid a debt, furthermore, which we cannot pay for ourselves."

—Faith at Work



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YOUNGSTER TO ATTEND
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JAMAICANS HEAR THE GOSPEL THROUGH

Revivaltime

In December, 1955, REVIVALTIME entered the Island of Jamaica. In just a few months of broadcasting, literally scores of letters have come from individuals in that land testifying to their spiritual hunger and appreciation for this FULL GOSPEL BROADCAST. Thousands of souls are now hearing the gospel by radio in Jamaica, the land of sunshine—yet a land filled with spiritual darkness.

Letters coming from Jamaica reveal the inroads which REVIVALTIME has made in that country. On the one hand, Christians rejoice for the spiritual food which they receive; and on the other hand, sinners have been convicted and led to Christ. We are sure you would enjoy reading some of these letters from REVIVALTIME listeners in Jamaica.

Mrs. A. T., Faith Home, Stony Hill P.O.: "We listen in on Sunday mornings to your messages and enjoy them. They are a spiritual uplift to us. Especially does my mother enjoy them, as she is unable to attend church services very often. We are Christians and pray for the broadcasts."

J.M., Nain P.O.: "I have just heard over the air your heart-searching and strengthening message. For the past six weeks since I bought a radio, I have been listening, enjoying, and appreciating your wonderful programs. I look forward every Sunday morning to hearing you."

H.M., Little River P.O.: "I have been listening to your broadcast over

our station here in Jamaica and have been truly spiritually helped."

C.J., Jones Town P.O.: "I have been listening to your radio broadcast for a long time now and truly your messages have been a blessing to my sin-sick soul. Brother Ward, I was saved from sin when I was eleven years of age, and I proved Christ to be wonderful to me for the first two years. From that time, I have been just a lukewarm Christian for I stopped reading my Bible and taking part in church work. Right now I am very deep in sin, and I find myself speaking in a very rough manner to my parents, especially my father who is a Pentecostal preacher, who must have a certain amount of endurance to deal with me. I am asking you to pray for me that I will become a steadfast Christian."

R.W., Shooter's Hill P.O.: "Your messages brought tears from my eyes. I'm only too sorry that the days are far apart before hearing you again. I look forward to your broadcast. Nothing could get me away from the radio while you are speaking."

V.P., Matron of Children's Home, Port Antonio: "I have been enjoying your program and my soul has been richly blessed."

M.H., Highgate P.O.: "I have been saved recently and your broadcasts have been a real source of blessing to my soul. I do not only listen to them, but I have also invited friends to do so and they have all found them to be a great blessing."

P.J., Bonny Gate P.O.: "I have been a constant listener and I find it a great pleasure listening to your broadcast. It is always so very inspiring and forceful that one can hardly help listening and enjoying it."

H.B., Kingston: "I have been privileged to be among your radio audience here in Jamaica for nearly two months. Your program is heard every Sunday morning. Other religious services can be heard on Sundays mornings but yours has become my favorite. It satisfies my every spiritual need. One Sunday morning recently, I happened to be compelled to leave home before your service came on. I was sorry about this then, but I discovered as I went along the lanes and streets of our city (Kingston) that your service is heard in many factories, cook shops and even bars. As I went along I could hear your clear strong voice preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ which people here need so badly to hear. My heart really thrilled to the knowledge of this and I thought you would be thrilled to know."

G.O., Point Hill P.O.: "Having heard you speak through Radio Jamaica on Sunday I was very much thrilled in my soul. Though being a Christian for four years, yet I was greatly encouraged by listening to you over the radio. I could feel the Holy Spirit moving within my soul, and my heart bubbled over with joy."

P. G., Girls' Practical Training Center, Carron Hall P.O.: "After listening to your broadcast, I started to search my heart and found out that I was not living right as a Christian should, and so I send for your help and guidance."

T.A.B., Lucky Hill P.O.: "I have been listening to your broadcast and I am greatly helped and encouraged."

Continue praying for all these friends that hear REVIVALTIME in Jamaica. As the broadcast is heard each Sunday in the various homes, shops and bars, we know that the Holy Spirit will deal with hearts if we believe together and pray together. Let us pray in faith that a multitude of souls in Jamaica will find Christ as a personal friend and Saviour.

SLANDER —

a Dangerous Weapon

NO CHRISTIAN WORKER CAN TAKE UP the sword of slander and escape the consequences. "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52). So spake Jesus, and history has repeatedly borne testimony to the truthfulness of His warning. Men who have slandered others have either been ruined by slander themselves or been judged by God with death.

And remember this: it makes no difference whether the slander is true or false—the result is the same. Judgment is God's prerogative, not man's. His word is, "Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm" (1 Chron. 16:22). The statements made may be absolutely true, but since no mere man is capable of judging, God's servants are accountable to Him and to Him alone. And woe betide the man who dares to set himself up as a judge and publicly slanders his fellow workers! God will not let it pass.

I could tell of more than one guilty of the awful sin of slander who has been judged by death—in some cases, sudden death. "For they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Drastic measures may be used. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Let us not therefore judge one another any more." God help us to hearken. "Let us not therefore judge one another any more." Oh, that we might make that our life resolution! In the face of the words of our Lord how can we do otherwise?

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but

by Oswald J. Smith

considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Remember this, my friend: he who slanders is working with the devil. Satan is a slanderer. He is continually accusing us before God. That is his biggest job and his most destructive work. Oh, my brother! are you going to do the devil's work? Are you letting him use you as one of his slanderers? God help you! What carnality! Oh, what a tragedy! God's child but the devil's agent. God's servants working for the devil. A slanderer, an accuser in the pay of the enemy. What a disgraceful state of affairs! Once more I warn you: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

"I would rather play with the forked lightning," said Dr. A. B. Simpson, "or take in my hands living wires, with

THREE GATES

If I am tempted to reveal
A tale someone to me has told
About another, let it pass,
Before I speak, three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates: First, is it true?
Then is it needful? In my mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, Is it kind?

And if, to reach my lips at last,
It passes through these gateways, three,
Then I may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

—Author Unknown

their fiery currents, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies.

"You may often wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, your spirit not filled with joy of the Holy Ghost, or your life not blessed and prosperous. It may be that some dart which you have flung with angry voice, or in an idle hour of thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its way, as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came every shaft of bitterness, and every idle and evil word.

"Let us remember that when we persecute or hurt the children of God, we are but persecuting Him and hurting ourselves far more."

Said James the apostle: "The tongue is an unruly member that no man can tame. It is set on fire of hell. . . . It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Truer words were never written. The whole course of human history and individual experience has proved this true. Someone has said: "One of the greatest evils that afflict the world today is that of gossiping and talebearing. You find it everywhere you go. It is rife in the business world, in office and in factory; its evil influence has permeated every stratum of society, from the palace to the slum, and it rears its ugly head in the Church, as many Christians have known from painful experience.

"The tongue of the gossip has destroyed empires and has cast down many mighty men. Ruined lives, blighted homes, broken hearts and sundered friendships have been caused by the talebearer and through the chatter of idle tongues. Coleridge sings in a sad but truthful refrain:

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I Have Seen GOD

by VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

IT WAS NIGHT, AND JACOB WAS LEFT alone by the brook Jabbok. He had sent his family and servants ahead, but he himself remained behind. There are times, especially during trials, when a person feels the need of getting alone with God—away from even his dearest. And it is often at such times that we receive new visions of God.

It was so with Jacob. Little did he realize that this night would mean so much in all his future life. He was concerned about just one thing—deliverance from Esau. But God used that night as a turning point in Jacob's life, for it was the time when Jacob, the supplanter and deceiver, became Israel, a prince of God.

There had been a former memorable night in Jacob's life—a night when the angels of God came down to meet him, and his bed of earth and pillow of stone became the very house of God. God had made some wonderful promises to Jacob that night at Bethel, encouraging him not to be afraid.

But now Jacob was afraid again. The promises given to him in previous years did not seem sufficient for this present emergency. He feared for his life and

the lives of his family, for Esau was coming with four hundred armed men. Jacob needed God desperately. No scheming or deceiving or lying could save him now. Jacob had come to the end of his own resources. Blessed is the man who comes to that place and knows it! Jacob needed God and *he knew* he did.

Jacob had prayed before he sent his family and servants across the Jabbok. Now, as he was alone, a "Man" appeared beside him—undoubtedly a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ. It is probable that Jacob did not recognize Him as a supernatural being at first, but when He departed, Jacob said, "*I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*"

Why had this "Man" come? He had come to answer Jacob's prayer. But Jacob was not yet ready to have his prayer answered—he was full of fear, unbelief, and self.

The "Man" came to bless Jacob, and it was imperative that He do so, for He came to no ordinary man. Jacob was a direct descendant of Abraham and Isaac, and the promises were to be fulfilled through him. His twelve sons were to begin the twelve tribes of Israel, and their names were to be written on the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem. Yes, Jacob must be blessed.

But for some reason the "Man" was unable to bless Jacob. Perhaps Jacob did not know who He was, and so began to strive with Him. How like us—we misunderstand God's dealings with us and reject the very things God sends to bless us.

Have you ever wrestled with God, striving against His will, plan, and purpose for your life? Many a sinner has striven with his Maker as He has sought to turn him from his sins. Many a believer has striven with his Master as He has sought to get full possession of his life. Our Lord, however, does not easily loosen His grip upon any life. He did not on Jacob's. "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25).

Was Jacob an isolated case? Was he the only man God had to weaken before He could use him? The Psalmist wrote, "He weakened my strength in the way." In Job we read that God chastens man "with pain upon his bed."

I do not believe that it was God's highest purpose for Jacob to go lame the rest of his life; but the blessing God sought to give him was of far greater importance than physical strength. Many of God's children have discovered this truth. Like Paul, they have learned that sometimes there is something of greater value than the removal of the "thorn." They have come to know the revelation of God's grace being sufficient for them and of His strength being made perfect in their weakness.

However, making Jacob lame was not the end for which the "Man" wrestled with him. It was only a means to the blessing He had come to give. When He tried to break away from Jacob, suddenly Jacob realized that He was a heavenly being, and cried out, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Jacob knew that his life and the lives of his family and servants depended on this blessing. He wanted it desperately.

Undoubtedly Jacob was very weary by this time; his thigh pained him. He could almost be excused had he let the "Man" go. But Jacob wanted a blessing, and he was determined to get it.

How many times we become weary in prayer and give up the struggle. We have prayed for some request, but we give up just before the answer comes. Someone has well said that "the last

*When Jacob met the Lord he lost a
wrestling bout but won a mighty blessing.*

half hour of prayer is the most important of all." What if Jacob had let the "Man" go! We shudder to think of the result.

Of the two disciples on the Emmaus road it is written that as "they drew nigh unto the village... he [Christ] made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him... And he went in to tarry with them."

Jacob constrained the "Man" and He did not depart. But even yet Jacob was not ready for the blessing. There were some things in Jacob's life that must be confessed. The "Man" asked Jacob's name. Didn't He know his name? Of course He knew, but He

wanted Jacob to confess that he was what his name implied—a supplanter, deceiver, and fraudulent schemer. God cannot overlook sin, whether in Jacob's life or in ours. Sin must be confessed.

"What is thy name?" Names meant a great deal in those times; they were the key to a person's character. Jacob must have a new name denoting a changed character if the promises were to be fulfilled through him. The old Jacob nature must die. It took more than shrinking the sinew of Jacob's thigh to make a new man of him—it took confession and forgiveness of sin.

"What is thy name? And he said, Jacob... And he blessed him there."

The blessing contained much more than Jacob had asked—it always does. Jacob received a new name—Israel, a prince of God. As a prince Jacob was given "power with God and with men." Why need he fear meeting Esau? Jacob could say, "I have seen God!" He had met God and prevailed.

On the morrow, Esau and his armed band met him—but there was no bloodshed. Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. The two brothers wept for joy at being reconciled. How different it might have been but for that night of prayer!

A Charge to Keep

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Our membership has shown an increase of sixty-five per cent within the past ten years. We're growing! New churches were established at the rate of more than eight each week during 1955. We have nearly 1,000 home and foreign missionaries under appointment, and some 5,000 churches outside the borders of the United States.

All of us, and especially those among us who remember our humble beginnings a generation ago, know that we have come a long way. But the blessing of advancement such as this brings with it a solemn charge and responsibility. Isaac, dying member of an older generation, placed his aged wrinkled hand upon the head of his strong and ambitious son and blessed him. And as he blessed him, he charged him saying, "Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of the Canaanites." He was saying in effect to Jacob, "We are a chosen line of people, and because we are chosen, we must remain separated unto God if we are to fulfill our destiny."

Does this pertain only to Israel? We read in 2 Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."

For some types of organization it is enough that they grow. Growth is synonymous with success in an organization whose objective is material. But

our reason for existence is not material but spiritual, and for us it is not enough merely to grow numerically. If, while we grow larger as a denomination, we also grow more like the world about us, and less like the One who called us to this separated and sanctified life, then we shall soon be on the decline, living in the faded afterglow of the glory that has been ours, with only disturbing memories of a brighter day when the Spirit of God breathed in blessing upon us.

Let us keep the charge of separation. Some may feel it is old-fashioned, but it is nevertheless necessary if we are to keep the Pentecostal blessing in our lives. Indeed, to keep this part of the

charge will not be hard but natural if the blessing is fresh upon us.

With the blessing of the power of the Spirit there comes also a charge to witness. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

We dare not stop to "preen our feathers" and admire the position we have attained in relationship to other denominations. Measuring ourselves by ourselves is both risky and foolish. We have a charge to take Christ to the world, and we must fulfill this charge if we would keep the blessing.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required..." (Luke 12:48). Even as we rejoice in the number of souls won to Christ, in our hundreds of new Assemblies, in our increase of offerings and in every other increase, the task of Missions, both home and foreign, looms ever larger before us.

As long as our population is increasing faster than souls are being won to Christ, as long as the heathen still cry in darkness, as long as millions still wait for light, and as long as our Lord tarries, we are still people with a divine charge.

Let us give thanks to God for the rich Pentecostal blessing that is ours. Let us rejoice in the miraculous growth He has given. And then let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will keep us true both as a denomination and as individuals to the charge of separation from the world and effective gospel service in our generation.

VICTOR

His be the Victor's name,
Who fought the fight alone!
Triumphant saints no honor claim—
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By weakness and defeat
He won the meed and crown,
Trod all our foes beneath His feet
By being trodden down.

Bless, bless the Conqueror slain—
Slain in His victory.
He lived; He died; He lives again,
For thee, His Church, for thee.

Author Unknown.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

►HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.—Recently the church here enjoyed two weeks of ministry with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Fort Worth, Tex. God used the evangelists, and they made many friends among the people. They proved to be good evangelists and soul winners.

—Walter M. Barnard, Pastor

►TRINIDAD, COLO.—The Trinidad Assembly of God concluded two weeks of revival on Sunday, May 27. The evangelists were the George Gospel Team of Hobbs, New Mexico. Their anointed preaching and singing, and their musical ability, was a blessing to all who heard them. Several came to the altar during the campaign. One outstanding conversion was that of a man past eighty years of age. The Sunday School record for the past five years was broken during the meetings.

—R. H. Bishop, Pastor

►MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK.—During the days leading up to the Day of Pentecost and the commemoration of the Azusa Street outpouring, the church here enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist C. W. Holeyfield of Ava, Mo. That ministry was a special blessing to the church along with the ministry of Sister Holeyfield to the children. The entire church was deeply stirred. One was saved, four were reclaimed, one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many were healed.

—Mrs. Glenna Byard, Pastor

►SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—More visitors attended the recent revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. than any revival meetings for a number of years. God's presence was felt in a precious way in each service and the congregation rejoiced over the eight souls that knelt at the altar for salvation. Through unavoidable circumstances the meetings had to be terminated sooner than planned, but the congregation of First Assembly is looking forward to the return of Brother Ogden in the near future.

—G. E. Mandel, Pastor

►BELLEVILLE, KANS.—God has sent a spirit of revival to the Belleville Assembly of God for which the congregation praises Him. Evangelist Jim H. Collins of Ponca City, Okla. just concluded three weeks of special meetings. Aside from the rich blessing upon the church, many outside contacts were also made. Two young men accepted the Saviour, and another young man and his mother received the Baptism of the Holy spirit. One little boy was healed of double vision. Within fifteen minutes of the time prayer was offered, his eyes straightened and they continue to be straight to this day. A volunteer youth choir was a feature of the meeting. The revival spirit continues.

—Mrs. R. L. Brasier, Pastor

►LYONS, KANS.—The church here has thoroughly enjoyed the excellent ministry of the Belknap Trio from Wichita, Kans. From the very first service through to the closing one the blessing of God was evident. Souls were saved and young and old alike were stirred to new consecration. The musical ministry and the anointed preaching attracted many new people to the services.

—J. E. Tucker, Pastor

►FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Dwayne Madsen of Denver, Colo. recently conducted three weeks of meetings in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here. Interest was very good, and God confirmed His Word with several definite conversions and some definite healings. God's Spirit was poured out night after night. Although the church is only two years old the Sunday School averaged 98 during the meeting.

On Sunday, May 20, District Superintendent Russell G. Fulford dedicated the church and the new Hammond organ that was given to it. The church was dedicated free of debt, so the mortgage was burned.

—V. H. Glendenning, Pastor

►EAST POINT, GA.—The Full Gospel Assembly here recently concluded a revival with Evangelists Jesse and Barbara Ray. A glorious time was had in the Lord. Souls were saved, and the Sunday School attendance has been going up since this revival.

—Charles Cherry, Pastor

►LORDSBURG, NEW MEX.—Evangelist Willis W. Deerman of Mesilla Park, New Mex. recently conducted special meetings here. God wonderfully met with His people and many were stirred in an unusual way. The evangelist contributed much to the church.

—George W. Dunagan, Pastor

►ATMORE, OKLA.—The First Assembly of God has just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Dalwyn and Duane Holcombe of Columbiana, Ala. Some were saved, and the Spirit of God moved graciously upon the people. The closing night eight new members were received into the fellowship of the church. The church was greatly encouraged by this revival.

—Thomas D. Rachels, Pastor



KING'S CHORALIERS TRAVEL IN EASTERN AND MIDEASTERN STATES

The King's Choraliers, a 14-voice mixed choir composed of selected singers from the four choirs at Central Bible Institute, is traveling this summer throughout the Mideastern and Eastern states, winning souls for the Kingdom. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Kovacs, Instructor of Music at Central Bible Institute.

Miss Lottie Riekehof, Dean of Women at Central Bible Institute, is traveling with the choir as pianist as well as giving demonstrations in the sign language.

Hardy Steinberg, Dean of Men, is accompanying the Choraliers as general manager and special speaker. The choir will have traveled approximately 10,000 miles in 17 states when their tour ends on August 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Marianna	A of G	July 8-22	Eldon Bryce	Jess Nichols
	Pine Bluff	First	July 1-15	Gene Jackson	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	Cloverdale	A of G	July 13-29	T. Don Carlos & wife	J. L. Jeffrey
	Redlands	A of G	July 8-15	Bobby Hoskins	A. K. Moore
	San Rafael	A of G	July 8-14	** Florence Coryell	Wm. O. Vickery
Colo.	Grand Junction	First	July 10-15	Oran Duncan & wife	Kenneth Schmidt
Ga.	Columbus	Wynton Faith A/G	July 8-22	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	W. A. D. Hill
Idaho	Sandpoint	A of G	July 9-15	** Mel Johnson	Gladys Duty
La.	Shreveport	Jewella A of G	July 8—	B. W. Flanagan	R. C. Ayers
Mich.	Sault Ste. Marie	A of G	July 4-15	Musical Vanderploegs	Carl Johnson
Miss.	Biloxi	Central	June 18-July 8	Robert Bayless	Douglas Carroll
Mo.	Iron Mountain	A of G	July 8—	Everett McCauley	V. R. Ledbetter
N. J.	Hamburg	* A of G	July 18-29	Reid Party	Gerritt Kenyon
N. Mex.	Portales	First	July 8—	George Gospel Team	Earl Vanzant
Ohio	Lorain	Gospel Tab.	July 6, 7, 8	Steve Bogdan & wife	Keith A. Smith
Okla.	Battiest	* Area-wide	July 8—	Jack Branscum	Luther Bates
Pa.	WilliamSPORT	* A of G	July 1-29	McColl-Gerard Trio	T. B. Terry
S. Dak.	Sisseton	A of G	July 8—	Wendell & Verla Reed	B. C. Heinze
Tenn.	Memphis	* Union revival	July 8-29	Morris Cerullo Party	Floyd Jones, Chmn.
Tex.	Waco	18th & Pine A/G	July 10—	Earl Pendergrass	Hardie Weathers

* Tent revival

** Children's Evangelist

Announcements should reach us 30 days in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

►MIAMI, OKLA.—In the early spring the First Assembly of God here enjoyed a four-week revival with Evangelist H. J. Hays of Chowchilla, Calif. Twenty were saved or reclaimed, and 27 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings closed on Friday night, and the following Sunday morning six were saved during the Sunday School hour and morning worship. —L. J. Choate, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PACIFIC SPANISH CONVENTION — July 24-26 at Hanford Auditorium on Court St., Hanford, Calif.—by Jose Giron, Secretary of Latin American District.

POTOMAC DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION —Afternoon services at District Camp Meeting in Falling Waters, W. Va., July 16-20. D. V. Hurst and Phil Wannemacher, Springfield, Mo., speakers.

NEW CHURCH STARTED

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—After six years on the evangelistic field, we have started the Bethel Assembly of God located at Nicollet and W. 57 streets here in Minneapolis. We opened the church the first of May and we have held services in the building for three Sundays. The attendance is increasing each week.—Robert C. and Mrs. Hanson, Pastors, 5609 - 34th Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONTACTS WANTED—If you have friends attending the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—James V. Courtney, 3024 Eugene St., Baton Rouge, La.

CO-WORKER NEEDED—I would like to have a lady to assist me in evangelistic meetings and gospel work.—Mrs. Genora Edge, Route 3, Carlisle, Ark.

WITH CHRIST

EMMET M. McLAUGHLIN, 53, Missoula, Mont. went to his heavenly reward June 7, 1956. Brother McLaughlin was ordained in 1933 and pastored several churches in Washington. His last pastorate was in Missoula. He had been inactive for the last year because of illness.

CHARLES SZABO SUCCEEDS JOSEPH WANNENMACHER

Hungarian Branch Superintendent Retires After Thirteen Years of Service

SOUTH BEND, IND.—The Hungarian Branch Council was held here on May 29-30 and Joseph Wannemacher expressed the desire that his name be withheld as candidate for the office of Superintendent because of the pressing pastoral duties in his own Assembly.

Brother Wannemacher had served as Superintendent ever since the Hungarian Branch was organized in 1943, and a love gift of \$200.00 was given to him in appreciation of his faithful service to the Hungarian Branch and to the Lord's work among the Hungarian-speaking people.

Charles Szabo, pastor in Flint, Mich., was elected as Superintendent, and John Nemeth, Crosswell, Mich., as Assistant Superintendent. The following were re-elected: Victor A. Hudak, Secretary; Joseph Benedict, Akron, Ohio, Treasurer; and Frank Vegh, Presbyter. The convention voted unanimously to retain Brother Wannemacher as an Honorary Presbyter.

The Council, which was held in Frank Vegh's church in South Bend, was started with an early morning prayer meeting which continued until noon of the first day. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful spirit of unity and fellowship. Brother Wannemacher gave the opening address on humility which was a very profitable and practical message.

We are praying that the Lord will send a revival among the Hungarian-speaking people. Many are displaced persons who came from Europe during the past few years and are unable to speak English.—by Victor A. Hudak, Secretary.

I Was a Spiritualist

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say here, Christian, don't be so afraid of the devil that you forget God has provided a covering for you—the blood of Jesus. Help those who are bound by Spiritualism—or else God will require an answer for your negligence.

One night S. B. Douglas, an evangelist from Tulsa, came to our church. Brother Douglas preached on the subject, "Where Are the Dead?" I will never forget my excitement as he spoke knowingly of the spirit world and made the statement, "It is impossible for the dead to come back." Immediately after the service I asked Brother Douglas if he knew anything about Spiritualism. He said he did and was glad to help me. About that time Raymond White came up and joined the conversation. Neither minister tried to tell me it was fakery. After that conversation I knew at last what Spiritualists were doing—*actually worshiping demons who impersonated their loved ones.*

I found in 2 Samuel 12:23 where David said of his dead son, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." Then also there was the rich man in Luke 16:19-31. Tell me honestly, Spiritualist, if the dead can come back, why didn't the rich man come back in a seance and give the warning personally to his brothers? He didn't have the power to come back!

Now the question you must have in mind: If the dead don't come back, then who is responsible for all the phenomena? Who are the spirit guides? I say on scriptural authority that they are Satan's messengers, sent to seduce and lure lost humanity to hell. There are two classes of spirits—angels and demons. The redeemed never have been angels and never will be. The unsaved never have been demons and never will be. The angels are God's servants, created to do His bidding; the demons are Satan's servants who fell from heaven when Satan fell. This is the demon force at large in the world today. This is the root of Spiritism—demons trying to gain control of human lives, possessing mediums, talking

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 through them, causing them to go into trances and do strange things. The demons materialize in the form of some dear, dead loved one. How evil Satan is to be so cruel as to deceive the sorrowing!

After talking to Brother Douglas and Brother White, I rushed home to tell my mother what they said about the spirits being unable to operate when the blood of Jesus was acknowledged. Never will I forget the look of relief and joy on her face, for by now she was very much in love with her Saviour. A few months later my mother went to heaven with these words on her lips, "I have that old-time religion."

After Mother's death, my loneliness was dreadful. How I longed to see her sweet face. One day my father said, "Marie, let's go to a Spiritualist meeting and call her back." I replied, "Oh, Daddy, I would never defile her sweet name by calling her back into a seance." I knew very well what would happen. Satan knew those endearing things about her that I loved—her long, beautiful hair and her hands. He knew about the scar on her neck and the mole on

her wrist. These things he would recall to me as he caused his demons to impersonate her. How Satan would love to have me stoop to such a thing. Instead my words were as David's—*she cannot come to me, but with the Lord's help I will go to her.*

During this time the Lord was dealing with me about going to Bible school. So that fall I found it possible to enter Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas. I was still praying for the Holy Spirit and told no one that I had been a Spiritualist—I was afraid they would think I wasn't a Christian.

One day some missionaries from Africa spoke to us in chapel and described heathen forms of worship on that continent. They told of trumpets made of skins that were used by the heathen in demon worship. I left chapel that day ashamed that I had ever stooped as low in my worship as an unlearned heathen in an uncivilized country!

One night during a revival God gave me a taste of His power. I could breathe so deeply. The air about me seemed so clean. It was such a contrast to the seances when the air seemed heavy and

black and I could feel dirty objects about me as a heavy oppression filled the room. This new experience was different—so happy, clean, sweet, and refreshing.

Later as I was in a prayer room, the Lord filled with His Holy Spirit. I wasn't afraid to yield to Him—he was so sweet and tender.

But even after this I was reluctant to speak of my past life. One day, however, I gave my testimony in our class in which we studied false cults. This, in turn, opened the way for me to give my testimony in churches in the surrounding area. God mightily anointed me as I did, and I was able to help a number of people who were either planning to go into Spiritualism or who were bound by it.

If you are entangled with Spiritualism or any other device of the devil, and you feel helpless to escape, remember that with God all things are possible. The Lord Jesus Christ is a mighty Saviour. He will save you from every snare of Satan if you will look to Him in faith and ask Him to help you.

Youth Is a State of Mind

Youth is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees. It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to lose enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a telegraph station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism, you are old.
 —From an Old Scrapbook

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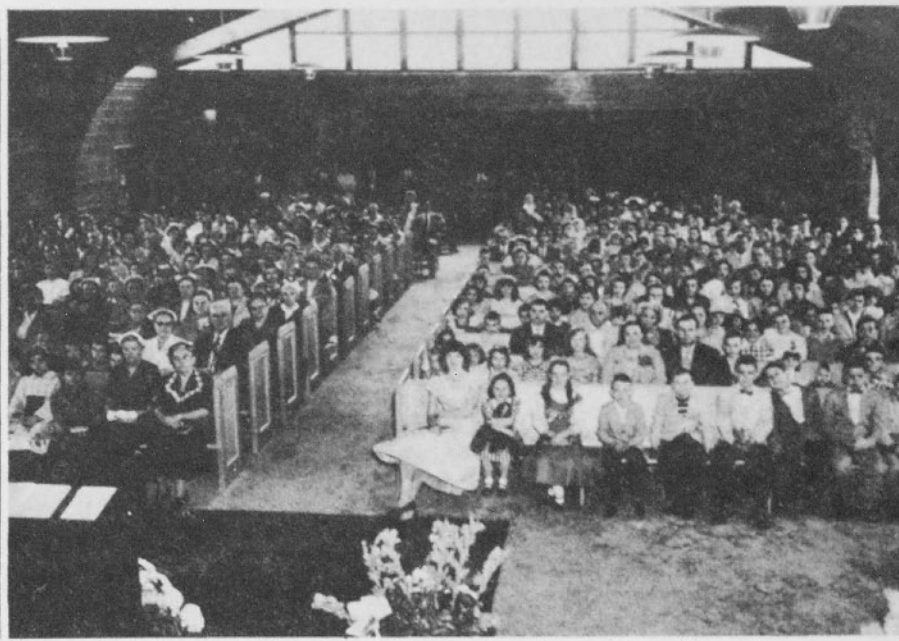
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K. A. Smith, Glenn Horst, and Robert Graber at cornerstone laying ceremony



Congregation present for Grand Opening service at First Assembly of God

CONGREGATION AT LORAIN, OHIO MOVES INTO NEW CHURCH

On May 13 the congregation of the First Assembly of God in Lorain, Ohio, realized the joy of moving into their new church home. It was approximately eight months from the August day when ground was broken.

The congregation had to borrow money in order to buy a very desirable building site, located at Broadway and Highway 254, but God miraculously supplied the needs. A large

amount of skilled labor was donated.

The cornerstone of the new building was laid on Sunday, April 22, when the construction was almost completed. The pastor, K. A. Smith, invited Glenn Horst to be guest speaker that day, inasmuch as he was the first pastor of the church in 1934 after it was officially changed from a Hungarian to an English-speaking church. Brother Horst

is now Secretary for Overseas Evangelism in the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. Robert Graber, the Sectional Presbyter, also assisted in the cornerstone service.

The value of the building, when completed, is estimated at \$150,000. It contains 10,000 square feet of floor space and with overflow facilities will seat 700.

Slander —

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'Alas, they have been friends in youth,
But whispering tongues can poison
truth.'

"Yes, the apostle knew whereof he spoke when he characterized the idle tongue that retails gossip and second-hand stories as being set on fire of hell. My brethren, these things should not be. Were it possible to see the terrible effects on some lives of the retailing of a piece of gossip, most Christian people, we believe, would rather cut out their tongues than give utterance to 'detraction's idle tale'.

"Too late sometimes people learn what harm has been wrought by giving too ready an ear to rumor and too ready a tongue to pass it on. 'Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!' the apostle also wrote. Regarding the tongue, Jean Blewett, in her own expressive way, writes:

'The man who with the breath lent him
by heaven

Speaks words that soil the whiteness
of a life

Is but a murderer, for death is given
As surely by the tongue as by the
knife.'

"Nothing is more needed in this world today than the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ, that will scorn to speak evil of another when no good purpose can possibly be accomplished. The flower of Christian character will never bloom in an atmosphere of slander and detraction."

Brethren, where are we heading? What is to be the outcome of it all? Fifty years from now our work will all be done; for many of us, sooner. The future will then be ours. What will it mean, I wonder, as we stand together at the Judgment Seat of Christ? How ashamed some of us will be. Will we not be sorry we did not leave the judging of one another to the appointed day?

For many whom we condemned on earth will be lauded at the Bema, and many whom we approved on earth will be condemned then.

God help us to live, think, act and speak in the light of eternity! Then, instead of getting our eyes on man and judging him, watching for either his virtues or his faults, we will keep our eyes fixed on the Christ who indwells him, and see no man save Jesus only.

CHRIST

He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, He is bread;
If any be a bondsman, He is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is He!
To dead men life is He, to sick men health;
To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth;
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without
stealth.

—Giles Fletcher

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WHO IS THAT GOD? (Daniel 3:15)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JULY 8

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



Christianity in Action

THERE WAS A RAPID, ALMOST SOUNDLESS, shuffling of bare feet on the hard soil of the Wilderness of Judea. Suddenly the lone traveler was held in the viselike grip of men who demanded his money. In a few moments his body lay beside the Jericho Road, battered, bleeding, broken.

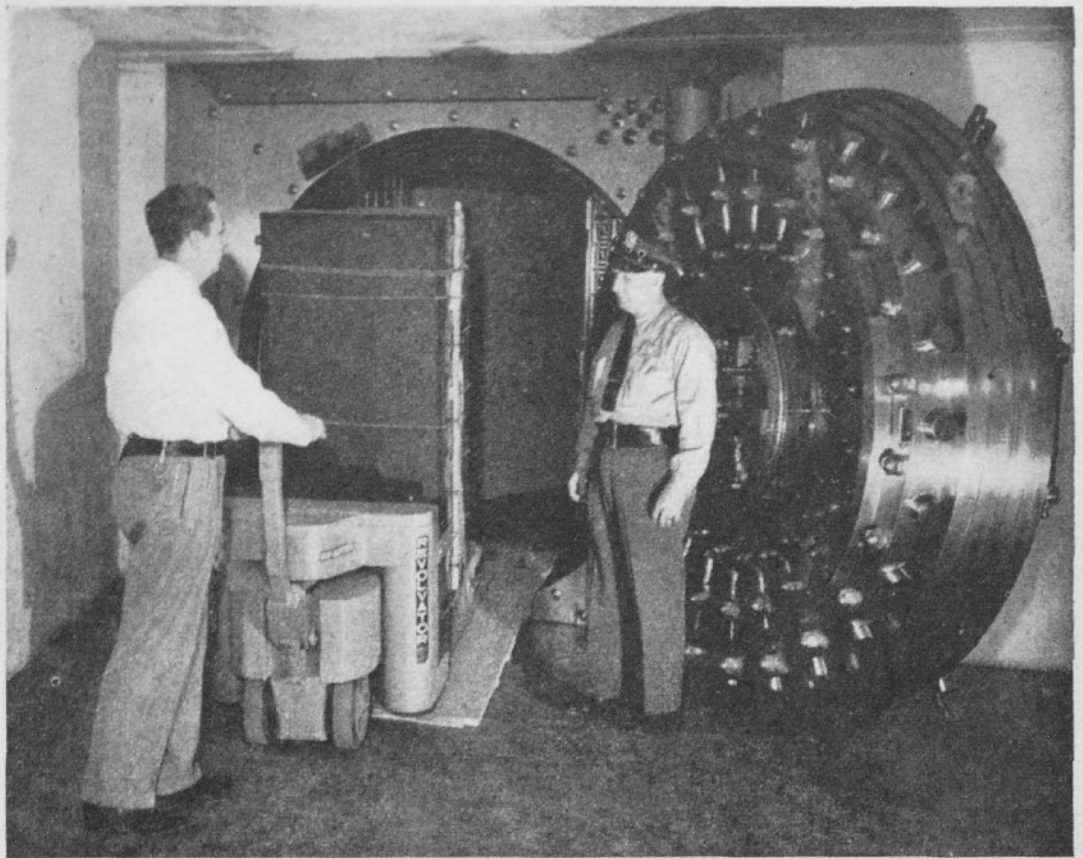
A certain priest came down that way, going home to the priestly town of Jericho. When he saw the robbers' victim, he murmured to himself: "Well, I did my duty by him when I offered his sacrifice a few days ago at the Temple of Jerusalem. I don't have any further responsibility to him now." He pulled his long, flowing robes closely about him and kept to the other side of the road, to avoid being contaminated in case the man was dead.

Then a Levite passed by. "Poor fellow, I guess he's too far gone." And he went on his way.

But "a certain Samaritan" came along. Spying the victim, his heart was gripped with compassion. He gently bound up the man's physical wounds, and generously ministered to his financial needs.

The philosophy of the robber crew was, "What's his is mine and I'll get it." The philosophy of the priest and Levite was, "What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it." The philosophy of the Samaritan was, "What's mine is his, and I'll give it." More briefly, we might sum up these three philosophies of life as follows: (1) Beat him up; (2) Pass him up; (3) Pick him up.

Jesus was the Good Samaritan, and He commanded His followers to play the same role. If we leave the lost alone



SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

In the mountains near Hudson, New York, is a huge bombproof underground vault which is said to be the safest place in the world. According to *Exide Topics*, this warehouse was constructed by the Iron Mountain Storage Corporation in an old mine that produced iron ore for Revolutionary War horseshoes. The tunnels of the mine have been filled with concrete-lined, air-conditioned vaults shielded by a 160-foot thick ceiling of radiation-repelling magnetic iron ore.

Customers of this company are mainly banks and industries who store original documents and microfilms of their vital records. The government has several vaults marked "U. S. Restricted." Documents and articles in these vaults are deemed secure from an atomic attack or major disaster.

Such security is valuable, but it does not begin to compare with the security the Christian has—a prepared place in heaven and an eternal, incorruptible inheritance. Bomb-proof vaults will not be able to hide men when God's wrath is poured out in judgment upon this world. The only safe place in this world is to be in Christ—to know Him as personal Saviour.

we are imitating the priest and the Levite. It is not enough to say that we are not robbers, that we don't harm others. Jesus did not give us the Golden Rule thus: Don't do to others what you don't wish them to do to you. He said: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Confucius enunciated the Golden Rule in negative form. So did the Jewish rabbis. But that can issue in the criminal attitude of sheer neglect of the needy. Jesus demanded far more.

Some pastors follow the pattern of the ancient priest: "If people come to the services I'll preach to them; I'll pray for them. But my responsibility ends at the church doors."

Some laymen adopt the attitude of the Levite: "He is too far gone in sin to be reached. His case is hopeless; so there is no use in my trying to do anything."

So, priest and Levite, pastor and layman leave the man lying beside the road, lost without a helping hand. May God help us to put our Christianity into action. Every saved person is thankful that he was not neglected, not left alone to perish in his sins; that someone came his way, prayed and preached or pleaded. We owe others exactly the same opportunity to find salvation. Our slogan is: Every Christian be a "Good Samaritan" every day!—Ralph Earle in *Herald of Holiness*.