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# EVANGEL

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

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## Waiting on the Lord

In the fine arts building of a southern college there is a room that is known to all the music students as "the listening room." Here one can listen to the recorded music of the masters. We feel sure that one of the greatest passions of the Saviour's heart is that we shall closet ourselves with Him and linger quietly in His presence. He longs to reveal Himself to us in a more intimate measure, but many who call themselves Christians are so absorbed in worldly pursuits, pleasures, and politics that they do not hear His voice.

Saul of Tarsus heard that Voice as he journeyed to Damascus. The Lord had to strike him blind and knock him to the earth in order to catch his attention. Let us hope He never will have to take such violent measures with us! When the Saviour spoke, Saul's first response was, "Who art Thou, Lord?" His second question was, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" These two questions are fundamental to all Christian experience. First we must know Him, before we can work for Him. We must learn of Him, before we can teach others. And many of the lessons we need can only be learned in the quiet place of heart-to-heart communion with Christ, where we tell Him all the secrets of our inmost lives and let Him speak to us through the pages of His precious Word.

Have you learned to be still before the Lord? Have you learned to shut out the tumult of the world and be quiet enough to hear from heaven? This is the privilege of the Christian. It is possible for every one of us to enjoy a personal fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ every day and every hour that is as real as the companionship of any human friend. Christ longs to dwell within us. He wants to manifest Himself to us, to teach us, to guide us, to work through us—but He can only do this as we give Him our worshipful attention and consciously yield our lives to His control.

Many years ago Freda Handbury was meditating on the words of the Psalmist—"My soul, wait thou only upon God"—and the Lord gave her the following lines which are beautiful and true:

*"Wait only on God." My soul, be still  
And let thy God unfold His perfect will.  
Thou fain would'st follow Him throughout the year—  
Thou fain with listening heart His voice would'st hear.  
Thou fain would'st be a passive instrument  
Possessed by God, and ever Spirit-sent  
Upon His service sweet—then be thou still,  
For only thus can He in thee fulfill  
His heart's desire. Oh, hinder not His hand  
From fashioning the vessel He hath planned.*

*"Be silent unto God," and thou shalt know  
The quiet, holy calm He doth bestow  
On those who wait on Him; so shalt thou bear  
His presence, and His life and light, e'en where  
The night is darkest, and thine earthly days  
Shall show His love, and sound His glorious praise.  
And He will work with hand unfettered, free,  
His high and holy purposes through thee.*

*First on thee must that hand of power be turned,  
Till in His love's strong fire thy dross is burned,  
And thou come forth a vessel for thy Lord,  
So frail and empty, yet since He hath poured  
Into thine emptiness His life, His love,  
Henceforth through thee the power of God shall move,  
And He will work for thee. Stand still and see  
The victories thy God will gain for thee;  
So silent, yet so irresistible,  
Thy God shall do the thing impossible.*

*Oh, question not henceforth what thou canst do;  
Thou canst do naught. But He will carry through  
The work where human energy had failed,  
Where all thy best endeavors had availed  
Thee nothing. Then, my soul, wait and be still;  
Thy God shall work for thee His perfect will.  
If thou wilt take no less, His best shall be  
Thy portion now and through eternity.*

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# IN THE HOUSE OF THE INTERPRETER

*Christian doctrine is found in the Epistles rather than in any other part of the Bible. Here we see Jesus Christ in all this glorious fulness pictured in types and shadows—and the Bible becomes a wonderful new Book.*

**I**N 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 WE READ, "STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

This text is slightly different in the Revised Version; viz., "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of Truth."

We shall not concern ourselves with the first part of the text, although it is highly important that every workman labor so that he shall be approved or commended for the quality of his workmanship. Neither shall we concern ourselves with the second thought in the text, the unashamed workman, who does his task well and knows he does, and therefore is unashamed. But we shall concern ourselves with the latter part of the text, "Rightly dividing the Word of Truth," or, as the Revised Version puts it, "handling aright the Word of Truth."

Many Christians have quoted this text freely, as though in the very quoting of it they may be able in some way to attain to the ideal—be good interpreters of the Word of Truth. But the quotation of this passage of Scripture freely does not guarantee that the one using it

will be able to handle aright the Word of God. It takes much more than that.

To handle aright the Word of Truth, one must first become acquainted with the Author. How can we in reality know the Book without having first-hand acquaintance with the Author? And so, if we would know the message of the Bible, let us come to the Author thereof and let us pray, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; give me understanding and I shall keep thy law."

There is a book which is almost as familiar as the Bible itself, and that is Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. You will recall that when Christian had really started on his journey to the City of Zion, the first place he visited was the house of the Interpreter. The Interpreter, of course, is the Holy Spirit, and if we are to know the message of the Bible and to handle it aright, we need the aid of the heavenly Interpreter, the precious Holy Spirit, who has promised to lead us into all truth.

Of course, you have no other thought but that the Spirit of God is the Author of the Bible. In no other way can we explain the harmony of the whole, the clear testimony to righteousness which runs through it from beginning to end. It is the marvel of the ages that a collection of sixty-six books could be written by so many different authors, who lived in different ages, covering about 1600 years altogether, and yet the message of these combined books be the same. There is no deviation in one book from the truth found in any of the other

books—none whatever. All the sixty-six books contribute their part to the message of the whole. In no way can this be explained apart from the fact that back of all these authors is the Holy Spirit, who inspired them to write as they did.

And there is no book in all the world which has inspired the writing of so many other books. The Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Missouri, sells hundreds of different books written about the Bible. We have Bible commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopaedias, Bible texts illustrated, prophetic books, devotional, exegetical, analytical—while new books about the Bible are coming off the presses every day both in the U.S. and around the world.

The Bible still is the best seller of all books. Certain publishing houses devote their entire facilities to the printing of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions. No other book in the world has such a distinction. The proof is overwhelming for the inspiration of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit is the author thereof, and He is the only reliable Interpreter of His own book.

When the young Christian first approaches the Bible he finds much that he does not understand. He soon discovers that the Bible is divided into two portions, known as the Old and the New Testaments. Then he discovers that the Old Testament contains books of history, law, poetry, and prophecy.

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by J. Roswell Flower

The Christian can die well, having no cringing dread or craven fear of the next world.

Cowards do injustice to death which can be man's most glorious adventure

# appointment with DEATH



by C. M. Ward

THE SUREST THING IN THE EXPERIENCE of man is *death*, and judgment follows death. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Death is a reminder. Paul tells us that death entered this world by sin—"so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). The universality of death proves the universality of sin. It proves that everybody needs a Saviour. Only He who conquered death can conquer sin! Man, through the sciences, fights death. He fights it valiantly and courageously, but always unsuccessfully. Man still dies. No one has been able to change that fact for 6,000 years. Therefore man is not his own savior. He cannot deliver himself from death. Man must look elsewhere for victory. And where in history is there record of anyone else triumphing over death except Jesus Christ of Nazareth?

## THE SUMMONS

Death, like birth, is a summons. Called *out* of another world at birth, we are called *back* into another world at death. The Bible puts it this way: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). And my text says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but *after this the judgment.*" Life therefore is a sacred trust. What you do with it is up to you, but what you *should* do with it remains with God. He is the Judge. The Bible makes that very plain: "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:7, 8). Death does not end it all. At the end of the road you will find God waiting for you. Ominous words are these: "After death, the judgment."

## "THE STING"

No matter how mean or ignominious the circumstances of our birth, you and I can die well. We need not shrink

with craven fear when we face another world. Death can be an experience of magnitude, a graduation "cum laude" for every man. Cowards do an injustice to death. They dishonor death as they dishonor life. The frivolous and the trespasser do the same. They bring shame and unworthiness to this moment when a man steps out of one world back into another. The Bible says: "The sting of death is sin." It is a terrifying moment to look back and know with sobering conviction that your life has been all wrong, that you have completely missed the mark, and that you have no plea to make as you face judgment. I have attended the bedside of men and women in that moment and, believe me, it is not a pleasant sight to watch.

## THE HONEST MOMENT

Death is an honest moment. It cannot be bribed. It yields to no larceny. Its message cannot be twisted. Its accounts cannot be falsified. Its verdict is final. There can be no appeal. You have finished your test and handed in your answers. What you would like to do now if you could only have an-



other opportunity, the corrections you would like to make, the paragraph you would like to rewrite—these are of no concern to Death. Class is dismissed. You are through. There is no second chance. The words of Governor Pilate are for you: "What I have written, I have written." There is nothing you can erase. The wrong answer you have given must stand for eternity. "The sting of death is sin." It is a terrible thing for a man to die a sinner.

I'll never forget being called to the hospital bed of a dying woman, the wife of a bootlegger, a man who handled the vice and underworld privilege of the county. This woman was in misery, not only physical misery but spiritual misery. She knew she was going to die, and she wasn't ready to die. So few people are. Now she wanted a man of God. She wanted the truth. She wanted more than platitudes. Here was a moment that would not yield to money or threat. Her soul was laid bare and she was afraid. The hospital sent for me. They said she was terrified. They said she needed something more than the religious offices of their hospital chaplain. Would I come?

I found her as they had described her. I never saw a more frightened woman. She feared her past. She was tormented by the guilt of her sins. She shrank from death. She was not interested in conventionalities. She wanted no religious discussion. She cursed the doctor who tried to administer a sedative to her. Who could deliver her in this hour? It seemed my words bounced off the walls of that private room. I left the room depressed in spirit. I felt that no woman should die like that. Late at night I was called again. Would I come once more?

In that hour I turned to Isaiah 53:4-6, and I read to the dying woman these words: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

It was the message of the Holy Spirit to her. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). I knew that faith had come. Jesus Christ was her Saviour. He had taken her sins. She rejoiced in His

forgiveness. Her soul was at peace. The room was filled with God's presence. Death held no terror for her now. She was ready to step over into eternity on the merits of Christ's shed blood. She pressed my hand in gratitude as she went.

#### "TIME'S UP!"

How will you act when the summons reaches you, Neighbor? Your moment to get ready may be brief. You may have no warning at all. God makes no guarantee. This is the moment to do some thinking about it. Will the Man in the tower turn on the landing lights for you as you touch down into eternity? Will there be a blaze of light to welcome you on the other side? Will it be a lonesome road for you, full of frightening shadows and tormented by demons of regrets? Will your last words be, "If only I had it to do over again"? It's up to you. It's your life that is at stake.

God suspends judgment until the story is written. Note the words of my text: "After this the judgment." Life's mistakes can be rectified on this side of the grave, but never on the other side. Many a man in eternity would like to come back and correct some



#### GUESTS OF GOD

*From the dust of the weary highway,  
From the smart of sorrow's rod,  
Into the Royal presence,  
They are bidden as guests of God.  
The veil from their eyes is taken,  
Sweet mysteries they are shown,  
Their doubts and fears are over,  
For they know as they are known.*

*For them there should be rejoicing,  
For them the festal array,  
As for the bride in her beauty  
Whom love hath taken away;  
Sweet hours of peaceful waiting  
Till the path that we have trod  
Shall end at the Father's gateway,  
And we are the guests of God.*

injustice, kiss away some sorrow, clear up some misunderstanding, pay back some debt, retrieve some love he has forfeited, perform some duty he has neglected, reach some decision he postponed, and kneel at God's altar for pardon. But "second," "third," and "fourth" chances are all on this side of the grave. You are writing your own story. You can make as many corrections and revisions as you wish. You can change the plot as often as you want. But when Death whispers, "Time's up!" the story must stand as written, whether or not the last chapter is finished or you are just getting ready to correct it. "After this the judgment."

#### A MAGNIFICENT EXIT

Let your exit be with honor! Let it be with fortitude and head held high! Die so that the world may know you have lived!

Not long ago I stood viewing, I believe, the most impressive sight in the city of Rome. Just off the famous Appian Way stands the Italian War Memorial to the 335 citizens of Rome who were cut down in cold blood by the Nazis in reprisal for casualties suffered by German troops who were attacked by partisans. Under the covering of one unbroken piece of structural cement are the graves and headstones of 335 Italians chosen for death almost indiscriminately by the German commander. Whole families were cut down—grandfather, son, and grandson. And in the midst of the 335 rests the physical remains of De Simoni Fidardo—age 45 on that day when the Nazis opened his cell, where Fascism had shut him up for preaching the gospel, and marched him out for slaughter. De Simoni Fidardo was a member of the First Assembly of God at Rome, whose pastor today, Brother Bracco, was imprisoned seventeen times for preaching the gospel. Prison bars and storm-troopers' bullets cannot frighten men like Fidardo and Bracco.

And I thought that morning, as I stood in Rome, of another spot located in the heart of the city, not far from the old Colosseum—the spot where nearly 2,000 years before Paul stood on the eve of his execution and said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the

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# The Taikuang Bible Institute

by James and Rhoda Vigna

**P**AUL WROTE: "THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEDFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOUR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Isn't it grand to know that Jesus is the Great Timekeeper and that one of these days He will see that each one of us will receive our rightful due for all our work for Him, whether here in Formosa, there at home, or elsewhere in God's great vineyard? God bless you for your faithfulness in prayer for us, the school and the work of the Lord in Formosa. Thank you each one for your gifts and all your kind letters and greeting cards that have encouraged us from time to time.

This has been a busy school year, and we thank God for the help of Howard and Mrs. Osgood, together with all the other members of the faculty, in bringing the third year of Taikuang Bible Institute to a successful conclusion. The Osgoods are now back in America, while the Bakers are back in Taiwan to take up their responsibilities again in the school.



The faculty of Taikuang Bible Institute, Taipei, Taiwan

The outstanding accomplishment during this past semester was the opening of an Assemblies of God preaching chapel near the school on the main road of this area of Taipei. This chapel is a school project and the ministry of the students has been blessed of God. A goodly number have turned to the Lord. An Assemblies of God Gospel Hall has also been opened in Po Hsin, a section of Taipei just being built up, and we are happy to report that a number have raised their hands for prayer as meetings have begun.

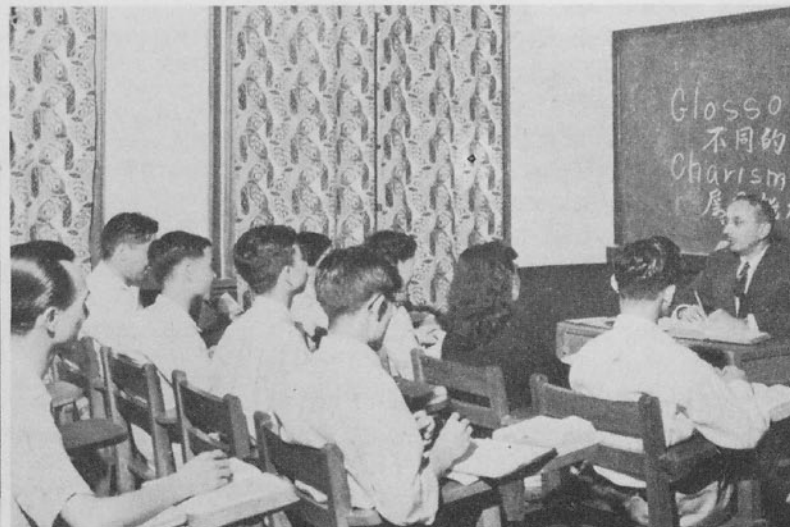
Thursday afternoon, June 28th, was indeed a red-letter day for nine of our students (six young men and three young ladies) who have finished three years of Bible study here at Taikuang. Their class name is "The Advance Guard" and their class motto is "Press-

ing on to the Mark." Join with us in prayer that this first class of graduates will be used of God as they reap in the ripened harvest field. The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. Will you not continue to pray that the Lord will thrust forth many other laborers into His harvest, while there is time? Our day of opportunity may be very short.

To those of you who have been sending money for the work in Formosa and the building of a new church in Kaohsiung, we are happy to say that the offerings for this project now amount to \$1,513. Keep on praying with us that the balance of \$3,437 will come in, and that the Christians in Kaohsiung will do all they can to match it, so they may have a place of their own in which to worship.



The 1956 student body



James Vigna instructing a Bible class





Speed-the-Light buses have been of inestimable value in reaching souls for God in Honolulu

## Report of V. G. Greisen

# In Denmark

God has been using V. G. Greisen in the Scandinavian countries. Brother Greisen resigned from the position of District Superintendent of the Kansas District, feeling God would have him minister overseas in his native country. He is now at Mariager, Denmark.

At the annual national convention of the Assemblies in Denmark, Brother Greisen was asked to speak. God's grace and favor were his and the blessing of the Lord fell in copious showers. Liberty and power were manifested in the tent services. The crowds more than filled the large tent as the people flocked to hear the "Dane from America."

Believing that the Lord would fill hungry folk with His Spirit, Mr. Greisen invited those who desired the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to go to a room in the school. Great was his surprise to find the room full and folk sitting on the floor. Four such meetings were held and during that time sixty-nine were filled with the Holy Ghost. Some had sought to be filled for years. Timidity on the part of the people vanished as they became hungrier for more of God. The moving of the Spirit upon them was glorious to behold.

The presence of Brother Greisen in Scandinavia will give opportunity for a greater tie between the Assemblies of God there and here in the U.S. The door has been opened wide for his ministry in Denmark and the other countries. Signs that follow the preaching of the full Word of God are in evidence and many are being healed.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to  
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**FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

## The Chinese Church in Honolulu

A good work is being done in Honolulu, Hawaii, by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kehr, veteran missionaries who formerly served the Lord in China. They have felt led of the Lord to minister to the Chinese in Honolulu and God is abundantly blessing their efforts. In fact, the results are so great that it has come time to have a building of their own for worship. This seems to be a necessity, but funds are not available.

Store room rentals run from two to three hundred dollars a month, and to buy a building would take a down payment of at least \$10,000. This would appear to be an insurmountable difficulty if it were not for the fact that it is God's work. As souls are being saved

and filled with the Spirit continually, there must be a place for them to worship and serve God. Our precious Lord is mindful of this, and we feel that somewhere there are those to whom the Lord would give the burden for this work.

Chinese souls are in the balance. Our work behind the Bamboo Curtain is comparatively negligible at present, but here is one way of reaching many of them for God.

If you feel that God would have you share in this project for Him, send your contributions to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "For Albert Kehr-Church Building."

## Building Permit Needed

From our Brother H. A. Park in Hong Kong comes a request for prayer for the new church building in Chai Wan. Many obstacles have hindered its erection although the funds are on hand for it.

Services have been held in a tent waiting for a building permit to go ahead with the building. The official in charge of the area seemed very unsympathetic. After a very earnest prayer

meeting by the Christians at the tent, this official has been moved and a new man has taken his place. The new man is rather sympathetic to the work and it is hoped that something agreeable can be worked out.

Prayer is requested that the adversaries to this effectual open door will be defeated and the erection of the needed church building be permitted. Do make this a matter of urgent prayer!



# Feeding on Ashes

by LOUISE NANKIVELL

The world flings its allurements before Christians in many dazzling forms. We must ever beware of its idolatry. Earthly possessions must never dim our vision of eternal things.

IMAGINE SITTING DOWN TO A DISH of ashes for breakfast some morning! No matter how you would dress it up, it would still be ashes. Not only would the ashes fail to provide nourishment for your body, but grit would get into your teeth. Your lips, your mouth, and your tender digestive tract would become irritated. Continuing such a practice would have disastrous consequences. No normal person would subject the body to such treatment. Yet, otherwise sensible people are feeding their souls upon ashes. This not only effects injury, but also invites inescapable penalties both in this life and in that which is to come.

The prophet Isaiah, in the 44th chapter of his book, depicts the man who worships an idol as "feeding on ashes." The idol-maker is described as planting an ash tree, hewing it down, and cutting it into segments. The first part of it he devotes to his own comfort: for baking his bread, roasting his meat, and warming himself at the fire. The rest of the tree he makes into an idol, the form of a man. In the last scene we find the idolater upon his knees, calling to the image which he himself has

fashioned, "Deliver me; for thou art my god." What folly to expect help from a god which cannot help itself. How foolish can a person be!

No wonder Isaiah cried out: "He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" (Isa. 44:20). Feeding on ashes! Feeding on the vain hope of profit in worshiping an idol. He could reap no more benefit from it than the man who would expect to receive physical nourishment by feeding on ashes. Oh, the tragedy of a deceived heart! He cannot deliver his soul, and he cannot see the lie in his hand. An idol is a "lie." It supposedly possesses attributes of inexhaustible resources and power, whereas it is impotent and helpless.

How utterly senseless is idolatry! An atrocious affront to the one true God! A sin of the very first magnitude! An evil which has continued to plague men right down to the present day! Human nature is substantially the same in all ages. The propensity to worship resides innate in the heart of man. Countless deceived thousands are placing the things of time before the

things of eternity. They are embracing substitutes of one kind or another for the worship of the true and living God. Multitudes who should be feeding upon Christ are feeding upon the ashes of science, materialism, humanism, Communism, modernism, false doctrines, and various products of their own thinking. We are prone to associate idolatry with heathen lands, but one does not have to go to heathen countries to find false gods. America has plenty of them. No, they may not be gods of wood and stone, but the objects being worshiped are as fantastic as any pagan fetishes. Men are making gods of self, loved ones, leaders, heroes, ambition, fame, power, position, material possessions, habits, creeds, nature, and one hundred and one other objects. That which we love above all else is our god. That which takes God's place in our hearts is our idol.

At what shrine are we worshipping today? Are we idolizing gold? Money though a necessary commodity, becomes dangerous when the love of it possesses the heart. It makes a difference whether we possess money or money possesses us. Job said, "If I have



made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; if I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hands had gotten much; . . . this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge" (Job 31:24-28).

Do we make an idol of appetite? There are those, the Scripture says, "whose god is their belly." They love to fill their stomachs. Christians need to be on guard lest appetite become their master. There is something wrong when the banqueting table has more pulling power than the prayer meeting and the worship of the Lord.

Are we bowing at the shrine of pleasure—lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God? Are we fascinated by the latest styles, seeking to please the goddess of fashion?

The world flings its allurements before us in many dazzling forms: bright, sleek, shiny, new cars with many gadgets; new houses with the latest equipment; television with its spell-binding power. God wants us to prosper, but *we must beware lest temporal gains dim the vision of eternal interests.* We are too often majoring on minor things and minoring on major things. There is a danger of losing sight of the Cross and indulging the flesh instead of denying self for the gospel. Instead of controlling earthly possessions, earthly possessions will control us. How expedient that we Christians exercise restraint in even the legitimate things of life.

The Bible warns Christian believers against this scandalous sin of idolatry which was so prevalent among God's people of old. "Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them." "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."

It is time to quit playing with God. We cannot afford to have any other king but God upon the throne of our hearts. He will not give His glory to another. There is certain judgment and endless grief for those who are guilty of idolatry. Take note of the solemn, searing words in Revelation 21:8: "And *idolaters* . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." "For without [outside of heaven] are . . . murderers, and *idolaters*, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Revelation 22:15).

For what are we living? What has become the most absorbing interest for

## Various Pentecostal Groups to Meet in Annual Convention



L. Sigsbee Miller, of Elizabeth City, N. C., who will address the Atlanta convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America on Thursday afternoon, November 1. Brother Miller is now serving his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the Pearl Street International Pentecostal Church in Elizabeth City. He is General Secretary for the International Pentecostal Assemblies which has a central office at Newcastle, Wyoming, and a branch office at Elizabeth City.

Hundreds of ministers and laymen representing a variety of Pentecostal groups are expected to attend the annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, which meets in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall.

It will be the ninth annual convention of this Fellowship which embraces nine Pentecostal denominations having a total membership of more than a million Spirit-filled people in the U.S. and Canada.

E. J. Fulton, former chairman of the Open Bible Standard Churches, is chairman of the Fellowship. Other officers are: T. A. Melton, Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rolf K. McPherson, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Vice-Chairmen; W. E. McAlister, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Secretary; and Gayle F. Lewis, Assemblies of God, Treasurer.

The theme for this year's convention

will be, "In Spirit and in Truth." Sessions will be held in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Atlanta beginning Tuesday night, October 30. There will be three services on Wednesday and three on Thursday. All the services will be open to the general public.

There will be group conferences, workshops, and other valuable activities in addition to the general meetings. The names of speakers at some of the general meetings have already been announced, as follows:

Tuesday night, October 30—Youth Rally; Laurie Price, an outstanding young preacher of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, speaker.

Wednesday morning, October 31—Devotional service and chairman's address, followed by brief business session.

Wednesday afternoon—E. L. Cyrus of the Pentecostal Church of Christ, speaker.

Wednesday night—Speaker to be selected by the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Thursday morning, November 1—Devotional services, followed by business session.

Thursday afternoon—L. Sigsbee Miller, General Secretary of the International Pentecostal Assemblies, speaker.

Thursday night—Final service; Wade H. Horton, Missions Field Representative of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., speaker.

The convention hotel will be Hotel Georgia. It is hoped that a good representation of Assemblies of God members from all parts of the nation will join with the thousands of Pentecostal people in the Atlanta area for these three days of blessed Pentecostal fellowship.

us upon the horizon of life? Have we placed *anything* before God? Not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. No man can serve two masters. We cannot serve God and mammon. There is one loyalty which must dominate all others:

Christ must have the chief place in our hearts. Can each of us say, "Lord, I love Thee more than all else beside"?

Many are feeding on ashes! But the human heart can never be satisfied with anything less than the Living Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ.



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

### **Disciples Give Record Missionary Offerings**

Members of the Disciples of Christ churches gave \$5½ million to missionary causes during the past fiscal year, an all-time record amount.

### **EUB Considers New Site in Dayton, Ohio**

The Evangelical United Brethren Church has taken option on a site in Dayton, Ohio, as possible location for a new half-million dollar building for its world headquarters. Denominational headquarters are in New York at present.

### **Juvenile Crime Rate Up In New York City**

New York City's Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy announced recently that the city's crime rate among juveniles is up an astounding 41.3 per cent.

### **Beer Consumption Up in U. S.**

The seventh annual edition of *Brewers Almanac* reports that altogether Americans consumed 85 million barrels of beer and ale in 1955, a gain of 2 per cent over 1954. Per capita consumption remained at 15.9 gallons.

### **Most Protestant Ministers Favor Abstinence**

A recent survey by Temperance Education, Inc., shows that 70 per cent of our country's Protestant ministers emphasize total abstinence rather than moderation in the use of beverage alcohol. The poll covered a scientific sampling of 1,470 ministers from 21 denominations in all parts of the country.

### **Alcohol Offenses Make Marked Drivers**

According to *Survey Bulletin*, Minnesota now has a law which requires convicted driving-while-drunk offenders to exchange their license plates for plates with special markings on them for a period of time. Cars with special markings are carefully watched by police officers. Not only does this law punish offenders, but it also provides some protection for sober drivers and pedestrians.

### **Liquor, Mad Dogs, and Dollars to Fight Disease**

Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor for every one killed by a mad dog; yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor. *Bible Crusaders News* asks, "What sense is there to this?"

Another such inconsistency was pointed out by Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance. Dr. Hooton noted that alcoholism is 5.5 times more prevalent than cancer, 32 times more prevalent than tuberculosis, and 102 times more prevalent than polio. "The American people raise millions of dollars each year to fight cancer, TB, and polio," said Dr. Hooton, "but spend billions to help spread the virus that causes alcoholism."

### **Church Construction Reaches Another Peak**

Construction began on 66 million dollars' worth of new church buildings in July, according to the Departments of Commerce and Labor. This figure matched the all-time record for the month and brought religious construction for the first seven months of this year up to \$403 million. This is \$2 million more than the record established in 1955. Building by non-public schools and colleges also is at a record level.

### **Religion on Wheels**

A traveling church—known as the "Welfare Car"—is serving the people along a desolate 475-mile stretch of railroad in western Australia. The Anglican bishop of Kalgoorlie first made it his headquarters on a ten-day trip of visiting settlers and holding religious services. The coach, equipped with modern facilities, is now being used by other denominations on a rotation basis to serve 350 Christian families living in that part of the Australian bush.

### **Take to Air to Find New Church Sites**

Two Presbyterian ministers have been flying over the rooftops in suburban Indianapolis, taking aerial photographs, in an effort to find new church sites. They said that the task of finding new church sites in large cities and their fringe areas has become increasingly difficult. Winding roads and dead end streets complicate the problem. Aerial photographs seem to be the solution to the problem—they show street layouts, concentration of housing, and vacant sites suitable for church buildings.

The idea has caught the fancy of the department of new church development of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Denominational officials indicated that they may use this idea in other parts of the country.

### **Clergymen Spearhead Anti-Gambling Drive**

Representatives of religious and civic bodies in seven Michigan counties met in Saginaw recently and formed a committee to combat gambling in the area. Triggering the action was the announcement of a proposal to build "one of the nation's most modern" harness-racing tracks 12 miles south of Saginaw at a cost of \$2,500,000.

Members of the newly organized committee hope to get a bill passed at the next session of the state legislature to ban pari-mutuel betting at horse racetracks—the only kind of gambling now legal in the state—by amending Michigan's Constitution to that effect.

One of the leaders of the group stated that while churches historically have not acted as social or political action groups, there are times when "no other institutions are prepared to speak out."



### **Bible Mastery Campaign Scheduled for October**

For the twenty-seventh consecutive year, Christians of all denominations are invited to join in a Bible Mastery Campaign. This program features a given book of the Bible, urges Christians to read and re-read it so that its truths will become more real to them.

This year's Bible Mastery Campaign, scheduled for October, highlights the book of First Corinthians. Each person is urged to read at least four chapters of this book each day, thus reading through it eight times during the month. Great blessings can be derived from taking part in this program.

### **Bombay Governor Defends Christian Missionaries**

Christian missionaries in India were defended recently by the governor of Bombay in a broadcast carried by the All-India Radio. The official expressed "deep regret" over what he termed "a controversy now raging" over the activities of missionaries. He took exception to charges that Christians are "exploiting unsophisticated and uneducated people in backward areas." These charges had been made by an anti-missionary group recently.

### **Another Protestant Church Destroyed in Colombia**

The burning of the Baptist church of La Elvecia has brought to 47 the total number of Protestant churches destroyed by fire or dynamite in Colombia since 1948.

An unidentified group of men started the fire about 3 a.m. on July 16 with the aid of a gasoline-soaked mattress. The church had a congregation of 45 baptized members, with an average attendance of about 100. It belongs to the Colombian Baptist Convention, an affiliate of the Southern Baptist Convention in the U.S.

### **Congress on Youth Evangelism Draws 7,500**

A throng of 7,500 attended the opening service of the Pan American Congress on Youth Evangelism held in Caracas, Venezuela. The meeting was sponsored by Youth for Christ International.

One of the highlights of the congress was a day session in which Mrs. Marjorie Saint spoke. (Mrs. Saint is the widow of Nate Saint, one of the five missionaries martyred last January.) She showed a film of the first meeting with the Auca Indians and said that contact with the savages is still being sought. After her stirring challenge, more than 300 youth responded to an invitation to dedicate their lives to Christ.

### **Pictures Church Life in Russia**

Churchmen of the Soviet Union are not free to teach their religion or propagate it, except in the home, according to a Baptist clergyman and editor. Dr. John C. Slemph, editor of the American Baptist Convention monthly, *Missions*, said on his return from a six-week trip to Russia that there are no Sunday Schools and no church organizations for young people in the Soviet Union. He said that the only Baptist church in Moscow is jammed with worshipers several days a week, but that most of the congregation are older persons.

"The churches are not free in the sense that we Americans conceive of freedom," he said. "They are free to worship, to preach within limits, to sing, to pray, to christen babies, to marry the young, and to bury the dead. But there their freedom ends."

### **Central America Gets More Bibles**

The American Bible Society distributed nearly 3½ times as many Scriptures in Central America last year as it did in 1945. An official of the Society said that this year is even better.

In the ten-month period ending last December 31, Central Americans purchased from the Society 185,328 complete Bibles, 190,754 New Testaments, and 2,284,786 Gospels or portions.

### **Urges Rescue Mission Work for All Ministers**

William Ward Ayer, evangelist and radio preacher, feels that a year in rescue mission work should be a prerequisite to the ministry.

Addressing the International Union of Gospel Missions, Dr. Ayer said that such a procedure would be "the best thing that could happen to the Christian ministry." He added that such training would be extremely beneficial because the minister "could never again be passive about the lost in their congregations and communities, and would learn how marvelously the Lord Jesus can save from the 'guttermost to the uttermost.'"

### **White House Blessing Restored**

Engraved in gold on the new black marble fireplace in the formal dining room of the White House is a blessing written for the White House by the second president of the United States, John Adams, in 1800. The blessing reads: "I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

According to *Gospel Herald*, the blessing was originally placed on the old stone fireplace in the same room at the instigation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. But after the redecoration of the White House, it was discarded until President Eisenhower recently asked to have it restored.

All Christians, regardless of political convictions, will say a hearty "Amen" to this White House blessing.

### **Priests Criticize Quebec Politics**

Sharp criticism of French Canadian political morality was voiced by two Roman Catholic priests recently. The priests charged that "the techniques of the systematic lie perfected by Hitler and now employed by the Communists has become a political habit in Quebec." They also charged that "misrepresentation of real issues by myths" is equally prevalent among Canadians in the Province of Quebec.

"The systematic lie and the use of myths," the priests said, "are fraudulent in themselves. Practices such as buying of votes, corruption of the electoral law, threats of reprisal against those who do not support the 'right party,' false oaths, substitution of persons, bribery of election officers seem also to become normal elements of our social life in time of elections."

They called for the formation of a "real public morality league" that would be independent of all political parties.

"What makes a Christian country," the priests said, "is not primarily the number of churches, the pious statements of politicians, . . . or 'good relations' between Church and State. It is primarily the respect for truth, integrity of conscience, and respect for freedom. Present electoral practices are a frontal attack on all these values."

The priests added that the danger is greater because even the faithful are hardly shocked by such corruption.



Valdez Assembly of God chapel (right) and the parsonage

# *This Family Prays Together*

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "THE FAMILY that prays together, stays together." This truth has been graphically demonstrated in the case of our family of children at the Assemblies of God Children's Home at Valdez, Alaska.

The Home was started in 1953 with seventeen children. Their backgrounds were varied, but there was one thing they had in common—they needed a home. And the Assemblies of God offered that home to them. United under one roof they became happy normal children, and at least some of the sorrows and heartache they never should have known were forgotten. Their future seemed bright in the light of their new environment. There were the normal trials and tests that beset any family, but their leaders taught them to pray together and to work out the problems as they came up.

Then one cold Alaskan night, just as they were becoming adjusted to their

new home, fire completely destroyed the Home and all their possessions. But the children were all quickly accounted for by the workers, and they gave thanks to God together that He had spared the family even though their possessions were gone.

Looking out over the smoking ruins of the only home they had, there was but one thought in every heart—"We must rebuild."

And together they prayed for the seemingly impossible to be realized. Sacrifice became the order of the day. The pastor of the Assemblies of God Chapel moved out of the parsonage into quarters in the church so that the children could move in. The small frame home was far from adequate, but they were together, and that was the important thing. And they were working and praying together for something better.

Many of our EVANGEL readers joined these homeless children of the

North in prayer and giving. The boys of the Home worked alongside the men who labored together in the task of rebuilding. They entered into the job willingly, realizing that they were building not only for themselves but for the other children in the family who were too young to join actively in the construction work.

There were delays in the building program, but the family continued to work and pray together for its completion. Ralph O. Wilson, who served for some time as superintendent of the Home in addition to his ministry as pastor of the Valdez Assembly, worked faithfully toward the completion of the Home. Then this summer the Wilsons felt they must return to the States.

Leadership of the Home was placed in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. James Houghton, following the All-Alaska Convention at Valdez. About the same time, God moved upon the hearts of a young couple who had been students in one of our Bible Schools to go to

Girls of the Valdez Home



Ralph O. Wilson, with a friend, and boys of the Home





Valdez during the summer and help to finish the building. In simple obedience, this couple, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cope, took carpenter tools and started north. This additional help was gratefully received by the children and management of the Home.

And now, two and one-half years from the night the fire destroyed their only home, these children, with the workers, have moved into their new quarters.

The Home is not completely furnished yet, but thanks to the good work of various Women's Missionary Council groups and others it should be before long. (Groups desiring to help with the furnishings may write the Home Missions Department for specific needs.)

However, there is an even more urgent need facing the Home. *A heating unit must be installed at once.* Heat is not a luxury in Alaska—it is a necessity



When snowdrifts covered Wilma Hahne-  
mann's car in March, the boys shoveled it out

for survival. Snow falls early in Valdez, and there will be plenty of it. It begins about the last of September, which means the heating unit is needed NOW.

So the children continue to pray together. They do not ask for luxuries—they only ask for the necessities. They have learned that in this, God will not fail them.

We have joined with them in the building project. Let us unite now to supply the \$1,200 needed for a safe and adequate heating unit.

Many offerings received for Home Missions are small, so even if yours too must be small we ask you to send it in the Name of Christ. He will bless each one who befriends these needy children of the North in His name.

Kindly designate your offering for the Heating Unit for the Valdez Children's Home, and send it to the HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



## Let's Check This Church Chatter

by Mrs. Marlene Brisroe

THE AIR SUDDENLY CRACKLED WITH tension as I turned with the request, "Please be quiet, so we can hear the preacher." I received surprised stares of hurt and reproach from six amazed teen-agers. They didn't realize that they were thoughtlessly and selfishly tearing down weeks of prayer and effort to win a soul.

The woman seated beside me needed God's help desperately. With difficulty she strained forward, trying to listen in spite of her handicapped hearing and the noisy confusion behind her. That one service of the revival was the only one which she could attend. Why? Her husband ridicules her hunger for spiritual knowledge, won't step a foot into a church, and doesn't allow a penny of his money "spent" on such foolishness. Her sisters purposely visit her home just before and during church time and reprove her for telling her children those "Bible fairy tales." She has to battle for every square inch of ground gained in her fight against Satan.

That night her heart was despondent, her courage low, her nerves strained to the breaking point. *Those Christian, well-meaning, faithful young people were actually helping the devil's efforts to defeat that struggling soul.*

Another Sunday morning I watched a young mother across the aisle, trying in vain to control her excited two-year-old. A row of inconsiderate young people winked, made faces, and laughed at his cute antics. Finally, she took the child to the nursery to quiet him, won-

dering if it was worth the trouble and hard work she had put forth all week to be able to come to the Lord's house.

I saw a young fellow shaking his head in bewilderment during a Sunday evening service. His Catholic training had not prepared him for the steady procession of people going and coming while our service was in progress. Knowing his religious background, I squirmed as I counted four children and six adults parading the aisle while the pastor preached his forty-five minute sermon. The same people sit quietly for hours watching television and scream, "Sit down and shut up," to any human obstacle that blocks their view of the screen.

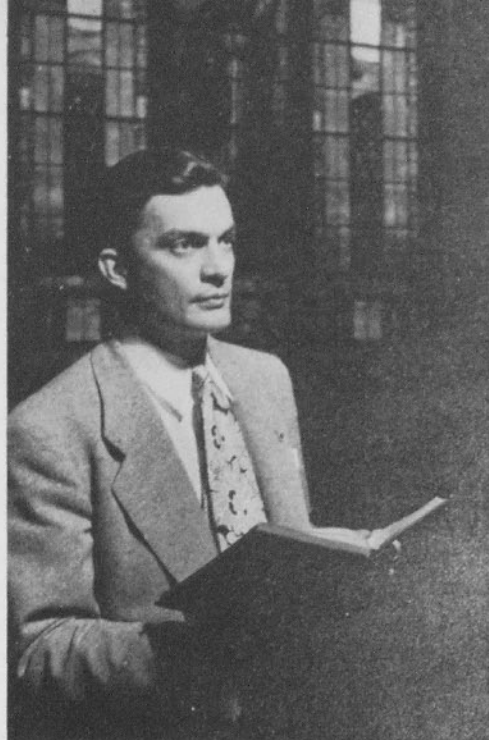
Some people come to church for entertainment. A few young people believe that if the service is too dull for them it is time to create some excitement. They seem heedless of the fact that many souls in that congregation come to seek the magnificent, living Personality whom we worship. They don't seem to realize that He is right there watching their every action and word, knowing the motive of each heart, longing and anxious over each lost soul, like a mother bending over a dying baby. His Spirit talks deep in the heart, inviting each prodigal son to come to His outstretched arms. As His born-again child, help Him save this lost brother. *Please, don't drive him away!*

—Herald of Holiness

# Dad and the Church

by Jesse C. Burt Jr.

**Only when the "head of the house" gives the church top priority in daily living can its influence be effectual in his family's life**



**H**OW CAN DAD HELP THE CHURCH? And how can the church help Dad? These two questions are equally important, and never more so than at the present time. As one minister declared recently: "When Dad is interested in the church, its importance increases a hundredfold in the home."

What the minister declared is matched by an opinion expressed by a lady who has visited in "literally hundreds of homes." She declared with real enthusiasm: "Regardless of the furnishings of the home, when Dad, as well as Mom, is behind the church, it is a rich home. I would go so far as to say that Dad is the plus factor in the home-church relationship."

Far be it from the present writer to offer gratuitous advice to fathers. Probably they get enough of that, anyway. Yes, fathers have their hands full at the present time, paying the bills, making a living, and just trying to be a good dad.

Even with this on the record, it appears to many church workers that in some cases the church is not exactly a live and vital matter to fathers. It may well be, as some fathers protest, this deficiency is not their own doing. Yet the fact is, seasoned workers are saying that Dad is needed to help bring the church into the home, and to help further the values for which the church stands.

Agree or disagree with the conten-

tion that sometimes Dad "slips up" in the matter of church. What Dad can do for the church, and what the church can do for him, is of paramount importance in this era. Let it never be forgotten that the Christian home often is like an island in an alien and angry sea, swept by waves that generate from the casual living practices that we see everywhere around us.

Dad can help the church because he does have high leadership in the home, even if he scarcely seems to exercise this prestige of his. A sociologist explained: "Dad is the male of the family. He supplies the answer from his own experience. He goes out into the world and makes a living. He is looked up to, respected. His opinions, attitudes, and actions often determine those of his children."

Also, Dad can help the church by completing the partnership between home and church. Often he can do this more effectively than Mom. But church workers report many instances in which it is Mom, not Dad, who really is alert to the privilege of church. The point is—she cannot do it alone! On the other hand, experience shows many a dad is a tireless worker for the church. Indeed, whole families come to church and it is a thrilling and moving sight.

Dad through his church activities shows the importance of God and Christ in his daily living. It is by Dad's ac-

ceptance of Christ in his own life and by learning about Christ in the church that he shows the spiritual implications of fatherhood. These implications are what a dad needs to ponder and weigh and take into his life.

For the home, the church is the one institution that seeks to help, and this help is done in an absolutely unique way. The unique mission of the church is to forward the teachings of One who gave His life for us. He said to bring the little children to Him.

If Dad has any doubt about the functions of the church, the reason for its being, he should get out his Bible and read the letter to the Colossians, especially the third chapter where Paul reviews the dismal story of the casual Colossians. After Dad thinks about these Colossians, he might note particularly these words of the apostle: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

The question finally comes down to this one point of emphasis: Dad can set a powerful and persuasive example in his daily Christian living. It is this example growing out of Dad's realization of the spiritual side of fatherhood that is far more important than just being the proverbial "good provider."

When Dad in his daily living puts the church and its values into "top priority" rating, the church achieves a great significance in Dad's home. Example is so strong it is almost beyond belief. All of us have been greatly amused at the way a little boy imitates his father's walk. We can understand this. But we need to realize children also take on the spiritual traits and attitudes of their parents.

Consequently when Dad studies his Sunday School lesson, goes to church, carries his Bible, plans and carries out his contribution to the church budget—when he conducts family prayers, and shows by his daily living he is a spiritually alert father — he furthers enormously the partnership between church and home.

What is the difference between an "average" home and one that is a joy to behold? Experience reveals that most often it's a churchgoing Dad who counts!

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# BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

People of all walks of life can serve and follow the Lord. The Bible contains the stories of many people of widely differing occupations who served God. Below are two columns—one contains the names of famous people of the Bible; the other gives the occupations of these people. Can you match the person with the correct occupation? In the space in front of the person's name, write the letter of the occupation of that person. We have given you the first answer to get you started. ("O.T." after a name means that the person is mentioned in the Old Testament; "N. T." after a name means that the person is mentioned in the New Testament.)

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| .....g.1. David (O.T.)    | a. centurion        |
| .....2. Joseph (N.T.)     | b. gardener         |
| .....3. Noah (O.T.)       | c. fisherman        |
| .....4. Adam (O.T.)       | d. herdman          |
| .....5. Paul (N.T.)       | e. queen            |
| .....6. Isaac (O.T.)      | f. prime minister   |
| .....7. Matthew (N.T.)    | g. musician         |
| .....8. Peter (N.T.)      | h. well digger      |
| .....9. Amos (O.T.)       | i. carpenter        |
| .....10. Elisha (O.T.)    | j. tax collector    |
| .....11. Luke (N.T.)      | k. ship builder     |
| .....12. Joseph (O.T.)    | l. king's cupbearer |
| .....13. Esther (O.T.)    | m. farmer           |
| .....14. Cornelius (N.T.) | n. tent maker       |
| .....15. Nehemiah (O.T.)  | o. physician        |

ANSWERS: 1—g; 2—i; 3—k; 4—b; 5—n; 6—h; 7—j; 8—c; 9—d; 10—m; 11—o; 12—f; 13—e; 14—a; 15—l.

GRADE YOURSELF: all correct—excellent; 13-14 correct, very good; 10-12 correct—good; 7-9 correct—not bad; less than 7 correct—better study your Bible more!

## INSIDE INFORMATION

In a British army discussion period on the religions of the world, men began to voice their opinions concerning Jesus. To one He was "a good enough man"; to another, "an impossible idealist"; to another, "a revolutionary"; and to another, "a fanatic."

At last a lad got to his feet and, with flushed face and stammering tongue, said: "Excuse me, but you're all wrong. He is more than that." Then he paused, and a wit who knew the lad interposed with: "He's got inside information!" —Selected



# OUR FAMILY ALTAR

SEPTEMBER 17

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 63

TODAY'S GEM: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee" (Psa. 63:1).

FOR THE PARENT: We should seek God (1) **early in life** because these are formative years and because today is the day of salvation; (2) **early in the day**—it is better to get God's help to keep us from sin than to have to repent of sin at the end of the day. Read also Isaiah 55:6 and 2 Chronicles 15:15.

QUESTION TIME: Why did David praise the Lord? (v. 3) At what time did David say he would seek the Lord? (v. 1) What do you think he meant by this?

PRAY that we will seek God more.

SEPTEMBER 18

SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-13

TODAY'S GEM: "But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin" (James 2:9).

FOR THE PARENT: "Respect of (or, to) persons" means to show favoritism to some—especially because of their money or position—and to be snobbish toward others. Christians should treat all people alike and love others as we love ourselves.

QUESTION TIME: What is "respect of persons"? (See above.) Is respect of persons a sin? (v. 9) How much are we to love our neighbors? (v. 8)

PRAY that we will not show favoritism but will treat all persons equally well.

SEPTEMBER 19

SCRIPTURE: James 2:14-26

TODAY'S GEM: "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

FOR THE PARENT: True Christianity depends on faith in God for salvation. But after that there must be good works in our Christian life. We show our faith in God by the way we live. A bird must have two wings to fly; so the Christian must have both faith and works to please God.

QUESTION TIME: Why must we have works with our faith? (v. 26) Can good works alone get us to heaven? (Eph. 2:8, 9)

PRAY for a greater faith in God, and for our faith to be seen by our lives.

SEPTEMBER 20

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 33:1-6; 11-17  
TODAY'S GEM: "Though your sins be as

scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Manasseh, the king who returned to God (see Sunday's Lesson page). Point out: (1) even though Manasseh had a good father (Hezekiah), he started out as a bad king; (2) God allowed judgment to come; (3) this turned Manasseh back to worshipping the true God. God always accepts those that come humbly to Him.

QUESTION TIME: What kind of king was Manasseh when he began to reign? (v. 2). What brought him back to God? (vv. 11-16). How did this affect his people? (v. 17).

SEPTEMBER 21

SCRIPTURE: John 13:2-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

FOR THE PARENT: One of the important things Jesus taught His disciples was that true greatness is measured by service. We are saved to serve God and others. Helping people should be one of our chief concerns; this is the beginning of humility.

QUESTION TIME: What did Jesus do to teach the disciples humility? (v. 5) Which disciple objected to this? (v. 8) Why? (v. 7)

PRAY that we will be more helpful to others.

SEPTEMBER 22

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "Our help is in the name of the Lord" (Psa. 124:8).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out: (1) this was the first recorded healing after Jesus went back to heaven; (2) the healing came through the power of Jesus' name; (3) God is still our healer; (4) this healing—as all healings should—brought glory to God.

QUESTION TIME: What was the man doing at the temple gate? (v. 2) What was wrong with him? (v. 2) Who healed him? (v. 16) Whom did God use to bring about the healing? (v. 6)

PRAY for healing for those who need it.

# Progressing in One of Our Fastest Growing Counties

## Garden Grove First Assembly Builds New Church, School

In 1955 more housing units went up in Orange County, California, than in all but eleven of the forty-eight states.

Since 1940 the population has grown from 130,000 to 396,000—and it's still soaring by the rate of 6,000 a month, according to *Christian Life*.

Remarkable gains have been made by the Assemblies in this area, for in its report on this county, *Christian Life* says, "Fastest spreading group, without doubt, is the Assemblies of God." In 1940 we had three churches in Orange County. In 1949 we had eighteen. Now we have forty-two!

A good example of the growth of the work in Orange County is First Assembly, Garden Grove. Six years after the church was started, the congregation dedicated a lovely new building to the Lord. (Southern California District Superintendent Floyd Woodworth was the dedicatory speaker for the April 22 service.)

R. G. Markey, founder and present pastor of the church, reported that there were eight persons present for the first service six years ago. During April, May, and June of this year the Sunday School averaged 269, with Sunday



**DEDICATE NEW CHURCH**—Six years after the founding of the church, with eight persons present at the first service, First Assembly in Garden Grove, California dedicated this lovely new building to the Lord. The Sunday School now averages 269 each week.

morning and evening attendance both running well over the 200-mark.

The beautiful new church, which seats 300 people, is 60 by 100 feet. It also provides room for 19 Sunday School classes, a C. A. auditorium, and a nursery. The original 30 by 60 foot auditorium was built in 1951, but since that time the building has been expanded on both sides to make room for the ever-increasing congregation.

To meet an additional need-to provide sound secular and religious educa-

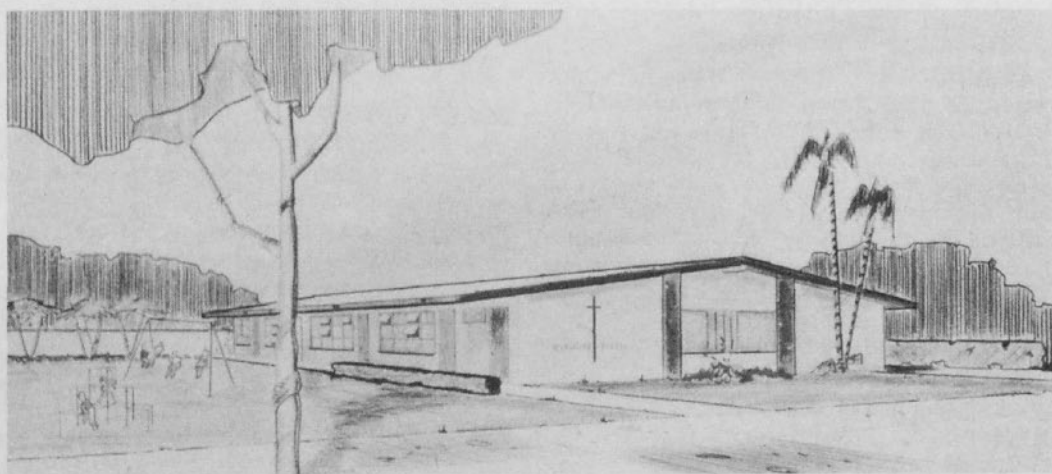
tion for their children—the members of First Assembly are starting a church day school. This attractive school is designed for students from the first through the eighth grades, is 60 by 112 feet, and will provide apartments for two teachers.

Pastor Markey announced that the first four grades will be offered in the school this fall, and the first six grades will be offered within two years or less. The school's capacity will be about 250 pupils. The church has two busses which it plans to use to pick up students who live a distance from the school.

Each classroom of the school will be 24 by 24 feet. Construction on the one-story building is being done mostly by members of the congregation. The school is known as "Christian School."

Pastor Markey and his congregation are rejoicing in all God has done for them and for His many blessings and enabling power. They are believing God that this new venture of faith, which will mean so much to the training of children in that area, will bring glory and honor to Christ.

"A sunset in one land is a sunrise in another. Death, which seems to end all, is only life's beginning in another realm."



**BEGIN NEW CHURCH SCHOOL**—To provide both secular and religious education for children in its area, First Assembly started this Christian day school. Grades one to four are being offered this fall. Total capacity when completed will be 250 pupils.



# Sheffield Assembly in Kansas City Dedicates New Education Building

A fast-growing church in Kansas City recently dedicated a lovely new Sunday School building to the Lord. The church is the Sheffield Assembly of God, 1915 Winner Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Southern Missouri District Superintendent David Hastie was guest speaker for the July 15 dedicatory services.

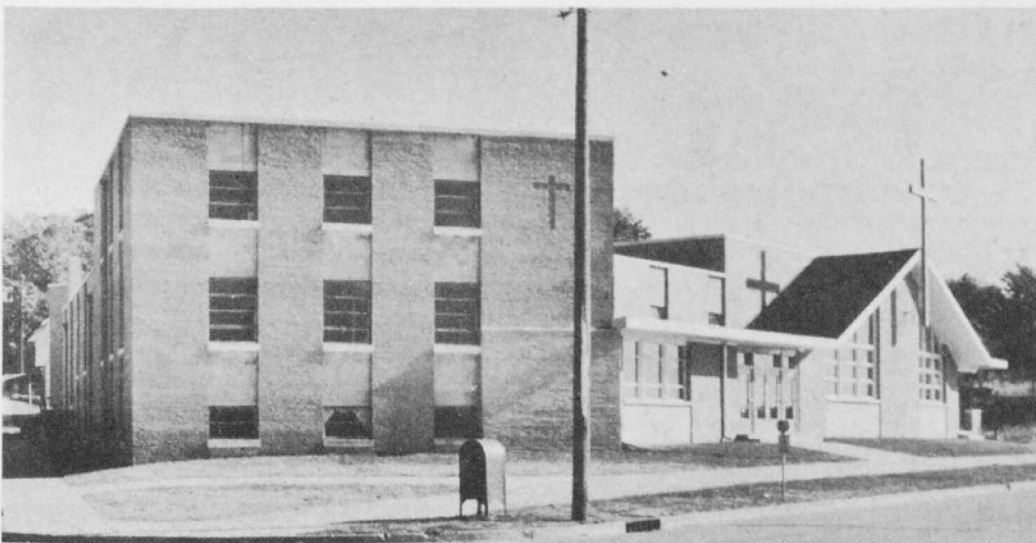
The sanctuary which seats 650, has a full basement, and is air conditioned. This building was completed and furnished in 1952. But as the congregation grew, it was apparent that more room was needed. In the fall of last year construction was started on an educational building. This new addition, joining the existing building, is constructed of brick and masonry block; it has four office rooms, 68 classrooms, and seven assembly halls. The total floor space of the entire building is now 22,000 square feet, and the plant is valued at \$280,000.

When set in order in 1935 with 28 members, the church was known as the Full Gospel Tabernacle. Frank Brewer became pastor. In later years the name of the church was changed to Third Assembly. Other pastors were Theodore Roark and Glen Kelly.

In 1943 the congregation moved from their location at Cambridge and Roberts into

a stone church on Independence Avenue. They worshiped there until 1951 when they moved to their present location on Winner Road.

Under the leadership of Pastor Loren Wooten the name of the church was changed to the Sheffield Assembly of God, Inc.



The present pastor, C. W. Quattlebaum, came to the church in July, 1949. At that time there was an average of 175 in Sunday School attendance. Seven years later the Sunday School is averaging 577.

God has greatly blessed the work of Brother Quattlebaum and his congregation as they have moved forward in faith.

The church now has three full-time workers, besides the pastor, on its staff: Christine Lee, secretary, Leonard Latham, music director; and Floyd Garrett, education and youth director.

**EDUCATIONAL BUILDING DEDICATED.** The large educational wing (left) recently added to the Sheffield Assembly of God, Kansas City, provides offices, classrooms, and assembly halls.

# New Church in Van Buren

At the corner of 17th and Baldwin Streets in Van Buren, Arkansas stands a beautiful new Assemblies of God church which would be a credit to any community. The exterior is of pink ledge stone and buff brick. The entrance

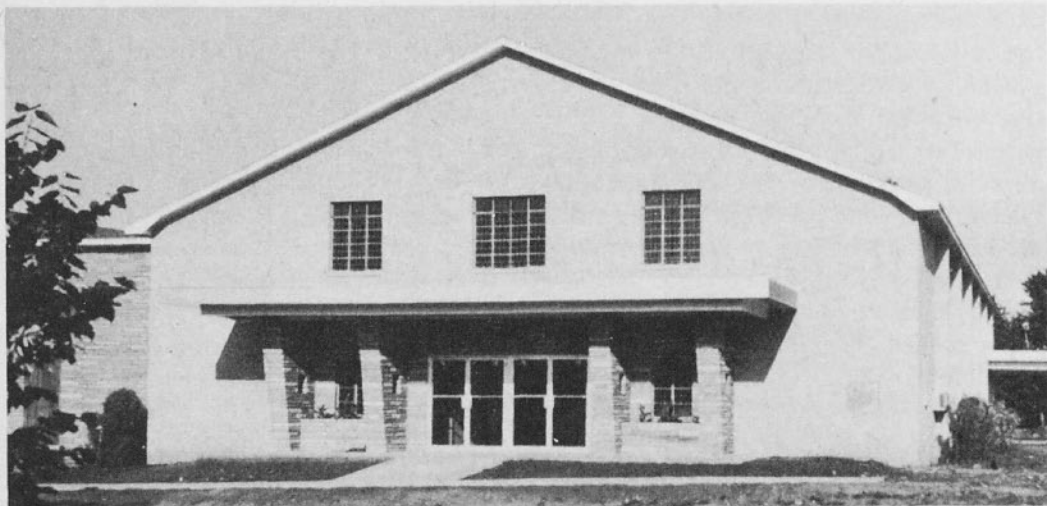
features modern aluminum and glass doors. It has stained glass windows. The interior has tile and wool rug floors, blonde oak furniture, and mahogany paneling around the choir area.

Besides an auditorium which will

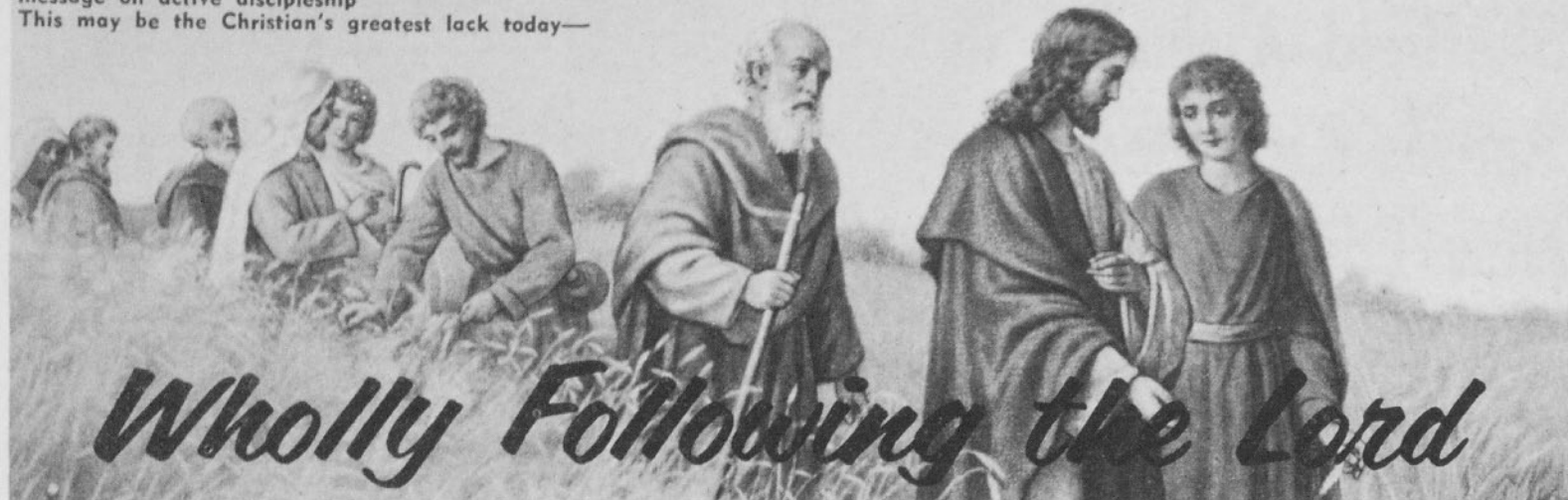
seat 900 people, the building contains a nursery, a study, rest rooms, and a baptistry. The building is fully air-conditioned. There is a carport for entrance in bad weather, with an interior entrance to the old building, which is now used for Sunday School classrooms. The construction cost was approximately \$55,000.

On July 1 this lovely church was dedicated to the Lord, with District Superintendent G. W. Hardcastle officiating. Pastor Edwin Burris reports that the Sunday School attendance that day was 626. Many businessmen and civic leaders of the city were present for the occasion.

First Assembly maintains a Sunday morning radio broadcast known as the Radio Church of the Air, and through this ministry the church has donated several hundred radios to many invalids and shut-ins and has distributed several thousand New Testaments to invalids, shut-ins, servicemen, and prisoners in many states. Surely God is blessing His work in Van Buren, Arkansas!



Here is a timely and much needed message on active discipleship This may be the Christian's greatest lack today—



BY HOWARD P. COURTNEY

WHAT A REMARKABLE, INSPIRING, thrilling testimony—"I wholly followed the Lord!" (Joshua 14:8). These were not the boastful words of a rank egotist, or the rash words of a spiritual novice, or the impetuous words of inexperienced youth. This was the calm, honest, assured statement of fact of Caleb, one of God's great men of the Old Testament.

Notice that Caleb personally in public gives this testimony, "I wholly followed the Lord." It is a powerful, potent, dynamic, driving force in an individual's life to know that he *has* and *is* wholly, one hundred percent, without qualification following the Lord. Moses had declared of Caleb: "Thou hast wholly followed the Lord." Joshua, the tribe of Judah, the entire congregation of the children of Israel gave testimony to Caleb's inspiring testimony that "Caleb wholly followed the Lord!" Forty-five years earlier God Himself had declared, "My servant Caleb hath followed me wholly" (Numbers 14:24).

"Wholly followed the Lord." Oh! What a testimony! What a joy to the heart of God! What an inspiration to the church! What an impact on a lost and dying world! "I wholly followed the Lord." Brethren, what a revival we would have! What an impact on our family, friends, and neighbors! What a powerful church we would be! How we could shake the strongholds of evil to its very foundation with a testimony like this: "I wholly followed the Lord."

There is no hint of half-hearted, hap-hazard, drifting along, flabby, weak-kneed, get-by-somehow, mere profession

here. "Wholly followed the Lord." Here was a man who was not content with serving God in a general sort of way. He was not content with *following* the Lord. He *wholly followed* Him. "Wholly followed the Lord." This speaks of strenuous, compelling determination to put first things first. Here is living, breathing, animated loyalty to God, winter and summer, spring and fall, night and day, foul weather or fair. Here is a man who had allowed no distance to come between him and God. Others might follow the Master "afar off," but not Caleb. With undivided heart he "wholly followed the Lord."

By wholly following the Lord Caleb became a godly man, for it is a spiritual law that a man who wholly follows the Lord will certainly become like Him! Following God wholly transforms our lives! Habitual fidelity, constantly practicing the presence of God is a purifying stream which waters, enriches and fertilizes the whole area of our lives. Caleb had a constant sense of God; he was constantly conscious of the presence of God. In the camp he had the visible witness of God's presence in the pillars of cloud and flame. He was one of the twelve men who were sent to spy out the land; and had there been ten more men like him, the invasion of Canaan would have begun and finished forty years earlier.

Caleb was no idle dreamer. There was no delusion in his mind in spying out the land; he saw all his colleagues saw—the giants of the land, the high walls of the city, the difficulties, the all but

impossible task of conquering and possessing the land! "But he saw something that all the other spies but Joshua missed—he saw the presence and power of God! And seeing that, he believed in the possibility of what seemed impossible to others. He saw by the eye of faith—He never lost sight of God! He saw God while others saw only the obstacles. He saw a God who delighted to do the impossible.

Caleb did not lose touch with God when he left the familiar places! We can practice the presence of God in the church, home and shop, among enemies or friends, when we wholly follow the Lord.

To follow God wholly means to have strength in time of adversity, courage when the hearts of others are failing them for fear! To follow God wholly, to be conscious of His nearness by feeling His presence or seeing Him by the eye of faith, is to be freed from the panic and alarms which beset those who follow Him afar off. The companions of Caleb had no sure touch of God, so they were restless and troubled; to them the land of Canaan was filled with giants, it abounded in terror, it overwhelmed them with paralyzing fear. In every road they could see a lion. The mountains were covered by walled cities and hostile forces. The valleys were over-run by giants. They were panic-stricken and fear-ridden. To Caleb the land was "an exceedingly good land," a land which flowed with milk and honey. The enemy and obstacles were as nothing because he wholly followed the Lord.



Because Caleb followed the Lord wholly, God gave him his reward, the desire of his heart. The spot on which Caleb set his heart was the fertile valley of Hebron and the mountains surrounding it. "Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb."

Hebron was a winding valley whose terraces were covered with the rich verdure and golden clusters of Syrian grapes. During the forty years of wandering, when a whole generation was dying off, hope never died or faith never wavered in the heart of Caleb that some day he would possess the Valley of Hebron, and would conquer the walled cities and the giants dwelling in the surrounding mountains. That valley which was declared unconquerable, he conquered. The impregnable city, he took. The towering giants, he mastered. The mighty armies he destroyed. The high mountains became his; yes, the fertile valleys he possessed.

Oh, my brethren! There are victories that God wants you to have! There are spiritual Hebrons of power and triumph that God wants you to have if you will follow Him wholly. The life of John Wesley was revolutionized when he caught the vision of the impossibility, the calamity, the complete disaster of being "half a Christian." Yes, when he saw clearly the wonder, the majesty, the power, the force, the joy, the triumph of being a "whole Christian." The power of John Wesley's life was that he followed the Lord wholly. I challenge you to the thrilling, throbbing, joyous adventure of wholly following the Lord. It will revolutionize your whole Christian life and bring undreamed-of spiritual riches into your life, home, church and community!

Will you dare to have vital, living, throbbing, thrilling faith in God? Are you willing to enter into the joy of wholly following the Lord? Will you give God your best? Will you join with Caleb in this great personal crusade of wholly following God? There is peace, joy, contentment, satisfaction, reward, victory and triumph in wholly following the Lord! —*The Foursquare Magazine*

Martin Luther on his sick bed, between groans, said, "These pains and troubles here are like the type which printers set; as they look now, we have to read them backwards and they seem to have no meaning or sense to them. But up yonder, when the Lord prints us off in the life to come, we shall find they make brave reading."



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*What proof is there that the Christian religion is of divine origin? The question has been put to me by one who says he is willing to accept only what can be clearly demonstrated.*

It may seem very wise for one to say that he is "willing to accept only what can be clearly demonstrated," but in reality this person accepts much that has not been demonstrated to him. If he has not traveled he accepts by faith the accounts provided him by others that foreign countries exist. He accepts other's word that the United States is traversed by a great Rocky Mountain range. If he is a scientist he accepts and builds on what others before him have discovered. It is therefore unwise for anyone to say, "I am willing to accept only what can be demonstrated."

The world moves forward on faith. We believe what the historians write concerning earlier people and forms of government, what they say concerning persons who lived long ago. Why should we object to accepting the Christian religion by faith? Study the characters of those who gave us the record of Christ's life. Were they not fellow-companions with the Lord? Study the character which they set forth as appropriate for those who profess the Christian faith. They denounced all falsifying and deceit. They were either truthful witnesses or rank impostors.

But let us consider personal experience. The Bible promises an assurance of faith to him who accepts Christ as Saviour and Lord. The Holy Spirit of God "bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). Personal experience confirms the truthfulness of the Holy Scriptures. "We know in whom we have believed." It can be clearly demonstrated that Christianity brings a complete change into the believer's life. Unholy desires and aims give place to the pure and holy. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things

are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Christian believer accepts Christianity because of what Christianity has wrought in his own life.

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*God said to Adam, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). But Adam did not die when he ate of the forbidden fruit. Will you please explain why?*

As soon as Adam sinned, the seeds of physical death were planted in his life. The fact that he did not immediately die is attributed by many to "common grace." It is called *common* grace because it has no necessary connection with saving grace. It was this grace which withheld immediate judgment. This grace was shown also in that the earth which God said would bring forth "thorns . . . and thistles" also brought forth "fruitful seasons" through the application of human toil. It is the grace to which Jesus referred when He said, "Your Father . . . sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

While Adam did not immediately die physically when he partook of the forbidden fruit, he did die spiritually. Death is separation. When Adam sinned he became separated from the fellowship of God and sought to hide himself (Genesis 3:8). All sinners are spiritually dead, separated from fellowship with God. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). At physical death the soul becomes separated from the body. For the Christian, death is to "depart, and to be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). There is something much worse than physical death. It is eternal separation from God, spoken of as the "second death" (Revelation 20:6, 14).

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## THE KING WHO RETURNED TO GOD

Sunday School Lesson for September 23, 1956

2 CHRONICLES 33:1-6, 11-13

Oh, that twentieth century America might study the life of Manasseh, King of Judah! How it gives the lie to false and shallow conceptions of sin! How insistently it proclaims the inescapable truth that though man may be forgiven for his sin, he cannot undo its awful consequences!

### MANASSEH'S SINFULNESS (2 Chron. 33:1-10)

No sin was too great for Manasseh. He wiped out his father's good influence. He revived the worship of Baal. He was a specialist in every form of idolatry and spiritual wickedness. He profaned the temple of God. His guilt was intensified because:

1. *He ignored the example of a godly father.* Hezekiah had been one of Judah's saintliest kings. It is a dreadful thing to despise one's God-given privileges! "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

2. *He ignored repeated warnings from the Lord* (compare 2 Kings 21:16 with 2 Chron. 33:10). Though Manasseh had recklessly abandoned himself to wickedness, yet God was merciful, sending him messenger after messenger to warn him. But did he appreciate it? Nay! "He . . . filled Jerusalem from one end to another" with the "innocent blood" of those who sought to turn him from his ways!

3. *He involved a nation in his wickedness.* "None of us liveth unto Himself" (Rom. 14:7). We cannot sin without involving others. The fact is inescapable! Regardless of our station in life, each of us exerts an influence on other lives.

### MANASSEH'S REPENTANCE (2 Chron. 33:11-19)

*Its Occasion.* Why is it that men persist in sin? Solomon gave the answer: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." So it was with Manasseh. "Retribution slipped in by the guards at the door one day, and took the king rudely by the shoulders. It shook him so roughly that his crown fell from his head. Then it dragged him from his throne, dressed him in chains, and sent him a captive into a foreign country."

*Its Evidence.* Shall we be wooed or whipped? When men will not yield to the gentle wooing of the Spirit, nor submit meekly to the authority of God's Word, God is forced to use harsher methods. Manasseh chose to be whipped. And fortunately for him, the whipping produced its intended effect! Deep had been his guilt. Equally deep was his repentance. He "humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto him."

*Its Results.* "And he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication." God not only forgave the king but restored him to his throne as well!

### WHAT MANASSEH COULD NOT DO

Manasseh the sinner became Manasseh the saint. Few ever tried harder to undo and atone for the consequences of a wicked past. But it was no use. The king learned that it was easier to lead men to hell than to lift them to heaven. He suffered as he had to stand by and helplessly watch the nation crumble because of his own influence. "I will cause them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh" (Jer. 15:4). More than this, he could not lead to God his own son whom he had led into idolatry (vv. 21-25).

A young lady was saved and desired to join the church. Her mother refused her request, for she wanted the daughter to enter into society. Three years later the young lady had gone back into sin because of her mother and had died as a result of that sin. On the way home from the funeral the heart-broken mother repented and found Christ. She said to her other daughter, "Mary, I have found the salvation I rejected three years ago."

"No, mother," answered Mary. "You have found salvation all right; but it is not the salvation you would have had three years ago. Your salvation then would have included Nellie. Now it is only the salvation of yourself."

Let us indeed ring out the good news—repentance will bring salvation. Christ is able to save to the uttermost. But lest men presume, let us also remind them that salvation cannot always save us from the consequences of a sinful past!

—by J. Bashford Bishop

### MODERN IDOLATRY





# A Spiritual Fellowship

NAE Week October 21-28 to Emphasize  
"Spiritual Unity in Action"

by PAUL P. PETTICORD  
President, National Association  
of Evangelicals

"Spiritual" can be interpreted in many ways, but among persons, churches and denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals the word "evangelical" defines the position very clearly.

At a recent meeting of the National Sunday School Association, an affiliate of the NAE, a prominent Governor of a Midwest State rather sharply defined not only the work of the NSSA but the all-over ministry of the NAE when he stated, "In my thinking I have been comparing the work you are doing with other Christian endeavors. To me, your adventure here and that which you are seeking to do transcends in importance even that which took place in a neighboring state. There, church government was discussed, and problems affecting the administration of church bodies. But here, you are dealing with people, and charting a course by which young men and women and children are to be given opportunity to live fuller and richer Christian lives. Because of this type of training, opportunity will be given many to become better citizens, to participate in America's affairs, to strengthen the hand of the free world. The significance of your gathering is this—you are the greatest deterrent to juvenile delinquency and the greatest advocate of Americanism in the truest sense."

The NAE is a body of Evangelicals who desire fellowship to make possible the continuance of freedom in America for evangelical activities in and through our churches and organizations. To this end the NAE is dedicated. To further the work of Evangelical Christianity a week is set aside each fall known as "NAE Week." This year October 21-28 is so designated. The theme is "Spiritual Unity in Action."

One of the examples as to how the NAE can serve and advance the cause of Evangelicals is in the field of church extension. In recent years Councils of Churches, national and local, have exercised considerable control of church location in new and redeveloped communities. Evangelical churches have often found difficulty in acquiring building sites. The NAE has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners resulting in a new appreciation by planners of the evangelical viewpoint. Planners have since indicated their desire to provide freedom of choice in granting church locations. The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the NAE is continuing an aggressive program for maintaining this freedom.

Another example is in the field of radio. In this area Evangelicals annually have been buying some ten mil-

lion dollars' worth of time to broadcast the gospel of Christ. An effort is now being made to eliminate the purchasing of time by religious groups, thus leaving only sustaining time available to the churches. This, as you well can see, is an encroachment on our liberties, and also would make impossible the hundreds of Gospel broadcasts of today. The National Religious Broadcasters, an affiliate of NAE, is defending our liberties in this field.

And still another example is found in the formation of our Spiritual Life Commission directed by Dr. Armin Gesswein. This commission should prove to be a very important arm of our churches in stimulating a deeply spiritual movement through prayer that will enable our unified effort to touch more people than any of us could do alone.

Churches planning to observe "NAE WEEK" should write to their regional office or the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, for free material, including bulletin covers, or inserts, descriptive folders, offering envelopes, and a pastor's handbook of information.

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## Promises of Scripture

JOHN 15:16.

Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God, which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request: "Do as Thou hast said." The Creator will not cheat His creature who depends upon His truth; and, far more, the heavenly Father will not break His word to His own child. "Remember the word unto Thy servant, on which Thou hast caused me to hope," is most prevalent pleading. It is a double argument: it is Thy *Word*, wilt Thou not keep it? Why hast Thou spoken of it if Thou wilt not make it good? Thou hast caused me to hope in it, wilt Thou disappoint the hope which Thou hast Thy-self begotten in me?—*Spurgeon*.

# Revivaltime—

## A BLESSING TO SERVICEMEN

Some of the most heartening letters received at the Revivaltime office come from servicemen

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING MIRACLES of radio is that it can reach out to people in every circumstance of life. Gospel broadcasting can be a source of comfort to those in sorrow, a friend to the friendless, a cheer to those away from home, or a messenger to those in need of God.

The ministry of the REVIVALTIME broadcast has met men and women on every level—everywhere. And from the servicemen come encouraging letters telling of the help and blessing the broadcast has been to them. Moments of loneliness, despondency, and fear have been dispelled by the inspiring messages and songs heard every week on this Pentecostal, Spirit-filled broadcast.

Just recently, REVIVALTIME became one of the regular weekly broadcasts to be released from an army post radio station at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Your prayers are requested, as this broadcast will be heard by many of the fellows on this army base. As we pray, God will work! We are believing that many of them shall find Christ as their Saviour, and also that the Christian boys will be strengthened and encouraged to live "out and out" for the Lord.

From many parts of the U.S. and foreign lands come letters from men in uniform. Let us share with you just a few of their letters:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—"I am a regular listener to REVIVALTIME and enjoy it very much. May God richly bless you in your work, as I am very sure that He is doing now. I do solicit your prayers for myself and all of my loved ones."

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA—"You have no idea how joyful my soul is this morning. You see, I have just been listening to REVIVALTIME over Radio Jamaica. I am stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as one of Uncle Sam's sailors. It was a great surprise (and delight) this morning as I was searching the airways of my radio to hear the old familiar strains of 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.' I am a member of the Calvary Assembly back in Toledo, Ohio. So you know how glad my soul is to have heard your broadcast. Pray for me, Brother Ward, that I will continue to live on the straight and narrow while in the Navy. May the good Lord bless you and keep the Jamaica airways open for your program."

OLYMPIA, WASH.—"I have certainly been enjoying the REVIVALTIME broadcast and it gives me a good feeling to know that thousands of souls are being reached by your broadcast. I am at present in the U.S. Army. I have a wife and baby daughter. I should be one of the happiest men in the world, yet I am so confused. Brother Ward, I want to live for God and want to do His will. I need your prayers that I would forget self, the material things of this world, and put Christ first in my life. Pray that I may be willing to let God use my life

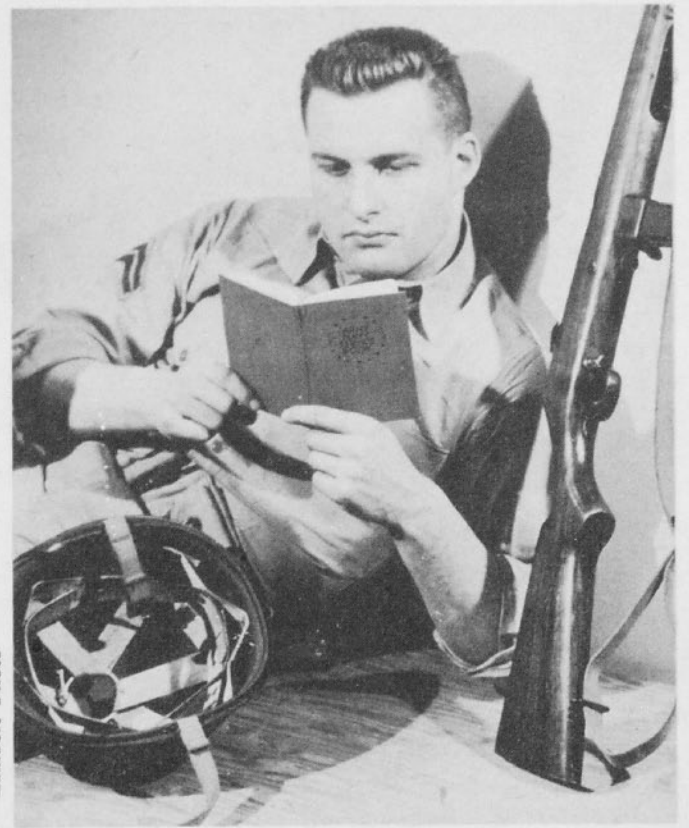
for His glory, no matter what the circumstances or sacrifices."

ISMIR, TURKEY—"Last night, I was standing by on our receiving and sending set here in Turkey, and had the pleasure of listening to Mr. C. M. Ward's sermon on 'Two Tunes.' Thank you for the fine message I heard—hope there is still a copy of that message available. I will be doing my best to pick your program up every Thursday night."

JACKSONVILLE, ARK. — "I've intended for months to write and tell you how much I appreciate your ministry on the greatest religious program of our day—REVIVALTIME. The folks and I always listened to you in Lubbock; and since entering the Air Force, listening to the program is just like being home for a visit. Every Sunday night I anxiously await each song and your wonderful sermon. More than anything else, I appreciate and admire the manner in which you preach holiness."

Your prayer support can enable REVIVALTIME to reach hundreds of other fellows that are now in the service of Uncle Sam. Remember, there is very little on an army, navy or air force base to encourage them for God, and REVIVALTIME with its Full Gospel message can and will be just what they need to give them that spiritual lift.

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# The Shape of the Cross

by Lon Woodrum

THEY PASSED A COUPLE OF STICKS and started a new world. They took two pieces of wood and made a symbol that has "towered o'er the wrecks of time." They made a shape that has stood above the birth and death of nations.

In the world where this sign first arose there were various reactions to it. To the Jews it was offensive; to the Greeks, insanity; to the Romans, a threat to Caesar. To the Christians it was the power of God.

The shape of those gallows-sticks on Calvary still haunts our world. All efforts to shake off the emblem fail. For the Cross is forever associated with the God-man who only hurts us with His love. When our evil and hatred bring

down the darkness upon us, the Cross shines the brighter. Whether we like it or not, we are "stuck" with this execution-thing.

The Cross is shaped like a SWORD. It is a sword, thrust deep into the world's conscience, wounding it from age to age. We rage against the hurt but God will not draw it away.

At Christmas we sing the angelic anthem, "Peace on earth to men of good will"; and we forget that it is *only* men of good will who have peace! "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other," sang the old poet; he did not say that *evil* and peace had embraced! "There is no peace to the wicked!" warned Isaiah. In this time when we talk of a nuclear Armageddon the words

of a priest in ancient Anathoth should trouble us: "They have healed the wound of my people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace."

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth," said Jesus. "I came not to send peace, but a sword." We must not forget that Jesus was the great Divider. He is the magnificent Trouble-Maker, the great Disturber. He will not let us rest in our selfishness and our sins. We feel again and again the terrible thrust of His sword. He will put up His weapon only when we surrender to His will for righteousness; then will He bind up our wounds and there will be peace.

The Cross is shaped like a KEY. It is a key, one that turns the lock of our prisons and sets us free from sinful self. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Paul writes, "You, who were dead . . . God made alive . . . having forgiven all our trespasses, having cancelled the bond which stood against us." And how did He effect all this? In the midst of the mighty victory there stands the shape of the Cross.

James Stewart has rightly said that at the Cross Christ identified Himself with our sins, our defeats, our weaknesses, so that at the same Cross we might identify ourselves with His righteousness, His victory, and His strength. "The Cross is the meeting-place between God and man."

Jesus said to the people of Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. . . . He hath sent me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." And the key He uses is the Cross. It is a key that would unlock all concentration camps of human misery and wrong.

The Cross is shaped like a royal SCEPTRE. It is a royal sceptre that has swayed the turbulent ages. They wrote on the Cross that He was a King. King He was, and is. What a King! Blood-smeared and thorn-crowned, mocked by the mob, but He was born King. The angel courier cried of Him before His birth: "Of His kingdom there shall be no end!" On the script that fluttered from the tree it was written in three languages that He was King.

Take another look at the Cross and see. It is a *sword* that cuts our conscience; it is a *key* that unlocks our prisons; it is a royal *sceptre* under which we live with Him in His Kingdom.

## REVIVALTIME NEWS FLASH

The following changes were made in the radio log beginning the week of August 19.

### NEW STATIONS

ROLLA, MO. (KTTR)

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

(1490 kc; 250 watts)

Contact cleared through Carl Roberts

FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO. (KFLW)

Check local paper for time.

Contact cleared through John Citron

McGEHEE, ARK. (KVSA)

Check local paper for time.

Contact cleared through Otis Hubbard

GENEVA, ALA. (WGEA)

Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

(1150 kc; 1000 watts)

Contact cleared through Shelburn Roberts

WINNEMUCCA, NEV. (KWNA)

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N. MEX. (KCHS)

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

(1400 kc; 250 watts)

TORRINGTON, CONN. (WLCR)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

(990 kc; 1000 watts)

Contact cleared through Stefan Galyas

SUFFOLK, VA. (WLPM)

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

(1450 kc; 250 watts)

Contact cleared through Kent Reckley

MAYSVILLE, KY. (WFTM)

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

(1240 kc; 250 watts)

(Public Service broadcast)

### TIME CHANGES

MAYFIELD, KY. (WKTM)

Now heard at 4:30 p.m., Sunday

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (KFUN)

Now heard at 9:30 p.m., Sunday



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► SAVANNAH, TENN.—The church here thoroughly enjoyed the excellent ministry of Billy O. Hall of Sullivan, Mo. The people were stirred to a new consecration, and the anointed preaching of the evangelist attracted many outsiders.

—Lela Riley, Pastor

► IRON MOUNTAIN, MO.—The church here was greatly stirred under the Holy Ghost anointed singing and preaching of Evangelist Everett McCauley of Steelville, Mo. Ten souls went forward for salvation, and a number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

—V. R. Ledbetter, Pastor

► MEDFORD, OREG.—The name of the Lord was greatly magnified in a two-week revival conducted in Bethel Assembly by Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge. Many people testified to real spiritual victories, and some were healed. Only eternity can reveal the great good that was accomplished under the ministry of Sister Ethridge.

—Lawrence D. Krause, Pastor

► ROGERS, OHIO—the East Carmel Assembly of God just closed a two-week revival with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. A thoroughly Pentecostal atmosphere prevailed throughout the meetings, with two receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and several backsliders coming back to God. The closing night the evangelists took up pledges for a new building to be started immediately.

—Richard Barth, Pastor

► SAN MARCOS, TEX.—The church here has been blessed recently with two revivals. Evangelist and Mrs. G. Q. Manley of Houston, Tex., came first. Their ministry in song was very outstanding. Later, Evangelist W. J. Dodd, of Davilla, conducted meetings in which the ministry of the Word was especially stirring. Both revivals contributed greatly to the edification of the church.

—Tommy Ruth Zarnow and  
Eulma Lee Cunningham, Pastors

► GARLAND, TEX.—The Bethany Assembly of God has just experienced a two-and-a-half-week revival with Evangelist H. L. Bayless and his two sons, Leon and Doyle of Wichita Falls, Tex. God blessed in a wonderful way. Some were at the altar for salvation and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some were healed. One lady testified that God had healed her foot of arthritis and her toes has straightened out. The church was blessed and edified in every way.

—W. A. Edwards, Pastor

► GARY, IND.—God's blessing rested upon our boys and girls in a VBS rally at the Black Oak Assembly of God, conducted by Evangelists Dedelow and Friederici. One hundred and fifty-two boys and girls were enrolled, in addition to adults. Each night the altars were crowded with children seeking Christ for salvation. Many new contacts were made.

—Dan Hinson, Pastor

► DILLEY, TEX.—Evangelist Bert Clendennen, of Refugio, Tex., conducted a very successful three-week revival here. It has been a time of heaven on earth. Many were saved, filled, and healed. The whole countryside was stirred, and it is hard to find a single individual in the city who did not attend the revival. Some nights there were as many as five hundred in attendance.

—I. H. Ridge, Pastor

► SUBLETTE, KANS.—This young church recently enjoyed a good revival meeting with the Singing Sandall family. Three were saved and three backsliders restored. A new Sunday School record of thirty-five was established. This church was started just about a year ago. A 30 by 50-foot building has been built, and during the year three revival meetings have been conducted. The Lord has recently moved to meet every financial need.

—Lee W. Harrison, Pastor

► ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman of Beaumont, Tex., recently held one of the greatest revivals this area has ever witnessed. Ten churches co-operated in the meetings, and there was wonderful harmony among them. For five weeks, hundreds attended this great move of God. It was an old-fashioned meeting in every way. God wrought miracles as prayer was offered for the sick, and many accepted Christ as Saviour.

—C. B. Roberts, Pastor

► SOUTH GATE, CALIF.—The Firestone Assembly of God has just completed a very profitable revival campaign with Evangelist L. B. "Bill" Lewis, of Wilmington, Calif., which lasted for three weeks. There were twenty-two saved; five were filled with the Holy Spirit; and there were numerous refillings. Many testified to various healings. The Sunday School reached an all-time high on Rally Day, with a total of 327. Many new people came into the church for the first time, and the church as a whole has been blessed and strengthened by the ministry of Brother Lewis.

—Oscar D. Butterfield, Pastor  
Betty M. Kelley, Secretary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION — Annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, October 30 —November 1, beginning Tuesday night.

Oregon District Sunday School Convention, First Assembly of God, Eugene, September 25-27, L. B. Keener, National Representative, Sunday School Department, Springfield, Missouri.

Eastern District Sunday School Convention, Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania, September 24-26, Charles and Edith Denton, D. V. Hurst and Robert Pirtle, Springfield, Missouri.

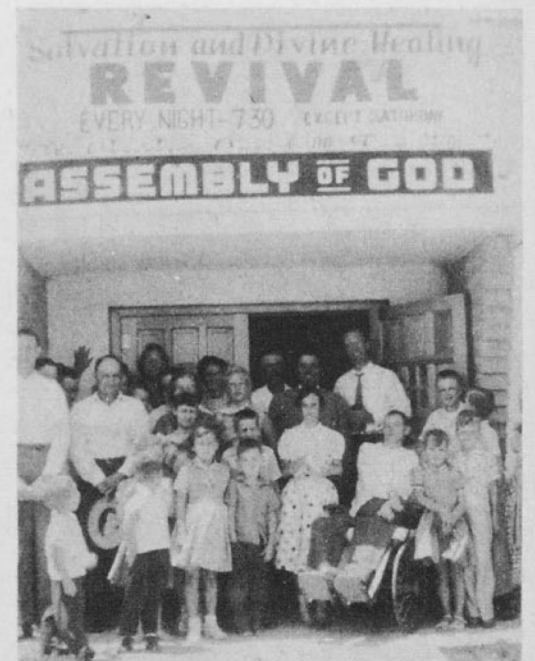
South Carolina District Sunday School Convention, First Assembly of God, Columbia, September 17, 18, Bert Webb, Ralph Harris, Phil Wannenmacher, Maxine Mitchell, Springfield, Missouri.

Alabama District Sunday School Convention, District Tabernacle, Montgomery, September 27, 28, T. F. Zimmerman, Maxine Mitchel, Phil Wannenmacher, Leonard Campbell, Springfield, Missouri.

## MISCELLANEOUS

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—Sept. 25-27 at First Assembly of God, Cor. 13th and Madison, Eugene, Oreg. L. B. Keener, Speaker. —by George J. Davis, State S. S. Director.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—The Oakland Revival Tabernacle's Grade and High School opened Monday, September 10. For information write the principal, Frances Berkihiser, 425-10 St., Oakland, Calif.—E. J. Lowry, Pastor, Oakland Revival Tabernacle.



Some of the new congregation at Sublette, Kansas, during recent meetings with the Singing Sandall Family



25TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES at Trafford Gospel Tabernacle, Trafford, Pa., Sept. 16-30. Various speakers, singers, and musicians participating. Homecoming Day, Sept. 30.—by H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—After spending five and one-half years in southern Indiana, where the Lord helped us to build a new church (Zion Hill Assembly of God, Route 2, Velpen, Indiana) we have moved to Detroit area to open another Assembly. Our new address is: 3358 Royal Ave., Berkley, Mich.—John D. Dearing.

ATTENTION, MINISTERS—We have reprinted the free pamphlet, "Working Together." This 6-page 2-color pamphlet describes the various headquarters departments of our church and carries the pictures of our Executive Presbyters, a brief statement of our beliefs, list of our schools, etc. Any minister may obtain 100 copies without charge, by writing to: Public Relations Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

#### WITH CHRIST

W. T. GASTON, 70, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Northern California and Nevada, passed away on August 26 in Santa Cruz. Word of his homegoing reached Springfield just as this issue of the EVANGEL was being completed. A summary of Brother Gaston's life and ministry will appear two weeks from now in the EVANGEL of September 30.

WILBORN G. MILLER, 31, Hamlin Tex., went to be with the Lord August 5, 1956. Brother Miller was ordained in 1953, and was pastoring First Assembly in Hamlin at the time of his death.

## Preparation for His Coming

No pencil can portray the scene on this old world after Christ's coming. Consternation will be written on every face and despair will fill every heart. The fondest, dearest and best will have disappeared mysteriously. It is well to face facts now, for facts will face us later. The salt of the earth removed, the light gone, spiritual putrefaction will set in, and the darkness of a great delusion shall fill the unhappy followers of the Antichrist. Cast your eye into the future. Earth's darkest days are still ahead. There is no use painting multi-colored rainbows on storm-clouds. "The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night" (see Matthew 24:44). If He should come now, would you welcome Him—or would you be ashamed and confounded? Lose not a moment: turn from all your idols and sinful pleasures to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven. —Elim Evangel



## Learn To Be Quiet

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

We all know that to do things is easier for most people than to be still. Our lives are like the ocean in their restlessness. This is one of the proofs of our immortality.

We are too great to be quiet. A stone has no trouble in keeping still. A clam never gets nervous.

The human soul was made for God, and its very grandeur renders its repose and quiet amid the things of earth the most difficult of all attainments. Yet quietness is a lesson that is set for us with great frequency in the Bible. We are told that the effect of righteousness is quietness. The Shepherd leads His sheep by the still waters. Restlessness is not spiritually beautiful.

Peace is a high attainment. Soldiers say that in war it is much harder to stand still under fire than to rush into the battle. Waiting is harder than working. It is only the great engine that runs noiselessly; the little machine fusses and sputters.

Quietness in a man or a woman is a mark of strength. Noise is not eloquence. Loudness is not power. In all departments of life it is the quiet forces that effect most. Therefore, if we would be strong, we must learn to be quiet. Quietness can never come through the hushing of the world's noise so that there shall be nothing to try or irritate the spirit. The quietness must be within us. Nothing but the peace of God in the heart can give it. Yet we can have this peace if we will simply and always do God's will and then trust Him. A quiet heart will give a quiet life.

—by J. R. MILLER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Tucson	<sup>1</sup> First	Sept. 9-30	R. L. Kay & wife	L. G. Gilmore
Calif.	Anaheim	<sup>2</sup> A of G	Sept. 24-30	James D. Rider	Wayne Davidson
	Hanford	Glad Tidings	Sept. 23	Bobby Clark & wife	Gene Forrest
	N. Sacramento	First	Sept. 25—	Walt Trumbo	Thomas Ming Sr.
	San Jose	Bethel	Sept. 19—	George Gospel Team	Thomas Sutton
	Santa Maria	A of G	Sept. 16-30	Erling Saxelid	J. W. Dollins
	South Gate	Firestone	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Westbrook Family	O. D. Butterfield
Colo.	Craig	A of G	Sept. 23—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	Wm. M. Mitchell
Fla.	Craig	First	Sept. 23—	John Wetzel & wife	Curtis Grant
Ga.	Griffen	First	Sept. 24-Oct. 7	Carl C. Haas	John Moore
Ill.	Camp Point	A of G	Sept. 18-30	Fiscus-Peak	J. L. Watkins
	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Amelia J. Bullock	Loren Doss
Iowa	Clarinda	Full Gospel	Sept. 16—	Kenneth Smith & wife	G. R. McGhghy
Kans.	Great Bend	First	Sept. 25—	R. W. Hastie & wife	J. O. Rosenberg
	Overland Park	First	Sept. 25-Oct. 9	Singing Sandalls	Gail Howard
	Russell	First	Sept. 11-23	R. W. Hastie & wife	Frank Sobotka
Mass.	South Dennis	Full Gospel	Sept. 16—	Hattie Hammond	George E. Downs
	Springfield	Bethany	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Bill Lewis	David Flower
Md.	Pasadena	Pentecostal	Sept. 18-30	Wm. F. Voodre	Harold Zuch
Mo.	Branson	A of G	Sept. 16-30	Lolita Thompson	Frank Goss
Nebr.	Alma	A of G	Sept. 16-30	Wesley Goodwin	J. E. Mayfield
	Hastings	A of G	Sept. 30—	R. D. Hastie & wife	H. W. Lebsack
N. Y.	Hudson Falls	Gosp. Lthouse	Sept. 23-30	Lillian Watters	Robert Canterbury
Ohio	Burton	A of G	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	Milton R. Searles	H. L. Tomlinson
	Bellevue	A of G	Sept. 18-30	Andrew Basell & wife	Paul C. Taylor
Pa.	Brookville	First	Sept. 9-30	John & Olive Kellner	Vernon Boyer
	Lancaster	First	Sept. 26-Oct. 14	Busse Evang. Team	Derrick Hillary
S. Dak.	Britton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 23-30	Grant Wacker & wife	James Griep
Tex.	San Angelo	Campus Blvd.	Sept. 19—	Bob McCutchen & wife	E. A. Pack
Va.	Salem	Bethel	Sept. 30—	Jesse Ray & wife	G. E. Strickland
Wis.	Shawano	A of G	Sept. 19—	Musical Vander Ploegs	Paul Hoff
	Berlin	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 11-23	R. S. Peterson	Harley Olson
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Sept. 23—	Wendell Reed & wife	O. Cope Budge

<sup>1</sup> Tent revival

<sup>2</sup> Workers training

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.

# IN THE HOUSE OF THE INTERPRETER

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It would be well if he did not lose himself in the intricacies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel first of all, or turn to the Book of Revelation and become mystified by the picture of seals, trumpets, and beasts. These portions can wait a while until he finds out what the Bible is all about.

Then he may become mystified by the Old Testament story of the establishment of the tabernacle in the wilderness, the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, and the details of the Mosaic Covenant. He must learn that much of his reading in the Old Testament Scriptures needs interpretation. If there be no interpretation, one may actually be led astray into the acceptance of teachings which are out of harmony with the message of the New Testament.

How important it is that we come to the Author of the Book for help. Pray over your Bible reading and the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to truths that will amaze you. And best of all, there is no end to the possibilities that lie before you. A lifetime spent with the Word of God is not sufficient to fathom its depths nor to exhaust its resources.

The ability to handle aright the Word of Truth can be described in simple language. If we wish to unroll a ball of twine we must look for the end of the string. If we start wrong, tangles are sure to result, but if we can find the end, in the very center of the ball, how easily the twine comes out without any tangles until the entire ball is unwound.

This is an illustration of the need of

correct interpretation of the Bible. Without the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Genesis account of creation and the fall of man might well be a fable; the story of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, just a life story of three old patriarchs who are dead and gone long ago. And when we come to the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egypt, the setting up of the Mosaic code of laws on Sinai, the erection of the tabernacle in the wilderness, etc., the question might well come, "But what has all that to do with me?"

Even the Gospels and the Acts are historical books; and while the teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth are found therein, and are sublime in their purity yet Jesus Himself, in all His teaching, gave us little to help us to a correct understanding of His death and resurrection. He told us He would die and on the third day He would arise from the dead, but He did not interpret the full significance of His passion. He did, however, tell us that He was going away and He would send another Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, who, when He came, would lead us into all truth. The

## Biographical

# SKETCHES

4TH CENTURY  
A.D.

*Chloe Stewart* →



MONASTICISM ATTRACTED HIM SO STRONGLY, THAT HE BECAME A HERMIT AND LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS. THERE HE PRAYED, FASTED, AND ENGAGED IN MANUAL LABOR.





**John  
Chrysostom**



BECAUSE OF HIS VIEWS, HE FOUND HIMSELF HIGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH SOME GROUPS AND THEY SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING HIM ABOARD A SHIP TO BE EXILED.

AN EARTHQUAKE CAUSED THE SUPERSTITIOUS COURT TO RECALL HIM. HE WAS RECEIVED WITH APPLAUSE.

IN 398 A.D. HE BECAME THE PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE. HIS FIDELITY AND REFORMING ZEAL DISPLEASED THE COURT AND NOBILITY.



HIS ENEMIES FINALLY FORCED HIM INTO EXILE. HE UTILIZED HIS TIME WISELY BY READING, WRITING ETC.



HE DIED WITH THESE WORDS ON HIS LIPS, "GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS"



divine Interpreter came as was promised, on the day of Pentecost. He began His work immediately, so that when Peter arose on that memorable day and preached the Word, he took the Old Testament and interpreted the prophecies of David, showing their fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who both died and rose again according to the Scriptures, ascended into the heavens, received the promised Holy Spirit, and poured out this which was seen and heard, the gift of the Holy Ghost. The Interpreter had come. Now all that had gone before became plain, and a design was discovered in all the record of the Old Testament, which finds interpretation in the light of the New.

But it remained for one man to bring the greatest light of all upon the Scriptures. Saul of Tarsus, a Jew, brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught in all the perfect law of his fathers, was chosen of God to be an interpreter of the Scriptures with which he was so familiar. He was stopped on the Damascus road. He saw the Lord Jesus. His whole life's course was changed. Without consulting with others, he sought God diligently for himself. He says that he went into Arabia and returned again into Damascus and did not see any of the Apostles until three years after his conversion, and yet, when he did see them and communicated unto them the gospel which had been revealed to him, they had nothing to add to the revelation which he had received from God concerning Jesus Christ. Later he says he was caught up to the third heaven and had things revealed to him which it was unlawful for him to disclose. This accounts for his marvelous Epistles. He has contributed no less than fourteen of them to our New Testament. Three of them are decidedly doctrinal, and one is amazed at the extent to which he interprets not only the Old Testament but the Gospel records as well.

Paul alone interprets Adam and contrasts him with Christ. He alone gives us the details pertaining to Abraham and shows us the significance of the statement that Abraham believed God and it was counted to Him for righteousness. He is the one who interprets Sinai as the Old Covenant and contrasts it with the New Covenant. He alone takes the Levitical priesthood and the tabernacle in the wilderness and shows us their spiritual significance. So in our reading of the Old Testament

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## Food for the Soul is Important Too!...

Whenever "chow call" sounds there is always a mad scramble. The cooking won't be exactly like "Mom's" but at least it will be filling—and an Army, Air Force, or Navy can't move forward on an empty stomach. Weary servicemen know that they must take their food where they can get it—and, often, *when* they can get it.

But on a desolate, forsaken outpost in Korea or on an isolated, monotonous assignment in Germany, the time of the meals isn't always important just so there is enough to fill a hungry stomach. But even filled stomachs can't keep a man from being homesick and desperately lonesome.

An amazing number of servicemen have been writing to the Servicemen's Division and openly confessing their need of salvation. Overshadowing the heart-rending description they give of their surroundings is the desperate cry they bring for help in finding God! The Servicemen's Division is ready to do everything possible to help all the men on its mailing list and also to reach every other serviceman who is in need of salvation.

YOU can help too! SEND immediately the addresses of your loved ones in the armed forces to the Servicemen's Division. PRAY earnestly that this ministry will be effective in giving hungry souls spiritual food. GIVE generously to help meet the pressing financial needs of the Servicemen's Division. Offerings to this ministry are deductible for income tax purposes, and the church you designate will receive full missionary credit. Send offerings and addresses to:

**C. A. Department — Servicemen's Division**

434 West Pacific Street ★ Springfield 1, Missouri

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books, they take on new and significant meaning when viewed through the eyes of Paul.

At last I have found the key to the Scriptures. Christian doctrine is found in the Epistles rather than in other portions of the Bible. I do not go to the Old Testament to find an explanation of the New. No! I go to the New Testament to find an explanation of the Old. I have come to the house of the Interpreter. I sit at His feet and marvel as He points out to me the life of faith that pleases God; the Lamb of Calvary, hidden in the Jewish sacrifices; the significance of the tabernacle and the various pieces of furniture that graced it. Here I see Jesus Christ in all His fullness, pictured in type and shadow, and the Bible becomes a new book to me.

And I have discovered something else. I can avoid falling into error if I keep close to the house of the Interpreter. Doctrines that seem to be significant, if found elsewhere, should be held lightly unless they have apostolic sanction in the Epistles. When doctrines are clearly set forth in the Epistles, then we can turn to the rest of the Scriptures and find a wealth of illustrative and elucidative material to back up our doctrinal position. They all fall into line, for the Interpreter is able to harmonize and establish all truth.

If you have not discovered this secret,

if you have not yet entered the house of the Interpreter, then I trust that from this moment on you will begin to "rightly divide" or handle aright the Word of Truth by His help.

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## Appointment With Death

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righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). I thought as I stood there with bowed head, "Paul the apostle and Fidardo the hostage had a lot in common. In the hour of death, they were magnificent."

### LIFE'S GREATEST CHOICE

God knows best how to immortalize your life. Note again the words of my text: "It is appointed." You and I have a rendezvous to keep. God will wrap that hour in circumstances best to His own liking. It is not within our providence to choose the circumstances of our birth. But we can choose where we will spend eternity—in heaven or in hell. And to me that is the biggest choice that life affords. All the powers of

another world cannot change that choice. It is a matter of eternal record. John says, "Another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books" (Revelation 20:12).

Not to choose is to choose badly. To miss heaven by default is a sorrow unmatched by any grief experienced upon earth. To ignore Christ's provision for your soul is "to tread under foot the Son of God, and count the blood of the covenant an unholy thing, and to do despite unto the Spirit of grace." No wonder the writer of those words, placed in the Book of God, says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31).

Neighbor, what account will you render to God? What will you say in that hour? What will be your plea? The fact of death is here to remind us all that judgment day is ahead—a fact big enough and important enough to convict me of my need of a Saviour. How about you?

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## Wheel Chair Patient Healed

My body was afflicted with arthritis for a number of years. Finally I got to the place where I couldn't get on my feet. I was confined to a wheel chair for two years. I asked for prayer and was prayed for many times. Often I received a touch in my body, but never complete deliverance.

One day I sent a handkerchief to an evangelist, asking him to anoint it and pray for my healing. He sent the handkerchief back, saying that he had personally prayed over it and that he knew God had heard him. Thank God, as I stood on His Word and praised Him by faith for healing me, my sickness left. I now go to church without the wheel chair—Mrs. Evelyn Hilton, Dallas, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. D. Hobbs, Pastor, Calvary Tabernacle, Dallas, Tex. He states, "Sister Hilton is in good health today and attends all the services. She is completely healed.")

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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.



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# Campus Ambassadors

by J. Calvin Holsinger

Campus Advisor, The National C.A. Department

"Reaching tomorrow's leaders for Christ" describes well the purpose of the Campus Ambassador Division of the National C. A. Department. The importance of this task and the success of its mission are well illustrated by a recent report that came to the attention of the national office concerning a young midwestern college student.

Last fall this young lady registered as a freshman education major at a state university. Her background was not Assemblies of God. In fact, her father was a Roman Catholic and her mother a Baptist. During the summer, however, she had visited with her grandmother who had begun worshipping at an Assemblies of God church. There she went to the altar one night.

Within a few weeks she went off to college—still an untrained fledgling Christian. Unknown to her, on the campus of the college which she had chosen was an active C. A. group (Chi

Alpha) organized under the direction of the Campus Division of the National C. A. Department. At registration she became acquainted with some of the members of the chapter as they passed out literature about their group. She began attending the group's Bible studies and enjoyed their times of Christian fellowship. Soon she became hungry for deeper spiritual things, and just after Christmas she received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost—all because, through the encouragement of the National C. A. Department, a Full Gospel witness had been established on that campus.

"Reaching tomorrow's leaders for Christ" is an important task. The schoolteacher, the businessman, the lawmaker of your community—all have tremendous influence over people's lives. Imagine what could happen if they put their influence to work for *spiritual* improvement, as well as social and economic advancement. Also, each year

thousands of our own Assemblies of God young people go off to universities to prepare for the professions. They, too, need to be strengthened in their Full Gospel faith and shown how to be effective witnesses for Christ and the church.

The C. A. Department has sought to accomplish its objectives on campus through two agencies:

1. The CAMPUS AMBASSADOR magazine. This college-slanted magazine is sent *free of charge* to all Assemblies of God college students whose names and addresses are sent to the C. A. Department.

2. UNIVERSITY CHAPTERS of C. A.'s. This is the newest program of the Campus Division. According to our records, last year the Assemblies of God had young people on the campus of about 200 of the leading colleges and universities in this country. Two years ago, there were only two campuses that had C. A. groups. Today there are organized C. A. chapters meeting together for Bible study and Christian fellowship on eighteen of these campuses.

This fall the National C. A. Department's Campus Ambassador Division is particularly endeavoring to encourage the organization of Full Gospel witnesses on every campus where we have a number of Assemblies of God students. A manual of helps for organizing and operating a campus C. A. chapter is available without charge from the National C. A. Office. The campus program consists of a four-point emphasis of development—worship, training, service, and Christian recreation. The whole program is based on the verse of scripture, "And Jesus increased in wisdom (training) and stature (recreation), and in favour with God (worship) and man (service)" (Luke 2:52).

You can help the National C. A. Department "reach tomorrow's leaders for Christ" by:

1. Sending the name and address of every college C. A. you know to the National C. A. Department so that he can receive the free college magazine *Campus Ambassador*.

2. Encouraging college C. A.'s you know to form campus C. A. groups.

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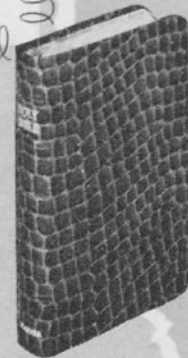
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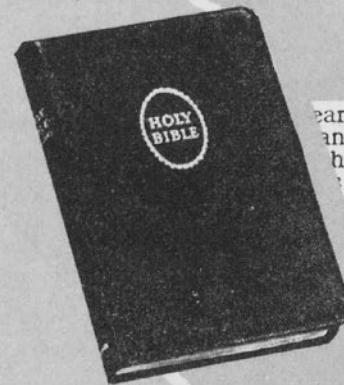
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8 For the chér-ù-bims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.  
9 And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the



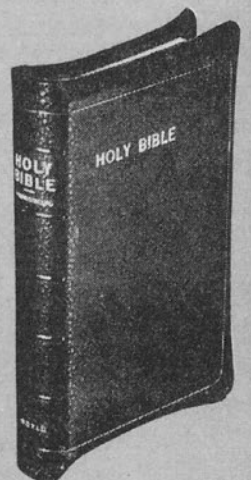
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60 Jesus said unto his dead bury their dead: but and preach the kingdom  
61 And another also said I will follow thee; but I



ears old when he began to and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his name was Nê-hûsh- daughter of Èl-nâ-thân

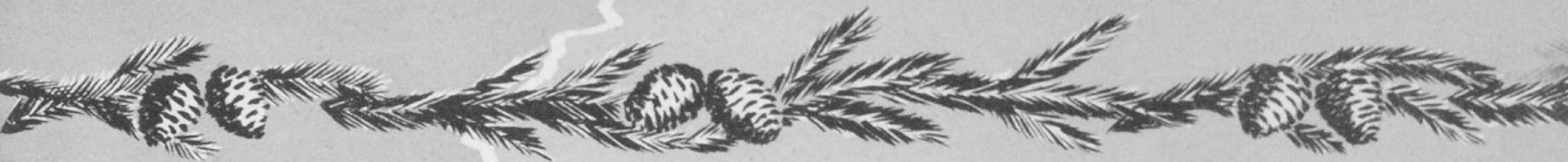
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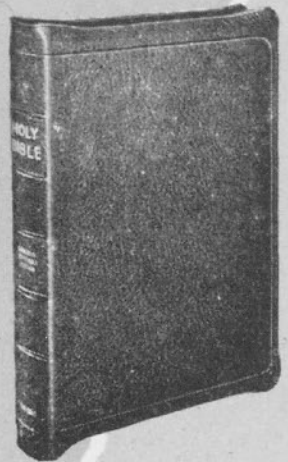
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18 <sup>d</sup>He that believeth o not condemned; but he th<sup>e</sup> eth not is condemned alre<sup>a</sup> cause he hath not believe name of the only begotter God.



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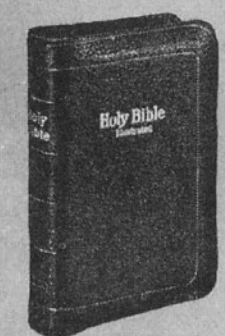
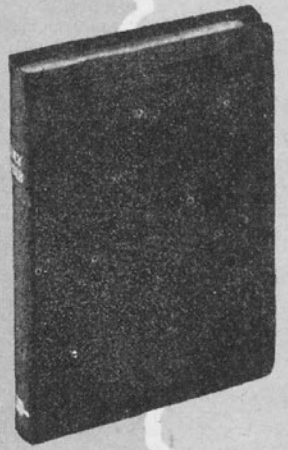
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13 ¶ Then were there bro<sup>t</sup> him little children, that he si<sup>t</sup> his hands on them, and pray disciples rebuked them.  
14 But Jesus said, Suffer little and forbid them not, to come for <sup>a</sup> of such is the kingdom o

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37 And on the other of the Reubenites, an and of the half tribe o with all manner of i war for the battle, at twenty thousand.

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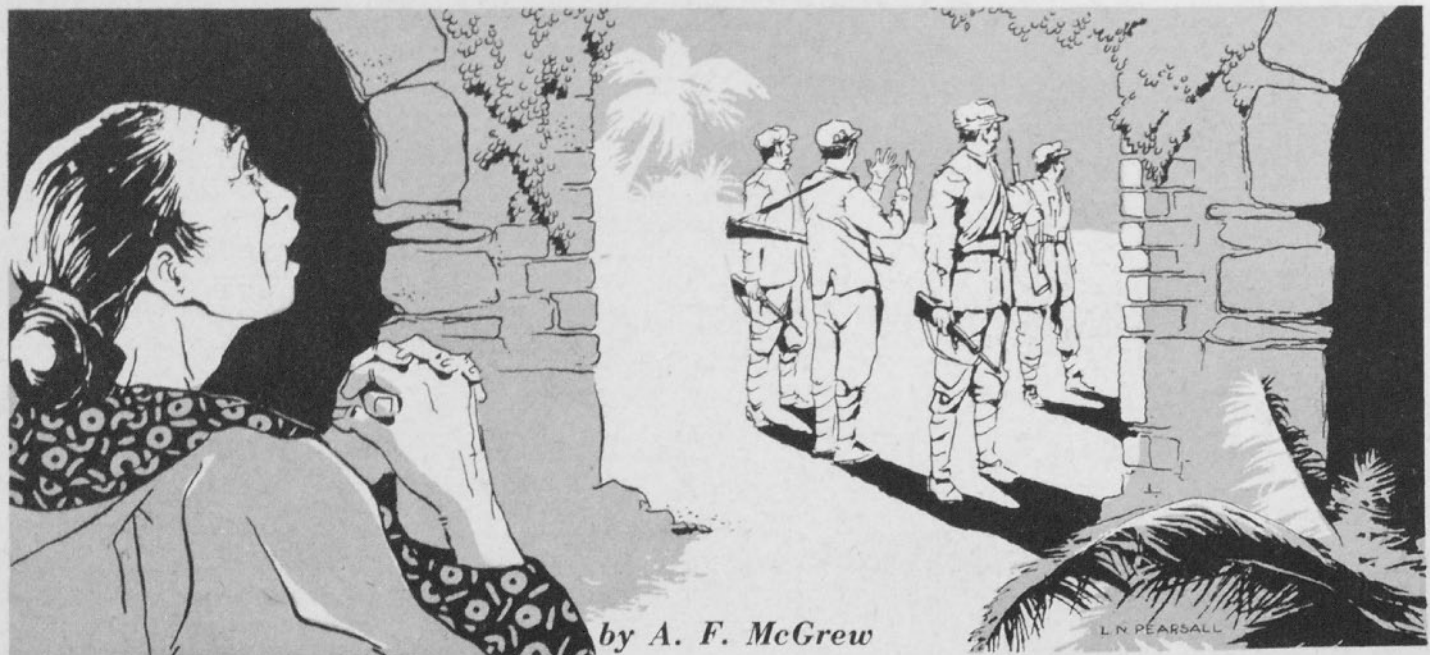
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# The Lord Blinded Their Eyes

IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT. A STEALTHY knock was heard at the door of Mrs. Neighbor's home on the tropical isle of Java. A small, half-naked Javanese man came with tidings.

"Nonja," he whispered hoarsely, "the head men are meeting at the mosque. They are plotting to destroy as many Christians as possible around here. You and your family are to be killed if they can find you.

"Listen! They will beat the drums at the mosque at a certain hour. That is the signal for all the people to assemble there to start on their murdering spree. Nonja, you have been kind to my family, so I have come to warn you. Please hide. All of you!"

As quietly as he had come, the Javanese friend slipped out again into the humid heat of the tropic darkness—and was gone.

But what was Mrs. Neighbor to do? Here they were, a family of four women and one boy. The men of the home had been taken away by the Japanese who had captured the island of Java in that fateful year of 1942.

Mrs. Neighbor had fled from Singapore to Java to be with her mother.

Surely Java would never fall. But it had fallen!

When the Japanese took over, they befriended the non-Christian majority, giving them many privileges. This encouraged them to take advantage of the situation. Now was their time to wipe out all the Christians in the area!

What could four women and one boy do? Flight was impossible. They dare not request protection from the police or higher authorities. All were unsympathetic. The only recourse was prayer.

But how to pray? "Oh, God! Protect us. Hide us." They gathered in the living room and tried to pray. But their ears were waiting for the fatal drumbeat, the drumbeat of death. Oh, if only God would intervene!

And then, in the distance, they heard the dreaded sound of the drums. In a short time a horde of men would be coming their way, armed with knives and bamboo spears. They would be bent on one thing: to kill all Christians.

They prayed again, "Oh, God, tell us how to pray!" Clutching at their hearts for fear, they prayed and watched from the window. Would the storming

mob come on the road that led past their home?

Suddenly they remembered Elisha's prayer, "Lord, smite the people, I pray Thee, with blindness." They cried out afresh to God, "Blind their eyes! Don't let them see our place!"

But look! The mob throngs are coming down the road right toward the house. The hearts of the helpless Christian group seem to stop beating. The murderers, brandishing spears and yelling as only a mad mob can yell, are coming right on. Now they are abreast of the gate.

But wonder of wonders! They are going by. They do not even glance in the direction of the house.

Breathlessly, Mrs. Neighbor and the others waited until the last man had passed out of sight. Then their prayers gave place to praise. What a time of shouting they had, thanking God for His goodness and mercy to them. Four women and a boy had proved that God was able to take care of His own without the help of man.

The people did not riot again. The Japanese authorities took adequate steps to prevent further disturbances.