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The Happiest Folk on Earth

Ask six people on the street, "Who are the happiest people on earth?" and you will probably get six different answers. The immigrant will say, "The Americans are the happiest people on earth." The poor will say, "The happiest folk are those with plenty of money." The sick may reply, "The happiest ones are the healthy and strong." The aged will tell you, "The innocent children at play." The illiterate may say the happiest people are those with a higher education. But the highly educated are apt to tell you that the happiest people are the imbeciles, or, perhaps, the people in Africa who never heard of atomic bombs.

A bit of serious reflection will convince you that none of these answers is the right one. The richest people are not the happiest—far from it. Neither is a healthy body a guarantee of lasting joy. Education, if it is not Bible-centered, may only complicate one's problems. And the blissful days of childhood pass away so soon. The happiest folk are not those in any particular country, or age bracket, or social class. The happiest people on earth are those who serve the Lord with gladness and rejoice in His salvation. Their joy is not dependent on age, wealth, or earthly circumstance. It is dependent entirely upon their relationship with God.

Have you noticed how often the word "blessed" appears in the Bible? "Blessed" means "extremely happy." When the Scriptures say that a man is blessed they mean he is the happiest person in the world. The Psalmist says the happiest man is he who delights in the law of God and meditates therein day and night. This happy individual knows better than to pattern his life after the ungodly, or to identify himself with sinners, or to join with them in scorning those who pray. He *delights* in conforming his life to the Scriptures, and continually seeks to apply God's Word to His needs. He is therefore like a tree that sinks its roots down by a brimming river. There is no spiritual drought for him: he is constantly growing, constantly prospering, and constantly bringing forth all the fruits of the Spirit, including joy.

The Lord Jesus said that the happiest people on earth are the godly folk who hunger and thirst after righteousness. They are reaching out after the one thing that can truly satisfy the human heart. He said the happiest people are the peace-makers for God will treat them as His own dear children.

The happiest folk, Christ said, are the penitents for they are the ones who receive mercy and forgiveness. They are the people who do all their mourning in this life and do not store up sorrow for themselves in the life to come.

The happiest crowd on earth are the pure in heart, for they have the glorious hope of seeing God face to face. They are a humble, self-effacing lot. Sometimes they are persecuted for their godliness. Often they suffer a bit for their faith. But they are supremely happy, for their transgressions are forgiven, their guilt is taken away, and they have that perfect peace that comes through perfect trust. Men may slight them, slander them, and tell all manner of lies about them, but they will not strike back in carnal retaliation. They face their persecutors meekly, courageously, lovingly, and joyously, knowing that for every victory won on earth, there will be a corresponding reward in heaven. With Christ's companionship in this life and a glorious hope for the life to come, is it any wonder they are the happiest people on earth? New folk are being added to their number every day. Are you one of them?

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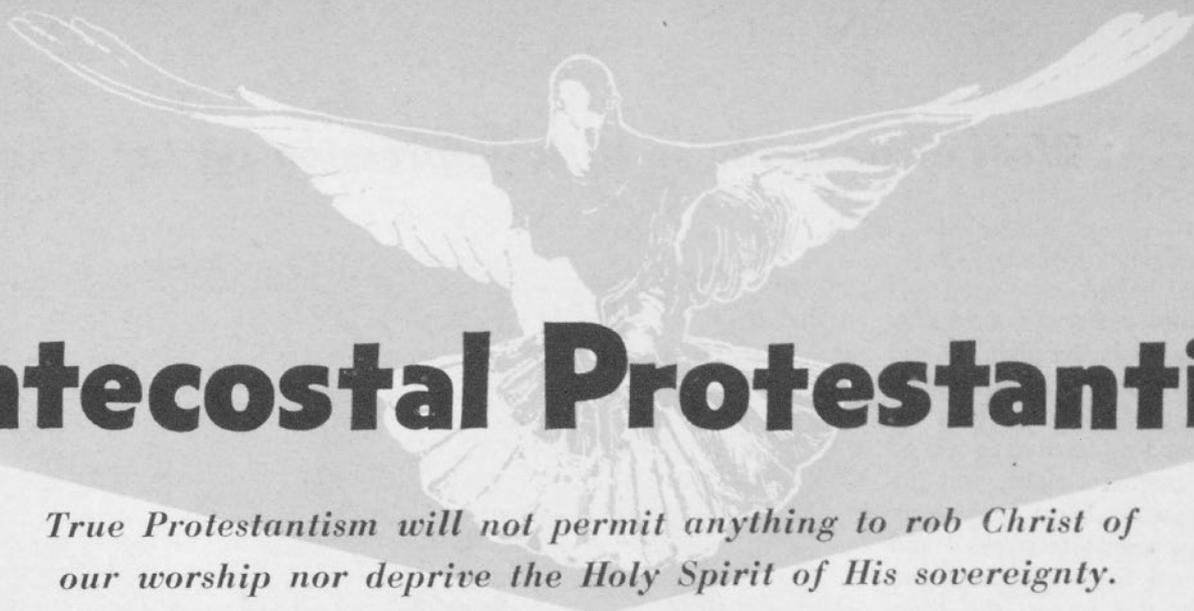
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Pentecostal Protestantism

True Protestantism will not permit anything to rob Christ of our worship nor deprive the Holy Spirit of His sovereignty.

BY G. WESLEY GILPIN

THE MOST EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO ritualism and sacerdotalism is a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. When fires have burned low on the altar of Christian hearts and there has been lacking that holy heaven-controlled manifestation of divine power, man has sought to fill the vacuum by an excess of forms and ritualistic practices. Simplicity of worship and heaven-sent manifestations of divine power have always gone together.

One of the greatest hindrances to revival is the insistence on forms of service and ritualistic practices that leave no room for the sovereign intervention of the Holy Spirit. God waits to break through into the realm of the natural and commonplace with a demonstration of His power and presence that transcends both.

The word "Protestant" rose out of a minor incident in the Reformation struggle, when a minority of princes and free towns in Germany protested against the Diet of Speyer in 1529, rescinding by a majority a decision unanimously passed at a former meeting in 1526. The particular issue was the right of German princes to determine religious practices within their own territory. The Roman Catholic majority was determined to revoke this dangerous concession, and against them the Protestants appealed to the Emperor or to a General Council, taking the positive ground of religion. "We protest that in matters which concern the glory of God and the salvation of the soul of each of us, it is our bounden duty, according to God's command and for the sake of our own consciences, before all things to have respect to the Lord our God. In matters which relate to the glory of God and to the salvation of our souls, we must all stand before

God and give account of ourselves." *Protestantism means not only merely negative opposition to the encroachments of the Papacy, but a solemn sense of the responsibility and freedom which are vital to the Christian faith.*

This is the very spirit and "raison d'être" of the Pentecostal testimony. It will be recalled that when the religious hierarchy of that day forbade the Apostles to preach or teach any more in the name of Jesus, they resorted to prayer and waiting upon God. This resulted in such a fresh showing forth of divine power that their witness was unanswerable (Acts 4). So it was with Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. They could not resist the spirit and wisdom by which he spoke (Acts 6:10). The Pentecostal movement is an integral part of effective Protestantism. It contends for:

1. *An emphasis on the Personality of Christ.*

Church historians have said that the Reformation failed to have the enduring impact upon the Western world that it should have had, because its fanatical emphasis upon rigid forms of religious dogma left no room for the sweet and real manifestation of the Living Christ. The Historic Jesus was excluded by the protecting "fences" of Protestant doctrinal decrees. In real revival, men, methods and ministry have been eclipsed by the ready and self-evident power and presence of the Risen Christ. The Pentecostal Church (with its emphasis on salvation by acknowledging His Lordship, healing by contact with Him in His ascended power, and witness and ministry through the Gift of the Holy Spirit which He Himself bestows) must never

exclude or replace "the Christ walking among the candlesticks" by any mere doctrinal emphasis.

2. *A Spirit-controlled order of service.*

There are no pre-arranged forms of service through which the Holy Spirit commits Himself to work. For this reason, simplicity and sincerity are essentials to worship in which the Holy Spirit, as a sovereign Personality, will be free to take of the things of God and to make them known to man, and to speak as the Director of the Church and the Representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let it be said here that there are essentials in the approach of men to God: these are reverence, godly fear, holiness of life, and a recognition that the Spirit in His sovereignty may lead one way or another in the exercises of worship. There is an equal danger in Pentecostal circles of abandoning ourselves to "bodily exercise which profiteth little," in our enthusiasm for liberty and our reaction against the Pharisaical practice of highly organized worship. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth." True Protestantism will not allow anything that will rob Him of that sovereignty.

3. *A firm faith in the indispensable ministry and intervention of the Holy Spirit today.*

Samuel Chadwick once pointed out that in the Apostles' Creed there is only one reference to the Holy Spirit. This, said he, just about represents the importance that the Church attaches to His ministry. Pentecostalism, with the place it gives to the Holy Spirit, is an essential element of true Protestantism. False

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“Most of us make so little impression on the kingdom of darkness.”

THERE ARE FOUR SPHERES OF POWER. The first and lowest is the physical and it has obtained from the beginning of time. It is the law of violence. It is the inexorable, unchanging, primitive law of the jungle that might is right, and the weakest go to the wall. From prehistoric times, when huge monsters roamed and fought in primeval forests, it has been so. The lion in the forest, the tiger shark in the seas, the eagle in the air, all are supreme and tell the same story, that might is right.

The law of violence governs some nations today. Barbaric military strength is employed rather than the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount. The chief form of entertainment among many men is to applaud the exhibition of brute strength in the boxing or wrestling arena.

Next, we have mental power—mind, not muscle; brains, not brawn. It has put man in a superior bracket above the brute beast. He dominates by his intelligence. Intellect puts him above the animals. He controls the strength of the horse and the ox by superior knowledge. When the massive bulk of the furious rhinoceros is halted by the hunter's bullet, the principle is proved, that mind is above matter.

Thirdly, we have moral power. Jesus at the temple gate, or Luther confronting the leaders of the papal church, both demonstrate that power. It makes a man superior to those whose conscience condemns them. Jesus with indignation drives the money changers from the temple in abject terror. Pope and prelate alike cower before the resolute German monk. A man with a clear conscience and a righteous cause has power to dominate men who may be both numerically and physically, and even intellectually, his superiors.

The fourth, and highest, is spiritual power. It is the only power useful or available against the powers of darkness. We have an illustration of this in the episode at Ephesus, where some young Jews tried to cast out an evil spirit by saying, “We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.” The evil spirit replied, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?” (Acts 19:15). This demon's confession expressed both fear



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A Demon's Confession

By CHARLES H. E. DUNCOMBE

and respect. Demons are not intimidated by bulging muscles. The evil spirit that troubled Saul had no problem with his size, though he was head and shoulders above all Israel, neither did Paul's physical limitations (for his bodily presence was weak and contemptible) incapacitate him for this spiritual warfare.

Where do we read that devils have any respect for either brawn or brain? One may even be of highest moral rectitude and yet leave the demons unmoved. Paul had a name and a reputation where few have ever had one. In dark places where spirits peep and mutter, Paul's name was used with profound respect.

No slave trader trembled more at the name of Abraham Lincoln than did the demons at the name of Paul.

Demoniac Investigation

Every Christian is under surveillance. Every child of God is analyzed, probed, investigated, and his measure taken. The revealing story of Job describes a remarkable scene in heaven, and a conversation between God and Satan concerning Job. When God asked Satan, “Hast thou considered my servant Job?” it was clear, from question and answer, that God knew Satan's methods and that Satan had been painstakingly and thoroughly considering Job. He knew every-

ness that we can be ignored by Satan.”

thing there was to know about him. His vicious attacks converged upon Job's possessions from every angle. Satan knew what he had, where to find it, and where to strike. He had made it his business to know all about Job.

Satan is in big business. It is the work of damning souls. He proceeds on thoroughly businesslike lines—coldly, calculatingly efficient. He never makes the fatal mistake of underestimating the opposition. He calculates the weight of the opposing forces, as any good general would. The apostle Paul tells us that we are made a spectacle to men and to angels. The angels of God consider us in order to guard and protect. They are our ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who are the heirs of salvation. But there are other spirits that consider us with malignance and hate, as obstacles to their work of damning men's souls.

In the desert warfare of World War II, allied forces under General Montgomery were opposed by forces under General Rommel. It was imperative at that time that a forward thrust should be made, but to General Montgomery's chagrin, it was discovered that the enemy had gun and tank equipment superior in range and performance to the Allies. Their 88 millimeter gun was so deadly that allied forces were pinned down until heavier calibre guns could be rushed to them. The striking force of the enemy had been miscalculated. This was a serious military blunder. Satan never makes that mistake.

From the first day that Daniel set his heart to understand and chasten himself before God, his words were heard, and a great angel sped to answer. But the adversary was on the watch, alert and vigilant, and the mighty fallen spirit, the Prince of Persia, hurtled to do battle with him. For twenty-one days angelic forces locked in titanic conflict, while Daniel waited. We may be casual about our work of saving souls, but Satan lacks nothing in watchful ruthless efficiency.

Demoniac Contempt

There is a wealth of insolence and jeering provocation in the words, "Who are you?" The demon is sneering and arrogant. He looks with utter indifference upon the seven sons of Sceva the

Jew, who have presumed to send him about his business. They thought that the words, "In the name of Jesus," were a magical formula. They had to learn, like many others, that the Divine Name itself is powerless unless it is used by men whose lives are surrendered to the Divine person who bears it. The seven terrified men fled from the house naked and wounded.

Doubtless the demons have OUR measure. They have determined whether we are to be treated with indifference or respect; whether to be written off as unworthy of consideration, or noted as a potential menace. I am afraid that there are very few among us that cause the dark underworld much concern. "Jesus I know, Paul I know, but who are YOU?"

How many names besides Jesus and Paul have caused a shudder of fear in the habitation of devils? When Jesus told Peter, "Satan hath desired to have thee, that he may sift thee as wheat." He revealed the hidden workings of the adversary. Peter had not previously occasioned the devil any anxiety. In fact, on one occasion at least he had been of considerable help to him. Had not Christ said to Peter, "Get thee be-

The Source of Strength

Lord, what a change within us one
short hour
Spent in Thy presence will pre-
vail to make!

What heavy burdens from our
bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as
with a shower!

We kneel—and all around us seems
to lower;

We rise—and all, the distant and
the near,
Stand forth in sunny outline
brave and clear;

We kneel: how weak! we rise:
how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do our-
selves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always
strong?

That we are ever overborne with
care;

That we would ever weak or
heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, while with us
is prayer;

And joy, and strength, and cour-
age are with Thee?

—Trench

hind me, Satan"? But Peter was to graduate at Pentecost, and from thence he was to become a serious menace to the kingdom of darkness. A man who could snatch no less than three thousand souls from the enemy's grasp in one day, was one to be feared and attacked. Satan was marking the point of change between Peter's powerlessness and his baptism of power.

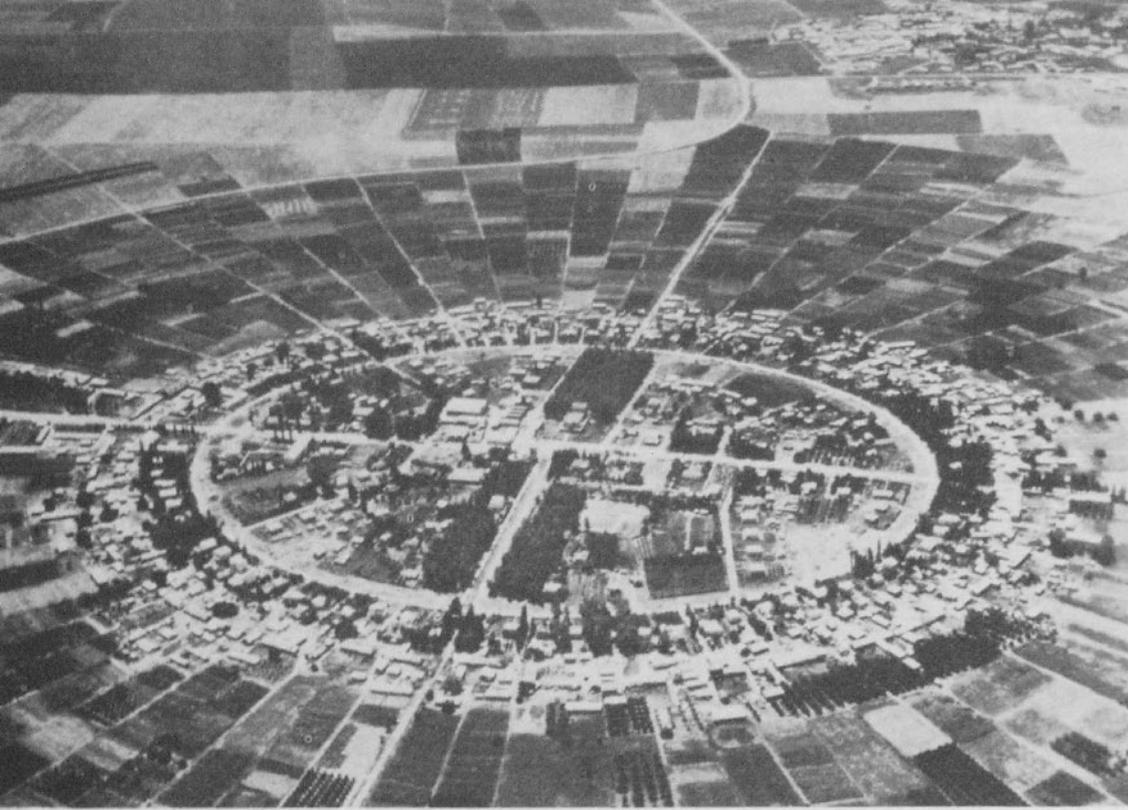
Most of us make so little impression upon the kingdom of darkness that we can be ignored. We do not disturb their plans any more than a straw blown across the railroad track impedes the flying locomotive. The demon that possessed the girl in Acts 16 had never met any one to cause him alarm or discomfort on the streets of Philippi, until Paul came. Immediately there is a sense of terror and revulsion so great that he is compelled to betray his presence, whereupon that which he dreaded takes place. He is commanded by Paul to go back to the abyss. How many times have we disturbed the devils?

Demoniac Defeat

Who were the men whom the devils feared? What were their qualifications, qualities, manner of life? What can we learn of the men who defeated devils—Jesus and Paul?

The devils could find no loophole, no weakness, no point of contact or attack. "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me," said Jesus. They could find nothing either in Paul. There was nothing in the life of this crucified apostle who called himself Christ's fool, to give them an edge on him. Jesus and Paul were men who fasted; they were men who prayed; they were men of spotless holiness, men whose lives were living sacrifices unto God (bearing always in mind the unique character of Christ's life and sacrifice). The kingdoms of the world, the ambitions of men, the lure of wealth and fame, the claims alike of comfort and power, passed them by. Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." By life or by death, be it fair or foul, they lived for one purpose only, to do the will of God.

The path to power is not easy, but at least it has been well defined. The life of Jesus and the life of Paul are evidently set forth before us in the Word of God. There are at least two sets of lonely beckoning footprints stretching away up to the distant heights. Who will follow in their train?



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An aerial view of Nahalal, a farming community in Israel. The homes form a circle, the business district being inside the circle and the farming areas outside.

WILL ISRAEL SURVIVE?

by C. M. WARD

JESUS, THE GREATEST JEW OF ALL time, is speaking. Listen to His words: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24:34).

What does He mean? Dr. Scofield, a great Bible student, comments as fol-

lows: "The primary definition of the Greek word 'genea' is 'race, kind, family, stock or breed,' and is so in all lexicons."

Thus Jesus is saying, "This race shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." The Jewish race will never be annihilated—never! Against Christ's

statement all hell has been turned loose, but the Jewish race still stands today.

The history of the Jew baffles the infidel and all the enemies of God. Moses, the great prophet of Israel, foretold the history of his nation in the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy. And no scoffer or skeptic has ever been able to give an explanation as to how the history of a people could have been written in minutest detail hundreds of years beforehand. Read it for yourself and examine the wonder of it!

Today the eyes of all the world are focused on Palestine. Keep your eye on one city especially—the city of Jerusalem. You can tell God's time by events which occur there. Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. . . ." Watch that city! Watch that nation! Watch events as they begin to point toward the return of Jesus Christ.

The devil hates the Jewish race. The Book of Revelation says, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." This is not speaking of God's wrath upon Israel, but of the devil's wrath. At this time the devil will no longer be able to reach the true Church, because the Rapture will already have taken place.

A scene on Herzl Street in modern Jerusalem. The large tree at the left is a Eucalyptus.



A typical classroom in a "kibutz" (communal settlement). The children of the kibutz do not live with their parents.



**The rebirth of Israel is the miracle of our day. Will the little nation stand?
What place does it hold in Bible prophecy? Your Revivaltime speaker gives the answer.**

Heaven's Prince will have come suddenly, without warning, in a twinkling of an eye, and have caught away millions of Blood-washed believers. First Thessalonians 4:16, 17 tells of that wonderful event: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

With the Church of Jesus Christ beyond his reach, Satan will turn his wrath upon this indestructible race. The Jew has given us the Bible, the Church, and our Redeemer. The Jew is a positive reminder to hell and evil that God's Word cannot be broken. Thus the storm of Great Tribulation will break over Palestine. All the great prophecies of the Bible declare it. Jeremiah 30:7 says, "Alas! for the day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it." Jesus, quoting from this prophecy, said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

Neighbor, the rumblings are becoming audible. The ticking of God's prophetic clock is growing louder. The prophet Daniel told us how to reckon time. He told us that God's clock moves when Israel is a nation. Just as in a football game the clock moves only when the ball is actually in play, so in prophecy God's clock moves only when Israel is actually a nation. That is why Jesus pointed to this sign. He said: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:31-35).

Out of its barrenness of nearly 2,000 years a nation has sprung up again. The rebirth of Israel is the miracle of our day. Jesus said to watch that sign! It is the sign of God's chosen race, of His own nation. It is God's challenge to the

devil. Just as he cannot destroy the Jew, so he cannot destroy God's Word.

Some day the final attempt will be made to destroy God's people. Seven attempts to annihilate the Jew have been foretold. Six of these attempts have already passed into history. The Hitlers, the Herods, the Hamans have already come and gone. The race has survived the gas chambers, the child massacres, the insidious plots of its foes. It flourishes while empires die.

You analyze the madness of Pharaoh of Egypt and his insane order to throw every Hebrew male child into the River Nile. You see the hardness of his

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heart. You see his program of forced labor. You see his last effort to destroy the race at the Red Sea, even after the sign of the Blood and the passage of the Death Angel through his kingdom. And then you ask yourself, "Why this madness? Why this demon possession? Why?" Neighbor, the only possible answer is the Bible answer. Jesus Christ, my Saviour, was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. He alone could take away the sins of this world. He was to be that blessed Seed of the woman that should crush the serpent's head. A Jewish maiden was to be this chosen vehicle of the line of David. Thus the rage of hell. If the devil could destroy an entire race, then the promise of redemption could be thwarted. Hear then the words of Jesus, "This race shall not pass. . . ."

But you ask, "Why should this madness continue? Why in the midst of Christian civilization should further attempts of annihilation be unloosed? Why Hitler and the Nazis?" The answer is just as simple. Jesus is coming the second time. This is hell's last attempt to thwart the Word of God. Here is Zechariah's prophecy:

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

Every demon and evil spirit knows that Christ is about to come again. And since the Word of God declares that His nail-pierced feet shall light upon Palestine, and He shall come to deliver the Jewish race so pressed upon by their adversaries, hell itself is rising to a crescendo effort to obliterate the Jew, to wipe out this blossoming nation so that Christ will have no nation to which to come. Thus the force of this text, "This race shall not pass. . . ." Neighbor, what you see developing in the headlines of your daily newspaper is a test of God's Word.

Listen to what John says in the Book of Revelation, and think about it as this storm gathers in the Near East and the nations of this world begin to mobilize their might around this Bible Land of Palestine: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The United States is already committed. She and her allies are determined to preserve the territorial integrity of Israel and to use physical force, if necessary, to protect it. This is the statement that Secretary of State Dulles gave to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: "By our pledges, of the United Kingdom, France and the United States, we have undertaken to stand ready to put our power behind a United Nations action to save Israel. . . ." Mr. David Lawrence, commenting on that, had this to say: "The American policy in the Middle East is

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Prospecting Along the Yukon

BY PAUL E. BILLS

DID YOU EVER HEAR OF THE YUKON River? Chances are, you haven't. And yet it is the fifth largest river on the North American continent. Beginning in Canada's Yukon territory, it travels some 1,800 miles through Alaska to the Bering Sea. It is ten to twenty miles wide in some places.

This fabulous river played an important part in the wild *gold rush* days. Fanatical men, driven by the passion for gold, utilized the Yukon River to seek

their goal. In the summer, boats of all sizes and shapes were used. During the winter months dog teams munched slowly and laboriously over the snow-covered ice while these gold-fevered victims cursed elements and dogs alike because of the slow progress.

The hardships these men endured are only partly mentioned in history books. Insects, wild animals, extreme sub-zero temperatures, lack of food and clothing, loneliness, and discouragement are part of the price these men paid for the gold that perishes. Scores died before reaching their destination. Hundreds more were unsuccessful in their quest for wealth. A few realized their dream.

There is still much gold to be found along the Yukon River. I do not refer to the yellow earthly substance, which is so temporal and transient, but to the eternal souls of precious native Eskimos and Indians, in the sight of God worth much more than gold.

Scattered along the banks of the winding Yukon are small native villages. Why anyone should settle in such a wilderness is beyond comprehension; and

Mary Billy, age 67, and her granddaughter. Mary goes into the Yukon wilds every winter to trap. She still hauls her own wood by dog team.

yet, there they are, and they must be reached with the gospel before Jesus comes.

The missionary, prospecting along the Yukon for the souls of men, must face the same hardships as the goldseekers of yesteryear—plus a good deal more.

First, there are the elements coupled with the lack of modern conveniences. During the long winter night the mercury goes down, down, down. The 20- and 30-below zero temperatures aren't so bad, but it doesn't stop there. The mercury continues its downward trend into the minus 40s, 50s, and 60s. Here is one missionary who didn't venture out very far last winter when the thermometer registered 64 below!

With such temperatures, it's not hard to understand that cords of wood must be brought in. The dogs are hitched to the sled and in a few hours a load of wood is deposited by the cabin door. It's amazing how much these dogs can pull.

People have asked us if we have running water. We usually answer, "Yes, after a fashion." We chop through four feet of ice, fill our bucket, and "run" up the bank.

Then there is the matter of food. The average American goes to market and loads his basket with whatever suits his immediate taste. He might complain



A typical dog team in Alaska, showing the Eskimos' primitive method of transportation.

about the prices, but that is because he's never been to a village trading post. The Yukon missionary lives over 100 miles from the nearest fresh fruits and vegetables. Fresh milk is never seen and fresh bread rarely. Once when we were "fortunate" enough to buy two loaves of bread for \$1.50, we opened it up only to find it moldy.

Other hardships God's prospectors must face are the times of loneliness and discouragement. The long dark winter, with the sun's rays all but gone, tends to bring discouragement in itself. However, there are other factors, such as the lack of fellowship. Our closest Christian neighbor is some ninety miles away, and accessible only by plane. Some church members who declare that they can get along without Christian fellowship should spend some time in a native village. They would be most happy to get back to church.

Possibly the greatest discouragement comes from lack of visible results. Some mission fields of the world are reporting tremendous numbers of conversions. In this we rejoice. So far, the Alaskan missionary cannot nearly duplicate these reports. Yes, we have seen some respond. Tears of repentance have been shed both in our home and at the church altar. There have been souls saved and a few have been healed. After praying for a little girl who had been ill for some time, there was a definite healing. The father told me next day, "I never knew God heals sick before." Another

native woman who had an affliction on her hand for 15 years (which looked very cancerous) was wonderfully healed. Strangely enough, she wouldn't tell anyone; it was too sacred to her. Others also have received a divine touch.

There are times when the log mission is filled with colorful natives, and seemingly responsive, too. We think, "Now we're on our way," only to find the church completely empty the next Sunday. On these occasions we hear a familiar voice, "Why linger around this desolate place any longer? Go back to civilization, to the warmth of Christian friends and loved ones, and to almost forgotten conveniences." There are moments of wavering—and then, down on our knees we hear another voice. It's a tender voice, speaking words of understanding and comfort. The tears are dried, the shoulders straightened, and the missionary determines that, like the prospector of old, he will keep on working until he strikes the desired gold.

You have heard missionaries tell how evil powers seem more intense on the mission field. In no place is this more true than in Alaska's wilderness. The very atmosphere is permeated with Satanic power, making prayer, preaching, and other spiritual exercises most difficult.

If there is one thing the Yukon missionary is aware of, it is the need of a manifestation of the power of God. It takes the baptism of the Holy Spirit to establish these people in their desire to serve God. Only those who work among the natives can appreciate the truth of this. Then too, the power of God is needed for the pitiful physical condition of the people. There is not a family in Beaver, our Yukon village, that is not in

some way affected by tuberculosis. Many villages are the same. Hundreds of precious natives, both young and old, die of this awful plague each year.

And so, with this abbreviated picture of missionary life on the Yukon River, deep in the heart of Alaska, we would beseech every Christian to pray specifically for the needs of this field.

While pastoring in the States, I frequently heard the missionaries' requests for prayer. Although I always prayed for missionaries, I confess I never took their requests too seriously, thinking it was just a part of their terminology. Now I know better! I can tell when folk are praying. I am also aware when the opposite is true. Our worst struggle is during America's vacation time. Oh, that people would take their "prayer rugs" with them on their vacation. Satan *never* takes a vacation from the Yukon.

People, pray for your missionaries, so that, like the prospectors of yesteryear, they too may realize their dream and purpose in life, that of gleaning the gold nuggets that still lie along the banks of the mighty Yukon River.

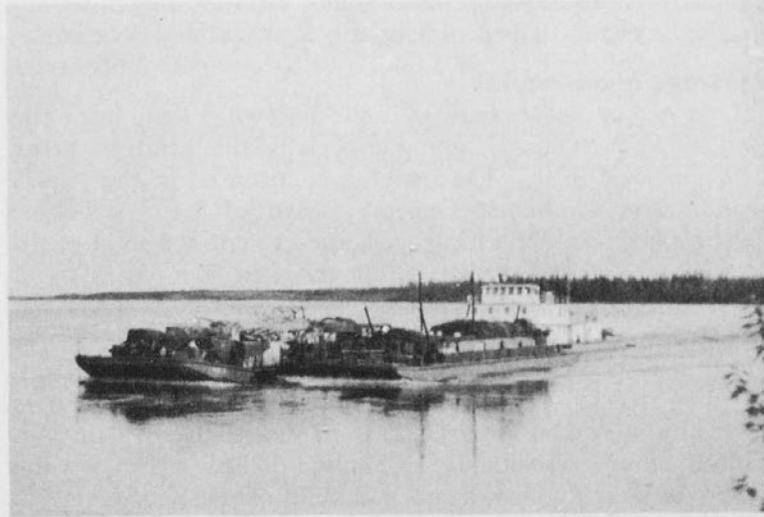
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Children of the Yukon standing on the banks of the river just before the spring "break up" time.



Three times a year the big barge comes up the Yukon to the village of Beaver.





THIS PRESENT WORLD

The Influence of a Christian College

Tennessee Wesleyan College, a Methodist school in Athens, Tennessee, has received an unrestricted grant of \$3,000 from Bowaters Southern Paper Corporation because it has made Athens "a better place to live, work, and in which to do business."

Bible Takes to the Air

A Bible furnished by the American Bible Society flies on each Trans-World Airline flight in the United States. Latest planes to be equipped with Bibles are TWA's new Super-G Constellations.

Bible Course on University TV Station

A credit course in the origins and interpretation of the Bible is being taught this fall on WUNC-TV, the educational television station of the University of North Carolina. The series of 36 lectures was scheduled to begin on September 23 and continue twice a week. Each lecture will last for fifteen minutes.

Sunday Becomes a Workday in Egypt

Ever since July when the National Bank of Egypt began closing on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and remaining open on Sunday, there has been a movement toward closing all business places in Egypt on Friday and staying open on Sunday. Anyone who fails to follow "the customs and traditions of the country" is subject to a fine.

Estimate 90 Per Cent of Russians "Faithful to God"

According to an estimate by a Russian Orthodox priest, 90 per cent of Russia's 215 million people are "faithful to God." This figure includes over 50 million who hold membership in the Orthodox church and 20 million Old Believers (an Orthodox dissident group). In his estimate, the Orthodox priest also included some 20 million Moslems and an unknown number of adherents to the Jewish faith. Probably he could have phrased his estimate better to say that only about 10 per cent of the Russians are atheists.

Message in a Misprint

One of our subscribers sent the following item from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, noting especially the printer's error that appeared in it. The item, as it appeared in the paper, read: "The Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, meeting last week at Chicago, planned to enlist a total membership of \$1,000,000 men during the next four years."

Of course, the goal is a million men—not only millionaires. We are sure that the Methodist General Board would be the first to point out that God wants all men to serve Him, whether rich or poor. And the wonderful thing about it is this: any man who is on God's side, even if he is poor as a church mouse, is actually a "million-dollar" man; for the man who is truly born again is a child of the King!

Braille Bible in Colloquial Japanese Completed

There was a large service at the Ginza Church in downtown Tokyo recently as both sighted and blind persons came to celebrate the completion of the new Braille Bible in the colloquial Japanese language. The Bible is in 32 volumes. There are 140,000 blind persons in Japan, all of whom can understand this new Braille edition of the Scriptures.

Founder of "Lord's Acre Plan" Dies

James G. K. McClure of Asheville, N. C., founder of the "Lord's Acre Plan" a generation ago, died recently. He was president of the Farmers Federation. Under his plan, a tract of land or a herd of livestock is set aside and all proceeds from sales are used for the church. The idea is now being used by 10,000 churches in 44 states and several foreign countries.

Church Schools to Comply With Egyptian Law

Egypt's Roman Catholic schools have agreed to comply with a new law requiring them to teach the Islamic religion to their Moslem students. The Egyptian Ministry of Education announced in December, 1955, that all mission schools would be obliged to provide instruction in the Moslem holy book (the Koran) for Moslems among their students, or face confiscation.

About a month before the Roman Catholic decision to abide by the law, United Presbyterians and the Egyptian Episcopal Church agreed to abide by the law. However, two Church of Scotland schools in Alexandria have refused to comply with the law. They have been confiscated by the government.

U. S. Church Membership Reaches New High

Church membership in the U.S. reached a new high of 100,162,529 in 1955—a gain of 2,679,918 over the previous year, according to the *Yearbook of American Churches*. This means that 60.9 per cent of U.S. citizens are now affiliated with some religious body—as compared with 57 per cent in 1950 and 36 per cent in 1900. The *Yearbook's* figures show 58,448,567 Protestants, 33,396,647 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, 2,386,945 Eastern Orthodox, 367,370 Old Catholics and Polish National Catholics, and 63,000 Buddhists.

The largest Protestant denomination is the Methodist Church, with over nine million members. Second is the Southern Baptist Convention, with over eight million.

Commenting on the figures, Dr. Benson Y. Landis, *Yearbook* editor, said, "More members, new churches, gains in contributions—these are all good signs. But," he added, "they are not conclusive. Figures alone cannot tell how deep this interest goes, or whether the nation is actually undergoing a spiritual reawakening."

Sunday School Attendance Is Rewarding

Nineteen potential heirs of the late Mrs. Kate Landes have good reason to reconsider the value of Sunday School attendance. Mrs. Landes left \$500 each to 17 nieces and nephews and two friends—provided they could correctly answer a four-fold questionnaire she composed before her death. The questions: (1) Do you smoke? (2) Do you drink? (3) Do you attend church every Sunday? (4) Do you attend Sunday School every Sunday?

The answers Mrs. Landes wanted were “no” to the questions about smoking and drinking, and “yes” to the questions on church and Sunday School attendance.

Three heirs have answered satisfactorily and certified they are eligible for their \$500. Fourteen others replied variously, some of them declining to claim the money. Two have not been heard from.

While the three heirs who answered satisfactorily have received a monetary reward for their virtues, we are sure that they—and all who can answer these questions correctly—receive a much greater reward in spiritual and physical blessings.

Russia Exporting Bibles to America

Godless Russia is now exporting Bibles to God-fearing America! Bibles in the Russian language are now on sale in New York City, bearing the imprint, “Printed in the U.S.S.R.” Church scholars report that the text “faithfully follows the traditional Russian Orthodox language” of the Scriptures.

University Students More Religious Today

Students attending the University of Michigan are far more religiously inclined than they were a few generations ago. According to Dewitt C. Baldwin, the university coordinator of religious affairs, 85 per cent of the students now indicate a religious preference—in marked contrast to indifference or antagonism toward religion in earlier generations. Between 4,000 and 5,000 students attend at least one religious service a week.

Where Are the Parents?

According to *The United Brethren*, one of the questions in a state-wide poll by the Parent-Teachers Association of Long Branch, New Jersey, was: “Do you know where your children are right now?”

But some local PTA officials ran into trouble. One of them explained, “On many of my calls, children answered who didn’t know where their parents were.”

It’s no wonder that our juvenile delinquency rate is growing so fast. Parents who don’t have enough concern to let their children know where they are—even if it means writing a note to tell them—aren’t likely to be concerned where their children are, either.

Second Indian State Issues Anti-Missionary Report

From Indore, India, comes news that for the second time in less than two months, an official investigating body of a state government in India has issued a warning against Christian missionaries and evangelists. However, the more recent report from the state of Madhya Bharat expressed far less hostility to missionaries than the report of neighboring Madhya Pradesh.

The most drastic Madhya Bharat recommendation is that all converts be required to register at a public office their intention to change their religion. The report also accused foreign and Indian evangelists of seeking to multiply the numerical strength of Christianity chiefly for political ends.

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\$41 Million for Liquor Ads in Newspapers

The liquor industry spent \$41,055,000 advertising its products in newspapers last year, according to the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association. This figure is an all-time high. It represents a 118 per cent increase since 1948.

Distillers certainly do not hesitate to spend money to keep their products before Americans. An equal amount could well be spent to show the real results of liquor—the broken homes, the crime, the needless deaths that can be attributed directly to alcoholic beverages. The distillers don’t advertise such results!

New Camera Sees in Total Darkness

In the event of war, there will undoubtedly be no more blackouts. Cities will no longer be able to hide from enemy bombers under cover of darkness, because of a new camera known as the Evaporograph—or “Eva,” for short. This camera requires no light at all to take pictures—it uses infra-red (heat) radiation from faintly warm objects. “Eva” takes heat pictures on an oil film, which can then be photographed with an ordinary camera.

The camera, costing \$9,500, was not built for frivolity, says *Time* magazine. Besides its numerous commercial uses, “blacked-out cities whose warmth cannot be eliminated will stand out conspicuously on ‘Eva’s’ screen. An underground factory will be betrayed by heat rising from it.”

The invention of this heat camera furnishes another reason why cities will be deserted during the Great Tribulation, as prophesied so many years ago. Jeremiah predicted that the whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein” (Jer. 4:29).



The group attending the dedication service



The pastor

Did You Ever Dig a Well?

By LEONARD L. NIPPER, JAPAN

WE HAVE FINISHED DIGGING A WELL at the new Assembly of God Church in Iwaya Cho.

This fishing village on the Island of Awaji has a population of 10,000. In 1947 the pastor of our largest church in

Osaka began holding services every other week in the home of a believer in Iwaya Cho. Street meetings resulted in conversions, and soon the meetings were held every week.

The only available building was the

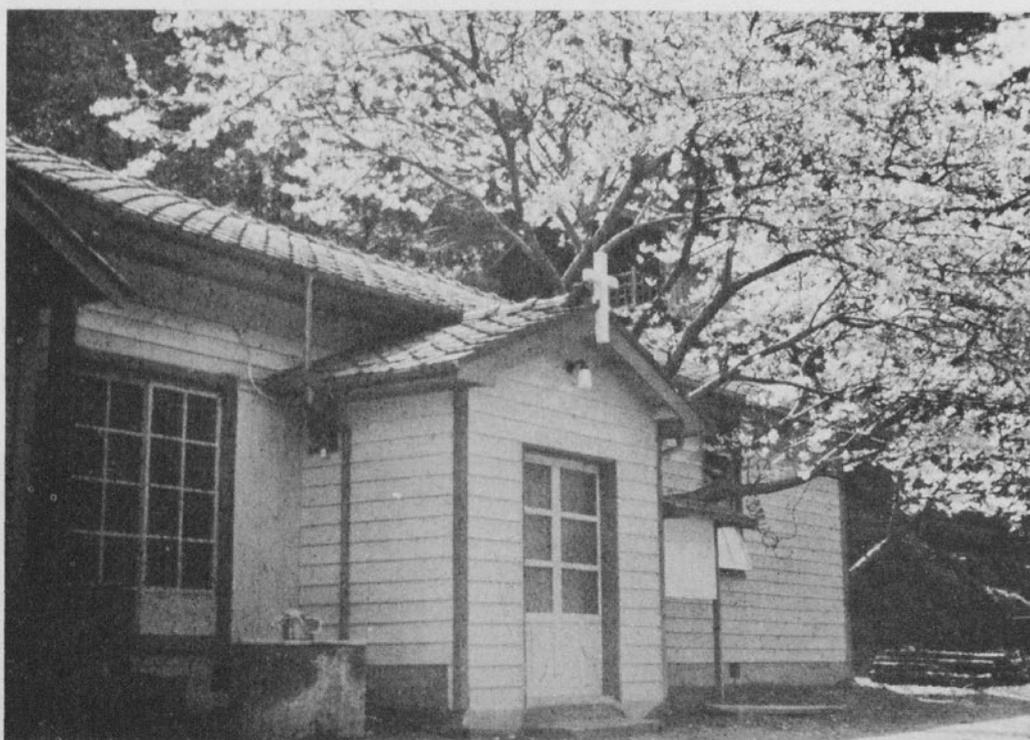
one small room (9 feet by 12 feet) that Ueno San, the believer, lived in. Fifty people have been baptized in water. Now they have their own house of worship.

But this did not happen overnight. The majority of the believers come from the low-income fishermen's homes. Their salary does not compare to the city office worker; and yet, in order to secure land and build their church, some of these folk gave sacrificially. One lady gave \$150.00 which is equal to five months' salary of the average office worker. The dedication services were held, even before the church was completed, and several found Christ as their Saviour.

What about the well? Every drop of water that was needed for the church and the parsonage had to be carried by the lady pastor for two blocks. Investigation showed that a well could be dug for about \$85.00. The Christians had already given beyond their means to help build this \$1,575.00 church. Where would we get the money? I said I would try to interest friends at home in helping provide this well which will supply water for the church and the neighbors also. We hope the neighbors will soon drink the Water that satisfies the soul!

The well has been dug, clear pure water is now available, and all are thankful.

The church at Iwaya Cho on the island of Awaji, near Kobe, Japan



A Missionary Vision

by RUTH RILL, SOUTH AFRICA

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY VISION? It is not a mere interest in the foreign fields. Because one likes to hear a missionary talk and show pictures does not necessarily indicate the presence of a vision or a burden for missions. It is a normal human reaction to be interested in the activities of other people, hence the popularity of newspapers and newscasts.

If this then is not a missionary vision, just what is it, and how may it be acquired?

A missionary vision is a sense of world-wide responsibility embracing all countries and peoples. It is a genuine love for the souls of men and a Christ-like compassion for those who are in sin. It is something a person has constantly, not only on a missionary Sunday or when a missionary visits.

A missionary vision produces an insatiable hunger to know about needs and conditions here and on the foreign field, and makes us want to do something about it.

This vision is a sort of centrifugal point around which all else in our lives revolves. It is a driving force, a motivation that affords a purpose and goal for living. Without it a person becomes self-centered and restricted to a very small circle of thought. A classic example of self-centeredness is the old man's prayer, "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife—us four and no more." Instead we should live by the words of the poet:

*"Lord, let me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for others."*

Two great enemies of a missionary

vision are prejudice and indifference. Ignorance is the mother of both. Prejudice says, "We have too many needs and difficulties ourselves to worry about the rest of the world." Indifference says, "It's none of my business! Am I my brother's keeper?" Ignorance is not knowing—and not caring to learn!

A vision will compel us to pray, give and go. Prayer partners are needed who will uphold the arms of missionaries and pastors; people who are willing to sacrifice time and strength to intercede on behalf of the needs of the various fields. It is strenuous work to really pray, but there is no limit to what it can and does accomplish. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Giving goes hand in hand with prayer. Money is often the cheapest thing we can give. It is the widow's mite, given in a spirit of self-sacrifice and love, that really counts. The old song says, "Give of your best to the Master," and that is what He wants from us. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

The greatest gift we can give is ourselves—our time, our talents, everything we possess. Be willing to spend

and be spent for the cause of Christ. Young men are willing to suffer and die to defend their country, to keep it free, and to liberate other countries. Why are we not more willing to sacrifice similarly to bring spiritual freedom to the lost? That is the greatest evidence of a missionary vision.

How to acquire a vision? Intelligent self-education is the answer, combined with love for the Master. If you have time to read the newspapers, then you have time to read the *Evangel*, the *World Challenge*, and similar missionary papers. If you have time to read novels from the library, you have time to read books on missions—autobiographies of famous missionaries, and books regarding people of other countries. If you have time to watch television you have time to spend in prayer for others or in writing to missionaries.

*"The world stands out on either side,
No wider than the heart is wide.
Above the world is stretched the sky,
No higher than the soul is high!"*

Our missionary vision is as deep as our heart's love for Christ and our desire to bring others to Him.

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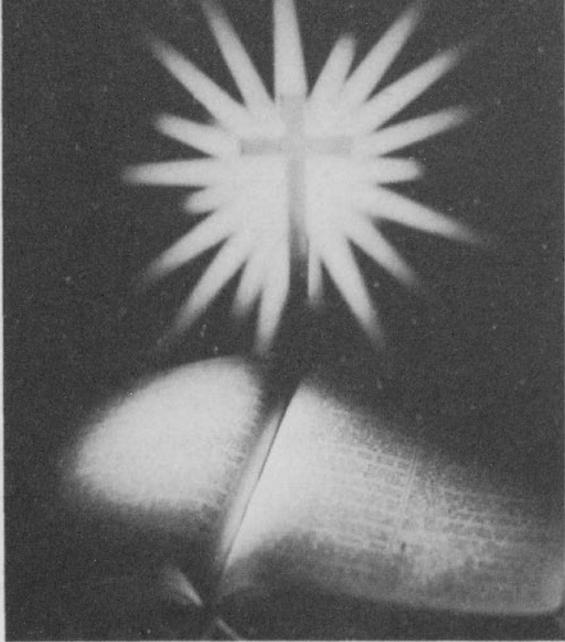
Robert Sherer Wilson reports, in the current issue of *The King's Business* (August, 1956), on an unusual method he uses to stimulate his personal prayer ministry on behalf of missionaries.

Discussing his ten-year-old method Wilson says: "Starting with the names of missionaries supported by my church, I set aside time to write at least one letter a week. This has been continued for several years. Only a few missionaries have failed to respond. I have become more interested in the problems of the worker in a foreign land, and have given more to missionary work. I have prayed more for missionaries for they

are closer to me.

"Now I have a special stamp book for missionaries. It is at times like a prayer book. In this book is placed one stamped envelope from each missionary who has written to me since this project was started. As I look over the pages, I am reminded to pray for this one in the Belgian Congo, this one in Japan, this one in Costa Rica. The missionaries appreciate this remembrance. Some of them have to provide their own support; and after they are on the field for a period of time, people seem to forget them. They must make new friends to back their work. . . ."

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Every time C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME Evangelist, prays for the sick on the broadcast, folk are healed. Every time REVIVALTIME sponsors a great prayer meeting for the sick, scores write to testify how God met them and brought healing to their bodies.

One of the thrilling things about these letters is that they witness to the fact that God is no respecter of persons, for they tell of healings from all kinds and types of sicknesses and diseases. Let us share a few of their letters with you so that you may share in their joy and praise God for victories won.

ULCERS DISAPPEAR

"Several weeks ago, I sent for an anointed cloth for my brother who was ill. The doctors diagnosed his illness as ulcers. He was in great pain and couldn't eat. Now, praise the Lord, he can eat and is feeling fine."—C.N., New York.

RUPTURE HEALED

"Pardon the slowness in my writing you and telling what Jesus Christ did for me in answer to your last prayer meeting for the sick. I am healed completely of a rupture which I had, caused by a cow kicking me."—B.N., New York.

HEAD PAINS GONE

"I sent you my request to pray that God would not let this summer heat hurt my mother's head. I was having to keep wringing cloths out of ice water and putting them to the back of her head. The fan would have to run most all day and part of the night. My mother is 74 years old. The next Monday morning, after I requested prayer for her on Saturday, we were up at 3:45, got breakfast and went squirrel hunting. She walked about three miles and back home and began to work. That afternoon she was sitting on the side of the bed hulling lima beans and it was really hot. I looked and the fan was not on. She said that she just hadn't noticed the heat. I told her that I had written to you to pray for her and the heat. We both started praising the Lord."—L.D., Missouri.

NERVOUS CONDITION HEALED

"Almost one year ago, I wrote you that I was in a state of upset and I asked you to pray for me at your great prayer meeting. I am here to tell you that I have pulled myself out of that state and, believe me, the doctors did not do it. But the Great Doctor did. Oh, how I wished I could see some of those who are ailing mentally and physically. I'd tell them to have you, Brother Ward, pray for them."—J.M., New York.

GALLSTONES DISSOLVE

"Thank you and your staff for your prayers. I have received my healing. The gallstones which showed up on the X-ray pictures are gone. After you and others prayed for me, I went back and had the X-ray pictures taken over and it showed the stones were gone. I did this because the doctors would not take

my word."—E.H., Springfield, Mo.

CATARACTS DISAPPEAR

"I wrote to you to pray for me that the cataracts on my eyes would leave. I was to go to the hospital yesterday to have them removed, but two doctors examined my eyes and they could find no cataracts. Who wouldn't serve a God like that?"—A.N., Oklahoma.

EPILEPSY ATTACKS LEAVE

"I wrote you concerning my daughter who is twelve years old. She was suffering from epilepsy. Every three months regularly, almost to the date, she would have an attack that left her pale and weak for several days afterwards. I knew when she was about due to have one. How we dreaded this period of waiting, and the attacks were even worse. One week after your prayer meeting, she had one mild attack, even though I knew you had already prayed. But I continued to put my trust in the Lord. It's been about two years now since she had her last attack. Praise the Lord, your prayers were answered for her."—H.M., Michigan.

CANCER HEALED

"I had a cancer and did not go to a doctor, for I knew I was too far gone and I would lose faith in God. I wrote you a few weeks ago to pray for me, and about the time you got my letter, the load lifted. God healed me. Thank God, the pain is gone and the bleeding is gone. The swelling was so bad it came up around my heart, but it's almost gone. Every day I am better."—M.W., Maine.

ARTHRITIS LEAVES

"I am writing to let you know I am still doing fine, after being sixteen years with that crippling arthritis. I was

healed when you prayed for me. I am now able to get a job and work.”—A.J., Illinois.

ARM INSTANTLY HEALED

“I have had a bad arm, mostly in the elbow. When you prayed for the sick Sunday, I raised it high and now the pain and stiffness is gone.”—T.H., Washington.

The REVIVALTIME ministry is a constant encouragement to many who have been afflicted with all manner of sicknesses and diseases. It inspires them to reach out by faith and receive healing for their body. Christ is still the same today, and the REVIVALTIME mail-bag witnesses to this fact every day.

BIBLICAL ILLITERACY

An entrance test given 281 freshmen at Westminster College, Maryland, points up an appalling problem of Biblical illiteracy among U. S. youth. Westminster College is a religious institution, drawing its students from Christian homes. But out of the 281 freshmen tested, 64 did not know who betrayed Jesus, 87 could not name the first book in the New Testament, 169 could not name one parable of Jesus, 197 did not know where to find the Ten Commandments, and 222 did not know the name of the tax collector who became a disciple of Jesus.

Joseph M. Hopkins, Bible teacher at Westminster who conducted the survey, had this to say about the religious unconcern: “The most immediate and effective solution to the problem of Biblical illiteracy in America today is the revival of reverent, meaningful reading and study of the Word of God in the Christian home. It’s time to get the Bible off the shelf and wake up to its supreme importance as the inspired and inspiring message of the Lord of creation to His human family.”

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God's Message to America

by Orville J. Forman

AS A CHRISTIAN AND A SCHOOL BOARD member, I have had insight into many situations. In them I have seen a need for God.

The Lord has laid upon me a burden for the youth, homes, schools, churches, and government of this great nation. As I have sought His face, the burden has grown stronger.

Our nation is at the crossroads. God has helped us in the past. But are we still depending on Him?

Did He not hear the cries of our mothers and sons in the time of war? Many called upon Him from various parts of the earth for protection and keeping power in those dark months. They made vows to God, but where are they today?

Have they gone as ministers and gospel workers to evangelize the earth? Are they being faithful to God where He has placed them? Or are they staying at home, living in luxury; eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage? Are they building places of amusement and pleasure, forgetting their vows and the work of God?

America needs to awaken out of its lethargy and turn to God for mercy. God's message to this nation is, “Repent, and turn from your wicked ways.”

Many churches have turned to fables and are denying the Word of God. They lull people into a spiritual sleep. They have become so much like the world that you can't tell the difference.

The Church needs to turn from a purely social gospel to the reality of the gospel of Jesus Christ, preaching the truth of the New Birth and the life in the Holy Spirit—doing those things which are pleasing to God.

We have left God and His Word out of public education. Freedom of religion has become freedom from religion. Dancing has become a requirement in some schools. Children must have a signed statement from the pastor to be excused from dancing classes—and then they are looked down on by other pupils and teachers because they don't participate.

Dancing is degrading. Yet it is taught to our children in public schools. From there they go to the dance halls where they meet up with drinking and degraded morals.

But you say, “My child can hold a moral standard.” Perhaps so, but where one holds, many fall. As a result we have in our high schools young girls who are expectant mothers, not to mention the rape cases, felonies, murders, and other crimes.

Let us put the Word of God back in our schools to be read daily without comment. And then let us pray that God will bless His Word and cause it to bear fruit in every life.

The Word of God is being left out of many homes of our nation. The pleasures and comforts of life and earthly gain have crowded out the things of God along with the desire to attend God's house.

Let us rebuild the altars in our homes, both individual and family. Let us seek the face of God humbly with prayer and meditation in His Word.

I am convinced that God is giving this nation as a whole its last warning to awaken and seek His face. We must repent and confess our sins so that He may forgive us and send America a great outpouring of His Spirit.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT is the unique effort of the Assemblies of God youth to place a vehicle or a piece of equipment in the hand of every needy missionary, enabling him to reach the most people in the shortest possible time.

In less than 12 years the Christ's Ambassadors have given more than \$2,000,000 to speed the gospel light to lands lying in spiritual darkness.

Almost \$90,000 has been invested in a world-wide radio ministry to penetrate iron and bamboo curtains. . . . Another \$60,000 has been invested in printing equipment, to send a continual flow of literature in many different languages right on the foreign fields. . . . About \$140,000 has been returned to the home districts through World Speed-the-Light to help build pioneer churches right here in the United States. . . . Over \$1,000,000 has been given to send a fleet of more than a thousand vehicles to 68 countries of the world. These include jeeps, trucks, station wagons, passenger cars, motorcycles, motor scooters, motor boats, bicycles, busses, airplanes—**anything** to help the missionary do a better, faster job of reaching his field.

October 21, 1956 is the Annual Speed-the-Light Dollar Day. Every C. A. group in the nation is urged to have a special service and to receive an offering on that date to help continue to **speed** the Light as the darkness continues to deepen.



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SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF LOVE

Sunday School Lesson for October 21

1 CORINTHIANS 13

Tradition tells us that when John the Beloved was very old, "and could only with difficulty be carried to church in the arms of his disciples, . . . he used to say . . . at their . . . meetings . . . 'Little children, love one another.' The disciples and fathers who were there, wearied with hearing always the same words, said, 'Master, why dost thou always say this?' 'It is the Lord's command,' was his worthy reply; 'and if only this be done it is enough.'" How right John was! The greatest need in the life of the individual and the church today is the possession and practicing of this mighty love!

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

Paul declares that eloquence, spiritual gifts, benevolence, and martyrdom will profit him absolutely nothing unless they are accompanied and motivated by divine love. What a warning against the attitude that because a person is blessed with spiritual gifts, God necessarily approves of all his actions. What a tragedy that there will be those whose ministry along miraculous lines has brought blessing to thousands but who themselves will receive no eternal reward because divine love has not motivated their lives! (See Matt. 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 3:12-15.) The importance of love cannot be overestimated. (Read 1 John 3:14; John 13:35; Rom. 13:10.)

II. THE NATURE OF LOVE (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

Many people have a very shallow concept of divine love. Paul breaks it down into about fifteen very practical divisions. Consider them carefully and prayerfully. We quote from both Weymouth's and Moffat's translations.

1. *Love is very patient.* It enables a child of God to get along happily with those who differ with him in educational advantages, background, nationality, social position, personality, possessions, and temperament. God's love toward us is manifested in His patience with us. How can we do less than be patient with others?

2. *Love is very kind.* Someone has said, "The greatest thing a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to His other children." Love is eager to show kindness.

3. *Love knows no jealousy.* It is the nature of love to rejoice in the good fortune which comes to a loved one. How sad that Christians, failing of the love which rejoices in the well-being of others, become jealous of the position, popularity, possessions, and even of the spiritual blessings which others receive. Such jealousy is in turn the root of criticism, strife, dishonesty, and other evils which curse the home, the church and the community.

4. *Love makes no parade.* Divine love will not lead a Christian to parade his own virtues or call attention to himself. Love will lead him to exalt Christ.

5. *Love is not conceited.* No child of God has anything about which to become "puffed up." Everything we possess has been given us by God. Our only legitimate glorying is in the Cross. (See 1 Cor. 4:7; Rom. 12:3; Gal. 6:14.)

6. *Love is never rude.* It will not allow us to act in such a way as to bring reproach upon Christ. Christ was a perfect gentleman; He always showed first consideration for others. And divine love, imparted by the Holy Spirit, will have a refining, culturing, influence in our lives.

7. *Love is never selfish.* Divine love, in contrast to human love, is always occupied unselfishly. "God so loved . . . that he gave." Christ's entire life was one of selflessness and sacrifice. Are we self-centered or Christ-centered?

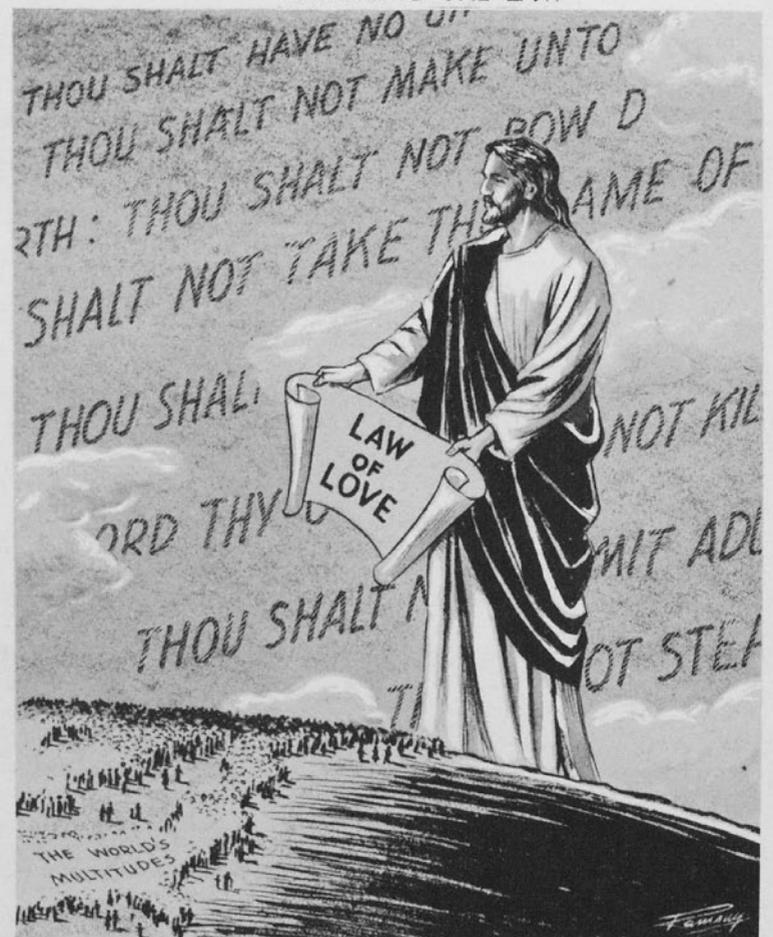
8. *Love is never irritated.* "Not easily provoked," says the King James Version. But the word "easily" has been supplied by the translators and is not in the original Greek. How so? Probably because the translators thought that to say, "Love is never provoked," presented an impossibly high standard. Hence men have tried to find loopholes to justify their *carnal anger*—sometimes called "righteous indignation." We judge sins wrongly. Temper and anger ruin more hearts, homes, churches, and nations than many sins which we consider more heinous!

Space will not permit further comment except that Paul also says love is always forgiving, does not hold grudges, is never glad when others do wrong. Love is always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best. Love endures mistreatment, persecution, trial, test.

How shall we possess this love and demonstrate it in our thoughts, words, and deeds? Love is the effect of a cause—Calvary! "We love . . . because he first loved us."

—J. Bashford Bishop

FULFILLING THE LAW



PENTECOSTAL PROTESTANTISM

(Continued from page three)

fire upon the altar can take the form of ritual and formal practices that are as empty and unscriptural as they are unsatisfying to the hungry seeker after reality. The only scriptural and effective answer is ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit by men chosen by divine call, together with the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12. This, and this alone, will convince that God is in the Church of a truth.

A real danger in the opposite direction is the idea that a revival can be "put on." Surely a study of the history of revivals reveals that the Church's duty is to prepare the way for revival by

seeking to bring about an adjustment of lives, a humble confession of sin, and a righting of wrongs in the camp of the believers themselves.

Further, she has engaged in intercessory prayer for revival, prayer that has burdened and gripped her soul until she literally "travailed in birth" until a spiritual awakening was born. Let no one be misled by any supposed ready-made pathway to revival, or be beguiled by seemingly phenomenal results that have followed in the path of some high-pressure evangelistic efforts of a questionable nature. The duty of the Church remains unaltered. The divinely ordained means in evangelism abides; it is

"not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

If ever the Christian Church should forget or replace the ministry of the Holy Spirit by any superficial or humanly organized media in preaching the gospel she is destined to fail utterly in fulfilling her mission. So it is that Pentecostals with their emphasis on the ministry of the Holy Spirit must solemnly protest against anything that replaces or overshadows that blessed and divinely appointed representative of the Trinity in this age. There must be a recall to a recognition of, and a firm faith in, the agency of the Holy Spirit as the only successful means to real revival.

Thus it is the duty of the Pentecostal Church to let its voice be heard in protest against any excess that threatens the liberty that is born of, and maintained by, acknowledgment of the sovereign rule of the Holy Spirit in the Church's worship and ministry.

—Elim Evangel, London

MR. MOCK WANDERED INTO OUR Chinatown Mission in Vancouver, B.C. The interest he evidenced from that first service plainly showed the hunger that was in his heart. He would sing the Chinese choruses with vigor. His face lighted with joy as he went over the words, "Hai, Ye So oi ngoh," which is the equivalent of "Yes, Jesus loves me."

One day Mr. Mock came to the altar and received Christ. From then on he was anxious to help in any way he could to further the work of God in other Chinese hearts.

Mr. Mock was very quiet most of the time in spite of his evident interest in the Word of God. He seldom expressed himself. I became a little anxious to know just how he was progressing spiritually.

One day his growth in God was made very evident!

Although Vancouver is favored by the moderating waters of the Pacific, the dampness makes winter days seem uncomfortably cold at times. This made it necessary to put a stove in the Mission. Inasmuch as the chimney outlet was about 65 feet away, it looked like a formidable task.

"Mr. Mock," I said, "we must put up a stove tomorrow. Could you help me with the stovepipe?"

"Ha Muk Si, I will be pleased," he answered.



A Chinese Trophy

BY C. A. HARRIS

Ha is the nearest equivalent in Chinese to my name of Harris. Muk Si means Pastor.

The next day found us working together on the stovepipe. It was as miserable a job as I expected. It took us the whole day, but at last it was done. The pipes were secure and after we lighted a fire to make sure the chimney was drawing well, we went out for tea together.

Mr. Mock was a cook by trade but had not been working for some time.

This was how he happened to be available to help me with the stovepipe. Thinking to help him, I said, "Brother Mock, you have been very kind in helping me today. I will not try to pay you, but you would do me a great favor by accepting this little gift."

This was typically Chinese in approach. Such politeness is very important, as all who know the Chinese mind realize full well.

Brother Mock looked at me a little startled. Then tears came to his eyes. "Oh, no, Ha Muk Si. I couldn't possibly take money. It would not be right."

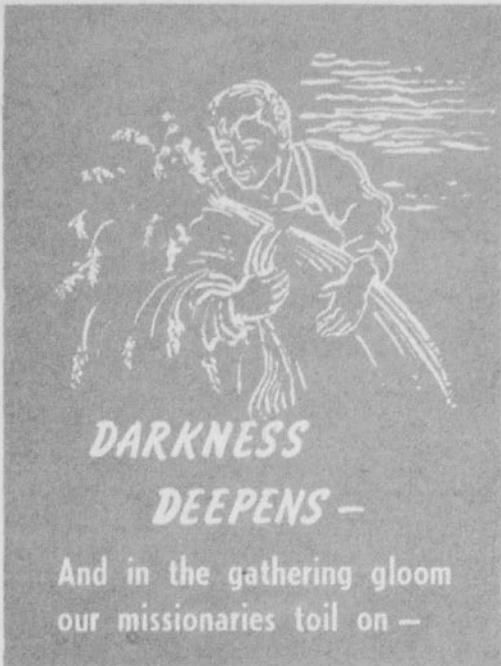
I urged him further. I said, "You are out of work and this will help you along a little. It would please me very much if you would accept these few miserable dollars."

The tears stole down his cheeks as he replied, "What I did today I did for Jesus."

I put the money away. My heart sang as I realized the grace of God in this man's heart. Only a few months old in Christ, and saved from heathendom as well as from sin, he had learned already the joy of doing things "for Jesus' sake."

Mr. Mock's face was like a sunburst when I said, "I will not take away your joy by trying to pay you in money. I am glad you have learned so early in your Christian experience the joy of working for Jesus."

—Power



**DARKNESS
DEEPENS —**

And in the gathering gloom
our missionaries toil on —



But if the dying hours of day could be
lengthened—if the sun could be
stayed in its setting—

This we can not do. But we can multi-
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in tedious travel. We can give him
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has already passed its zenith.
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this generation must be
snatched quickly. You can
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**DARKNESS
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IF JESUS WERE DRIVING

*Would there have been 428 deaths on
America's highways over the recent Labor
Day holiday if all Christians were driving
as Jesus Christ Himself would drive?*

IF JESUS WERE THE DRIVER OF A CAR, how do you think He would drive it? Your honest opinion is that He would be driving quite differently from the way many people are. Would He drive as you drive?

It is time that Christian people gave the subject some thought. The slaughter on the highways has reached alarming proportions. How many of the accidents involve a lack of courtesy or downright selfishness? Anyone who sits behind the wheel of an automobile assumes a responsibility to God and man for the way he drives that car.

We can be sure that Jesus would be a safe and careful driver, the kind whom you like to meet on the road. Since He said to treat others as we would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12), and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), we would expect Him always to be fair to others. He would leave them half the road, their turn at stops, not crowd them at intersections.

Would Jesus stop for a stop sign even if He thought no traffic was coming? Would He drive faster than the legal speed limit? Remember Jesus had great respect for civil government and taught that God stood back of its authority. He said to "render unto Caesar [the civil authority] the things which are Caesar's" (Matt. 22:21). The apostles, when passing the teachings of Jesus on to us, said, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers" [civil governments] (Rom. 13:1). And also, "The powers that be [civil governments] are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordi-

nance of God" (vv. 1, 2).

Must Christians have the police standing over them before they will obey the traffic laws? Can anyone break those laws and get by God with it?

Do you think Jesus would take chances on the road? Tired of poking behind a line of cars, would He pull out with no opening ahead, on the chance He could get in farther up the line somewhere? It was He who said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). Would He drive faster than a safe speed for the time and place and His ability? No, He would not drive dangerously at all. Remember that once when the devil asked Jesus to take a chance, He replied positively, "It is written, . . . Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matt. 4:7).

Any traffic accident is unpleasant, causing unhappiness and suffering. Would anyone want the lifelong memory and regret of having maimed or killed a fellow-human? Isn't it better to be as careful, as patient, as courteous as possible when you are the driver—always asking God for wisdom and help? Jesus is not here in person to drive a car. But we who are Christians represent Him. Are we a menace or a blessing on the highway?

—*Gospel Herald*

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining. They just shine.—*Dwight L. Moody.*



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

We hear much these days about the devil and the dangers of demon-possession. How can we avoid coming under the power of Satan?

The devil is real, and his power must not be underestimated. Even Michael the archangel refused to engage in conflict against him in his own strength (Jude 9). But Michael had learned how to defeat him. When the devil put forth his assailing accusation, Michael's reply was, "The Lord rebuke thee."

We are not able in ourselves to defeat Satan. Our safety and security is in Another. The devil's defeat comes through our faith in our Lord Jesus. As we trust in Him and in the atonement of His finished work we are safe.

Following are some things to keep in mind; they will help us in overcoming Satan:

1. Christ, and Christ alone, brought defeat of Satan. He did this first in His own life. Where the first Adam succumbed to Satan's devices, Christ, as the last Adam, triumphed gloriously in His life on earth. "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). He then defeated Satan in our behalf. "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (John 12:31).

2. Jesus has showed us how we may defeat Satan. It is by our confidence in Christ and what He has done. In connection with His statement, "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out," comes the following: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die" (John 12:32, 33). We are to look in faith to Jesus, who defeated Satan through His death on the cross, remembering that when He said, "It is finished," our redemption, safety, and security were provided in Him. Satan has been overcome through the glorious secret of redemption. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11).

3. In personal temptation we need also to believe that the life of Christ,

the overcoming power of the Holy Spirit, dwells within us. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

I would suggest that we stay away from meetings where the power of demons is emphasized more than the victory of the triumphant Christ.

If God made everything pure, how did the devil and angels come to fall?

The introduction of sin into the universe of God is shrouded in mystery. We can arrive at conclusions concerning the fall of Satan only by making use of our best human judgment. Since God is holy, He could not have tempted Satan to sin. His sin, it would seem, originated within himself, finding fertile soil in his personal ambition.

If Ezekiel 28:12-15 is a glimpse of Satan before and leading to his fall, he was once a glorious creature, very intimately associated with God. Then his fall came through selfish pride and personal ambition.

In Isaiah 14:12-15 it is possible that we see Satan in his determination to be equal with God. "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . ; I will be like the most High." Because of this rebellion Satan (then known as Lucifer) was cast out of heaven. I think it is concerning this event that Jesus spoke when He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

What about the fall of angels? It is possible that Satan, having revolted in his heart, sowed a spirit of discontent among the angels, causing some of them to become dissatisfied with the place which God had given them. Then they joined Satan in revolt. They "left their own habitation" (Jude 6), choosing that which God had not given them. Because of this revolt against the will of God, they are "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

My teacher says that the laws of nature are permanently established, therefore there can be no such thing as a miracle. Can you help me to refute this?

In one sense miracles are being performed every day by man. The boy throws a ball into the air. As it falls he catches it. In doing so he has violated a law of nature which would normally have caused the ball to fall to the ground. When man harnessed electricity, he brought into his control the powers of a deadly enemy. Taking control of the atom, he has developed the terrible atomic bomb. While this is an instrument of destruction, man hopes to make the atom serve constructive purposes.

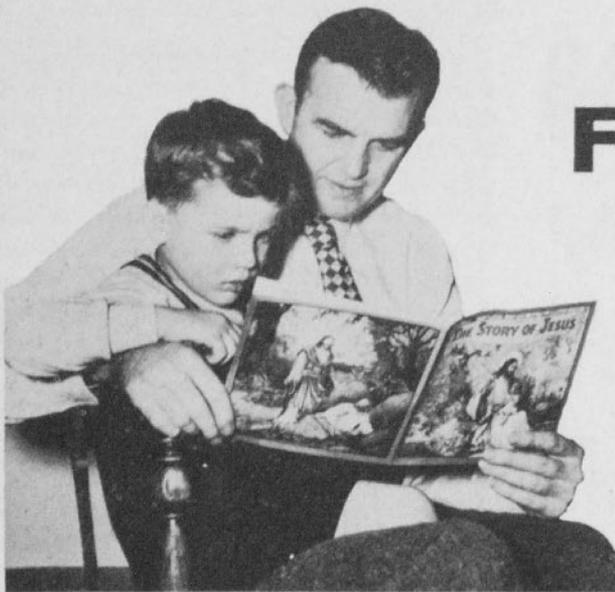
If man can interject his abilities into the realm of the laws of nature, changing their normal course into service for him, cannot God, who created nature and the laws of nature, intervene with the powers of His omnipotence to make nature do His work? It is foolish to believe that the Creator is subordinate to the things which He has created, while man has the power to conquer laws of nature.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.

NOT BY MIGHT

Noble old Adoniram Judson preached in Burma for six years without one visible convert; then came a great harvest. What a heroic story John Paton told us of his struggles with hordes of "Amalekites" in those cannibal islands of the New Hebrides! In these days, when skepticisms spread their malaria, and worldliness abounds more than conversions do we all might do well to imitate David and "ENCOURAGE ourselves in the Lord God." If we, instead of betaking ourselves to all manner of new devices in our church, GO STRAIGHT TO GOD on our knees and implore the "power from on high," we shall have the rich satisfaction of knowing that we are working on God's lines, and can rightfully claim His blessing. Two thirds of all the failure in the church is due to discouragement. In the next world we shall probably discover that discouragement has robbed many sinners of their souls and many Christians of their crowns.

—Selected



Fathers and Sons

by Althea S. Miller

LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED VERY briefly the parent-daughter relationship and a course of action during the rise and wane of the daughter's "first love." This week we shall consider the boy involved in the picture, since many of us have sons who experience the same emotional upheavals of adolescence as our daughters.

As a girl I well remember the resentment which welled up within me as I heard on every hand that girls are responsible for the general tenor of a romance. Why, I asked myself, do girls have to bear the burden of restraint, to live up to certain standards in order to be considered "nice" and be approved by society? Why doesn't the boy need standards? Why doesn't society expect greater moral strength from the male who is the ultimate head and final court of appeals (or should be) both in the home and society?

It did not take me too long to get the answers to these questions. I discovered first that womanhood is honored by having high moral and spiritual standards expected of and attributed to her. I learned with delight the truth of the old adage, "Never underestimate the power of a woman," because I've seen the innate moral strength of godly young men (older ones, too) emerge in all its nobility at the challenge of godly women's purity.

Does such a state of affairs mean there is no necessity for teaching and training our sons to be gentlemen, as well as Christian? Can you picture our Lord Jesus Christ as having been anything but a perfect gentleman as He

walked this earth in the flesh? I have often been deeply hurt and irked at the gross crudeness of some Christian men. Why should all the courtesies of life be left to the non-Christian men? Why indeed, except that we parents of sons have failed to teach by word and precept the things they have a right to know.

The first step in any moral development of our sons is teaching them respect for all mankind, and in a special way for womanhood. With such respect to bolster him in those trying years of emotional development he will be discriminating in his choice of companions. And in his choice of girls he'll select those with standards on his level. Why should any Christian son of yours or mine make it difficult for a girl to be-

CONFESSON

Last night my little boy
Confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears—
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy—wise and strong,
I know you can."
Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

—Author Unknown

have in Christlike fashion, and be a lady in every respect?

Sons, as well as daughters, require patient understanding on the part of both parents. They need to feel the security of Dad's appreciation of their emotional problems. Did Dad ever feel *this* way about girls? Was he ever stopped dead in his tracks when a pretty girl crossed his path, or when one with *personality plus* gave him a second look? Did you, Dad? Be honest and let that son know such experiences are normal, understandable, and not sinful in themselves. After such confidence is established you can go on from there to help your son live worthy of his position in God's family and yours.

Don't treat your son's heart interests as a joke or as something he has no right to experience. If you strengthen him with Christian standards of living, and love him with understanding, and pray with and for him, you will find he will not throw himself away on any cheap little flirt who might set her cap to get him.

The standards of your home and your lives as parents will largely determine the standards for which your son will reach in the building of his life. Are your standards up to God's par? "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

—The Brethren Missionary Herald

THE WAY

A young boy under deep conviction once asked a minister of the gospel, "Can you tell me the way to Christ?"

"No," was the answer.

"But I thought you were a minister of God," said the boy, obviously disappointed.

"So I am," the minister replied.

"And you cannot tell me the way to Christ?"

"I cannot."

Deep sorrow settled in the boy's heart.

"Son," the minister suddenly added, "there is no WAY to Christ—*Christ* is the WAY. You seem to think that He is far off. But His hand is on your shoulder now, and He is saying, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee.'"

The young man knelt and accepted Christ as his own Saviour.

The next night that young man was giving out songbooks with the joy of redemption shining in his face. Ask Christ to save you where you are; ask Him now.

—Selected

Who Said It?

Here are some famous quotations from the Bible. Can you give the names of the persons who made these statements?

1. "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

2. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

3. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

4. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

5. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

6. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

7. "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

8. "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here."

9. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

10. "We know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

ANSWERS:
1. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 2. Cain (Gen. 4:9); 3. Jesus (Matt. 5:16); 4. David (Psa. 23:1); 5. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 6. Simon Peter (Matt. 16:16); 7. Isaiah (Isa. 6:5); 8. Paul (Acts 16:28); 9. Solomon (Prov. 3:5); 10. Nicodemus (John 3:2).

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Our Family Altar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-14

TODAY'S GEM: "But the tongue . . . is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8).

FOR THE PARENT: This practical passage teaches (1) even though the tongue is small, it can cause us to sin greatly; (2) no one can tame (control) his own tongue—it takes the help of God; (3) the "poison" of the tongue is gossip, slander, filthy speech, etc. If time permits, discuss each.

QUESTION TIME: What is the deadly "poison" of the tongue? (See above) Can we, by ourselves, control our own tongues? (v.8)

PRAY that we will control our tongues.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

SCRIPTURE: James 3:17, 18; Proverbs 9:8-11

TODAY'S GEM: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10).

FOR THE PARENT: True wisdom comes from God. From James 3:17 discuss the characteristics of the wisdom that God wants us to have in our lives. Contrast this with earthly wisdom (James 3:15). Salvation is the first step toward obtaining divine wisdom (Prov. 9:10). Read also James 1:5.

QUESTION TIME: What is the beginning of true wisdom? (Prov. 9:10). What are some of the characteristics of divine wisdom? (James 3:17) Of earthly wisdom? (James 3:15)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19

TODAY'S GEM: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm contains (1) the testimony to God in nature, verses 1-6; (2) the testimony to God in His Word, verses 7-11; (3) the testimony to God in man, verses 12-14. Discuss especially the characteristics of God as found in His Word (verses 7-11) and our responsibility to keep our thoughts and words acceptable to the Lord (verse 14) so that we will be true witnesses for Him.

PRAYER: Repeat Psalm 19:14 together.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13

TODAY'S GEM: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love] (1 Cor. 13:13).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out that "charity" means "love." Stress (1) the value of love, verses 1-3; (2) the characteristics of love, verses 4-8, discussing as many as possible, and pointing out their value in the home. For additional information on this subject, see Sunday's Lesson page.

QUESTION TIME: What is another word for charity? (Love) What are some of the ways this true love expresses itself? (vv. 4-8) How can I show more love in the home?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

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SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:30-46 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of how Peter came to Cornelius and his friends and preached to them, and how God saved and filled these Gentiles with the Holy Spirit. Stress that these people were hungering after God. Just as our bodies need food, so our souls need spiritual food.

QUESTION TIME: Who was Cornelius? (v.1) Who was Peter? (An apostle) How did God get Peter to go to Cornelius? (vv. 9-20)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:1-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked (Psa. 32:10).

FOR THE PARENT: God wanted the man he had created to serve Him because he loved Him, so God made a test of man's obedience (2:16, 17). Discuss how man disobeyed God, and what the results of that disobedience were.

QUESTION TIME: Of what tree in the Garden of Eden was man not to eat? (2:17) How did Adam and Eve disobey God? (3:1-7) What were some of the results of this disobedience? (vv. 16-19, 23, 24)

PRAY that we will always obey the Lord.

The editor of your paper is —

A Man Sent From God

BY WILLIAM A. ACKERMAN

Executive Secretary, Evangelical Press Association

THE LORD MIGHT HAVE CHOSEN Gabriel, the archangel, for so stupendous a task, but, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."

This humble servant of the Lord was clothed in raiment of camel's hair. A girdle of skin was about his loins, and he ate locusts and wild honey. Although he was of the humblest, he was entrusted with one of the most responsible tasks ever assigned to a mortal man. He was commissioned to prepare the world for the greatest event in history, the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Obedient to the Master, whose shoe lachets he openly confessed he was not worthy to unloose, he zealously flung his challenge, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

With that important message was coupled an uncompromising warning, "Repent ye." Condemning sin as he saw it, John the Baptist unflinchingly flung the bitter accusation, "O generation of vipers." The Pharisees and Sadducees were used to receiving the acclaim of men, not their rebuke. John did not hesitate that day, nor the time when he stood in the presence of Herod to reprove him of his sin, even though it cost him his life for condemning wickedness in high places.

The world does not ascribe much success to this man called John the Baptist, but the Lord Jesus did, and that is all that really matters. The Lord called him the most blessed among all those born of women.

The editor of your church magazine has a task similar to that of John the Baptist. In its God-given commission he emphasizes the work and the witness of the Christian church. As it circulates among the masses, the cry that comes from its pages is, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Significant up-to-date

items upon its pages bring to thoughtful readers everywhere the grim realization that slowly but surely God's eternal plan unfolds, a conviction that each new day brings us closer to that time when we shall see Him appear upon the clouds of the sky and every eye shall behold Him.

In its God-given responsibility, your magazine must denounce, with unswerving devotion to duty, the sins of our day. Articles by church leaders call the readers to repentance. The editorials, sermons, and features point out the spiritual pitfalls of modern life. It may be the shallowness of 20th century worship, the unbridled use of television in the home, the lust for more material possessions, or the border-line

reading habits of Christians. Regardless of what it may be, as John of old, it denounces sin as it sees it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. There was a man sent from God who is your Christian editor. He has a great message to tell the waiting world, even as John of old. Deeply cognizant of his responsibility, he can do nothing less than remain most humble. He realizes that entrusted to him also is that message which angels fain would bring. This month he and scores of other editors, comprising the Evangelical Press Association, commemorate Evangelical Press Month. Once again the editor and staff of this magazine re-dedicate themselves to the great task of promoting the work of the Lord.

Emphasizing the Great Commission, your church magazine will bring you the latest developments of the work in the homeland and the regions beyond. It will inspire you to deeper consecration, and teach you the doctrines of the Bible. It will bring you worthwhile reading for all the family. It is our prayer that many readers will heed the clarion call of old as it is echoed through the printed page: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

During October, observe Evangelical Press Month by giving thanks for your church literature, and by praying for all the writers, editors, and printers who produce it. Introduce your church magazine to new friends this month and give it the wider circulation it deserves.



The Greatest Proof of the resurrection

BY W. W. SIMPSON

IN MY OPINION, THE GREATEST evidence of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus is that mentioned by Peter on the Day of Pentecost, when he said, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

The word "therefore" refers to an event which Peter claims is sufficient evidence to convince the Jews of Christ's resurrection. What was that event? Peter told that multitude of Jews from many nations that it was an event which they were now seeing and hearing (Acts 2:33). What they saw and what they heard were 120 disciples speaking in languages of the various nations. None of them had done this before. Why now?

God had promised to pour out of His Spirit in the last days. He told John the Baptist how to recognize the One who would baptize with the Spirit (John 1:33). John saw and bore witness that Jesus was this One (Matt. 3:10-12). While Jesus mentioned the Spirit in His earthly ministry, yet He never baptized anyone at that time. John 7:39 explains

that the reason for this was that He was not yet glorified. That greater ministry of baptizing with the Spirit awaited His exaltation to the right hand of God.

Therefore, Peter could confidently affirm to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost that, because Christ had poured out the Holy Spirit upon waiting believers, this was the supreme evidence that He had been raised from the dead and that His sacrifice had been accepted by God. It caused them to know "assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ [Anointed]."

Pentecost is the supreme evidence of both the resurrection and the glorification of Jesus, anointed Son of God. As it was then, so it is now. As Peter said to the Jews, the Pentecostal people can say to all the world today, "Know assuredly that God has made that same Jesus, who bore away the sins of the world, both Lord and Anointed, for some eight million people in all the world have been filled with the Spirit and have spoken with tongues as the Spirit gave utterance." Believe me, it is no trivial matter that God's promise to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh is now being fulfilled!

That our Lord purposed the baptism

in the Spirit to qualify every one so baptized to be a witness unto Him is proved by His last statement to His disciples before His ascension. "But ye shall receive power," He said, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: [literally, "the Holy Ghost having come upon you"]: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Every one so baptized is thus expected to be as much a witness of the resurrection, ascension, and exaltation of Jesus as were His apostles, His mother, His brethren, and all His followers.

I was thus made a witness for Him on May 5, 1912, in Taichow, Kansu Province, Northwest China, for He baptized me in the Holy Spirit as He did the 120 on the Day of Pentecost. I heard His voice and felt His power and was filled with His love and joy as I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. And I have seen Him baptize thousands in China, Tibet, Mongolia, Manchuria, and right here in America. He baptized them. None other has that authority. And every time He fills a believer with the Holy Spirit, that act is evidence of His resurrection and exaltation, and we are witnesses of it!

WILL ISRAEL SURVIVE?

(Continued from page seven)

firm and unequivocal. It proclaims that action will be taken either 'within or without the United Nations.'

"That's where we are in Bible prophecy. The biggest attempt of all time to test God's Word is about to get under way. Israel shall not be destroyed. If the Jewish race could be annihilated, then God's promise to save you through Christ's atonement at Calvary would be worthless. But, as surely as the Jew

cannot be annihilated—and remember, six attempts to do it have already passed into history—just that surely will God's Word to you be carried out. And God's Word to you is this:

"God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:17, 18).

Let me ask you now, "What is your attitude toward the Name of Jesus? Do you take it in vain, or do you trust its power to save you?" What does the

name Jesus Christ mean to you? Is it simply the name of a man who died and who passed into history, or is it the Name above every other name? God says that at that Name "every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Jesus Christ is the central figure of history. All prophecy testifies to Him. This world's headlines are always pointing to the Bible, and the Bible is always pointing to Jesus, and Jesus stands ready to save you now.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **CLEBURNE, TEX.**—The church here recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Danny Hope. The timely and scriptural messages of Brother Hope were greatly appreciated; also the special music.

—*T. A. Braziel, Pastor*

► **GOLDEN ACRES, TEX.**—Several were saved and some testified to healing in the recent two weeks of meetings conducted by Evangelist Clarence Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. The anointed ministry helped every department of the church.

—*J. M. Daily, Pastor*

► **THOMASVILLE, GA.**—The First Assembly of God enjoyed a two-weeks revival with Evangelist Claude Collins of Pine Mountain Valley, Ga. The Spirit-filled ministry and musical talent of the evangelist proved a real blessing.

—*R. B. Collins, Pastor*

► **SIDNEY, OHIO**—Evangelist Freadus S. Seal of Burbank, Calif., just concluded a fine revival in the Bethel Mission church. Seven were saved, 13 were baptized in water, and 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were also several refillings and 13 were affiliated with the church.

—*Charles C. Schie, Pastor*

► **ALTON, ILL.**—The Kids' Crusade conducted by Fred and Gladys Voight of Durant, Fla. was an answer to the needs of the children of the Alton Gospel Tabernacle. It was a most fruitful and enjoyable two weeks. The attendance was higher than any previous year, and attracted children from all areas.

—*C. L. Gruver, Pastor*

► **NARROWSBURG, N. Y.**—There was a good attendance every night during the evangelistic campaign conducted here by Paul Kenyon. God confirmed the preaching of His Word by healing the sick and filling believers with the Holy Ghost. In addition to the anointed preaching, the people enjoyed Brother Kenyon's beautiful oil paintings.

—*Robert M. Swingle, Pastor*

► **LAKEVIEW, OREG.**—Several were saved and quite a number healed by the power of God in 10 days of meetings that were recently held here by Evangelist Zelma Argue. The Lakeview Full Gospel Church was just recently brought into fellowship with the General Council. On Monday, August 13, there was a fellowship meeting and church dedication, at which time Assistant Superintendent George J. Davis brought the dedication message.

—*Paul B. Reagan, Pastor*

► **SHELBY, MONT.**—The mighty power of God was manifest in an unusual way during meetings that were conducted in the Civic Center here by Evangelist Richard E. Jeffery. Many souls were at the altar for salvation, and there were healings in every service. The deaf heard, the blind saw, and those bound by arthritis were set free. There were many other healings too numerous to mention. Indian folk from two nearby reservations attended the meeting. Some of them were saved and healed. One 92-year-old Indian woman who had been totally blind for several years, was instantly healed. She walked off the platform by herself and found her chair without difficulty. Just to see the smile on her face was worth all the efforts of the campaign.

—*Elmer Trygg, Pastor*

► **VALLEJO, CALIF.**—Indian Evangelist John McPherson and his wife, also known as Chief Yunsane and his Princess, held a very successful 10-day Children's Revival in the First Assembly of God in August. They enrolled 322 children during the meetings representing 13 different churches, with 35 not claiming any church affiliation. Daily "pow wows" were conducted by Chief Yunsane featuring Bible adventure stories and surprises. At the Indian Trading Post "wampum" was given in exchange for bringing children to the meetings, and it was a real attendance builder. Many of the boys and girls accepted Christ in the closing "pow wow" when the Chief gave a touching illuminated visual portrayal of Calvary.

—*R. C. "Keetah" Jones, Pastor*

► **INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**—On August 26 the Central Assembly of God concluded a 10-day revival with Evangelist Byron Wright and Musician, Paul Meyers. It was the greatest spiritual move the church has experienced in the past three years. God poured out His Spirit in abundant measure, and many of the people who had come in from nominal churches received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Large numbers were saved, and the "summer slump" was defeated with 765 in Sunday School the closing Sunday. One of the biggest thrills of all was the teen-agers' class which was taught by Evangelist Wright, and in which more than 100 were present. Over 20 of them accepted Christ as Saviour. The power of revival is still sweeping the church, and the Sunday School that had 46 in attendance three years ago has reached a high of 797. In August the average was 602. God has given the church a large building in the heart of this capitol city, and the goal is 1,000 for Jesus.

—*T. L. Vibbert, Pastor*

► **CARLETON, MICH.**—This new church was wonderfully inspired recently by the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. George Westlake, Jr., of Springfield, Mo. Several responded to the call for salvation and others testified to healing. The musical ministry of the evangelists also proved a blessing.

—*Warren B. Tyler, Pastor*

► **WAIANAE, OAHU, HAWAII**—A very successful revival was held here during the last two weeks of June under the ministry of Evangelist Claude O. Wood of Cupertino, Calif. The entire church was revived, and God was present to meet the needs of the people. One soul was saved, one reclaimed, and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were many refillings.

—*Douglas A. Pew, Pastor*

► **MODESTO, CALIF.**—Evangelist Quentin Edwards and his brother, Dwight, of Garland, Tex. just concluded three weeks of revival in the Assembly of God Tabernacle. On the first Sunday morning there were souls saved. This continued nightly throughout the campaign with many being saved, a good number healed, and about 40 receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was greatly blessed by the ministry of these young men.

—*J. S. McMullen, Pastor*

► **CHILLICOTHE, OHIO**—The First Pentecostal Assembly here recently sponsored four weeks of tent meetings, eight miles south of the city. Pastor David Sheetz did the preaching. Nineteen were saved and eight baptized in the Holy Ghost. Many testified to miracles of healing. The dumb spoke, the lame walked, the deaf heard, devils were cast out. The tent was filled most of the time. At the close of the meeting 13 were baptized in water.

—*O. O. Sword, Church Secretary*



Left to right, Evangelist Byron Lee Wright, Pastor Ted Vibbert, District Superintendent Roy Wead on the closing Sunday of the evangelistic campaign when the Sunday School attendance reached 765.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Oct. 25-28 at Reading Assembly of God, Reading, Mich. B. T. Bard, Nettie Juergensen, M. Blakeney, and R. Zents, missionaries.—by Herman J. Maloney, Pastor.

LATIN AMERICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION—Nov. 6-8 at City Auditorium, Union and Highway 85, Pueblo, Colo. Gayle F. Lewis, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker.—by Jose Giron, District Secretary.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Oct. 19-20 at Trenton, N. J. C. W. and Edith Denton, D. V. Hurst, and Robert Pirtle, speakers.

MINISTERS' SEMINAR for the San Diego Section of Southern California District, Nov. 26-27 at First Assembly of God, 6th Ave. and Fir St., San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Woodworth and Wesley Steelberg Jr., speakers. Claude Asher, Sectional Presbyter, will direct the Seminar.—by J. B. Prettyman, Assistant Pastor, First Assembly.

MONTANA DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Nov. 6-8 at DeMolay Building, Great Falls, Mont. D. V. Hurst, L. B. Keener, Phil Wannemacher, Frances Foster, and Maxine Mitchell will participate. There will be 4 united workshops, 19 conferences and 3 evening services.—Paul W. Fenton, District S. S. Director, Box 1549, Great Falls, Mont.

WITH CHRIST

JOHN L. PRICE, 66, Indianapolis, Ind. died of a heart attack September 14, 1956. Brother Price pastored the Laurel Street Tabernacle in Indianapolis for 33 years. The past year he was engaged in part-time evangelistic work. He was ordained in 1918.

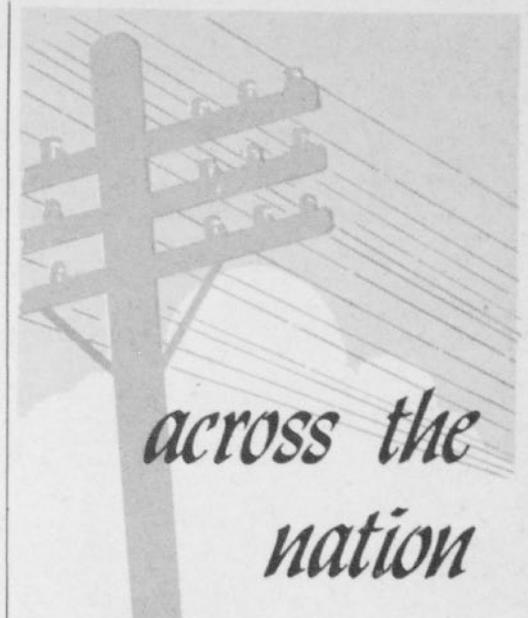
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

| STATE | CITY | CHURCH | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
|--------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ala. | Montgomery | First | Oct. 7— | Bryson-Foreman | R. J. Ferguson |
| Calif. | Paramount | First | Oct. 16-28 | Westbrook Family | T. S. Singleton |
| | San Pedro | First | Oct. 7— | George Hayes | Ralph Salzman |
| Colo. | Delta | A of G | Oct. 21— | O. E. Gaddis & wife | Peter Pilot |
| D.C. | Washington | Full Gospel Tab. | Oct. 14-28 | Joseph Wannemacher | Floyd Christiansen |
| Fla. | Tallahassee | A of G | Oct. 17— | Jesse Ray & wife | C. A. Hubbard |
| | Wildwood | A of G | Oct. 7-21 | Joel Palmer & wife | W. T. Dick |
| Ill. | Chicago | Monte Clare Gosp. | Oct. 9-21 | Fred Numrick | M. J. Gebhart |
| | Chillicothe | A of G | Oct. 16-28 | Walter Lascelle | Daryl Hussey |
| | Paris | Stone Church | Oct. 9-21 | Paul Hild | R. L. Farquhar |
| | Rockford | First | Oct. 14-28 | Frank Lummer & wife | E. L. Stalons |
| Iowa | Ft. Madison | A of G | Oct. 9-28 | Carl & Edna Goodwin | Fred A. Gottwald |
| Kans. | Topeka | Highland Park | Oct. 14-28 | R. L. Smith Party | A. M. Selness |
| Ky. | Versailles | ² A of G | Oct. 14-28 | J. B. Woolums | Lavern Snyder |
| | New Orleans | Arabi | Oct. 7— | Derrell Friend | C. E. Peak |
| La. | Shreveport | Glad Tidings | Oct. 16-28 | Lolita Thompson | Chas. H. Miller |
| | Hyattsville | Faith Tab. | Oct. 16-28 | A. Alan Alaimo | B. M. Slye |
| Md. | Detroit | Evangel | Oct. 14-28 | Michael Horban | Fred Smolchuck |
| | Flint | Trinity Tab. | Oct. 16-28 | Niels P. Thomsen | John Burgess |
| Miss. | Biloxi | Central | Oct. 17-Nov. 5 | Sunshine Party | Douglas Carroll |
| Mo. | St. Louis | Berea Temple | Oct. 16-28 | Jimmy Brown | James Cockman |
| | St. Louis | Bethel Temple | Oct. 21— | Roland Hastie & wife | Henry Hoar |
| | Webb City | First | Oct. 28-Nov. 11 | Reid Evang. Team | Harry Rupp |
| N.J. | Elizabeth | Trinity Pent. | Oct. 16-28 | S. MacPherson & wife | Allan A. Swift |
| N.C. | Buxton | A of G | Oct. 17-28 | R. J. Roop | J. C. Braddock |
| Ohio | Akron | First | Oct. 17-28 | Musical Vanderploegs | V. L. Hertweck |
| | Akron | S. Akron Pent. | Oct. 17-28 | Wm. Moorman & wife | R. D. Dobbins |
| | Alger | A of G | Oct. 17-28 | Paul Wilbur | Evan Richards |
| | Alliance | First | Oct. 16— | Eddie Roush & wife | I. A. Shank |
| Okla. | Lawton | First | Oct. 14— | Jerry & Peggy Fry | J. W. Gladney |
| | Stigler | First | Oct. 7— | Jack Wilson | Dale Starling |
| Pa. | Irwin | Pentecostal | Oct. 16— | Ron Ripley | J. L. Pittman |
| | Jeannette | A of G | Oct. 9-21 | Christian Hild | A. A. Amerine |
| | Meadville | A of G | Oct. 17-Nov. 4 | Busse Evang. Team | D. W. Brubaker |
| | Shade Gap | Fair Ridge Pent. | Oct. 9-21 | Steve Bogdan & wife | Bely C. White |
| | Shamokin | Gospel Tab. | Oct. 16— | Vernon Mathan & wife | John D. Tubbs |
| Tex. | York | Faith Temple | Oct. 17-28 | Robert Watters & wife | Boston Turner |
| | Denison | East Side | Sept. 30— | Floyd Reb & wife | Gene Nicely |
| | Garland | Southside | Oct. 21-Nov. 4 | Sara E. Sharp | V. E. Tipton |
| | Kermit | First | Oct. 14— | Ken Smith & wife | M. F. Hankins |
| Wash. | Lamesa | First | Oct. 21— | George Gospel Team | J. W. Farmer |
| | Moses Lake | ² A of G | Oct. 16-21 | Mel Johnson | Hegge Iverson |
| | Seattle | Evangel Temple | Oct. 16— | Evelyn Olsen | John Tappero |
| | Tekoa | Full Gosp. Tab. | Oct. 14— | Orville Phillips | Lulu Nelson |
| Canada | Regina, Sask. | Bethel Temple | Oct. 7-21 | Ollie Johnson & wife | Gordon Upton |
| | Vancouver | Broadway Tab. | Oct. 9-14 | Evelyn Olsen | E. W. Robinson |

¹ Union meeting

² Children's revival

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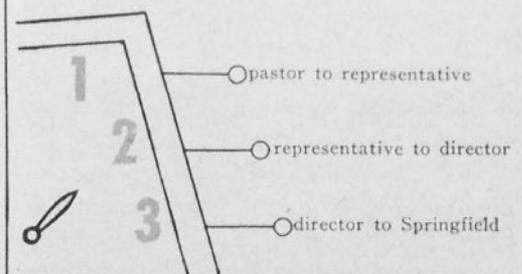


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CALLING MEN BACK

The prophets of old were lone, diffident men but they had access to God and they called men back to the old paths of righteousness.

BY SAMUEL L. BRENGLE

GOD'S PROPHETS OF OLD HAVE KINDLED in me some of their flaming zeal for righteousness. I have imbibed some of their scorn of meanness, pride and worldliness, their jealousy for the living God, their fear of those who forget God and live as though He were not, their courage in denouncing sin and in calling men back to the old paths of righteousness. I stand in awe as I note their intrepidity, their forgetfulness of self in denouncing sin and facing the contempt, the scorn, and the wrath of princes, priests and kings.

They counted not their lives dear unto themselves. They were moved by the Holy Spirit. They yielded themselves up for service, suffering, or sacrifice as His instruments. They were surrendered men, selfless men, devoted as soldiers unto death, if needs be, that they might save the nation, and if not the nation, then a remnant who clung to the old paths, who would not bow the knee to Baal; who would not yield to the seductions of fashion and the spirit of the times.

They were men of the age, but they lived and wrought mightily for the ages. They were men of the times, and their message was meant for their times; but it had timeless value because they lived in God and wrought for God and spoke only "as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

They were diffident men by nature. They shrank from the prophetic office. They did not seek it. It was thrust upon them. God called them, and they went forward under divine constraint. Jeremiah shrank from the great task and fearful responsibility of his call, and pleaded: "Ah, Lord God! behold, I can-

not speak: for I am a child."

"Say not, I am a child," said the Lord in reply, "for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee."

But God did not send him forth at his own charges and in his own strength. He never does so send forth His prophets. He equips them. He humbles them until there is no conceit or strength left in them, like Daniel in Babylon and John in Patmos. They cry out, as did Isaiah: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips . . . mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord

of hosts" (Isaiah 6:5); and then He empowers them.

And as the Lord touched the lips of Isaiah with living fire, so He touched Jeremiah: "The Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." That was his equipment for his great and dangerous office. And, under God, it is ours also.

"Thou therefore gird up thy loins . . . and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them." It is a fearful thing to shrink in fear from the face of man and to fall before the frown of God, but that was the alternative set before this young prophet. Speak boldly and feel the strength of the everlasting arms girding you about. Slink away from the face of man and be confounded by the Almighty!

What a spectacle—a lone man against the world! "And they shall fight against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee" (Jeremiah 1:6-19). Ah, I see! He is not alone. They that be with him are more than all that are against him. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Hallelujah!

The prophets were lone, diffident men, but they had access to God. The key to secret resources of exhaustless power and wisdom and grace was given them. They were equipped with God—God the Holy Ghost. He moved them and they spoke, and their message reverberates through all time, judges all men and nations, and illuminates all history.

—Selected

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October 21
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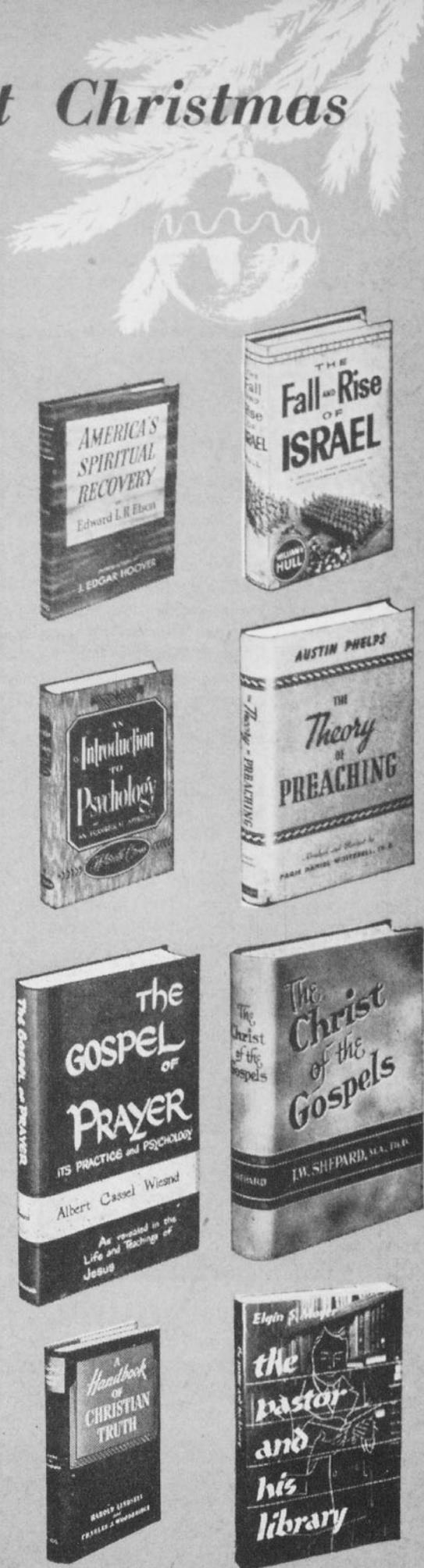
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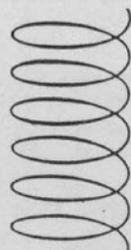
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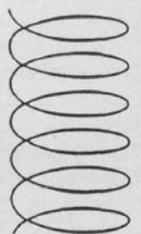
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The Breath of Praise

BY RAYMOND L. COX

A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LAY UPON her deathbed.

For scores of years she had served her Saviour. Her life was like a sweet incense ascending to gladden the heart of God. Hosts of friends had been led to the Lord through her Christlike testimony.

But now the day of her departure was drawing nigh. Soon her soul would be emancipated from her body and soar to its home with the Lord. Yet, despite her suffering, the sweet fragrance of praise still exuded from her life.

The sister could hardly talk. A stroke had impaired her powers of speech. Yet as the end neared she seemed strangely agitated. She attempted to articulate her desire, but all she could say was, "Bring . . . bring . . ." Her tongue was unable to express the words which would complete her request. It took all the ability at her command to gasp the words, "Bring . . . bring . . ."

The friends who attended the dear woman's bedside endeavored to discover just what she desired. They thought that perhaps she sought to see some loved one. Thus many of her acquaintances and relatives were brought to her room, but as each one entered she shook her head and muttered, "Bring . . . bring . . ."

All her life the departing saint had been a lover of nature. Her garden had boasted many beautiful blooms. Her friends brought bouquets of her favorite flowers, but she still shook her head and repeated over and over, "Bring . . . bring . . ."

Fruits were presented to her, and her best-loved dainties were lovingly offered, but they did not satisfy. She

kept on gasping, "Bring . . . bring . . ."

The loved ones despaired of ever determining the dying one's desire. They tried all they knew and failed. Sadness gripped their hearts as they saw their dear one being enveloped in the shadow of death.

At last the inevitable day dawned. All the household recognized that the woman would not witness another sunrise. Their grief was greatly intensified because they had been unable to gratify her dying wish. Loved ones gathered around her bed for the last time. There could be no doubt that her soul was soon to set sail across the sea of death for that better land.

And then it happened!

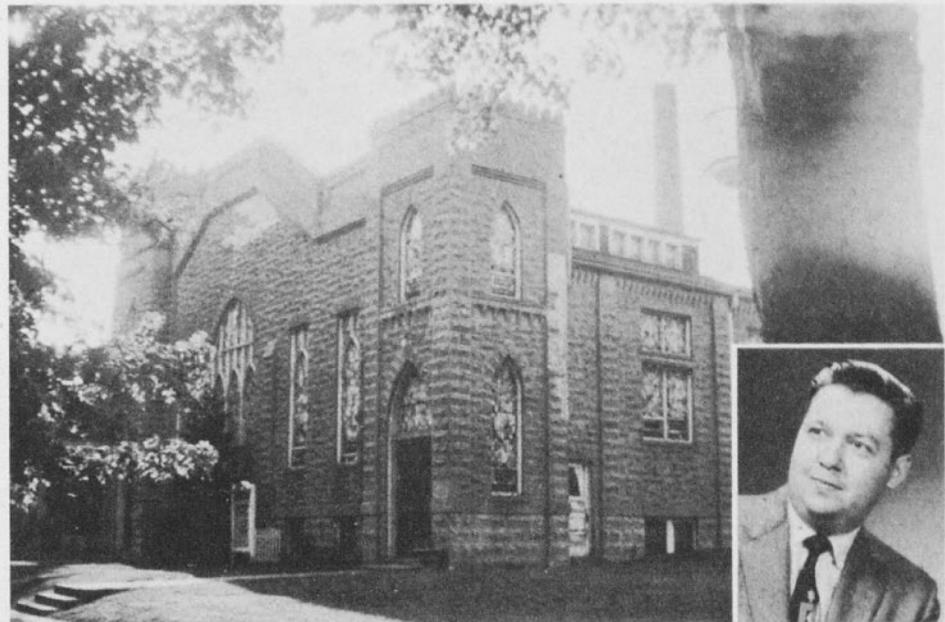
Suddenly the sister stirred! With seemingly superhuman effort she raised herself to a sitting position. Her eyes shone with a celestial radiance. Her

tongue was loosed for an instant, and she cried exultantly, "Bring . . . bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!"

The Bible commands, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150:6). The saint in this story obeyed that command until her dying gasp. She fulfilled the noble resolution of the Psalmist who exclaimed, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1). She died with praise on her lips because she lived with praise on her lips. As long as she had breath she gave glory to God.

How much of your breath do you use to praise the Lord?

If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day.—Martin Luther.



The church in Kendallville and the pastor, Marvin Snyder

C. A.'s Help Pioneer Church Purchase a Building

Roy H. Wead, superintendent of the Indiana District, recently sent the following encouraging testimony to the National C. A. Office:

"Sunday, June 3, 1956, was a red-letter day for the pioneer Assembly of God in Kendallville, Indiana. On that day they moved into their new house of worship.

"It all started about four years ago when three ladies from Kendallville, hungry for God, began visiting the new Assembly of God in Garrett and then started prayer meetings in their own homes.

"Marvin Snyder brought his family to Kendallville to shepherd the little group,

and they've been working hard ever since. Brother Snyder has a job on the side to support his family so that most of the offerings can go into the building fund.

"With what they had on hand and the help of \$1,000 from the district Speed-the-Light Home Missions funds, they were able to purchase and move into a lovely building formerly used by the E.U.B. Church. Already the Sunday School averages more than 50. It is hoped they will soon be needing all the space and accommodations of the new building which will take care of a departmentalized Sunday School of 300 or more."

BY GERALD S. POPE

Feelings, Facts



God has given us the Scriptures in order that we might know that we have eternal life, and that we might put our faith in eternal facts rather than in transient feelings.

OUR AGE IS ONE OF CHANGE, AND THERE IS NO CHANGE as dangerous as the shift from the authority of the Bible to the authority of religious experience or feeling.

I once dealt with a young man who would not believe he was saved because he "didn't feel anything." He refused to let me read the Scriptures or pray with him. All he wanted to do was to sob and moan. He was seeking an ecstasy of feeling for assurance; therefore, it was not surprising to me that his experience proved a fickle one.

A man by the name of Johnson related a near-tragic personal experience. He said that when he came forward to receive Christ as a boy, some lady hit him on the back, and said, "Brother, hold on!" He tried to "hold on." Some fellow came up and hit him on the shoulder, and said, "Brother, turn loose." So he tried to "turn loose."

Another person came up to him and said, "Now, Brother Johnson, when I was converted a big bright light hit me in the face and knocked me cold. Now, look for the light." The man said that between turning loose and holding on and looking for the light, he almost missed the kingdom.

Faith for salvation, healing and everything else must be based upon the truthfulness of the Word.

The Word is God speaking! It is always a present-tense fact. What God says . . . is! Men and institutions may fail, but God cannot deny Himself. He cannot lie. His integrity is at stake.

Every statement of fact in the Word becomes a living real-

ity as we act upon it. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." When you act upon what God says with a sincere motive of heart, you release His power in your life.

Act upon Romans 10:9, 10 and you are saved. Act upon Isaiah 53:5 and Hebrews 13:8 and you are healed. Act upon 2 Corinthians 2:14 and Philippians 4:13 and you triumph over every foe. Act on Romans 8:28 and you hurdle every obstacle and overcome every handicap. Act on Philippians 4:19 and your needs are supplied.

During World War II, the parents of an only son received word from the War Department that he was "missing in action."

Their pastor visited the grieving parents. "We FEEL, pastor," they said, "that our Tony is dead." After a few weeks, the pastor was again in the home and they said, "We have a FEELING that our son is living." On another occasion they reported, "We FELT last night that our son was in some prison camp."

There came at last a letter from the son in a prison camp, and the parents said to the pastor, "Now we KNOW Tony is safe because he has written."

The written word gave them assurance. The written Word of God is your assurance—the best and most reliable evidence in the world. David the Psalmist said, "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

—Message