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

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at General Council

Christian Courtesy

A very zealous churchman asked a grocer, "To what church do you belong?" The grocer replied, "I'm a member of the Presbyterian Church."

"Well," said the churchman, "I recognize you as a gentleman, but I cannot recognize you as a Christian."

The grocer answered gently, "And I recognize you as a Christian, but I cannot recognize you as a gentleman."

It was a well-deserved rebuke—but we wonder how anyone can be a real Christian without being a true gentleman or lady. The Bible says, "Be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8). It is difficult to reconcile a Christian profession with disobedience to this clear command of Scripture.

A Christlike spirit is always a courteous spirit. However, religious zeal may sometimes overcome our better judgment if we are not careful. In our desire to be aggressive Christians we may actually become un-Christian. Two disciples of our Lord were so zealous that when certain people handed Him a rebuff they wanted to call fire down from heaven to destroy them. But Jesus rebuked them, saying, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." A more effective way to destroy one's enemies is to turn them into friends—by heaping fiery coals of kindness upon their heads. One thing is certain: we will never win souls to Christ by offending them. We need to learn how to be bold in soul-winning without being brazen.

On the other hand, we will never win souls by avoiding folk, either. More people are offended by our lack of interest in them, probably, than by our efforts to convert them. Many of us are so wrapped up in ourselves, our families, and our close friends that we seem discourteous in the eyes of others who are longing to be invited into the circle to share some of the blessings we enjoy.

A church member had a dream in which he met the Lord Jesus Christ and conversed with Him. He noticed a grieved expression in the eyes of the Master. "Lord, why are you sad?" he asked. And Jesus replied: "I came to your church but you did not show Me the courtesy I expected. I was alone, and I hoped you would move over and make room for Me in your pew, but you seemed determined to hold that seat by the aisle; so I sat by Myself in the pew behind you. I had no songbook, but you did not offer Me one. And I hoped that at the end of the service you would extend your hand and invite me back to church, but you were too busy talking to your friends to shake hands with a Stranger."

"Why, Lord," said the church member, "I don't know what You mean. When did this happen?"

"Last Sunday night," was the Lord's tender reply. "A stranger came in your church. He was alone. You let him sit alone, and no one paid him any attention, nor welcomed him, nor invited him back. He was a soul in need, yet you showed him no kindness and did not offer to give him spiritual help. Inasmuch as you did it not unto that soul for whom I died, you did it not unto Me."

The church member awoke with tears in his eyes and a prayer on his lips: "O Lord, please forgive me. By Your grace I will be courteous to strangers. I will not let one visitor leave our church without feeling that he is wanted and that someone cares for his soul."

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The Struggle for **SURVIVAL**

BY C. MORSE WARD

Revivaltime Speaker



A DYING WORLD SYSTEM IS SHOWING its fangs. Hatred is in the making. We are entering the "time of trouble" predicted by the prophet who said: "There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered" (Daniel 12:1).

The word "survival" will be a prominent word in our speech from now on. Navy defense experts want the United States to spend fifteen to twenty billion dollars to build a nation-wide network of underground shelters against an H-bomb attack. According to the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard, 99 out of every 100 United States citizens could survive an all-out H-bomb attack if these shelters were built. John describes it this way in Revelation 6:15:

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and the rocks of the mountains."

Already an industrial survey has been made in this nation to locate every subterranean passage suitable for underground factory operation. This nation is beginning to think in terms of survival. The Scandinavian countries are doing the same thing. In Norway the great Raufoss ammunition factory has been buried beneath the surface, with 180 feet of rock for a ceiling, since 1954. This is the largest underground industry in the world. Two

thousand people are employed. The ventilating system gives the plant a complete change of air ten times every hour. The air is so good that flowers bloom healthily in the canteens. Yes, we're getting ready for survival!

And above all—the nation of Israel! What do the prophets say? I want you to contrast what the prophet Ezekiel says with what the prophet Zechariah says. Their prophecies are complementary. Both speak of world war. Both speak of casualties in the multiplied thousands. But do both speak of the same gigantic struggle?

In chapter 37 Ezekiel describes exactly the revival of the nation of Israel in a vision which begins with the divine challenge, "Can these bones live?" Thus that chapter is identified with our generation and the year 1948 at which time the United States, followed by the United Nations, recognized Israel as a nation. In the chapters following, Ezekiel accurately describes the present world situation. He sees a division between two hostile groups. One is headed by "Rosh" and the other may be easily distinguished by what we know today as the Western Powers. Ezekiel sees world conflict as the result.

Remember this! Israel is always the geographical center of the Bible. Therefore everything is always either north or south, east or west of Israel.

I need not remind you that the "Eisenhower Doctrine" has served notice on "the northern confederacy" that should any nation in the Middle East ask for assistance to repel Communism we will send military strength into the Middle East for that purpose. Ezekiel's prophecy is meticulously correct. It is now a question of survival for Israel. The die has been cast. The line has

been drawn in the Middle East. A world-wide conflict between the Western Powers and "the northern confederacy" is in the making. Israel will be defended! "...at that time thy people shall be delivered..."

The important thing to notice is that in this conflict "God is against" this Northern Confederacy. At the Battle of Armageddon there will be no division of nations. They will not be lined up against each other as Ezekiel sees them lined up in opposing forces in his vision. Zechariah says in the fourteenth chapter of his prophecy, verses 2 through 4, that "...all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem..." Ezekiel also shows that the conflict he describes will be fought on "the mountains of Israel" rather than at the Valley of Megiddo where Armageddon is prophesied.

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In the picture which Ezekiel sees, the Northern Confederacy comes against Israel to "...take spoil, and to take prey..."; but Daniel sees that at Armageddon the Antichrist leads his forces against Jerusalem "...with great fury to destroy, and utterly to take away many..." The Antichrist comes to destroy the knowledge of God from the earth. As you read these prophets, set as watchmen unto the house of Israel, it appears that there are two Gargantuan struggles ahead for this world before the start of Christ's millennial rule.

The number one struggle will settle the threat of Communism. Russia will fail. Ezekiel sees Communism almost annihilated. Joel's prophecy, chapter 2 and verse 20, could well describe the final boundary of Russia after the humiliating visitation of God's judgment

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This article is a transcript of a "Revivaltime" address broadcast recently over the ABC Radio Network and numerous independent stations from coast to coast and around the world.

GOD SAID TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, "Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine. And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast... in the place which the Lord shalt choose... Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose" (Deuteronomy 16:13-16).

The New Testament states: "The apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter... Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company... and they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles... It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden" (Acts 15:6, 22, 23, 28).

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a combination of the Old Testament Feast of Tabernacles and the New Testament gatherings of the saints to conduct church business. In these days also there is important business to transact for the Lord; and there is rich, sweet fellowship to be enjoyed. This gathering is God's provision and His will for us, as the two occasions mentioned above were His ordination and plan for His saints of 1400 B.C. and A.D. 46. His saints of A.D. 1957 are His just as much as those of old, and are subject to His call and ordination, as were His saints of previous generations.

There were twelve tribes of Israelites scattered over a wide area, besides the Levites who lived in all the land. It is true that the entire area was comparable to the size of an average State of the United States, but the lack of means and communication and transportation made the inhabitants of Dan as remote from those of Beer-sheba as the citizen of Seattle, Washington, is from a man in Miami, Florida. It would take as long for them to travel to Jerusalem as it will for any of us to travel to Cleveland, Ohio. And yet they were told to come up to the Feast. It was important for them to meet God and each other.

Scattered apart as they were, it would be easy for them to lose their national solidarity. They, or their fathers, had all passed through the sea and were

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"COME TO THE FEAST!"



all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They had salvation and deliverance in common. They had inherited the land together and had helped each other win possession of it. They needed each other to hold it. So they renewed their unity of identity and purpose three times a year.

The New Testament Christians likewise were bidden to preserve their unity. The Early Church was one as the Body of Christ. The ties that bound them together were very real. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Anything that threatened their unity of doctrine or fellowship was an enemy. "Mark them that cause divisions among you." There were members of this Body in far-flung places; yet they came together, or sent representatives, to meet at a central place and there "considered the matter." Unity and solidarity were deemed important, as with the Jews of old; but oh, how much more important and necessary this had become! They were now born-again New Testament Christians, members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. Now the wonderful Holy Spirit had come and He was the real, active personal Life of the Church. Love and unity are

the first law of the Kingdom and must be preserved at any cost.

The individual rights and liberty of each member of the Body were recognized and respected. And yet, when all were heard, the blessed Holy Spirit drew them together into a unanimous decision which respected the sensibilities of all and definitely led them all forward into the greater liberty of the new dispensation. What a victory! The Holy Ghost did it through the yielded teachableness of the saints and through the exercise of the gifts of leadership and wisdom.

With all regard for the existence and the God-ordained function of other churches, we of the Assemblies of God must recognize our creation by the Holy Spirit and His divine will and purpose in our existence. We are a host, approximately half a million in the homeland and about the same number on the world-wide mission field. From the year 1914 we have been integrated into one body and as such for these years have been moving forward under the blessing of God. With members and churches and District organizations throughout the United States, and Missionary Fellowships throughout the world, we must preserve our unity and solidarity. It is highly expedient that we come together and see each other face to face at least once in two years.

With the authority which our Constitution and Bylaws gives us and with the advice of the 1955 General Council, the Executive Presbytery has set the place and date of the 1957 General Council as Cleveland, Ohio, August 28 to September 3. A beautiful, air-conditioned auditorium has been secured for our meetings, and abundant parking space has been provided. Hotels and excellent eating places are also conveniently near. For your personal accom-



1. Free parking space

2. Convention auditorium

PARKING TO BE NO PROBLEM AT GENERAL COUNCIL

The parking of automobiles at the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio (August 28 to September 3) will not present a problem. The Convention Bureau has announced that the Municipal Parking Lot, with capacity for more than 2,000 cars, will be available without charge.

This large parking lot is shown in the photograph, with Lake Erie in the background. It is less than three blocks from the auditorium and approximately eight blocks from the Cleveland Hotel.

In addition to offering the parking lot without charge, the city will run a bus from the lot to the auditorium and on to the Cleveland Hotel every ten minutes. The fare will be ten cents.

With the abundant parking areas available without charge, delegates may wish to unpack at the hotel, then park their car, and use bus and taxi service during the entire convention. The lot is within easy walking distance of the auditorium, and not too far from the Cleveland Hotel for those who desire more exercise.

Room reservations should be made immediately, as considerable interest is being shown in attending the General Council.

modation, please write to Howard R. Davidson, 18408 Hiller Avenue, Cleveland 19, Ohio.

The Executive Presbyters also invite and call upon every Assemblies of God minister and every missionary on furlough to come to Cleveland to the General Council meeting. Every church in our Fellowship should also be represented at this meeting. Our affiliated churches are a part of the Assemblies of God just as much as our ministers. And every member of an Assemblies of God church anywhere has a place in this great throng. We all belong to the General Council of the Assemblies of God and therefore ought to be present at the General Council meeting. Our foreign-language members at home and abroad are also perfectly welcome. We belong to each other and we need each other.

We have one name and are one church. Let us all come together in one place, at one time, and with one accord, and see what God will do. Pentecostal people know what happened when His children came together on that first Pentecostal day. Why not again, and again?

We are His people today. We are members of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones. The blessed Holy Spirit is our very Life and is also our great Leader and Commander-in-Chief. We dare say, He is calling us together. Let us heed His call and come up to the feast.

Phu Pigg

Believing God in Spite of the Storm



BY T. J. JONES

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THE STORM WRECKED THE SHIP Paul was in but it did not wreck his faith. The account is found in the 27th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and I would like to draw your attention especially to Paul's words as recorded in verse 25:

"Sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me."

It is necessary to notice the circumstances Paul was in when he made this statement in order to appreciate its significance. It makes a great difference where we are when such things are said.

*"How easy, when sailing the sea in a calm,
To trust in the strength of Jehovah's strong arm;
But somehow it seems that when waves rock the boat,
It takes some believing to keep things afloat."*

The tempest had broken upon them. Euroclydon, the violent hurricane, was tearing them relentlessly. They were being driven by its fury, according to verses 14 and 15. Though they were caught in the teeth of the gale, yet Paul believed God. Let us believe God "when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail."

We know that the ship was collapsing, for verse 17 says that "they used helps, undergirding the ship." In other words, they ran cables around the vessel to prevent it from splitting. Let us believe God when our sources of security are giving way and our plans are falling to pieces. *"When all around my soul*

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Only One Answer

WE SAY THAT WE BELIEVE MEN ARE LOST, BUT
DO WE? WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS US THEIR LOST
CONDITION, WE WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

BY VICTOR TRIMMER

National Home Missions Secretary

WHY DO WE HAVE HOME MISSIONS Emphasis Month? Why have Missions at all? There is only one answer—it is because men are lost in sin and need a Saviour. This need is expressed better than any other way in the words of the 23rd verse of the third chapter of Romans: "For all have sinned." To this we add Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death." We need no greater motive for Christian activity than this.

Men are lost! Eternally lost! When the fact of the lost condition of men really grips our lives we find a way to do that which will bring men to Christ. I wonder if we have really been possessed by the truth that men outside of Christ are eternally lost?

We say that we believe it, but do we? When the Holy Spirit convicts us and makes real to us the lost condition of men we will be compelled to do something about it. Jesus, we are told in Mark 6:34, "saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." Are we moved with compassion for the lost?

Men in sin not only *are* lost, but they *have* lost. They have lost joy, real satisfaction, and life; and finally they will be lost forever, eternally separated from God without hope of reconciliation. May the Holy Spirit grip our lives with a conviction of this truth until it will be with us day and night and will be the compelling, driving, motivating force in our lives.

Look at your Bible and ask, "*Why? Why a Bible?*" There is only one answer—men are lost in sin. Why the giving of the Law on smoking Sinai, written by God's own finger on tables of stone? There is only one answer—men are lost in sin.

Stand on the mountain called Calvary beneath a bloody cross, in the deep darkness of that day, and ask, "Why?" Christ was not the victim of the Roman government or of a band of soldiers, for He said, "I lay down my life . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18). He was not the Victim of the cross but the Victor on the cross. *Why Calvary?* There is only one answer—men are lost and they need a Saviour.

Why did God establish the Church? Because men are lost and the Church is to be the instrument that He would use to take the message of salvation to men. There is no other reason for the Church. The church that is failing to be used of God in reaching the lost has ceased to be a church—it is salt that has lost its savor, and is good for nothing. The Church has no other reason for existing than to reach the lost with the message of life.

Why have we joined ourselves together in this Fellowship? There must be only one reason—men are lost and need a Saviour. Why do we have Christ's Ambassadors, Men's Fellowships, Women's Missionary Councils, Sunday Schools, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Revivaltime? Why Bible Schools and printing plants? Why districts and sections? There is and must be only one reason—to reach the lost. If ever we cease to be used of God for this purpose, we will become merely another organization of men. Let us remind ourselves we are not here to estab-

lish a denomination. We have been raised up by God in these last days to reach lost men with the last message before the coming of our Lord.

Why the infilling and mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues and all of His great gifts, mighty ministries and movings? There is only one reason—men are lost in sin. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). We are blessed to be a blessing. We are anointed, empowered, and endued with the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, that we might take the message of saving grace to a lost world.

Soul-winning should be our waking thought in the morning and our closing thought at night. The need of souls lost in sin should fill our services, sermons, songs, testimonies, prayers, literature, our committee meetings, our music, and every muscle and fiber of our being. A burden for the lost will take away our pettiness, selfishness, narrowness, stinginess. We will not ask, "What good will it do *me*?" What good will it do *my church*?" but we will ask for the true guiding principle, "What good will it do for men lost in sin in need of a Saviour?"

May I ask you, "Do you really care where men spend eternity?" Does it really mean anything to you that men are lost in sin? Does it ever bother you until sleep refuses to come to your eyes, until food loses its attraction because the burden for a lost world drives you to a place of intercessory prayer? Do you find yourself compelled and moved to give, to go, to witness, to do something for the lost?

Whatever we do in God's service—

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whether it be to sing, usher, keep records, visit, testify, preach, whatever it is—if it is to be acceptable service to God, it must be motivated by a love for lost souls. God help us to care, to be concerned, to have a compassion that constrains us to consecrate ourselves and our church to the cause of soul-winning.

Why do we need more churches? There is only one answer—men are lost in sin. Never has America been so lost as it is today. Never has the world been so lost as it is today.

The American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) reports that church attendance in the U.S. during 1956 showed a drop of 4% or 2,100,000 and at the same time the population of our nation was increasing by almost 8,000,000 people.

Part of our juvenile delinquency problem can be explained by the fact that only 54% of the homes around our churches have a connection with any church and that for many of these the connection is merely nominal. A university survey in an unusually well-churched area found that only 48% of junior high school students knew in what part of the Bible the life of Jesus was recorded and that 40% could not give any definite fact about Him.

No doubt it is because of the millions of unreached and unchurched people in our nation that the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reports for the United States, released April 25, 1957, tell us major crimes reached a new high in 1956 with

a record 2,563,153 major crimes for the year. This is 13.3% above 1955 and the first time in our history that the total has gone above the 2½ million mark. Arrests of young people under eighteen increased 17.3% in 1956. This increase was not due to an increase in the number of young people, since the number in this group was up only about 3%. But the most startling fact revealed in the report is that the crime rate has increased almost four times as fast as our general population since 1950. Isaiah said it this way in the 53rd chapter, and 6th verse, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."

As you know, for a number of years our movement has had a goal to establish one church for every 10,000 people in our population. For a number of years we have started an average of one new church a day or 365 churches a year. This had brought us to the place where (as of April, 1957) we have 7,916 churches, 470,361 church members, 8,747 ordained ministers, and 5,277 licensed ministers. Our Sunday School enrollment is 878,080. We have 730 foreign missionaries under appointment, serving in 69 different countries and operating 60 foreign Bible schools. *Revivaltime*, our weekly broadcast, is heard on 330 radio stations.

According to the 1957 Yearbook of American Churches, the Assemblies of God ranks 9th in the number of churches, 27th in church membership, 9th in the number of ministers, 8th

in the number of Sunday Schools, 11th in Sunday School enrollment, 7th in Sunday School workers, 5th in the number of foreign missionaries, and first in the number of foreign Bible schools. (This is among the 285 denominations reported in the 1957 volume.) Certainly we can thank God for this fine report. The Lord has been with us and He has blessed our efforts beyond even that which we had hoped.

But even with all that has been accomplished we are further from reaching our goal of one church for every 10,000 people in our population. The Census Bureau tells us that the population of the nation is growing at the rate of 11,000 a day.

Surely Jesus would say again, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (Luke 4:35). There are many cities and towns in which there is no full gospel testimony. And in some large metropolitan areas in which we may have a church or two, we are hardly beginning to touch the need of the masses.

If men are really lost, it is time for more than statistics and sermons. If men are really lost, it is time for consecrated, unselfish action to win them. It is high time to join the Master in His ceaseless search for souls. If we fall short of this and turn to other activities with lower aims and goals, there can be only one reason—only one answer—when we stand before the Son of man—we did not actually believe that men were lost. ◀ ◀



REVIVALTIME MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER MEETING—A. L. Ullestad, pastor of the Faith Temple Assembly of God in Mason City, Iowa, reports that forty-nine WMC ladies were present for the prayer meeting, and that there was a great moving of the Spirit of God during the prayer time.

HOW I KNOW I AM SAVED

BY NOAH P. WHITE

Dallas, Texas

A majority of church members are basing their eternal hopes on entirely false ideas because they do not understand the basic facts of the gospel.

A SHORT TIME AFTER I ACCEPTED THE Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, one of my fellow-workmen asked me how anyone could know he is saved. I was unable to answer that question either to his satisfaction or to my own satisfaction, at the time.

But I began to study the Bible, and in First John 5:13 I found these words: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life. . . ." It does not say, "That ye may *hope* that ye will receive eternal life." It says, "That ye may *know* (for a certainty) that ye *have* eternal life"—you have it here and now.

The more I studied the Bible, the more clearly I saw that a majority of church members are basing their hopes on entirely false ideas. Some are saying, "I joined the church and was baptized, so I'm all right." Others are saying, "I was brought up in a Christian home and I believe in Christianity." Or, "I am a law-abiding citizen and I give liberally to charitable causes." They are staking their eternal future on the assumption that these are the factors that determine one's salvation because they never have come to an understanding of the three basic facts of the gospel, which are: (1) all have sinned; (2) Christ died to save all sinners; (3) each individual must "repent and be converted" in order to be saved.

In this article I should like to list six reasons why I know I am saved.

▶ 1. *I Know I Am Saved Because the Bible Says I Am.*

The plan of salvation is really very simple. The Bible says, "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God." It goes on to say it is "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

If salvation were something I must work for, I never could be sure I had worked hard enough. If it were something I had to buy, I couldn't be sure I had paid enough. But it is "not of works." Christ did the works and He paid the price; therefore I may receive salvation as a gift, merely by accepting it by faith and by trusting in God's grace.

▶ 2. *I Know I Am Saved Because I Believed and Received Christ's Sacrifice as the Atonement for my Sins.*

In First Timothy 4:10 the apostle says, "We trust in the living God who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe." I have believed in God's mercy and grace; therefore He is my Saviour and I am saved.

It is not enough to believe Christ died for *all*. I believe He died for *me*. Each person must personally appropriate—by faith—the merit of His atoning sacrifice at Calvary.

When the Holy Spirit convicted the jail keeper at Philippi of his sins, he asked the apostles, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The answer which Paul and Silas gave to that jailer's

question brings assurance to my heart, just as it did to his: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 31).

▶ 3. *I Know I Am Saved Because Christ Was Resurrected.*

We read in Acts 17:30, 31 that God "commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; *whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.*" Jesus was raised from the dead and He is alive today. That fact assures me of salvation.

Another wonderful statement is made in First Peter 1:18-21. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God."

▶ 4. *I Know I Am Saved Because I Have the Witness of God's Spirit.*

We read in Romans 8:14-16: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

The apostle tells us: "He that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us" (1 John 3:24).

▶ 5. *I Know I Am Saved Because I Am a Different Person.*

My life has been changed. The words of Second Corinthians 5:17 were true in my life, after I had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

My nature has been changed. We read in Second Peter 1:4 about being "partakers of the divine nature." This has been true in my case. At one time my natural inclination was to be selfish and worldly minded, but now my whole

desire is to do the things which will please my Heavenly Father.

The reason my life and nature are different is that I experienced a new spiritual birth. Jesus explained this "New Birth" to Nicodemus when He said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-8). The New Birth is an act of God not visible to the natural eye, but the effects of it are as evident as the blowing of the wind. It's real.

▶ 6. *I Know I Am Saved Because I Love Everybody.*

There was a time when I did not

love everybody. I was afflicted with jealousy, resentment, and my full share of dislikes toward other people. But there was a great change after my conversion. I knew I had "passed from death unto life," as the Bible says, because I loved others (see First John 3:14). I found that "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him" (First John 4:16).

I heard a pastor tell a heart-warming story about a Jewish friend whom he had led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ during World War II. This man had known the Lord Jesus as his Saviour only a few months when news came that his father, mother, brothers, and sisters all had been killed in Germany by the Nazis. The pastor wondered how the converted Jew would take the news.

He went to visit, but found the man

not the least bit bitter and resentful. The man met him at the door and burst into tears. As soon as he could control his emotions, he said, "Pastor, I don't understand it; but I don't hate anybody."

His heart was broken. From the human viewpoint he had every cause for bitterness and hatred; but he still loved everybody because he had been made a new creation in Christ Jesus.

I have told you how I know I'm saved. Now, how about you? Do you have Scriptural grounds for believing you are saved? If not, I hope you will accept the Lord Jesus Christ today as your personal Saviour. Believe these promises, confess your sins to the Lord, repent, and He will take your sins away. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (First John 1:9). ◀ ◀

HABIT

BY C. W. KOLLER

HABIT MAY BE HEAVEN'S REWARD for steadfast perseverance in godly living or it may be heaven's punishment for prolonged sinfulness or neglect. When gracious Christian behavior is habitual, effortless, almost automatic, we may forget that its attainment has come only through strenuous, patient, persevering self-discipline.

Psychologists point out that the more we hand over the details of life to the effortless custody of habit, the more we free our powers for creative living. They have formulated principles by which we may harness the power of habit to our loftiest aspirations. When men of science announce their findings, the last word has not necessarily been spoken; but when these findings accord with our experience and observation we receive them with confidence. And when these findings are confirmed by the Word of God, we can not but give heed. These findings run closely parallel to Scriptural principles for launching a life of godliness, and cultivating habits of godliness, and making habit an aid to godliness.

It is necessary that the Christian life be launched with the strongest possible initiative. Indecision is the bane of

many a Christian life. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." (Joshua 24:15). But the challenge does not stop here. The choice must be declared by a public testimony. "Repent and be baptized," is the Scriptural order (Acts 2:38). To "repent" is not enough; the Christian life is not adequately launched until the believer has publicly declared his faith by baptism.

When a worthy decision is reached, it is wise to seize the first opportunity to carry it into action. Holy impulses

and lofty decisions, promptly carried into execution, establish habits of godliness which ripen into nobility of character. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

Having decided, and acted, the believer is to permit no exception till the habit is securely rooted. Like Jesus, he is to "do always those things that please" our Heavenly Father (John 8:29). The transgressor might say, "I won't count this one"; but his human nature will, and will use it against him at the very next temptation.

Habit, as an aid to godliness, must be kept vital by continuous exercise. Let the believer "take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). "Exercise thyself unto godliness," says the apostle Paul (1 Timothy 4:7). The word "exercise" stems from the Greek term "gumnazo," from which the word "gymnasium" is derived, implying strenuous effort. Habits of godliness are not achieved on the plane of ease.

Godliness is never secure until it has become habitual. But how infinitely rewarding is the habit of godliness, once it is established! What wear and tear it saves! What spiritual hazards it removes! What peace it brings to the soul!

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Toronto Church Raises \$300,000 for Missions

The Peoples Church of Toronto, Canada, long noted for its generous missionary program, set a new record last month by giving \$300,000 in cash and pledges. The gifts were received from approximately 2,000 people during the annual missionary convention which lasted an entire month.

Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the church, said the record offering will make it possible to support new missionaries in addition to the 350 already supported (in whole or in part) by the church.

Evangelicals Organize in Wichita, Kansas

Sixty Full Gospel, Holiness, and Independent Baptist churches have organized the Greater Wichita Evangelical Association and have elected J. Boyd Wolverton, pastor of Central Assembly of God, Wichita, Kansas, as president. A welfare program has been set up by the organization for benevolent projects, and a future conference on Bible prophecy has been discussed. Other projects under consideration are the arranging of public service time on radio and television, and the setting up of a marriage counseling service. The Association is affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Survey Church Attendance Habits of Teen-Agers

A Purdue University survey of the church attendance habits of Indiana teen-agers, quoted in *Youth for Christ* magazine, revealed: 11 per cent of the teen-agers polled attend church three times a week or more; 19 per cent twice or more; 37 per cent at least once a week; 11 per cent once or twice a month; 13 per cent a few times during the year; 6 per cent seldom or never.

The Outlook Can Be Changed, If . . .

A Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency reported that 550,000 children in the U.S. were involved in the courts last year, with more than 100,000 committed to some form of detention home. If present trends continue, it warned, by 1965 there will be a million children coming before America's juvenile courts each year. The subcommittee urged that the churches play a more active role in combating youthful lawbreaking.

One observer noted that this "active role" could include supervised recreational and social functions. It *must* include introducing the youths to Christ as personal Saviour.

Methodists Protest Parochial Pupil Transportation Bill

Connecticut Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff signed a bill authorizing municipalities in his state to provide, on a local option basis, the same bus transportation for non-profit private and parochial schools that they furnish for public schools. No sooner was the ink dry than a Methodist Conference including 110 Connecticut churches called for a test of the constitutionality of the new law.

Likens Religious Boom to Aspirin

Speaking at a chapel service at the University of Southern California, John E. Burkhart took a dim view of the so-called "religious boom." Said he: "A great deal of the current religious boom is just so much spiritual aspirin. It doesn't cost much, doesn't do much, won't hurt much, and isn't worth much."

Jazz Concert Presented in Church

When churches get away from the Biblical method of giving, all sorts of cheap imitations occur. One of the latest of these was a jazz concert presented at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New York City in May for the benefit of the Anglican Church in South Africa. A Yale University jazz band was featured in the concert, which was called, "The Story of Jazz." Narrator for the program was an Episcopal clergyman, Alvin Kershaw, who won \$32,000 on "The \$64,000 Question" from his knowledge of jazz.

Bishop Claims Greater Freedom in Hungary

Lutheran Bishop Ordass of Hungary told the people of Denmark that his Church "has been given more liberty and the clergy can preach in freedom." Speaking over the Copenhagen Radio during a visit to Denmark, the Lutheran leader said relations between the Hungarian government and the Lutheran Church are now "without friction." He said that Sunday School work is now permitted.

No Licenses Needed for Meal-Serving Churches

Wisconsin Governor Vernon W. Thomson signed into law a bill exempting church dinners from state licensing and inspection rules. Previously a state agency had imposed a license fee on meal-serving churches when restaurants complained of unfair competition.

Fertile Farmland Replaces Israel Swamps

Geographers will have to change their maps, reports *Israel Digest*. Lake Huleh and the malaria-breeding marshes surrounding it are disappearing from the land of Israel. Through the Huleh reclamation project some 15,000 acres of fertile farmland and three major drainage canals which drain the stagnant waters of the area are replacing them.

The Huleh basin lies in the northeastern corner of Israel. It is a narrow triangular valley covering 45,000 acres. Here three streams merge to form the Jordan River. The southern part of the valley is covered by a huge, 7,000-acre marsh and the shallow, muddy 3,500-acre Lake Huleh.

Work on the project was started in the fall of 1950. When final drainage projects have been completed, 200 new farming units will be established in the area. These new settlements will be free of the anopheles mosquito of the marshes which has plagued the area for centuries. About 27 million gallons of water, previously lost through evaporation, will be available for irrigation.

The Prevalence of Alcoholism

The National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism reports that alcoholism has become a major health problem. It is 155 times more prevalent than polio, 11 times more prevalent than tuberculosis, and 6 times more prevalent than cancer. One out of every nine persons who drink will become an alcoholic.

If the number of alcoholics continues to increase during the next ten years as it has in the past ten, the organization predicts that alcoholism will soon affect every family in the U.S.

Grass-Roots Support for Anti-Liquor Laws

Congress is receiving petitions from religious and temperance groups asking the enactment of legislation to restrict alcoholic beverage advertising, particularly on radio and television. Congressional observers said the number of these petitions is the greatest of any year since the post-prohibition era began in 1933.

In other temperance news, the president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, has charged that "some government agencies are blocking the public's right to know by submerging information" on liquor consumption. She stated that the Department of Commerce now releases certain statistics on drink consumption only when asked for them.

Mrs. Hays also charged that the advertisers of alcoholic beverages are trying to "brain wash" the American people. The WCTU head claims they are even flooding public schools with alcohol propaganda textbooks in an attempt to "break down and replace unbiased, scientifically basic texts than warn young people against drinking."

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July 7, 1957

Presbyterians Condemn Liquor Advertising

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. adopted a resolution condemning the use of alcoholic beverages and all liquor advertising.

Link Smoking, Heart Trouble

Expectant mothers who smoke may cause damage to the hearts of their offspring as well as to their own hearts, says Dr. M. F. Ashley Montagu, Rutgers University anthropologist. Dr. Montagu blames mothers who smoke for the recent increase in heart trouble, declaring that such trouble can often be traced back to the mother's use of tobacco. He also asserted: "There can be no question that consistent smoking places a very dangerous strain on the heart and other connected organs. There is not the least doubt in the world that smoking mothers are responsible for the increase in cardiac trouble."

It hardly seems thinkable that any sane mother would sacrifice the health of her unborn child for a few moments of what she feels is "pleasure."

Religious Leaders Support Foreign Aid Program

The White House has made public the texts of messages received from Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish leaders endorsing President Eisenhower's plea for continued foreign aid. Observers saw this unusual action as an indication that the President would force a showdown with Congressional critics of the administration's foreign aid policy.

In another unusual step, the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee heard testimony from religious leaders concerning the religious and moral foundations for continued and expanded American aid to underdeveloped nations. Thirteen clergymen representing the major faiths testified during the three days of hearings. They were virtually unanimous in expressing their conviction that America's moral leadership in the world requires a continuance of the overseas aid program.

It was the first public hearing ever conducted by a Congressional committee devoted exclusively to the testimony of religious leaders on any matter of national policy.

We wonder what place religious leaders have in expressing official opinions about such things. Americans are sharply divided in this matter. To a recent Gallup Poll question, "Should churches speak out on political and social questions?" American Protestants answered: yes—48 per cent; no—43 per cent; no opinion—9 per cent. Catholics answered: yes—50 per cent; no—44 per cent; no opinion—6 per cent.

Representative Hays Heads Southern Baptists

Representative Brooks Hays, Arkansas Democrat and a very active Baptist layman, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in Chicago. One of the few laymen ever chosen to head the 112-year-old body, he succeeds Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina.

At the convention, delegates heard that foreign missions income increased four million dollars over the previous year to twelve million dollars. They also learned that during 1956 a total of 121 new missionaries were appointed to overseas work, making a total of 1,113 in active service during the year.

The convention, in other business, voted to establish a new seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. It will be the Southern Baptists' sixth theological school.



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WATCHING

A WORD TO WOMEN

by Althea S. Miller

ALL DOWN THROUGH HISTORY, WOMEN have been called to watch and wait.

The number of nights women have watched by the bedside of loved ones cannot be calculated. Nor could one compute the days spent watching over the needs of their families. Many are the virtuous women of whom the wise man penned those words: "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" (Proverbs 31:27).

Women watch with all diligence because they are motivated by love. They are faithful in "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18) for they have a personal interest. Thus they are built up spiritually and become a bulwark of strength to their loved ones.

The agonizing which accompanies waiting has built up a reserve of patience in woman. She has waited out in fear and disgust the wars her men have made and fought. In small fury she has waged private war on sin and sickness and death which reach out greedy fingers for her family, and has waited with grim determination to see her strategy prevail over the enemy.

In anticipation (often in apprehension) she has waited for her children to be born. With glad expectation, accompanied perhaps by gnawing dread that perhaps she has not done all for her children that she should have done, she waits for those children to show the fruits of her love and labor.

These personal experiences of waiting have trained woman to wait with patience for the coming of her Lord from heaven. Though the night be long, she

knows He will come according to His promise.

The apostle said, "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven . . ." (1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10).

Woman's days are like the grass—green and flourishing today, brown and parched tomorrow. Therefore she counts each moment precious and will not waste even one. She is constantly watching for opportunities to serve her Lord. She is too busy to speak evil of her neighbor. Yet she makes time to do the really important things, such

as praying, witnessing for Christ, and attending the house of God. She will not put off to tomorrow the praying she should do today. She prays for her pastor, the missionaries, her unsaved loved ones and friends, keeping in mind the warning of Proverbs 27:1—"Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

She watches her conduct, too. She knows she cannot live one way and talk another, and expect to make spiritual progress. Both God and her associates are watching her. Therefore she walks

CODE MESSAGE FOR JUNIOR READERS

Here is another important message for you, but it is coded. You will find the code listed at the left and the message at the right. To read the message, simply fill in the letter that corresponds with the code in the space provided.

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To check your answer look up Matthew 6:14.

“circumspectly” and is careful to adorn the gospel of Christ her Saviour with a sweet Christian life.

How can she always put the admonitions of the Word of God to practical effect in her daily living? She is only human. She has the flesh to battle daily; and she finds that watching over her family, watching in prayer, watching for her Lord, watching for opportunities for service, watching her conduct, becomes quite a wearisome task. Where is the saved woman who has not suffered grief because of trying but failing?

Is there no remedy for this burden? Yes, praise God, there is a way. The reason the burden has been so trying may be that woman struggles in the energy of the flesh. She needs to look away from herself and draw strength from God. There is a life of abiding in Christ where the believer ceases to expect anything good from self and rests with confidence in the Lord.

Jesus said, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in Me” (John 15:4). God’s woman must not abide in her own hopes, or in her home, or in any earthly love. She must abide in Him. John also writes, “And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” Her confidence must be in the Lord, not in herself.

There is perfect peace and rest in believing the promises of God. “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform (complete) it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). ◀◀

DIVINE HEALING

There shall be springs in your valley

Of defeat and bitter despair.

There shall be joy and great gladness,

If you turn to the Lord with your care.

Cool streams of healing are flowing,

They'll soothe your sad, wounded heart;

Quench your thirst in the life-giving waters;

They'll sweet refreshment impart.

How shall I find springs in the valley:

Where do sweet waters flow?

Go with your sins to the Saviour;

He's longing His love to bestow.

God's Spirit will cleanse and forgive you;

He'll breathe out His love on your soul.

Your life will be full and abundant

As Christ makes your sick being whole.

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Our Family Altar

Monday, July 8

Read: Psalm 39

Learn: “I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue” (Psa. 39:1).

For the Parent: Most people need more of the ability to keep silent. Emphasize the importance of thinking before speaking; of not saying anything that will be a hindrance to the cause of Christ. This psalm also points out the brevity of life and emphasizes that our hope must rest in God.

Question Time: Why does the psalmist ask God to show him the “measure of [his] days?” (v. 4) What resolution of the psalmist is given in this psalm? (v. 1)

Discuss: What are some situations in which it is better to be silent than to speak?

Tuesday, July 9

Read: Psalm 40

Learn: “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart” (Psa. 40:8).

For the Parent: This psalm records (1) a past deliverance of David with his praise to God for it, vv. 1-5; (2) David’s present state of doing God’s will—which is more important than anything else in life, vv. 6-10; (3) a request for deliverance based on God’s faithfulness and the fact that David had been fulfilling God’s will. Doing God’s will ought not to be a habit or a chore for the Christian; it should be our delight.

Question Time: What had God done for David in the past? (vv. 1-3) What is more important to God than sacrifice and offering? (v. 8)

Wednesday, July 10

Read: Psalm 41

Learn: “Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble” (Psa. 41:1).

For the Parent: Christians need to be considerate of others. This includes showing Christlike compassion toward the poor. Who are the “poor”? Certainly it includes those who don’t have enough money, but it is also possible to be rich and still be spiritually poor. We need to help the financially poor materially; we must help the spiritually poor spiritually.

Question Time: Who are the poor? (See above) What promise is given to those who consider the poor? (v. 1) What consolation does the Psalmist have? (v. 12)

Thursday, July 11

Read: 2 Kings 24:8-16

Learn: “Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:34).

For the Parent: (Additional material on “The First Captivity” will be found on Sunday’s Lesson page.) Sin caused the downfall of the once-proud kingdom of Judah. This passage records what happens when a people and a nation forget God—the land was conquered, its treasures taken as booty, and its king and leading citizens taken captive. Sin will always bring nations and individuals to ruin.

Question Time: How long did Jehoiachin reign as king? (v. 8) What kind of king was he? (v. 9) What happened to him?

Friday, July 12

Read: Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:37-47 (Sunday’s Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: “Christ...loved the church, and gave himself for it;...that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle...but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:25, 27).

For the Parent: The theme of this lesson is the Church. Point out the difference in the church as (1) a local congregation; (2) a denomination; (3) all true born-again believers in Christ. The Church is founded upon Christ, the “Solid Rock.”

Question Time: What is meant by the Church? (See above) Upon whom or what is the Church founded? (see above) What is Christ’s desire for the church? (Eph. 5:27)

Saturday, July 13

Read: Numbers 21:1-9 (Sunday’s Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: Look unto me and be ye saved...for I am God” (Isa. 45:22).

For the Parent: This lesson records an incident when God sent poisonous snakes among the Israelites because they murmured and complained. Point out (1) sin is always punished; (2) God, in His mercy, provided an escape. Tell what this escape was. Then show how this was a type of what Jesus did for us. (See John 3:14-16.)

Question Time: Why did God send the poisonous serpents among Israel? (v. 5) Did the people admit their sin? (v. 7) Of what event was the brazen serpent a type? (see above)



The Broken Arrow Assembly of God was destroyed by fire.

Italian Church Sponsored by American Assembly

THE MISSIONARY VISION OF THIS CHURCH HAS RESULTED IN GREATER BLESSINGS IN ITS OWN WORK

AN AMERICAN ASSEMBLY IS BUILDING a church in Italy! This unique project is being carried on by the Assembly of God in Broken Arrow, Okla. with wonderful effects in the home church as well as in the Italian church.

Italy is the scene of great Pentecostal results. The work in that country commenced in 1908, led by an Italian who had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while residing in Chicago. Several churches were established and other nationals and Italian-Americans joined him in this ministry. A great development of the work was during the years of 1927 to 1934.

The Fascist persecutions which followed closed the churches, and the Pentecostal work had to go underground to survive. Meetings were held in caves, cellars, open fields, or in private homes behind barred doors. Pastors were imprisoned and sent to concentration camps. Then in 1944, with the army of liberation, came freedom. Within two years the work was

reorganized, and it spread rapidly.

In 1944 a large number of the Pentecostal churches were organized under the name of The Assemblies of God of Italy. The Christian Church of North America, the Italian Pentecostal Churches of Canada, and the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God in

the U.S.A. all work together with the Assemblies of God in Italy to do a great work for the Lord.

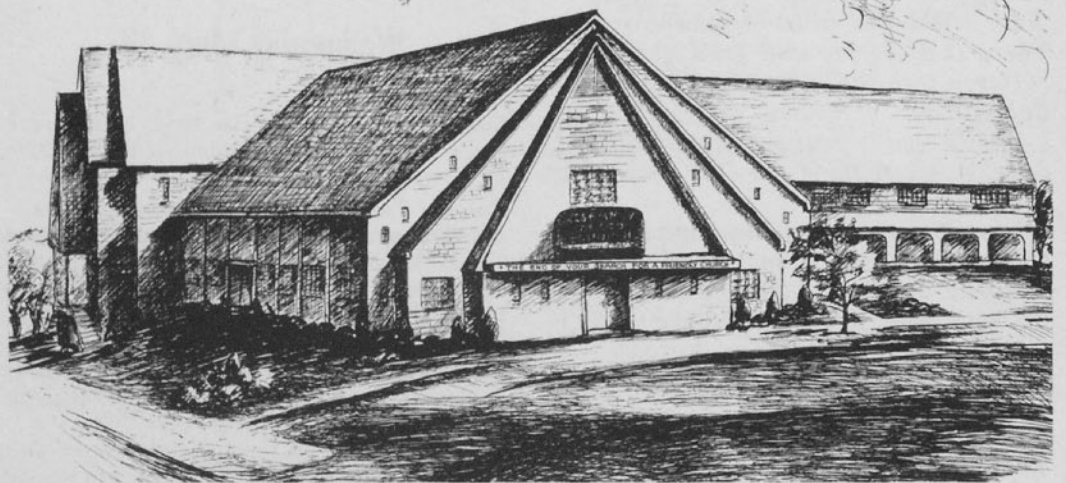
Although persecutions did not die out but rather increased again, relief came in May 1954 when the Supreme Court of Italy opened the way for future official recognition of the Assemblies of God in Italy as a spiritual and moral entity.

Among these churches is the Assembly at Andria. The commencement of this work was through the instrumentality of Riccardo Selvarolo, who was saved while in Rome. The work had a humble start and in the year 1950 the number of the faithful was twenty-five. But a revival came and many miracles of healing were experienced. As a result, many came and were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit, largely through the fervent testimony of Anne Postiglione, an Assemblies of God minister.

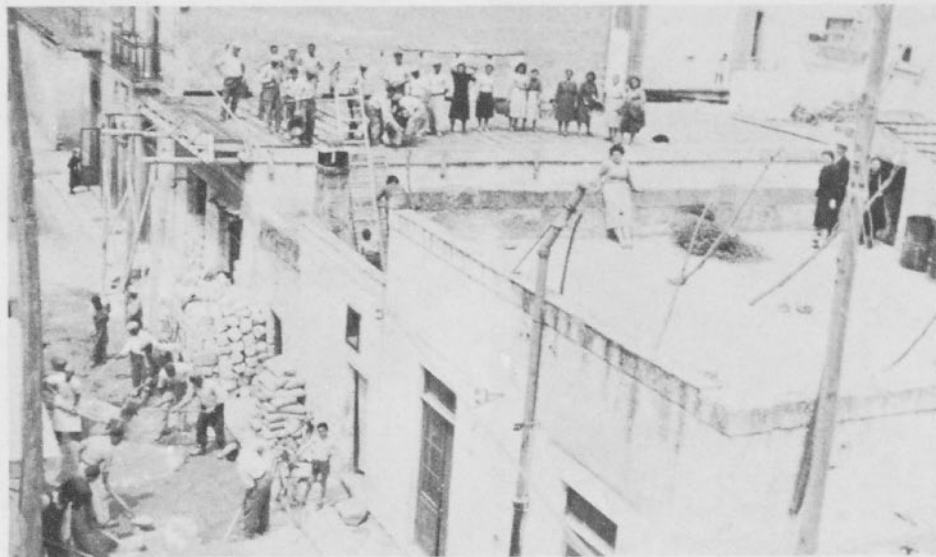
Another Assemblies of God minister, Mauro Nesta, was used in teaching the congregation, which had grown to 250. Others from Italy and America, including Brother Giancaspero, were also used in the edification of the believers. The present pastor is Guiseppe Marinelli, a capable servant of the Lord.

We now turn our attention to the Broken Arrow Assembly and how the people there became interested in the work at Andria.

The Assembly in Broken Arrow was chartered as an Assemblies of God church in 1916 under the ministry of J. R. Evans, who was later Secretary-Treasurer of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Through the years, a succession of fine pastors have filled the pulpit of this church.



After rebuilding the new church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (shown above), the people sponsored the building of a new church in Italy.



Buildings at Audria, Italy were razed to make way for the new church

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Dodd, the present pastors, came to Broken Arrow in November, 1942. They found a lovely little congregation of people who were willing and ready to be led into greater things for God. They were an aggressive group.

In November 1944, an eight-page monthly magazine called *Tidings of Peace* went to press for the first edition. Regularly each month since that time this magazine has been distributed free of charge to every house in Broken Arrow and to every rural box holder. At the present time, in addition to local distribution, this magazine is going to many throughout the United States, and some copies are sent overseas. Nearly one-half million copies have been distributed to date.

Ten years ago, an on-the-spot radio broadcast was inaugurated over Station KAKC in Tulsa. This broadcast is still being heard (now over KTUL, 1430 on the dial) 9:15-9:45 Sunday mornings. Many people have been reached through this radio ministry; whole families have been brought to church and to Christ. Soon after the beginning of this broadcast the Assembly began to show a phenomenal growth. Scores were saved in the regular services of the church and became members of the congregation.

In 1949 the congregation voted to build a new church and in April 1950 this lovely new structure was dedicated by Wesley R. Steelberg. By November 1952 this building was paid for, and an air conditioning unit had been installed. One Sunday a new all-time record of 937 in Sunday School attend-

ance was set, but *before the next morning this beautiful church was completely burned to the ground!*

Before the ashes were cooled, the men of the church were clearing away the debris, and plans were being formulated for the construction of a much larger building. Just seven months later a fine new church with a valuation of over \$200,000 was dedicated to

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MISSIONARY News Notes



The following missionaries have recently returned home on furlough:

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Petersen of Japan. Their address is 2629 Alrich Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minn.

Edna M. Hudson of North India. Her address is 109 Stratton Ave., Nicholasville, Ky.

Wilfred H. Morris and family from Peru. They can be reached at 1906 West 15th Ave., Vancouver 9, B. C. Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sorbo from South India. Their address is 348 Shaw St., New Castle, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wakefield and children from Togo Dahomey. They are making their home at Route 7, Box 419, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dewey Hale of Ghana has joined his family, who returned home several months ago. His address is c/o Mrs. R. C. Hale, R.F.D. 1, Stone Road, Hudson, Ohio.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

April 1957

Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1.	N. Dakota	50	45	90%
2.	New Jersey	96	82	85%
3.*	S. Idaho	57	48	84%
4.	Nebraska	84	70	83%
5.	S. Dakota	48	40	83%
6.	Oregon	195	161	83%
7.	Montana	67	55	82%
8.	New England	105	86	82%
9.	Rocky Mtn.	125	101	81%
10.	N. Carolina	71	57	80%
11.	Northwest	269	213	79%
12.	Kansas	167	130	78%
13.	Wis.-N. Mich.	135	103	76%
14.	New York	156	119	76%
15.	Michigan	176	134	76%
16.	Ohio	175	131	75%
17.	Potomac	166	123	74%
18.	Illinois	204	149	73%
19.	Minnesota	147	107	73%
20.	Tennessee	93	67	72%
21.	S. Missouri	327	235	72%
22.	West Central	219	154	70%
23.	Wyoming	36	25	69%
24.	Eastern	261	178	68%
25.	S. Florida	160	108	68%
26.	S. California	367	243	66%
27.	N. Calif.-Nev.	335	220	66%
28.	W. Florida	137	82	60%
29.	Alabama	251	146	58%
30.	S. Texas	258	148	57%
31.	Oklahoma	493	274	56%
32.	Indiana	154	85	55%
33.	W. Texas	128	67	52%
34.	New Mexico	77	40	52%
35.	Louisiana	155	79	51%
36.	Georgia	129	65	50%
37.	N. Texas	508	252	50%
38.	Appalachian	75	37	49%
39.	Arizona	81	40	49%
40.	Kentucky	65	31	48%
41.	S. Carolina	54	22	41%
42.	Mississippi	88	35	40%
43.	Arkansas	451	156	35%

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jackson from Nigeria. Their address is 404 Evergreen, Springfield 1, Mo.

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Del Ray Guynes was born on May 16 to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Guynes of Malaya.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Nylander of Hawaii are the happy parents of Rebecca Leimoni Nylander, born May 29.

MISSIONARY NURSES NEEDED

The Foreign Missions Department is faced with frequent appeals for registered nurses who are filled with the Holy Spirit and willing to enter missionary service. Immediate needs are in West Africa. Anyone interested should write to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



WMC ladies of the Dirego Park Assembly in Panama City, Florida. Mrs. Nell Denham, Sectional Representative, is on the back row, sixth from the left.



Ladies of the First Assembly of God in Panama City, Florida at the Mother's Day prayer meeting.



WMC group of the Long Beach Assembly of God in Panama City joined in the prayer meeting.

WEST FLORIDA WMC GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING

BY STANLEY

MRS. NELL DENHAM, THE WMC PRESIDENT of Section 7 in the West Florida District, reports an enthusiastic response to the Mother's Day prayer meeting, which was sponsored by REVIVALTIME. When she presented the challenge to her WMC groups in the 15 churches of the section, all of the presidents, as well as the pastors, set about to make it a time of real spiritual blessing.

Immediately following the prayer meeting, Mrs. Denham wrote as follows: "Every person I've talked with about this hour of prayer has said that from the very beginning a 'holy hush' came over us and we remained silent for a few minutes. And then as we prayed we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit so real. We know we touched God in every request that we prayed over."

Mrs. A. C. Mason, WMC President at Southport Assembly, says, "Our hour of prayer was a wonderful experience for the church. God was so real, and near the end of the last prayer the Holy Ghost came in and crowned our service with such power that we are still feeling the effects of that wonderful service."

From the Long Beach Assembly, Ruby Watkins wrote, "We felt that by joining the REVIVALTIME prayer meeting we could have a part in this great work. We concluded our regular service by praying for REVIVALTIME and the requests we received. The Lord was real and we felt that He heard our united prayer."

WMC President, Mrs. T. O. Alpin, of the First Assembly in Panama City, reports, "There were approximately 75 present. We feel that our Father in heaven took notice to so many of His

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BY MICHAEL

children the world over calling upon His name; we believe that He did hear and will answer."

Marion Walker, of the Parker Assembly, says, "No tongue can tell just how real the Lord was in our Mother's Day prayer meeting. At the close of an inspiring message, there were four mothers kneeling at the altar to re-dedicate themselves to God. What a wonderful way to begin our prayer meeting."

The ladies at Dirego Park Assembly in Panama City said, "We felt it not only a duty but also a privilege to join in the Mother's Day prayer meeting. It made us feel that, in a small way, we were having a part in our great REVIVALTIME work. We felt the presence of the Lord hover over us during the entire service. It was a time of intercessory prayer!" This report came from Mrs. J. T. McGee, WMC President of the Business and Professional Ladies, and Mrs. Louise Avery, WMC President.

These are but a few of the sectional reports that came in. All speak the same language of how God's presence was so very real and how they knew when they had touched God for the hundreds of requests that had been sent to REVIVALTIME and then on to these prayer groups.

Congratulations to Mrs. Denham for obtaining 100% co-operation from her WMC groups in this vital and important ministry of intercessory prayer. With prayer like this, the REVIVALTIME ministry can be made effective in any area. Souls will continue to be saved and blessed because someone prayed.



Though only a few, the ladies of the First Assembly in Lynn Haven, Florida, joined in the prayer meeting.

NEWS FLASH

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME log:

GLENWOOD, MINNESOTA (the Church has its own radio station).

BRIDGEWATER, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA (1,000 kc.—1,000 watts—Sundays, 3:00 p.m.).

COALINGA, CALIFORNIA (KBMX, 1470 kc.—500 watts—Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.).

ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA (KASA, 1240 kc.—250 watts—Sundays, 10:30 p.m.).

SIOUX CITY, IOWA (KMNS, 620 kc.—1000 watts—Sundays, 8:30 a.m.).

HOUSTON, TEXAS (KTHT, 790 kc.—5000 watts—Sundays, 10:00 p.m.).



Bayou George Assembly of God in Panama City gathered for the Mother's Day prayer meeting.



The ladies at Central Assembly in Panama City co-operated in the REVIVALTIME prayer meeting.



PROPHECY and its PURPOSE

BY E. J. G. TITTERINGTON

SOME YEARS AGO A CLERICAL FRIEND, in a discussion about the authorship of the later chapters of Isaiah, put the question, "Can you write history before it has taken place?"

The answer is, "Yes—if God writes it." The Lord knows the end from the beginning, and He, and He alone, can unveil the future.

THE DIVINE PREROGATIVE

It is in these very passages in Isaiah that God lays down the principle. In His controversy with the false gods and their prophets, He throws down the challenge: "Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods" (Isaiah 41:21-23). Again: "The things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them" (Isaiah 44:7). And then immediately God answers His own challenge; He leaps over some two hundred years and predicts the coming of Cyrus, announcing him by name. *The argument loses its point if written after the event.*

It is these long-range prophecies in particular which are the peculiar prerogative of God. There are prophecies concerning the fate of nations, such as the "burdens" of Isaiah, chapters 13 to 23, or others of more limited scope, as of Nahum and Obadiah, most of which have now come to pass, though in some cases the complete fulfillment is not yet. But specially are there prophecies concerning the Lord

Jesus Christ, concerning His birth, His ministry, His sufferings and death, His glorious resurrection and coming glory—prophecies that begin with Genesis 3 and range through the Psalms (Psalms 8, 22, 110, 118). They rise to a mighty crescendo when we come to Isaiah and the other prophets.

It is not merely that prophecies were given long in advance of the event, spanning hundreds and even thousands of years, but also that they are so full of detail, some of which appears almost trivial. The prophets must have had a wonderful faith in the Source of their inspiration to preserve for us so much that must have been utterly incomprehensible to them. In us who read the records in the light of their fulfillment they evoke awe.

This is a matter the most skeptical critics cannot evade. Date the prophecies as late as they will, there yet remains a mass of prediction that on any showing preceded by long ages the time of fulfilment.

THE TEST OF PROPHECY

Long before the era of the prophets (but not before prophecy began, for that goes back to the Garden of Eden) the principles were laid down by which prophets and their prophecies were to be tested. There were two principles. First, did the thing predicted come to pass? Second, was the prophet faithful to the worship of Jehovah, or did he seek to seduce the people from their allegiance?

Did the prophecy come to pass? "The prophet, which shall presume to speak in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spo-

ken? When a prophet speaketh in the Name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor came to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him."

This principle of course, is applicable only to short-term prophecies. It is easy to predict something that will not come to pass in the lifetime of the hearers; no one can test whether it is true or not until the prophet has passed on. But the prophets of the Lord had their credentials established by the accuracy of their predictions which could be tested, so that when they spoke the things still far distant they might be believed. Instances will readily spring to mind.

Was the prophet faithful to the Lord? This is the second testing principle. It is already mentioned in the passage just cited, but more fully in the following passage: "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul... and that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God" (Deut. 13:1-5).

It is not to be denied that on occasion a false prophet may give a prediction that does come to pass, and that God allows it to be so. But such prophecies or predictions have not the scope, range or detail that characterize the great prophecies of Scripture.

GOD'S PLAN REVEALED

Prophecy in Scripture fulfils many purposes. But one purpose it does not fulfill is to satisfy idle curiosity. That God never does: witness our Lord's reply to those who asked, "Be they few that be saved?" or again, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Prophecy was never given so that we might amuse ourselves with it, as with a jigsaw puzzle, and fit all the pieces together into a pattern or map of the future. To attempt to use it in this way is to misuse it. The schemes that have

thus been built up will prove in the event to be as far from the truth as the Jewish misconceptions relating to the Messiah.

Prophecy reveals the plans and purposes of God. It is God's will that we should understand His plan, insofar as it relates to our redemption. "He made known His ways unto Moses; His acts unto the children of Israel." It is not enough to know His acts; He also wants us to know His ways—the framework within which His acts are set. They are not to be viewed in isolation, but in the framework of His ultimate purposes. God is working to a plan.

And not only so; He is working to a timetable. The period of Israel's sojourn in Egypt, and the time of Judah's captivity, were known to God and predetermined by Him. The prophecy of the "seventy weeks" in Daniel gave accurately the time that should elapse to "Messiah the Prince." The great time-prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, however we may interpret them, tell the same story. The time of His second coming none may know, but there is a time set, which "the Father hath put in His own power."

QUITE SUDDENLY

Quite suddenly—it may be at the turning of a lane,
Where I stand to watch a skylark from out the swelling grain,
That the trump of God shall thrill me, with its call so loud and clear,
And I'm called away to meet Him, whom of all I hold most dear.
Quite suddenly—it may be as I tread the busy street,
Strong to endure life's stress and strain, its every call to meet,
That through the roar of traffic, a trumpet, silvery clear,
Shall stir my startled senses and proclaim His coming near.
Quite suddenly—it may be in His house I bend my knee,
When the kingly voice, long hoped for, comes at last to summon me;
And the fellowship of earth-life that has seemed so passing sweet,
Proves nothing but the shadow of our meeting round His feet.
Quite suddenly—it may be as I lie in dreamless sleep,
God's gift to many a sorrowing heart, with no more tears to weep,
That a call shall break my slumber and a Voice sound in my ear;
"Rise up, My love, and come away!
Behold the Bridegroom's here!"

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

Prophecy is designed to give us understanding of the times. "These things have I spoken unto you," said our Lord in the upper room, "that ye should not be offended." If He had not told the disciples beforehand, they would have been in danger of utter despair and discouragement when they saw things were not working out as they expected. The prophecies of Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 and others serve the same purpose to us in our own day.

Prophecy is a mighty aid to strengthen our faith. "We have the word of prophecy made sure" (2 Peter 1:19); in other words, prophecy is confirmed by its fulfillment; and as we see the prophecies reach their fulfillment one by one, our confidence is increased that that which remains will reach its accomplishment also. And we have even more ground for this confidence than had the apostles, for we have a much larger body of fulfilled prophecy on which to base our faith.

MAGNIFYING CHRIST

As we see the prophecies being fulfilled before our eyes, and the time of their fulfillment approaching, they become an urge to prayer. When Daniel "understood by books the number of the years... that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem," he did not sit back and say, "The time has now come, and God is going to fulfill His promise." Instead he started praying that the Word might be accomplished. Similarly Zechariah exhorts us to "ask of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." It would be so easy to say, "If it is the time of the latter rain, then the latter rain will come without any action on my part," but this is not the Lord's way. He asks us to co-operate with Him in the fulfillment of His Word.

Prophecy is also an incentive to holy living. "He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

But all these purposes of prophecy are incidental to the one great purpose, and that is to exalt and magnify Christ. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." All prophecy, as indeed all Scripture, centers in Him; and if we study His Word without having Him in view, our study is vain. It can lead to "the knowledge that puffeth up" but not to any true spiritual understanding. ◀ ◀

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



The First Captivity

Sunday School Lesson for July 14, 1957

2 KINGS 24:8-15; 25:27-30

Jehoiachin receives punishment (2 Kings 24:8-16). Jehoiachin became king when eighteen years old, and, like Jehoahaz, he held the throne only three months. But that was long enough for him to do "that which was evil in the sight of the Lord" to such an extent as to incur the wrath of God. The day of mercy for Judah as a nation was past. Nothing remained but "a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation."

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of mighty Babylon, returned with his army to Jerusalem. Jehoiachin saw that resistance was hopeless, and to save his nation from needless slaughter he and the other members of the royal house marched outside the city in procession and voluntarily surrendered.

His surrender *did* save many lives, but it could not save the city from being ransacked and plundered, nor its inhabitants from being captured. The king and at least ten thousand of the inhabitants of Judah—the noblest, bravest, wealthiest, and most skilled—were torn from their homes and taken to Babylon, where, according to Nebuchadnezzar's purpose, they should contribute to the strengthening of his own kingdom. A remnant, consisting of "the poorest of the people," were left behind to farm the crops. Thus Jerusalem was denuded of more than half her population and left to "sit solitary" and to weep "sore in the night." See Lamentations 1:1-22.

Jehoiachin obtains mercy (2 Kings 25:27-30). After thirty-six years in a prison cell, Jehoiachin experienced a wonderful change of circumstances. Evil-merodach, successor to Nebuchadnezzar, had compassion on the miserable captive. Jehoiachin passed from the gloom of a dungeon to a throne; from prison food and dress to royal banquets and apparel fitting his rank; from the depths of misery to happiness, dignity, and honor. From the experience of Jehoiachin's restoration we derive some blessed typical teaching and valuable lessons.

Brought out of prison. You and I were "servants of sin" (John 8:34), prisoners of Satan, having been "taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:26). But one golden day the sunlight of God's love pierced the darkness of our prison. Then He whose ministry is "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound" (Isaiah 61:1-3) fulfilled that ministry, liberating us from the cursed thralldom of the devil and bringing us into the glorious liberty of the children of God!

A change of garments. From prison garb to royal apparel—how wonderful! Anxious sinner, regardless of how low and vile your life may have been, *the very moment* you repent and believe, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses you from *all* sin (1 John 1:7, 9), and you are

clothed with the spotless robe of Christ's purity and righteousness! See Isaiah 61:10 and Ezekiel 16:6-14.

A place at the king's table. From prison fare eaten in solitude to royal feasting in the presence of the king—such was Jehoiachin's good fortune. What a picture of our fellowship with King Jesus! With the happy bride in the Song of Solomon, we sing, "He brought me into the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love" (Song of Solomon 2:4). Who would exchange the infinite joy of communion with Christ for a million years of consorting with the world!

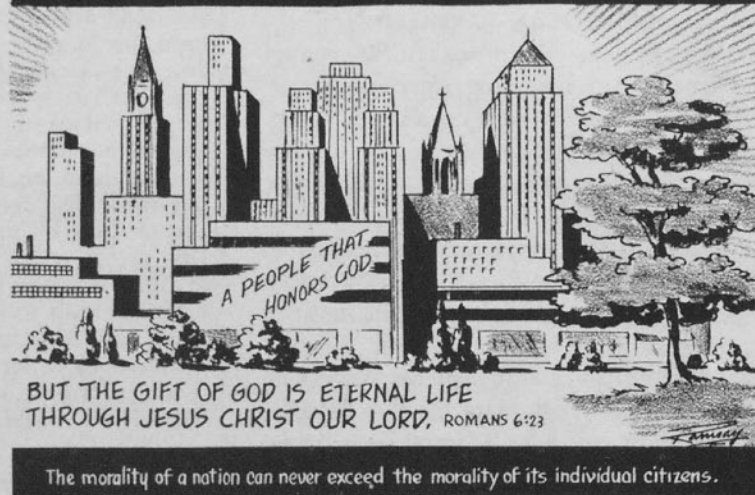
A daily allowance for all needs. "His allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day." Says our Lord to us, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." Why did He speak thus? Because He has an inexhaustible, bountiful, daily supply for all of our needs for body, soul, and spirit!

Placed upon a throne. We, like Jehoiachin, have been placed upon a throne. Our wonderful Lord "hath made us kings and priests," and some day, if we are faithful, we shall reign with Him on earth and sit with Him in His throne! Revelation 1:6; 3:21; 5:10.

"How can it be, Thou heavenly King,
That Thou should'st me to glory bring?
Make slaves the partners of Thy throne,
Decked with a never-fading crown?
"Ah, Lord, enlarge my scanty thought,
To know the wonders Thou hast wrought;
Unloose my stammering tongue to tell
Thy love, immense, unsearchable."

—J. Bashford Bishop

TALE OF TWO CITIES





Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Does Romans 10:6, 7 mean that we do not know where a person goes when he dies?

These verses refer to salvation. We do not have to go up to heaven to find Christ; neither do we have to go into the lower parts of the earth. His salvation is right where we are, and the only requirement is to accept it by faith. Read the entire chapter.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" (John 3:13)?

I believe Jesus had in mind that He alone, of all those living on the earth, was the Witness who had come down from heaven, bearing tidings from heaven. I am confident that He did not have in mind any who had died previously or who were translated.

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Why was Cain's offering not accepted?

The Bible says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). God had set forth this principle when He clothed Adam and Eve with "coats of skins" (Genesis 3:21).

Probably the reason for the rejection of Cain himself, however, was his stubbornness—his refusal, after his offering had been rejected, to bring an offering which required the taking of life in substitution. Did God not say to Cain after his offering had been rejected, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" (Genesis 4:7)? Cain, instead of humbling himself before the Lord, let bitterness grow until it exploded in the murder of his brother.

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What does Hebrews 12:17 mean when it says that Esau "found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears"?

I like the translation as given by Connebear and Howsen in *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul*: "He found no change of mind in his father, though he sought it carefully with tears."

Esau had sold his birthright. Later, when he expected to receive the blessing which went with the birthright, he found that Jacob had already received it. Then Esau besought his father with tears for a blessing, finally asking if he did not have another blessing he could bestow upon him (Genesis 27:30-37).

The spiritual lesson is that we have in Christ the blessing of salvation. Let us not despise it, lest, when we feel our need of it, it may be too late to receive it.

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Knowing that man is a creature of choice, how will God deal with a person who has been mentally unbalanced from birth?

We may be sure that "the Judge of all the earth will do right." Man is responsible for that which he has, and not for that which he has not. Even among those whose intelligence is considered normal, not all have the same capacity. Some bring forth thirty, some sixty and some an hundredfold (Matthew 13:23). A baby is accepted of the Lord because it has no consciousness of evil done. As it develops there comes increasing consciousness concerning right and wrong, and with this growing consciousness comes increasing responsibility. If there is no growth of moral consciousness, then I believe God will take this into consideration in dealing with the individual.

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Why did the Lord bury Moses where no one would know where he was buried (Deuteronomy 34:5, 6)?

This was probably to keep people from erecting a monument and worshipping him as a deity. Israel was to worship the Lord only. Man is too prone to worship other men if they show signs of special ability.

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 (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

SAY, MISTER



-GOT A SECRET HERE!

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Adele Flower has written a warm and personal story about her father, J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary of the Assemblies of God, and pioneer Pentecostal leader.

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NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGES

Southern California Bible College Finishes 37 Years of Training

ON THE NINTH OF SEPTEMBER, SOUTHERN California Bible College will enter upon its thirty-eighth year of service in the advancement of the gospel of Christ.

Located in Costa Mesa, south of the great metropolis of Los Angeles, this Assemblies of God college has provided wholesome training through the years for hundreds of successful evangelists, pastors, missionaries, chaplains of the armed forces, religious education directors, ministers of music, and public school teachers. Approximately one-half of all Assemblies of God chaplains are graduates of this college. It can also be stated that the student body is substantially represented by 175 missionaries who have carried the message of the Master to the mission fields of the world.

The spacious seventy-five acre campus is situated in a sunny, coastal area in the fastest-growing county in the United States, a vicinity where cool, ocean breezes are invariably experienced in the summer and a delightful, temperate climate in the winter. These climatic conditions, however, are not the only advantages enjoyed by the college students. Due to the phenomenal growth of

industry in Southern California, opportunities for employment are plentiful. About 75 per cent of the entire student body earn all or part of their expenses while studying at SCBC. Through the assistance of the college employment director, students have found it possible to obtain very satisfactory jobs, some of which have been surprisingly good in the hourly rates of pay.

The men of vision and faith, who comprise the college Board of Directors, have wisely recognized that a Christian institution of higher learning necessarily reflects the spirituality and efficiency of its faculty. Accordingly, they have selected the teachers of the college with the utmost care, to ensure that each instructor is thoroughly consecrated and well qualified in his field. All full-time teachers at SCBC hold graduate degrees and some hold doctorates. The Bible instructors are also ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God and represent an average of over twenty years each in the Christian ministry.

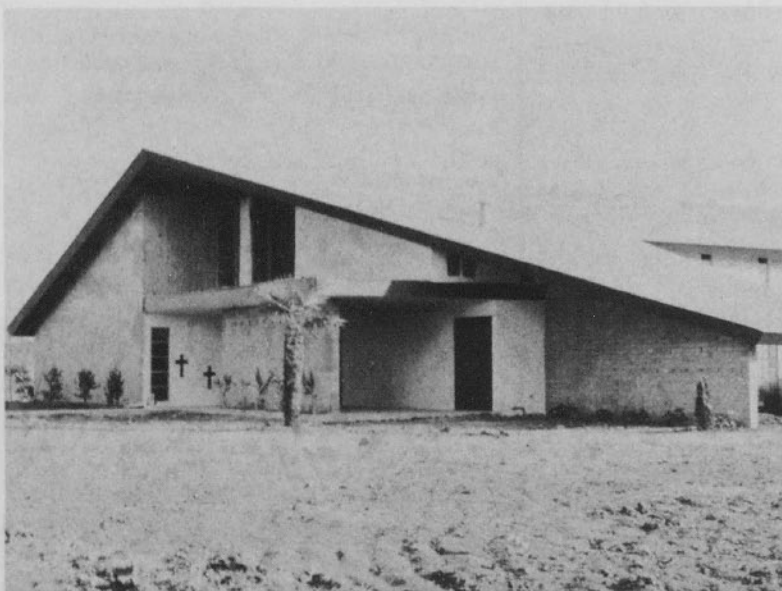
The work of the college is set up in two main divisions: Bible and Theology, and Science and Arts. In the Division of Bible and Theology, students may major in Theology

to obtain the Th.B. or B.A. degree, or they may qualify for the B.A. degree in English Bible, Christian Education, Missions, or Sacred Music. In the Division of Arts and Sciences, the B.A. degree may be obtained by the successful completion of majors in Education, English, Social Science, or Music.

Since the college is approved by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, the credits obtained by its students are readily transferable to other institutions. In some cases SCBC graduates continue their studies in well-known seminaries and universities and make enviable records.

During the past year an extensive building program has been in evidence on the campus. A beautiful chapel has been constructed at a cost of \$45,000 to accommodate about four hundred persons. The administration building and library have been remodeled and a number of improvements have been made in the dormitories. Additional facilities for married students are also in prospect. These will take the form of new duplexes and will provide for modern and comfortable living.

Southern California Bible College extends a cordial invitation to Christian young men and young women throughout the United States to make this beautiful campus their home during the important years of training for Christian service. In comparison with other colleges, the cost of tuition and board at SCBC is very reasonable, and, in some cases, students have quickly obtained types of employment which have more than defrayed their expenses. The Registrar of the college will be glad to answer any inquiry from prospective students. A postcard addressed to Southern California Bible College, Costa Mesa, California, will promptly bring additional information, catalog, and application blank.



New chapel at Southern California Bible College



The chapel accommodates about 400 people

Additional Scholarships Offered at C. B. I.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—Recognizing the importance of assisting worthy and needy students in the continuation of their education, personnel associated with Central Bible Institute made available this year at Commencement time sixteen scholarships amounting to better than \$1,500 to be used during the 1957-58 academic year.

Ralph Harris, President of the Alumni Association, presented four awards from the Association in the amount of \$130 each to Miss Twila Brown, Erie, Pennsylvania; Miss Anita Campbell, Denver, Colorado; Mr. Dean Harvey, Ozark, Missouri; and Mr. Grant Aldridge, Dansville, New York.

T. F. Zimmerman, Executive Director of

Revivaltime, awarded \$100 scholarships to Miss Helen Brown, Turlock, California, and Mr. James Wilkins, Kearney, Nebraska, for services associated with the *Revivaltime* choir.

President Peterson announced Voice Scholarships in the amount of \$75 to Duane Nicholson, Woodland, Oklahoma; Eunice Richards, South Africa; and David Hale, Edmonds, Washington. These were made available by Mr. Melvin Skaret, alumnus and former voice instructor at CBI.

Another scholarship to a music major in the amount of \$50 was awarded Miss Marie Salisbury of Windsor, New York, through the courtesy of Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom, former promotional director of the college.

Brother Peterson explained the desire of the faculty and staff to be of assistance and presented three \$100 awards from this group, together with an additional \$100 made available by himself and Mrs. Peterson. These were granted to Mr. Eddie Mosher, Mount Vernon, Missouri; Miss Beverly Harms, Newport, Oregon; Mr. Bee Collins, Livingston, Texas; and Mrs. Zora Kiddy, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A graduate school award of \$150 was made to Mr. Donald George, Springfield, Missouri, and a Grand Scholarship of \$320 to Mr. George Westlake, Detroit, Michigan. These latter were awarded by the college itself in appreciation of outstanding achievement on the part of Mr. George and Mr. Westlake. It is planned to award these two annually along with most of the foregoing.

The President announced that the Adminis-

tration plans to offer additional scholarships in the future.

At the present, these awards have been made available only to current students. A detailed list of scholarships available to incoming freshmen will be released in the near future. These will include one to each approved Christian High School, a limited number to District-approved C.A.'s, and several to freshmen for music and general training.

WHAT ONE WIDOW DOES FOR THE LORD

The following is taken from the Big Spring (Texas) *Herald*.

From three to four hours a day, Mrs. Louise Kniss, of Louisville, Ky., sits at the kitchen table of her home and goes over the obituary notices. Those hours have developed into a unique "ministry of sympathy" which more than 16,000 people have felt.

Mrs. Kniss sends to survivors of loved ones inspirational tracts—and with no thought but to comfort the bereaved.

Her daily procedure started five years ago when her minister put suggestions to his congregation on ways they might serve the Lord.

Mrs. Kniss herself knew what a comforting message could mean—she found out three years earlier when her husband died. Now, she brings that same kind of comfort to others, almost all of them total strangers.

She sends two tracts—one a simple message of comfort; the other a gospel tract outlining the plan of salvation.

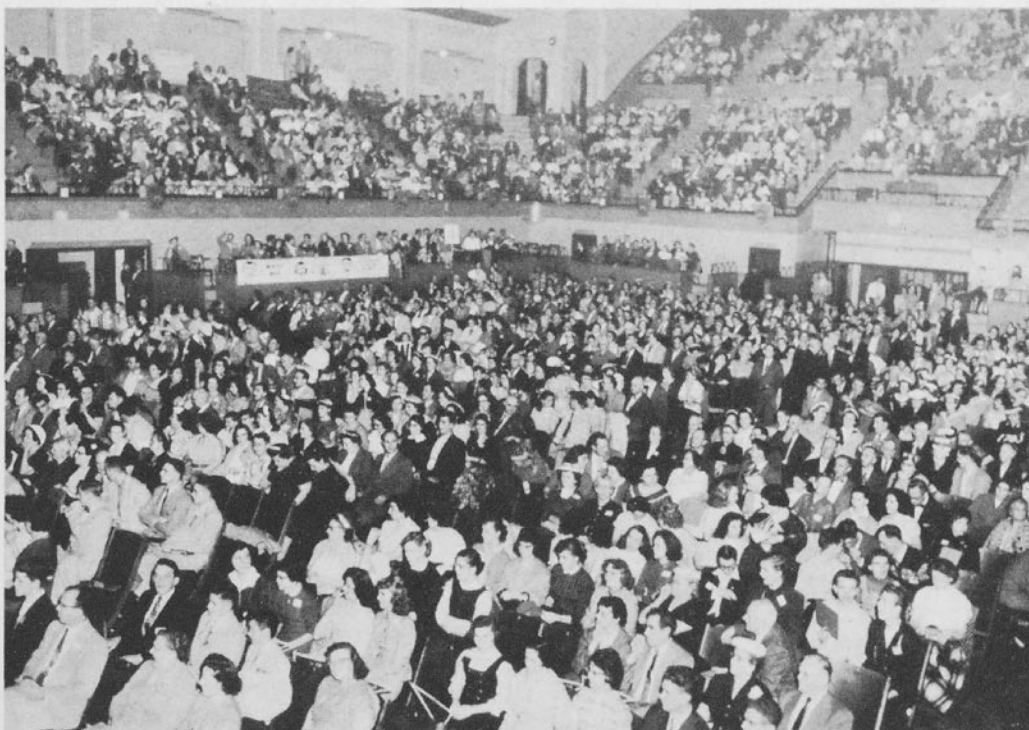
"As I stuff each envelope, I breathe a prayer that the Lord will bless them," she said quietly.

Often people who receive her mail respond, sometimes with thank-you cards, frequently with notes of appreciation. One came from the family of the late Sen. Alben W. Barkley. All are forwarded to her by the church, whose address is on the envelope.

"But if I never got one single response I wouldn't care," she says. "I've never expected thanks."

Each believer should have a method of reaching others with the gospel of Christ, which is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

—Now



SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD BY EASTERN DISTRICT C.A.'S

The second annual C. A. Convention of the Eastern District (Pennsylvania and Delaware) was held in Harrisburg, Pa., in April. Welcomes were extended to the group by the host pastor, C. E. Bell, the District C. A. President, Chester Jenkins, and other officials.

The guest speaker, C. M. Ward, inspired the convention with his inimitable preaching. He was unable to be present for the opening rally, however, so C. A. Davenport, former D-CAP of Michigan District, filled the pulpit most capably.

Unusual features of the convention included a breakfast meeting and a quiz. The East defeated the West in the quiz on Friday afternoon. The Couriers Male Quartet of Springfield, Mo., and Soloist Betty Marion of Eastern Bible Institute, were the guest musicians.

CHANGING THE APPEARANCE

In South America some curious birds are seen with yellow feathers. The Indians have learned the art of making these birds change the color of their feathers. They pluck them out, then inoculate the fresh wound with a secretion from the skin of a toad. The feathers which afterwards grow are of a very different color. But the changed appearance of the feathers does not in any way alter the **character** of the bird. A man may have the color of his outward life completely changed and yet remain the same unregenerate soul before God. There may be reformation without regeneration. A better appearance does not always mean a better character. Temperance and other societies have inoculated many with better views of life, but they cannot transform the carnal mind, which is enmity against God.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **KLAMATH FALLS, OREG.**—Evangelist Jimmie Mayo of Atlanta, Georgia recently conducted a very successful two-week revival in the Assembly here. Ten were saved and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit.
—*Silas H. Jones, Pastor*

► **BUTTE, MONT.**—On May 20 Evangelist Ruth Specter concluded a two-week meeting here. Her ministry was a real blessing to the church. A converted Jewess, Sister Specter used a model of the Tabernacle and presented visual messages on Jewish rituals and the ancient Hebrew Tabernacle of Moses, while picturing the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world. Many new people came to the meetings, and were helped and encouraged by this unusual ministry.
—*James O. McGahey, Pastor*

► **HOUMA, LA.**—The Bayou Blue Assembly of God recently experienced a wonderful revival. It was in charge of the local Christ's Ambassadors with Andrew Martin, who is only 18 years old, bringing the messages from night to night. Three were saved, four were reclaimed, two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many healings took place, and consecrations were made. The church was drawn closer to God through this revival.
—*J. B. Cherry, Pastor*

► **PHOENIX, ARIZ.**—The recent revival in Faith Assembly with Evangelist Bob McCutchen was one of the best the congregation has experienced for years. Ten came forward for salvation, 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. Every age group was stirred—children, youth, and adults. One night a man 78 years of age was saved for the first time, and people came running to the altar for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Every service was different and

marked by God's presence. The ministry of Brother McCutchen was most inspiring. The church is only one and a half years old. The Sunday School averages about 100, with a record attendance of 151 established last Easter.
—*Willis K. Hirschy, Pastor*

► **JONESBORO, IND.**—The church here recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham. Night after night the evangelist ministered under God's anointing. Sin, sorrow, and sickness was left at the altar along with habits and other disturbances.
—*Melvin Planck, Pastor*

► **SANTA ANA, CALIF.**—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed a successful revival in April with Evangelists L. B. Lewis and Ralph Love. Preceding each service Brother Love drew beautiful oil paintings which were given as awards. Sister Love did follow-up work and personal evangelism one week after the revival. A number were saved and reclaimed and 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The closing day of the revival there were 487 in Sunday School, which broke the previous record of 391. During the weeks following the meeting there has been a greater consciousness of the presence of the Lord in the church services.
—*Roy G. Sapp, Pastor*

► **CHERRY TREE, PA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del., recently concluded a two-week revival crusade in the Kinport Assembly of God. There were two glorious weeks of God's gracious moving. Six individuals were saved, and many were stirred to a deeper walk with the Lord. Quite a number attended the church for the first time, and others who came occasionally began coming regularly. Among the many who were

healed during the meeting are these three:

A two-year-old girl who had cerebral palsy and had never stood before nor had any use of her right side was marvelously touched of the Lord. She could move her right arm and has since stood, bearing the weight of her body.

A man under doctor's care for a heart ailment was examined by the same doctor after prayer and was told that his heart was in perfect condition.

A woman, unable to sleep past 4 a.m. because of a serious operation several years ago, now has been sleeping and resting normally.

The church has profited greatly through this meeting, and all members of the congregation enjoyed having the Owens minister in the church.
—*A. R. Kennedy, Pastor*

► **CLEVELAND, TEX.**—Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies were healed, during recent meetings with the teen-age evangelistic team of Donald Hicks and Micky Wigley. The team sang special numbers in each service that were enjoyed by all. Their ministry was anointed and very outstanding for teenagers.
—*Harlen J. Pate, Pastor*

► **MERIDIAN, MISS.**—The First Assembly of God recently concluded two weeks of revival with Laurel L. Akers of Houston, Tex., Christ's Ambassadors president for the South Texas District. The congregation was wonderfully blessed with the anointed preaching of the Word of God. Several were gloriously saved, and many reconsecrated their lives to the Lord. The special singing and playing of Brother Akers was a blessing also. The revival fire is still burning, for there have been several saved since the meetings closed.
—*R. C. Davis, Pastor*

► **MEXICO**—Evangelist Warren Litzman recently spent ten days ministering in the Gethsemane Assembly of God in Mexico City and in the church in Monterrey, pastored by Rodolfo Orozco. Both churches have Bible Schools in connection with them, and Brother Litzman also ministered at those schools. His singular ministry was a real blessing. It revived Pentecostal fervor, which no doubt will chart a new course for the churches. In Mexico City 50 believers received the glorious experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Twice that many received a similar experience in Monterrey. In the entire ten days at least 200 received Christ as their Saviour. There was a renewal of Pentecost in these two churches and it is hoped that the effect will spread throughout the Republic of Mexico.
—*Ruben J. Arevalo, Pastor*
—*Harley Vail, Interpreter*



EVANGELISM IN OLD MEXICO: (left to right) Evangelist Warren Litzman, General Superintendent Ruben Arevalo, and Missionary Harley Vail.



Co-operating pastors in revival at Eureka, California: (left to right) Paul Turner, H. C. Lafferty, Noel Ingram, Fred Briley, Brother Gladwell, Joseph C. Murray, Clarence Myers, Herbert Chisum.

► **BATAVIA, N. Y.**—The church here recently enjoyed a great revival under the ministry of Albert and Tommy Reid of Springfield, Mo. During the three weeks God moved in a gracious way upon the hearts of men and women. There were record crowds in attendance. About 46 souls were saved, and several were healed. The Sunday School attendance record was broken with an all-time high of 214. As a result of the meeting the church has lifted its eyes to new horizons. Right now the church is looking for a new parsonage so that the present one next to the church can be used for additional Sunday School rooms.

—Carl S. Lowe, Pastor

► **ROODHOUSE, ILL.**—The Assembly here recently had three weeks of revival at which the people were blessed. The first two weeks Evangelist and Mrs. James Grady ministered. During that time a 74-year-old man and a Methodist lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were others saved and refilled.

During the third week of the meetings Edna M. Dingeldein, a member of the church, did the preaching. She is a former Baptist who has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A mother of three rededicated her life to God after hearing the last message of the revival on "the handwriting on the wall." The church rejoiced greatly as the name of Jesus was magnified. There are now six converts ready to be baptized in water.

—Sherman Wilder, Pastor

► **ELDORA, IOWA**—Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo., recently conducted a 10-day revival here. As a result of her anointed singing and sincere attitude in the pulpit, souls were saved or reclaimed, and the whole church was encouraged. Folk commented that never before had the unsaved so readily accepted their invitation to attend a revival meeting. Many nights it seemed that 50% of the audience were new faces. The congregation were encouraged to know that outsiders would actually come if they were invited. Sister Thompson's illustrated messages were vivid and unforgettable. Heavy conviction was very evident at the close of her message entitled, "Seven Paths to the Gates of Hell." It was illuminated in a darkened auditorium

by a Colorama projector. In the divine healing service many came forward for prayer. One woman was delivered from a heart condition in answer to prayer.

—Leroy Whiteman, Pastor

► **EUREKA, CALIF.**—The churches in Eureka and the surrounding area recently sponsored a union evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Paul McNeece of Perkins, Okla. as the speaker. This was one of the greatest revivals the area has seen. Several souls were saved, several were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were some outstanding miracles as a result of prayer. The entire community was stirred by the messages of the evangelist.

—Joseph C. Murray, Chairman

CORNING, N. Y.—A very successful series of meetings was conducted at the Tabernacle recently with the Busse Evangelistic Team of New York City. God graciously blessed the efforts of these talented evangelists. A number of souls were won to Christ. Others testified to healing of heart disease, hernia, poor eyesight epilepsy, and other ailments. The entire church was stirred.

—Norman G. Love, Pastor

► **SOAP LAKE, WASH.**—The church here recently sponsored its first evangelistic campaign, which proved to be a very successful one. Evangelist Dale Holford ministered for three weeks. Souls were saved, and a number received definite healings. One lady was wonderfully healed of high blood pressure of many years' standing. A partially paralyzed arm was healed. Another was healed of stomach trouble which had troubled her for many years. The congregation prayed for several months for this

meeting, and the Lord graciously answered their prayers. The people were edified and lifted closer to Jesus, and faith was increased.

—John Stavros, Pastor

► **SALIDA, CALIF.**—The church here just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist W. L. Farmer of Tulsa, Okla. Many believe it to be the best all-around revival the church has had in several years. Four souls were saved, and there were a number of healings. Since the revival, the spiritual tide seems to be even higher than it was during the special meetings.

—E. M. McKim, Pastor

► **CHICO, CALIF.**—The Persing-Sheley Evangelistic Party recently concluded a good revival at the First Assembly of God here. Backsliders were brought back to God and many sought to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The good preaching of Ely Persing and Donald Sheley built faith in the hearts of the people to believe God.

—J. S. Snyder, Pastor

► **SPRINGHILL, LA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. James Tucker of Oklahoma City, Okla., ministered capably during two weeks of meetings here. A wonderful spirit of love and harmony prevailed, which resulted from special prayer meetings that were held two weeks before the revival services began. Although only 22 years of age, Brother Tucker brought some very challenging messages night after night. The Sunday School record was broken on Mother's Day, with 202 in attendance. The secret for the success of the meetings is found in the Scripture, "For the people had a mind to work."

—Paul Palser, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Fresno	Bethany	July 14-21	Clinton Vanzant & wife	Al Silvera
	Rohnerville	A of G	July 2-7	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Joseph Murray
	Salida	*** A of G	July 8-19	Youngman-Howard	E. M. McKim
	Santa Paula	First	July 14-28	Paul B. Franklin	Paul Wells
Colo.	Pueblo	* A of G	July 7—	Velmer Gardner	R. D. Emerson, Chm.
Ill.	Warsaw	** A of G	July 7—	Billy Wolfe	I. T. Beard
Ind.	Chesterton	*** A of G	July 8-12	Dedelow-Friederici	Robert Mayfield
Kans.	Wichita	First	July 2-7	Eskelin Family	Robert Morrison
Mich.	Detroit	Harper Woods Tab.	July 7—	A. F. DiMusto Party	P. A. DiMusto
	St. Louis	A of G	July 14—	Everett A. Burns	Howard DeLong
Minn.	Pillager	A of G	July 9-21	Oliver Johnson	Norman LeVang
Mo.	Iron Mountain	A of G	July 9-21	R. W. Hastie & wife	V. R. Ledbetter
	Tarkio	A of G	July 7-21	R. D. Hastie & wife	Earl Hall
N. J.	Iselin	** A of G	July 9-21	Robert McCurry	Robert Steward
N. Dak.	Grafton	A of G	July 7-21	J. F. Pepper	Marlin Kallevig
Ohio	Wilmington	A of G	July 9—	James Tucker	Donald Steele
Oreg.	North Bend	A of G	July 9—	Don E. Gossett	O. R. Cross
Pa.	Mill City	First	July 9-21	Roush Evang. Team	Theodore Kessler
Tenn.	Nashville	** First	July 7-28	Musical Mathans	J. L. Schaffer
Tex.	Austin	* First	July 7—	Bill Sharp	W. A. McCann
	Houston	Manchester	July 8-14	Edward Willis & wife	Charles Johnson
	Sherman	A of G	July 14-28	Hildreth Ethridge	Orville Painter
Wash.	Sunnyside	*** A of G	July 9-21	Virgil Warens & wife	P. G. Trulin
Wis.	Clear Lake	Gospel Tab.	July 2-14	Tanner Team	Jerry King

* Area-wide Tent Revival ** Tent Revival *** Children's Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

A WITNESS TO GOD'S HEALING POWER

BY FRED SQUIRE
Sussex, England

MY MOTHER HAS RECENTLY GONE to her eternal reward at the age of 87. In her death comes a most outstanding evidence of God's wonderful healing power.

In 1934 I was suddenly called home because my mother was dangerously ill. When I arrived I found that she had already gone to the hospital, and that a London specialist was there to operate on her. But after examining her the doctor told my brother, "Your mother is eaten up with cancer, and her heart is too bad for us to operate on her. She will not last more than two weeks." Mother was taken home in an ambulance to await death. For several days I sought God in prayer.

The doctor could give us no comfort at all. My mother loved to ride in a car and I asked if we might take her for a short ride, but the doctor said that five minutes in a car would prove fatal.

On the following Monday I was to commence a revival campaign near Leeds, Yorkshire. On Sunday evening I entered my mother's bedroom and told her I was going to pray for her. I laid hands on her and prayed that Jesus would meet her need. Then I said, "Mother, tomorrow morning at eight o'clock I am leaving for Yorkshire; if you believe that Jesus is going to heal you, be ready to go with me at that time." She smiled faintly but was too weak to say much. I left her and went to my room to pray more.

That night, when everyone else was sleeping, the Lord appeared to Mother in a vision. The next morning she was sitting in the back of our car at eight o'clock, and we drove 230 miles to Yorkshire. When we arrived she got out of the car and smote her stomach, saying, "Hallelujah! The pain has all gone. I am healed."

How we all praised God. A wonderful miracle had taken place. Twice a

day for four weeks Mother assisted me with the sick and the afflicted in that campaign, and hundreds found Christ as their Saviour and Healer. She traveled over one thousand miles in our car before returning to her home. When the doctor saw her and heard her story he was amazed and said, "This is really a miracle!"

Just recently when I came home to see my mother again, I learned that she had been rushed into the hospital that morning and was to be operated on immediately. We went straight to the hospital and found that the operation had already taken place. The doctor informed me that it was a major operation and that three feet of intestine had been removed. Her condition was critical.

Mother lay for five days in the hospital. For three days she was unconscious, but on the fourth day she rallied and was exceedingly bright. Her



**"Come unto me,
all ye that
labor and are
heavy laden, and
I will give
you rest."**

—Matt. 11:28

last words to me were, "I will bless the Lord at all times. Tell the people that Jesus answers prayer." She died that same night.

I saw the doctor who performed the operation and asked the real cause of her death. He answered, "It was an intestinal obstruction caused by adhesions from an old operation" (1928.) Then he volunteered, "There was *no growth whatsoever.*"

Thus Mother, in her death, was a wonderful testimony to the healing power of Christ. The cancer had completely disappeared when the Lord healed her in 1934 and it had never returned. To God be the glory!

Kidney Healed

For 43 years, since I was a child of nine, I had suffered from a kidney ailment. Dozens of physicians treated me and I had been in and out of hospitals, but none had found the cause or cure. X rays showed my right kidney to be three times as large as the left. It was filled with pus, which had to be drained at intervals.

In June 1956 my back and sides began to pain me continually. At first, sedatives relieved me, but soon they became of no effect.

Then came September 19, 1956. I was decidedly worse; all man could do had been done. I realized that I was beyond earthly help. But God had healed me 2½ years before of a heart ailment after I was given up to die, and I believed He would heal me of this.

At that time I lived in Thayer, Missouri (my home town) and that night a salvation-healing revival was beginning at our church there. I knew that if I could go I would be healed, but I could not raise my head off the pillow.

Soon the hour arrived for the service to begin. I was desperate. Then my husband talked to our pastor, James E. Griggs, and they prayed that I might have strength to get there. Soon I was able to get up, and with help I dressed. Arriving at the church I went in by a side door; it was just time for the sermon.

When the evangelist, Joseph De-Grado, was ready to pray for the sick, he suddenly stopped to pray for me. At that instant my faith reached out and

touched God. The pain left immediately, and in the eight months since then it has not returned. Neither have I taken another dose of medicine for it. Thank God.—Mrs. Fred Thompson, 5845 Devonshire, St. Louis 9, Missouri.

(Endorsed by Pastor James E. Griggs, Thayer, Missouri.)

Healed of Asthma

I was a victim of bronchial asthma for six years. During the last two years I couldn't do without medicine at all. Some mornings I wouldn't be able to breathe normally until I had had an injection. The doctors told me there was nothing that they could do.

Last December I went to a specialist for X rays and tests, but the verdict was the same: they could do nothing for me.

Early in January 1957 my pastor came to my home and prayed for me twice, but I didn't receive my healing then.

One morning about three o'clock, while I was in bed praying, I felt the power of God, and I was instantly healed. Since that time I haven't taken any medicine, and the doctor says I don't have any signs of asthma at all. I'm able to do all my work, and I can breathe well. I feel just wonderful.—Mrs. W. A. Lloyd, P. O. Box 52, Gifford, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Leroy White-man, Eldora, Iowa.)

Accident Victim

I want to give my testimony and thank God for His healing power.

On May 6, 1956, I was in a bad automobile accident. My shoulder and pelvic bones were broken, and my stomach vessels and liver were ruptured. After I had had surgery the doctor said I was hemorrhaging so much from internal injuries that it would have to be the work of a higher Hand than this if I lived.

Praise God, He has miraculously healed me. I can truthfully say from this experience that God answers prayer if we will just have faith in Him.—Donna Rusher, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(Endorsed by J. L. McQueen, Pastor, Central Assembly, Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

to the editor

Wrong Poet

In the May 12th issue of the Evangel (page 8) is a poem entitled "My Mother," signed by T. W. Fessenden as though that was the name of the author. Imagine my surprise and consternation when I saw my poem in print.

May I give you the poem as I wrote it originally twenty-seven years ago to my mother. We were living in Michigan on a farm at the time.

MOTHER

You painted no Madonnas
On chapel walls in Rome;
But with a touch diviner
Upon the walls of home.

You wrote no lofty poems
The world pronounces art;
But with a nobler genius
You put poems in my heart.

You carved no shapeless marble
To symmetry divine;
But with a finer sculpture
You shaped this soul of mine.

Had I the gift of Raphael
Or Michael Angelo,
Ah, what a rare Madonna
My mother's life would show.

—by Ruth Williams Pope

I still have the original copy of the poem as I wrote it, scribbled on rough paper. To my knowledge it was never published except once, and that was in May 1956 when it appeared in the church bulletin here at the First Assembly at Tucson, with my name plainly printed at the end of the poem. I hope none of the friends who saw it there will think I am an imposter, for I am the real author. Someone has changed a line here and there, and has added a stanza.

MRS. FRANK C. POPE
Tucson, Ariz.

● Someone sent this poem to us in the form of a clipping. It was mimeographed on pink paper, and it had the name of T. W. Fessenden as the author. (We still have the clipping. However, we have no record of the sender's name.) We thought the poem was so good we ought to pass it on to our Evangel readers for Mother's Day. We are very sorry for any mistake that has been made.

"Keeping the Seventh Day"

Again I want to express my gratitude for the Evangel. The May 19th issue was especially interesting to me; but I could not with a good conscience pass it on to others with the Sunday School lesson cartoon which showed "keeping the Seventh Day" as an "unnecessary burden." Perhaps I am a

"modern Judaizer" but I do not feel the "burden" heavy nor grievous. I consider it rather a discipline in holiness—a closer communion with God.

I believe "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" is as important and necessary today as it was in the past.

FLORA E. NOBLE
Thomasville, N. C.

● We are sorry if this cartoon led any reader to think we do not believe in keeping the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship. However, the Lord's Day is the first day of the week, not the seventh. The message of the cartoon was directed against "keeping the seventh day." There are some groups that would put us back under the law of Moses and tell us we must keep Saturday as the Sabbath or we will be lost. Such a teaching as that, according to Acts 15: 23-29, would be an unnecessary burden.

Pledging Total Abstinence

I have been wondering why our Assemblies of God churches have no day set apart every year for the children and young people to sign a pledge to abstain from touching, tasting or handling liquor. When I belonged to another denomination we had this, and I think it helped the boys and girls to keep free. Today the boys and girls are starting to drink at twelve years and up.

I don't think the ladies of our churches would be tempted to cook with wine, rum, etc. as a great many are doing if they as children had signed the pledge. You can hardly find recipes that haven't some liquor in them. Let's get back to old-fashioned cooking and keep our children from temptation. Let's start now to save our youth from this terrible curse.

ETHEL HALVORSON
Minneapolis, Minn.

Banquets in the Church

I have noticed in a number of our publications that "such and such a banquet was held in the basement of such and such Assembly." I am wondering if we are following the modern trend toward making the house of God a place of banqueting.

I do not feel that God ever intended His house to be a recreational center or a banqueting hall. Could the apostle Paul have reference to this when he stated, "If any man hunger, let him eat at home"?

I am 100 per cent in favor of our WMC's, CA's, MF's and other groups and I am thoroughly "sold" on banquets for Christian fellowship—but should they not be kept separate and apart from God's house, the house of prayer?

VERNON BOYER (pastor)
Brookville, Pa.

Still Hanging on the Wall

I just write to tell you how much I liked the picture of the family that was on the front page of the April 28th Evangel. It is the same picture that appeared on the front page in December, 1946, with a lovely New Year's poem beside it.

The reason I know this is that ten years ago I thought so much of it I framed it, and I still have it hanging on my wall.

I enjoy the Evangel so much and give it to friends when I finish reading it.

MARY L. DURHAM
Woodbine, Pa.

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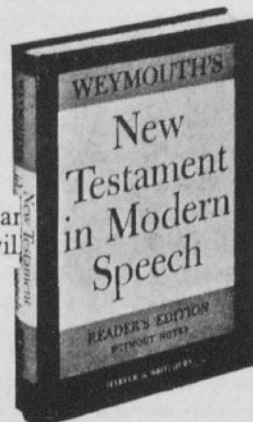
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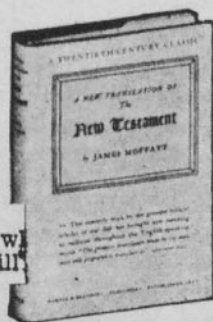
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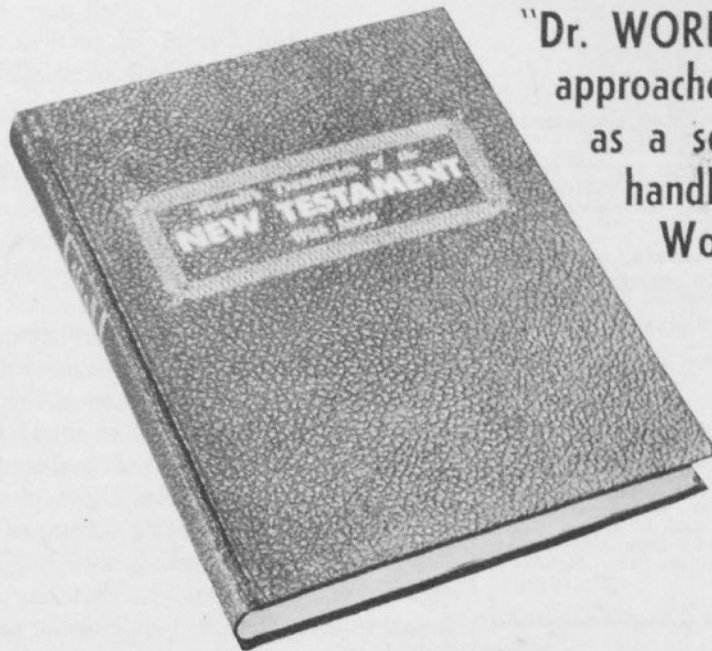
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Zechariah sees further world conflict within a short period of time. He speaks in chapter 12 and verse 11 of "the valley of Megiddo." I suggest these considerations that point to the defeat of Communism prior to the Battle of Armageddon:

First, all religious faiths unite in a false compromise against the godless materialism of Communism, in the struggle Ezekiel so vividly describes. Second, the defeat of Communism leaves the world ready for a final attempt at a World Assembly, whose determination then will be to choose a world leader. Man's insistent dream is for "One World." Who this world leader may be, and how he will achieve this office, I will not venture to say.

We are told by Daniel that he "shall... (not regard the God of his fathers... nor regard any god: for he shall

magnify himself above all... in his estate shall he honour the God of forces... His power shall be mighty... and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise... And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes... But finally, "he shall be broken without hand."

Neighbor, pride turned Lucifer into a devil, and pride will turn earth's leader into Antichrist. And pride will turn your heart against God. Remember this! God always resists the proud—always.

We know from Bible prophecy that the final attempt at world peace will be disturbed by the vexing issue of the city of Jerusalem—the hub of so many conflicting points among the major religions of the world. The Bible pledges this city to be the future throne of Jesus Christ, and Zechariah says in chapter 12, verse 3, "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people..."

In the light of all this, Isaiah asks the watchman of Israel this question: "What of the night?" And he receives a peculiar prophetic reply: "The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night." *The morning cometh before the night!* This is in complete contrast to our usual way of thinking of night before dawn. For the world it would appear that things are going to get better before they get worse. God has set His face against the challenge of Communism and will bring it to nought on the mountains of Israel.

So much for the world! For the believer in Christ the message is, "Look up... (thy) redemption draweth nigh." The morning of joy for the born-again saint of God has been promised before the judgments of God commence on earth. This is the message of the Book of Revelation. Friend, if you are away from God in this hour, Bible prophecy (today's headlines written yesterday) is God's special light to awaken you. God wants you to know the time. God wants you to know His faithfulness in mercy and in judgment. God wants you to know the infallibility of His Word. He shines this "light" upon your pathway to bring you to His Son, Jesus Christ.

What will you do with the prophetic message? Will you simply say, "Isn't that interesting? I never knew that was in the Bible before"? Is that all you

say? Rather say now, "The God of prophecy shall be my God. His Word shall be my deliverance. The coming Messiah shall be my own personal Lord and Saviour this very moment." Say now, with the poet:

The mistakes of my life have been many;
The sins of my heart have been more;
And I scarce can see for weeping,
But—I'll knock at the open door.
My mistakes His free grace will cover;
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And the feet that shrink and falter,
Shall walk through the gates of day.

So it will be, sinner friend. The Day Star shall arise in your heart—and you'll need Him as this world's darkest hour begins! ◀◀

Believing God

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gives way, He then is all my hope and stay."

These seamen were lost, for it was dark "and... neither sun nor stars in many days appeared" (v. 20). Fourteen days they were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea in pitch darkness, with not a ray of light. Remember, ancient mariners depended upon the position of the sun and stars to get their bearings.

They had no charts, compasses, or nautical instruments, such as we have today. Yet in this desperate situation the apostle could say, "I believe God." Let us believe God when all around us is dark. "Who is among you... that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God" (Isaiah 50:10).

Finally, "all hope that we should be saved was then taken away" (v. 20). So we see that hope is not faith. Many have hope, without having faith. What is faith? It is believing God in spite of what you see or how you feel. It is relying on God even though everything seems against the fulfillment of God's Word. It is to have an unhesitating assurance of the truth of God's Word, even though it is unsupported by any other evidence. It is said of Abraham that against hope he believed in hope (Romans 4:18). He believed God when there seemed little hope for him to have the promised son. May God enable us thus to rely upon His Word in spite of the storm and darkness.

Notice now the ground of Paul's faith: it was a message from God brought to him by an angel (vv. 23-26). Nothing can stop the angels' coming, however dark the night or wild the storm. The angel brought a message from God, "*Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar.*" Caesar was a thousand miles away, but Paul *must* come to Rome and Caesar. In spite of the howling winds and fierce storms they "came to Rome," it reads in Acts 28:14 (ASV). A special grant was made to Paul, so that the 275 others sailing with him were mercifully spared from death.

It was better to sail with Paul than with Jonah. Jonah brought a storm on the others. Paul brought all to safety. On this word from God Paul rested when others were in fear and despair. He believed God that it would be as it was told him.

This is the day when men's hearts are failing for fear. We need the man of God to step forward with the Word of God, amid the dark and hopeless scene, bidding men to be of good cheer. God is still on the throne.

Notice the effect of Paul's faith. It produced confidence among others. "Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat," says verse 36. *One man of faith was able to inspire to courage that fearful, hopeless company of 276 men.*

The story had a happy ending. "And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land" (v. 44). God's Word is true in spite of Euroclydon and all hell combined. Let us say in the time of storm, as did Paul, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

Brother Jones wrote this article while crossing the Atlantic a few weeks ago. He is spending the summer in Great Britain where he is scheduled to preach at conventions. He was invited to preach also for one night at the British General Council in Prestatyn, North Wales.

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—John Greening

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They hope to be able to build another church soon in some needy spot of the world where struggling Christians are unable to build for themselves. After the struggle to build two great churches in Broken Arrow, the people have a compassion for those who need so desperately a place of worship and have no means with which to attain it.

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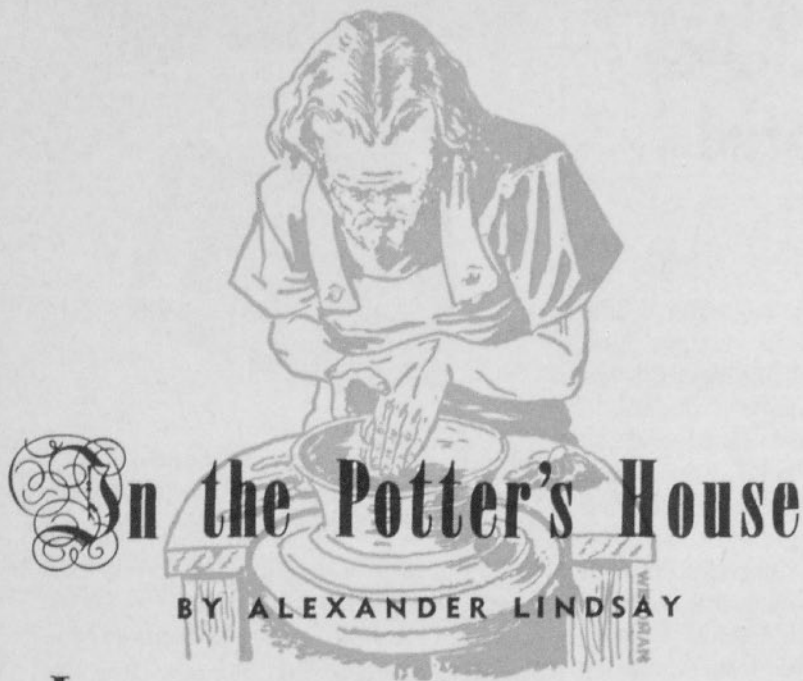
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In the Potter's House

BY ALEXANDER LINDSAY

IN EASTERN LANDS IT IS A COMMON SIGHT TO SEE A POTTER at work by the wayside with his revolving wheel. He puts a lump of clay on the wheel and moulds it into the vessel he desires to make.

The Lord told Jeremiah to go down to the potter's house that he might gain an understanding of God's Word. Let us go down with him and see what lessons we can learn.

When Jeremiah arrived he found the potter busy at work, moulding a vessel of clay on the wheel. And as he watched him, he saw that the vessel was marred in the potter's hand. At that very moment the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel" (Jeremiah 18:6).

In the Book of Isaiah God compares all flesh to grass; here He compares us to clay. Now, what can God expect from a lump of clay? Just one thing—yieldedness. That is the first lesson that He wants us to learn in the potter's house. This is the secret of living a victorious Christian life. It is written, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

Let us face it. To obey God is the hardest lesson for us to learn. There are not many men and women who will yield to the Lord in absolute surrender, like the clay in the hands of the potter. God is looking for people who will yield to Him.

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter." The vessel was marred, not because of any fault of the potter, but because there was something in the clay that would not yield. The clay must yield to the potter's hand; otherwise he cannot mould it into the vessel he desires to make.

How many of us are like unyielded clay! How many precious years are wasted because of our disobedience! The Israelites wandered forty years in the wilderness when they might have been in their Promised Land enjoying the milk and honey. What beautiful and useful Christians our heavenly Potter would make of us, if we were wholly yielded in His hands!

However, if we have failed God we need not despair

or be discouraged. There is still hope, for when the vessel was marred in the hands of the potter, "he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it" (Jeremiah 18:4).

After the vessel has been shaped it is heated gradually in the furnace; *sudden intense heat would break it*. The vessel is not fit for use until it has been baked. We wonder sometimes why we are tempted and tried. God is putting us through His furnace to train us for service. We cannot comfort people in their afflictions until ye know what it means to be afflicted. Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin, and "in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

God's furnace of affliction accomplishes what nothing else can. There are some things to be burned out of us and other things to be burned in. Hand-painted china has to be placed in the furnace in order to have the design burned into it; otherwise the paint would wash off. The Lord does not want us to have mere surface blessings, but to have spiritual quality that will endure and cause us to mature into fruitful and useful Christians.

After the vessel comes out of the furnace it is placed on sale in the bazaar. It is now picked up and knocked to see if it sounds all right. If there is a flaw in the vessel it will not sound right. When we get knocked, people can tell by the sound we make what kind of Christians we are.

None of us like to be knocked, but Jesus was knocked more than any other man, and the servant is not greater than his Lord. What kind of sound did Jesus make when He was knocked? It is written, "When he was reviled, [he] reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). He prayed for His enemies who nailed Him to the cross.

The story is told that during World War II a nurse, who worked in a hospital full of wounded soldiers, complained to the chaplain that she was rudely treated by some of the patients.

"Thank God for that," he said.

"What do you mean?" said the astonished nurse.

"If you are carrying a vessel and somebody knocks against you, you can spill out of the vessel only what is inside. If your heart is filled with the love of Christ, when you are slighted you will manifest the gentleness and love of Jesus and bring men under conviction."

It is written, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

To be witnesses for the Lord does not mean merely to give a testimony in church. That is a good thing to do, but a witness does more than that. The best testimony is not the spoken one; the best sermon is not the one preached from the pulpit. The life we live in the home, store, office, or factory counts for far more than what we say. Jesus knew that His sermons and miracles could never accomplish His work of redemption—even though the people marveled at the words of grace that fell from His lips and were amazed at His mighty works. He knew that His best sermon would be the silent one on the cross. So He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).