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



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Navajos and their flocks are inseparable. The girl carries a day-old lamb in her arms, while mother and little sister stand by, in Monument Valley, Arizona.

Read about the Navajos in—
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Friendship with Jesus

One of the most graphic portions of the Bible is Revelation 3:20, where Christ is quoted as saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Artists have tried to paint this scene. They have made pictures of Christ knocking on a closed door, or waiting for it to open; but no canvas or brush can ever depict the glory of that heavenly Visitor who stands outside, or the poverty of the desolate soul that dwells within.

It is the Son of God who knocks at the door of the human heart. He bears in His hand the light of Truth, and in His heart the Love that is eternal. He comes to enrich the life of man with all the treasures of heaven, and asks admission. He will never force His way into your life, but if you will listen to His voice and open the door He will solve all your problems, dry all your tears, supply all your needs, and satisfy the deepest longings of your heart.

This Jesus is a real Friend. He came down from heaven to enter into all the experiences of your life and to save you from all your enemies. He is not a myth, not merely an idea, but a Divine Person who knows what it is to be lonely, misunderstood, tempted, and to suffer in every circumstance of life. He wants to be your Companion, and to dwell with you until the end of time. He says, "If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to Him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." In fact, this companionship need never end, for He goes on to say that if you will fight against sin and overcome the enemies of the soul, as He did, you will be permitted to share His glory forever. "To him that overcometh," He says, "will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

This companionship with Jesus is the glory of the Christian life. The joy of serving God is not merely the satisfaction of doing a job you like to do, although that is part of it. The deepest joy is the personal friendship you have with Jesus—the knowledge that He is dwelling in your heart through the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit, and that your conduct is pleasing Him. When the way seems hard, His love gives you the strength to carry on. When sorrow comes, He comforts with His grace. In times when temptation threatens to swamp the boat, you call on Him and He stills the storm. It is possible to talk to Him and to hear Him talk to you—not with those impulses of sound that are detected by the human ear but with those impulses of the spirit that can only be felt by the inner man. Your spirit communes with His Spirit and you feel like singing:

"Friendship with Jesus, fellowship divine,
Oh, what blessed, sweet communion—
Jesus is a Friend of mine!"

If you have been trying to live a Christian life without this personal friendship with Jesus, you need to stop right now and take time to get acquainted with the Saviour. He wants to make Himself just as real to you as He was to the Galilean disciples in the days of His flesh. They braved the storms of life together—rode in the same boat, drank the same water, ate the same food. He wants to be the same Friend to you today, to sup with you, to talk with you, to work with you, to be with you always. He will teach you the unspeakable joy of worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth. He will glorify even the menial tasks of life with His presence. The Bible will become a new book, and you will sing a new song, when you know that Jesus is real and that He is your personal friend.

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HE WAS READY



CUTTING WOOD WAS HARD WORK; but the tall, gaunt, young man swung his gleaming axe almost effortlessly. He was no stranger to this task. There was a crackling; he stepped back from the tree. The stately giant of the forest swayed, then crashed to the earth. The woodsman stood, breathing deeply, perspiration coursing down his face.

Suddenly he sat cross-legged on the ground. Time was too precious to spend just resting, so immediately he opened a book. His desire for knowledge was insatiable. He was absorbed in a moment and was startled to hear his name.

"Hello, Abe" — a self-important squire was speaking. "Studying law? Expect to be President some day?"

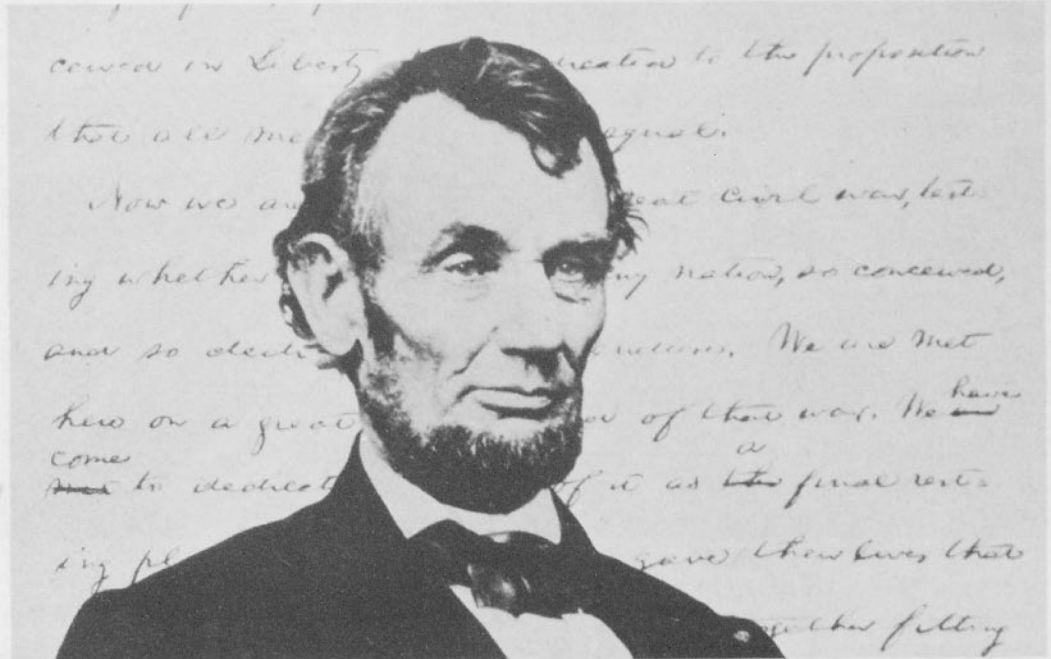
"Don't know," said young Abraham Lincoln quietly, "but I am going to get ready for anything God may have for me to do."

Abraham Lincoln's reply, born of deep meditation, revealed qualities and characteristics that served to bring him that great honor.

He was a humble man, as much so when he became President of the United States as when he was a rail splitter in Illinois. His meekness is aptly illustrated by an event during that great conflict between brethren.

President Lincoln went to General McClellan's house to confer on the war situation. It is said the General interviewed other people and kept the President waiting. Then General McClellan retired for the night while President Lincoln still waited in the anteroom. An aide told the President, but instead of taking offense he said, "I will hold McClellan's horse, if he will only bring us success."

We gain insight to his ability to maintain such an attitude by his words on another occasion. Lincoln said, "I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." Reverence is a firm foundation for humility. This is especially true if it be coupled with love for the Word of God.



GLIMPSES INTO THE LIFE OF A GREAT AMERICAN PRESIDENT DISCLOSE THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

One of the first books Abraham Lincoln possessed was the Bible. He said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book."

An old man who heard the Lincoln-Douglas debates in Bloomington, Illinois, said, "I remember Lincoln quoted scripture like a preacher."

Lincoln kept a New Testament in his law office. It is said the covers were worn practically through from incessant use. He could quote many passages of scripture, including the Sermon on the Mount, without error. So his preparation for life's demands included meditation on the Word of God.

His study of the Bible taught him the value of prayer. He was heard to cry in the hours before dawn, "O Thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed for wisdom, hear me: I cannot lead this people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. I am poor, and weak, and sinful. O, God! who didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom, hear me, and save this nation." As God answered Solo-

mon's prayer, so He granted this petition marked by humble dependence.

But the prayers of Abraham Lincoln contained another element—faith. While he believed that he could ready himself for any position God would have for him, he had higher faith—in God. He said, "A greater than human hand is controlling the issues of this war. I know not how, nor when, nor by whom it shall be accomplished, but I have a firm, unshaken faith that in the end success will crown our arms, and that the Union of the States will be restored and maintained." He molded history by faith.

On February 12th we commemorate the birth of that great American President, Abraham Lincoln. Could he speak to us today, he might well say, "I didn't seek fame, but I did get ready for what God had for me to do."

He who holds us in His hand can entrust us only with responsibilities and ministries for which we have prepared. Who can tell the work we may be able to do for Him, if we too will get ready? Let us prepare—through humility, study of the Word of God, prayer, and faith.



*Only by following in
the footsteps of Jesus
can we win souls*

control of your life and faculties. He desires that the vessel you lend Him shall be wholly available for His use. It may be necessary to clean some things out of your boat before you can turn it over to Jesus. Pursuits of this life sometimes fill our lives; much rubbish finds its way in through our eyes and ears.

Fleshly indulgences are paralyzing the spiritual effort of some potential soul winners. Ease can become inertia; relaxation can result in complacency. A passion for possessions and property kills a passion for souls. Before pray-

FISHING FOR MEN

BY GEORGE HOLMES

ONE OF THE SADDEST INDICTMENTS against the Church of Jesus Christ today is that she is failing to use her potential for incredible growth. False religions and political cults are spreading like a fire; they appear to have no financial shortages, and there are multitudes of converts. These are not sponsored by God—indeed, they are anti-God. Yet the true body of Christ, as represented by many local churches, often fails to register one convert a month.

If there were but one believer in the world in 1957 and he led a soul to Christ during the year; and if the two of them each led a soul to Christ in 1958; and if the four would each lead a soul to Christ the next year, and so on, in thirty-one years the whole world would be converted! This is the potential within the body of Christ! And this is the great indictment against many members of the Church who are failing to bring even one soul a year to Christ.

A Christian woman, brought face to face with eternity through a serious illness, called her pastor and asked him to pray that her life might be spared.

"But you are a Christian," he said consolingly, "and to die is gain."

"I know that," replied the lady, "but during the forty years I have been a Christian, I never led a soul to Christ. Oh, for one more opportunity."

A few days later that woman died. Her last words were, "Oh, for one more opportunity."

Many Christians are living in failure because they are not "fishing" for souls. Others have made a few feeble efforts, but without success. Perhaps to you the incident in the life of Peter, recorded in Luke 5:2-11, will be a help and encouragement. Follow the steps he did, and you will become a "fisher of men."

LEND JESUS YOUR VESSEL

A great crowd gathered by the lake of Gennesaret to hear the Prophet from Nazareth. They were so eager to hear His words that they pressed in closer and closer. Jesus needed a pulpit where He could be seen and heard by all of them without being crushed. Peter's fishing boat was near at hand. Jesus entered it, asked Peter to thrust out a little from the land, and from it He taught the people.

In like manner Jesus wants to take

ing, "Fill me again, Lord," perhaps we need to pray, "Empty me again, Lord."

LISTEN TO JESUS' VOICE

Peter had given Jesus full possession of his boat. After finishing His sermon, Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

There are always deeper experiences for the children of God. Deeper roots always precede longer and heavier branches! Give yourself more to private prayer, seeking God alone. Pray for a passion for the lost; ask God to make you a soul-winner at all costs. Obey the command of the Lord to "launch out."

LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND

Peter confessed his failure when he said, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing." It is right to confess past failures to God; it is good to be concerned over the lack of real fruit; it is wise to admit to God your discouragement. But past failures are not God's fault. So, having told Him all about them, leave the past behind; otherwise the thought of it will paralyze all future efforts. Fail-

ures can become stepping-stones to success, for Peter added, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

LEARN TO OBEY

Peter accepted the spoken command of the Lord and let down the net. Friend, God has pledged Himself to honor His Word when we fulfill the conditions. It is our responsibility to obey His Word.

LOOK FOR THE MIRACULOUS

As Peter obeyed Christ's command and let down his net, he found that his net was filled with fish. There is no doubt that Christ could have commanded the fish to jump into the boat just as He commanded them to enter the net. But He didn't, because there was a part that Peter had to do. When Peter obeyed, God worked with him.

An earnest man told some praying Christians to write down the names of the persons they would like to see saved. He told them to pray for these people at least three times a day, and do all they could to win them to the Lord, and God would answer their prayers.

One woman, an almost helpless invalid, heard about this. She listed the names of fifty-seven friends, prayed for them regularly, and wrote them about their souls' welfare. She also wrote to Christian friends and asked them to speak to her friends. Eventually, all fifty-seven of these people accepted Christ as Saviour. God will work with you, too, if you will do His business.

WORK WITH OTHERS

Peter's boat was so full that he called for his friends to come and help him. A loving spirit of concern for the lost will be contagious. Two or three keen soul-winners in an assembly can be God's means of sending revival.

Two explorers in the Arctic were fighting the terrible urge to sleep. Each knew that to sleep meant to die. But one was so weary that he fell down and soon was asleep. His companion began vigorously to massage his friend's limbs to waken him and preserve his life. The exercise of doing this kept his own body warm and thus saved his own life.

This is the way to spiritual happiness. In saving others, you save yourself. It is the means chosen by God to complete the body of Christ. To resist or to be indifferent is to fail God, yourself, your church, and your fellowmen. *Launch out into the deep!*

He Has a New Heart

Arthur Daniels found that the Lord's promise, "A new heart will I give thee," can be taken physically as well as spiritually.

FOR ARTHUR E. DANIELS, 1956 WENT down as the greatest year of history, for it was then he found the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and his Healer.

Back in December, 1954, Mr. Daniels suffered a severe heart attack. He was confined to the Hartford (Connecticut) Hospital for a month. When released he was unable to resume employment even on a part-time basis until the Spring of 1955.

For approximately eighteen months Arthur Daniels nursed his ailing heart, having regular medical checkups and spending between twenty-five and thirty dollars a week on medicines. Not until he and Mrs. Daniels met Christ did the situation change.

In the providence of God, two members of Calvary Chapel in Manchester Green faithfully and persistently witnessed to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels over a period of several months. One was Mrs. Dewey, who corresponded with Mrs. Daniels and mailed her gospel literature. The other was Mr. Clemens. Neither of these friends was aware of what the other was doing. Nevertheless Mrs. Dewey continued to witness to Mrs. Daniels, and Mr. Clemens kept on witnessing to Mr. Daniels, his factory foreman.

One day their work bore fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels attended church and were converted. Very soon afterward

they were baptized in water and were added to the membership roll at Calvary Chapel, an Assemblies of God church.

Last August the prayer group held a meeting in Mr. Daniels' home and it was then he felt the healing touch of the Great Physician. But let the pastor, Kenneth L. Gustafson, tell about it:

"At the close of this particular meeting we sensed that the Lord had given Brother Daniels victory over his physical ailment. On the following Saturday afternoon (August 11, 1956) Dr. William Pomeroy carefully examined our brother and exclaimed to him that he was perfectly well. He said he could discontinue all medications immediately. We all praise God for His goodness to the Daniels family.

"Another thing that thrills me especially as pastor is the fervent zeal of Art Daniels in Christian service. He is anxious to reach others with the glorious news. He testifies to his fellow-officials in the factory concerning Christ and prays for the men under his supervision. Both he and Mrs. Daniels attend our Assembly regularly, in spite of the fact that their home is about twenty-two miles distant from the church. Mr. Daniels has been instrumental, through personal effort, in bringing several new folk to the church. This testimony shows what the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ can do in our day."

"DEATH ENDS ALL"

I was talking to an atheist one day and he said, "I don't believe, Dr. Wilson, what you are preaching."

I said, "You have told me what you don't believe; perhaps you will tell me what you do believe."

He replied, "I believe that death ends all."

"So do I," I said.

"What! You believe that death ends all?"

"I certainly do," I answered. "Death ends all your chance for doing evil. Death ends all your joy. Death ends all your projects, all your ambitions, all your friendships. Death ends all the gospel you will ever hear. Death ends it all for you, and you go away into outer darkness. As for myself, death ends all my tears, all my perplexities, all my disappointments, all my troubles. Death ends it all, and I go to be with the Lord in glory."

"I never thought of it that way," he said. The outcome was that I led that man to Christ, just by agreeing with him that "death ends all."—Dr. Walter Wilson.

a prophet's SHATTERED home



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ISRAEL HAD TO LEARN THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH HOSEA'S PERSONAL TRAGEDY.

BY J. E. HARRIS

HOSEA WAS THE BROKENHEARTED prophet, the Jeremiah of the northern kingdom of Israel. His marriage was unhappy. We are rather shocked to read in Hosea 1:2, "And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord." It may not have been, however, that Gomer (verse 3) was immoral when they married. Perhaps Hosea is looking back over the tragedy of his life and sees that despite all the heartache it brought him, the divine hand had been in the impulse to make Gomer his wife. The sense of verse 2 is probably that the providential control of God had given him as a wife "a woman who will prove unfaithful, some

of whose children will not be thine own."

Thus it came about. Gomer fell victim to the moral looseness of the times. Perhaps the tempo of life in Hosea's home was too slow for her. Perhaps her husband's devotion to God was distasteful. Perhaps she broke her marriage vows secretly at first, and finally left her husband and children. She may have become a priestess of the goddess Ashtoreth and given herself up to the immoralities of that heathen religion to which so many in Israel had turned. Thus Hosea was left with a broken home and a broken heart.

But the blighting of his fireside joys, the wrecking of his home, made him God's prophet, the man God wanted him to be. Through his domestic tragedy

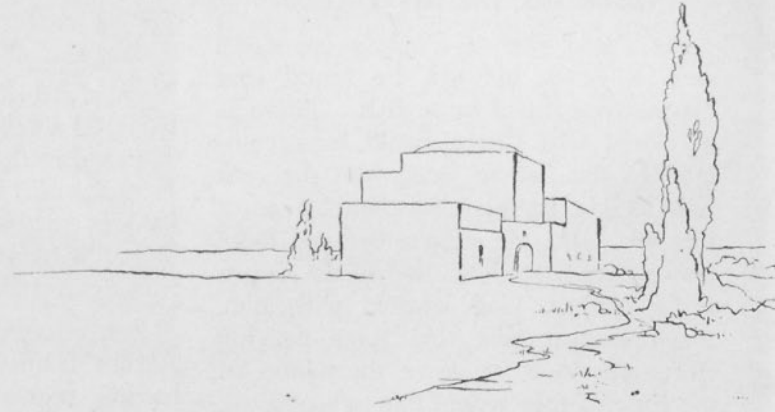
Hosea was fitted to receive a clearer vision of the love of God's heart than any earlier prophet. He is pre-eminently the prophet of God's wounded love. Hear him as God's own mouth-piece in this: "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? . . . mine heart is turned within me. . . ." (11:8).

Surely back of that sympathetic insight into the heart of God lay the tragic sorrow of Hosea's own life. He had himself known the pangs of unrequited love. From his own heart had been wrung the cry, "How shall I give thee up?" So we say the breaking of his heart was the making of God's prophet. O soul weighed down with mysterious woe, the breaking of *your* heart may be the making of God's man out of you!

Hosea's domestic griefs ennobled him. Unlike many husbands, he did not lose his love for his wife when she proved faithless. Hosea's was a love that suffered but remained, despite the altered attitude of his loved one.

Since leaving home Gomer had sunk low. Probably she had been cast off by her paramour, and Hosea found her exposed for sale as a slave. "So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver . . ." (3:2), he tells us.

Hosea's sorrow wrought in him a strength, a patience, a mercy and a compassion that would never have been his otherwise. Someone said of the late Dr. M'Intyre of Glasgow, "The grace



of God is looking out of that man's eyes." We feel that thus it must have been ever after Hosea's redemption of Gomer; the grace of God must have looked out from his eyes.

But Hosea's sorrow did more than ennoble him. It enlightened him regarding the need of his nation. It shocked him into a new moral sensitivity. He looked around and saw that his was not an isolated case. Abounding idolatry was infecting social life with its looseness of morals. Someone must speak against the thronging evils of the day. Hosea felt himself to be that someone.

He gained not only light regarding the need of his people, but insight into the heart of God. Israel, the bride of Jehovah, was proving unfaithful, having forsaken Him for Baal. The idolatry of the times was spiritual adultery. What that meant to God, Hosea was able in some measure to feel. His own wrecked marriage taught him something of what God must suffer through the unfaithfulness of Israel. What Gomer was to him, Israel was to God. He could understand now the words, "I am a jealous God," as he had not before. Out of his pity for Gomer he was able also to feel God's yearning over His faithless people.

There is much to learn here regarding God's ways with His servants. To Hosea came the holy privilege and joy of being the prophet who saw into the love of God's heart as none before him. It was a joy that sought him through pain. It must have been bitterly hard at first to understand why such heart-break had been permitted to come into his life. Perhaps he had prayed to be guided in marrying, and then to have his wedded life turn out so tragically! He would be tortured with perplexity. But the hour came when he was able to see God's hand in it all. He came to understand that in that marriage which turned out so sadly for him was "the beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea" (1:2).

If ever your way, servant of Christ, becomes a way of tragedy and bitter disappointment, think of Hosea. To the late F. B. Meyer there once came a Christian worker who was in spiritual darkness because of great and painful distress that had followed what he had believed was the guidance of God found through prayer. Dr. Meyer advised him to go on faithfully with God. Of the trial Dr. Meyer said, "God has permitted it." Then, suddenly, Dr.

Meyer arose and, moved by strong emotion, paced the room a few steps, raised and clasped his hands, and with intense fervor said, "I have had a cross to bear in my life, and it has made me the man I am." This self-revelation gave a power to Meyer's counsel that enabled the visitor to go on in the Lord's work which he had thought of abandoning. "I took up my cross," he says, "with a changed outlook." Hosea is not the only servant of God brought into great usefulness for God by strangely perplexing and painful providences.

Your griefs and pains, O child of God, will either make or mar you; but they are intended to make you. Instead of fighting it, accept the pains as did Hosea, as did F. B. Meyer, and go on for God. Thus "the sad, agonizing thing in your life will be your crowning influence."

Notice how Hosea's experience as redeemer of his unfaithful wife anticipates the more glorious theme of Christ's redemption of sinners. Perhaps years had passed since Gomer had deserted her husband. Then one day, their paths cross. A glance enables the prophet to grasp the situation. Gomer is for sale as a slave. Doubtless she bears the marks of her degradation, but the love he once bore for her surges in his soul, and his heart says, "How shall I give thee up?" So he bids and buys her back. Reflecting on that experience later, he knew God is like that; knew that in some way, he did not know how, God would redeem the slaves of sin.

But we do know how. Calvary is behind us, and we know that there God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, that there our Lord gave His life "a ransom for many."

Our souls have forsaken their allegiance to God as often as we have "turned to our own way." We have been unfaithful, and we need to repent. When we do, we find that through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, God's full and free forgiveness becomes ours.

Whether or not Gomer came into such newness of life we are not told, but in the light of God's redeeming grace in Christ we know that *we* may find new life, whatever our past has been. We need not scorn ourselves and despair. With God's gracious pardon comes hope of better things; old things pass away; all things become new; and this, bless God, "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

—Evangelical Christian

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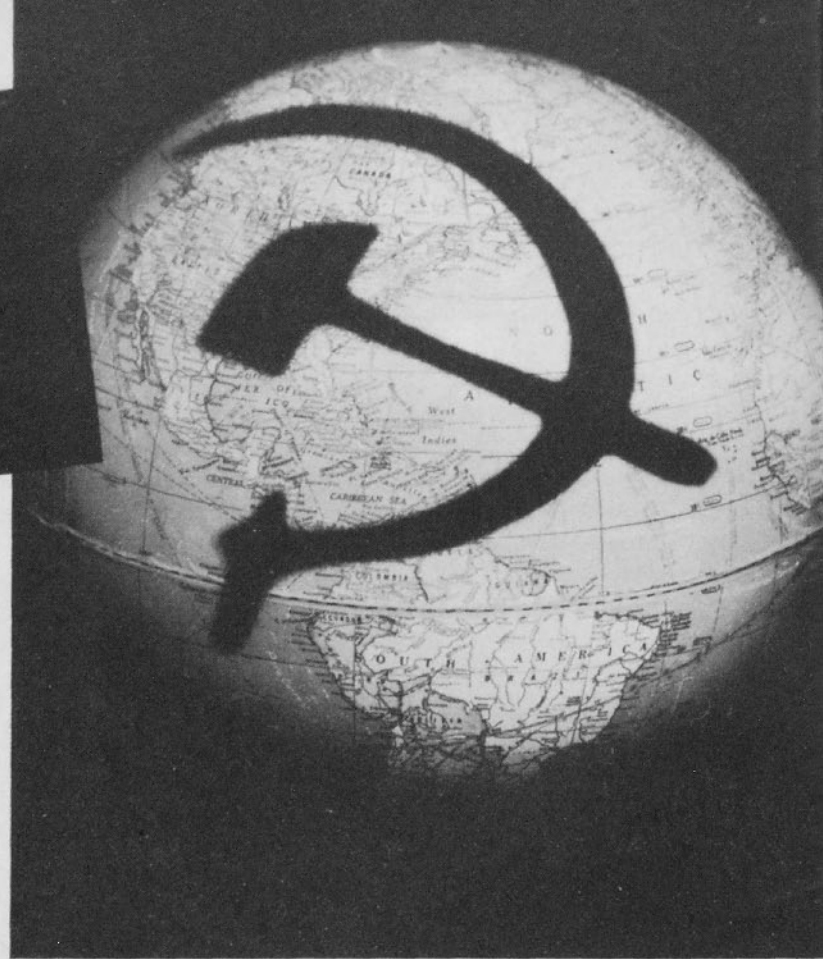
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WHAT IS COMMUNISM?

THIS AVOWED ENEMY OF THE CHURCH HAS CAST ITS SHADOW OVER ALL THE EARTH, BUT VERY FEW CHRISTIANS KNOW WHAT IT REALLY IS.

BY FRANK W. SMITH



IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO BE A DELEGATE to the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. This conference was composed of delegates from national organizations such as the American Legion, various departments of the armed services and auxiliaries, national service clubs and fraternal orders, international labor organizations, and all those national organizations that have a share in America.

The speakers at this conference were not men who learned Communism and its methods out of books. They were men who have fought Communism and have seen first-hand its violence, subversivism, and exploitation of the free people of the world. They were such men as Hon. Hollington K. Tong, Chinese ambassador to the U.S. from Free China, who for thirty years has fought against the overwhelming hordes of Red Russia that have swept relentlessly across his native land. Dr. Tibor Eckardt, assistant secretary of state of Free Hungary, was another speaker. Herbert Philbrick, author of the book, "I Led Three Lives," also spoke. Mr. Philbrick was a counter-spy for the FBI

The author, who is Vice-Chairman of the Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, was appointed by the National Association of Evangelicals as one of three delegates to represent Evangelical Christianity in the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The meeting convened in Omaha, Nebraska, in November 1956.

but was considered by the Communists a high-ranking party member. These men and many others presented facts that should alert every freedom-loving American.

The question has been asked by some, "What is Communism?"

Contrary to the opinion of many, Communism is not a political party. *It is a philosophy.* The difference between a party and a philosophy is in the way it develops. A political party grows like a crystal from the outside and people join it voluntarily. A philosophy grows like a cell and is compulsory. Although Communism presents itself as a political party it is a revolutionary force which has infiltrated every department of American life for the one purpose of overthrowing the government and setting up a Soviet Socialistic State.

Communism is a total philosophy. It does not deal only with the minds of men but with their bodies, souls and spirits as well. It uses total means to accomplish its purposes such as propaganda, the ballot box, subversion, sabotage and cold and hot war. Its target is the total society—the home, the school, the church, labor, government, capital, and democracy.

Communism is atheism. One of the chief tenets of the communist philos-

ophy is, "There is no God"; "religion is the opiate of the people." This is the battle-cry against the churches. Russia has had her five-year plans to drive God out of its country. Its caricatures of God have been ludicrous, obscene, and sinful. Communism and Christianity cannot co-exist.

Communism is a religion. This statement might seem contradictory in the light of the foregoing statement that "Communism is atheism." If one thinks of religion as being the worship of the God of creation or the true and living God, Communism is not a religion. If the word "religion" means, as it always has meant down through the ages, the worship of what man considers to be the highest good, Communism is a religion.

Communism has its god. It worships the god of this world—materialism. It has its Bible—the "Communist Manifesto." It has its plan of redemption—its purpose is to redeem society from its common enemy, capitalism. It has its savior—Lenin, the man who accomplished the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917. It has its dynamic, its metaphysic, dialectical materialism. Dialectical materialism is the embodiment of its ideal. What the incarnation is to Christianity, dialectical materialism is to Communism. It has its apostles

and prophets, like Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. It has its great commission—"Go ye into all the world." It has its promise of a coming kingdom on this earth, a classless society. It has its destruction of all heretics such as has been practiced by the Roman church in the massacre of the Huguenots, the Spanish Inquisition, and the current slaughter of evangelicals in Colombia, South America.

Communism is socialism. Many may object to the use of this word as being synonymous with Communism but the fact still remains that the word was thus used by Marx and Engels until the common use of the word "Communism" gained vogue in the time of the Russian revolution. Socialism and Communism are traveling companions; in fact, old-line socialism is the last stop-over before the ultimate is reached. The two philosophies are practically the same, the difference being that old-line socialism believes in using peaceful means in obtaining its end while Communism believes in every method, including violence and murder. Old-line socialism believes in the public ownership of all means of production but still leaves the citizen with the ownership of his own home, whereas under Communism there is no private ownership of property. We cannot forget that we are opposed by the Union of Soviet *Socialist* Republics.

Communism is slavery. Its subjects are under bondage physically, spiritually, politically, economically, and in every way. Its slave labor camps are the stench of the whole earth. It is estimated that between fifteen and twenty-five million people are in these labor camps. They have been reduced to the level of dogs. They live in squalor and filth worse than an animal. The slaves are forced to work fifteen hours a day at hard labor. Their food is rationed to them. It consists of soup of boiled fish heads and that which we would consider slop. The minimum on which any working person can live is about 2,500 calories, yet these unfortunate political prisoners are forced to do their work on 1,300 calories a day. It is estimated between twenty and fifty per cent of these people die annually from starvation and brutal treatment under the constant cruelties of the secret police. They are forced to work in the mines, on collective farms, and on government reclamation projects.

What is the spirit of Communism? It is the spirit of the devil. Communism has completely accepted the offer of Satan that was made to Jesus in the wilderness temptation when he offered Christ all the kingdoms of the world: "All this power will I give thee and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou therefore will worship me, all shall be thine."

What are the methods of Communism? They are identical with the spirit that inspires it, the spirit of Satan. When one knows the character of Satan, he then knows the methods of Communism. Certainly "we are not ignorant of the devil's devices." We know "he is a liar from the beginning and the father of it." Communism thrives on its lies, its misrepresentations, and its broken promises. Nearly one thousand treaties and agreements involving peace entered into by the Soviet Union have been broken. One is reminded of the scripture, "They shall speak lies at the same table." We should refuse the credentials of Red Russia at the United Nations table.

The devil is a murderer. Violence and murder have characterized Communism from the beginning. The recent rape of Hungary is typical of its many atrocities. "All deceivableness" would describe its tactics of infiltration, subversion, sabotage and political intrigue. It may have a new look but its tactics are ever the same.

The aim of Communism is world revolution. From this purpose it has never deviated. As a result, over two-fifths of the entire world territory is under its dominion and nearly nine hundred million people are in the grip of diabolical oppression. The advance of Communism has been relentless. Up to the present time the world has been powerless to hold back the hordes of the anarchist armies.

Two great questions come to the mind of every thinking person. (1) What power or powers can stop this march? (2) Where are we headed?

What can restrain Communism's advance? In my estimation the answer to this question is twofold. (1) *America.* The United States is the only nation on the face of the world that is standing in the way of Russia's world conquest, therefore we are the No. 1 target of Communism. Russia has had her many five-year plans. She already

has drafted in blueprint the destruction of America. If her plans are fulfilled America will be a Communist state, and she will have accomplished her world purpose by 1970. This should make Christians awaken. There are fourteen years of grace on the Communists' calendar. (2) *God.* "The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way" (2 Thess. 2:7). This scripture tells us that Communism will not accomplish its purpose, and the Antichrist will not be revealed, until God's hindering hand is removed. A Holy Ghost revival could turn the tide. God said concerning His people in Egyptian bondage when they cried out unto Him: "I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears, and I am come down to deliver thee."

Many ask, "But what if this does not happen: *Where are we headed?*"

The answer to this question is obvious to every Christian. We are headed for a time of trouble "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Secondly, we are headed for Armageddon. The *Des Moines Tribune* on Thursday, November 26th, in headlines on page six asked the question, "Are we heading for Armageddon?" It then devoted two columns of its paper to the scriptures and comments on this last great dreaded war. The article told of the armies surrounding Palestine and asked the question, "Could this be it?" That, my friend, is a good question. Thirdly, we are headed for the coming of Christ. Soon the saints will be raptured and "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

My final question is, "Are you ready to meet your Lord today?" The people of America are not yet praying "even so, come, Lord Jesus." The people of other nations are crying it daily. Those in Hungary are making it their daily prayer. A letter informs me that the people of Sweden are also praying the same prayer. It is our responsibility to occupy till He comes. We need to reread Second Chronicles 7:14—"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

—The Message



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Assemblies to Publish New Hymnal

A new church hymnal, *Melodies of Praise*, will be published this year by the Gospel Publishing House, printing division of the Assemblies of God. The hymnal will contain 352 pages and will be introduced at the 27th General Council of the movement which convenes in Cleveland, Ohio, August 28-September 4 of this year. Orchestrations of approximately 200 of the hymns will also be available.

Churches or persons interested in the new hymnal may obtain a free list of the songs contained in it by writing to Edwin Anderson, Music Editor; 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Minnesota Youth Spark Safety Campaign

Methodist young people in Minnesota have launched a campaign to "sign the pledge," only this time the pledge is to practice "Christian action on the highways." The Methodist Youth Fellowship hopes this campaign for safe driving will become a nationwide crusade.

Billy Graham Defends Behavior of American Youth

Evangelist Billy Graham, addressing two thousand college students in Nashville, Tennessee, said he believes there has been "far too much condemnation of our youth." He pointed out that only about three per cent of our American young people appeared in court last year for misdemeanors.

German Seamen's Mission Marks 70th Anniversary

The 70th anniversary of the Seamen's Mission of the Evangelical Church in Germany was observed at Bremen, Germany recently. Pastors, missionaries, and directors of seamen's homes in West Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Holland participated in the ceremonies.

The Seamen's Mission maintains 70 homes and stations for Mariners in world ports. In Hamburg and Bremen it operates large hostels for sailors' wives waiting for their husbands to visit them during short breaks at those ports.

British Catholics Report Record Conversions

A record total of 13,291 conversions were reported by the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales during 1955, according to the Catholic Directory for 1956, just published. It said this was the largest number of conversions to Catholicism recorded in any one year since the directory was first published in 1840.

The Catholic population of England and Wales was listed as 3,270,800 at the end of 1955, an increase of 122,300 over the previous year.

New Spanish Book to Be Published

Permission has been granted by Fleming H. Revell Company for translation of Vance Havner's devotional book, "Day by Day," into Spanish. Ben Mercado of the Spanish Division of the Gospel Publishing House expects to have the translation completed by mid-summer. This will be the first Spanish devotional publication released by the Assemblies of God Publishing House.

Legion to Post Ten Commandments in Schools

A district committee of the American Legion's "Back to God" movement has announced plans to post copies of the Ten Commandments in all schools and public buildings in three New York counties—Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens—if local authorities are agreeable.

Released-Time Attendance Gains in New York

A total of over 117,000 public school pupils are attending released-time religious instruction classes in New York City, the Board of Education says. This is an increase of 7,600 over last year. Most of the students are in grades 3 through 8, but some 500 high-school pupils are co-operating in an experiment to extend released-time to the high schools. The released-time program has been followed in Greater New York for fifteen years. It provides that children whose parents so request are dismissed from school for one hour each week to take religious instruction in their churches or synagogues.

Michigan Trucker Fined for Blaspheming

A young Michigan truck driver was fined \$50, given a 30-day suspended sentence, and placed on a year's probation on a seldom-invoked charge of blasphemy. Michigan has a law which makes it a misdemeanor to "damn or swear by the name of God, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Ghost."

A sheriff's deputy testified he had gone to the man's home to investigate a complaint by the trucker's 18-year-old wife that her husband threatened to beat her. The officer described the trucker as highly belligerent and stated that he cursed him repeatedly, asserting his "right to do anything he pleased" in his own home.

The deputy then arrested the man for violating the little-used law. The trucker pleaded guilty.

Quarterly Temperance Magazine Makes Debut

A new quarterly magazine dedicated to "spotlighting inter-church thinking on alcoholic problems" was issued recently in Washington, D. C. Called *Alcohol Education Digest*, it is published by an affiliate of the National Temperance League. It will be distributed to Protestant ministers, Sunday School teachers, and youth leaders. Initial press run was 20,000 copies.

TV, Work Given Equal Time

Martin Mayer, writing in *Harper's* magazine, says, "Historians may remember 1956 as the first year in which Americans spent as much time on a single leisure occupation as they did on their jobs. That occupation, of course, was watching television." Mr. Myer further stated that the total time involved amounts to more than 130 billion hours in a year. He added, "The average viewing audience at ten o'clock on an ordinary evening in 1956 was larger than the voting electorate—sixty to seventy million people." What a pity that so few of the TV programs have any spiritual value!

New Jersey Outlaws Auto Sales on Sundays

In a 6 to 0 decision, the New Jersey Supreme Court outlawed the Sunday sale of automobiles in the state.

High Court Bars Parochial School Bus Rides

The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court ruled recently that parochial students may not ride on public school buses. The majority held that such a practice was an unconstitutional spending of taxpayers' money.

Churches to Fight Bingo Amendment

The New York State Council of Churches announced it will fight a proposed state constitutional amendment to permit bingo games operated by churches and charitable groups.

Churches Hard Hit by Arsonists in 1956

More than a score of American churches were destroyed or extensively damaged by mysterious fires during 1956. Arsonists were suspected, and in several cases convicted, of setting blazes. The loss ran into millions of dollars.

Catholics Increase Strength in Japan

Twenty-one Roman Catholic priests were ordained in Japan during December—the largest group in the history of that predominantly Buddhist country.

Missionary Radio Station Operating in Korea

A new radio station went on the air at Inchon, Korea, in December—a missionary station, operated by the Evangelical Alliance Mission of the U. S. It began with a schedule of six hours per day, including three hours in Chinese, and three divided between Korean and English.

NAE to Convene in Buffalo

The National Association of Evangelicals will hold its fifteenth annual convention at the Statler Hotel in Buffalo, N.Y., April 2-4. Theme for the convention will be "Demonstrating Oneness in Christ."

The Association and its affiliates represent more than ten million American Protestants.

Looking Ahead

Some of the special features planned for Assemblies of God churches during the first half of 1957 are listed below:

March 17—COLLEGE DAY (Theme: "Advance the Christian Way")

April 14—NATIONAL CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS DAY

June 2-9—PENTECOST WEEK (simultaneous revivals in many of our churches)

June 3-7—A.C.T.S. (Advanced Christian Training School, held on the campus of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.)

Assemblies Servicemen Plan First Retreat

The first Assemblies of God servicemen's retreat will be held March 8-11 in Germany. Assemblies of God chaplains have secured use of the Chimsee Retreat Center, Berchtesgaden, located on property formerly owned by Hitler. Grant Wacker, active Army reserve chaplain now serving as Promotional Director of the National C. A. Department, will be the guest speaker, and will travel to Europe at government expense. Servicemen in the European theater interested in attending the retreat may contact Chaplain Albert D. Rice, Headquarters 45th Anti-aircraft Battalion.



ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAIN ACCEPTS COMMISSION IN NAVY REGULARS

Lt. jg, S. E. Linzey (center) is shown accepting his commission in the Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy, to become the first Assemblies of God chaplain to receive a commission in the Navy Regulars. Making the presentation is Colonel C. A. Laster (right), Commanding Officer of the 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, who administered the oath of acceptance. At the left is Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Schutt, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. The presentation was made on November 1, 1956.

Currently there are 19 Assemblies of God chaplains serving an estimated 28,000 servicemen from our churches.

Aftermath of War

Newsweek reports that Israel, in her lightning drive across the Sinai Peninsula, captured 5,600 Egyptian soldiers. The Egyptians captured four Israelis. Israel has embarrassed Egyptian President Nasser by offering to exchange the 5,600 Egyptians for the four Israelis. The returned prisoners would shatter Nasser's claims of major victories; but he needs the soldiers, and can ill afford to turn down the trade.

Will Colombia Remove Ban on Protestant Missions?

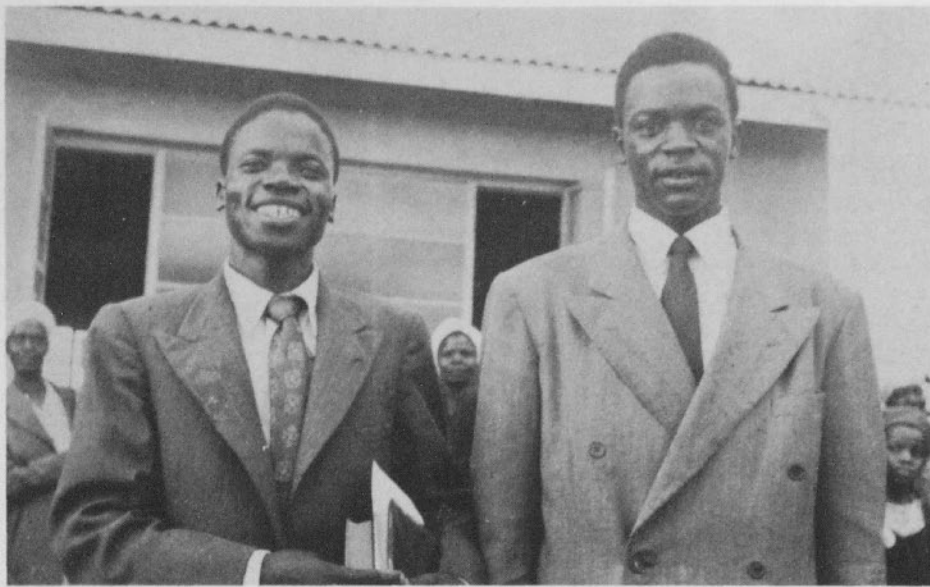
The State Department has reported that the Republic of Colombia is reconsidering an order banning a substantial area of the country to Protestant missionaries. In a letter to Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of national affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, the department also said that "since 1951 there have been numerous incidents of violence against American Protestant missionaries and the destruction of American mission property."

In 1953 the government of Colombia gave exclusive right to the Roman Catholic Church to proselytize and carry on religious and educational work in between two-thirds and three-fourths of the country. Protestant churches in those areas were forced to close.

The State Department has protested this action on numerous occasions and says that the Colombian government now "has indicated that it hopes it will be possible to re-open the closed churches in the near future."

Dr. Taylor called the statement "the strongest position yet taken by our State Department."

A State Department spokesman said that recent mail on the Colombian situation has been heavier than that received on any other international question except the Suez Canal and the Arab-Israeli crisis.



Brighton and Mordecai, graduates of the Bible Institute

First Graduating Class at Rhodesian Bible School

by H. B. GARLOCK, South Africa

Brighton and Mordecai are the first graduates of the Rhodesian Bible Institute, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, of which George Bates is principal. The steps leading to the establishment of the school are as follows:

Early in 1950 John Garlock felt led of the Lord to accept a call to become principal of the South African Bible Institute, which is now located at Brakpan in the Transvaal. The school had been started a few months before by Fred Burke and Stephen Vandermerwe in connection with the Bantu Bible School at Witbank. Mr. and Mrs. Vandermerwe were used of the Lord in raising funds for the erection of a permanent building for the school. Others who have labored on the staff of SABI include: Mr. and Mrs. Leon-

ard Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bickart, and David Newington.

South African Bible Institute has a unique record in that every graduate of the school is now engaged in full-time ministry for the Lord. Among the graduates are Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, who felt led to open a Bible School in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. George had worked for an auction house in Salisbury before going to Bible School in South Africa and was acquainted with the great need among the Bantu people in Southern Rhodesia. He and Mrs. Bates launched out in faith, and after three years of hard work and much personal sacrifice a fine building to house the Bible School has been erected in the new Seki Township.

Mrs. Garlock and I are now serving as missionaries in Nyasaland. I was asked to be the special speaker at the first graduation of the Rhodesian Bible Institute which took place on November 18, 1956.

The two fine young men who graduated from the two-year course have gone into full-time gospel ministry. Brighton is ministering in the Lochinvaar location and Mordecai is conducting services in the Highfield Village location. Both of these heavily populated villages are near Salisbury and the

people are responsive to the Pentecostal message. Other students minister in the Seki township and at villages in the Salisbury area.

The Bible School is a credit to our Assemblies of God fellowship. It represents a great deal of toil and tears. Furnishings are needed for the building and additional buildings are essential.

The Christian Assembly of Zion, Illinois, is faithfully supporting Mr. and Mrs. George Bates in their Bible School effort.

WITH CHRIST

Our missionary ranks have been depleted by the homegoing of two of God's servants.

MRS. LAWRENCE PERRAULT

Mrs. Lawrence Perrault went to be with the Lord on January 9 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrault were first appointed to foreign service in 1936 when they went to Cuba. Later they worked in a number of Latin American countries and in France. They recently returned from Cuba due to Mrs. Perrault's illness. She is survived by her husband and three sons.

EMIL CHASTAGNER

Mr. Emil Chastagner was involved in a car accident on Friday, December 28. He was taken to the hospital and died two hours later.

Mr. Chastagner was born September 27, 1882, in New York City of French Catholic parents. He served as a General Council minister for 32 years. He and his wife went to French West Africa in November of 1927 where they ministered to the Mossi tribe for sixteen years. Since returning to the United States he has done deputational work, filling speaking engagements in this country and Canada.

He is survived by his wife and four sons.

The funeral service was at Glendale, California, on December 31.



Mr. and Mrs. George Bates. Mr. Bates is principal of Rhodesian Bible Institute.



Mrs. Perrault



E. Chastagner

Outgoing Missionaries

The following missionaries have left the United States for their fields of labor:

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Bedell and children on January 4 to Hawaii.

Jeanet Wimberly on January 3 to Nigeria.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McGee to Costa Rica, where they will be studying the language before going to Nicaragua.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ahlberg to the Philippines on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston and children on January 13 to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jorgensen and children on January 4 to Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rill and family on January 2 to South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davidson and family to Jamaica.

Joseph Brown to Egypt on January 9.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Woolever and daughter to Pakistan on January 9.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Pennington and daughter on December 14 to Nigeria.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones sailed on January 5 to Bolivia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vallance Baird of Cuba are home on furlough. Their address is 1119 Regent St., Alameda, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lindvall and children returned from El Salvador on furlough. They are located at 214 Ridge Road, Pacific Grove, California.



Leslie E. Bedell family



Jeanet Wimberly



R. McGee family



Joseph Brown



Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston



Paul Davidson family



C. Woolever family



H. Pennington family



The Ahlbergs



Melvin Jorgensen family



J. E. Rill family

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Foreign Missions Department

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,517.93	N. Texas	14,062.80
Appalachian	446.19	Northwest	27,601.61
Arizona	2,514.23	Ohio	13,270.82
Arkansas	4,933.30	Oklahoma	11,148.96
Eastern	15,570.09	Oregon	13,174.72
Georgia	1,680.93	Polish Br.	14.00
German Br.	1,300.68	Potomac	8,160.92
Greek Br.	105.00	Rocky Mtn.	5,307.86
Hungarian Br.	75.00	Russian Br.	30.15
Illinois	12,063.40	S. California ..	29,680.22
Indiana	3,980.11	S. Carolina	511.04
Italian Br.	786.51	S. Dakota	1,871.62
Kansas	7,833.54	S. Florida	4,934.76
Kentucky	652.11	S. Idaho	1,127.34
Lat. Amer. Br. ...	1,382.10	S. Missouri	8,481.82
Louisiana	3,081.23	S. Texas	10,506.50
Michigan	16,442.64	Tennessee	1,848.07
Minnesota	13,878.22	Ukrainian Br. ...	14.15
Mississippi	858.51	W. Central	4,898.17
Montana	3,219.74	W. Florida	2,300.53
Nebraska	3,179.71	W. Texas	3,714.98
New England	7,575.28	Wis.-N. Mich. ...	8,779.59
New Jersey	5,665.08	Wyoming	519.62
New Mexico	4,169.67	Yugoslav. Br. ...	36.54
New York	9,338.25	Alaska	347.32
N. Calif.-Nev. ...	17,792.28	Canada	505.58
N. Carolina	877.36	Hawaii	58.40
N. Dakota	3,235.27	Foreign	164.00
		Misc.	330.00

Total Amount Reported	\$318,553.45
District Funds	\$14,727.69
Office Expense	4,786.13
National Home Missions	3,591.94
Given Direct to Missions	76,554.85
Received for Council Missionaries	\$218,882.84
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,032.21
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	71,686.82
Total Receipts	\$293,601.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$123,008.80
Missionary Equipment	40,467.41
Missionary Work	66,565.71
National Workers Abroad	8,110.48
Buildings in Foreign Lands	33,948.47
Missionary Transportation	38,003.89
	\$310,105.76
Transferred from "Hold" Accounts	16,503.89
	\$293,601.87

When Heaven Moves Into Our Homes

by RICHARD A. ELVEE

IT WAS A BLESSED DAY WHEN JESUS Christ graced a wedding feast by His presence in Cana of Galilee. Here He performed the first of His mighty miracles. Here He demonstrated His interest in the everyday living of men and women.

It was another great day when as a result of the Reformation the Bible no longer was kept chained to pulpits in churches but was read by the common man at an altar of prayer in his own living room. Someone has well said, "Environment is man's second chance." You cannot do much about the color of your hair, the shape of your face, the stride in your walk, or the inherited tendencies that you have received from your forefathers, but you certainly can do something about the environment of your home.

If a home is to experience the blessing that flows from Jesus Christ, it will be a Bible-centered home. No one can estimate the dividends that are received for time and eternity when father and mother, sons and daughters, gather around and look into this, the source book of all wisdom. Following the reading or quoting together of the Word of God by a time of prayer, in which each member of the family participates, will produce the tie that will indeed bind hearts and lives together.

Heaven moves into our homes when we read the Bible. With Christ the center of your life, kneeling at a common altar, dwelling in the Saviour's love, speaking a language all of you understand, and having the hope in your hearts of which none is ashamed—this makes for a home with harmony and peace and happiness. Plan for it. Pray for it. Prepare for it. Someone has said, "Harmony can only be obtained by establishing unity of a higher order where the original problem is not solved, but dismissed." This higher unity for the Christian home is found in the Bible. Fortunate is that home where father and mother and children

can kneel before an undivided altar and dismiss their problems in the presence of a loving, prayer-hearing God "with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning" (James 1:17, RV).

A BIBLE-READING HOME IS AN INTELLIGENT HOME

Bible reading in your home will help you to live intelligently. "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (Proverbs 2:10, 11).

Man seems to know more today about everything else than he does about himself. Without doubt the greatest art is the art of living, and the application of a little Biblical intelligence in the average home would transform it from a dog-house to a palace. The Bible is the source book of spiritual power. It will help you to fight against any force of evil, habit, carelessness or negligence that would separate you in spirit and in love. This Biblically intelligent living would make a home that allows for the free play of affections between father and mother and parents and children, a home which will be full of kind deeds, a home which constantly will have gentle and affectionate words and speeches. "Tis a kindly word that's quickly spoken which being restrained a heart is broken."

A BIBLE-READING HOME IS A JOYFUL HOME

With the Bible as the center of your home, you will live joyfully. In Proverbs 5, we read, "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth, and be thou ravished always with her love." And again, Ecclesiastes tells us, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, for that is thy portion in this life and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun." There is no book which sends forth such



—H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

streams of joy to the human heart as the Bible. The reality of this experience will bring joyful living to the home. It has its affect upon our tempers and our speech, and this in turn will affect those who live with us.

The attitudes of others are many times the reflection of our own. I think of that little boy standing on the edge of the woods shouting, "Hello," and a voice returned, "Hello." Then he shouted, "Who are you?" and the voice returned, "Who are you?" Then he said, "Why don't you come out?" and the voice returned, "Come out." Finally he grew somewhat angry with the voice out of the woods and said, "I'll fight you." The voice returned, "Fight you." He ran home and told his mother about the mean boy in the woods, and his mother suggested that perhaps he should stand at the edge of the woods and say, "I love you." This he did, and the response came back from the voice in the woods, "I love you."

A BIBLE-READING HOME IS A RIGHTEOUS HOME

The Bible in your home will cause you to live righteously. Even old age can be faced with joy when one realizes that, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of

righteousness." Yes, gray hairs may come as they have to grandpa or grandma sitting around the dining table; but how blessed it is to know that old or young, the Bible causes us to live righteously. The Psalmist has said, "These that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing."

When I was a boy, we sang the Psalms, and one psalm I shall never forget:

*"Blest the man that fears Jehovah,
Walking ever in His ways;
By thy toil thou shalt be prospered,
And be happy all thy days.*

*"In thy wife thou shalt have gladness—
She shall fill thy house with good,
Happy in her loving service,
And the joys of motherhood.*

*"Joyful children, sons and daughters,
Shall about thy table meet,
Olive plants, in strength and beauty
Full of hope and promise sweet."*

For Junior Readers —

Fill Them In

Can you complete the following Bible verses by filling in the blanks? Each dash represents one letter.

- "Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the _____ of heaven."
- "Blessed are the meek: for they shall _____ the _____"
- "Blessed are they which do hunger and _____ after _____: for they shall be filled."
- "_____ are the merciful: for they shall obtain _____."
- "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the _____ of _____"
- "Blessed are _____ which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the _____ of _____"
- "Blessed are _____, when men shall _____ you, and _____ you, and shall say all manner of _____ against you _____ for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding _____: for great is your _____ in _____"

These verses are taken from the Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5:3-12.

1. POOR, KINGDOM (v. 3); 2. IN-HERIT, EARTH (v. 5); 3. THIRST, RIGHTEOUSNESS (v. 6); 4. BLESSED, MERCY (v. 7); 5. CHILDREN, GOD (v. 9); 6. THEY, KINGDOM, HEAVEN (v. 10); 7. YE, REVILE, PERSECUTE, EVIL, FALSELY, GLAD, REWARD, HEAVEN (vv. 11, 12).

ANSWERS:



Our Family Altar

Monday, February 11

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25:1-10

TODAY'S GEM: "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation" (Psa. 25:5).

FOR THE PARENT: These verses emphasize that God is our guide at all times. Point out (1) He is a guide in whom we can trust; (2) we need to ask Him for guidance; (3) through His mercy He will forgive our sins; (4) meekness is important on our part (v. 9).

QUESTION TIME: What promise is here given to those who wait on the Lord? (v. 3) What are the "paths of the Lord"? (v. 10) What promise does verse 9 give to the meek? To whom are God's paths "mercy and truth"? (v. 10)

Thursday, February 14

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:30-44

TODAY'S GEM: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger" (John 6:35).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, Our Royal Provider" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this story, point out (1) the need for physical rest; (2) Christ's compassion on the people; (3) His ability to provide for both their physical and spiritual needs.

QUESTION TIME: How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fishes? (v. 44) How much was left over? (v. 43) What lesson did Jesus teach through this miracle? (John 6:35)

PRAY for compassion for others.

Tuesday, February 12

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25:11-22

TODAY'S GEM: "For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great" (v. 11).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage stresses the importance of a right relationship with God and the benefits of it. Some of these benefits are (1) pardon from sin, v. 11; (2) guidance, v. 12; (3) security, v. 13; (4) revelation of God's love and mercy, v. 14; (5) deliverance in time of trouble, vv. 16-20.

QUESTION TIME: On what grounds does the Psalmist ask God to forgive his sins? (v. 11) Why do you think he does this? (Phil. 2:9-11) What promises are made to those who fear the Lord? (vv. 12, 14)

Friday, February 15

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 4:29-34; 10:1-9 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise" (1 Kings 8:56).

FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of Solomon's wise request (1 Kings 3:5-14). Then point out how God granted the request, making Solomon the wisest man who ever lived. Stress that God is faithful to His word and will keep His promises to us. Also re-emphasize the importance of making wise choices.

QUESTION TIME: Why did the Queen of Sheba come to visit Solomon? (10:1) What was her reaction to her visit? (10:7-9)

Wednesday, February 13

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 26

TODAY'S GEM: "In the congregations will I bless the Lord" (Psa. 26:12).

FOR THE PARENT: Part of a Christian's life depends on God; the rest depends on the Christian and his obedience to God. In this psalm David recounts his obedience to God. Point out the various things he did or did not do, stressing the purpose of his obedience (v. 7). Also emphasize his love for God's house (v. 8) and his worship (v. 12).

QUESTION TIME: What was David's purpose in doing right and not doing evil? (v. 7) How did he feel about God's house? (v. 8) How should we treat the house of God today?

Saturday, February 16

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37:1-36 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "Thou shalt not hate" (Lev. 19:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Hatred and envy caused much difficulty in the family of Jacob. Point out some of this difficulty, showing how it resulted in ten brothers selling their younger brother as a slave. We need the love of Christ in us to drive out all hatred and envy.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Joseph's brothers hate him? (v. 8) What did they first decide to do to him? (v. 19) What did they finally do to him? (v. 28) What does the New Testament teach concerning hating our brothers? (1 John 3:15)



"Door in the East"

A Report on Our Work Among the Navajos

by ELVA JOHNSON



Our first church at Indian Wells, Arizona. The sign over the door says: "YAH-TA, First Assembly of God." (A new church has been built since.)

A NAVAJO HOGAN MAY BE A CIRCULAR stone dwelling with a roof of "cribbing," or it may be a four-legged house with a flat roof all covered with earth. It may be a circular log house, or even a square one—but whatever its style, its door is in the east. And around that humble door revolves a good deal of the life of the Navajo family.

Near the door the mother sets up her loom and weaves beautiful rugs from a pattern which is only in her mind. No two rugs will ever be alike, nor will the pattern be quite perfect, for that would not be well in her sight. The tiny girl who plays nearby will soon be taught the art of weaving also, so that it may be retained in the tribe from one generation to another.

Not far from the low door in the east of the hogan a silversmith may be fashioning his jewelry and concho belts, remembering the designs the trader will like the best. Tomorrow, or next week, he will hitch up his horses and drive, perhaps in a covered wagon, over the hills to the trading post where he will dicker with the white man for flour and coffee, with the jewelry and rugs as a medium of exchange.

Somewhere near the hogan is the corral where each night the sheep are sheltered until the rising sun steals in through the door in the east to call a woman or a child to the task of herding them for another day.

One sad day a member of the family, sick unto death, will be carried through the door that opens toward the rising sun, to die nearby, perhaps under a juniper bush. He must not die inside

the hogan, or it cannot be used any more for habitation as it will become a "chindee" hogan (possessed by an evil spirit). But if he does die there, his family will pull some logs from the back of the hogan as a sign that it is "chindee," gather their few belongings, and go somewhere else to live.

Strange customs to us, perhaps, but the Navajos have lived in this fashion for generations on the vast reservation lands in the Southwest.

Our missionaries have gone through the door in the east of many a humble hogan with the message of life. Inside they have found hearts that are hungry and reaching out for the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Many times they have found poverty, too, for the Navajos have long since over-grazed their 25,000 square miles of plateaus, canyons, mesas, and sandy washes. There

LEFT: A Navajo father and mother in their hogan of peeled logs, with three of their eleven children. The baby is on a cradle board, and goat

and sheep skins are seen on the hard dirt floor. RIGHT: Navajo sand painters, who play an important part in the strange religion.



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Santa Fe Rail

may be only a crude oil drum stove in the center of the hogan for furniture. The family will sleep on sheepskins or blankets on the floor of the hogan. This same floor, covered with newspapers which advertise luxuries the Navajo may never know, will double for a table during the day.

Tuberculosis is the dread scourge of the Navajo—causing fifteen times as many deaths among them proportionately as in the entire U.S.A. Other diseases, many of them caused by chronic malnutrition, plague this people of the desert.

If a Navajo Christian becomes ill, the missionary may be called to pray and God's healing power is often manifested in a wonderful way. One Indian lady who was very sick traveled several miles in the hot desert sun to reach our missionaries. And God rewarded her faith and healed her. Another of our missionaries reported that the wives of two different Medicine Men were healed in their visitation work among the camps.

But there are still many, many Navajos in the darkness of superstition and fear of evil spirits. These often turn to the Medicine Man for advice and help. He may prescribe a particular sand painting, known only to him. If so, he will take his little bundle of the paraphernalia of his craft, and go to the hogan of the sick one.

He takes an assortment of colored sand stone which is already pulverized, or will be ground as it is needed.

Everything is moved out of the hogan and the dirt floor smoothed in preparation for the ritual. Then the sand painting is begun. When it is finished, perhaps several hours later, the sick one is brought in and seated in the center of the painting.

There is chanting, and perhaps some sand is sprinkled ceremoniously over the body of the sufferer who sits in hopeful submission to whatever the Medicine Man feels is necessary for his healing. When the ceremony is over, the sand painting is completely obliterated. It must not remain after sundown, or it will be ineffective.

It is to these people who "wait for light, but behold obscurity" that our missionaries have gone. Protestant missionaries have, in fact, gone among the Navajos for years, but they are so scattered that it is difficult to reach them all. Assemblies of God home missionaries who minister chiefly to the Navajos are Helen Burgess and Arlene Wilkins, of Bita-Hochee Trading Post, Indian Wells, Arizona; H. Eloise Jackson of Grants, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson at Tuba City, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith of Gallup, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at Shiprock, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wolverton, who began a work at Shonto Trading Post, Tonalea, Arizona; Beulah Bills, near Chambers, Arizona; and June Pearson and Bonnie White, at Winslow, Arizona.

The American Bible Society has

recently produced the New Testament in the Navajo language. This is an important milestone in bringing the gospel to the tribe, since about two-thirds of the more than 75,000 neither speak nor understand English very well. It has been exceptionally difficult to reduce the language to writing because of various modes of grammar and spelling. Our missionaries appreciate this work on the part of the American Bible Society, and they feel sure it will help to stabilize the Navajos in the Christian faith. Hymn books in the Navajo language, made available by the Wycliffe Translators, are used in services held by our missionaries.

The language barrier has made it necessary for many of the services to be conducted with the help of an interpreter, and God has been faithful to provide capable interpreters in several of our Navajo churches.

By praying you can be a partner in this ministry among the largest Indian tribe in America today. Your offerings will help our missionaries to continue their work among the people whose door is in the east toward the rising sun, but who do not yet know the Sun of Righteousness. You may designate your offering for one of the workers mentioned in this article, or for INDIAN WORK, and send it to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

LEFT: A Navajo silversmith at work in his hogan. RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and family, Shiprock, New Mexico. Brother Lee is a

Navajo minister to his own people. Since he received training at Central Bible Institute he has labored faithfully to lead them to Christ.



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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, OUR ROYAL PROVIDER

Sunday School Lesson for February 17, 1957

MARK 6:30-44

AN EARNED REST (vv. 30-32)

Telling Christ "all things" (v. 30). Twelve enthusiastic disciples had just completed a successful tour of evangelism. They had healed the sick. Even the demons had been subject to them! (See Mark 6:7-13.) Now they had returned to tell Jesus all about it. That is still a wise thing to do. We need to tell Him about our problems, our trials, our needs. We would do well to rehearse before Him all our activities. And surely we must confess our sins and failures. We have a Great High Priest who bids us come boldly to Him and assures us of needed mercy and grace!

The Need For Rest (v. 31). Was it a selfish and foolish thing for Christ and the twelve to withdraw themselves from so many people who needed their help? On the contrary, it was a mark of the truest wisdom and the purest concern for the multitudes! Christ and the disciples were physically weary after strenuous ministry. The disciples needed to regain their spiritual equilibrium, lest they become puffed up over their recent successes. They also needed time alone with Christ to receive a fresh infilling of spiritual power for further service.

Today we live in an age of speed. There are "many coming and going." Life is complex. Its demands are strenuous. We need the quiet hour alone with God more than ever! Let us not deceive ourselves. More time alone with God would mean less nervous breakdowns, less fruitless service. It is still "they that wait upon the Lord" who "shall renew their strength!"

A PRESSING NEED (vv. 33-38)

The Compassion of Christ. Christ's fame and popularity at this stage in His ministry were so great that it was very difficult for Him to gain any seclusion. On this occasion the people saw Him boarding the little vessel with His disciples, noted its direction, and began to follow on land, knowing where He was headed. The crowd grew as it progressed, so that by the time Christ landed on shore he found Himself surrounded by thousands. Notice His reaction! He was "moved with compassion toward them." Instead of thinking of Himself and His need of rest, He saw the spiritual helplessness and need of the multitude and began at once to minister to them!

Christ's compassion is further revealed by His concern for the material need of the multitude. It was their physical hunger which became the occasion of what is perhaps His greatest and most dramatic miracle! Here again is a lesson for us. It is a false spirituality which ignores or belittles the importance of bodily needs. We ought to be as practical as Jesus was. Deeds of common kindness

which minister to a man's physical need, form a fine introduction for presenting spiritual truth.

THE COMMANDS OF CHRIST (vv. 39-44)

The inadequacy of human resources is well illustrated here. There were more than five thousand people present and hardly food enough for more than one. So judged the disciples. But they made the same mistakes we often do. They looked at the great need and left God out of their reckoning. Speaking of the loaves and fishes Philip said, "What are they among so many?" But—

Little is much when blessed by Christ. Instead of bemoaning talents we do not possess, let us place those we do have at God's disposal. Again and again the Scriptures show that very insignificant acts and instruments have been used of God in amazing and far-reaching spiritual results.

"And he commanded them to make all sit down." Christ intended to feed the multitude, but first they must sit down. In a world characterized by feverish haste, the Christian must likewise "sit down"—get quiet and still to feed upon Christ and His Word. We cannot be spiritually strong if we try to exist on "spiritual snacks" grabbed while we are on the run!

"Give ye them to eat." Jesus took the loaves and fishes, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the multitude. Great as the miracle was, Christ needed help in making the bread available to the multitude. Behold the privilege of discipleship! Every Christian may be used of Christ to bring spiritual blessing to others. "Without me ye can do nothing," Jesus said. Might He not have added, "Without YOU I can do nothing"? He is depending on us! —J. Bashford Bishop

EVERY NEED SUPPLIED



BUT MY GOD SHALL
SUPPLY ALL YOUR
NEED ACCORDING
TO HIS RICHES IN
GLORY BY CHRIST
JESUS. PHIL. 4:19



Reaping at Last!

by **WILSON A. KATTER**

Minnesota District Secretary

I DON'T KNOW WHY MY BOYS SHOULD attend your Sunday School—or any other, for that matter!" That was George's reaction when I asked permission to take his two youngest sons to our Sunday School. I realized that here was a man not easily convinced. But here also was a challenge—a family that needed Christ desperately.

They lived in a very humble home on the edge of Minneapolis. The two-room house needed paint. Its interior was simplicity itself—a scant partition with the studdings exposed; a wood stove; smoked-up ceiling; half-filled water pails.

As I saw the conditions under which this family lived, I thought: "If only this man would come in contact with God and let the Lord bless him spiritually and materially!" I prayed that I might be able to lead him to Christ, regardless of how much time it might take.

I knew it would take time. I went back again and again. Those repeated visits helped break down barriers. George sensed that we really were interested in helping his boys—that we weren't just doing a job. The boys themselves coaxed and begged, until finally their father consented. That was how George Jr. and Richard began to attend our services. Occasionally their mother came with them. But not the father.

For a year we hauled those boys the two-and-a-half miles to our Sunday School and then home again. There was no noticeable change in the father, however. If we wished to take his children to Sunday School, and if they wished to go, that was fine. But he let us know that we need not expect him to *bring* his sons or to come himself. It was discouraging, but we kept praying.

The following summer we held a Vacation Bible School. The boys liked Sunday School so well, they wanted

to attend VBS too. One day, when the invitation to accept Christ was given, George Jr. came to the altar. There he repented of his sins and found real salvation. He arose from his knees with the glory of God lighting his face.

How would George Sr. feel about his son's conversion? We wondered. It wasn't long, however, until we heard that George Jr. had been transferred by his father to another public school, away from the influence of godly friends. George felt his son was getting too religious. It seemed we were fighting a losing battle. Would such a man ever yield to God?

George Jr. was interested in athletics and went out for football. In a practice session there was a real skirmish; in their enthusiasm the boys were all piled up. But someone didn't move when they unplied—it was George Jr. His teammates carried him off the field thinking his injury was not serious. In twenty-four hours, George Jr. was dead.

I was called to conduct the funeral. How glad I was to know that the boy had previously made his peace with God. We knew that it had paid to spend time and effort in reaching the children of delinquent parents.

George was all broken up over the death of his son. Perhaps this was God's way of getting hold of his heart. But. . . .

Months passed without further word from the family. We wondered what it would take to bring George to God. Then, after two years, I was called to the home of one of his married daughters who was seriously ill. Upon entering the home I saw her—haggard, looking ten years older than her real age. Sin had exacted its terrible price.

I spoke to her of God who is "plentiful in mercy." She confessed her many sins and accepted Christ. A few days later her soul went to be with her Redeemer.

Another funeral; more tears. But still George wouldn't yield to God. Perhaps nothing could ever touch his heart.

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Three years later I was called to visit the hospital. I was told that George wanted to see me.

As I entered the ward I heard a weak voice call, "I'm over here, Pastor." I hurried to his side, hardly recognizing him as the man I once knew. He looked up faintly and said, "You win."

We read God's Word together. Faith entered his heart as he prayed the sinner's prayer and made his peace with Christ. It wasn't I who had won—it was God!

Less than two weeks later George died. One of his married daughters approached me at the grave and said, "I thought you would like to know this. I spent the last days with Dad, and although others may not understand this, I want you to know he was a changed man." I thought, "Yes, if any man be in Christ, he *is* a new creation."

Casually looking over George's obituary, I noticed something that startled me: "A member of the City of Lakes Church." Why, George had never been inside our church. Yet, by the grace of God, he was a church member—a member of the true church, the body of born-again believers. Since God had accepted him, we certainly wouldn't turn him down!

Then I thought back over those anxious years of waiting and interceding. I considered the extra time spent taking the boys to and from church—time that I could have easily spent in other ways. I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving. Our efforts and prayers had not been in vain. The time of reaping had come. All was well.

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TWO
MORE WEEKS TILL
FEBRUARY 24
NATIONAL WMC DAY
"The love of Christ
constraineth us."
2 Corinthians 5:14

ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE IN OTHER LANDS LISTEN TO REVIVALTIME

THE MISSIONARY PHASE OF THE REVIVALTIME ministry is to reach the English-speaking peoples around the world. From twelve strategically-placed radio stations outside the United States, the glorious Full Gospel continues to find its way into thousands of English-speaking homes in foreign lands.

Listeners from many countries have written in response to the broadcast, and we wish to share with you their words of appreciation.

LIMA, PERU—

"We listen to your radio program every Sunday morning, and it is a great blessing to us. I am sending a small offering to your radio broadcast. Instead of this \$5.00, I wish it could be \$500.00. We will be praying for you while you work winning souls for our Master."

GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND—

"I was listening to your broadcast over station 2XM Gisborne last evening and heard your sermon on TRUTH. I do praise God for the wonderful message. Many people here in Gisborne, whom I come in contact with, do listen

to your broadcast and are helped very much spiritually."

SAINT CLAUDE de DIRAY, FRANCE—

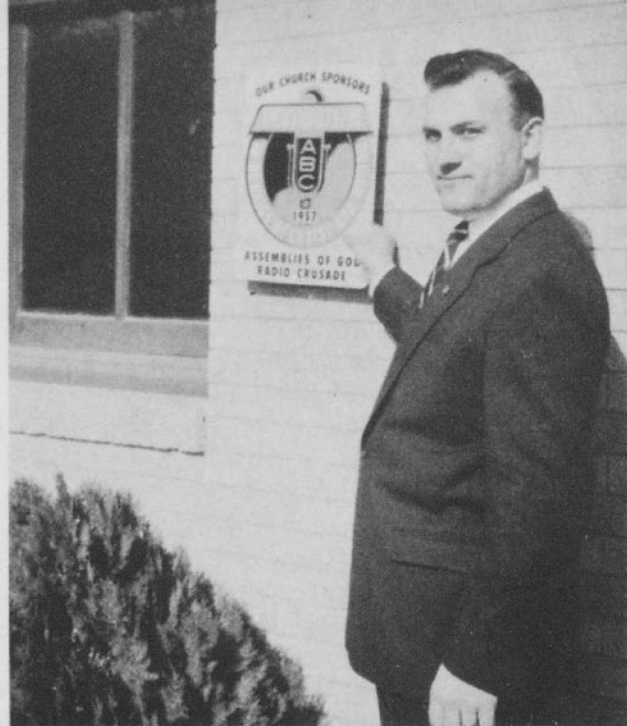
"I have a great pleasure to hear you preaching the Full Gospel of salvation and I pray our dear Lord to keep you a perfect instrument of His glory to bring sinners into repentance. I am an old Pentecostal Christian, converted while in the United States in 1915 during the pastorate of Brother R. Craig of San Francisco."

TALISAY, BATANGS, PHILIPPINES—

"I listened to your broadcast of last Sunday night and heard your advice about your prophetic bulletin on the current trouble in the Middle East. I have studied Bible prophecies since 1935 but I certainly need your help. May the Lord bless your ministry in bringing more and more sinners to repentance before Armageddon."

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—

"I am a member of the Belgian Gospel Mission where I accepted the Lord



PASTOR RECEIVES NEW REVIVALTIME SIGN—

Paul Palser, pastor of the First Assembly in Springhill, La., has received his new Revivaltime sign. He writes: "Our co-operation and support toward Revivaltime has evolved from three basic ideas: (1) By supporting Revivaltime we are helping to publish the good news that Jesus saves. (2) By supporting Revivaltime we join in a great effort that can only be possible through united action. (3) By hanging the sign on the front of our church we know that God will send the hungry hearts who listen to Revivaltime into our church. We are proud of the broadcast. Each time I hear it I feel like singing, 'I'm so glad that I can say I'm one of them.'"

as my personal Saviour, and where I received water baptism. I want to tell you that I believe in the soon coming of the Lord. Will you excuse me for addressing you in French? I understand very well the English, but I do not possess the language sufficiently to express myself correctly in writing."

CURACAO, WEST INDIES—

"I am a regular listener to your messages on Sunday morning. Truly they bring real spiritual blessings and inspiration to my soul. With such I am able to go through the week with perfect victory. I do pray that God will continue to bless and prosper your inspiring ministry."

HALLEIN, AUSTRIA—

"Recently we discovered your broadcast and have been so delighted to hear it. We have been tuning in for several weeks now and your program has become a wonderful blessing to us so far away from home. We are serving here in Austria with the Slavic Gospel Association."

REVIVALTIME Giving



TOP TEN DISTRICTS IN 1956

The Northwest District and the New York District have captured top honors in Revivaltime giving, for the second consecutive year. These two Districts are to be commended for their outstanding achievement in supporting the radio ministry.

At year's end, the top ten districts in each category were as follows:

TOTAL GIVING		AVERAGE PER CHURCH	
1. Northwest	\$18,869.82	1. New York	\$128.53
2. Eastern	17,337.65	2. New England	109.08
3. New York	16,709.40	3. Ohio	91.85
4. S. California	16,655.37	4. Wisconsin-N. Mich.	84.22
5. Ohio	15,798.27	5. New Jersey	83.77
6. Illinois	12,530.52	6. Eastern	78.80
7. S. Missouri	12,284.59	7. Northwest	72.86
8. Wisconsin-N. Mich.	11,286.11	8. Nebraska	70.20
9. New England	10,799.25	9. Illinois	65.26
10. N. California-Nevada	10,540.55	10. Minnesota	61.61

SCHEOENINGEN, HOLLAND—

"Very impressed by your radio speeches. Would be very pleased in receiving a copy of your new book. God bless you and your work, and also all the other witnesses of the Gospel."

BASEL, SWITZERLAND—

"I thank you once again very much for the latest booklet 'Cyprus Points to Christ.' I am only learning the English language, but my father can help me to translate your book. Thank God also for your broadcasts. We can hear you every week; and though I cannot understand yet every word, I am all the

same blessed, especially by your wonderful songs."

KARAT, THAILAND—

"I heard your broadcast last night and you offered your book entitled 'Isaac' to your radio audience. Since my letter may take longer to reach you than some, I may be too late; but if you still have any on hand, I would appreciate having a copy. I am very interested in prophecy and want to teach more of it, but I feel my knowledge is somewhat limited. I am a missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I enjoy your broadcasts

and pray that God shall save souls."

YOUR SUPPORT in contributions and prayers has helped to take REVIVALTIME's message to thousands around the world. Please continue to stand with us in this end-time radio ministry. We shall be looking for your letter of encouragement this week, so that REVIVALTIME shall continue to be released and many more will hear the wondrous story of Redemption before our Lord returns.

REVIVALTIME

Box 70, Springfield 1, Missouri

Radio News Flash!

The following changes have been made on the REVIVALTIME radio log:

NEW STATIONS ADDED

- RIDGECREST, CALIF. (KRKS)
1240 Kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 2:30 p.m. (Contact cleared
through Kenneth Yates.)
- MEMPHIS, TENN. (WHBQ)
560 Kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 10:30 p.m. (Contact cleared
through Floyd Jones.)
- OPP, ALA. (WAMI)
860 Kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 1:30 p.m. (Contact cleared
through C. C. Hidle.)
- BATON ROUGE, LA. (WAFB)
1460 Kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 11:20 p.m.
- LAS VEGAS, NEV. (KLAS)
1230 Kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m. (Contact cleared
through Katherine Smith.)
- HOPE, ARK. (KXAR)
1490 Kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 3:00 p.m. (Contact cleared
through W. C. Land.)
- SPOKANE, WASH. (KNEW)
790 Kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 10:00 p.m. (Contact cleared
through Ingvald Henriksen.)
- PORTLAND, OREG. (KGW)
620 Kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m. (Contact cleared
through ABC.)

STATIONS REINSTATED

- GLENS FALLS, N.Y. (WWSC)
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- ST. ALBANS, W. VA. (WKLC)
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

TIME CHANGES

- MAYSVILLE, KY. (WFTM)
Now heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays
- TUPELO, MISS. (WTUP)
Now heard at 11:30 a.m. Saturdays

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY



SIXTH ANNUAL WMC DAY—FEBRUARY 24

Theme: **"LIGHTEN THE LOAD"**

"And They Came, Both Men and Women . . .

- A Special Missionary Day—Observed Nationwide
- Features WMC Members—Attended by Everyone
- Invite Your Friends to a Blessed and Unique Service

. . . As Many As Were Willing Hearted . . .

- Willing Hearted to Go the Extra Mile
- Willing Hearted to Sacrifice for Others
- Willing Hearted to Serve Wherever Needed

**. . . Every Man That Offered, Offered an
Offering of Gold Unto the Lord." (Ex. 35:22)**

- Everyone Is Invited to Share in the blessings of the day and to help lighten the load by giving, thus strengthening WMC service to world missions.

For Missionary Credit Send the Offering to—

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Springfield 1, Missouri

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(Ex. 35:22)



God always has His Nehemiahs, and their wives and sisters, who have dared to say, "We . . . will arise and build."

Alabama WMC's Sponsor New Church

by MILDRED SMULAND

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH in Vernon, Alabama, is symbolic of the kind of faith that possessed Nehemiah when he said, "The God of heaven, He will prosper us; THEREFORE we, His servants, will arise and build." It is also typical of the work of the Women's Missionary Council, dedicated to the task of helping the present-day Nehemiahs build for God.

Vernon, Alabama, is a small town. It represents thousands of towns and cities in our fair land that wait for the gospel message and challenge the consecration of any who seek a place of ministry.

A small group of Christians in Vernon began to pray. Then they built a brush arbor and prayed some more—prayed that God would save souls in Vernon, and that He would send them a preacher. In answer to their prayers there began a chain of events that culminated in the dedication of a new church within eight months.

It was at the 1955 Alabama District Council in the month of June that Mrs. Erie Penton, a home missions worker



Congregation in Vernon Assembly of God during revival

and one of our ordained ministers, talked with Presbyterian O. M. Dykes about unevangelized towns in the Tuscaloosa section. As they discussed several places, Mrs. Penton was impressed with the need at Vernon, and the Holy Spirit whispered, "You can go." From that day her burden for Vernon increased, and she longed to go there.

The following month Mrs. Penton attended a meeting where she had the opportunity to talk with her District Superintendent, T. H. Spence. To him she confided her desire concerning a pioneer work at Vernon. He promised to make investigation and contact her again.

While God was speaking to His chosen messenger, He was also preparing a channel through which to provide financial support. The Alabama Women's Missionary Council was ready to sponsor a pioneer church. "We have three hundred dollars in the treasury," said Mrs. Noles, at that time the District WMC President, "and I will con-

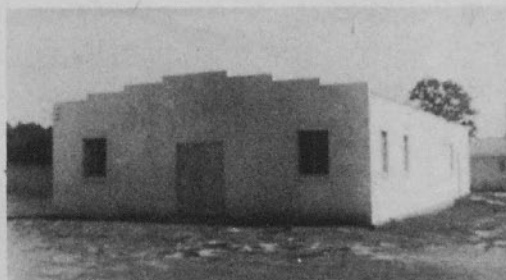
sult the rest of the committee about sponsoring Vernon." Three hundred dollars to build a church? Yes, three hundred consecrated dollars and faith to believe that "The God of heaven, HE will prosper us."

Mrs. Penton did not have long to wait. In August Brother Spence wrote her that the Women's Missionary Council had decided on Vernon as their home missions project and that she had been chosen as their worker.

A large lot was purchased by the Women's Missionary Council is a very good location for eight hundred dollars, the three hundred serving as down payment. Plans were drawn up for a concrete block building 34 feet by 70 to accommodate the auditorium, five Sunday School rooms, and rest rooms.

On August 22 Mrs. Penton arrived in Vernon. Immediately she began visiting the people, and their friendliness was heart-warming. Some of them gave contributions, which amounted to \$285.15.

A very kind businessman, a Meth-



Vernon Assembly of God



Adult Sunday School Class



Mrs. Erie Penton, Pastor

odist, offered to furnish materials at cost. This generosity stretched the \$285.15 enough to purchase materials for the foundation and bring construction up to the floor level.

Brother Spence wrote to G. F. Lewis, Executive Director of the National Home Missions Department, requesting help. A loan was promised. In the meantime a one-thousand-dollar gift appeared, sufficient to continue construction to the window level. It was thrilling to see God make a way from one "level" to the next. The Home Missions loan of \$1,000 was received in time to keep the walls rising higher, and, says Mrs. Penton, "This got our building up, ready for the roof."

"We cannot stop here," declared Mr. Falkner, the dealer, and suggested that he continue supplying materials for the completion of the building so that services could begin. With the approval of Brother Spence the building proceeded, and on February 28, 1956, the Vernon Assembly of God was host to the Sectional Spring Council. On that day the church was dedicated. It is not difficult to imagine the joy of that occasion when the people of Vernon who had prayed, the Women's Missionary Council, the district officials, and other friends all joined in praise to God for what He had wrought in a few short months.

"The day following the dedication," writes Mrs. Penton, "I went to see Mr. Falkner to find out just how much the bill was. The amount was \$2,000, but instead of showing any concern over when it would be paid Mr. Falkner handed me a one-hundred-dollar credit slip on which to draw for materials for interior decorating. This, after he had already given us a personal cash gift of \$25!

"We have nice pews, pulpit, gas heating system, and a good used piano, for which we are very grateful. Best of all, several have been saved. Our assembly is the first Full Gospel church in this area. In fact, there are only seven Assemblies of God churches in this entire section, and all of these are in their infancy. Pray with us for a mighty revival."

"So the wall was finished . . ." (Nehemiah 6:15). Vernon, Alabama, has a building for its Assemblies of God church. And in this project the Alabama WMC's represent their sisters all over the land who seek to help in every area of World Missions.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Can a person receive the Holy Spirit who has not been baptized in water?

Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). The scriptural way is to be baptized in water first. We find, however, that Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit before they were baptized in water (Acts 10:33-48).

* * *

I was baptized some years ago, and then got away from the Lord. Now that I have come back to God, is it necessary for me to be baptized again?

This is a matter of conscience. I would advise you to do that which gives you comfort of conscience, since baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21).

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Ought a person who has had a black past continue to live where everyone knows of that past, or should such a person move to a location where the past is not known?

For a person to continue to live where he has been wicked and there to let his light shine would be a wonderful testimony for the Lord. When Jesus delivered the man of Gadara who had been demon-possessed He said to him, "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee" (Luke 8:39).

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How is the money of the church to be handled?

This must be determined by the church. Usually there are church officers who keep a careful record of the money contributed, and who give an account to the church concerning its disbursement.

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Could not Luke 14:28-30 be applied to building a church?

It could be so applied, but if the church has voted to build and afterwards has found that it has taken on too large a load, its members still ought to work together to see the work finished. Men in business make mis-

takes, some of which mean heavy losses. But they do not live in their mistakes. They seek to overcome the mistakes through facing life and pressing forward to success.

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What did Paul mean when he said, "When we are gathered together and my spirit, . . ."? (1 Corinthians 5:4)

When he spoke of being with the church in spirit, I take it to mean that the church had his entire approval and support in dealing with the unfaithful believer.

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In 2 Corinthians 2:10 Paul said, "To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also." Did he have the power to forgive sin?

Paul showed in this verse that when the church had dealt with the offender and then decided to show forgiveness, Paul also would forgive. It is a continuance of the thought in 1 Corinthians 5:4, showing that he would be with them in spirit; that is, they would have his inward approval.

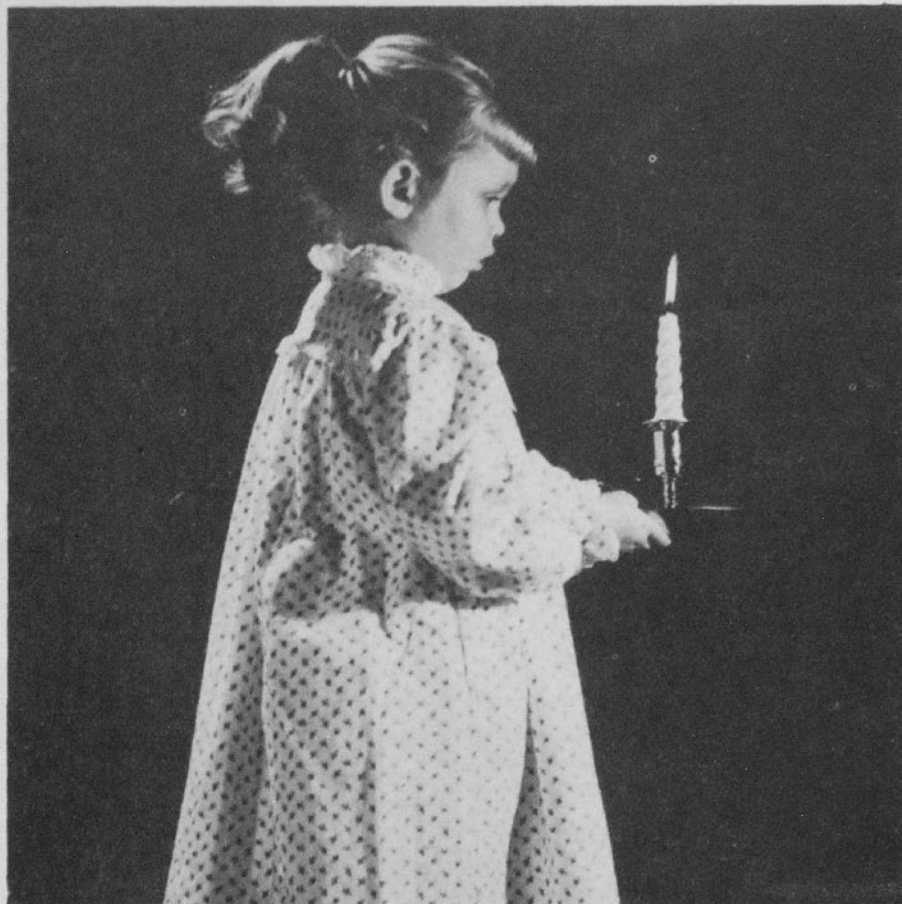
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Please explain to us what constitutes blasphemy against the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said it was blasphemy against the Holy Ghost to attribute to Satan the miracles which He performed (Matthew 12:31). It is indicated in Hebrews 6:4-6 that to renounce the Christian faith after receiving its manifold blessings would be to sin against the Holy Ghost. This was a warning against apostasy, or denial of the faith.

Jesus could speak positively concerning what constituted blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, since He had perfect knowledge. We are so human, thus so lacking in knowledge, that it is well for us to leave with God to judge as to who may have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit.

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.



—H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

"Jesus Bids Us Shine..."

by HONORE OSBERG

IN THE DARK DAYS OF THE REFORMATION, two godly men stood watching helplessly as flames leaped up about their feet. They had been honored with the sentence of martyrdom for their faith in Christ. One of them was the heroic Hugh Latimer. As he was dying at the stake, he turned to his fellow-martyr, Nicholas Ridley, and exclaimed, "We shall this day light such a candle in England, by God's grace, as I trust shall never be put out."

Their holy zeal still shines through the fog of this world's sin, pointing the way of truth and righteousness. The radiance of a life that reflects the glory of Christ and His saving power shall never fade away.

Noah's life shines out of the pages of God's Word as a man of faith and righteousness. In a day that was dark with wickedness, he refused to compromise with the vice of his generation. The Bible says, "Noah was a

just man, and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." He dared to stand for the right when everything was wrong. "The wickedness of man was great on the earth . . . (and) the earth also was corrupt before God" (Genesis 6:5-11). But Noah's faith kept an entire world from being blotted out completely.

Charles Spurgeon told of another man whose life shone brightly even after his death. His name was William Marsh. Dr. Marsh spent an hour in the presence of an Afghan. It was only an hour, but the Afghan saw the glory of Christ shining out of Marsh's face in such a way that his dark heathen heart was stirred. When he heard that Dr. Marsh had gone to heaven, this Afghan said: "His religion shall now be my religion. His God shall be my God. I must go where he is, and see his face again."

ANOTHER LIFE THAT GAVE A GLOWING testimony for Christ was that of Helen

"... in this world of darkness
so we must shine,
You in your small corner
and I in mine."

Ewing, of Glasgow, Scotland. She did not live long—only twenty-two years—but her light shone so brightly that long after she died the very mention of her name had power to move men to a sense of God's holiness.

"She had no outstanding personality," James Stewart has written about her. "She never wrote a book, nor composed a hymn. She was not a preacher, and never traveled more than two hundred miles from home. But when she died, people wrote about her life story."

Helen Ewing intended to be a missionary in eastern Europe. For this reason she mastered the Russian language. However, she never reached eastern Europe. The Lord took her to heaven at an early age, but not before the impression of her holy life had made a deep mark upon all who knew her.

Wherever she went on the campus of Glasgow University, Helen Ewing left a glow of heaven behind her. If students were telling smutty stories they paused and became strangely silent when she approached. Her very presence in a prayer meeting brought a sense of God's mighty power in the midst. Every morning she arose at five o'clock to commune with her Lord through Bible-reading and prayer. In one of her diaries three hundred missionaries were listed, for whom she prayed. All day long she would walk with God, spreading abroad the sweet fragrance of a Christlike life. She was God-filled and God-used. In her spare hours she spent her strength praying for lost souls. On bitterly cold winter nights she would be seen, sometimes near midnight, seeking to win some poor drunken harlot to the Saviour.

Her zeal for Christ was hot, and the candle of her life was rapidly consumed—but the flame lives on. The light of her great devotion still shines in the minds of all who knew her, giving hope to poor sinners and courage to weary soul-winners.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A CARELESS act can snuff out the light and spoil one's testimony. It was so with a young Army officer stationed in Europe. This officer was commanded by his colonel to accompany a group of soldiers to town to have a good time. Being a Christian, the young officer did not like this detail, but he decided he would look for an opportunity to witness for the Lord.

While in town he was asked by a young woman to direct her to the local military headquarters. He thought it would be easier to take her there than to direct her to it, but he said to himself, "What will the men say, whom I have brought to town?" He knew that although his motives were good the men might misunderstand his actions. Then he thought, "I'm my own boss—I'll do as I please," and he accompanied the young lady to her destination.

The next day he saw a corporal whom he had been trying to win to Christ. The corporal had been attending prayer meeting and had been showing signs of deep conviction, but he said, in a contemptuous tone, "You have been preach-

ing to us about living right, and then you were seen in town with a girl yesterday." The young officer tried to explain, but the corporal said, "In military matters I'll listen to you and obey you, but don't talk to me any more about religion."

A few days later that corporal was killed. The officer, in deep remorse, wondered if he couldn't have won the corporal to Christ before he died—if only he had guarded his reputation and had not acted so carelessly that day!

There is no substitute for the shining light of a Christlike life. An American clergyman was talking to a Chinese educator and the Chinese remarked that, while China had produced eminent ethical philosophers, she had not produced strong teachers of doctrine. This led the clergyman to ask him why, in his opinion, in North America where Christianity has so clear and precise a doctrinal enunciation, there seems to be so little Christian brotherhood, divine power, true love. The Chinese replied, "Perhaps it is because the Word has not become flesh in these Christians."

Jesus is the Light of the world. He wishes to live in our hearts and let His great light shine out through our lives,

our faces, our words, our actions. He says to us, "Let your light so shine" (Matthew 5:16). No other light can take the place of your light. No one else will have the opportunities to witness that you have. Certain people are contacting you continually. Certain people are watching you. There are many ways in which you can shine for Christ. Even the example of your faithful church attendance, and the habit of carrying your Bible down the street, is a shining light. Your words of testimony can bring light and life to those whose hearts are dark.

Be a light for God. Be a candle that never goes out. Spend time each day communing with the Lord in prayer and Bible reading; then when you meet your family, friends, and fellow-workers they will see the light of His presence in your life.

THE LOWER LIGHTS

It was a stormy night at sea. Like mountains the waves rolled high; not a star could be seen in the darkness. A vessel was nearing Cleveland Harbor. Anxiously the Captain peered across the waves to the coast, searching for some sign of the lights along the shore. Then he called, "Pilot, are you sure this is Cleveland Harbor?"

"Aye, sir; quite sure," came the reply.

Again the Captain looked across the black waters. "But, pilot," he called, "where are the lower lights?"

"Sir," came the pilot's voice above the roar of the storm, they must have gone out."

Fearfully, the Captain called once more, "Do you think you can make the channel?"

"Sir," came the courageous answer, "we must—or perish!" As skillfully as he managed his craft, the storm and the uncharted darkness were too much for the dauntless pilot. With an awful crash, the ship was hurled on the rocks and many precious lives were lost in the angry waters that night.

God's lighthouse is shining brightly, shedding His mercy out across the darkness of sin that is upon this world. But He is depending upon us to be the lower lights to guide precious souls safely through the rocks and dangerous shoals. Has any soul lost his way and been shipwrecked because you have let your light go out?

"Let the lower lights be burning,
Send a gleam across the wave;
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
You may rescue, you may save."

"I Love You"

According to legend, the valentine takes its name from a young Christian who once lived in ancient Rome. Like so many of the early Christians, Valentine had been imprisoned because of his faith. Often and longingly he thought of his loved ones, and wanted to assure them of his well-being and of his love for them.

Beyond his cell window, just within reach, grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves and pierced them to spell the words, "Remember your Valentine"—then sent them off by a friendly dove. On the next day and the next he sent more messages that simply said, "I love you."

Thus did the valentine have its beginning. On Valentine's Day, people of all ages remember those they love by sending valentines. God loves us and He sends us gifts to show His affection. Not once a year, but every day, He sends us many blessings—love, joy, peace, health, seasons of sunshine, showers of rain. Best of all, He sent heaven's fairest Jewel down to earth to become our Saviour. Have you allowed Him to save you from sin? If not, do it today. Respond to God's great love by accepting His Son as your personal Saviour. Send Him a valentine—your grateful heart—to show Him that He has not loved in vain.



Part of the Sunday School in Rome, Italy

between two opposing ideologies: Communism and Catholicism. Italy is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. It is also the land having the largest Communist Party outside of Russia. In the last national elections more than a third of the votes went to the Communists. Those living in Italy can easily sense the terrific battle unfolding for all the world to see. The forced exit of the Vatican is the supreme aim of the Italian Communists. This would be an irreparable loss to the prestige of the Catholic Church. Should one or the other obtain absolute power in Italy, it would be only a question of time until all freedom to preach the gospel would end.

by **DONALD B. SHELEY**

A VISIT TO ITALY

THOSE WHO FEEL THE IMPELLING burden and the serious responsibility of fulfilling the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" should carefully look for opportunities to obey His words. More than fifty per cent of the world have closed their doors to Western missionaries. It is therefore incumbent upon us to labor faithfully where the doors are still open.

Italy is one land that presents a great challenge. Yesterday the doors were closed to the Pentecostal message. Yesterday jail cells and a menu of bread and water faced those who dared to believe the full gospel. But today Italy is an open field. Never have the doors been so wide open as now. After many hours of court hearings and legal proceedings, Italy has religious freedom. The spiritually starving millions who

have found no peace in the massive cathedrals and endless ritual of the dominant religion may now be fed with the Bread of Life.

It was our privilege last summer to visit Italy and to see first-hand the progress the Assemblies of God cause is making. We found thriving churches, growing Sunday Schools, and a fervent spirit of evangelism as we went from place to place. Our Field Representative, Anthony Piraino, showed us the print shop in Rome where Sunday School literature and gospel tracts are printed. He told us of a campaign to distribute a million tracts in Sicily. In the month of July, 1956, six tons of gospel literature were mailed to all parts of Italy.

Italy is a key country in the world today! In this land of almost fifty million souls, there is a death struggle on

What has kept these two dangerous powers apart? America. Yes, America with its Marshall Plan and its evangelical missionaries; America with its thousands and thousands of prayer warriors. I believe that victory for the gospel in Italy would mean victory for the gospel everywhere, since both of these powers—Catholicism and Communism—would lose face and lose influence in the eyes of the world. What is to be done for Italy must be done now.

The history of the Pentecostal churches in Italy is dramatic. A group of Italian Protestants received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the city of Chicago in 1908. Quickly they felt the burden to take the message of their new experience back to the land of their birth. Through the faithful missionary efforts of the assembly in Chicago, the first Pentecostal churches were established in Rome, Foggia, Gissi, and other cities. Progress and growth were the results as the church moved forward on its knees, empowered with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Soon after the signing of the Lateran Pact between Mussolini and the Vatican, persecution rained upon our brethren in Italy. In the 1920's and 30's a long record of beatings, imprisonments and even martyrdoms was established by the police. When the Allied military forces entered Italy in



◀ **CALIFORNIA MINISTERS VISIT EUROPE**
—Brother and Sister C. Ely Persing are shown with their son-in-law and daughter, Brother and Sister Donald Sheley, prior to their departure for Europe. The two couples were pastors and assistant pastors of the Full Gospel Temple of Richmond, California, but resigned in order to make a round-the-world evangelistic tour. They plan to be back in the U.S. by the end of April, 1957.

1943, there was not one Pentecostal church open. The believers had been forced to go underground to worship. During the years of occupation of Italy by the Allies, religious freedom was granted to all, and a new Constitution was adopted which guarantees religious liberty to all Italians.

When the Allied forces of occupation departed, there was a revival of religious persecution. Once again the churches that had been able to congregate in safety were forced to abandon their briefly-enjoyed privilege. Meetings were carried on in the homes of the believers, or outside the city in caves—anywhere to get away from the vigilant and vengeful police. It seemed, however, that the more bitter was the persecution, the faster these little groups multiplied.

The Lord raised up friends of the evangelicals in various quarters, and their rights were upheld by the Italian courts. The Pentecostal churches in Italy came together and organized under the name of the Assemblies of God. They affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the U.S. This formed a united front for their long and hard battle to obtain official recognition and protection by the government. Today the Assemblies of God in Italy is a sect officially recognized by the Italian government. A wonderful victory indeed!

There are more than four hundred Assemblies of God churches in Italy.

Almost every one of these churches has a growing Sunday School.

While the door is still open, the brethren are endeavoring to take the gospel of God's free grace to every Italian. The printed page is the best tool. The Communist Party has made tremendous strides in Italy chiefly through its excellent propaganda machine spearheaded by its literature campaign, and we must use a similar method. By special Speed-the-Light offerings a press has been purchased for the printing of Christian literature in Rome. One of the greatest needs at this moment is financial support to print hundreds of thousands of Gospels and millions of tracts. Due to the fact that we own the press, it is possible to print a Gospel of St. John for less than two cents.

Let us continue to help our Italian brethren in accordance with our means. Help them build churches. Help them raise funds for printing. In helping them to do this we will help them build a strong, indigenous church so that, if and when the doors in Italy slam shut, there will remain a body of believers strong enough to carry on by themselves and survive whatever storm may come.

Here are four things that constitute a Christian: *Faith* makes a Christian; *life* proves a Christian; *trial* confirms a Christian; *the rapture* crowns a Christian.

—Selected

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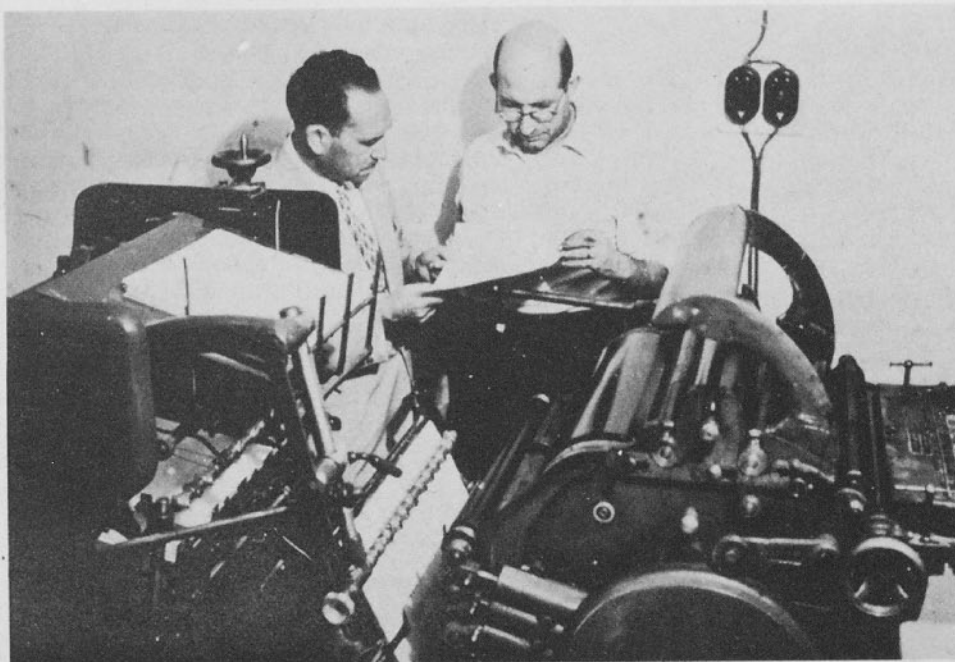
For two years I have praised the Lord for healing a cist on my head; it had grown so large I could hardly wear my hat.

Three doctors had told me the growth would have to be removed by surgery. They said that was the only way to get rid of it, and warned that it would turn to cancer.

Two years ago last September Brother Ross Wimberly, who pastors an Assembly in McComb, Mississippi, was holding a revival campaign at Beulahland Assembly near Crossett, Arkansas. I asked that prayer be offered over me one night, and the cist burst and started running. It ran every day for about four or five months. I continued to praise God for my healing, and finally it quit running. It has never bothered me since. Praise God for the patience He gave me to trust Him, and for the wonderful healing I received in the end. —Mrs. Homer Smith, Route 1, Box 26, Crossett, Arkansas.

(Endorsed by W. E. Hand, Pastor, Beulahland Assembly, Crossett, Ark.)

Ex-priest Pietro Selviaggio (right) operating the "Speed-the-Light" press which was donated by C.A.'s. All the Italian Sunday School literature is printed on this press. Anthony Piraino, Field Secretary for Italy, is on the left.



Reminder (read often)

I am doing everything I can to make sure I will be at the 1957 Regional Sunday School Convention. I have checked below →

- JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
February 5, 6, 7
- WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
March 5, 6, 7
- SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
March 12, 13, 14
- SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
March 27, 28, 29
- DES MOINES, IOWA
April 9, 10, 11
- ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
April 23, 24, 25

I must hear Brother E.S. Williams and attend as many practical "workshop" sessions as possible



Talks to Teeners



COMING IN ON THE BEAM, A Look at America's Teen-ager
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to the editor



Drawn By Good Literature

I am a fairly recent convert. One of the things that drew me to the Assemblies of God was the quality of the literature. Undoubtedly articles read in the EVANGEL contributed much to my personal salvation.

DAVID TURNBULL
Angola, New York

Reprinted in Church Bulletin

I thought the editorial, "The Peace That Jesus Gives," that appeared in the Evangel last May 27, so good and appropriate that I took the liberty of reprinting it for our Christmas bulletin. Keep up the good work!

HOWARD R. DAVIDSON
Pastor, Calvary Assembly
Euclid, Ohio

Inspired to Do Personal Work

I have read every Evangel this past year with great interest. All of them have been such a wonderful blessing to my personal Christian life.

Especially did I enjoy so much the way the testimony "Bottom of the Barrel" was written. It carried a real appeal to all of us to do our personal work for the Lord more effectively.

D. DEAN UNDERWOOD
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Social Security for Ministers

In view of the closeness of the deadline (April 15, 1957) for ministers to enroll in the Social Security program, I would like to urge them to take advantage of it. I have given some time to compare the benefits with those of private insurance. The average minister can obtain nearly double the benefits for two-thirds the cost of a \$10,000 policy taken with a private company.

I personally believe it has been one of the best things I have done for the financial security of my family. The apostle Paul said that he who does not provide for his own household is denying the faith. No minister should risk leaving a widow with children to support and no adequate insurance. The Social Security plan can be a blessing.

While I am writing, may I say that the Evangel is a paper we can all be proud of as the printed voice of our Movement. May the Lord bless you in your work.

THOMAS G. WILSON
Pastor, Lynn Pentecostal
Assembly of God
Lynn, Massachusetts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL COUNCIL—The biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will be at Cleveland, Ohio, August 28-September 3.

NAE CONVENTION—Fifteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y., April 2-4.

DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Feb. 11-12 at Pine Bluff, Ark. D. V. Hurst, Springfield, Mo., speaker.

WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Feb. 18-24 at Pentecostal Church, E. 55th and Lexington Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. L. B. Keener, Springfield, Mo., instructor.

WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Feb. 11—, at Central Assembly of God, Ripley, Tenn. O. R. Ball, Ripley, Tenn., instructor. (Jessie E. Kiestler is Pastor.)

OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL—Feb. 12-14 at First Assembly of God, 13th and Madison Ave., Eugene, Ore. Charles Blair, guest speaker; E. Elsworth Krogstad, host pastor.—by George J. Davis, District Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—The Full Gospel Lighthouse of Tamaqua, Pa., moved from 25 Pine St. to their new building on Schuylkill and Elm Sts.—Robert L. Lafferty, Pastor.

TEACHERS NEEDED—Individuals who have carried a major through their entire program leading to a master's degree in any of the following fields: accounting, home economics, music, economics, psychology, biology or mathematics. If you have these qualifications and are interested in teaching at a Christian college, kindly write to the Education Department, Assemblies of God, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Fayette	A of G	Feb. 5-17	Nelson White & wife	Millard Pipkin
Ark.	Harrisburg	Greenfield	Feb. 17—	Robert Copeland	Joe H. Harper
	N. Little Rock	Calvary	Feb. 6—	Bob McCutchen & wife	Floy Avants
	Trumann	A of G	Feb. 12-24	Anspaugh Chord Makers	Chas. E. Northcutt
Calif.	Chico	First	Feb. 5-17	John McPherson	J. C. Snyder
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 12-24	Lee Krupnick & wife	Claude H. Asher
	Long Beach	A of G	Feb. 13-24	Tanner Team	B. E. Tanner
	Richmond	Central	Jan. 30-Feb. 18	Sunshine Party	Russell Griffin
	San Jose	Bethel	Feb. 10-24	Arthur Arnold	Thomas G. Sutton
	Tehachapi	A of G	Feb. 10—	Billy Guthrie & wife	W. A. Martindale
Del.	Wilmington	First Pent.	Feb. 12-24	Watters Gospel Team	Jacob Heinrich
Ga.	Macon	Central	Feb. 10-24	H. Syvelle Phillips	W. T. Davis
Ill.	Bridgeport	First	Feb. 17—	Bill Sharp	Geo. T. Rutledge
	Centralia	A of G	Feb. 17—	Genoal Wright	R. L. Covington
	Edwardsville	A of G	Feb. 12-24	A. F. Di Musto & wife	Randol L. Mercer
	Rockford	First	Feb. 17-Mar.3	Paul Cox	E. L. Stalons
Ind.	Jasonville	First	Feb. 17—	Bird Campbell & wife	H. J. Keener
	Loogootee	A of G	Feb. 12—	Lolita Thompson	Walter H. Solmes
Kans.	Ottawa	* First	Feb. 11-17	Oria Bray	Bennie R. Harris
	Pittsburg	First	Feb. 12-24	I. D. Rayborn	Russell Rexroat
La.	Baton Rouge	Calvary	Feb. 10-24	Rodney Duron & wife	Ira M. Bryce
	Ferriday	A of G	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Glenn Montgomery	E. W. Holdiness
	Rayville	Holly Ridge	Feb. 10—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	John Graves
	W. Monroe	First	Feb. 11-24	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Phil Johnson
Mich.	Reading	A of G	Feb. 3-17	Henry N. Price	Herman Maloney
Miss.	Biloxi	Central	Feb. 3-17	Musical Vanns	Douglas Carroll
Mo.	Festus	A of G	Feb. 10—	R. D. Hastie & wife	Delmar Dabney
	St. Joseph	Central	Feb. 12-24	Arnold Segesman & wife	D. L. Ladd
N. Mex.	Lovington	A of G	Feb. 12-24	Carrol McBride & wife	Orel Boteler
N. Y.	Corning	A of G Tab.	Feb. 13-Mar. 3	Busse Evang. Team	Norman G. Love
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	Feb. 14-24	R. J. Ripley	L. E. Loretz
	Medina	Pentecostal	Feb. 12-24	John C. Poteet	Martin Baxter
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Feb. 10—	Billy Wolfe	E. P. Cooper
Okla.	Beaver	A of G	Feb. 10—	Lawrence Selvey	M. I. Pierce
	Muskogee	**A of G	Feb. 10-17	N. B. Rayburn	Coy, Ray Moreland
Oreg.	Medford	First	Feb. 17—	N. L. Ballew	Robert Cull
	Salem	*Evang. Temple	Feb. 11-17	W. C. Peirce	Levi Larson
Pa.	New Castle	First	Feb. 10-24	Steve Bogdan & wife	S. W. Brewer
Tenn.	Memphis	Frayser	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Jerry A. Jones	Don Barron
	Milan	First	Feb. 12—	George Gospel Team	Robert Northrop
Tex.	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Feb. 10-24	Morris Cerullo Party	H. C. Noah
Va.	Triangle	A of G	Feb. 11—	J. B. Heck	W. C. Blewitt
Wash.	Olympia	A of G	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Evelyn M. Olsen	Dave Carlson
	Tacoma	Glad Tidings	Feb. 10-24	Bernhard Johnson & wife	A. R. Mattson
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Feb. 3—	Carl C. Haas	O. Cope Budge
Canada	Toronto, Ont.	Glad Tidings	Feb. 10—	Norman McCutchen & wife	H. R. Pannabecker

* Workers Training

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Coming Events

DO YOU KNOW—

1. That we are living in solemn, momentous times?

2. That these times are plainly spoken of in the Bible as the "last days"? 2 Peter 3:3.

3. That in the last days terrible judgments will be poured out upon all those who have persistently rejected the mercy of God? Rev. 6:10, 15-17.

4. That in the "last days" God has promised (and is now fulfilling His promise) to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh as He did on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:17-21.

5. That those who now receive the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit are moved upon by the Holy Spirit, and begin to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance, just as did the one hundred and twenty believers in the Upper Room? Acts 2:4.

6. That in all the world, God's people, on receiving the Pentecostal baptism, have heard the Holy Spirit say, "Jesus is coming soon"?

7. That this means He is coming to take His saints to the marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-9) and save them out of the terrible judgments which are about to befall the earth?

8. That this means we are in the end of the age and that Christ may return for His own at any moment—in the morning, or at noon or night? What will happen to you when He comes?

9. That when the saints have been caught away from the earth (1 Thess. 4:16, 17) and Satan and his millions of demons are let loose, the world then will learn the meaning of those awful words, "The Great Tribulation," which will be seven long years of hell on earth? Rev. 7:14; Matt. 24:21.

10. That the world will then be ruled by Antichrist, and that without his mark, "666" upon your hand or forehead, you will not be able to buy so much as a loaf of bread? See Rev. 13:15-18. In Rev. 14:9-11 you may read the doom of all those who permit the mark to be put upon them, and in Rev. 15:2-4 and 20:4 the final triumph of all those who refuse the mark and are slain by Antichrist.

Will you be able to bear the sights and sounds of those terrible years without losing your reason?

At the close of the fearful tribulation

years, Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit, and Christ will return to the earth with His saints to reign one thousand glorious years. This will be the golden age, the Millennium, at the end of which Satan will be loosed for a short season and then sent away to be tormented forever and ever. See Rev. 20:2, 7-10.

Then will come the great judgment day when Christ Jesus shall sit upon the great white throne? "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened which was the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works." Rev. 20:12.

Are you among those who do not believe that Jesus may come any hour, nor that tribulation days are near? The Bible says that in the last days there will be scoffers who will say, *Where is the sign of His coming, for all things continue as they were?* 2 Peter 3:4. We know that all things do not continue as they were. See the appalling calamities taking place in different parts of the earth; see the unrest in the political world; see the fearful state of things in social life, and worst of all, the frightful apostasy in the church, where ministers and people no longer believe that Christ is the Divine Son of God, and no longer depend upon His atonement for salvation.

There are signs all about for those

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

See Daniel 2:31-45

Look to the waymarks as you journey on,

Look to the waymarks, count them one by one:

Down through the ages passed the kingdoms four;

Where are we standing? Look the waymarks o'er.

First the Bab'lonian Kingdom ruled the world,

Then Medo-Persian banners were unfurled;

And after Greece held universal sway, Rome seized the scepter: where are we today?

Down in the feet of iron and of clay, Weak and divided, soon to pass away.

What shall the next great glorious drama be?

Christ, and His Kingdom—and eternity.

who are willing to see them.

At the time of the Johnstown flood a man on a horse dashed through the streets crying to the people to escape to the hills. Now, the sorrows and perils of tribulation are about to break upon us, which will be ten thousand times worse than any flood or any disaster that has ever befallen the earth. Matt. 24:31.

Devastation will be everywhere so great that World War II, and even Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will fade into insignificance.

If you are not one of God's own, listen to the warning cry, Escape for your life! Get right with God! There is no time to lose. Give yourself to the One who loved you and gave Himself for you. Then tarry for the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

Jesus said to His own, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

NOT UNDERSTANDING —BUT BELIEVING

"I will not believe anything but what I understand," said a self-confident young man in a hotel one day.

"Nor will I," agreed his friend.

"Gentlemen," said one who was on a journey and who sat close by, "do I understand you correctly, that you will not believe anything that you don't understand?"

"That's right," they affirmed.

"Well," said the stranger, "in my ride this morning I saw some geese in a field eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Certainly," said the unbelievers.

"I also saw pigs eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Of course," they said.

"I also saw sheep and cows eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Of course," they said.

"Well, but grass which they had formerly eaten had, by digestion, turned to feathers on the backs of the geese, to bristles on the backs of the swine, to wool on the sheep, and on the cows it had turned to hair; do you believe that, gentlemen?"

"Certainly," they replied.

"Yes, you believe it," he said "but do you understand it?"

They were confounded and silent, and evidently ashamed, as well they might be.

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The Singing CROSS

BY LON WOODRUM

ONE DAY THERE APPEARED A MAN IN THE WORLD, UN-
like any other man had ever been. He said to fisher-
men and tax collectors, "Follow me." At first that must
have seemed like a mighty fine idea. It was exciting, going
along with Him, seeing how things bent to His power.
Why, He could quiet gales! He healed the sick, and even
brought the dead back to life. Once He fed five thousand
men—plus women and children—by multiplying five loaves
and two small fishes. It was all very wonderful.

But the disciples must have sensed there was more
involved. There was that certain look in His eyes—it
troubled them. And the things He sometimes *said*. He
was forever talking about crosses. While He made pledges
of heavenly rewards, He also said, "In the world ye shall
have tribulation." He spoke of men being hurt because
they were good! In spite of the banquets and singing

and healings, there were some disturbing ideas in His
expressions.

And His habit of slipping off to pray all night—as if
He were confronted with something dreadful and dark. Then
there were His references to wrath and tribulation. It
was all quite strange.

Finally He came out with it: He had to go to the Cross.
This was too much for one of His followers, and he
remonstrated. There was something like mingled grief
and anger in His voice as He said, "Get behind me, Satan."

Nothing could turn Him from Calvary, for, according to
Him, there lay the hope of the world. Incredible as it seemed,
Good had to hang on the Cross—for the bad! This was
His course; there was no deflecting Him. And He made
stern demands of those who followed Him. "Take up
your cross," He ordered, "and follow me."

After that, it wasn't all psalm-singing and feasting. The
disciples could feel the storm gathering, about to burst
upon Him. The people hated Him. The leaders of religion
were against Him. Rome frowned on Him, and her eagles
were restless. But He would not turn back.

Finally His Cross stood on the Hill. He cried from the
top of it, "It is finished." But only His part was.

The young Church took up their Cross and carried on.
Somehow, they seemed able to interpret it now. They
did not expect to escape sorrow and grief; they saw
it as a part of the vast plan of redemption. "We are heirs
of God," said the great Apostle. Wonderful! But there was
more to it—"If so be that we suffer with Him."

There was that dark word "suffer" again! Prisons rose
before them, lashes hissed on their flesh. They were stoned
and beaten. The Master had said, "Men shall revile you,
and persecute you."

But there was still the other fact: they could handle
this outrage. They were equal to the whips and chains.
After being beaten nearly to death, they sang on the streets.
They were not merely enduring the flogging, but celebrating
it. Why? Because they had been "counted worthy to suffer
shame for His Name."

It wasn't suffering that made these men triumphant.
If suffering in itself could save, the world would have
been saved long ago. It is *who* suffers, and *how*, and for
what, that counts! "Let none of you suffer . . . as an
evildoer" was the warning. That sort of suffering accom-
plishes nothing. This was a new kind of hurting—the right-
eous suffering for the unrighteous.

The disciples found two things associated with the
Cross—pain and a song. The Cross is the eternal paradox.
It is the symbol of suffering and of joy. It has come to
us out of dark times and fearful happenings, but it is
bright with glory. It is like a cry of agony against the
heavens, but it is also a hymn of love. The Cross stands
over the world, and it is dreadful—but *it sings!*

Paul, seeing the wonder of the Cross, wrote: "That I may
know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the
fellowship of His sufferings." The power of Christ's
resurrection makes the Cross a sign of hope.

When we join Christ at the Cross, we see things from an
eternal viewpoint. We must take Christ before we can take
His cross. But when we see how He has taken His cross
for us, we come upon a faith that lifts our hearts toward
heaven. To be wounded for Him is truly to live. To suf-
fer for Him is to dissolve the ancient mist and look on
the face of God.