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

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Expose Your Soul to God!

If you would bear the image of the Lord, you must expose your soul to the light of His presence. Man's soul, like a sensitive photographic plate, takes on the image of that to which it is exposed; and the longer the exposure, the clearer the image.

Spend your time reading worldly magazines, watching worldly TV shows, mixing with worldly people, and it won't be long until you are bearing the image of the ungodly. You will be talking like them, acting like them, and even looking like them. But expose your heart to opposite influences and you will see an opposite effect. Bible-reading, prayer, and Christian companionship will enable the Holy Spirit to trace upon your life the beautiful marks of Christian character.

Not that Christian character is formed by environment alone. Environment is important, but first we must be born into God's family and become a partaker of His divine nature before we can show evidences of true godliness. Some preachers of the modern school may tell us otherwise. They will say, "Learn to act like a Christian and you will be one." But who can turn a tiger into a household kitten? Perhaps you heard of the family that took a little cub of a wild bear for a household pet. The children loved it. They trained it carefully and they had a delightful time playing with the cub while it was young. But as the cub grew older its savage nature asserted itself and things began to happen. The parents barely managed to get the animal safely behind bars in time to save the children's lives! So it is with unregenerate human nature. The old savagery of the human heart cannot be trusted. It will assert itself, in spite of the best training. It is not culture, but conversion, that we need first. Not education, but transformation. Not a new knowledge, but a new birth. Christ says, "Ye must be born again." Then, having become new creatures by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost, we are ready to live a Christian life, and to have the image of the Lord developed in us.

Something happened to Moses when he went into the mount and talked with God. There was a supernatural radiance from his face when he came down. Something happened to Jesus when He was on the mountain top with His Father. His face shone with the brightness of the sun. Something happened to Stephen after that prayer meeting recorded in Acts 6. God clothed him with power and glory, and his face shone as though it had been the face of an angel. And something will happen to us as we, with open face, expose ourselves to the glory of the Lord by gazing into His Word. We will be changed into His divine image from glory to glory, as by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18). As the poet has said:

*"Walk in the starlight long enough and the silver will touch
your hair,
For the stars will lean from heaven and be reflected
there.
Talk with the angels long enough and your very face
will shine,
For the peace of God will touch your eyes with
radiance divine.
Only give God and the angels time to burnish what
once was dim,
And the glory may rest on all of us, for was it
not so with Him?"*

If we will spend much time in secret with Christ and His Word, our friends will see His likeness in our conduct.

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The Man Who Forgot God

TO LIVE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS to live your life in vain. You may pile up riches until men look on you with respect; you may see your name blazoned on the scrolls of fame; but if you have left God out of your reckoning you will be eternally a pauper, and languish in an eternity of remorse.

This man about whom Jesus told the story (see Luke 12) was a successful man. With careful planning he had worked on his farm until the whole neighborhood acclaimed him as an example of diligence in business. Year by year he had piled up his banking-account; year by year he had purchased more and more land; until there came the year of his greatest success, and he determined to retire and take life easy. Everything was wonderful. His bank statement showed that from now on his life could be one of luxurious ease. There was no cloud on his horizon.

Yet this man made a vital mistake. With all his business ability he failed to take into account the fact of God. There is no condemnation by Jesus of secret vice here. There is no known moral stain on this man's character. He is not known as a grinder of the poor. He is not said to have obtained his wealth dishonestly. He is not known as a blasphemer or a gambler . . . he was



*Jesus told a tragic
story to convince
us that "a man's life
consisteth not in
the abundance of the
things which he
possesseth."*

by ROBERT BARRIE

like many who will read this page—completely respectable, living a life of sacrifice in an honest effort to make the future secure both for himself and his family. *But he had forgotten God.*

Know this, friend, that there is no security in a life that has forgotten God. Riches may give some of the things we want in life, but they cannot buy the things we need most. The man in the story had one ambition—to make a fortune and retire. Money was his god, but all life is a witness to the fact that riches do not make for real peace and happiness. We do not live a day longer by having bread for another day. There is no peace in the clamor of the Stock Exchange. There is no security guaranteed by your investments. Riches may take wings and fly away, leaving you broken, a nervous wreck, with only the morbid thought of a suicide's escape.

How much greater is Alexander now for all his power?

How much higher is Caesar for all his honor?

How much wiser is Aristotle for his knowledge?

What delight has Jezebel now in her painted beauty?

What happiness has Ahab in his stolen vineyard?

What is a delicious banquet to Dives in hell?

What delight have Napoleon and Hitler now in their bloody conquests?

The soul is made for God, and until it finds Him, all other things are vain. Friend, there is one way only whereby you can find God and salvation for your soul, and that is through Jesus Christ the Son of God, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Millions of men and women in this tired old world have found peace and joy in trusting Jesus as their Saviour. Why don't you take Him into your heart this moment? Lift up your heart and voice now. Kneel down by the chair or table, and say, "O God, I confess myself to be a sinner. I have tried to live my life without You, and I've made a wreck of it. But this very moment I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, and pray: God save me for Jesus' sake. Blot out my sins through His precious blood. Make me Your own child."

I tell you, on the authority of God's own book, that the moment you call, you will be saved!

Notice too, as you read this story, that when a man leaves God out of his reckoning, he lives only for time. Whether we like it or not, there is an eternity to come, and God will demand

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prescription

by T. F. Zimmerman

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“Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile.”

THE PSALMIST SAID, “WHAT MAN is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?” (34:12).

The answer to this question should be quite obvious. Innate within each of us is a desire for a good life. Many people, however, are somewhat frustrated in their attempt to realize this objective. It is interesting to note that the Psalmist in his further comment, beginning with the 13th verse of the 34th Psalm, presents a clear-cut prescription for a good life: “Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.”

You possibly have asked, “What can I do to get the most out of life? How can I find utmost happiness? How can I realize the greatest good and live a long time upon the earth?” The Psalmist has given us a very wonderful answer to these perplexing questions of life.

First the Psalmist has placed the important element of desire. A desire and hunger for something better is the motivation which causes us to aspire and achieve. Many have reverted to mediocrity in their Christian experience for lack of drive born from a fervent desire to rise to greater spiritual heights. Nothing brings greater spiritual demoralization than smug complacency that reflects itself in self-satisfaction.

Dwight L. Moody ably stated that

there are three general classes of Christians: the satisfied, the dissatisfied, and the unsatisfied. In the first group (the satisfied) is the subtle feeling of sufficiency and completeness that tends to inactivity. The second class (the dissatisfied) often reflects a critical and fault-finding attitude. This condition usually comes from spiritual lukewarmness resulting from prayerlessness and a relegating of the things of God and His service to a secondary place in our lives. The work of God has been greatly hindered by those whose experiences lack the active manifestation of the Christian graces of love, long-suffering, meekness, etc.

The third group is composed of those who are “satisfied with an unsatisfied satisfaction.” They are deeply grateful for every blessing and victory, but they are seized with an insatiable desire for more of God. They cry, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God” (Psalm 42:1). Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). The good life is for those who desire it!

Next in the steps toward the good life is control of the tongue. The Psalmist declares, “Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.” Homer, the ancient Greek poet, spoke of the “windy satisfaction of the tongue.” One of the pointed proverbs of the Greeks regarding the tongue says, “The boneless tongue, so small and

weak, can crush and kill.” A similar Persian proverb says, “A lengthy tongue, an early death.”

The deep significance of all these statements is expressed in the Arab’s proverb, “The tongue’s great storehouse is the heart.” We express with our tongues that which is in our hearts. Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.” The apostle James pictures our conversation as the outpouring of a fountain—the fountain, of course, being the heart.

It is amazing how our speech betrays us even when we try to deceive. Peter learned that when he cursed and swore he did not know the Lord. Nevertheless, his manner of speech betrayed him. In the truest sense, our speech is a word picture of ourselves. Therefore, it behooves us to keep our hearts filled with thoughts which are “true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report.”

The third step toward a good life is to “depart from evil and do good.” This is a two-fold process. It is like repentance and faith; one is negative, the other positive. No one has ever found the good life who did not leave the bad one. If a ship is ever to find a better port, it must cut loose from the present one. “No man,” Jesus said, “can serve two masters.” There are two roads, the broad and the narrow, and we cannot walk in both at the same time.

If our lives are ever to be good, we must refrain from sin. We must

for a good life!

measure our lives by the ideal set forth in God's Word and exemplified in the life of Christ. The Bible is God's means of revealing our sins on the one hand and the will of God on the other. The first and main objective in our struggle for a better life is to depart from evil. Sometimes it is a desperate struggle, but it is the only road to a good life.

The final element suggested by the Psalmist in his prescription for a good life is, "Seek peace, and pursue it." There is nothing this strife-ridden world needs so much as peace—peace among nations, peace in the commercial and industrial world, peace in the individual heart. There can be no good life for us collectively or individually in a world of strife. God in His wonderful provision for us makes possible a peace that passes human understanding. This peace comes from God when our heart is in right relation with Him. As long as sin and wrong rule and reign in the human

heart, strife and uneasiness will result.

By a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, and by faith in His precious blood by which our sins are washed away, we find peace, wonderful peace—the peace that only God can give. Regardless of the turmoil and strife that has run rampant within your soul, God has a peace for you in any and all circumstances.

Briefly review the steps that the Psalmist gives to us in the pursuing of this good life. The first ingredient is based on desire—the desire for a good life. The second is keeping the tongue from speaking evil. The third is departing from evil and doing good. The fourth is seeking peace.

Your life may have its ups and downs. There may be an aching void in your life that this world cannot fill. I am happy to tell you that God can satisfy the hunger and longing of your heart, making it possible for you to rejoice and sing, "I'm a child of the King."

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

When sunset falls upon your day
And fades from out the west,
When business cares are put away
And you lie down to rest,
The measure of the day's success
Or failure may be told
In terms of human happiness—
And not in terms of gold.

Is there beside some hearth tonight
More joy because you wrought?
Does someone face the bitter fight
With courage you have taught?
Is something added to the store
Of human happiness?
If so, the day that now is o'er
Has been a real success.

—Selected

Concerning Christian Duties

There is something about the doing of chores that the average farm boy dislikes. Time passes pleasantly enough in the fields, but when evening falls and chores must be done, a rebellious reaction sets in. His thoughts then turn longingly toward the city, where he imagines he would have no monotonous duties to weary him.

The city boy, too, finds the running of errands, the carrying of papers, the petty jobs that must be done to keep house and grounds tidy and neat, irksome and tiresome indeed. Life in the country, on the contrary, appears all sunshine and flowers, new and glorious every day. Surely, over the fence where the grass is green, wearisome chores are unknown.

The satisfactory maintenance of every home involves a multitude of duties, as every busy housewife well knows. The

family car will soon cease to operate if certain simple jobs are neglected.

So it goes. There are chores on the farm, in the city and about the household. Little business has its chores and big business has many more. In fact, no matter what or where our business is, tiresome chores are part and parcel of our daily lives.

Genius is said to be "the capacity to take infinite pains." Certainly this involves many tedious details.

Nor can chores be dodged or escaped in the spiritual life. Even in the Sunday School or evangelistic meeting, menial tasks must be done. To distribute and collect the songbooks can easily become boring and routine.

Let us be thankful, then, that we have our part in the great burden of duties borne of humanity. To be "faithful in a few things," even tasks menial and

despised, is the mark of a "good and faithful servant," and may be a step to things more important.

Chores are here to stay, so they may as well be done in the right spirit. To point the way to this, nothing better than Paul's words has ever been written: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

—Hubert J. Dance in *War Cry*

"The Christ has come," said Graham Scroggie. Then he added, "I speak reverently when I say that God has spoken His last word; if there is any hope for the world, it is to be found in Christ. If it cannot be found in Christ, it cannot be found at all."—*Sunday School Times*.

Are We Missing Something?

by MYRDDIN LEWIS

A Baptist minister asks, "Are we failing to see the power of God demonstrated for the simple reason that we are afraid of its manifestations?"

A HEARTFELT LONGING FOR A spiritual power seems to be sweeping across the United States and around the world. I have seen it on two continents. In the face of growing church activity, a burgeoning missionary movement and city-wide evangelistic meetings that dwarf anything we have seen before—a deep seated longing for more evidence of the power of God still persists.

Without doubt we have more Bible teachers, evangelists, radio speakers and missionaries than ever before in the world's history. Numerically, we are presenting the claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people than have ever heard it before at any one time.

Yet, somehow, the power of God—as it has been demonstrated in other ages—is lacking.

Like many other men and women, I am fearful for the outcome of this civilization. I have thought and prayed much about the lack of the power of God. Moreover, I have talked with many Christian leaders in various parts of the world.

The more I have searched the Scriptures for the solution to the mystery of our failure to possess more power,

the more soul-searching I have had to do. Today I have been driven into a position into which I never before believed I would be placed. Although my study of the Scriptures would seem to confirm the soundness of the position, yet I would have to confess that it is an embarrassing one.

As an ordained Baptist minister, a thorough-going Calvinist, and one who has frowned upon emotionalism in the testimony of the church, I must frankly admit I am puzzled.

My bewilderment comes from the realization that there is a possibility that I—together with evangelical Christians as a whole—am to blame for this lack of the power of God being manifested today. The question I ask myself and others is this, "Are we failing to see the power of God demonstrated for the simple reason that we are afraid of its manifestations?"

Up to this time, I have assumed that the miracles as recorded in the book of Acts were not for our day. By what sort of twist of theology I managed this, I do not know. All I know is that I have not been alone in my assumption. Except for the Pentecostal movement, the

entire evangelical Christian world today has been virtually unanimous in this same assumption. I am not now saying we have been wrong; I am simply asking the question, "Are we sure—absolutely sure—that we are right?"

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever." Have you ever said those words? Have you ever stood in the pulpit facing a congregation of believers and with great and passionate emphasis declared to your listeners that Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever?

And what about the Scripture, "I am the Lord, I change not"?

It was these Scriptures that first led me to search my own heart and mind.

If you asked me whether or not I believed in miracles, my answer would have been simple and positive, "Certainly."

If you had pressed me further as to whether or not I believed in miracles today, my answer would have been equally, simple and certain, "Absolutely not."

At the same time, I would have had to admit that I had seen miracles take place.

George Osborn, well known by me, was for years a patient at Ancoates hospital, Manchester, England. He was finally discharged as beyond cure in the final stages of rheumatoid arthritis. Physicians had told his wife he had six months to live.

Shortly afterward an evangelistic team from the Methodist Cliff College came to Oldham, Lancashire, where Osborn, then as helpless as a baby, lay in bed at home. The power of God began to work in the tent where the evangelistic meetings were being held. Outstanding conversions took place and it was reported that some people present had been healed of various types of illness.

Stirred by the latter reports, Osborn's wife got the help of neighbors, borrowed an invalid's chair, and wheeled her husband to the tent.

After the meeting was over, she told the young men that she wanted them to pray for the healing of her husband. Somewhat taken aback by the request, they first went aside to pray by themselves. Returning, they stood around the wheelchair, laid their hands on the doomed man, and called upon God to raise him.

At the close of the prayer, the invalid leaped from his chair and ran wildly about the room shouting and praising

God. Despite efforts to restrain him, he led his wife and party of friends back home, pushing his own wheelchair.

Unusual, I was willing to agree. But this was hardly the sort of thing to be expected as a regular occurrence.

Then there was the incident that happened in my own church in Birmingham, England.

Miss May Toladay had been born with defective eyesight. At seven, she underwent an operation and had the left eye removed as a desperate gamble to keep the sight of the right eye. The gamble failed. When this incident occurred, she had been blind for 25 years without the slightest hope of ever being able to see again.

Although not a Christian when she first began to attend the Ward End Baptist church of Birmingham, where I had pastored for the past thirteen years, within a year she had accepted Christ as Saviour. She was much loved in the church. She was never without a group of young people to escort her about.

One night she came to me, "Pastor, please pray for me. I feel so ill and I am tired of going to the doctor."

I could not talk further with her because it was time for prayer meeting to begin. After my usual short exposition, the meeting was opened for congregational prayer. While we prayed the Lord spoke to me, and I said to the people, "May has asked our prayers for her weak and sick body. While Deacon Brother Atkins and I anoint her and lay our hands upon her, will you pray that God will deliver her of this sickness?"

Hardly realizing what I was doing, I found myself not only praying for her sick body, but actually asking the Lord to give this blind woman her sight. For a moment I was frightened at what I had done. Then, in a loud voice I cried to the Lord and said, "Lord, Thou art the same yesterday and today and forever. Thou art the unchangeable Christ, everlastingly the same. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour, heal this sickly woman. And, Lord, please give her sight that she may see our faces for we love her so."

Nothing unusual happened. The prayer meeting was dismissed. May, as usual, was escorted home by some of the young people of the church.

Two nights later May was in church again for our usual Saturday night meeting. She was still blind.

Half an hour later, however, as the

meeting was in full progress, May suddenly jumped to her feet. Excitedly she shouted, "Pastor, pastor. I can see!"

Since that night in August, 1947 till today—she has continued to see.

In both of the cases, a complete healing had been effected. In both cases, too, the attending physicians were willing to admit that a miracle had taken place.

Yet, only now as I begin to see the tremendous implications of these miracles am I able to face squarely the matter of miracles for our day.

Could it be that we have been warring against the things of God?

Could it be time for us to lay aside our honest prejudices and seek a new guidance from God relating to such a ministry? Is it possible for our leaders in the fundamental and evangelical Christian world to get together and under God's guidance seek an answer to this great question?

Curiously enough, the venerable Church of England has faced up squarely to the issue. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, set up a commission of inquiry into this very question.

The National Press of Britain has devoted much time and space to the problems this issue involves.

I am well aware of the fact that many excesses have been perpetrated in the name of "divine healing." Much harm has been done to the cause of Jesus Christ by so-called "healers," who have blasphemed the very name of Jesus Christ for personal profit.

We want none of these.

On the other hand, if we are disbelieving God we have much for which we must answer. For if God wants to work miracles in our age and we are resisting Him, then we are in much the same position as were the Pharisees of the first century.

The words of Gamaliel might well echo down the corridors of time to us, "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

I deplore the extravagances of many. And without doubt the conduct of some well-intentioned people has brought the whole question of miracles and the practice of divine healing into disrepute.

Nevertheless, God will not accept that as my excuse. I shall be faced with the awful charge of unbelief. "I could not because ye would not." If this is true of

me, then I must never again say that I believe in an unchangeable God, nor dare to say that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

In 1904, a great and mighty revival swept through my little country of Wales. Tens of thousands of my countrymen entered the Kingdom of God. Churches and chapels were packed and remained so for the next ten years when the first World War broke to shatter our spiritual life.

The astonishing fact, however, is that despite the sweeping revival that shook Wales, less than a score of miles away, England remained untouched and unmoved. Not even her border counties experienced spiritual awakening.

Why? Simply because the people of God in England did not believe. They wrote off the revival as nothing more than sheer emotionalism. Some laughed; others ridiculed. None believed.

In the first century the Holy Spirit performed miracles through believers; as a result many received Christ as Saviour. In the days of the Welsh revival—as well as in all great outpourings of spiritual blessing—there have been visible demonstrations of the power of God which have turned many to Christ.

Yet today we who claim to be doing the will and work of God are fearful of the miraculous. Because we have seen some extravagances and demonstrations of the flesh, we have turned in disgust from the entire idea of miracles.

In doing so, there appears to me to be a strong possibility that we may have robbed ourselves of spiritual blessing—possibly the great spiritual awakening of this age for which we all are praying. Don't misunderstand me; I am not now suggesting a sudden clamor for miracles. Nor am I suggesting that we launch a series of healing meetings.

Rather, I would ask for sober study of the books of John and Acts on the part of all believers. At the same time, let us remind ourselves frequently of the scripture, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

As we earnestly seek His face, let us ask Him to remove from our hearts whatever unbelief may exist. Let us seek to end that terrible possibility that *He* does not because *we* will not. Instead let us arise and shout that *He can* because *we will!*

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INDIAN CONVENTION REPORTS

Our American Indian missionary work is conducted in thirteen different states at present. More than one hundred home missionaries are under appointment in this one great field. With more than 400,000 Indians, more than half of whom live on reservations, to be reached for Christ, the field is large and challenging.

Here are reports of conventions conducted in California and Idaho recently, where many Indians and missionaries gathered together for a time of inspiration and dedication of their lives that other Indians might come to know the Christ we serve.

—AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 28, the American Indian Fellowship of the Northern California-Nevada District gathered at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California. Sister Fern Murray conducted a WMC service, and handwork from many of the churches in the district was displayed. Later this was distributed to the home missionaries present. Sister Gertie Phillips brought a soul-stirring message and many were encouraged to assist in a greater way in their local WMC projects.

Sister Alpha Henson, the host pastor's wife, brought a message to the C.A.'s at the vesper hour.

In the 7:30 p.m. service war bonnets were presented by John McPherson and George Effman to Kenneth Haystead, then Home Missions Director and Assistant District Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, and to Clyde Henson, host pastor. Brother Haystead brought an anointed message and many were challenged to give their lives to God for service.

On Thursday morning Manuel C. Cordova brought a message. Brother Cordova is a Pomo Indian from Healdsburg, California. He has had an outstanding ministry among the Indians in Arizona—among the Pimas, Apaches, and Maricopas. His presentation of the need of trained workers encouraged young men to attend our Bible Schools. There are several young Indian men attending Assemblies of God Bible Schools at the present time.

In the afternoon there was a symposium; a very interesting subject was discussed, as follows: "How will the American Indian, free from govern-

God's Power Manifested in Sacramento Indian Convention

ment supervision, be affected by missionary work?" Each member of the symposium brought out several opinions concerning this topic.

Sister T. L. Johnson reported that God is blessing at Tuba City, Arizona. One Navajo family came with them to the convention. In her message on Thursday afternoon she told how God talked to her about the American Indians who are in spiritual darkness and how they dwell in the desert place, in the canyons, far from the main traveled highways. Many were thrilled at the way God has moved in a supernatural

manner among these Navajo people.

The C. A. service was truly a highlight for the young people. Alfred Elgin, Jr., a student of Bethany Bible College, brought a sermonette. Brother Elgin felt the call of God at last year's convention. His convictions grew as each day went by. He left his apprenticeship at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and entered Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California. God truly has blessed him for his obedience.

In the 7:30 p.m. service Mr. Leonard Hill, Area Director of Indian Affairs for the state of California, was a

John McPherson, Clyde Henson (host pastor in Sacramento), and George Effman



special guest. His address was very interesting, as he brought out many projects the government is promoting.

Brother Effman's topic, "The American Indian, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," was the concluding event of this evening service.

In the morning service on the last day, C. F. Rowe of Willow Creek, California, brought a soul-stirring message, and at the close of the service prayer was offered for the sick. The glory of the Lord was present and many testified that they felt the Lord had touched them.

At the 2:30 p.m. meeting, John Keller from Maywood, California, spoke on "Evangelistic Thrusts." Brother Keller has been working with Sister Opal

Bowman. Each summer they visit many reservations, holding tent revivals. She has dedicated her tent (seating three hundred) and equipment to the Lord for the Indian work.

Earl Clements spoke to the young people in the C. A. service.

The evening service began with a narration of "What They Gave." This story depicted the contribution that America's first inhabitants gave to the American way of life.

After John McPherson's message in the closing service, many came forward and dedicated their lives to the One who has done so much for us. Only the Lord knows and will reveal all the results of this great convention.

—Reported by George Effman

backsliders came back to the Lord. A good number were saved. Some were filled with the Spirit. Among the many healed was a young girl with infectious hepatitis.

The full gospel has made a great impact on the people of this reservation. The white churches now have a greater burden for Indian missions. The fire is still burning here, and many have taken the flame back to their reservations.

Thank God for His visitation!

—Reported by Jack Bennett

Your offerings for Indian missions will meet a definite need at this time. You may send them designated for a particular worker, or for Indian Missions, and they will be used to take the gospel to the American Indians. Send your offering to: HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Many Tribes Represented at Fort Hall Indian Convention

Our Western Indian Convention, held at Fort Hall, Idaho, May 8-10, was a great success! God answered our prayers by sending a glorious time of blessing to all His Indian people who gathered together in our new Indian Assembly here.

Coming from Idaho, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, California, Arizona, and Oklahoma, were representatives of the Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Sioux, Assinaboine,

Arapahoe, Klamath, Pomo, Hoopa, Euroke, Karak, Mandan, Cherokee, Cancan, Chippewa, Pima, Navajo, Pioute, Yacki, Washoe, Pueblo, Digger and Midu tribes.

We were highly privileged to have three Indian evangelists: John McPherson, evening speaker, George Effman, morning Bible teacher, and Manuel Cordova, afternoon speaker. The heavy anointing of the Lord rested upon each of these brethren as they spoke. Many

The Sampson and McGill trio, Pima Indian evangelists from Phoenix, Arizona



C.A.'s attending the Sacramento Convention from the Hoopa and Weitchpec Indian Assemblies



Indian Assembly at Fort Hall, Idaho, where Western Indian Convention was held.





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

Gideon Bible Distribution Permitted in Miami

The Gideons cleared another legal hurdle in their New Testament distribution program when the Dade County School Board was advised by its attorneys that such distributions in Miami schools are "reasonable" and legal. An attorney representing the American Civil Liberties Union had asked that the practice be stopped.

It seems strange that in a "Christian" country there should be such opposition to giving something as helpful as the Bible free to those who request it; but no real work of God escapes the challenge of His adversaries.

"Pray for Peace" Slogan on U. S. Mail

Plans are being made for the words "Pray for Peace" to appear on the postmark of all U. S. mail that goes through first- and second-class post offices. The Senate unanimously passed the measure, previously passed by the House.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield said that his department is taking prompt steps to supply the special cancellation dies. "This small motto, 'Pray for Peace,' epitomizes the highest aspirations of our people," he said.

The slogan will appear on about 97 per cent of all mailing matter in the U. S.

Ask "Freedom of Choice" in Location of Churches

Freedom of choice must be provided in the location of churches in new communities, the executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals said in a statement sent to the American Institute of Planners. Commenting upon situations where the designation of church locations is controlled by local councils of churches, the NAE statement said: "We go on record in our position that freedom of choice must be provided in the location of churches, since no individual organization can properly represent all Protestants."

Catholic Archbishop Defends Lottery Bonds

According to the *Elim Evangel*, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool has approved the British government's much-protested plan to harness the gambling instinct of man to the service of the State by selling lottery bonds. These bonds would not pay interest but would have a chance of winning large prizes. The magazine quoted the archbishop as having said that the lottery scheme "does not in any way offend the moral sense of Catholics."

Officials of the Church of England and of the free churches have been very outspoken in their criticism of the government's "legalized gambling" plan.

Predict New High in Church Construction

The Commerce Department predicts that church construction will reach a new high of \$750,000,000 this year.

Youth Camps May Get More Surplus Material

The House Committee on Government Operations has taken under consideration legislation that would give church-operated youth camps a better chance to secure donations of surplus government property. Government officials testified before the committee that relatively little surplus property is going to such groups.

The bill, sponsored by Winfield Denton (Indiana), would allow administrators of federal agencies to dispose of surplus property without charge (except for handling) to non-profit youth camps or centers, if the material is useable and necessary for the camp.

Four Pentecostal ministers from Indiana and Illinois testified on behalf of the legislation.

Zondervan Publishers Celebrate 25th Anniversary

P. J. and B. D. Zondervan, partners in the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, are celebrating their 25th anniversary in the religious book publishing business this year. They have named October 1-6 as the official anniversary week.

The brothers began their successful career in a bedroom of their parents' farm home in Grandville, Michigan, in 1931. Since that time they have made many outstanding contributions to the field of gospel literature. By the end of this year they will have printed a total of about 1,700 new books and classic reprints. Customers of the Gospel Publishing House have purchased many thousands of excellent books produced by the Zondervan Publishing House.

Italian Pentecostal Wins Court Victory

Italy's new Constitutional Court handed down a ruling in favor of Giuseppe Pizzo, an Assemblies of God minister, in a case involving a religious liberty issue.

Mr. Pizzo had appealed a sentence passed on him by a magistrate after he ignored a police order to leave the town of Alcamo, Sicily, where he held religious services. He was arrested under a 1931 police law which held that a person considered "dangerous to public order or security" could be deported to his home town. Violators were subject to prison terms. The law had been used to curb Protestant activities.

But the high tribunal held that the police law provision was contrary to the 1948 Constitution which grants citizens the right to circulate freely on Italian soil provided their activities are not detrimental to public health and security.

Flood Insurance for Churches

Low-cost flood insurance for churches will be possible if a bill sponsored by Senator H. H. Lehman is passed. The bill provides for up to \$100,000 coverage on all incorporated non-profit properties and would make policies available from private insurance companies which, in turn, would be re-insured by the Federal Government.

Says California Has Most Unchurched People

The westward movement of Americans has resulted in a new mission field—California. Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippett states there are "more unchurched people in California than anywhere in America." A major reason he gave for this is the rapid increase in population. He noted that the population increased 23 per cent in the past five years; the Methodist Church in California increased only 8.3 per cent.

TV Station Drops Liquor Advertising After Protests

Television station KEYD-TV, Minneapolis, has discontinued its liquor advertising in response to protests by religious and temperance groups. The Methodist Board of Temperance, active in the protest, had pointed out that liquor advertising was not consistent with the television industry's self-regulatory code.

Enough protests could bring an end to *all* liquor advertising on TV.

Unusual Item in Sports Column

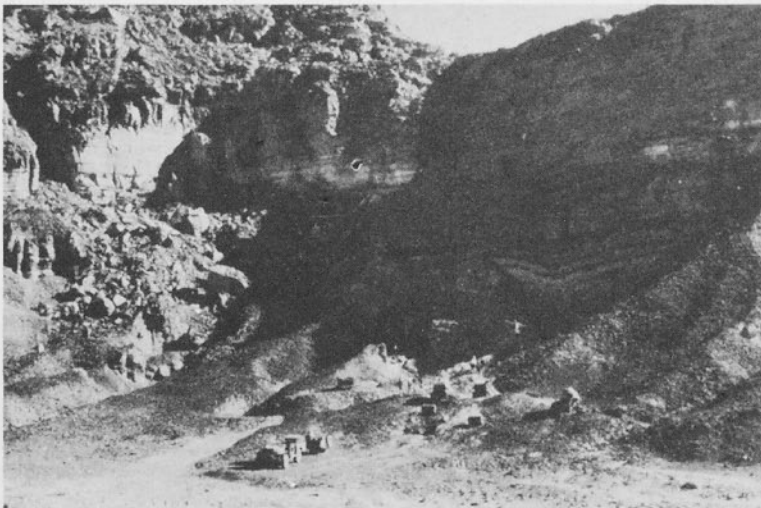
An unusual item appeared in Walter Stewart's sports column in *The Commercial Appeal*, widely read Memphis, Tennessee, daily paper. It went like this: "Forest Arnold, brilliant Memphis State basketball practitioner, ignored a better-than-\$12,000 professional offer from the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association, to remain in the ministry. . . . On June 1, he became youth director of the First Assembly of God church." (The church, located in Memphis, is one of the largest in the Assemblies of God. James Hamill is the pastor.)

Plan No Action Against Illegal Raffle

A Catholic Church in Tuckahoe, New York, is sending out books of raffle tickets in helium-filled toy balloons. Each carries a chance to win a \$2,500 automobile and a \$100 door prize. A one-dollar payment, however, is required for each book of tickets to become valid.

Previously the church had distributed raffle tickets by mail. Many of the recipients objected, and post office department officials suggested that the mails not be used again for this purpose. So balloons became the substitute.

The big catch is that public raffles are illegal in Westchester County. But law enforcement officials plan no action because the raffle benefits a religion. Does this mean that churches are above anti-gambling laws?



General View of King Solomon's Mines at Timna in the Southeastern Negev



Setting up machinery to exploit the copper resources of King Solomon's Mines

Photos by courtesy of Israel Office of Information, New York

King Solomon's Mines Will Again Yield Their Riches

King Solomon's Mines, once an important factor in the success of the kingdom of Israel, are about to become an important asset to Israel again. The famed mines, located at Timna, about 20 miles north of Eilat, Israel's Red Sea port and southernmost outpost, are now the scene of extensive preparations for the exploitation of Israel's copper resources. Some 300 workers, guards, geologists, and engineers are already at work in the area.

These rich copper resources were worked some 3,000 years ago by the subjects of King Solomon. The copper from these mines was one of the contributing factors to Solomon's great wealth, no doubt playing a part in his extensive foreign trade. Copper from these mines was probably used in various parts and fixtures of the Temple.

Although known from the Bible, King Solo-

mon's Mines were not rediscovered until about twenty years ago. The first concrete steps to exploit these rich resources were taken after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

King Solomon's Mines will play an important part in Israel's economy, for proven copper reserves are now placed at 180,000 tons. Probable, though unproven, reserves are estimated at 420,000 tons, with optimistic reports suggesting that there may be a reserve of a million tons.

The average metallic content of the known surface ore is estimated at 1.5 to 2.5 cent. Underground mining will be necessary to secure a greater part of the deposits. By next year, when underground mining operations are slated to begin, some 600 persons will be employed at the copper mines.

They will make their homes at Eilat, a seven-year-old city which is expected to grow eight-fold in the immediate future through expansion of industries, mining, and development of its port facilities—another indication of the dramatic progress of the Israelis since their independence.

A copper refinery is also planned for the mining site and is expected to be in operation within two years. Estimated output of the refinery will be 10,000 tons of metallic copper annually—30 tons a day.

King Solomon's Mines, which helped bring glory to Israel at the height of her kingdom, may be destined to help her regain her place of prominence among the nations. God said she would be the head and not the tail if she would meet certain conditions (read Deuteronomy 28:13, 44).

by Emil A. Balliet

North Hollywood, California

The Woman at th

JOHNS GOSPEL AFFORDS INTIMATE glimpses of the Master dealing with individuals. In the first chapter He gathers His first disciples. In the third chapter He probes into the heart of Nicodemus, one of the outstanding religious leaders of Israel. In the fourth chapter He interviews a lone woman by a well near Samaria.

This story demonstrates the fact that our Saviour is no respecter of persons. A vast gulf existed between a member of the Sanhedrin, like Nicodemus, and the despised woman of Samaria. The Saviour's love bridged that gulf so easily that one would not even be aware of its existence in reading the scriptural account, except for the woman's remark that "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9).

I. LOVE'S NECESSITY

The record states that Jesus "must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:4). The *must* was not geographical, but spiritual. Ordinarily, the Jews journeying to Galilee crossed the Jordan, and traveled through Perea. But Christ's mission was not to be limited by human prejudices and hatreds. He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. And the lost, wherever they may be, *must* be reached. Christ's love impelled Him to strike a blow at the pride and prejudice that had erected a wall between the Jews and the Samaritans. Later He commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Here He demonstrates that the Gospel is for "whosoever will!"

It has been well said that "Prejudice squints when it looks, and lies when it talks!" Another has said, "The tight skirts of Prejudice shorten the steps of Progress!"

Like our Lord, the church must refuse to let human pride and racial barriers keep us from bringing the gospel to all nations.

II. THE MASTER'S METHOD

In John 4:7-26 we have a revelation of the Master's method in winning a

*A careful reading of the story of the anon
of Samaria reveals the Saviour's method of*



soul. You can follow the procedure easily, for the dialogue is clearly marked by the words, "*Jesus saith . . . and the woman saith.*"

1. *He Begins By Asking a Favor!* In His humanity, He is weary and thirsty, and He asks the woman of Samaria for a drink. Some there are who would not have asked a favor of such a woman. Indeed, they would not have spoken to her! But in this they would be unlike their Lord! By asking a favor, He makes His approach to this soul simply and directly. Her reply is not favorable. It bristles with racial hatred. But Christ refuses to be drawn into ancient argument!

2. *Undiscouraged, He Arrests Her Attention* by a most unusual offer. He

began by asking for a drink; now He offers to give her a drink! Her first reply (verse 9) is calculated to stop any further conversation, but His offer astonishes her and arrests her attention. What did He mean by "living water"? And besides, who is this Man? Is He greater than her forefather Jacob?

3. *Christ Stimulates Her Spiritual Desire* by speaking of water which so quenches thirst that one who drinks will never thirst again. And though the woman of Samaria cannot fully understand all He means, her immediate reply is, "Give me this water!"

4. *Now Christ Touches Her Real Need.* A superficial conversion, which leaves the deep need in one's life, needs

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confessing and cleansing. Evasion is useless on her part, for He unmasks the hidden facts of her life. He must have done so with great tenderness, with such Divine love that she acknowledges, "Sir, . . . thou art a prophet." The discontent and spiritual thirst within her grips her soul.

5. *The Saviour Refuses to Be Sidelined!* Human nature being what it is, she seeks to change the subject! She makes a wild attempt to get away from Him by bringing up an old religious argument about the right place to worship. How beautifully Christ foils this attempt! He lays down the eternal principle of worship—that it is not *where* you worship, but *how* you wor-

ship, that counts! "In spirit and in truth"—honesty and sincerity are the fundamentals of worshipping God!

6. *And Finally, He Reveals Himself!* In her sense of need and confusion, she says, "When the Messiah comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus quietly replies, "I am He!" And right at this point the curtain drops on the interview. A woman, conscious of her need, is face to face with the living Christ!

III. WINNING AN INDIVIDUAL TO WIN A CITY!

In John 4:28-42 we have the blessed climax of the story. The patience and love of Christ have led the woman of Samaria into salvation. First, she acknowledges her thirst—"Give me this water, that I thirst not." Second, she admits her sin—"I have no husband." Third, she manifests the dawning of spiritual understanding—"I perceive Thou art a prophet." Finally, she confesses her living faith—"I know that Messiah cometh." And now, she meets Him face to face, and pours out her heart to Him.

Her spiritual joy is such that she completely forgets her original mission to draw water from Jacob's well. She leaves her waterpot there and hurries into the city. Now she has no thought of well, water, or waterpot. Her whole concern is to proclaim Christ to the city. "And she went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" Saved by grace, and filled with joy, she begins at once to witness for her Lord. Her enthusiasm and zeal are such that the whole city is stirred. Her neighbors are not hindered by her unsavory reputation; but rather, they see in her new radiance an evidence of divine grace. So they respond to her invitation; they come to see this Man of whom she speaks. And afterward we hear the Samaritans say to this woman: "Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

The lesson is beautifully summed up in the words of the chorus:

Jesus gave her water that was not in the well!
Jesus gave her water that was not in the well!
She went away singing,
And came back bringing,
Others to the water that was not in the well!

growing...
according to
a plan

The growth of your Sunday School is of prime importance to you. It should be planned deliberately—carefully! The unchurched hundreds, perhaps thousands in your community need the teaching your Sunday School affords. And the best way to reach them is by conducting a planned program of expansion—an Enlargement Campaign.

This year's campaign theme is "Assignment: America!" The whole campaign is designed to help you win your community to Christ and the church. The emphasis is on each member doing his part to contact and win his neighbor.

Yes, winning every American to Christ is our responsibility, the salvation of the lost in your town is your job. And it's a job so big that you need the help of every member. You can gain their assistance by planning your Enlargement Campaign now.

Give your Sunday School an assignment: your community! Win the community with an Enlargement Campaign—this October!

Your copy of the Enlargement Handbook will soon reach you. Use the ideas in it to promote your campaign.

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THE DYING DAY

By Ernest A. Reb

NO ONE, OTHER THAN JESUS, HAS ever been able to fully understand the urgency that can press a person on in the service of God. The work is so great that we scarcely have time to complete it. We race with the setting sun. Our work is woefully incomplete, yet the day is dying and the light is waning.

At the age of twelve, Jesus declared to Mary and Joseph, whose perception of the issues of time was darkened, "I must . . . I must be about my Father's business." Standing in the midst of the harvest that was falling to the ground to decay for want of someone to thrust in the sickle, His great heart heaved with compassion and He cried, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." And, crushed under the colossal burden of a lost world, Jesus spoke again, and His words were weighed with unfathomable concern, "I must work the works of Him that hath sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

The world trudges on through a wilderness of shadows where there is no way. Unrest is increasing; fear prods deeper and deeper; nations are becoming more antagonistic, and moral decay is eating more and more at the souls of man. But, worst of all, our time for service is nearly gone. The moments are ticking on, bringing us nearer and nearer to the end of the age. Day is dying, dying while we work!

How I wish that you could have been with me on a recent journey in the Far East. Behind us lay the Philippines . . . where have fallen precious showers of blessing. Many of our missionaries and ministers have had their part, each one thrusting in his sickle. The work is large and strong; but remember, only

a fraction of the harvest is in. Nineteen million are still in the dark; and while crises hang over the whole world, the Philippines are not unaffected.

Ahead of us lay Hong Kong, sitting on the rim of a volcano that threatens always. Yet the people go on, apparently giving little thought to the imminent danger. How we thrilled to the touch of God upon the revival services every night. Souls were saved, and the Spirit of God fell upon the church. One woman had attended the mass Billy Graham rally where a hunger was born in her heart for the true and living God. After that rally she attended religious services in many places, searching after God. One night she attended our revival meeting and ultimately answered the altar call. In the prayer room the light of heaven broke over her soul. She joyfully told one of the personal workers in her Chinese dialect, "At last, the gospel has entered my ear. Until tonight it never quite entered my ear, but now it has come." Oh, what a thrill to know the light of the gospel is penetrating the darkness of many benighted and depraved souls like that woman!

Even up next to the bamboo curtain, the gospel message is doing its eternal work. Eight hundred yards from the border, in an ancient walled village we found a little building with a big cross over the entrance. Two young men came out to greet us—they are unknown Christians, working the works of Him that hath sent them. Literally, under the shadow of the communist border, they daily herald the mighty message of Jesus Christ. While I walked within 200 yards of the ominous fence and took a long look across, I thought of those two

young Christians, who are using these last minutes of time to work for God under the dim light of the sunset of the age. How it stirs my heart!

From Hong Kong we proceeded "down under" to Indonesia. Java with her teeming 45,000,000 presents a great problem to the world. With increasing suspicion, she turns her cold shoulder toward the West. Notwithstanding, the gospel is there for its crucial witness. In a month's time, approximately 400 souls answered the call for salvation, and many were the "brands snatched from the burning." The Holy Spirit did His great office work in the lives of men surrounded by the nefarious work of Satan. For, where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound, and even the faintest cry will reach the ears of Him who never sleeps.

What more should I say of Singapore, India, and the Gaza strip! Oh, people of God, time is running out . . . the day is dying . . . the western sky of the world is lit only by a feeble glow.

In the face of all this, I hear the question on every hand, "What shall we do?" One far wiser than I has said, "The world is getting both better and worse; both darker and lighter. For the sinner it is getting worse, but for the Christian it is getting steadily better, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." There is the solution! We must not slacken our pace. We must not lay down the sickle and mop our brow, lamenting the fact that night has fallen. We must keep marching on in victory! Remember the words of Jesus, "Occupy till I come."



Bethel Temple, Quezon City, Manila, Philippine Islands

Another Assembly in the Philippines

by MAYME E. WILLIAMS

Quezon City, the newest section of the great city of Manila, now has a new Full Gospel church.

Those of us who have labored at Bethel Bible Institute have long had a burden to establish an assembly in this thickly populated part of the city. God began to answer when Ernest Reb, pastor of Bethel Temple, Manila, caught the vision and began raising money for that purpose. Month after month the Bethel Temple congregation gave offerings until today a fine church building stands two-thirds completed.

I was asked to serve as English pastor of this church. Dr. Elesco Sadorra, who had given up his medical career to enter the full-time ministry, is acting as the Tagalog pastor. With his wife and a number of workers, Dr. Sadorra has put on a personal visitation program which has done much to bring people into the church. Our open-air evangelistic services in Project 4, where 30,000 people live, and Camp Murphy, another big area, have been our opportunities to reach many. The Lord has helped us also to open an outstation church in Jasmog, an army camp, where many Illocano people live.

It has been a joy to see the Lord build a strong, Pentecostal congregation, which has already become self-supporting. In addition to paying all the running expenses and supporting the Tagalog pastor, the church gives a missionary offering once a month to send the gospel to others. Pledges have been raised, and we have been able to fill our auditorium with lovely new pews and altar to match. Our Sunday School has run well over 200 most of the time. We have had an average of 100 in our children's church. Most of these children had not gone to church before, and it is thrilling to see the marvelous change in them as they sing and quote the Scriptures.

Bethel Bible Institute furnished us with Sunday School teachers, choir members and children's church leaders from among the faculty and students. But when the school was drawing to a close for this year, we knew that the Lord must provide us workers from among our own congregation. As we prayed, the Lord sent an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and many received the Baptism. By the time the students left us, God had prepared enough workers

to fill the positions they vacated. This is proof to me that the Lord is the One who equips His people for service. Among the new workers we have one lawyer and several school teachers.

When the Lord called me to help in Immanuel Bible Institute in Cebu, my deepest concern was that He would provide someone to act as English pastor in my place. The Lord took care of that need when Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dunn of Bethel Bible Institute agreed to accept that position. God is blessing in a greater measure than before, and we are expecting many more souls to be added to the church.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

May 1956

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. New York	130	120	92
2. Nebraska	81	73	90
3. Montana	67	60	90
4. North Dakota	50	44	88
5. Eastern Dist.	220	193	88
6. New Jersey	90	77	86
7. Kansas	151	129	85
8. South Dakota	47	40	85
9. Rocky Mtn. Dist.	120	100	83
10. Minnesota	138	114	83
11. Potomac Dist.	159	130	82
12. W. Central Dist.	213	173	81
13. S. Idaho	53	43	81
14. Wis.-N. Mich.	134	108	81
15. Northwest Dist.	259	208	80
16. Oregon	192	151	79
17. Michigan	161	126	78
18. Ohio	172	134	78
19. New England	99	75	76
20. S. Florida	138	104	75
21. S. Missouri	321	234	73
22. Illinois	192	139	72
23. N. Calif.-Nev.	320	226	71
24. Louisiana	136	91	67
25. Wyoming	33	22	67
26. N. Carolina	71	47	66
27. Georgia	119	78	66
28. S. California	335	219	65
29. Tennessee	88	57	65
30. German Br.	17	11	65
31. Alaska	22	14	64
32. W. Texas	120	75	63
33. Alabama	243	149	61
34. Appalachian Dist.	64	39	61
35. W. Florida	135	79	59
36. Oklahoma	468	264	56
37. S. Texas	259	146	56
38. New Mexico	81	44	54
39. Indiana	151	81	54
40. Texas	497	265	53
41. Kentucky	66	35	53
42. S. Carolina	49	22	45
43. Arizona	78	35	45
44. Mississippi	86	36	42
45. Arkansas	429	141	33
46. Yugoslavian Br.	4	1	25
47. Foreign Misc.	50	10	20
48. Greek Br.	15	3	20
49. Ukrainian Br.	23	4	17
50. Italian Br.	65	9	14
51. Hungarian Br.	19	2	11
52. Lat. Amer. Br.	285	25	9
53. Polish Br.	21	1	5
54. Russian Br.	10	0	0

Salvation's Contribution to Marriage

by *E. J. Schlossmacher*

Staten Island, N. Y.

AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR happiness in marriage is found in Ephesians 5:25: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church." We know the great love that Christ had for His Church, for that love cost Him the agonies of Calvary. Is it possible for a husband to love his wife to that extent? Can a wife (and it is my opinion that this Scripture applies to both) love her husband even as Christ loved the Church? Perhaps the answer to these questions will be seen more clearly by considering marriage itself.

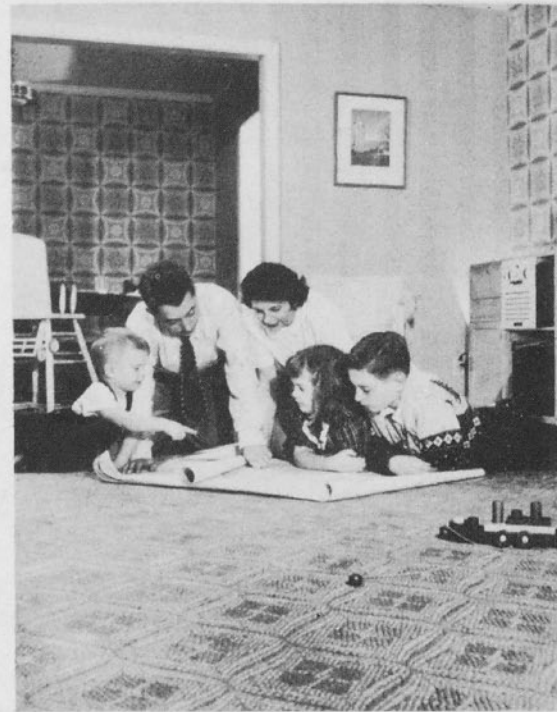
Does marriage exist only for procreation? In marriage the complete fellowship of a man and woman is realized. It is in marriage that love has its proper and full consummation. Physical attraction and love-making are only a part of the total pattern of marriage.

Within the framework of marriage there must be a mutual respect and regard for the sacredness of the family. The truth of how Christ loved the Church should be seen in the harmony and love of husband and wife. It is only as husband and wife experience salvation that their relationship can really have this kind of love.

Marriage includes mental and spiritual comradeship—developing a mutual understanding and a deepening sense of loyalty and devotion to each other's welfare. To marriage we are to bring a sense of responsibility and a spirit of patience, consideration, forgiveness, and restraint. The wife or husband who wants to be "the boss," or who is possessive, or who has dictatorial ambitions, or who is egotistical, tends to make the fruition of true marriage im-

possible. The emotionally immature will resort to petty tricks to get his own way, utterly ignorant of the fact that a happy marriage requires an adjustment of two natures—not a constant warfare between them.

But how does salvation enter into all this? The Bible reminds us that marriage should reflect something of that love which is of God—a love which means a genuine concern for the welfare of the other person. It also teaches that love is of God, and that the love of true hearts in wedlock is



Our Family Altar

MONDAY

JULY 30

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 13:1-13

TODAY'S GEM: "In the last days perilous times shall come. . . For men shall be lovers of their own selves" (2 Tim. 3:1, 2).

FOR THE PARENT: After pointing out the reason for Abram's separation from Lot, stress (1) Abram's generous offer to Lot; (2) Lot's selfish choice; (3) the results of Lot's selfish choice.

QUESTION TIME: What relation was Lot to Abram? (Gen. 12:5) What prompted Lot to make the choice he did? (v. 10) What was Sodom noted for? (v. 13) Have we been selfish today?

PRAY that the Lord will take all unselfishness out of our hearts and give us true concern for others.

TUESDAY

JULY 31

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 14:17-15:1

TODAY'S GEM: "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1b)

FOR THE PARENT: Lot's selfish choice (yesterday's reading) caused him trouble. He, with others, was captured by armies of five kings. Unselfish Abram, with only a few men, rescued Lot (Gen. 14:1-16). Stress that (1) God appeared to Abram encouraging him not to be afraid of reprisals from the defeated kings; (2) God will always protect His own.

QUESTION TIME: Who really won the victory for Abram? (v. 20) Did Abram take any of the spoils of battle for himself? (v. 23) Why did God appear to Abram after the battle? (15:1)

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 1

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-8; 18:21

TODAY'S GEM: "Abram believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out (1) when God appeared to Abram (yesterday's reading), He promised him a son and a land; (2) God didn't scold Abram for questioning—verses 2, 8; (3) when God made a promise, Abram believed God would keep that promise—he had faith in God.

QUESTION TIME: What illustration did God use to show Abram how many descendants he would have? (v. 5) What was Abram's reaction to this promise? (v. 6) How should we react to God's promises? (We should believe them.)

also of God, making the individual want to be his best for the other and the home. Just as Christ gives strength to the Church, so does He also empower the Christian to live and demonstrate God's love in the family. We can do this only as we depend on Christ.

Christian love involves a response to God's creative and redeeming love for us. This should inspire and impel us to respect other persons as beings who are infinitely precious to God. Stop and think about this truth for a moment—*God loves your spouse*. Christ died for your husband or wife. Remember this when there are differences and disagreements. Then your love will manifest itself in the form of full devotion and tender concern for your partner.

When a person is saved, his experience with Christ works to break down the barriers of pride, self-centeredness, and selfishness which build walls between individuals and tend to poison personal relationships. Admitting your own weaknesses and mistakes and being charitable toward the errors of your husband or wife will come hard at first, but God will help you. Hebrews 4:16 states, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." When you invite the help of the Lord, you are on the road to happiness in the home.

I have noticed that the couples who

... for the junior readers

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?

About two thousand years ago a Roman guard stopped a group of people who were traveling to Jerusalem. He had no trouble finding out that Jesus was the leader of this group, but he did have some difficulty with the names of some of the others. Can you unscramble the names of the people who were with Jesus?

First there was NOJH, who left John the Baptist to follow Jesus. With him was WNARED who brought his brother SMNOI TEREP to Jesus. LIPIPH also was there. MSEAJ, brother of NOJH, whom Jesus called when the two brothers were fishing, and TMHATWE, the former tax collector, were in the group, as was DUJSA SRICOITA, who later betrayed Jesus. MOHSAT, often referred to as the doubting disciple, was there, too. Following him were MEWLTHOORAB; MSEAJ, the son of Alphaeus; DEDAHASTU; and SMNOI the Canaanite.

(You will find these men's names listed in Matthew 10:2-4.)

have the greatest harmony and happiness in marriage are the ones who do not neglect the spiritual resources that are at their disposal. They take their salvation seriously and apply it intelligently to their daily lives.

There is another important blessing of Christian love in marriage which must not be overlooked. Not only does it lift the individual husband or wife out of selfish isolation into the fellowship of love with each other, but it also helps draw the couple or family out of family isolation into constructive relationships with the church and with their neighbors. When love is limited to the relationship between two people, it has a tendency to become ingrown and selfish.

When it reaches out to others, both the home and the church will benefit from it. Couples who have love and unity in their homes are almost always of great blessing and usefulness in the work of the Lord.

Marital and family love constantly need the inspiration of the Divine love which is Calvary love. This is the type of love that is more interested in what it can give than in what it can get. All Christian couples should manifest this love, for this is the love that salvation brings to marriage. It can be manifested only as we completely surrender to God and let Him have His way in our lives.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 2

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 9:16-22; 10:15-17

TODAY'S GEM: "(Be) fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11b, c).

FOR THE PARENT: Tell the story of Jehu (see Sunday's Lesson page). Emphasize that (1) Jehu did what he did to carry out God's judgments upon all the descendants of wicked Ahab; (2) we should be zealous to do all that God wants us to do.

QUESTION TIME: For what was Jehu especially noted in Israel? (9:20) Why did he kill all the descendants of wicked King Ahab? (10:17) Jehu said to Jehonadab, "Come with me, and see my for the Lord." (10:16)

PRAY for a greater zeal to do God's will at all times.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 3

SCRIPTURE: John 5:2-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him" (John 5:23b).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of this healing, pointing out (1) the Jewish leaders were angry because Jesus healed on the Sabbath and claimed to be equal with God; (2) we honor God by honoring Jesus and doing His will.

QUESTION TIME: What did Jesus ask the impotent man? (v. 6) What did he answer? (v. 7)

Discuss: Was this healing on the Sabbath the real reason why the Jewish leaders were angry with Jesus?

SATURDAY

AUGUST 4

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

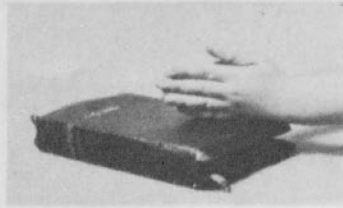
TODAY'S GEM: "My house shall be called the house of prayer" (Matt. 21:13).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress (1) Jesus was displeased with those who were irreverent in the temple; (2) Jesus used the temple correctly by healing the sick there; (3) we should always be reverent in God's house.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Jesus cast the evil men out of the temple? (Matt. 21:13) What did Jesus do in the temple? (v. 14) As a result of this, what did the Jewish leaders want to do to Jesus? (Mark 11:18)

PRAY that we will be reverent in God's house.

SUNDAY'S LESSON



A KING WITH A ZEALOUS SPIRIT

Sunday School Lesson for August 5, 1956

2 KINGS 9:16-22;10:15-17

"There was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up." Nor was there another like Jezebel! They were partners in crime for which God had promised the complete destruction of their posterity. Twenty years passed and nothing happened, but the wheels of God's purposes were grinding—slowly, silently, surely. Jehoram, Ahab's grandson ascended the throne. Then the blow fell. The inevitable came to pass. Those of the house of Ahab became terrible and perpetual monuments to the retributive judgment and justice of God!

JEHU CHOSEN (2 Kings 9:1-6)

God chose Jehu as His instrument of judgment—a brave, impetuous soldier who had held high position under Ahab, and had attained such distinction under Ahaziah and Jehoram that he had become one of the captains of the army.

Was Jehu a godly man? From a study of his character it does not seem so. The forthrightness, zeal, and courage with which he carried out God's purposes is certainly commendable, as is the energy with which he destroyed Baal worship in Israel; yet he seems to have lacked in positive righteousness and love for the Lord Himself. "Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam."

Then why did God use such a man? In carrying out His purposes, God sometimes uses men whose lives are not completely right. Yet the fact that they are so used does not indicate that God approves of their character.

JEHU COMMISSIONED (2 Kings 9:7-10)

While seated one day with his men, Jehu was approached by a young prophet who took him aside, anointed him king over Israel, and gave him a stern commission: "Thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets. . . . For the whole house of Ahab shall perish."

Not a pleasant ministry was Jehu to have! Most of us would rather bind up broken hearts than be preachers of wrath and instruments of judgment. But someone must perform the unpleasant ministry. And we shall do well to perform such with whole-heartedness and obedience.

JEHU IN ACTION (2 Kings 9:14 to 10:17)

Jehu Slays Jehoram. The new king lost no time in carrying out God's commands. Swiftly he sped to Jezreel, located Jehoram, and sent an arrow through his heart. And there on the plot of ground that had been the vineyard of Naboth, who was cruelly put to death by Ahab and Jezebel, their grandson Jehoram died.

Jehu Slays Jezebel. When Jezebel heard what had hap-

pened, was she frightened? Not she! With painted face and haughty look she watched Jehu enter the city gate and pass under her window. What had she to fear? For twenty years she had laughed at Elijah's prophecy concerning her death. Threateningly she greeted Jehu. "Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?" In other words, "Do you think you shall escape punishment for killing Jehoram? Wait till my men get hold of you!" But a moment later the proud and unrepentant Jezebel lay dead on the pavement below, while Jehu relentlessly drove his chariot over her body.

Jezebel's sins had at last found her out. What she had sown, she now reaped. When the servants went to dispose of her body, they found only a skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands. Elijah's prophecy was fulfilled. (1 Kings 21:20-24.)

The Slaying of Ahab's Sons. Jezebel was dead but Jehu's work was not done. He wrote letters to Samaria where seventy sons of Ahab were living. Jehu commanded his followers there to slay everyone of them. The next day seventy heads lay in heaps at the entrance of the city; and the house of Ahab was no more!

If we recoil at this account of slaughter and bloodshed and wonder at the severity and methods of punishment, we must bear in mind these things:

(1) It is God's mercy which leads Him to use drastic measures in dealing with sin. A surgeon does not trifle with cancer. Unless it is completely removed, it spreads.

(2) Our natural sympathies and emotions may pervert our sense of justice and righteousness. Sin is a terrible thing! It brings suffering to the sinner, grief to the innocent, spreads like wildfire, and breaks the heart of God.

—by J. Bashford Bishop

BUT THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR THIS BUILDING!



HEALING TESTIMONIES

Healed Through Bible Study

About June, 1950, after months of suffering from an affliction in my body, I finally submitted to some chiropractic treatments. Prayer had been offered for me, but I was not healed. My trouble was in my lower abdomen, sending pains down my limbs and across my back. The chiropractor told me that half a dozen treatments would put me on my feet. But I continued to grow worse in spite of these treatments, and he advised me to consult a medical physician.

In the meantime I was suffering so much that I could not take care of my poultry. And my son-in-law quit a good job and came home to handle my 150-ton crop of prunes.

However, I did not return to the chiropractor, nor did I go to a medical doctor. One night at our Assembly, during a Bible study on John 17, the Lord especially made verse four real to me, "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." When I got home I opened my Bible again and read those words again. I also turned to Luke 4:17-20, where it is recorded that Jesus went into the synagogue and read out of the Book of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me... to preach deliverance to the captive." *Surely I was one of those captives.* I accepted the finished work right there, and then thanked the Lord, and retired.

The next morning I got up and went out to help feed the chickens. I filled two buckets with feed and proceeded down through the chicken houses, when suddenly I realized that I didn't have any pain—after months of suffering! I had a miniature camp meeting right there in a chicken house! Praise God, I am still healed today. I went right through the prune harvest being able to hold up my end of the heavy work. Praise the Lord.

Several months ago there developed a distress in my right ear which continued for about three weeks and finally

started throbbing painfully. After enduring it all day, one evening I opened up my Bible to that same wonderful prayer in John 17, and prayed that the Lord would again quicken that scripture to me. He surely did, for I slept soundly all night, and have had no recurrence whatsoever. I give God the glory. I am so glad that in times of sickness we can stand on the everlasting promise of God and brace up our standing with plenty of praise. As the Psalmist said, "He sent his word, and healed them." —P. O. Condit, Rt. 2, Box 213A, Morgan Hill, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Arthur E. Gunter, Morgan Hill, Calif.)

Incurable Kidney Disease Healed

In November, 1955 I became very ill, and in February 1956 the doctors told me I had an incurable kidney disease. They said that my kidneys were damaged, and I would not live more than two years. They said I might not last even months. They put me to bed and I stayed there for two months.

About the 20th of April I suddenly developed a terrific headache, and the next morning I became unconscious and went into spasms. I was taken to a hospital in Ogden, Utah. The doctors there said that my brain had swelled, causing my eyes to hemorrhage. They did not expect me to recover.

I was unconscious for four days. On the fourth day I began to regain consciousness, and two days later I was fully conscious. The doctors then believed I would be paralyzed or harmed mentally.

A few days later they sent me home, telling my husband I had only two days to live, since there was so much nitrogen in my blood. All that could be done for me now, they said, was to keep me quiet and happy. I mention these details to show how hopeless my condition was before the Lord intervened.

Three days after I arrived home I had another bad spell. We called Guy M.

Stomach Ulcers Disappear

I would like to give this testimony for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. On May 9, 1956, at our midweek prayer meeting my pastor said he was going to pray for the sick. He invited the sick to come forward, declaring that the Lord would heal them. I went to the front for prayer, and God healed me of ulcers in my stomach.

I had been under a doctor's care, and he had put me on a strict diet. I went home and got rid of the medicine I had been taking. Since then I have been eating anything I want, and nothing hurts me. I praise God for His wonderful mercy.—Mrs. Blanch Kilgare, 609 Carter St., S. E., Ardmore, Okla.

(Endorsed by Leslie Moore, Pastor, Lighthouse Assembly of God, Ardmore, Okla.)

Heath, who pastors the Assembly in Salt Lake City, and he came bringing an evangelist who was holding services for him. They prayed for me and I became some better. The next night my husband took me to Brother Heath's church in Salt Lake City. In the middle of the service I became blind and again began to grow unconscious. Brother Heath stopped the service, and he and some other ministers came and prayed for me. I became conscious just then, and *I began to mend from that time.*

About a week later (May 10) I had another blood test, and the doctor reported that I was normal, without any poison in my system. My eyes have improved, and the hemorrhaging has stopped. Now I can see to read and sew again. I have been preaching now for several Sunday and feel fine.

God is blessing our services. Because of my healing many of our townspeople have been encouraged to believe the Lord for healing, and they have been touched. This miracle in my body has been a real testimony to the Mormon people here.—Pastor Lilly M. Strayer, Layton, Utah.

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



BROAD RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rivers and streams speak to us of the promises of God to supply all the needs of His people, especially in the spiritual realm.

by NOAH P. WHITE, Dallas, Texas

JERUSALEM WAS AN INLAND CITY. Unlike most great cities, it was not situated on a river bank. There was no stream of water running by it except the brook Kidron which was dry most of the year. But the inhabitants of that city had this promise, recorded in Isaiah 33:21: "But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby." A scene of beauty and peace!

Even though Jerusalem lacked many external advantages, in God they had all they could desire. Let us consider what it meant to the inhabitants of that great city (and to us) to have God constitute "a place of broad rivers and streams."

PROTECTION

A broad river between Jerusalem and her enemies would mean *protection*. Since warfare was so different in Bible days, the armies of an enemy would find it most difficult to attack the city if they had to cross a broad river.

This river would not yield easy access to the fleet of an invader because these

were waters in which "shall go no galley with oars, neither shall any gallant ship [war ship] pass thereby." With God as the river, His protection would make the city inaccessible to the enemy. The "glorious Lord" is our protection—not our own strength or might.

PLEASURES

Broad rivers and streams near Jerusalem would mean *pleasures*. In Psalm 36:8 David says of God: "Thou shalt make them drink of the rivers of thy pleasures."

Living in a country town as I did when a boy, I have memories of pleasures which are denied those who are not fortunate enough to live near a stream of water. Some of the most enjoyable of my boyhood days were those spent in the old swimming hole, or fishing from the bank of the river. There was also the pleasure of boating, or of just looking upon the river and enjoying the beauty of the scenery. God has promised joy and pleasure to His people as they find in Him their all in all.

PEACE

Broad rivers and streams also suggest *peace*. God said, "I will extend peace to her [Jerusalem] like a river" (Isa. 66:12). What can be more peaceful than a stream of water? It is unmoved and unaffected by the strife of the world.

Just before Jesus left His disciples He said to them, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). In our hours of trouble, disappointments, and sorrows we need to remember these comforting words—Christ's promise of peace.

We are living in a world of sin, strife and heartache; but thanks be to God, we may have peace in the midst of it all. Paul said concerning Christ, "He is our peace." How true these words are. It matters not what our circumstances or surroundings are—we have peace in Christ.

A prize was once offered for the painting which would best represent

peace. Of the paintings entered, many portrayed peaceful landscapes, beautiful gardens of flowers, contented animals, happy homes, and other scenes which conveyed the thought of peacefulness and security. But the painting that was chosen as the prize winner was a picture of a roaring waterfall. It showed a river leaping over the precipitous rock and dashing on other rocks below. On a bank near the waterfall stood a tree with one limb extending out over a portion of the turbulent stream. Built securely in a branch of the tree was a bird's nest, and in it sat a mother bird, calm and undisturbed in spite of her surroundings.

Thus it is also with the Christian. In the midst of chaos and confusion, he has peace, security, and assurance because he trusts his Saviour.

POWER

A large river flowing by a city would provide plenty of *power*. In the days of Isaiah, the water would be used to turn mill wheels which would grind grains to flour. In our day, water is used to turn turbines that generate electricity.

If the Lord is unto us a broad river, then we have at our disposal all of the spiritual power we need. Unless we harness the power and make use of it, however, it will be of no benefit to us. How much more victorious and useful

our lives would be if we would avail ourselves of the great spiritual force that is ever at our disposal.

PURITY

Broad rivers and streams flowing by a city mean *purity* for that city. Rivers carry away sewage and impurities, and make possible cleanliness and sanitation, without which there would be disease and epidemics.

When a person accepts God as "broad rivers and streams" in his behalf, he finds that God will take away impurities and sins. Paul, in Titus 2:14, wrote, "Who [Jesus] gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The atonement at Calvary was two-fold: Christ died to redeem us to God and to purify us unto Himself. There is cleansing for the unsaved and for the Christian too.

Perhaps you will say, "I am a Christian and do not commit sins." But let us consider what the Bible teaches. Sin is not only open rebellion against God and willful transgression of His laws, but "all unrighteousness is sin" (1 John 5:17), and "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). John wrote to the saints of God, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2).

It grieves our heavenly Father whenever any of His children sin, but if we do, He, through His mercy has provided an Advocate—One who intercedes for us. He has promised that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Thank God for the cleansing, crimson stream which flows from Calvary!

PROVISION

A broad river flowing by Jerusalem would mean provision. Even though it would not be navigable to warships, smaller boats could bring food and supplies up the river to the city. The Christian knows this broad-river provision, for he has the promise, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Broad rivers and streams would also

provide an adequate water supply. Our God is able to satisfy the thirsty. Those who drink of the living water which Christ offers find that it is "a well of water springing up into everlasting life." They are no longer satisfied with worldly pleasures, for the living water is so much better!

Jesus was attending a feast of the Jews when He was moved with compassion for the people. Their spiritual thirst was not being satisfied by the formality of the Jewish religion. And, "in the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive . . .)" (John 7:37-39). Our Lord has a bountiful supply of living water for all. He will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask.

Another provision through broad rivers and streams is irrigation. And if God is to us "a place of broad rivers and streams," we need not lack spiritual irrigation. God's people have no reason to be barren or unfruitful when such a bountiful supply of life-giving water flows nearby which can cause "the desert to rejoice, and blossom as the rose." Our lives can be beautiful and beneficial if we will appropriate this life-giving water. Our part in obtaining this fruitful Christian life is to dig the ditches to the river, and keep the channels open, so that the fullness of God may flow into our lives.

Thank God that He is to us "a place of broad rivers and streams."

A STOUT HEART

Among the students at a well-known college was a young man who was obliged to walk with crutches. He was a stumbling, homely sort of fellow, but he had a genius for friendliness and optimism.

He won many scholastic honors and the respect of his classmates. Finally one of his friends asked the cause of his deformity.

"Infantile paralysis," was the brief reply.

"But tell me," said the friend, "with a misfortune like that, how can you face the world so confidently?"

"Oh," he replied, smiling, "it never touched my heart."

HIS PLAN

Before He formed a star,
Our God arranged our lot;
Our little lives were planned afar,
When we as yet were not.

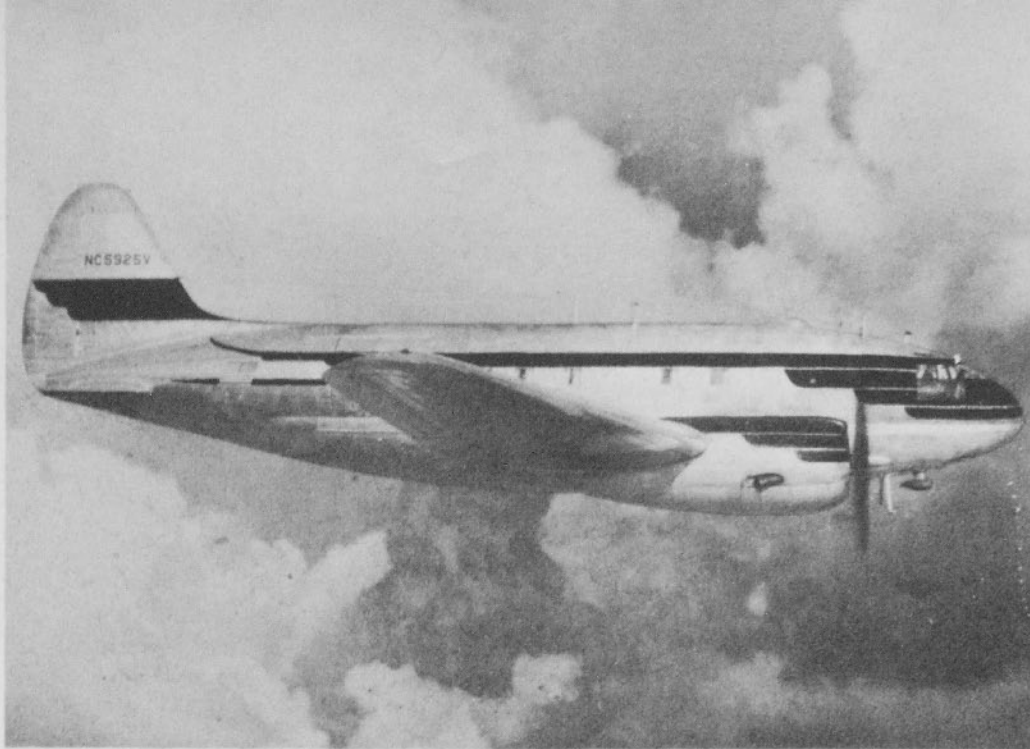
Time hath no aimless strands,
God's warp and woof combines;
Life's loom is in His holy hands,
His shuttles know their lines.

He purposed all He sends,
He knows what us awaits;
He marketh now the distant ends
Of paths to hidden gates.

All acts His eyes foresee
And never choice constrain;
So willeth He that we are free
His grace to lose or gain.

His love hath filled the past,
An ocean without shore;
Our purchased souls Him first and last
Love, trust, obey, adore.

—Author Unknown



Airline Group Reads Revivaltime Books

Mr. R. P., an employee of Capital Airlines in Washington, D. C., recently wrote to REVIVALTIME this very interesting letter:

"In our Bible study group at Capital Airlines, men have shown so much interest in the books you have published, since I have passed several around. I have decided to start a little library of your books. Every man has taken some copies home and different ones in their respective families have also gotten to read them. The men exchange the books when they finish reading them. I am very confident that God will continue to bless your messages on the printed page to many souls."

A great variety of letters reach the REVIVALTIME office each week. All of them contain a distinct testimony that is thrilling and inspiring. There are letters from the young as well as the old. They report homes reunited as a result of the broadcast—someone sacrifices in order to give a personal gift to help keep the program on the air—a church reaps benefits from REVIVALTIME — literature provided helps someone to witness—a college student or a serviceman receives courage and spiritual strength—or it might be

someone with a difficult and perplexing problem. From every nook and corner of the nation come letters and testimonies.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY TOUCHED—WANTS BIBLE

"I heard your broadcast and I enjoyed listening to you. When you asked everyone in radioland to kneel down and pray to be saved, I knew that I haven't been doing as God asks so I ask you to pray with me now. 'Oh, mighty God, I ask forgiveness for all the sins I have committed and all the wrongs I have done. I will try my best to obey the laws of the Bible and the law of the land where I live. Amen.' If you can, I will appreciate it if you will send me a small Bible. Thank you. I am fourteen."

NINETY-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA

"I enjoyed your program last night so much. I never miss it. Your sermon was wonderful. Sometime ago I asked you to pray for my alcoholic grandson and wife. Thank you for your prayers. Now I have good news. They both knelt by the side of my bed and prayed the penitent's prayer, 'God be merciful to me a sinner'—and *God did the work.*

Praise His dear Name. Now they are so clean and look so nice and I am so happy. There is power in your prayers. Two more have been truly born again, and two divorces prevented, by the side of my bed—to God be the glory."

"DRIVER'S PRAYER" HELPS WITNESSING IN JAMAICA

"It was such a pleasure witnessing for the Lord in giving out the Driver's Prayer to my unsaved friends and superior officers at my work place. It took much out of me to meet some of my superior officers. Nevertheless I am pleased to say I have seen every one of them paste the card on the windshield of their cars, and I thank God I was able to persuade them that whatever they do, or whoever they be, God is their only hope."

HOME REUNITED

"I thank God that after being apart three and a half years, my wife and I are together again. I asked for your prayers sometime ago. Praise God the prayer is answered."

REVIVALTIME HELPED HIS CHURCH

"This offering isn't very much but it is all I can send at the present time. I pastor a small church and hold down a job. The church as well as myself listens to your broadcasts and I want you to know we all enjoy them so much. They are helping my people. I believe that in a very short time, the church will be sending a regular monthly offering. I took this church about a

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MARITAL PROBLEMS SOLVED

"Out here (New York) we look forward to your broadcast with great expectation. I remember one time when my wife and I had disagreements and couldn't seem to compromise at all.

But through these hard tense times we still were God's children, and managed to get REVIVALTIME. Through your ministry we both were so convicted that the impact of guilt drove us to our knees and we cried like babies—united and happy. Now, we are striving to raise four children for the Lord and minister to our beloved American Indians."

REVIVALTIME'S ministry continues to reach far beyond our Assemblies of God constituency. It ministers to those who are hungry for God and helps those who are anxious to work for Him. REVIVALTIME is urgently dependent upon your prayers that its full gospel message shall continue to bless those who listen to the broadcast each week.

THE MAN WHO FORGOT GOD

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an account of our life down here. This man had managed his business affairs wisely and made a fortune, giving himself seeming security for a long and easy life. "Soul," he said, "thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease: eat, drink and be merry."

Did you notice those words? "My soul!" He reckoned his soul his own. He could do what he liked with his own, he thought. He forgot that his soul belonged to God, and that his soul could never be satisfied with earthly riches or luxurious banquets. He was evidently not an old man, for he fancied himself to have many years of life ahead of him. "Thou hast much goods laid up for many years." He felt well, better perhaps than he had felt for many a year, and he considered his retirement with pleasant anticipation.

BUT that night God spoke to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?"

That night the God in whose hand is the breath of every living creature looked at the hour-glass of his life and saw that the sands of time for him were running out. Thus He broke into the pleasantries of the foolish man's dreams with the awful announcement of doom: "Thy soul shall be required of thee." Not twenty years hence, but—tonight! You cannot guarantee the future. You cannot say, "I will go here or there," "I will retire in ten years' time," "I will provide for my death in thirty years from now." Your life is in the hands of God, and at the time appointed by Him you will answer the summons into eternity. Oh, the tragedy of it, if you are to hear the words . . . "Thou fool."

A life lived without God is a life

wrecked for all eternity. There is only one way to prepare for eternity, and that is by asking God to save you for Jesus Christ's sake. The rich fool's wealth could not bribe the angel of Death when he came to demand his soul. He could have sold his entire estate; he could have emptied his coffers; he could have sold his investments to delay the dreadful moment—but not one second of time could he have purchased from the black-winged Messenger sent from God Almighty. Nothing you can do, my friend, will delay the moment of your soul's departure.

Perhaps you will be called into the presence of God before tomorrow. Called where? Oh, where will you spend eternity? God has provided means whereby you may obtain forgiveness for sins, and receive eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; yet He will not compel you to be saved against your will. *You* must make the decision to live no longer for self and the world, but to give your life to Him. No matter how dark your life may have been, the Blood of God's Son can cleanse you from every stain, and make you a new man today. It is not a prize to be worked for, but a gift to be received.

Not long ago I read this story told by a Christian businessman. The scene was a busy Leeds hotel during the late war. The businessman sat down beside an R.A.F. officer who had been drinking. "I must drown my sorrows somehow," he was saying, "I've gone through a real rough time lately, night after night over Germany. My pals have been thinned out until only one of the old crowd is left.

"He came back the other night very badly wounded, his plane shot up and ruined. Most of the crew had bailed

out on the road back. The doctor examined him and knew that he had not long to live. Telegrams were sent to his near relatives asking them to come at once. Then the doctor asked him if there was anyone in the camp he would like to see. 'Yes, Doc,' he replied feebly, 'tell Wing Commander So-and-so to come quickly.' Search was made for this officer, but he had gone to another place and would not be back for some time.

"'Shall I bring the Padre?' asked the doctor, and the airman nodded his assent. Within a short time he arrived, and sought to speak a word of comfort. My pal said, 'Padre, I'm on the 11:55. What will I say to God when I meet Him?'

"'Just tell him you have led a good upright life.'

"'That won't do,' he replied with a shake of his head.

"'Tell Him you have lived a religious life and attended church from time to time.'

"Again the dying man shook his head; then as if in desperation, he repeated, 'Padre, I'm on the 11:55. How can I be ready to meet God?'

"'I'll tell you what to say,' answered the Padre as he bent forward; 'tell Him that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth all from sin.'

"The effect was marvelous. He seemed to be repeating the words over and over. A wonderful smile lit up his face—and he was gone." Friend! *There* is the secret of knowing how to be ready to meet God, should the call come to you this night. In the mercy of God that young airman had an opportunity of finding Christ as his Saviour. But, for the man whom Jesus called a "fool," the summons came and found him unready. Answer now, where do *you* stand before God?

Room for Jesus, King of Glory?
Hasten now, His word obey;
Swing your heart's door widely open,
Bid Him enter while you may.

—Redemption Tidings



WORTHY IS THE LAMB!

*The five bleeding wounds of Jesus attest
His right to rule over all the earth*

by J. Oswald Sanders

Worthy of homage and of praise;
Worthy by all to be adored;
Exhaustless theme of heavenly lays!
Thou, Thou art worthy, Jesus, Lord.

FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS THE mighty Samuel Chadwick read the fifth chapter of the Revelation each Lord's Day morning, and found in its vision of the ultimate triumph of Christ the inspiration for the service of the day. Let us, too, kindle our hearts at the same altar-fire.

John is introduced to a moving and majestic scene in heaven. A roll, the title deed to the inheritance of the world, sealed with seven seals, lies in the hand of Him that sitteth upon the throne. A strong angel throws out a challenge to all heaven and earth and hell to produce a champion who possesses the qualifications necessary to open the roll. John looks around with bated breath and anxious gaze to see if there is one among the assembled myriads qualified to break open the seals. But none stirs to accept the challenge. At last his emotions can no longer be restrained, and he weeps "much," for to his dismay there is no one worthy even to look on the roll, much less to open it. It is worthy of note that John received his most glorious vision of his Lord when his eyes were wet with the tears of conscious unworthiness. And is it not ever thus? Is not an overwhelm-

ing sense of our own personal worthlessness the necessary precursor of a revelation of His surpassing worthiness?

He is bidden dry his tears, for One is approaching the throne. Who can it be? Has he the necessary qualification? Is he worthy to open the roll and to loose the seals thereof? One of the elders informs him that it is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; but when he turns to behold this fearsome Lion, he sees only a little Lamb, wet with the blood of His own sacrifice, advancing to the throne, and taking the seven-sealed roll. Fearlessly He breaks seal after seal, for He bears in His body five bleeding wounds, evidence that He has paid the price demanded for the redemption of man's forfeited inheritance.

As the last seal on the now discharged mortgage deed is broken, the assembled hosts break out into a spontaneous song of rapturous adoration. The heavenly choir led by the four living ones and the four and twenty elders comprises ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of angels. The song grows in volume until "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them," are irresistibly drawn into the paean of praise. And what is their theme song? "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."

Let us note—

I. THE SEVENFOLD ASCRIPTION OF WORTHINESS

“Worthy is the Lamb . . . to receive.” Is it not true that we place the emphasis here all too seldom? We constantly come to our Lord that we may receive from Him some desired boon. Our Christian life began with our receiving the atonement. Our Christian experience is maintained by receiving the abundance of His grace. Our prayers are largely requests that we may receive something from Him; and we forget that He, too, yearns to receive something which we alone of all His creatures can give Him. While in one sense there is nothing we can give Him, it is still true that there is nothing He desires more than our expressed appreciation of His absolute worthiness and ineffable love.

The universal throng ascribe to Him a worthiness to receive—

1. *Power.* The German nation considered Hitler worthy to receive unlimited power, and they invested him with it. And what of our adorable Christ? Is He not worthy to receive unlimited power? Today, men hold power who are worthy neither to receive nor to wield it, but our Lord's exercise of power will never degenerate into tyranny or despotism. His scepter is held in a nail-pierced hand. What comfort it brings when we realize that behind His every promise lies the power which spoke the worlds into being! And He shares this power with us, for did He not promise, “Ye shall receive power,” and “Behold, I give you power”?

2. *Riches.* He certainly knew little of riches in the days of His flesh, for the Son of Man had not where to lay His head. “Ye know that grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,” said Paul, “that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor”—so poor that He was dependent on the love gifts of certain women who ministered unto Him. At His death His personal estate consisted of the clothes He wore. And how shall He be enriched? God has appointed Him “heir of all things.” But He is not content to enjoy alone the fruits of His mediatorial work. So magnanimous is our Master that He must needs share His riches with His servants, and we are made “joint-heirs with Christ.”

3. *Wisdom.* Not knowledge merely, but wisdom, which is more than knowledge. Many possess knowledge who lack wisdom, for wisdom is the knowledge of how rightly to apply knowledge. In his unspoiled youth Solomon prayed for wisdom, and so abundantly was his prayer answered that one said of him, “Behold the half was not told me: thy wisdom . . . exceedeth the fame which I heard.” And “Behold, a greater than Solomon is here,” even Christ, “the wisdom of God.” This same Christ is “made unto us wisdom.”

4. *Strength.* There is a difference between power and strength. A man may be physically powerful yet lacking in moral strength. Samson was powerful yet weak, but our Lord possessed both power to achieve and strength to endure. “Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself.” He endured in the face of temptations such as had vanquished all before Him. He exhibited a spiritual and moral strength in stupendous tests, which compels us to ascribe to Him “strength.” And has He not promised that “to them that have no might he increaseth strength”?

5. *Honor.* The honors bestowed by man upon men are highly prized and much coveted. Achievements in the realm of science and art, of literature and war, receive their well-earned recognition. But what accomplishment of man in any of these realms is comparable to the achievements of our Redeemer who has delivered a world of lost men from destruction and has rescued us from the tyranny of sin and death? He is truly worthy to receive honor, and as we seek thus to honor Him there comes the divine assurance, “If any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”

6. *Glory.* Have you ever gazed into the sun in his midday splendor and been temporarily blinded by the blaze of his glory? John had previously beheld the Lamb whose “countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength,” and speaking of that unforgettable vision he said, “We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,” a glory before which the splendor of the sun paled into insignificance. And he tells us that in Immanuel's Land “the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon . . . for the glory of God

did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” In anticipation of that day we join the myriads of angels and redeemed in ascribing to Him “glory.” But He will not be content to enjoy it alone, for did He not say in His high priestly prayer, “The glory which thou gavest me I have given them”?

7. *Blessing.* However limited may be our conceptions of the glories of the Lamb, we can all join in blessing Him.

When the Queen visits an old people's home, there is nothing her loyal subjects can add to her possessions or her position, but can she remain unmoved as the old granny exclaims as she passes her bed, “God bless Your Majesty”? And shall we not join in saying, “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name.”

II. THE FOURFOLD GROUND OF THE ASCRIPTION

Our Lord will receive no honors which He has not won. On what grounds, then, can we ascribe to Him these seven qualities?

1. *His Absolute Sovereignty.* “In the midst of the throne . . . a Lamb.” He is standing, not sitting; standing to administer His realm. The angels and the assembled host see the fulfillment of Psalm 45:6—“Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.” “We see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honour.” If it is deity we seek, we see essential deity in Him who is “in the midst of the throne.” If humanity, there, too, we can see real humanity. In the Lamb of God, humanity has reached the throne of the universe.

2. *His Matchless Character.* “A Lamb . . . having seven horns and seven eyes.” We find yet another ground in the qualities of His character. So majestic and glorious is He that angels veil their faces in His presence, and yet so condescending that He became flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone—not an object of dread, yet clothed with a sublime majesty. What a blending in the Lamb of majesty and mercy, of grace and glory! Negatively, He is “without blemish,” the One from whose character is absent everything that would mar or detract. Positively, He is the Lamb “having seven horns and seven eyes,” fitting symbols of absolute power and perfect intelligence.

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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►ST. CLAIR, MICH.—God used Evangelist Deloris Huff of Saginaw, Mich. in a very special way in recent meetings held at the church here. Several were saved and one received the Holy Ghost.

—Harold Ausbury, Pastor

►HIGHWAY CITY, CALIF.—The church was greatly blessed by the recent ministry of Evangelists Byrd and Lois Alexander of Seminole, Okla. Souls were saved and a goodly number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—A. M. Redding, Pastor

►CACTUS, TEX.—Some 20 souls were saved and reclaimed, and many received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, in a revival conducted by Evangelist G. H. Lester of Waxahachie, Tex. Outstanding healings took place during these services. Neighboring churches co-operated and were blessed as folk from these towns accepted Christ.

—Wayne Hyatt, Pastor

►SEMINOLE, OKLA.—The Harvester Quartet and Trio of Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex. ministered in the church here for one night only on June 13. It was more than a concert—it was a Spirit-anointed evangelistic service. Four young people were wonderfully saved as a result. The five young men in the group along with Anzel Shouts, their director, were a real inspiration to the church. Their sincere testimonies, anointed singing and playing, and their interest in lost souls was outstanding.

—Edgar Newby, Pastor

►LAKE VILLAGE, IND.—Many came forward for salvation and one was filled with the Holy Spirit in a recent two-week revival here with Evangelist and Mrs. James Long. God moved in a wonderful way every night.

—Paul Dill, Pastor

►MODESTO, CALIF.—Bethel First Church has just concluded a very successful revival meeting with Evangelists Danny and Anna Hope. Their ministry was a great inspiration to the entire church.

—Donald G. Weston, Pastor

►BERWIND, W. VA.—About 25 adults came to the altar for salvation in recent meetings here conducted by Evangelist J. E. Winstead. About 13 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many new folk visited the meetings. Brother Winstead's unique tithing service increased the tithe of the church by nearly 100%.

—C. E. Baggett, Pastor

►BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—A mighty move of God was enjoyed recently in all departments of the Full Gospel Tabernacle under the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist Earla McKinley. The unique ministry of this young evangelist was a channel through which God wrought victory in scores of lives. Each night as the net was drawn in, the altars were lined with folk seeking God for salvation, renewed spiritual victory, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and healing from above. The Tabernacle family was also enriched by the excellent daily exhortations given at the morning prayer services.

—Wesley Paul Steelberg, Pastor

►ROGERSVILLE, MO.—The Mt. Sinai Assembly of God recently enjoyed a three-week revival meeting with Evangelist Leslie Strong of Springfield, Mo. After one week, the evangelist was joined by his brother, Kenneth, and they alternated their ministry on week nights. The evangelists contributed much to the work of the Lord in this area.

—T. A. Kessel, Pastor

►AKRON, OHIO—The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. recently closed a very successful revival meeting in the South Akron Assembly of God. More new people came into the church during this meeting than at any time during the past five years. There were several sound conversions. The congregation rejoiced in the ministry of these talented gospel musicians, and looks forward to a return meeting should Jesus tarry.

—R. D. Dobbins, Pastor

►CARROLLTON, OHIO—The Glad Tidings Temple has just experienced an old-fashioned Pentecostal revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. Souls were saved and reclaimed, bodies were healed, and a number were refilled with the Holy Spirit. During the three weeks the attendance was most gratifying. The renditions of gospel songs by voice, piano, accordion, trumpet, and converted liquor bottles were enjoyed by everyone. The church is experiencing a steady growth since the erection of a new building.

—James and Daisy Miller, Pastors

►OMAHA, NEBR.—On May 22 Evangelist Warren Litzman came to this city for six Holy Ghost night rallies. The meetings extended for three weeks, and during the entire time there was a wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit. During that time approximately 153 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The powerful Biblical messages proved a real blessing to those who gathered from night to night. Six churches of the Assemblies of God, Four Square, and Church of God sponsored the meetings.

—L. E. King, Chairman

►TOLEDO, OREG.—The Assembly of God here recently had four weeks of meetings with Evangelist Johnnie Hoskins of Brooks, Oreg. Attendance increased each night, and the last night was a time of real glory as the altar was filled with new seekers after God. During the meeting there were many testimonies of definite healing and of victory over longstanding habits of sin. During the past ten months there has been an increase in each department of the church. An important factor in this growth has been the rise of an active Men's Fellowship which is affiliated with the National Department of Men's Fellowship in Springfield, Mo.

—Richard Orchard, Pastor

The crowd assembled in the city auditorium of Omaha for the Warren Litzman meetings



►MONTICELLO, ARK.—Jose Chapel recently experienced a blessed revival with Youth Evangelist Tommy Lofton of Houston, Tex. Several young people gave their hearts to the Lord. The church rejoices over a mighty move of the Spirit of God.

—N. Alderman, Pastor

►LAGRANGE, GA.—First Assembly recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Dalwyn and Duane Holcomb of Columbiana, Ala. The blessing of God rested upon the singing and preaching of the Word. Attendance was very good throughout the campaign.

—M. G. Barfield, Pastor

►LAMONT, CALIF.—The North Lamont Assembly of God has just concluded two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. James Foster and family. Fifteen were saved and 20 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Most of these were young people between the ages of 13 and 20. Many were blessed spiritually in this revival. (Faye Summit is pastor.)

—Mrs. J. L. Tatum, Secretary

►HAYWORTH, OKLA.—The blessing of God rested upon each service of a two-week revival conducted at First Assembly by Evangelist Robert R. Park of Durant, Okla.—so much so that for five nights there was no need of preaching. On one of these nights many were prompted by the Holy Spirit to make confessions. A goodly number were saved and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. An outstanding healing was that of a woman who had taken suddenly ill with a gland infection which caused considerable pain as her face and neck became severely swollen. Two nights later she attended church and testified to God's healing power.

—Orville L. Manning, Pastor

►KALAMAZOO, MICH.—A gracious moving of God was manifested during the recent ministry of Evangelist Joseph DeGrado at First Assembly. A number responded to the altar call, 18 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (including many not affiliated with Full Gospel churches), and many were healed and delivered by the power of God. The church continues to rejoice over the mighty stirring of God not only upon the hearts of their own people, but also upon the folk and pastors of neighboring churches. Much of the success of the meeting is attributed to the co-operative and understanding spirit displayed by Brother DeGrado.

—A. O. Marialke, Pastor

►BURLINGTON, VT.—The church here has just concluded less than a week of special services with C. A. Ratz, Dean of the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. During the meetings 13 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This came as a real answer to prayer because the congregation had been longing for just such a revival of power. (Brother Ratz is author of the book, "Outlined Studies in Romans," which is used in many of our Bible colleges.) During the past year there has been an almost continuous revival with forty souls being saved. Most of them were former Catholics. God is moving in a marvelous way in New England.

—Hudson T. Hilsden, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Rolla	*A of G	August 3-17	Jim Anderson & wife	John Hamilton
Calif.	Corona	Home Gardens A/G	August 5-19	John Poteet & wife	Leonard Hicks
	Fort Jones	**A of G	July 30—	Dewey L. Heath	L. W. Coor
	Modesto	6th & G Tab.	August 5—	Quentin Edwards	J. S. McMullen
Colo.	Canon City	A of G	July 22—	L. L. Ammons & wife	W. V. Beauford
Fla.	Bonifay	First	July 29-Aug. 12	J. M. Graham	I. A. Cadenhead
Ill.	Galesburg	Calvary A of G	August 7-19	Bobby Ray	H. Waltermann, Jr.
	Lombard	A of G	July 22-Aug. 5	Dan Miller & wife	Gene R. Huff
Ind.	Elkhart	*Calvary A of G	July 10-29	Charles Crank	Dale Zink
	Gary	Black Oak A/G	July 30- Aug. 3	***Dedelow-Friederici	Dan Hinson
Iowa	Newton	First	August 5—	Roland Hastie & wife	B. B. Compton
	Ottumwa	*Union revival	July 27-Aug. 19	Velmer Gardner	W. Friend, Chm.
Minn.	Minneapolis	Evangelistic Aud.	July 24-Aug. 5	William Moorman	Russell Olson
Mont.	Shelby	At Civic Center	August 8—	Richard Jeffery	Elmer Trygg
N. J.	Newton	*Hamburg A/G	August 1-12	Reid Party	Gerritt Kenyon
N. Mex.	Roswell	Central A/G	August 6—	Ken George & wife	J. R. Brasher
N. C.	Greensboro	Garden Homes A/G	July 29—	Charles Hackett	Arden Searles
Oreg.	McMinnville	Full Gospel Ch.	August 5—	Don E. Gossett	Albert C. Davis
Pa.	Lewistown	*A of G	Aug. 5-Sept. 3	McColl-Gerard Trio	A. D. Skymer
Tex.	Anahuac	First	July 22—	Glen Shinn & wife	Wm. L. Spittler
	Beaumont	Lamar A of G	July 29—	Kenneth Smith	W. O. Henin
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	July 29—	Gene Martin & wife	Chas. R. Jones
	Houston	Lindale A of G	July 29-Aug. 3	***C. O. Ingles & wife	James McKeehan
		*Tent		**Workers Training	***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.

►MUSCATINE, IOWA.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. David Godwin of Dallas, Tex. proved a great blessing to the folk at First Assembly during a recent two-week revival. Eight were saved and several testified to a refilling of the Holy Spirit.

—Lloyd Eflin, Pastor

►MYRTLE CREEK, OREG.—Real victory was reported by the church here during a recent revival conducted by Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. Twenty were saved and seven filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed by the power of God, and many were delivered from habits and fears. The entire church was blessed by the ministry of this evangelist.

—Clayton A. Nash, Pastor

►INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The Clifton Erickson Salvation-Healing Campaign sponsored by the Assemblies of God churches of this city was without doubt the most successful such endeavor in many years. In spite of cold and rainy weather there were large crowds in the tent, and the meetings continued to mount in power and blessing throughout the revival. Night after night there was a wonderful response to the altar appeal. The many actual, visible manifestations of God's healing and delivering power brought shouts of praise from the hearts of all. The pastors of the various co-operating churches attest to the fact that members of their congregations continue to testify to God's power. The deaf are hearing, the mute are learning to speak, the blind have their vision restored, and the crippled are set free. As a result of Brother Erickson's Pentecostal approach, many are accepting the Full Gospel who knew nothing of it before. His sincere and sound preaching of the Word is greatly appreciated. —Wm. L. Thornton, Dist. Sec'y.

►FLINT, MICH.—Bethel Tabernacle recently concluded one of its greatest revival campaigns under the ministry of the Musical Vanns. Thirty were saved, and a number wonderfully healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Among the many visitors, some of whom were in the services for the first time, are those who are now attending regularly. Every department of the church has benefited by the anointed ministry of the Word and the many talents of this consecrated couple.

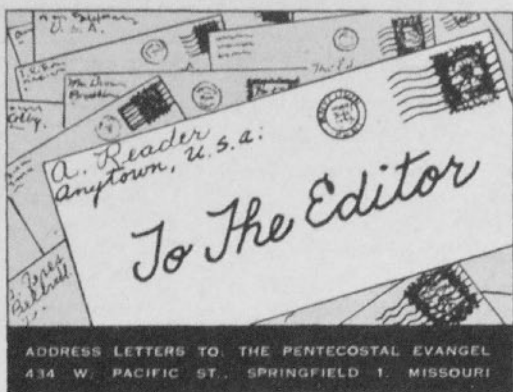
—Duane M. Wessman, Pastor

BROKEN BOW, OKLA.—God moved in an overwhelming way in the revival meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Briggs of Fort Worth, Tex. From the very start sinners began to respond to the altar call, with the result that about 38 were saved or reclaimed. A goodly number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. The entire community was stirred for God. The church and Sunday School of approximately 250 continue to reflect this glorious visitation of God. Brother and Sister Briggs' anointed ministry in Word and song was well received, and they have been unanimously invited to return.

—James W. Alcorn, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH—The Assembly of God congregation at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania purchased the Presbyterian Church on South Market Street. Dedication services July 29 at 2:30 p.m. A. Newton Chase, District Superintendent, speaker, assisted by Boston Turner, Presbyter, and Chester A. Jenkins, District C. A. President.—by Charles N. Crone, Pastor.



Likes EVANGEL for Visitors

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the new, enlarged EVANGEL. It is certainly a joy to read it and hand it to visitors.

DONALD MATTHEWS, PASTOR
*Assembly of God
Shelby, Mich.*

From a Minister in Africa

I have been a subscriber to the EVANGEL for many years and have always found the magazine a blessing to my soul and a help in the ministry. But since the enlargement it seems there is something for everybody, from the minister to the youngest subscriber.

J. F. ROSSOUW, PASTOR
Transvaal, S. Africa

Speaks for Young People

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for this great periodical. I can hardly wait each week until the EVANGEL arrives. Being a young person, I can say that we, too, receive a great blessing from reading the EVANGEL. It seems that my spirit is raised every time I read it.

GENEVA GOSS
Humble, Texas

Was at Scene of Air Tragedy

I have read with interest your article on the last flight of Captain Barron (June 17). I highly appreciated the article as I was a member of the M. P. unit that was pictured at the scene of the wreck. You made one slight mistake, however. It was not the air police but members of the 506th Military Police Company, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

SP 3 M. K. ZICKEFOOSE
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Should Support Our Own First

Many people neglect to subscribe for the EVANGEL but take the various "healing" magazines instead which are cheaper because they come only once a month. In my opinion the EVANGEL is the best Christian literature offered, and I am very pleased with the new, enlarged issues. It makes rich reading for anyone interested in having his own soul enriched and keeping abreast of what God is doing among and through the Assemblies.

While these other magazines probably do good, yet I feel that we as members of the Assemblies of God should support our own paper first rather than those that are built around individual men.

MRS. ALBERT H. GRAY
Miami 37, Fla.

Missionaries Use EVANGEL

We would like to say just how much we appreciate receiving the EVANGEL. After reading our copies we always try to pass them on to our English-speaking friends. On some of the special numbers I have even asked other missionaries to save theirs. I was able to give the one with the report of the revival in Liberia to three different people, one of whom was a Lutheran doctor. We think the EVANGEL is much better since it was enlarged.

ELAINE & ALBERTA DANIELS
Montevideo, Uruguay

Clarified "Worldliness"

"What Is Worldliness?" by C. Stacey Woods (May 27) is one of the best articles on this subject that I have read in a long time.

MRS. J. T. SMITH
Acworth, Georgia

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the article, "What Is Worldliness?" (May 27). This discourse on a subject which has remained so long in vagueness and misunderstanding among Christians certainly brought the whole thing out into the light where all can see its true nature.

ROY C. LEWIS, PASTOR
*Assembly of God
Senath, Mo.*

"Stepping Stones" to Victory

I want to tell you how much I enjoy the EVANGEL. I find so much encouragement in it that I just couldn't do without it. When I am going through a trial, I find the answer there. I recently found an answer to one of my problems in the article, "When Stumbling Blocks Become Stepping Stones" (April 15).

MRS. J. SOTTOWAY
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Ministers and Driving

I want to commend you for publishing "Ministers Urged to Fight for Traffic Safety" in "This Present World" (June 10), but will you please tell me how ministers who openly and boastfully break our speed laws can admonish others?

The authorities have spent time and money to figure out how fast a person can safely go, and we are told in the Bible to obey those who have the rule over us. How can a man ask God's protection while breaking a law willfully? How can a man admonish delinquent young folks who know he is a delinquent in this? Surely something which endangers human lives is terribly serious.

MRS. R. T. MESSER
Wenatchee, Wash.

Beware of Termites!

by HOMER CANTELON

FROM TIME TO TIME ADVERTISEMENTS appear in our newspapers with the caption, "Beware of termites," warning the would-be homeowner that appearance is not everything. These minute destroyers work unseen in the framework of the house, actually eating the buyer out of house and home. Suddenly a wall weakens or the floor begins to sag, and, too late, the man of the house finds that in place of soundness, he had bought termites.

The Word of God does not say that anyone saw Achan take the silver, the gold, and the garment from the ruins of Jericho. Very likely Achan thought that it was entirely his own affair if he wished to have a few possessions—after all, he had a family to think about, and he was certain no one saw him. But Israel, flushed with the victory at Jericho and eager to be finished with little Ai, received a blow that crushed her to her knees—a shameful defeat with thirty-six strong men dead on the field of battle.

Joshua, sick with humiliation, fell on his face before God and cried out, "Lord, why have you allowed such a tragedy?" With no hesitation the Lord

gave His answer, "Israel hath sinned." Under the floor of Achan's tent, hidden from the eyes of everyone but a holy God, was that which caused the defeat of Israel, the death of thirty-six men, and the annihilation of a whole family.

Christian young people can often win recognition and even praise with their talent, ability, and seeming spirituality. But what if the termites of hidden sin are at work in the structure of their Christian experience? What if under the floor of their tent is an accursed thing? One day they will face a battle with nonchalant indifference only to find they have been dealt the death blow because God has left them to fight alone. Day by day, week by week, hidden sin has carried on its insidious task until the blessing is gone, the power is gone. The epitaph of the "Termite Christian" is Ichabod—the banner of the triumphant is "Prince with God." The storms are increasing, the battle is growing in intensity, houses are falling, but if our life is wholly "God's" and if we are free from "hidden sin" the Word of God says, "Who is he that will harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?"

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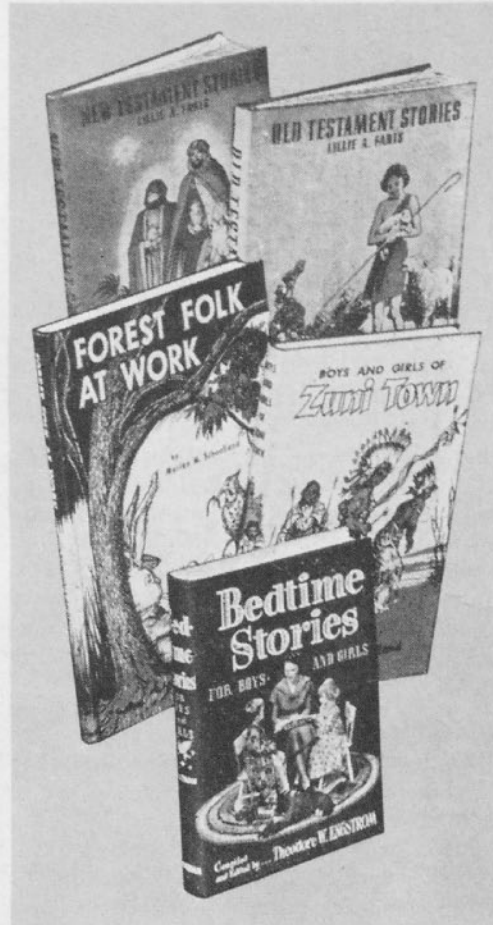
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What Kind of Christian

ARE YOU?

WHEN JESUS SAID TO THE RELIGIOUS leaders of His day, "Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered" (Luke 11:52), He made a very serious charge. In effect He said that those who ought to be the greatest help in spiritual things are sometimes the greatest hindrance.

There are four classes of Christians who also come under this same denunciation.

THE SPIRITUAL SPONGE

This is the Christian who loves to attend meetings and hear the gospel, but who is just like a sponge—merely sitting and soaking up all he hears. He never thinks of giving out of what he has received, either in prayer or in Christian service, but is content to listen, to taste, and to approve (or disapprove).

The sponge does not come into the list of metaphors used in the Scripture to describe the believer—a "well springing up," or the "rivers of living water" which flow from the life of the true Christian. The sponge is a self-centered person who is concerned only about what he gets—never about what he can give.

A SPIRITUAL TRAMP

Another type of Christian is the spiritual tramp—the Christian who has no fixed place of abode. In his care-free existence, he wanders wherever his fancy takes him going from church to church, listening to preacher after preacher. If he doesn't like the preacher, song leader, choir, congregation, or anyone or anything else, he simply moves on.

Spiritual tramps know nothing of the responsibility of a church home. The only record they leave behind is of their "wanderings in the wilderness." Remember, tramps seldom achieve anything. A detached Christian is about as much good to the body of Christ as a detached arm or leg.

A SPIRITUAL FLIRT

What of the spiritual flirt? He is

closely allied to the tramp. In the natural a flirt is someone who wants to get all the amusement, excitement, and entertainment out of love without accepting the responsibilities of marriage.

There is, of course, an excitement to some aspects of the Christian life—the thrill of big meetings, of listening to great preachers, of attending conventions. They all bring a certain happiness to the Christian, but making these the end rather than a means is a travesty of the Christian life.

The spiritual flirt goes to church primarily to be entertained, for he is not interested in Bible study. He is not willing to accept the meat of the Word, but wants to live on desserts.

Marriage speaks of self-denial, sacrifice, and love. It speaks of the multitude of small things that fall under the title of "duty." It speaks of dusting, cooking, crying children, financial problems, restricted freedom. But these things are accepted by love and turned to good, even though they have little glamour, for marriage speaks of giving.

The Christian life is a marriage—a union with Christ. There are aspects of that union which have no publicity or praise—the laboring alone in prayer; teaching in the Sunday School; the abundance of "duties" that must be performed. The spiritual flirt never touches these things!

A SPIRITUAL SNOB

The fourth type of Christian is the spiritual snob—one who feels he is so much better than others that he can look down his Pharisaic nose at saint and sinner alike. Probably the spiritual snob, while reading this, was thinking of all the people he knew who fit into the three previous groups!

The self-centered spiritual snob shows himself as one who is more particular than the Holy Spirit, and who stands ready to completely withdraw himself from any who do not measure up to his standard of spirituality—instead of trying to help them.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN

Thank God that the four types of Christians mentioned previously are in the minority—and the term "spiritual" that we have used in each case is poorly deserved. Most of those who are truly born again are striving to be truly spiritual Christians—Christians whose lives are patterned after the life of the Son of God. They put their own interests secondary, and are concerned with fulfilling their place in the body of Christ.

The spiritual Christian is the one whose love for God is seen in his actions, words, and motives. And his love and respect for his brethren in Christ never let him stoop to pettiness. He is the positive epitome of the attributes that are lacking in the sponge, tramp, flirt, and snob. Through his true Christian spirit, he encourages the unsaved to accept his Master.

What kind of Christian are you?

Worthy Is the Lamb

(Continued from page twenty-five)

3. *His Glorious Victory.* He "hath prevailed to open the book." His conquest was not achieved merely by virtue of the union of deity and humanity in His glorious Person. He drew upon no resource which is not available to His humblest disciple. He prevailed personally in the open battlefield over every foe.

He came down and He went back, having prevailed in His self-sacrifice and self-stripping. His victory thus gave Him a double right to the honors which were bestowed upon Him when He ascended upon high, with the keys of death and of hell hanging at His girdle.

4. *His Costly Sacrifice.* "For thou wast slain." It is of great significance that "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" is still seen in the new age as the slain Lamb. The Father will never allow the redeemed to forget the cost of their redemption. On the first Adam was pronounced the sentence of sin: "Thou shalt surely die." On the second Adam the sentence was exhausted: "Thou wast slain." His death was the climax of His glory, and entitled Him to the homage and adoration of every created being, adoration which we willingly give Him.

—The Evangelical Christian



"We Are Going..."

Vernon McLellan, Editor of the C. A. HERALD, makes a significant comment on the recent air crash that took 128 lives

"We are going. . . ." Three brief words from the brink of eternity.

That was the sum and substance of the last message heard from the two giant airliners that collided in the stormy skies and plunged into the Grand Canyon last Saturday, (June 30, 1956).

The crash of the two aircraft, one a TWA Super Constellation, the other a United Air Lines DC7, has been recorded as the worst civilian disaster in American aviation history. Both airliners began their flights just three minutes apart in the morning sunshine of Los Angeles, but a few hours later were enveloped in storm clouds as black as night. By some strange coincidence they were flying at exactly the same altitude at the point where their respective routes crossed. Captain Alvin C. Scott of Hamilton Air Force Base, one of the senior search officers, called the crash a "one-in-a million, one-in-a billion crash."

"We are going. . . ." Wrapped up in that unfinished statement from an unidentified member of the crew of the UAL Flight 718 was the fate of 128 passengers and crew members whose remains were found in the scattered wreckage deep in northern Arizona's wasteland.

The tragedy brought deepening shock

and grief in hundreds of homes across the country. It transformed expectations of happy reunions into lonely heartache and sorrow.

"We are going. . . ." Everyone is going. And at high rates of speed, many of us. By airway, highway, and railway people are racing toward eternity. Unfortunately, many do not know their destination. Life has no purpose, no goal. It is an endurance test cluttered with baffling problems and heart-sinking disappointments. In 1955 some 2,500,000 Americans ran away from home. Unsatisfying circumstances drove them to search for "greener pastures." Desperately and longingly they flitted about, seeking an intangible something which so far had eluded them.

In the final analysis, there are only two destinations in life. Every human being must choose between heaven or hell. There is no neutral zone.

First of all, going into eternity *without* God is popular. The highway to hell is heavily traveled. "Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate," said Jesus; "for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13). The road to hell affords pleasures but there are many pitfalls too.

It is a rough road, spotted with holes and sudden dips. As the Bible says, "the way of transgressors is hard" (Proverbs 13:15). Travelers on this highway are detoured onto side roads of unhappiness, unreality, and insecurity. There are many intersections of hopelessness and fearfulness. Many breakdowns occur along this road due to the pressures of this present life and the uncertainties of the future. Without a knowledge of God and His Son, the sinner is doomed to an eternal hell. God has warned in the Scriptures that "the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

Traveling toward eternity *with* God is a delightful contrast. It's a freeway marked with innumerable advantages and benefits. There are many pleasant roadside attractions. God keeps us in perfect peace as our minds are centered on Him (Isaiah 26:3). Joy and pleasure are by-products of the Christian experience. The Psalmist, contemplating these facts, exclaimed, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

Hope, security, and an eternal home in heaven are promised to every child of God. The Saviour said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:3). The Word of God, the traveler's road map, provides inspiration, instruction, and edification. The Holy Spirit, his constant Companion, guides, convicts, enriches, empowers, illumines, and makes Jesus real. Prayer is the radio of the soul providing two-way contact with God and the throne of grace. Every need for the journey is guaranteed in the contract into which the believer enters when he accepts Christ as his Saviour: "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"We are going. . . ." Which way are *you* going? Where's your destination? Your decision determines your eternal destiny. Go God's way so you can join thousands of other Christians in singing the happy song:

"Oh, the children of the Lord have a right to shout and sing,
For the way is growing bright, and our souls are on the wing:
We are going bye and bye to the palace of a King!
Glory to God! Hallelujah!"