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

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It's the Lord's Day

We Americans like to do as we please. We love our liberties and we defy any effort to dictate where we should go, or what we should do, or how we should spend our time. As Christians, however, we acknowledge Christ as Lord of our lives and realize that He has a perfect right to rule us. He could claim all our time if He so desired, but He merely asks for one day out of seven. He tells us we can spend all the other six days working for ourselves. We would be selfish indeed, and most ungrateful, if we failed to give the Lord at least one day in seven.

Sunday is the *Lord's* Day. We should spend it in those ways that please Him.

It is a day of rest. When God finished His work of creation He rested from His labors. Thereby He hallowed the principle of resting from our regular work for one day each week and devoting that day to spiritual pursuits. It is not a day to waste in idleness or pleasure-seeking. It is the *Lord's* Day. Keep it holy. Honor Him on His day. Let His peace fill our hearts and minds. Give Him opportunity to refresh our spirits and to replenish all those spiritual resources that we expend during the week.

It is a day of worship. At home and at church we should engage in those activities which draw our hearts out toward the Lord. Fellowship with friends and fellow-Christians is a delightful by-product of this day of worship. Companionship with our families is another privilege this day affords. Our main concern, however, should be to fix our thoughts on God and by prayer, Bible study and meditation to acquaint ourselves more intimately with Him. Fellowship with others must not hinder us from enjoying sweet fellowship with Him.

It is a day of gladness. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). Jesus found joy in going to God's house. It was His regular custom to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16). The Sabbath is meant to be a delight (Isaiah 58:13). The Jewish rabbis made it a heavy burden but Christ corrected their warped ideas. He permitted His disciples, in an emergency, to pluck grain on the Sabbath to satisfy their hunger. When the religious leaders objected, He said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). In other words, the Sabbath principle was meant to bring blessing, not bondage. It was given to benefit man physically, mentally, and spiritually.

It is a day of good works. Jesus healed the lame on the Sabbath, and when the religious rulers objected He informed them that it was proper to do good on this day (Luke 6:9). There are many ways in which we can do good on the Lord's Day. There are shut-ins to be visited, sick to be prayed for, letters to be written, classes to be taught, children to be dressed and taken to God's house. Between our personal worship and the many possibilities of ministry, the day is all too short.

Let us spend the Lord's Day in these ways to glorify Him, and let us do all we can to encourage others to do the same. We should refrain from Sunday labor as far as we possibly can. We should avoid all unnecessary visits to restaurants, service stations, and shops of all kinds so that the employees of these places may be free to attend church on Sunday. If all the church members would do this, these places of business would not find it profitable to remain open on the Lord's Day.

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Bigelow's Bungalow

*The bungalow was beautiful, nestled in the trees
by the lake . . . but when it was gone, so was Bigelow*

— BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

I DON'T BELIEVE I'LL FORGET THAT moment as long as I live. The chill and the shock that raced through me, at the very sight of it . . . and the reminder of that solemn statement of the Lord Jesus Christ, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" I think it will stay with me as long as I live.

I had finished my evening meal, turned into the living room, sat down in the favorite chair, reached for the paper and started skimming the pages. I remember turning the page to the one numbered "17," and noting the heading, "Death Notices." With "nothing special" in mind, I glanced down the column.

And then it hit me, all at once, and that chill and shock raced through. The very blackness of the letters stood out against the gray of the page, as I read the words, "Harvey Bigelow, prominent local industrialist, died this morning of a heart attack at his home on Wilson Avenue, at the age of 69. . . ."

"Harvey Bigelow. . . ." How the name just seemed to run through me as I sat there in that frozen moment. I

had not expected to see or read anything like . . . that.

My mind went back to that lovely spring morning when I visited Harvey Bigelow in his fine office in the Lewis Building, on a matter of business. Everything about the place told of prominence and prosperity. But then, it was with him as with so many others—good business can often become "bad business" for the soul by hiding the need of being born again.

"Religion! Eternity! Bah—just a heap of preacher's stock in trade!" he snorted as I gave a simple word of testimony, at the close of the business conference. "The future is what a man makes of it himself here and now, and what he puts into it. And after that? Well, that's all, as far as I know or care about it. I have my own future taken care of, as I want it taken care of!"

I felt sick deep inside, as I watched him rise from his chair. I saw him pause for an instant, then reach into an inside pocket and draw out something white which he extended to me.

"You can have your eternity out there in space somewhere," he said slowly, clipping his words, "but there in your hand is a picture of my future. There is something that a man can lay his two good hands upon. Isn't that a pretty looking bungalow on that picture? And look at those trees all around. Real fine . . . real fine!"

The picture was beautiful. A neat, white bungalow with trees surrounding, and the trace of a lake in one corner. I took a long look, then returned it, watching with pity as he proudly put it back in his pocket.

"That's my future . . . all ready and waiting, when I shall give up the business and retire. Something to look forward to—eh? I should have mentioned . . . it's up north in the beauty-spot of the State, over by Crystal Lake. Know where it is? Well, there's my 'eternity'—and I'm satisfied enough with that!"

And for the rest of the day I kept thinking over and over of that meeting with Harvey Bigelow, and that picture

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But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with —

Power From on High

by D. N. BUNTAIN

(An excerpt from the new book, "The Holy Ghost and Fire")

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD fully come, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Wonderful pronouncement! This marvelous experience no Christian ought to be without. The qualification for a deacon in the Early Church was that he be a man "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" (Acts 6:3). And we read that Barnabas was "a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." When Peter rose to bear witness before the Sanhedrin, he was "filled with the Holy Ghost." When relying upon his own strength he had denied his Master, but now he was filled with moral power which amazed all who listened.

Then in the midst of the Church's first persecution, the disciples appealed to the Lord. They prayed: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." And God answered! "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken . . . and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." When we realize that by this time the number in the company had grown in all probability to several thousand, we see that the experience was for all. Here the fullness of the Spirit was followed by miraculous results. They were given strength to conquer, to meet danger and shame, and to declare the whole gospel. Every one of them spoke in tongues as the Comforter took possession. The place was shaken, prison doors were opened, and sick bodies were delivered from the affliction of the enemy.

Their Lord had promised them power by the Spirit, but it was not so much miracle-working power as spiritual power. For the Spirit was to be to them a Comforter, a Guide into all truth, a Revealer of the things of God—One who would bring to their remembrance the words of Christ; One who would convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; One who would embolden the Lord's servants to bear witness before the greatest adversaries; One who would guide their life in wise, convincing speech. Miraculous power, of course, would accompany the infilling; but the great purpose was to make them effective witnesses.

The Comforter was to come as a substitute for Christ's own presence, and He clearly defined those who should know Him and those who would not. Only those called apart from the world would receive Him. "The Spirit of truth . . . the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." This promise of the Father is not to all, but to those who are "not of the world." He promised to dwell no longer only *with* them but also to be *in* them. And more, it was not merely for the apostolic age, but for the believers of all ages.

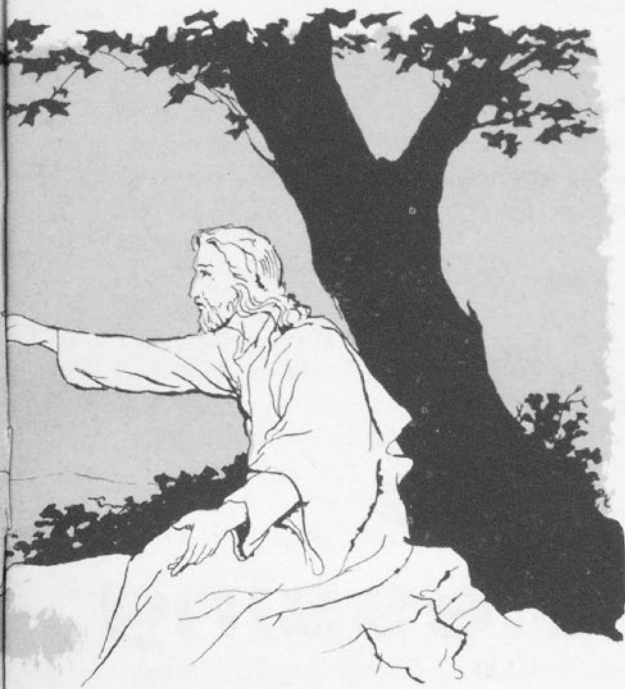
This promised substitute for the personal presence of Christ was One whom the world should not see, One who was invisible to the natural eye or mind, yet known and discerned by believers; known not by outward signs, but by inward consciousness. "The world . . .

seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him." Neither they nor the world could *see* Him, but they could *know* Him.

Prior to Pentecost, Jesus had breathed on the disciples in that upper room and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." We do not know how much progress they had made at that time and before the Day of Pentecost, but we do know that when they had tarried *until*, were they *filled* with the Holy Ghost. One thing sure: the command of the Scripture, "Be filled with the Spirit," is for all believers. And a second thing is clear: the Lord has provided that fullness; the fountain is open; the river is flowing down from glory; there is plenty for all who will stoop down and drink.

Many honest hearts believe that they have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit even though there was no supernatural evidence at the time. The writer held this view for years, but when he opened his heart to the Pentecostal experience and received the same he changed his opinion in this matter and was lifted from bondage to power. It is the writer's conviction, after years of observation, that every person who has the Baptism in the Holy Ghost will speak in tongues and magnify God at the time, as the company did at Ephesus when Paul visited them and sensed their need, and as they did in the house of Cornelius when Peter visited them.

Those who have entered into this experience are conscious of not only a sweet, comforting, indwelling Presence, which enables them to live godly lives,



but also a greater power to witness before men to the saving and keeping power of Christ. These supernatural powers will be more pronounced in one person than in another, but in each case there will be one great motive and purpose—the glory of God and the good of men.

A consciousness of the Holy Spirit may be a progressive experience, leading the candidate first by the way of conviction and repentance into salvation, and on to the fuller experience when He manifests His indwelling control by speaking in another tongue. The extent to which one can go on from here can be limited only by the extent to which one is willing to yield himself to Christ. Draw the curtains, and a room will be full of shadows and gloom, even on the brightest day. But pull back the curtains, raise the shades—all the shadows must flee, and the whole room will be filled with light.

A person may have perfect hearing and yet not have a musical ear. The musical ear is a gift. Even so, one may be filled with the Holy Ghost and yet display no spectacular gift, no supernatural powers. Paul, writing to the Ephesians (ch. 3:19), expressed the hope that they might be filled with "all the fullness of God." Now it is just as impossible for one of us mortals to have all the fullness of God as it is for one room to contain all the glory and light of the sun, but it is possible for the room to be completely filled with the light of the sun. As Paul offered that prayer, no doubt he was overwhelmed at

the immensity of it. But read on, and what do we find? "(He) is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Here we find his secret: "the power that worketh in us." What power? The power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear Paul again in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may *abound* to every good work." *Abound* means to *overflow*. Christ overflows to us, and we overflow to others. And happy is the one who thus fills and overflows, for it is such who "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Col. 1:10, 11).

When we place all these expressions together we have a view of the riches of His grace. If one is truly filled with the Holy Spirit, his human spirit is restored to its original and highest fellowship—fellowship with God. Such a one is destined to travel much alone in this world; he will be misunderstood and even abused by those of his own Christian circle. He is a different person in attributes, attitudes, and ambitions. As the sun entering a room changes the whole setting, so the noiseless entering of the Spirit changes the whole being. The room is the same room with the same contents, but the coming of the sun changes everything.

Physicists tell us that for every type of disturbance there must be a suitable faculty of perception; otherwise these exertions of energy would go unnoticed. There could be no sound if there were no ear to record the vibrations; no color, if there were no eye to register the light waves. The pilot cannot perceive the force that is influencing his compass; only the compass can perceive this. Our Lord said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." We have an inner Presence which can perceive and know what others cannot.

It is as if two men are walking from different directions toward the setting sun, while near the horizon there hangs a heavy cloud. The one can see the full glory of the sunset; the other can make out only a dim outline of it, because there is a cloud between him and the

sun. So it is with men's relationship to God. One may have a heart belief in Him, but another has been baptized in the Holy Spirit and is able to feel His enriching and empowering presence.

Let us suppose that a person has been blind all his life, able only to distinguish light from darkness. He has never seen the sun. He has heard of it; he has a mental conception of it, and has discerned enough of its light to have formed a high idea of its glory. Then one day his sight is restored, and he wants to see the sun. They take him out into the light and show him the heavens. He is enraptured with the beautiful stars, but they do not satisfy—he wants to see the sun. They show him the moon, but it won't satisfy. Then sunrise comes and his quest is ended. He is content when he sees the sun. He knows there is nothing more glorious than this great sight. So with the soul: it enjoys every spiritual experience, but when it receives the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, where one is caught into the heavenly glory and sees Jesus, a sense of satisfaction settles upon the soul. It is real and it is wonderful. Let no one be satisfied with anything less.

In the building of Solomon's Temple, just as soon as man had done his part according to the pattern given, God came in and manifested His glory. In the human temple He does likewise. Just as soon as a man surrenders his heart in repentance and restitution, and prays for the Holy Spirit, He comes in and manifests His presence in truth, purity, tenderness, forgiveness, and justice. He not only inhabits the body, making it the temple of the Holy Ghost, but blesses the soul with unutterable blessings.

A piece of iron can be imbued with a certain amount of heat without changing its appearance, but let more heat be added to it, and it becomes so hot that it sets everything it touches on fire. A piece of ice is solid; but let a measure of heat be applied and it begins to melt. Keep it on the fire long enough, and it will turn to steam and soar away to the skies. An organ filled with the ordinary air is silent. One can press its keys without making any sound—but if an additional volume of air is pumped into it a touch of the keys will make every pipe swell with music. So it is with the soul when it is filled with the Holy Ghost. The Spirit-filled man is imbued with the divine nature and ready to respond to God's touch. He loves to convey to all he meets some impressions of Christ,

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Drawing by Gustave Doré



Jacob learned to his sorrow that there is no short cut to divine favor

How To Receive the Blessing

by Don Mallough

JACOB, LIKE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE AND since his time, was desirous of having the blessing of God upon his life. Much of the Biblical record pertaining to him tells of his pursuit of that blessing. Sometimes his methods were faulty and sometimes they were exemplary to all who would seek for God's richest anointing.

There are two high points in Jacob's pursuit of the blessing of God. They stand out in vivid contrast. One took place in Beersheba and is recorded in Genesis 27:1-29. The other transpired at Peniel and is pictured in Genesis 32:24-30. One very evidently presents the wrong way of seeking the blessing, and the other the correct method.

In Bible times the blessing of God often came through the parental blessing and thus was passed on from father to son. In Genesis 27 we see the strange methods used by Jacob to receive the blessing from the hand of his father. He stooped to extremely underhanded methods to defeat his brother in getting that blessing. The plan he used could never stand the test of close scrutiny. He used goat meat instead of venison. He dressed in his brother's clothes and put skins on his arms. He lied to his father by telling him he was Esau; and, worst of all, he even took the name of God into the lie. He played the part of a base hypocrite in an attempt

to obtain the blessing of his father and of God!

Do you suppose for one moment that God could condone such tactics as these? Can God be fooled by chicanery, trickery and deceit into giving a blessing? Jacob might partially fool his aged father but never could the real blessing of God be gotten through such sly methods. Perhaps Jacob tried to rationalize the whole episode by reasoning that the end would sanctify the means. In unenlightened zeal and with a crooked policy he thought he could obtain the end desired, but later events testify that he was not really successful.

One of the most interesting things about this whole incident is that God originally purposed that Jacob should have his blessing and also the place of leadership (Genesis 25:23). If Jacob would have abided God's time and come God's way, things would have been much better. It is strange that so many folk try to get things in their own strength instead of awaiting God's time and following God's way.

By way of contrast, turn to Genesis 32 and read of another episode in the life of Jacob that was more fruitful and one that had the evident smile of God's approval upon it. At Peniel he wrestled with a heavenly being until the break of day. By persistently hanging on he eventually obtained the bless-

ing. It was there he obtained the favor of God and man, and really prevailed. At that time he came face to face with God and there was no doubt about the profound effect this experience had upon his life. From that moment on, his life was really changed. Things were very different. He now became a sanctified and eminently devout character. Instead of a supplanter and a thief he became a "prince with God." Because of the change in his nature there came a change in his name. The new name was the sign of the transformation of his character and the beginning of a new epoch in his life.

What a difference there was between the experiences at Beersheba and at Peniel! In one he received the *form* of the blessing, and in the other he received the reality. In one experience he inveigled his father into laying his hands on his head and saying a few words, while in the other he had every evidence of having received the touch of God.

In one experience he could boast of having the blessing, but not in his methods of obtaining it. In the other he had nothing of which to boast, but showed every sign of a changed life. One was an attempt to trick God, and the other was an honest prevailing with Him as in prayer.

We who are hungry for the deep

things of God would do well to learn a lesson from Jacob. We know that God is more willing to give than we are to receive. The Word of God pictures Him with outstretched arms, ready to bestow every good gift upon His waiting children. In spite of that there are Jacobs who try to invent ways of circumventing God's methods and channels. They have new plans and systems of getting things from God that would seem to be easier than the old-fashioned way of traveling in prayer. They seem to imagine they must trick God to get the blessing; thus they will go to any length to manipulate and wrest the blessing from His hands.

We Americans have a reputation for always making short cuts. Rarely do you see a vacant lot on a corner without a path cutting diagonally across it. Many people will forsake a fine sidewalk for a crude path if it will bring them to their destination sooner. We are known for our labor-saving devices and for our habit of making quick work of things. In many ways this is commendable, but there are dangers when such a spirit creeps into our churches.

Evidence is about us on every hand that some are taking "short cuts" in connection with the making of converts. It has been rightly said that short cuts sometimes lead to short circuits! Many have believed that the old-fashioned way of repentance and public confession is too tedious a process and they have concocted an easier, quicker method. As a result we find sinners merely shaking the preacher's hand, standing up, joining the church, being baptized, etc. In spite of the fact that a few sincere souls have been saved under these methods, I am persuaded that many of these shallow tactics are like the tricks of Jacob—they are an attempt to whisk wholesale numbers into the kingdom without God knowing a thing about it.

There is an extreme danger along this line when it comes to receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Evidently in a desire for glowing reports of numbers receiving the fullness of the Spirit, some unscrupulous individuals have apparently concocted short cuts that will guarantee receiving an experience in a short time. In misguided zeal they get the cart before the horse. Because many people shake when the power of God comes upon them, they falsely reason that the power of God will come if they shake. They know the evidence of the

incoming Holy Spirit is the speaking with other tongues; therefore they attempt to speak with tongues in order that the Holy Spirit may come to them in fullness more readily. In this manner some charlatans or impatient workers will invent plans, schemes and methods to "get people through" to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is but another form of the trickery of Jacob to try to outwit God! Although the end desired is commendable, the means used toward that end may be abominable in the sight of God.



SWEETEST FOUNT OF HOLY GLADNESS

Sweetest Fount of holy gladness,
 Fairest Light was ever shed,
 Who alike in joy and sadness
 Leavest none unvisited;
 Spirit of the highest God,
 Lord from whom is life bestowed,
 Who upholdest every thing,
 Hear me, hear me while I sing!

Thou art shed like gentlest showers
 From the Father and the Son,
 Bringing to us quickened powers,
 Purest blessing from their throne;
 Suffer then, O noble Guest,
 That rich gift by Thee possessed,
 That Thou givest at Thy will,
 All my being now to fill.

Well content am I if only
 Thou wilt deign to dwell with me;
 With Thee I am never lonely,
 Never comfortless with Thee.
 Thine forever make me now,
 And to Thee, my Lord, I vow
 Here and yonder to employ
 Every power for Thee with joy.

When I cry for help, oh hear me!
 When I sink, oh haste to save!
 When I die, be only near me!
 Be my hope even in the grave!
 Bring me, when I rise again,
 To the land that knows no pain,
 Where Thy followers, from Thy stream,
 Drink forever joy supreme!

—Paul Gerhardt

I was very much interested in an illustration I found in a book many years ago. I long ago forgot the application made of the story but the incident itself has stayed with me. The author said that when he was a boy his questioning mind always wondered what caused the wind to blow. After much reasoning he arrived at what he thought to be the logical answer. The wind was made to blow by the moving of the branches on the trees. In spite of your laughter at such an answer, you must agree that it was somewhat logical. There is life in a tree, and the branches always move when the wind is blowing. Therefore it could be concluded that the movement of the branches causes air currents and makes the wind to blow. Of course, in later years he came to know that it was just the opposite—the wind causes the branches to move. But the story illustrates a truth.

Some older minds reason on the same basis as did this boyish brain. Because the incoming of the Holy Spirit and the speaking with tongues are simultaneous, they suppose the speaking with tongues brings the Holy Spirit. Others will observe certain manifestations that are evident at the incoming of the Spirit, and think that by mimicking those manifestations they can bring the Spirit into their lives. From this shallow reasoning is spawned the supposed short cuts to the deeper things of God. You may receive a form of an experience under such methods, but the power that attends the incoming of the Spirit will be totally lacking. You may possess the outward ritual of an experience, as Jacob did at Beersheba, but you will lack the potent qualities that he received at Peniel.

Someone asks, "What is your method of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?" To that I reply, "What is the Scriptural method of getting anything from God?" There is only one way for us to be the recipients of God's blessing and it is summed up in the word "pray." Intimate communion with God brings His power into our lives. When methods, tricks, systems and schemes utterly and miserably fail, then the real wrestling with God in the travail of prayer brings about the desired results. Attempts to trick God into giving us anything will be futile and vain, but through the channel of sincere prayer the hunger of every heart will be fully satisfied. Let us learn a lesson from Jacob—that there are no short cuts to the deeper things of God!



The Former and Latter Rain

BY S. DOUGLAS

The latter-day outpouring of God's Spirit
is given to ripen His saints for harvest

WE ARE TOLD THAT IN THE LAND OF Palestine, in Bible days, there was only a certain period of the year in which rain fell, and the rest of the year was dry. In considering the period in which rain fell, it will be necessary for us to consult the Jewish calendar. The Jews had a sacred year and a civil year. The sacred year commenced about our April and the civil year commenced about our October.

The wet or rainy season would commence in the autumn (around the beginning of the civil year) when rains of a copious nature would fall, and this would be followed by lighter rains of a spasmodic nature through the winter months until the seventh month, when further copious rains would fall. This period of the year which commenced and concluded with rains of a bountiful nature was the season for sowing and reaping. The rest of the year was hot and dry. In the Scripture, the first rain was referred to as the "former" or "early" rain, while the last rain was referred to as the "latter" rain.

After a hot and dry summer, the early rain was necessary for the preparing of the soil to receive the wheat and barley seed, and also to provide moisture for its germination. The latter rain was also essential to enable the wheat and barley to reach maturity in preparation for the springtime harvest. It is clear that as far as the harvest was concerned, everything depended upon the rain "in his season." This is referred to in Jeremiah 5:24: "Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

As far as the Israelites were concerned, rain was absolutely necessary for their livelihood. Its absence was a sign of divine disfavor, while its presence was a sign of divine favor. Drought was always looked upon as a judgment, and sometimes was sent as such. In the days of Ahab the drought announced by Elijah was a divine judgment upon the people of Israel for their idolatry.

When Hosea called Israel to repentance in his day, he declared, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the former and latter rain that watereth the earth" (Hosea 6:3). This reference has a fuller application than that of temporal blessing, for the prophet is here referring to spiritual blessing, and likens it to the "former and latter rain that watereth the earth." As the rain refreshed the barren soil, so the blessings of God bring refreshing to the barren soul.

The prophet Joel also refers to the former and latter rain. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month" (Joel 2:23). The prophet here speaks of the former and latter rain as a temporal blessing from the Lord. His reference to the first month refers to the first month of the sacred year, for it was at that season that the latter rain commenced to fall. It is apparent that Joel's prophecy had a spiritual application also, for in the same chapter he speaks of a glorious effusion of the Holy Spirit: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out

of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28). This promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured upon these waiting in the upper room.

As we consider the Palestinian rains as a type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the early or former rains typify the outpouring upon the early church during the period of history covered by the Acts of the Apostles. The last commands that the Lord Jesus gave His disciples were, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), and, "Wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4). Because they waited, they were endued and energized with spiritual power which enabled them to go, with the result that "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). Through their efforts the seed of the gospel was sown throughout the then-known world, and this was accompanied by gracious outpourings of the Spirit in different places; e.g., Samaria (Acts 8:17), Caesarea (Acts 10:44), Ephesus (Acts 19:6).

Following the early days of the Church, history records that the outpourings of the Spirit were spasmodic in nature until this twentieth century, when God began to pour the Spirit out in a glorious latter-rain fullness. In Palestine, the latter rain was necessary to bring the wheat and barley to maturity, so that the fullness of the harvest could be gathered in. In the spiritual realm, it is almost harvest time, so God has been pouring out the Spirit in a copious manner, to ensure a glorious and bountiful harvest.



GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, RALPH M. RIGGS, COUNSELS WITH A GROUP OF TEEN-AGERS

"'Give attendance to reading.' 'Take heed what ye hear.' To read is to grow mentally and our minds need the stimulant and the food of reading.

"If we are what we eat physically, all the more do we become what we read. Our minds and hearts are filled and molded by the thought material that we receive.

"There is no cleaner, more spiritual, or more interesting magazine for Pentecostal youth than the C. A. Herald. Its articles and pictures are slanted just to our own young people. May every individual C. A. be a subscriber to the C. A. Herald and read every word of it."

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Have we Scriptural proof for the above assertions that the outpouring of the Spirit in the early and latter days of the Church age is a fulfillment of the typical aspect of the Old Testament references to the "former and latter rain"? Let us hear what James has to say: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain" (James 5:7). The early and latter rain is not the object of the Husbandman's hope. His hope is the harvest. The rain is vitally necessary to insure an abundant harvest.

In Zechariah 10:1 we have the exhortation, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain," and also the promise, "So the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." These are the days of the latter rain when God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. Let us ask Him to fulfill His promise unto us in bright clouds with showers of rain.

—*Australian Evangel*

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When we tread this Bible out in our daily walk, when what we are becomes an illustrated copy of the Bible, the greatest revival the earth has known will come. With utmost reverence let me say that our Lord Jesus wants to come and walk around in our shoes, and live inside our garments, and touch men through us.

—*S. D. Gordon*

Bigelow's Bungalow

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of his "future." I would find myself pausing and thinking, "What fools some otherwise wise people can be. . . ."

But to understand the tragedy you need to know what happened the following day. I happened to be in nearby Southbury, on business. Passing a yard posted with the sign, "Bigelow Lumber Company," I was reminded that Harvey's brother, William, had his business here. Something impelled me to drop in to see him. At least William was a "bit better" than his brother, for he went to the Gospel Chapel once in a while . . . to the hearty contempt of Harvey, of course.

"It's a pity—a real pity," he said slowly, shaking his head, as I told of the visit. And then his voice took a peculiar tone, "More of a pity than even poor old Harvey himself will ever know. . . ."

I said nothing. A strange stillness filled the room. A shadow crossed his face, and he continued in a solemn tone.

"I have never mentioned this to a living soul—not even to Harvey. And I can't tell him. I'm afraid to, afraid of what might happen. His heart is not too good, and a shock like this might prove fatal. He choked up for a moment. "But since you're a Christian, I feel that I can tell you. Perhaps you can help somehow. . . ."

I said nothing, and he went on:

"It's about that bungalow up there at Crystal Lake—that 'future' he always

talks about. Yes, he talks about it to me, and to everyone! Lives for the day when he can quit work and spend his days up there. But. . .," he looked me straight in the eye, "my brother has no future. Not there, anyway. Did you read about the forest fires in that part of the State, last fall? Well, Harvey's bungalow was destroyed in those fires. Flames just licked it to ashes—nothing left—all burned up and gone. I managed to keep the news from him. I head him off every time he wants to drive up and look about. But I know that one of these days—one of these days . . . he'll insist on going up—I can't hold it off forever! And I'm afraid what might happen when he finds out that his 'future' is all gone—gone like a tinder box in smoke. . . ."

I'll never forget that moment as I sat with that newspaper in my hand and recalled these events. Had Harvey found out at last? Was that the cause of his death? A tear filmed my eye. "Poor Harvey Bigelow," I thought; "now at last he has found out what he has really lost—forever. I can only hope that this will speak to his brother's heart. . . ."

And I pray that it will speak to your heart as well, my friend. It may not be a bungalow by a lake in your case. . . . But what shall it profit if you gain the whole world at the expense of your soul?

—UNION GOSPEL PRESS



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

Israeli Premier Won't Liquidate Pigs

The pig, an unclean animal to Orthodox Jews, has been the center of a controversy in Israel recently. Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion has refused to be pressured into signing legislation which would forbid the breeding of pigs in that land. The premier answered religious leaders with finality: "God Himself saved the pig when He ordered Noah to put two of them into the Ark. Who am I to liquidate them?"

Communists Used Church as Casino

A request has been made to the Ministry of Church Affairs in Helsinki, Finland, for permission to take up a collection in all Finnish churches for rebuilding the churches in Porkkala, the district recently returned to Finland by the Russians. Many churches fell into disrepair or were badly damaged during the Russian occupation. One church in Porkkala was evidently used as a casino by Russian soldiers.

Eleven Churches for Five Million People

A Soviet radio broadcast monitored in London reported that a new map of Moscow, the first in twenty years, lists eleven churches in the city. It did not specify the denominations of the churches, nor did it say whether all eleven are actually used for worship at the present time.

Moscow has a population of over five million people; an additional two million live in its suburbs. There were 460 churches in the city prior to the Communist Revolution.

Protestants Opening More Parochial Schools

Members of six Protestant denominations in Minneapolis, Minnesota, who organized a Christian day school a year ago, are expanding it. Meanwhile parents in another section of the city are starting a similar school for their children.

The south-side school, known as "The Powderhorn Park Christian School," started with 22 pupils in four grades last fall. Kindergarten and fifth grade are being added, and an enrollment of 60 to 75 children is expected. The school meets at the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, an Assemblies of God church, and bus service is provided.

In northeast Minneapolis an interdenominational committee is now taking applications for its new school and is looking for a church in which to hold the classes. A spokesman said the group has nothing against public schools. Parents merely want to send their children to a school where the Bible and Christianity are brought into all subjects.

The Minneapolis situation is typical of a trend that is becoming nationwide. Many Protestant denominations now operate their own elementary and high schools. Lutheran churches are in the lead—especially the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod which now operates more than 1,330 full-time parish schools in the U. S. and Canada.

Protest Anti-Collection Ruling

Southern Baptists joined local Pentecostal churches in Fresno, California, in their protest against a ruling by the Fresno County board of Supervisors. The ruling prohibits the taking of collections at revival meetings held on the county-owned fairgrounds.

Pastor Claude Weaver of Calvary Tabernacle, president of the Fresno Pentecostal Fellowship, pointed out that churches should not be barred from collecting money as long as carnivals are allowed to take in money at the fairgrounds. The board has agreed to consider the matter.

Door-to-Door Salesmanship Helps the Blind

Door-to-door sales by one hundred and fifty children of a Methodist church in Dallas, Texas, has provided three blind persons with complete twenty-volume Braille Bibles.

According to the *Bible Society Record*, the children, aged eight through eleven, earned the \$180.00 for the Bibles by selling soap from door to door. They launched the project in a desire to help two blind boys who attend their church.

It certainly is wonderful that children will work so hard to help the blind. And why shouldn't adults go from door to door this month to help those who are spiritually blind? The Enlargement Campaign is now on in Assemblies of God churches across the country—an effort to reach the lost for Christ. Do your part in this great program.

Group in France Leaves Catholic Church

A priest, Abbe Massin, and some forty members of the Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Severin, Paris, decided to leave the Church of Rome. According to *Ecumenical Press*, the persons involved were prominent workers in the "Spiritual Research Teams," and it was only after prolonged reflection and study of the Scriptures that they took the step.

The group issued a manifesto, stating its reasons for the break. It mentioned "the single bond between God and His creatures," and the rejection of "a third party as mediator" between God and man. They also rejected "any church whatsoever claiming to be the exclusive dispenser of communications from God to man," the doctrine of church sacraments which presupposes "the automatic distribution of God's grace at the command of actions of men," and the idea of any church "idolatrously claiming to hold its human structures, forms of organization, and methods of government by absolute revelation from God and imposed as necessary to salvation."

Naturally the Catholic authorities have announced the excommunication of Abbe Massin and his followers as heretics—but those who decide to obey God rather than man are following the example of the apostles (Acts 4:19, 20) and so are in good company.

Lutheran Hour to be Heard on 1,350 Radio Stations

Beginning this fall, Lutheran Hour broadcasts will be heard over some 1,350 radio stations in 64 countries and in 54 languages. This information was released at the 39th annual international convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League which sponsors the program.

More Deaths From Alcohol than TB in France

In France, where wine is easier to obtain than water, drinking caused more deaths last year than tuberculosis, according to International News Service. There were 17,400 deaths attributed to alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver in 1955, and 13,300 TB-caused deaths.

In 1954, when alcohol-related deaths were only 16,000, *Newsweek* estimated alcoholism was costing the French Government \$2,270,000,000 a year—more than the country spends for education and housing combined!

What Has Happened to "Moderation"?

U. S. brewers say they loathe the drunk—they advertise their product as the "beverage of moderation." But the old slogan must be on its way out, judging by an item in *Tide Magazine*. The brewers have about decided they must greatly expand "individual quaffing." Total consumption of beer went up last year, but individuals are drinking a little less. *Tide* reports a concern in the big brewing companies over "the national trend toward a dropping off in beer consumption."

Maybe the brewers don't really despise the drunk!

Value of the Press Being Recognized This Month

Five hundred years ago this month the Gutenberg Bible was completed—marking the beginning of printing with movable type. And from the expensive hand-lettered manuscripts that took about a year each to produce, and whose cost was prohibitive, man progressed to a method whereby the Bible could be had by all.

The significance of Gutenberg's invention and the subsequent improvements in the printing industry are, of course, universally recognized. American newspapers are calling attention to this as they celebrate Newspaper Week, October 1-8, with special features and supplements.

The Christian recognizes the contributions of the printing industry in the social and educational fields, but his greatest concern is in the spiritual realm. Gutenberg's invention was the beginning of an era that placed the Bible and Christian literature at the disposal of all peoples in their native languages. Today the stream of Bibles, Christian periodicals, tracts, and other types of gospel literature has reached a tremendous proportion. It is helping to spread the news that Jesus saves from all sin.

The month of October is set aside as Protestant Press Month—a time when special emphasis is placed upon the ministry of the printed page. Our churches are urged to emphasize all the literature available from the Gospel Publishing House and also stress the importance of good Christian reading materials.

One way to combat the mounting tide of indecent literature that is flooding the country is to spread more of the good literature. It is good to protest the bad; it is better to promote the good. Acquaint your neighbors and friends with the EVANGEL and other Full Gospel literature this month. The printed page can be a powerful preacher.



CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLERS PRESENT BOOKS TO WHITE HOUSE

Fifty inspirational and devotional books were presented to the White House Library in Washington, D.C., by the Christian Booksellers Association. The volumes were rebound in a special uniform binding with an appropriate bookplate. Shown at the presentation are (left to right): W. F. Moore, executive secretary of the Association; Norman Kellow, chairman of the committee which selected the books; Dr. Gabriel Hauge, a consultant to President Eisenhower, who accepted the gift on his behalf; and John Fish, president of the Association. The volumes included studies of the Bible, biographies of churchmen and missionaries, works on the Christian home, and religious references. The Association was formed in 1950 and now has more than 500 member stores in forty-four states and several provinces in Canada.

University Offers Course for Sunday School Workers

A course designed especially for Sunday School officers and teachers is being offered at the University of Miami this fall for the first time. Called "Orientation in Religious Education," it deals with the basic problems of religious education in a non-sectarian way. To be eligible for the course, students must be doing actual work in their churches.

Greece to Pay Salaries of Orthodox Clergy

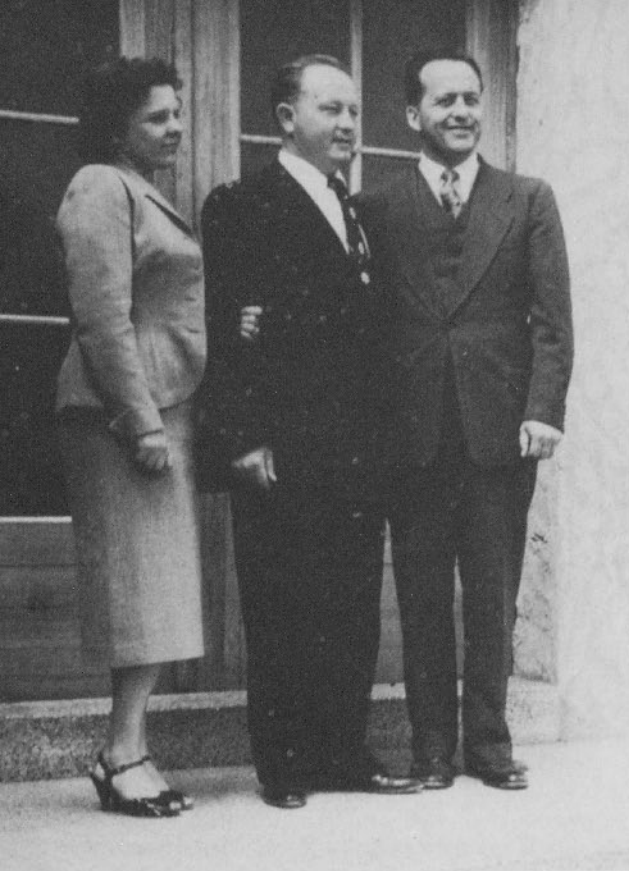
Salaries of the Orthodox clergy in Greece will henceforth be paid by the government. Under the new plan a "parishioners' tax" will be levied and collected by civil tax authorities.

Previously Orthodox church members have directly supported their priests. This new plan certainly is not the Scriptural method of supporting a church.

Selling Acres on the Moon

"Interplanetary Development Corporation" has been able to sell 14,000 "acres" of the moon's surface at one dollar an acre! They consistently tell people that it's all a joke—but the public still sends in their dollars for a handsomely designed (but worthless) quit-claim deed.

Christians need not bother with such nonsense—we have a home in heaven, provided for us by Jesus Christ. Peter called it "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." This same inheritance is available to all who will accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. But for some the plan of salvation appears to be too simple—they would rather spend a dollar for an acre on the moon!



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boyer and Paul Williscroft

SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT

In Germany

came along just at the right time, and with him were Pastor and Mrs. Paul Boyer from Pasadena, California. The crowd may not have been so large—total registration was 125—but I know Brother Boyer will not soon forget the experience of preaching those six nights to these fellows who were longing for Pentecostal fellowship and Pentecostal preaching such as they had “back home.”

All Assemblies of God chaplains serving in the European area, with the exception of two, were present. The program consisted of classes and discussion groups in the morning, recreation and free time during the afternoon, and an inspiring service in the evening.

This is the second retreat held in Erzhausen. Several fellowship meetings on holidays have brought the fellows together from the immediate area, but for the retreat they came from points hundreds of miles away—from Italy, France and England, as well as Germany. The retreat was put on to be a blessing for the men, but they in turn brought great blessing to the school, both spiritually and materially. They caught a vision of what the Bible School is doing in training young men for the work of the Lord, and of the publishing program with its literature going out to hundreds of Sunday School teachers and to churches in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. They gave an offering that amounted to nearly \$1,000 with pledges

to meet an emergency need.

A number of Pentecostal servicemen's groups have been formed and are meeting regularly in various parts of Europe. These fellows need our encouragement. One thing that would help them a great deal is hospitality homes in centers where the most troops are located. Such a “home away from home” could be the means of bringing many young fellows to Christ and of preventing tragedy in other lives.

For four years our small apartment in Stuttgart, Germany, was such a home in miniature. Many were the blessings received—although we had but little time for this work, along with our heavy schedule in the Bible School and in Sunday School promotion. This short report cannot go into detail, but we do ask you to remember the servicemen in your prayers. These young fellows, often spiritually unstable and woefully lacking in Bible knowledge and home training, face great moral temptations and often they must stand alone. We have sorrowfully confronted those who could not stand, but many are those who are victorious. If we would give more attention to their spiritual training in their youth, and if we would do more to care for them and pray for them when they are in the service of their country, fewer mothers' hearts would ache, and God's Kingdom would increase.

—by Paul Williscroft

ONE G. I. SAID, “I’VE WAITED SIXTEEN months to get into a Pentecostal service.” Another: “This retreat has been the high spot of my stay in Europe.” So went the testimonies and comments about the retreat recently held for servicemen at the Bible School in Erzhausen, near Darmstadt, Germany.

Such singing! Such praying! No need to encourage that congregation to be open for God's blessing, to be ready to receive the preaching of the Word. They were ready and anxious for all God had for them from the very first service on.

We had no evangelist as the time for the retreat drew near, but the Lord provided. George Carmichael, Field Secretary for the Near East and Europe,



Chaplain Walter Tashnick leads a discussion group in the men's dormitory



Baptismal service in the chapel tank. This man found the Lord while in the service of his country.



Maxine Richardson



Cyril Huckerby



Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warner and family

Missionary News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Roberts of South India welcomed into their home a boy, Phillip Wayne, born August 18.

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Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Blakeney of North India have a son, Guy Ross, born August 19 in Springfield, Mo.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Benintendi of Formosa are the happy parents of Karen Fay, born August 8.

Verne Warner and family left on August 14 for Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, for another term of missionary service.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Borst have returned from the Fiji Islands. Their address is 514 Castillian Way, San Mateo, California.

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Paul A. Williscroft and family arrived home on furlough from Germany. They can be reached at 401 S. Seventh St., Yakima, Washington.

C. C. Huckerby returned to Jamaica on August 14 to continue his missionary work there.

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M. Maxine Richardson, home on furlough from Cuba, left August 21 for language study in Costa Rica.

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Word has been received telling of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cawston and son in the Philippines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Downey, home on a furlough from the Belgian Congo, announce the birth of their little daughter, Candace Rae, on August 21.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

July 1956

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Nebraska	82	69	84
2. Kansas	156	129	83
3. No. Dakota	52	43	83
4. New York	144	117	81
5. So. Dakota	47	38	81
6. Montana	66	52	79
7. Northwest	265	206	78
8. Minnesota	142	110	77
9. West Central	207	160	77
10. Wisc.-N. Mich.	137	103	75
11. Illinois	192	144	75
12. So. Missouri	324	243	75
13. Rocky Mountain	121	90	74
14. So. Idaho	54	40	74
15. Eastern	245	181	74
16. Michigan	178	129	72
17. New Jersey	100	72	72
18. New England	99	71	72
19. Wyoming	35	25	71
20. Ohio	174	124	71
21. Potomac	172	121	70
22. N. Calif.-Nev.	321	215	67
23. Oregon	204	135	66
24. So. Florida	152	100	66
25. New Mexico	79	50	63
26. No. Carolina	76	48	63
27. Tennessee	89	56	63
28. Louisiana	141	86	61
29. So. California	367	219	60
30. Alaska	22	13	59
31. Georgia	124	73	59
32. Indiana	153	90	59
33. West Texas	127	70	55
34. Arizona	79	43	54
35. Alabama	243	132	54
36. Appalachian	70	38	54
37. Oklahoma	490	265	54
38. W. Florida	132	70	53
39. Kentucky	69	35	51
40. Yugoslavian Br.	4	2	50
41. No. Texas	504	242	48
42. So. Texas	264	126	48
43. Mississippi	92	43	47
44. Arkansas	446	155	35
45. So. Carolina	53	18	34
46. German Br.	19	6	32
47. Ukrainian Br.	22	4	18
48. Italian Br.	67	11	16
49. Greek Br.	14	2	14
50. Hungarian Br.	17	2	12
51. Lat. Amer. Br.	308	25	08
52. Russian Br.	13	1	08
53. Polish Br.	19	1	05

A Lesson in Giving

TWO WEALTHY CHRISTIANS, A lawyer and a merchant, joined a party that was going around the world. Before they started, their minister earnestly asked them to observe and remember any unusual and interesting things that they might see in the missionary countries through which the party was to travel.

In Korea, one day, they saw a sight they did not forget. In a field by the side of the road a boy was pulling a rude plough, while an old man held the plough handles and directed it. The lawyer was amused, and took a snapshot of the scene.

"That's a curious picture! I suppose they are very poor," he said to the missionary who was interpreter and guide to the party.

"Yes," was the quiet reply. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money; so they sold their only ox and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plough themselves."

The lawyer and the businessman by his side were silent for some moments. Then the businessman said, "That must have been a real sacrifice."

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

The lawyer and the businessman had not much to say. But when they reached home the lawyer took that picture to his minister and told him the story.

"I want to double my pledge to the church," he said. "And give me some plough work to do, please. I have never known what sacrifice for the church meant. A converted heathen taught me. I am ashamed to say I have never yet given anything to my church that cost me anything."

How much does the average church member sacrifice for his religion? How many that call themselves Christians have ever sold the ox and then harnessed themselves to the plough?

If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

Home Missions Representatives Meet



District Home Missions Representatives in session in the Revivaltime studio at Central Bible Institute.

From all over the nation, Assemblies of God District Home Missions leaders came together in Springfield, August 31 and September 1, to discuss our National Home Missions program, and to make plans for the future of this vital work. Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, was in charge of the meetings, and other members of the national department took part in the sessions, as well as district leaders.

The work of the Special Ministries division of the department was discussed first. This includes our ministry to the Indians, the Deaf, the Jews, Alaska, foreign-language groups, prisoners, and industrial chaplaincy.

Reports on most of these fields were prepared and presented to the group. Current figures indicate that there are now 68 missionaries under appointment in Alaska, 36 ministers to the Deaf, 100 to the American Indians, and 9 ministers to the Jews. In each of these fields much has been accomplished and souls are being reached with the gospel. But there is still a great challenge before us, for the field is *white unto harvest* with too few laborers to bring in the sheaves.

The theme of the meeting was brought out in a stirring devotional message by Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, as he spoke from Joshua 13:1: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

The increasing importance of the work of the Women's Missionary Council groups of our fellowship on behalf of Home Missions was emphasized by Brother Lewis. During the 1955-1956

fiscal year, the Women's Missionary Councils gave over half a million dollars for home missionary projects. This represents cash given. Foodstuffs, equipment, clothing, etc., are tallied separately. An expression of appreciation for this great work of the WMC's was made and various examples of the way the WMC's have helped in specific district home missions programs were cited throughout the conference.

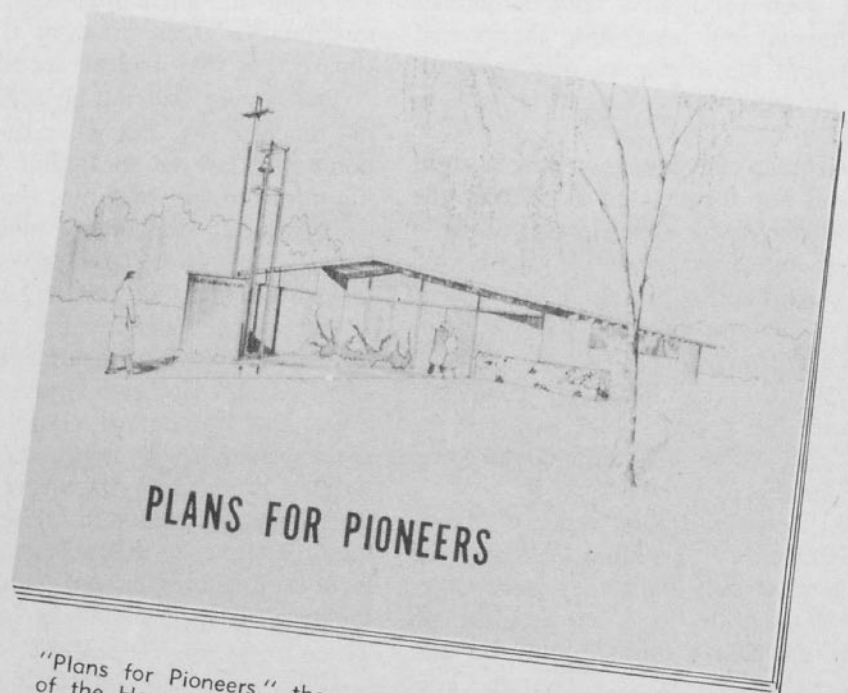
The new home missions filmstrip, *Bread for the Hungry*, was shown to the group and was favorably received.

BLUEPRINTS INTRODUCED

One of the highlights of the meeting

was the introduction of the new plan of supplying blueprints for our pioneer building programs. Brother Lewis, in preliminary remarks, told of the beginning of the program which was introduced at the General Council in Oklahoma City in 1955. At that gathering an offering of \$3,000 was received to get the project under way. Various districts have also contributed to the fund.

Joseph Colombo, who is chairman of the Church Building and Planning Commission, was asked to present the plan to the representatives. He said that when Assemblies of God architects were requested to send designs for first-unit



"Plans for Pioneers," the new brochure containing sketches of the Home Missions Chapels.

Home Missions Chapels, twenty-two preliminary drawings of original designs were submitted. Of these, twelve were chosen for the program.

Each of the chapels is designed for flexibility, as the local situation may require changes because of climatic conditions and other factors. They are also designed to allow for integration of the first unit, which seats at least 100, into a larger and more complete church plant as the Assembly grows. It is intended that the chapels shall maintain simplicity of construction, minimum cost, and attractiveness in design.

Regional architects will be the key men in this program. Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, reported that we have a few regional architects, but more are needed. Architects desiring to co-operate with the implementation of this program are invited to write the Home Missions Department for details of the plan.

A booklet, *Plans for Pioneers*, will be sent to all pioneer pastors requesting it through their district office, if they qualify for the service. These blueprints, prepared by professional architects, would cost from \$500 to \$1,200 at regular rates but they will be furnished to our pioneers at only \$50. A plot-planning service is also offered for an additional \$40.

The question was raised as to whether the service would be available to churches other than pioneer efforts. It was stated that as of now, the plans are only for pioneer churches, and if made available to others, the architects should be reimbursed at regular rates rather than at the rate for pioneer churches.

Comments on the new program were generally favorable, and as the need for additional finances to keep the program

going was presented, 23 districts responded with pledges of \$50 or more each.

The conference went on record as expressing appreciation of the splendid work of the Church Building and Planning Commission, Joseph Colombo, Victor Trimmer, and G. F. Lewis, in

making this service available. Special mention was made of the generous and unselfish service of the architects who contributed these plans. In addition to Joseph Colombo, the architects are: Gordon Nickell, A. V. Gustafson, Earl C. Rodgers, James Shade, and James Hen-nix.

The "Mother Church" Plan

A discussion of the "Mother Church" Plan brought out several inspiring examples of churches which have helped start other churches. The district men were requested to send a list of "Mother Churches" to the National Home Missions office by the end of this year, in order that they may be given special recognition in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that a church should not necessarily wait for someone else to see the need of an additional church in its area. Churches are encouraged rather to survey the need of their own areas and make plans to sponsor a new church.

As the discussion continued, the importance of and reason for starting new Assemblies of God churches was repeatedly emphasized. This quotation from the pamphlet, *Every Church Help Start Another Church*, written by Victor Trimmer, and available from the Home Missions Department on request, brings that importance into focus:

"You have heard it said, 'Save an adult and you save a soul; save a youth and you save more than a soul—you save a life to serve God.' Have you ever thought of what you do when you help start a church? Start a church and you start a C. A. group. Start a church and you start a new Sunday School for boys and girls, babies, juniors, intermediates, seniors, young people, young married people, moms and dads. Start a church and you start a new World Missions program. Start a church and you start young people on their way to Bible school. Start a church and you start

a missionary on his way to the foreign field. Start a church and you start an evangelist on his way of itinerating church after church in evangelistic campaigns. Start a church and you start a pastor on his way in the ministry. Start a church and you start a series of missionary offerings to support the over-all missionary program around the world. Start a church and you start a Women's Missionary Council. Start a church and you start a Men's Fellowship. Start a church and that church will soon be helping to start other churches.

"Start a church and you start a series of evangelistic Sunday night services where men can find Christ as their Saviour. Start a church and you start a visitation program. Start a church and you start a light that shines into the darkness of the night of sin. Start a church and you start another division of the army of the Lord marching to free souls that have been held captive by the devil. Start a church and you start the sounding of a trumpet to warn men to flee from the wrath to come. Start a church and you start a revival whose influence will reach around the world. Start a church and you start a soul-winning crusade. Start a church and you start a stream of life where those that are dead in sin can find life in Christ. Start a church and you start a voice lifting itself to call men to repentance. Start a church and you start a power for God. Start a church and you start a prayer meeting. Start a church and you help start the Lord on His return. Start a church and you start something that will not stop when you have moved away or even when you have gone to be with the Lord. I wonder if there is anything so far-reaching, so lasting, so great in the Kingdom of God as starting a church."

The over-all Home Missions program on the sectional, district, and national levels was discussed and ideas freely exchanged. Both the district men and national department benefited from the conference, and we believe that it will in turn benefit every phase of our home missions program.



Gayle F. Lewis, R. M. Riggs, Joseph Colombo, and Victor Trimmer inspect the plans for one of the twelve Home Missions chapels designed by Assemblies of God architects.



A Visit to Ca

There are two camp meetings sponsored by the North Carolina District. The one at Windsor, N. C., serves the eastern part of the state. It has been held each summer for about fourteen years—but never with such outstanding success as this year.

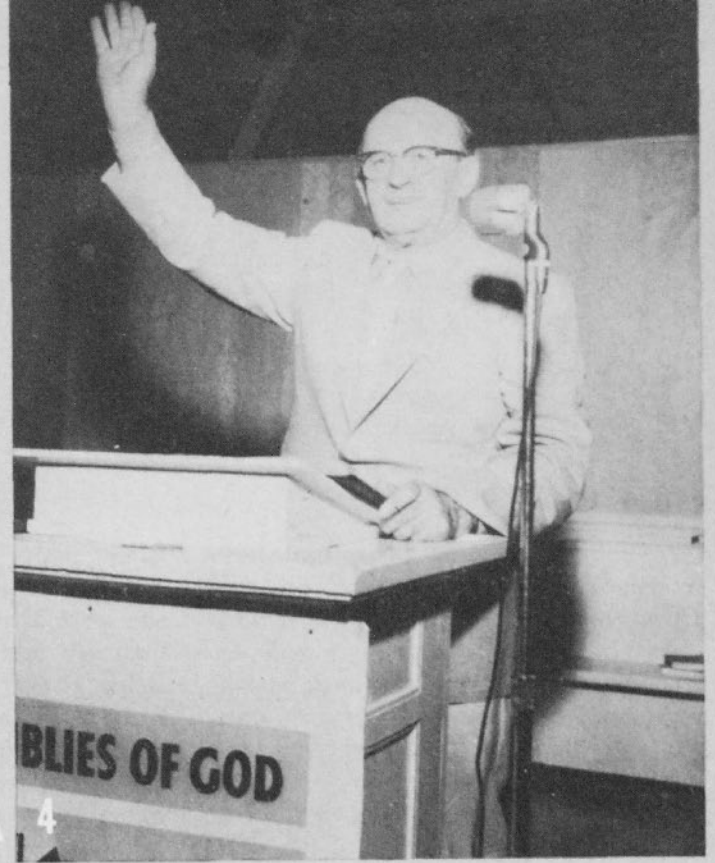
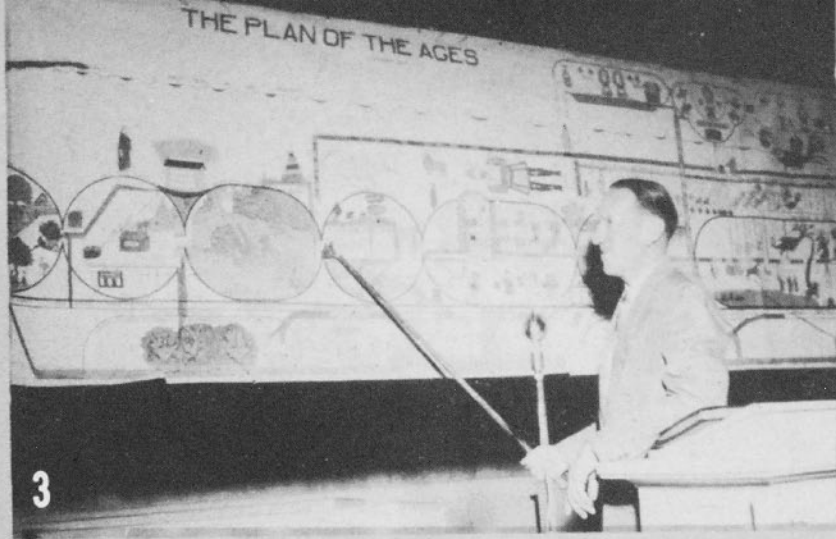
The new tabernacle, used for the first time this year, was comfortably filled each evening and on the weekends it was packed out. Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent, says: "The camp meeting this year came up to our fondest expectations. It was outstanding in every way—not only in attendance, but also in spiritual blessing. God met with the people in a wonderful way—saving souls, baptizing believers, healing sick bodies, and enriching the lives of His people."

Each afternoon, August 10 to 26, Andrew Stirling taught from his chart, "The Plan of the Ages." He gave a series of Bible lessons on the Book of Revelation.

Each evening, Jacob Filbert, Pastor of the North Side Assembly of God in Fort Worth, Texas, preached to the

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Windsor Camp Meeting

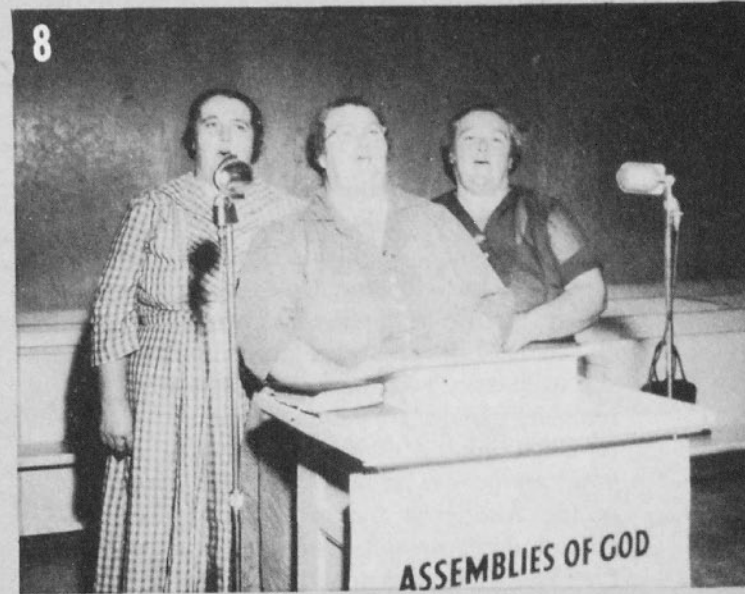
people. Brother Filbert and his Assembly have a great burden for North Carolina and have contributed thousands of dollars toward the opening of new churches in this state.

There were two services for children each day, with Mrs. Percy Benton in charge.

C. F. Usher, pastor at Perrytown, N. C., did notable service as Camp Chairman. He supervised the construction of the large new tabernacle.

Sunday, August 19, was world Missions Day and R. V. Candelaria of Manila, Philippine Islands, was guest speaker. Brother Candelaria was formerly a District Superintendent of the Methodist Church in the Philippines, until the Lord led him into Pentecostal light and filled him with the Holy Ghost. He gave an inspiring account of the Pentecostal revival in Manila.

The Windsor Camp Meeting is typical of more than fifty Assemblies of God camp meetings that were held across the country during the past summer.



CARL CONNER]



1. Entering the Windsor camp grounds.
2. Participants in the World Missions Rally: Jacob Filbert, R. V. Candelaria, Andrew Stirling.
3. Andrew Stirling teaching from his Bible chart.
4. Jacob Filbert, the evening speaker.
5. The dining hall is a place of happy fellowship.
6. Luther G. Hooper, a retired Coast Guardsman, has been cook at the Windsor Camp Meeting for the past seven years. It's wearying work, but he does it joyfully as a service to the Lord.
7. Cars are parked under the oaks outside the tabernacle as an afternoon service gets under way. The tabernacle, which seats 1,200, has ventilating slats on the entire gable at each end, a cooling feature which is much appreciated on warm August days.
8. These three sisters have sung at the Windsor Camp Meeting every summer for many years: left to right, Mrs. E. C. Bryant, Mrs. Ola R. Hoggard, Mrs. Carroll Bryant.



Your Daughter's 'FIRST LOVE'

by Althea S. Miller

SO YOU HAVE A TEEN-AGE DAUGHTER in your home who thinks she's in love? Does this situation, which is at once entertaining, nerve-racking, and extremely serious, make you hark back to your own teen years? I pray it does, for only then can you honestly evaluate the present problem.

Some teen-agers go through the agonies of "puppy" love earlier than others. Perhaps you were a little older, a little more settled before your heart turned over for that special young fellow. But whether your daughter is ahead or behind you in this respect, you must not insist that she be put through your "knothole."

You cannot undo the past. Your daughter is an enigma to you. One day she is droopy, oblivious of her surroundings, and highly irritable. The next she is a frivolous, loud, ecstatically happy girl. She comes to you with a choice tid-bits from the day's events; she even asks your advice about a matter; or, wonder of wonders, she offers to clean up the dishes and kitchen so you can go off to WMC with a free mind. And even though a dress, or a special date, or not-needed new shoes may be back of this generosity, your soft mother's heart is thrilled with the attention. *I know.*

What shall you do, then, with this beloved daughter who has suddenly become a stranger to you? Just yesterday she was a little girl who played with paper dolls; today she just *knows* she has found "Mr. Right," and she's only a sophomore in high school! If you show too much approval of the young man in question, will she take that as a signal you are willing for them to be married at the close of the school year? If you are hostile toward this "wonderful" boy, will you drive her the quicker into his arms?

With thumping heart you attempt to think through your situation as you ask your Father in heaven for wisdom which

is not yours natively. You know your daughter is still just a child. Even if she were a high school senior she lacks maturity both mentally and physically. Being at that very "romantic" stage of life, she is more likely in love with love than with any young man. But she doesn't believe that line! This is the real thing, as far as she is concerned.















The first thing you must do is show real understanding of your daughter's heart affair. Never belittle or ridicule her either publicly or privately. Insist that she bring him to your home for an

occasional dinner, or with a group of teen-agers. Assuming she has "fallen in love" with a Christian boy, let them be together in church work, youth activities, etc. One real date a week is ample for any high school sophomore; perhaps two a week (with a reasonable curfew always) when she's a senior. With an occasional walk home and a coke after church services she will be spending plenty of time with him.

As your daughter sees the boy's reactions among her friends and family she will begin to see him as he really

Can You Read This?

Boys and Girls, we have an important message for you, but our artist drew pictures instead of putting the right words in places. You can read the message by giving each picture a name.

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 Neither do  a  and
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; and it giveth  unto all
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 Let your  so shine B-4
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 good works and glorify your
 father which is in  MATT. 5-14:16

is. Assuming that in the early years of your daughter's life you taught her to live according to high ideals, and you set her the proper example along that line, you will find her fervor somewhat modified when she knows her mother remembers she was once a teen-ager. Tell her all about your first romance and how much you "loved" that boy. But, you married her father, and that has been your only true love.

Remind your girl of the admonition from God's Word which tells her what to do about her heart: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

—Brethren Missionary Herald

A Mother's Legacy to Her Daughter

WHEREAS my daughter shall be the woman of tomorrow, and

WHEREAS I am responsible, in a large measure, for the kind of woman she shall be, I therefore bequeath to my daughter the following example:

THAT she shall ever remember me as a sincere, earnest, true believer in Christ.

THAT I was fully surrendered to my Lord.

THAT I was always in my accustomed pew in church, Sunday school, and prayer meeting with my family.

THAT she heard me give thanks at each meal (if her father did not) and read my Bible, God's Word.

THAT she never saw me gamble or engage in card-playing.

THAT she never saw her mother smoke or drink any alcoholic beverage. For my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 3:16, 17).

THAT if she ever saw me angered, I promptly apologized. The sun never went down upon my wrath (Eph. 4:26).

THAT she never heard me swear, or use the Name of the Lord in vain, or drag another person's character in the mire by gossip. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

DAILY praying for my girl's salvation, I sign my name to this statement to the glory of my God and my Saviour.

SIGNED _____



Our Family Altar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8

TODAY'S GEM: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psa. 8:9).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the children review the story of creation (Gen. 1). In spite of the greatness of the stars, moon, and many other things God made, yet God takes a personal interest in each one of us. Read Matthew 6:25-34. God will always take care of us if we put Him first.

QUESTION TIME: Who created all things? (Gen. 1:1) To whom did God give dominion over creation? (v. 6) How do we know God will care for us? (Matt. 6:25-34).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 9:1-10

TODAY'S GEM: "They that know thy name will put their trust in thee" (Psa. 9:10).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage stresses the value of trusting God. This trust is expressed in (1) praises to God; (2) deliverance from enemies; (3) a confidence that God will always judge rightly; (4) knowing there is a place of refuge in God.

QUESTION TIME: Why do we trust God? (v. 10) Why are God's judgments true? (v. 8) For whom is God a refuge? (v. 9) In what manner did David praise the Lord? (v. 1)

PRAY for a trust in God that will bring us through all difficulties.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 9:11-20

TODAY'S GEM: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psa. 9:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Although God is a God of love, He is also righteous and just. There is a place of blessing prepared for those who serve God (John 14:1-3), but there also is a place of punishment for those who reject Christ as their Saviour. The torment of hell is eternal (Rev. 14:11). For "who will go there" see Revelation 20:11-15.

QUESTION TIME: What is the reward of the righteous? (John 14:1-3) What is the reward of the wicked? (Rev. 20:11-15)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27.

TODAY'S GEM: "Happy is he . . . whose hope is in the Lord his God" (Psa. 146:5).

FOR THE PARENT: Review "The Mark of Hope" (see Sunday's Lesson page). The hope of the Christian is to (1) see Christ; (2) be like Him; (3) dwell with Him forever. Heaven will be the eternal home of all who accept Jesus as Saviour and live for Him every day.

QUESTION TIME: Who will go to heaven? (see above) What is the hope of the Christian? (see above) What is the result of this hope? (1 John 3:3)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 12:1-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "The meek shall inherit the earth" (Psalm 37:11).

FOR THE PARENT: From the story of Miriam and Aaron's rebellion against Moses, point out: (1) the value of meekness; (2) the sin of speaking against God-given leaders; (3) God will help those who are meek.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses? (v. 2) What was God's reaction to this? (v. 9) What happened to Miriam because of her sin? (v. 10) What is God's promise to the meek? (Psa. 37:11)

PRAY that we will have a meek spirit.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26 to 2:7, 18-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord . . . hath made us, and not we ourselves" (Psa. 100:3).

FOR THE PARENT: The final act of God's creation was creating man. Explain the creation of man (Adam), Genesis 2:7, and the creation of woman (Eve), Genesis 2:21, 22, stressing that God created them. He created us to have fellowship with Himself.

QUESTION TIME: How did God create man? (Gen. 2:7) Why did God create woman? (Gen. 2:18) How did God create woman? (Gen. 2:21, 22) What did God do on the seventh day? (Gen. 2:2, 3)

SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF HOPE

Sunday School Lesson for October 14, 1956

JOHN 14:1-3; 1 JOHN 3:2, 3; REVELATION 21:2-4, 22-27

A great statesman said, "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret." His words reflect the hopelessness in the hearts of many people in our upset, insecure world. By vivid contrast, the Christian finds life bright and full of hope. He looks forward to a glorious destiny which is assured him by God's eternal Word.

THE NATURE OF HOPE

The Christian's hope as set forth in this lesson is two-fold:

(1) *The hope of Christ's coming* (John 14:1-3). Philosophers have taught concerning the future life, presenting it as a probability at best. But Christ speaks with authority and yet such tenderness. "I go to prepare a place for you. . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Most of us know something of the anticipation and joy a young man experiences as he prepares a home for his bride-to-be. But with what intense yearning and anticipation has our heavenly Bridegroom been preparing an eternal habitation for the Bride He won at such an infinite cost!

(2) *The hope of being made like Christ when He comes* (1 John 3:2). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

The nature of our future glorification is still a mystery. Paul tells us twice in 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, that "we shall be changed," but that the nature of that change is a "mystery." But of this we may be sure—that when He appears a miraculous transformation will take place; namely, we shall become *like Him*. Furthermore, this transformation will be the result of seeing Him. And what a glorious hope this is to many of us who are so conscious of our failures, sins, earthliness, and un-Christlikeness. To see Him and be like Him has always been the heart-cry of the truly devout. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psa. 17:15).

THE WORK OF HOPE

1 John 3:3 is the heart of the lesson and will bear much meditation! "Every man that hath this hope [that is, the hope of being like Christ when He comes] in him purifieth himself even as he [God] is pure."

Hope is a combination of desire and expectation. He who truly longs to become like Christ when He comes will aim to be like Him as much as is possible *now*. True hope has a purifying influence upon our lives. If we long to be like Christ *then*, we shall use every God-given means to bring about transformation into His likeness *now*.

While likeness to Christ in all fullness will be the *consequence* of seeing Him then, we may also say that likeness to Christ is a *condition* to seeing Him then. For without holiness "no man shall see the Lord." Jesus said that only "the pure in heart" would "see God."

But how is this transformation into Christlikeness made possible now? Paul gives a simple and clear answer: "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18). As we seek the Lord with open hearts, read His Word which reflects His glory, and spend time in prayer beholding His glory, the Holy Spirit will move in us, deal with us, reveal Christ to us, and uncover things which we need to rid from our hearts and lives. Thus we shall be transformed gradually into His likeness!

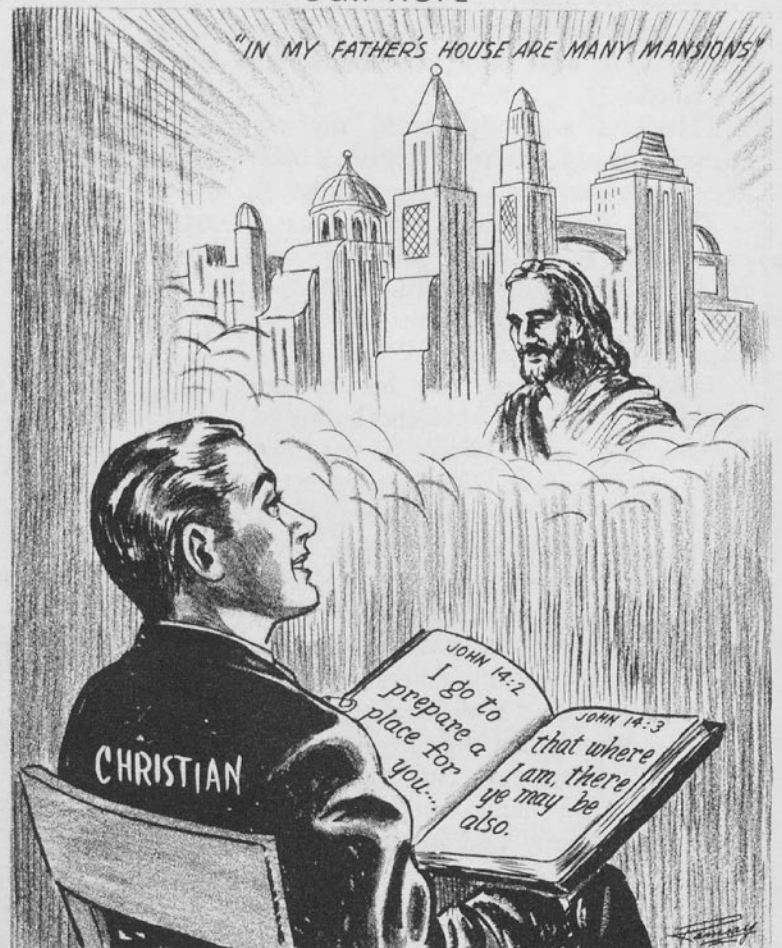
The expectation of seeing Him face to face and of becoming like Him when He comes will keep us in close fellowship with Him now. See also Titus 2:11-13.

THE FULFILLMENT OF HOPE (Rev. 21:2-4, 22-27)

In these verses we have John's vision of that glorious time when faith will become sight, and hope of the Christian will be fulfilled beyond his fondest expectations! John saw "the holy city," the new Jerusalem, the eternal home where the redeemed will spend eternity with God and with Christ. He saw the city "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." A prepared city for a prepared people! The remaining verses of the lesson describe some of the blessed changes which will be made in man's eternal state.

When the way is dark, and when the tempter comes, the Christian's glorious hope will give him victory and keep him pressing on the upward way! —by J. Bashford Bishop

OUR HOPE





Darlene Whitney, teacher of the Junior Boys Class at Bethel Assembly in Springfield, Missouri explains the "We Believe" memory course to Stanley Horton and David Bellinger.

Something New for The Juniors!!

Maxine Mitchell Describes the New Bible Memory Course Which Is Now Available for All Who Work With Junior Boys and Girls.

THREE GREAT TEACHING NEEDS ARE met by the new, brilliantly colored Junior Memory Course. Thinking people have long realized that children need to learn God's Word; they need interesting motivation to study, and teachers need to have modern teaching aids. For Juniors the answer for all three of these needs may be found in the "We Believe" Memory Course.

The beginning of this valuable teaching medium dates back several years. Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, had felt the need for Bible indoctrination of children. He knew that God blesses His Word when it is memorized, and that planting the Word of God in the hearts of our boys and girls is one of the best ways to keep them for Christ. If our children are rooted in the doctrines of the Bible, they will not be swayed by the winds of unbelief which will begin to blow upon them in just a few years. With this truth burning in his heart, he wrote the "Cornerstone Series," a set of four books filled with Biblical questions and answers. They are actually a Pentecostal catechism.

After these books had been in use for a while, Brother Riggs realized that children of our time need interesting motivation for memorizing facts. Public schools do not assume that, because the

knowledge in the textbooks is good for boys and girls, it will be received with avid interest. If something colorful and exciting can direct a child's attention to the Word of God, then it should be used. The National Sunday School Department has produced the "We Believe" Memory Course which is a thrilling way to encourage Bible memory work. The "We Believe" Memory Course is based upon the indoctrination questions and answers in Book Number Two, "What My Church Believes," from the "Cornerstone Series" by Brother Riggs.

Many have felt that such an indoctrination course has been needed in our movement. It will help to ground our future church in the Word of God. The doctrines of the Bible, God, man, sin, Jesus Christ, and salvation are covered in this one-year course.

The principles of proper teaching are entwined in this revolutionary type of teaching aid. The eyegate is appealed to by the large 22" by 28" four-color map, depicting the "Path of Truth" as it wends its way through the "Land of We Believe." Along the path are symbols which depict the answers to the questions in the book.

There is a cut-out figure of two travelers (a boy and a girl) which can be moved along the "Path of Truth" to indicate progress. This figure adheres to the wall map with a special double-faced tape which allows it to be moved about the map as needed. In addition to this intriguing feature, travelers' checks are issued to each child as he learns each memory portion. These checks are to

be used in the purchase of awards furnished by the local church.

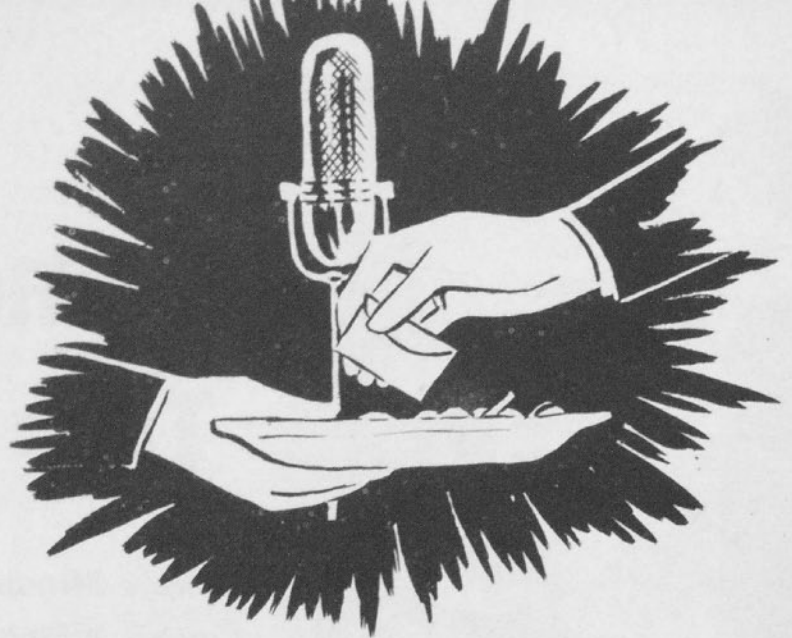
For constant review and private study each pupil will receive his own pocket map every quarter. On one side of the sheet there is a small reproduction of the wall map for the quarter. On the other side is the complete memory portion for that quarter.

As an additional aid to teaching, there are eight pages of four-color visual aids provided for the purpose of review. The symbols on the wall map are enlarged and the teacher may place them on a flannelboard. In this way, the law of association will work in the minds of the class and it will be easier for them to remember the scriptural answers.

Of special advantage to the teacher is the fact that everything necessary to teach this course for one year is sold in the initial kit. The kit contains enough pocket maps for ten children for the year, a set of visual aids, 100 traveler's checks, and the book, "What My Church Believes," Book Number Two. (For further information, write the Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. The price is surprisingly low.)

This memory program may be used each Sunday morning in the pre-session period, or it may be used in Junior Church, week-day Bible classes, or at early Sunday evening meetings for boys and girls. This versatile teaching aid is a solution to the problem of how to indoctrinate our youth in the truths of God's Word in a way they will enjoy and remember.

Unusual Offerings Help Revivaltime Reach Souls



The powerful effect of the REVIVALTIME ministry is centered around the sacrificial love-gifts received in the REVIVALTIME mailbag every week. Thousands of homes would never hear this powerful gospel voice of the air waves if it were not for the many friends who are willing to sacrifice so that others might share this glorious gospel.

For instance, there was the evangelist in California who felt led to fast during his lunch hours and pray for souls. The Lord laid it on his heart to send the cost of his noon meals to REVIVALTIME.

Then, there was the pastor in Illinois who owned a cow. On one occasion, his cow got into some shelled corn, ate too much, and came near dying. He prayed that God would heal his cow so that a new-born calf would live, and promised the Lord that if his prayer was answered he would send one tenth of the selling price of the calf to REVIVALTIME. God healed the cow, and the pastor kept his promise by adding a tithe of the calf's price to their regular church offering for REVIVALTIME.

A member of a Presbyterian Bible Class in Ohio decided to send a small donation to the broadcast. But before she sent her offering, she decided to take the matter up with her Sunday School class, where they voted to make that offering a five-dollar gift. Then some of the other members donated enough to make it a ten-dollar offering.

An eleven-year-old boy in Fulton, Missouri, had saved a long time to buy a pocket knife, but felt that God wanted him to send his savings to REVIVALTIME.

A Methodist family in Pennsylvania writes, "We are on the Methodist Church roll, but how we love REVIV-

ALTIME! Here's some more of our vacation money. We stayed home on vacation and want to give God's work the money."

In Oregon, a 91-year-old lady made hooked rugs for her own amusement. She was indeed happy when she was able to sell two of them so she could send the money to REVIVALTIME.

A gentleman in Ontario, Canada, drew out all the money he had in a secret bank account and invested it in the radio ministry. He had been saving, unknown to the rest of the family, for a "rainy day," but God spoke to him to send it to REVIVALTIME.

A few weeks ago, a man in Alabama knelt by his radio and prayed as Brother Ward prayed for those who had special problems. He had a financial problem himself. God wonderfully answered his prayer, and as a special thank offering he sent a liberal contribution to REVIVALTIME.

A colored gentleman in Georgia listens to the broadcast every Sunday; and as he goes about his work through the week, he talks to people about Christ and about the things Brother Ward has preached on the broadcast. He, too, sent an offering to keep REVIVALTIME on the air.

In Union Gap, Washington, a brother had loaned a certain amount to his church in a building program. The church was to take a building fund offering every two weeks until the debt would be completely paid. On one such occasion this gentleman requested that instead of giving the payment to him the offering should be sent to REVIVALTIME. However, he directed that the amount be deducted just the same as usual from the church debt which they owed him.

Then from Muskogee, Oklahoma,

comes this touching letter: "Brother Ward, I'm sending this \$2.34 that was sent home with my son's personal effects. We lost him eleven years ago. He was in the Air Force. He died with cerebral hemorrhage. I've kept this money all this time, not knowing what to do with it. But I don't know any better place to put it than in God's service, that it might win lost souls for Him."

"GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER." The gifts of these and hundreds just like them, will not be overlooked by Him that seeth all things. Their love for souls has exceeded their desire for selfish gain. They are having a vital part in winning souls through the Spirit-anointed ministry of REVIVALTIME; and you may, too, by sending an offering to REVIVALTIME, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Mo.

ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Today

"ASSIGNMENT: FIND"



October 14

"ASSIGNMENT: CONTACT"

The Enlargement Assignment for next week is CONTACT—visit the prospects found during your community census.

Add emphasis to your visit by leaving a campaign issue of the EVANGEL in each home.

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Believing and Behaving

BY LARRY WARD

WHAT'S GOOD TONIGHT?" I addressed the question to a busy waitress as she prepared to take my order.

Without the slightest embarrassment she answered, "How should I know? I eat at home!"

Later, chuckling over the vagaries of human behavior, I strolled down the street to be accosted by a newsboy: "Paper, Mister?"

"Well, maybe," I rejoined. "What's the news?"

"I dunno, Mister—I never read the paper!"

Still later, while an energetic young colored boy wearing dirty saddle shoes beat out a rapid tattoo upon my dusty footwear, I listened with great interest while a bald-headed barber described a tonic guaranteed to raise hair on a billiard ball.

Inconsistency? Yes, but no more so than the sad spectacle of *professing* Christians who give little evidence of being *possessing* Christians. As a wise old preacher once remarked: "There are two things we must do: *believe* the gospel, and *behave* the gospel."

Nothing could be more explicit than the Scriptural admonition for the children of God to "be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." The Pauline Epistles are packed with such exhortations. Unfortunately, as a famous Bible teacher has reminded us, "We've had a feast of Bible *interpretation*, and a famine of Bible *application*!"

The United Press some time ago reported how maintenance men at the University of California discovered that termites had eaten through a large stack of pamphlets in the mailing room. The title of the pamphlets: "Control of Termites." It was one thing to explain the theory of termite control in a pamphlet

—and quite another to put the theory into practice!

The thinking Christian is not only aware of the truths contained in God's Word, but is faithful in applying them in his own experience. His entire personality is permeated by his conception of God. He is careful to heed the instruction of God's Word to be the "servant of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart," and to be "blameless and harmless, the son of God . . . holding forth the Word of Life."

Too many of us are like the lad who knelt beside his bed one night and prayed: "Lord, make me a good boy. Not *real* good, but good enough to keep from getting spanked!" We need the reminder of Horace Mann, who is reported to have said: "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about the acts of the apostles!"

God wonderfully designed a blueprint for Christian living. He has promised to make His will clear to the earnest seeker, and places at our disposal all that we need to execute His purpose in our lives. In the words of Jesus, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). Again, "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. . . . Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15, 16).

Missionaries, entering a district where they believed the gospel had never gone, sought to impress the natives with the infinite holiness of Christ. To their amazement, the natives cried: "We know Him! We know Him! He used to live here!"

Patiently the missionaries explained that the One of whom they spoke had lived centuries before in a different part of the world. Still the villagers insisted: "We know Him! He used to live here!"

Questioning the natives, they soon solved the mystery. Years before, a single soldier of the Cross had entered the village. His ministry seemed to bear little fruit, but the ineffable sweetness of his personality had been so Christlike that it had made an indelible impression upon the minds of his hearers.

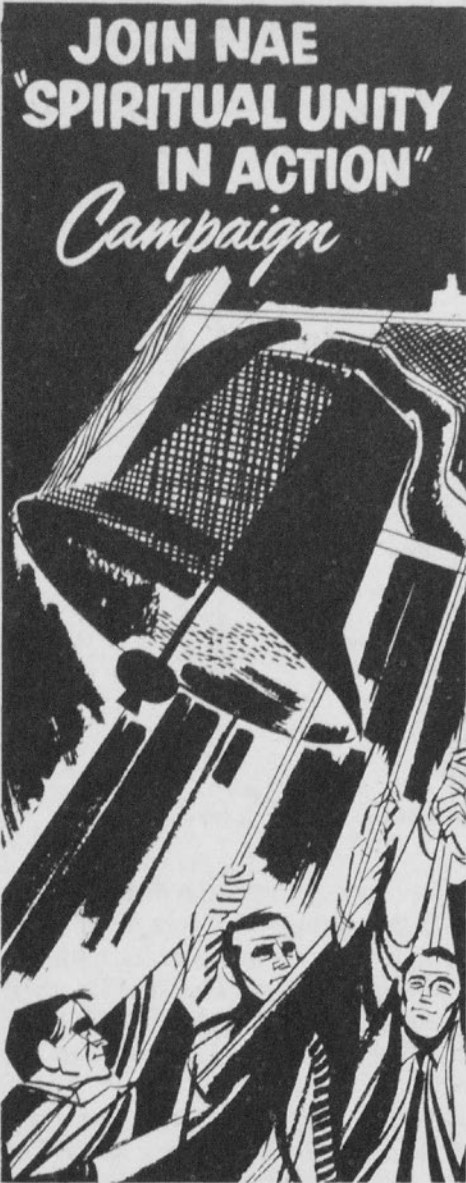
Could that be said of you? Would that be the testimony of your friends—of the members of your family? "The fragrance of Christ is the perfume of His people." Is your life sweetened by His indwelling presence so that others *really* see Him in you?

May God give us the burning urgency in our hearts to *love* Christ and to *live* Christ. May we remember that to *win* some we must be *winsome*, and that though we are saved by *grace* we cannot live in *disgrace*. May we praise Him with our lives as well as with our *lips*, as we *believe* the gospel—and *behave* the gospel.

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"THE HYPOCRITE'S HOPE SHALL PERISH" — JOB 8:13



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EMPTY LIVES

by Ethel L. Tenney

THERE ARE MANY LONELY, ACHING hearts. This has been made very real to me as I have visited convalescent homes. There I found the old and feeble, the blind and helpless, the poor and needy, and in many cases with no one to care. Some had relatives and even children who would no longer be bothered with them, and they are left to the mercy of strangers. If some days are full of suffering, no one sympathizes; or if they are better, no one is glad. Long days and longer nights with nothing to brighten the way is the story of many lives.

Yet this emptiness by bereavement or neglect is not the awful tragedy of which I want particularly to write today. It is emptiness of a soul without God!

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. . . ." I'm thinking about that word *empty*. "He findeth it empty."

These Pharisees, to whom Jesus was speaking, made a great profession. They tithed and fasted and made long prayers. They trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others. They were like the man who went up into the temple to pray. He exalted himself, giving thanks that he was not as other men were, yet failed of the divine approval because He who looketh upon the heart found it empty.

I've heard men testify of their futile struggle against evil habits. Their efforts failed to bring victory because their lives were still empty of the power that, working in us, makes us more than conquerors. How many professing Christians today attend church once on Sunday and have a form of godliness, yet live defeated and empty lives!

The late Arthur Brisbane, when asked what catastrophe in his opinion during the past quarter of a century had caused the greatest loss to the human race, replied, in part, "The millions of negatively good, respectable citizens, who are of no force in the Kingdom of God." An outward appearance of righteousness—swept and garnished lives—but empty of the power and blessing of God! Perhaps some time they have known His fullness, but as "leaking vessels" they have gradually lost their joy, victory, and testimony.

One of the saddest Bible stories is given over in Judges, where we read of a mighty man, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, who without weapons slew a lion, when the Spirit of the Lord was upon him. Samson had been separated unto God from birth, so that he was full of the divine strength until he was enticed to compromise and give up the secret of his power. Then, when his enemies came upon him to destroy him, he thought he could go out as at other times and defend himself, but the Word tells us, "He wist not that the Lord was departed from him." His power was gone. The Philistines caught him and put out his eyes and made him grind in the prison-house. That is exactly what the devil does with a man who lets the things which he has heard slip away, neglects the prayer-meeting, the Sunday services, and his own private devotions, until the Spirit of the Lord is grieved away.

When trouble comes, the backslider thinks he can get along as well as ever; but he is helpless. He goes deeper into sin. God's children look on and wonder how he can commit such ungodly deeds, loving the world and its passing pleasures; but his eyes are blinded, and very soon he finds himself grinding in the prison-house of sin. All power, victory, and glory gone—an empty life! Oh, the way of the transgressor is hard! There's no peace nor joy. No rest in the soul—just a continual craving that is never satisfied as he wanders through life's wilderness.

There's only one help for empty lives. That is Jesus—and He is all-sufficient for the bereaved, the loneliest heart, the one who has lost the blessing of God, and the one who has never known His fullness. The all-availing Christ is the One! Why, then, are there so many empty lives? Partly because multitudes even in this so-called Christian land, do not know Him. They do not know that He satisfies the longing heart and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

A while ago I heard of a young boy about sixteen who committed suicide. His life was empty. He decided he had nothing to live for. I heard a Christian worker say at the time, "We had an opportunity to start a Sunday School in that location where the young man lived; and perhaps if we had, this wouldn't have happened." Yes, perhaps that boy might have been saved if he had known there was a life worth living.

It is said that in one part of India the maharajah proclaimed that all who went forth to draw water from a well in any part of his country must go with a song on their lips—and go singing all the way. The reason for this command was that a man had been found dying

of thirst within a few yards of a well. He did not know the well was there. He never recovered consciousness. And now, if you hear a song on the lips of one walking through the jungle, you know that there is a well nearby. There are many in the desert of this world, both young and old, with a great emptiness in their lives—a thirst of soul. Jesus can fill their hearts and quench their thirst, but they don't know the "well" is there. They don't know, because many Christians are defeated and have no song. Why don't we sing the Lord's song? Why don't we go out into our neighborhoods where men are dying because life seems to hold nothing for them, and let them know of the Water of Life? Let us tell them that Jesus is the Fountain that never runs dry! When men drink the water that He gives, they never thirst; they live abundantly and full.

Jesus is the answer to this world's need. He can fill that emptiness in your life. He can remove that loneliness, that lack. He will restore the joy of your salvation, and enable you to say with the Psalmist, "My cup runneth over."

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Missionettes at Eastside Assembly in Springfield, Mo. Co-sponsor, Mrs. Lester Ice, at the left, and Sponsor Mrs. Albert D. Pyle.

Missionettes Candlelight Service

by Mildred Smuland

At the Eastside Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, is a happy group of Missionettes, sponsored by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Albert D. Pyle.

After they were organized last April, they had a unique installation ceremony in the church. Conducted as part of the Sunday evening meeting, it served not only to impress the girls themselves with their responsibility as part of the church's missionary enterprise, but also to introduce the Missionettes program to the entire congregation.

Mrs. Pyle took her place at the pulpit with a lighted candle, while the new Missionette officers formed a group at her right and the other members of the club at her left, all with unlighted candles.

First the officers were introduced. Beginning with the president, they were called to step forward to receive their charge and have their candles lighted. Each officer's candle was different in color—the president's was white and the others were yellow, green, blue, and gold. Sister Pyle spoke from her heart to the officers, expressing faith in them to carry the responsibilities with which they had been entrusted, cheerfully, faithfully, and prayerfully, serving as unto the Lord. She spoke of the significance of the colors of their candles—white for purity, yellow for life and sunshine, green for growth, and gold for their "wealth," which, with themselves, must always be consecrated to God. Then each officer signed the membership certificate.

Addressing the other members of the group, Mrs. Pyle appealed to them to think of being Missionettes as a great privilege—an opportunity to work for the Lord and pray together, as well as to enjoy good social fellowship.

"To you, the members of this organization," she said, "these officers will look for support and co-operation. Do you, individually and together, pledge your loyal

support in prayer and wholehearted, willing service?"

In unison they answered, "We do."

Then, just before they signed the membership certificate, their candles were lighted by the candles of the newly installed officers.

"Our Missionettes are following Missionette Memos in their meetings," says Mrs. Pyle, "and are thoroughly enjoying the study of the various mission fields. The biographies of the missionaries have caused several of the girls to think seriously of their future and the importance of yielding their lives to God.

"When new members come into the group, we have a little ceremony of repeating the Missionette pledge, motto, and slogan, and signing the membership certificate. It is a very simple ceremony, but helps the girls to realize the significance of being Missionettes.

"We have several girls who will soon become twelve years old. They can hardly wait for their birthdays, when they will be eligible to join the Missionette club.

"The girls have engaged in several missionary projects, and during our Vacation Bible School they assisted the teachers by helping prepare their visual aids. They also conduct services in a home for the aged.

"Recently we did extensive remodeling in our church, which left an unusual amount of work for our janitor. The girls decided to help him do the extra cleaning. They came to their regular Friday night meeting in their work clothes, and after a short devotional service they "pitched in" with the janitor. Everybody, including the janitor, had a good time, and the work was quickly done."

A group of typical, fun-loving girls, the Eastside Missionettes are finding more and more the real joy of worshiping, working and playing together. Their club is also a place where they can invite their friends, and they are expecting through this medium to be able to win many of them to Christ.



Gospel Victories at Coatesville, Pa.

There's joy and victory at the Full Gospel Church in Coatesville, Pa. Not only are the pastors and people rejoicing over the "miracle" of their attractive new church building; they are also thanking the Lord for the spiritual awakening He has sent in their midst.

In the past two months 17 have been converted, 6 have been reclaimed, and 23 have been filled with the Spirit. The Sunday School enrollment has doubled. Twelve new members have been taken into the church.

The move of God's Spirit came in response to special prayer meetings. Here is the story, as told by the pastor, Charles E. Strauser:

"About five months ago some of our people began to come to church on nights when we did not have services scheduled. Every night except Monday and Tuesday my wife and I and some of our people gathered to seek God and study His Word. Finally God began to move.

"I received a call from a Methodist minister in a nearby town. He wanted to know about the healing of a certain individual. In the course of our conversation, we talked about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I could tell he was hungry for God, so I invited him to one of our meetings. That evening he came and received the baptism in the Spirit! A week later he brought two others from his church, and they also received this glorious experience.

"A week after this a Presbyterian minister came, and his two sons were filled.

"A young man who had fallen from a truck came to our services. The truck had

run over his leg and crushed his foot and ankle. The doctors said it would be many weeks before he would be able to walk again. But in the service he was saved; then we prayed for his healing, and in less than two weeks his foot was healed. Others have been miraculously healed of deafness, bad nerves, etc. A woman with a broken disc was healed; another with three misplaced organs was healed; another with eyes turned outward was healed instantly.

"We prayed for a man who had miners' asthma for 25 years. He awoke one morning and found that God had healed him. Many others also have been healed.

"We are praising God for this wonderful move of His Spirit. We give Him all the glory."

Brother and Sister Strauser began their ministry at Coatesville five years ago after graduating from Eastern Bible Institute. During the past two years the Lord has helped them to erect a fine house of worship. The building fund started with an offering of \$25.00—just enough to dig out a bank for the foundation. Then someone donated 200 cement blocks to the church, and from Sunday to Sunday God miraculously sent in money to pay the bills.

The pastor served as his own designer and general contractor for the 36-by-65-foot building. His wife mixed and carried mortar, while he and the men of the church did the actual construction work. Many friends outside the church donated labor, materials, and money to help with the construction. A new parsonage also has been built.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

GREAT BLESSINGS AT INDIANA CAMPS

Every day was a banner day at the Indiana Camp in August. Owen Oslin and Robert Cummings ministered the Word. "The best camp season ever" was the opinion of all attending.

Children's Camps and Youth Conference were blessed of the Lord. Over 100 were converted and about 80 baptized with the Holy Spirit.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION—Annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 30-Nov. 1, beginning Tuesday night.

NEW ADDRESSES

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. McIntosh, Route 3, Bedford, Pa. "Pastoring Bedford Valley Assembly of God."
- Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Fleming, Box 815, Rockport, Tex.
- Rowena Chaves and Jewel Barnett, General Delivery, Keams Canyon, Ariz. "We are ministering among the Hopi tribe."
- Pastor Waymon P. Rutledge, 574 Greenwood Ave., Reedsport, Oreg.
- Evangelist William L. Devereaux, 3615 Elford Dr., Whittier, Calif.
- H. Ivan and Helen S. Ryan, 2314 S. Portage, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Thomas G. Skoog, 179 Upton Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. "Resigned church in Grinnell, Iowa, to begin new church here under auspices of Church of the Four Fold Gospel."
- Jack and Kathleen Ireland, 2230 N. 30th St., Phoenix, Ariz. "Pastoring Bethel Assembly."
- Jack C. Smith, 205-6th Ave., Chickasaw, Ala.
- Arthur H. Graves, 146-34 Hawthorne Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y. "Pastoring Free Gospel Church."
- Wesley E. Butler, Box 585, Whiting, Ind. "Pastoring Whiting Assembly of God."
- M. Ralph Hutchinson, Box 165, Bettendorf, Iowa. "Pastoring Bettendorf Gospel Tabernacle."
- Rowland H. Dean, 706 Cavour Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn.
- Evangelist Kenneth D. Barney, 436 Freeman, Topeka, Kans.
- Pastor C. W. Hardy, Box 353, Cainsville, Mo.
- A. M. Freeze, 2716 McCain Dr., Corpus Christi, Tex.
- Pastor Rolland A. Murphey, Box 132, Culbertson, Mont.
- John L. Riggle, 12 Jacobson Rd., Crane, Ind. "Resigned pastorate of Calvary Assembly of God in Bicknell, Ind."
- Gene S. Hogan, 132 Valley Run Drive, Erlton, N. J.
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- Pastor Silas H. Jones, Box 684, Klamath Falls, Oreg.
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- Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collins, Caney, Kans.
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PASTORAL OR EVANGELISTIC

- James B. Daniel, General Delivery, Lamar, Ark.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Sunday School picture rolls for native preachers in Africa, India, and the Philippines. Send postpaid to Honora Osberg, 1236 S. Grand, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Brewster Full Gospel Church has been changed to First Assembly of God, 7th Street and Mt. Eaton Rd. (Box 647), Brewster, Ohio.—John W. Blair, Pastor.

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Rose of Sharon Assembly of God in Thomasville, Ga. has been changed to First Assembly of God.—R. B. Collins, Pastor.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP—Each Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Recruit Training Command Building 1113, room 5, U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.—Arvid S. Nordlund, Director.

CONTACTS WANTED—We would like to contact Assemblies of God families who have moved into Massena, N. Y. to work on the St. Lawrence Seaway.—Donald Storms, Pastor of Bethel Assembly of God, 170-2 Maple St., Massena, N. Y.

POWER FROM ON HIGH

(Continued from page five)

and he takes great delight in harmoniously pouring forth from his heart the praises of the Lord.

The remarkable change with the power of the incoming Presence is demonstrated particularly in Peter. He faced a body of people who had put Christ to death on the cross, who had mocked and scourged Him. Peter rose and boldly told them that they had done

a most wicked thing. Suppose that some man might have been bold enough to get up in a great crowd in England fifty days after the execution of King Charles by Cromwell's soldiers, to declare that they had killed a good man as well as a king! This could not have happened—not even in England, known for her brave men. But here in Jerusalem a man was needed who would stand up under the shadow of the Temple and bravely declare that He whom they had so shamefully executed seven weeks before was Israel's long-looked-for Messiah, that they had "killed the Prince of life." Who could carry out such an undertaking? We see a man rising, one filled with holy fire so that he totally forgets his danger; and he seems not even conscious that he is doing a heroic act. He casts back upon the mockers their charge, and proceeds to open and press home his accusation as if he were a king before defenseless culprits.

Who is this man? Why, it is Peter, the man who always took the line of least resistance. It is within this breast, where quailed a weak and tremulous heart, that we see glowing now a brave heart that dreads neither the power of the authorities nor the violence of the mob. He faces a crowd of bitter Pharisees and ignorant soldiers as though they were a flock of sheep. Is this the Peter of Pilate's hall? Yes, and no. Outwardly he is the same, but inwardly something has happened. He has been filled with the Holy Ghost. The fullness of the Spirit has flooded his soul. Tongues of fire have rested upon him, and the promised Comforter has signified His presence by speaking in other tongues. As they looked upon Peter, they observed that his countenance glowed as though it had a lamp behind it. His eyes shone with a purity that was unknown in the natural. His limbs were agile for any act of prayer or praise or errand of compassion; and his tongue was a flame of fire.

How sad to realize that the Christian church has drifted so far from this standard; that church leaders have become satisfied with education and ritual and with just a *form* of godliness. Here in the hour when the perfect standard was being set for the ages to follow,

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Fort Smith	New Bethel	Oct. 7—	Loyd Evans & Wife	Floyd Garver
Calif.	Lancaster	A of G	Oct. 9—	N. L. Ballew	Fred Cottriel
	Roseville	First	Sept. 25—	T. Don Carlos & wife	R. A. Wilson
	Sacramento	¹ Bethel	Oct. 2-7	Virgil Warens & wife	Clyde Henson
	San Diego	First	Oct. 9-21	L. B. Lewis	Elton Hill
	Vallejo	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Pat Thomas & Party	Keetah Jones
	Walnut Creek	¹ A of G	Oct. 9-15	Virgil Warens & wife	Charles Elmes
Colo.	Montrose	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	O. E. Gaddis & wife	Everett Schonaman
Del.	Wilmington	Calvary	Oct. 2—	L. K. Dodge	Chas. Eyler
Fla.	Durant	² Pleasant Grove	Oct. 11-21	Carl C. Haas	Willie Magee
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Oct. 4-14	H. E. Hardt	John R. Hardt
Ga.	Atlanta	First	In progress	Frank Lummer	George Klarman
Ill.	Bushnell	A of G	Oct. 9-21	Dan Miller & wife	Jerrell Snyder
	Hartford	¹ A of G	Oct. 7-12	Dedelow-Friederici	Roy Warner
	Peoria	First	Oct. 7—	Lonnie Osborn	Lloyd Shoemaker
Ind.	New Castle	A of G	Sept. 30—	Billy Wolfe	Joe Lack
Iowa	Vinton	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 9-21	Arnold Segesman	Dale Harmon
Kans.	Coffeyville	First	Oct. 7-28	R. Allen Davis	P. E. Lowenberg
Mass.	East Natick	Wellesley Park	Oct. 16-28	William Schell	Fernie Strength
Mich.	Reading	A of G	Oct. 2-14	B. M. Dirks	Herman Maloney
Minn.	Pipestone	A of G	Oct. 2-14	G. W. Minton	Thomas Davies
Mo.	Elmer	A of G	Oct. 7-21	David Houghton	Abraham Solomon
N. J.	Hackettstown	A of G	Oct. 14-28	Paul Kenyon	Arthur Anderson
	Newark	Bethel Pent.	Oct. 9-14	David Berquist	F. D. Eide
Ohio	Akron	First	Oct. 10—	A. R. Vanderploeg	V. L. Hertweck
	Elyria	First	Oct. 9—	Walterman Trio	Bob Graber
	Marion	First	Oct. 2—	Eddie Roush & wife	Buford Nivens
Okla.	Commerce	A of G	Oct. 7—	Warren-Marsh	W. F. Gilchrist
	Imbler	A of G	Oct. 7-21	Lloyd Portin	Ralph Teal
Oreg.	LaGrande	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 9—	Johnny Hoskins	Bert Allbritton
Pa.	Allentown	Emmanuel	Oct. 9-21	Brosy-Buchwalter	R. S. Beisel
	Berwick	A of G	Oct. 2-14	Wm. A. Caldwell	Wm. J. Eaves
	Connellsville	A of G	Oct. 7-28	John & Olive Kellner	E. J. Hatchner
	Easton	A of G	Sept. 26-Oct. 7	J. E. Gams & wife	Conrad Schaefer
	New Castle	First Pentecostal	Oct. 2-14	Stanley MacPherson	S. W. Brewer
	Reading	Glad Tidings	Oct. 2-21	James Pepper & wife	J. C. Hall
	Turtle Creek	Glad Tidings	Oct. 2-14	Mathan Musical Party	F. J. Papiernik
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the learned found simplicity, and the ignorant found wisdom. Oh, may we turn back to God and realize that without a real Baptism in the Holy Ghost we can do nothing. But if we are filled with the Holy Ghost, "the excellency of the power will be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7).

(The foregoing is chapter four from our late Brother Buntain's book, "The Holy Ghost and Fire," which has just come off the press at the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. This book of twelve chapters, written by an honored leader of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, charts the Bible way to spiritual power in the life of the individual and in the work of the Church. Price \$1.25 per copy. Ask for book number EV 2-525.)

God Told Her

An untutored woman sat reading her Bible, when a learned skeptic came along and inquired, "What is that you are reading?"

The woman answered, "It is the Word of God."

"Who told you it is the Word of God?" asked the skeptic.

"God told me," answered the poor woman.

"And how did God tell you that?" asked the learned one.

The woman was quiet for a moment; and then, looking up toward the brilliant sun, she inquired, "What is that?"

"It is the sun," the skeptic replied.

But the woman asked, "Who told you it is the sun?"

The skeptic answered, "No one need tell me it is the sun. It tells me itself. I know it is the sun, for it gives me life, and light, and heat, and happiness."

The woman said, "And that is how God told me this is His Word. It also gives me light, and heat, and happiness. It is its own witness."

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since Adam and Eve were created mature beings, did they not have children before their fall?

We do not know how long it was after their creation that Adam and Eve fell, but we may assume with safety that the fall came soon after creation. Had they brought forth children before their fall, such children would not be recipients of their fallen nature, and therefore would not need to be redeemed—unless in some manner they, too, had fallen. The fact that "in Adam all die" leads us to believe that all the children of Adam and Eve were born subsequent to their fall.

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Why was it necessary for Jesus to be punished for our sins?

Punishment is that which is meted out against a wrongdoer. Since Jesus did no wrong, we do not look upon His sufferings as punishment.

Man, because of sin, was worthy of punishment, but Jesus released him from it by bearing the penalty—"who in his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). The sufferings of Jesus, including the crucifixion, were not imposed upon Him as a punishment. He gave His life by an act of His own free will. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

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If Jesus gave Himself as a ransom, to whom did He pay this ransom?

Early in Christianity there were those who taught that Jesus, in giving Himself, paid a ransom to Satan who had taken man captive in the fall. They believed that a price must be paid to Satan if man was to be delivered from him. This price, they said, Jesus paid by giving Himself.

But this teaching was strongly opposed by many leaders in the Early Church. They taught emphatically that it was the Father who received the ransom for the sake of divine government.

Perhaps we get the best reason for this belief that a ransom was not paid to Satan, by looking at the sacrifices of Israel. *None of these were offered to Satan.* All the offerings were made "unto the Lord" (see Leviticus 1:17; 2:16; 3:5, 9, 11, 12). Sacrificing to devils was prohibited in Israel (see Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17; Psalm 106:37; 1 Corinthians 10:20).

Christ gave Himself to propitiate, which means to appease, or to make peaceful. God had been offended, His holiness violated, His law transgressed by man. Christ "made peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20). In accepting the atonement of Christ, God could be true to His holiness and justice, and yet be the Justifier of all that believe in Jesus. The righteousness of Christ was accepted in our behalf (Rom. 3:24-26).

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In the resurrection will we have all the elements which we have possessed in our present bodies?

When Jesus arose from the dead He left none of the physical parts of the body in which He died; therefore it is believed by some that the same will be true of our resurrection body. They assert that God will bring together all the elements which have made up our present bodies and change them into spiritual bodies as the body of Christ was changed.

Others believe it doubtful that we shall have incorporated into our resurrection bodies all the elements which they now contain—these being changed into spiritual elements. Those who so believe quote from the Apostle Paul: "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain . . . but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body" (1 Cor. 15:37, 38).

The resurrection body is a mystery. "Behold, I show you a mystery; . . . the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51, 52).



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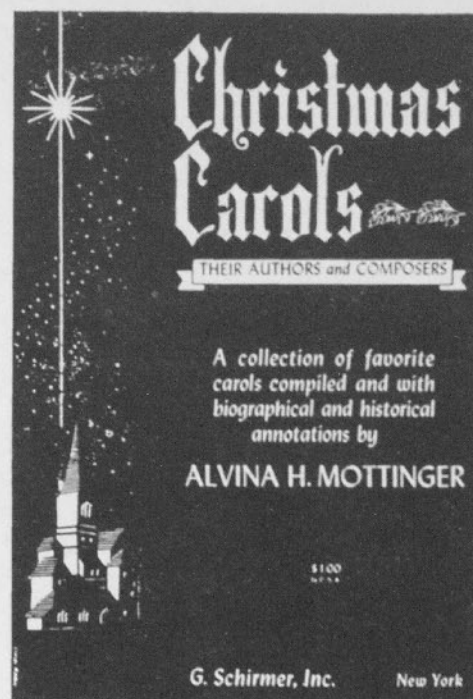
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which party?

by VERNON McLELLAN

WHICH POLITICAL PARTY WILL WIN THE BATTLE OF THE polls on November 6? Will the Republicans, headed by Dwight D. Eisenhower, emerge triumphant once again? Or, will the Democrats, led by Adlai Stevenson, move in to take control of national affairs? Who will occupy the White House in January, 1957? Well, November 6 will be D-Day—Decision Day—at hundreds of polls across the nation.

In the meantime, political candidates stump the nation, sling mud at their opponents, kiss babies, and do anything that is likely to ring up votes for them and their party on election day. Americans grow excited as they watch the development of this gigantic political campaign. The battle of the ballot is one more feature of freedom enjoyed by Americans. Which party?

There are two powerful parties operating in the world today which seek the souls of men and women. I have been a member of both parties and am aware of what each offers.

The first party is headed by Satan. His opponents have accurately described him with indisputable evidence as the "Prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2). He is a liar and the father of lies. He is a robber, a deceiver, a devourer, a murderer, a destroyer. He is the originator of sin, and a false accuser. His prime objective is to separate men and women from God—for time and eternity.

The members of the devil's party are innumerable. Men are born into his party and are indoctrinated at an early age with his damning teaching. His followers imitate his pernicious practices and soon are destroying each other and themselves in taverns, gambling dens, dance halls, and other devastating dives used as party headquarters.

Others of Satan's devotees permanently damage their souls by hiding their wickedness behind a veneer of self-righteousness and pride. Still others race recklessly down the mountainside of sin and never gain sufficient control of themselves to evaluate the characteristics of their party affiliation. They are trapped, deceived, and blinded.

The platform of the devil's party is sensational, loud and glamorous. His campaign promises are most enticing. However, his superficial attractions lead to bitter disappointment for the planks in his platform won't hold up. There may be a temporary pleasure associated with party

activity; but eventually, only emptiness and dissatisfaction remain. The record of this party is a sad trail of broken homes, crushed hearts, shattered moral standards, jangled nerves, empty pocketbooks, and ruined lives.

The second party is headed by the Lord Jesus Christ. I am thankful for praying workers in this party—Christian parents, a godly pastor, a consecrated Sunday School teacher, and interested friends—who influenced me to join the Christian party by their consistent, godly testimony.

What a complete difference between these two opposing party leaders! Jesus Christ is the resurrected Saviour, the Conqueror of death, hell and the grave, the Creator of the universe, the Author and Sustainer of life, the Prince of peace, the Giver of the Holy Ghost, the great High Priest, and the earth's future King. He is the undefeated Banner Bearer of the Christian party.

The party members are sinners saved by grace, and are bound for heaven. They are heirs of God, joint-heirs with His Son. Consequently, they are entitled to unlimited benefits. What an abundant life!

The platform of this party is positive, permanent, constructive, joyful and rewarding. It makes the home strong, the heart happy, the mind peaceful, the nerves calm, and the pocketbook safe.

The promises of this party are guaranteed by nearly two thousand years of faultless dealings with men. The record shows thousands of lives miraculously salvaged by the power of Jesus Christ. What He has promised He is able to perform. He has never broken a pledge. He gives freedom, happiness, security, and a bright future to all who enlist in His party.

This important fact should be carefully noted: *every human being is a member of one of these two parties.* There is no independent party—no compromise, no neutrality. "He that is not with me is against me," said Jesus. And it is impossible to be a member of both parties. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Friend, to which party do you belong? Which way will you vote? Who will be your party leader now and in eternity? You must make the decision yourself. Vote for Jesus today and enjoy the benefits that are provided for His party.