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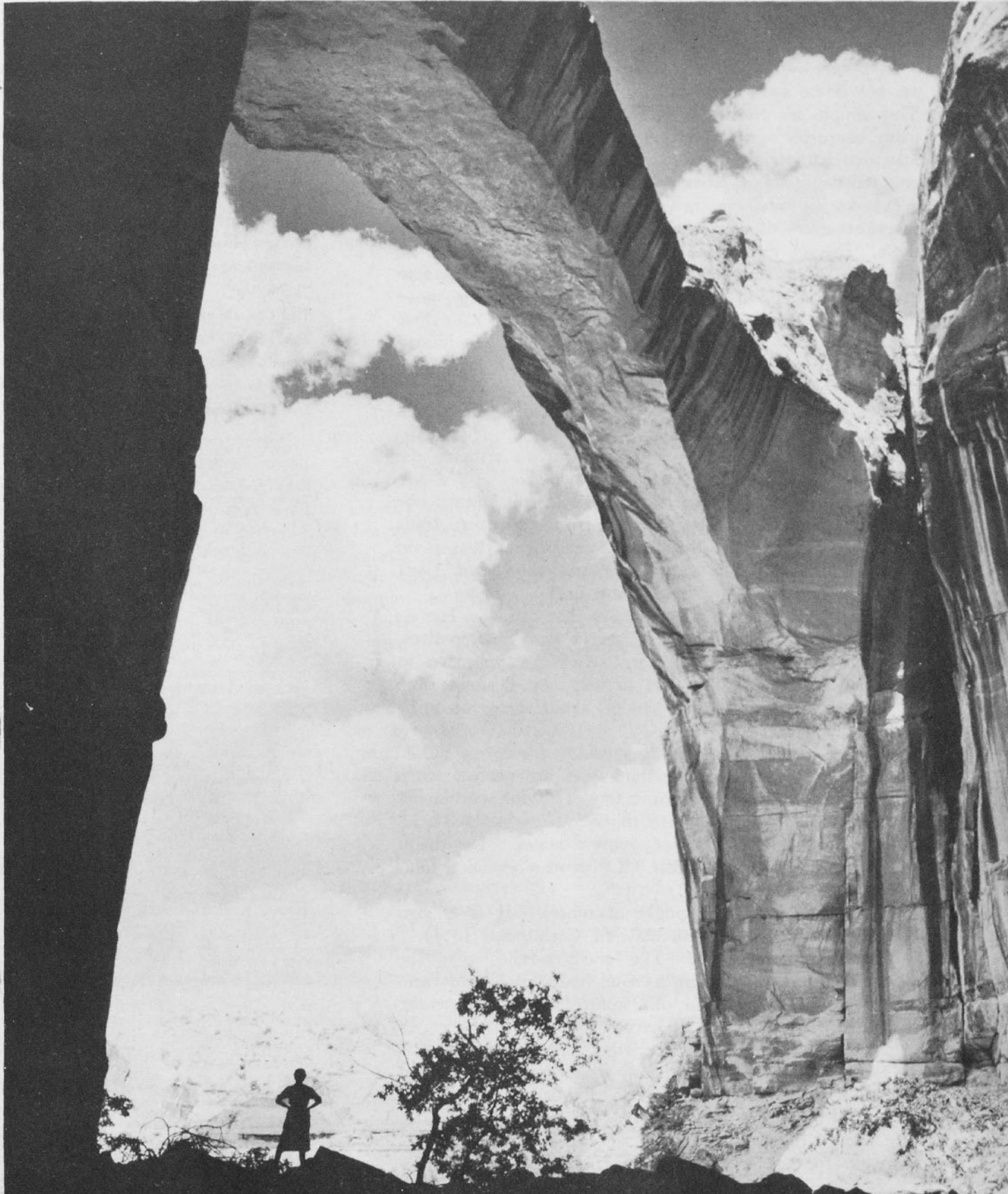
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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# How to Have Friends

As part of an experiment, a teacher asked a group of students the question, "Why are people disliked?" The answers he received led him to the following conclusions:

People dislike us if (1) they are afraid of us; or (2) if we humiliate them; or (3) if we do petty things to annoy them.

But they will like us (1) if we are friendly; and (2) if we admire something about them; and (3) if we consider their feelings and avoid offending them.

In other words, if we dislike people they will dislike us, but if we show a friendly spirit they will reciprocate. This simple secret was recorded in the sacred Scriptures many centuries ago. We find it in Proverbs 18:24—"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Someone must initiate a friendship or it will never develop.

A man criticized another man, saying, "I pass him on the street every day and he never speaks to me." The reply came, "Do you ever speak to him?" When he admitted he didn't, he was reminded of the fact that someone has to break the ice. God was willing to make the first move to win our friendship. As the apostle put it, "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). In human relations we usually receive just about as much love from our fellow men as we show to them. In the words of Jesus, "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:2).

The trouble with most of us is that we criticize the other fellow instead of criticizing ourselves. We are very strict in judging others, and very lenient toward our own shortcomings. We ought to reverse the situation. Jesus asked, "Why beholdest thou the mote [speck] that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam [log] that is in thine own eye" (Matthew 7:3)?

If you want to have a personality that can win friends and influence people for Christ, search your real motives. Have the courage to face your real self. Open your eyes to your own faults and ask God to help you do something about them. The following "don'ts" should help you to be a better person.

### Dangers to Avoid

1. Don't daydream. Don't think you are perfect when you know you aren't. Let a man not "think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans 12:3).

2. Don't blame others for your troubles. No doubt your worst enemy is yourself. "Let a man examine himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28).

3. Don't speak disparagingly of others. It is a sign of envy, and "Love envieth not" (1 Corinthians 13:4).

4. Don't dodge the issue. The Israelites failed to subdue all their enemies in Canaan as God had commanded them to do, and they regretted this failure when the enemies raided their farms right at harvest time!

5. Don't "forget" to do the right thing, whether it is convenient or not. It is so handy to forget sometimes but it doesn't pay. "Remember, and do all My commandments" (Numbers 5:40).

6. Don't think the virtue in your strong points make up for the guilt in your weak points. "Whosoever

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NOTHING COULD DIMINISH OUR WHOLEHEARTED  
CONSECRATION IF WE REALLY CAME TO KNOW  
THE TRUTH THAT CHRIST IS KING OF GLORY.

**T**HE MOST IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF Scripture on the subject of consecration was made by Christ Himself in His high priestly prayer of intercession—"For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:19). In our modern speech we commonly use the word *consecrate* instead of *sanctify*. Indeed, a recent translation expresses Christ's statement thus: "For their sakes I consecrate myself."

The thought of *the truth* is very prominent in our Lord's mind in this prayer for His disciples. Now He links it to the thought of consecration. He prays for a consecration of His disciples that will be brought about by the truth. But what does He mean by "the truth"? Verse 17 of this chapter answers the question: "Thy word is truth."

In other words, Jesus is implying that when God consecrates us He brings us face to face with *actual facts*. Actual realities are to be found only in His Word. But how can they become realities to us? We are living in a world that projects its judgments and ideologies so vigorously, promotes its programs so incessantly, and flaunts its prejudices in our faces so blatantly that intangible, spiritual values are woefully dim to many of us.

Thank God, our great High Priest has sent us a Teacher to show us the truth. "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come," Jesus said, "he will guide you into all truth." When the Spirit came to me He brought me face to face with reality. Through that reality I was "consecrated" as never before. Of course, the first reality He made me know was the One who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." My wonderful Teacher, the blessed Holy Spirit, made me realize something of the surpassing worth, the inexpressible pre-eminence and superiority, the unsearchable richness, the glorious beauty, and the marvelous perfection of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

When the Spirit came to me He made me realize that this One was offering Himself to me to be my friend, my Redeemer, my life, my righteousness, my wisdom, and my glory. He showed me the glory of God in the

# Consecrated

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# TRUTH

by Robert W. Cummings

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face of Jesus Christ, and made me understand in my heart His worth and His desirability, so that Christ might captivate my imaginations, my affections, my longings, my mind, and my heart. The Holy Spirit was using "the truth" to sanctify me, to make me dedicate my life to Christ.

Beloved brothers and sisters, is God the most attractive, most beautiful, most desirable, and most glorious Prize ever offered to you? If He is, then you cannot help separating yourself from all else and pledging yourself to Him and His cause. Child of God, is Jesus Christ the Altogether Lovely One to you? The Pearl of Great Price? The most precious Mine of Gold you could ever find? If Christ is not to you the most desirable One, the Object most worth seeking, then you do not know the truth and you are not face to face with actual reality.

Learn a lesson from the woman who was offered the love of one of the greatest of men but did not recognize his worth or glory and, after she had become engaged to him, broke the engagement. A friend said to her many years afterward, "They tell me you were once engaged to Mozart. Is it true?"

"Yes, my dear, it is quite true."

"And is it true that you broke the engagement?"

"Yes, alas, that also is true."

"What in the world made you do such a foolish thing?"

"Well, I was young and ambitious, and wanted a husband who would be rich and famous. And Mozart was neither rich nor popular nor promising in ability, in my estimation. I did not have the sense to perceive his true greatness. So I turned him down! Oh, if I could only have known his true greatness! If I could only have foreseen his future pre-eminence! Now it is too late."

Consecration is an engagement, a pledging of your truth and love and loyal allegiance to the glorious Son of God, not only as the "Bridegroom" of your soul, but as your King as well. The Word presents Him to you as a King greater than Solomon, a High Priest greater than Moses or Aaron, a Prophet greater than Samuel or Elijah. And it is the plan and pleasure of the Father that in all things He must have the pre-eminence.

Christ is to have the throne, and every knee is to bow before Him; every tongue is going to confess His lordship. More famous than Mozart, He is the theme of the greatest oratorio ever written; His praise is the anthem of the angels of heaven. In fact, the whole universe is going to pay Him tribute and proclaim, "Worthy is this King to receive authority and dominion and riches and power and honor and love and devotion and praise."

One day Christ will be revealed as the Lord of superlative worth in His

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# When HEAVEN Opens

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**T**HE HOLY SCRIPTURES SPEAK OF three heavens. There are not seven, as the Mohammedans teach; the expression "seventh heaven" is not a Biblical one.

In Genesis 1:6-8 we read the account of God's creation of the first or *atmospheric* heaven. "And God called the firmament Heaven" (v. 8).

The second, or *planetary* heaven, is referred to in the account of God's nighttime visit to the tent of sleeping Abraham (Genesis 15:5). God, hungry for fellowship, called on His friend Abraham, invited him to come out of his tent, and said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell [count] the stars."

The apostle Paul tells us that on a glorious and exalted occasion in his lifetime he was "caught up into *paradise*," the third heaven. This third heaven, the Paradise of God, is God's dwelling place; it is the Father's house of many mansions. The Lord Jesus is there. An innumerable company of angels are there. The spirits of our departed loved ones are there (Hebrews 12:22-24; John 14:1-4). When I speak of an open heaven I refer to this third heaven, the place of God's abode.

When the Lord Jesus, as Son of Man, submitted to the ordinance of baptism by immersion at the hands of His cousin John the Baptist, God was moved to "open heaven" on the scene. Jesus Christ, as the sinless Son of God, needed no baptism; but as the obedient Servant of God He allowed Himself to be immersed in Jordan's muddy waters. This act of humility and obedience moved God to "open heaven" and to declare audibly, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Furthermore, the Holy Spirit sealed this act of obedience by descending

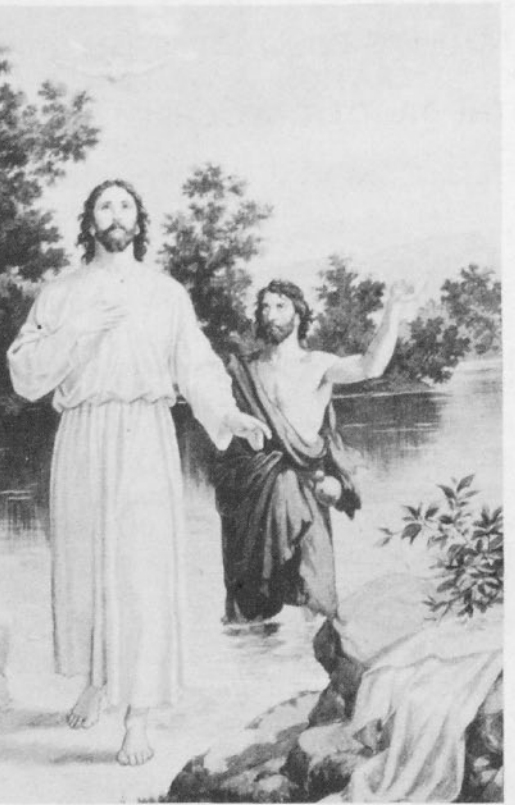
upon Christ in visible bodily form, the form of a dove (Luke 3:21, 22).

God still opens heaven today, as witness the Pentecostal Movement, and sends the Holy Spirit on those who obey Him, those who obey His command to tarry until they are endued with power from on high. Heaven opens upon obedient Christians.

Note the promise of God in Malachi 3:10, 11. The office worker, the mechanic, the tradesman, the factory worker, the businessman, and all who obey God in giving back to Him the tithe of their income, can testify that God has opened the "windows of heaven" and blessed them both spiritually and materially. God opens heaven upon the obedient and "pours out a blessing" too bountiful to be contained.

The inspired story of the death of Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian Church, shows heaven opening in blessing upon him. He was surrounded by malicious, violent, murderous, hateful (though religious) men. He seemed totally oblivious to their attitude, even though he was about to be stoned to death. He had been "faithful [obedient] unto death" and now he was about to receive the "crown of life" from the nail-scarred hands of another Obedient One.

Stephen's enemies were full of malice and murder; but Stephen, "full of the Holy Ghost," cried out, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." He looked past the first and



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second heavens into the third, and the ecstasy of the sight must have made him unaware of his own death pangs as he was crushed by stones. It would require many, many volumes to record the testimonies of the many Christians who upon their deathbeds, like Stephen, envisioned an "open heaven" as earth receded and eternity drew near. Thank God for an open heaven, the "new and living way" opened for us by the Saviour (Hebrews 10:19, 20).

In times of adversity God opens heaven upon His obedient ones. Ezekiel 1:1 is a sublime paradox. The prophet is a miserable captive, one of a chain-labor gang, bleeding and cringing under the whiplash of a Babylonian slave driver. He has seen his beloved Jerusalem destroyed and Palestine laid waste. He has seen his friends and loved ones slaughtered in the Babylonian conquest of Judah. Then he, along with thousands of other survivors, has been taken captive into the land of Babylon. Could any man have less to be thankful for? Could any man feel more God-forsaken? But hear his own words: "I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, . . . [then] the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." In his misery, in his adversity, in his heartbreak, heaven opens to him, God draws near to him.

Friend, God can and will open heaven upon you in times of adversity, discouragement, and misery, if you will only draw near to Ezekiel's God. He is the God of the Catacombs, and of



the Philippian jail, even as He is the Lord of Glory.

John the Beloved had an experience similar to Ezekiel's. He informs us that he had been banished to the barren, rocky island of Patmos in the Mediterranean Sea "for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." John's persecutors, the Romans, hoped he would die of loneliness and lack of Christian fellowship on that barren island.

But John, far from being lonely, was enjoying visits and fellowship with angels and archangels, saints and elders in heaven. God "opened heaven" upon him (Revelation 4:1, 2) and gave His beloved disciple a foretaste of the rapture. "I looked," says John, "and, behold, a door was opened in heaven. . . . [A voice like] a trumpet called to me, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." And God revealed to him the events of the Church Age, the Millennium, and eternity. Heaven opened to John, and at the conclusion of his journey beyond time and space he cried out in longing for the speedy consummation of the day when his vision would become substance—"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

In John's "open heaven" experience we see a type of the Rapture of the Bride of Christ. John says that a "voice [like] a trumpet" invited him to come up higher—to come up into heaven. He further says that "immediately" he was projected up into the heavenly realm by the Holy Spirit. He went from cheerless Patmos to glorious Paradise "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52). Praise God, the same divine Person who summoned and caught up John through an opened heaven shall in like manner catch away His waiting, watching Church (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

Finally, heaven has been, and shall again be, opened in judgment. The same heaven that opens now in revelation and blessing, will open in judgment. In our day blessing is despised and abused, and revelation is spurned and ignored; be well assured that this will surely result in judgment—individually, ecclesiastically, nationally, globally. How urgently Paul warns us Gentiles to learn this lesson from a smitten and judged Israel (Romans 11:21).

In the words of Jesus, "That servant, which knew his lord's will, and . . . [did it not] shall be beaten with many stripes." Similarly, Peter warns the

present-day scoffers who mock at the second coming to learn the lesson from Noah's generation (2 Peter 3:3-10). When Moses recorded the total destruction of Noah's generation by the Flood he used the phrase, "The windows of heaven were opened" (Genesis 7:11). This is the very same way in which the giving of God's bountiful blessing is described in Malachi 3:10.

Another minister and I held meetings years ago in the Florida Keys. It was the year following Florida's most destructive hurricane. Many hundreds of lives were lost as the waters of the enraged Atlantic Ocean, lashed by a 240-mile wind, surged across the Florida Keys and on into the Gulf of Mexico. At that time the Federal Government was constructing the marvelous Overseas Highway from Miami to Key West. Thousands of men were employed in the construction job. When these workers received their pay periodically, the human vultures and buzzards of the Miami underworld would fill a train with scarlet women and gambling devices, and swoop down on the construction camps to fleece the men of their earnings.

The day before the hurricane they were all there ready to reap their evil harvest—a whole trainload of gamblers, scarlet women, racketeers. Then the hurricane struck the Keys in its fury. The angry Atlantic cleansed the land of all its defilement and hurled the train and scarlet women and gamblers and racketeers and Cadillacs and Packards into the Gulf of Mexico. Many hundreds perished. As we visited among the survivors and tried to comfort them in their loss and bereavement, they would invariably reply, "God sent the storm. The land was unclean. It had to be cleansed."

Another storm is brewing, Friend—not just a local one, but a world-wide one. Judgment is coming! Heaven will open! Revelation 6:14-17 and 19:11-21 describe how heaven will open to pour

the wrath of God upon the earth-dwellers who have spurned His open heaven of blessing and revelation. War, fire, blood, the sword, the smiting of nations, the treading of the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God—all these emerge from the open heaven of judgment. This will be a time of Great Tribulation—a time of the outpouring of God's wrath, Satan's wrath, and hell's wrath (Revelation 6:17; 12:12; 15:1; 19:15).

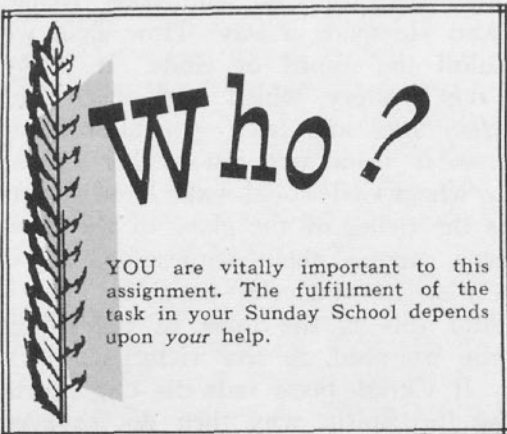
In Revelation 9 we are told that hell from beneath will be opened. A demonic army 200 million strong will afflict mankind, and destroy one-third of the earth's population. Modernist preachers, the social reform preachers, do not like this literal interpretation of the Scriptures. They say it is extreme and fanatical. But the military head of the U. S. Guided Missile Project in White Sands, New Mexico, predicted recently that if war breaks out again *all* of mankind will be destroyed. Einstein and many other scientists have joined in this same warning. Evidently the Bible is conservative in its portrayal of destruction through the end-time judgments.

There are some who would have us believe that the Church, the Bride of Christ, must go through this time of wrath. These misguided folk surely do not know their Bibles! Rather we have a wedding appointment in heaven with the Bridegroom. Hear the thrilling words of Paul about this coming Great Tribulation judgment (1 Thessalonians 5:9): "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

The next verse declares why the Redeemed will not be included in the outpouring of wrath. Our Lord Jesus died for us—bearing our guilt and sin. He bore the judgment wrath of God for us, in His own body on the tree of Calvary, that we might be "saved from wrath through Him." To consign the Church to go through the coming day of wrath is to make the atonement of our Lord ineffectual, of no avail!

Our coming Bridegroom, when referring to this same end-time "distress of nations," exhorted His Church to "watch . . . and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape *all* these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:28, 36).

Let us live so that God's heaven shall always be open *in blessing* upon us.



**Who?**

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fail? In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and we are complete in Him. Why, then, having received Him, should we ever lack? Is it not that we sometimes choose to have our own way?

Perhaps the matter seems very small. At times I have wanted to make a comment about a brother or sister. I thought I would be doing no harm in telling the truth. Yet within me I heard the tender voice of my Lord saying, "Don't speak." But I did. This is just one way I took things into my own hands. But God dealt with me about it, and I began obeying the small whisper in my heart. It was not long until the blessing of the Lord was upon me in a new way. A new joy came. And I realized that as I make Jesus

# Translating the Word

BY ETHEL L. TENNEY

FOUR MINISTERS WERE DISCUSSING the merits of various translations of the Bible. One liked the King James Version best because of its beautiful English. Another liked the Revised Version of 1881 best because it is more literal and comes nearer the meaning of the original Hebrew and Greek. Still another liked the American Standard Version best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. When pressed for his opinion he replied, "I like my mother's translation best."

The others expressed surprise. They didn't know his mother had translated the Bible. "Yes, she did," he replied. "She translated it into life, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."

This story, from *The Superintendent's Assistant*, makes me long to live so that I might have such a testimony. I have kept the story on my desk for a long time as a reminder.

Yet how often I realize that we need something more than a remind-

er, something more than a good motto on the wall, something more than hearing a wonderful sermon—something more, even, than knowing from the Word the will of God. We need *power*. We are so weak. How many times we fail the Lord and come short of the glory of God. In our flesh dwells no good thing. Yet how high is the mark to which we are called: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

God planned that we should be conformed to the image of His Son. God has purposed that we should be like Jesus, that we should translate the Word of God into daily living. And He made a way. How shall we fulfill the Word of God? It is by "the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." And this is the hope of everything else we need, to live victoriously!

If Christ Jesus indwells our hearts by the Spirit, why then do we ever

the Lord of my life I enjoy His peace and His joy. The things that are in Him I have. The things I cannot do He can!

If we deny ourselves and let Him have His way, He will be seen. His love will shine forth. His meekness, His wisdom, His righteousness will be revealed in our mortal flesh. What a treasure God places in these earthen vessels! "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." The excellency of the power that enables us is His and not our own! As He is revealed we are hid! And only as self is hid can Jesus be seen.

We are told of an occasion when Francis of Assisi said to a certain young monk, "Brother, let us go down to the town to preach." The monk was pleased to accept the invitation. Together they walked through the principal streets of the town, down the by-ways, and along the alleys. This was done without a word being spoken by either of them.

Upon their return to the monastery the young monk asked why they had not preached while down in the town.



"My Son," said Francis, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many. Our behavior has been closely watched. It was thus we preached our morning sermon. It is no use, my Son, walking anywhere to preach unless you preach as you walk."

Oh, the powerful influence of lives that preach as they walk! Lives that translate the Word of God, that manifest the Lord Jesus Christ!

Recently a great evangelist was asked why, in spite of so much religious activity, the world continues to be so wicked. He replied, in effect, "Because too many people who go to church fail to live Christ in daily life."

Years ago I talked with a minister of another denomination about those who reject the truth of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "Why can't they see it?" I asked.

I shall never forget his answer, "I guess they're waiting to see it demonstrated."

Perhaps that is the reason why some of our services are poorly attended and why we see so little fruit from our labors. "What the world needs is Jesus, just a glimpse of Him." They need to see a demonstration in love-living (1 Corinthians 13). They need to see mercy such as was shown by the Good Samaritan. They need to see the holiness of Jesus Christ.

An epidemic of smallpox once broke out where a medical missionary was working for Christ. The other white people left; but he and his wife had had the disease and stayed to nurse the sick. One day he saw a figure lying in the path before him. Because the man breathed he poured water into his mouth. That evening as he returned he found him still living. The next morning he brought some food, and afterwards the disfigured creature opened his eyes. His sight was not destroyed. The missionary brought some more food and water. Then, after a while, the man was gone, without a single word of thanks.

When the doctor told his wife, she said, "We didn't come here for thanks; we came to win souls."

One day eighteen months later a pock-marked stranger came into the missionary compound. It was the man that had been befriended. He was a real giant, carrying an elephant's tusk and a bag of gold. He gave it to the doctor, saying, "I will bring more."

The doctor said, "I didn't do it for gain."

The stranger questioned, "Why did you do it?"

"I did it because Jesus Christ came from heaven to save men from their sins and help them."

And the stranger, out of the sincerity of his heart, said, "O White Man, show me Him! Show me Him!"

When believers show the world Him, men will be drawn to Jesus Himself. And by revealing Him we shall come to know the abundant life and eternal gain.

A recent lesson in *The Intermediate Teacher* told about a group of men at a banquet, each of whom was asked to tell the greatest honor he had ever received. One after another the gentlemen arose and told of great honors that had been bestowed upon them. The last speaker was a man who had been a civic leader and had been publicly honored many times. The audience was wondering which of the many experiences he would relate. They were all surprised when they heard his story.

He had taken a train trip. A very heavy snow was falling when the train reached its destination. Everyone was in a great hurry to get off the train, so that they could hurry to the warmth of their homes. In the rush of leaving the train a crippled fruit vendor, who had been going through the coaches to sell his wares, was

knocked to the ground and almost trampled by the throng.

The gentleman telling the story said that he stopped to help the poor fellow to his feet, picking up his fruit and wiping it off, and finally pressing fifty cents into the boy's hand. He was hurrying toward the waiting room when he heard the crutches of the crippled boy behind him and felt him tug at his sleeve. The crippled boy looked into the man's face with admiring eyes and said, "Say, Mister, you're the first person I've ever seen who made me think of Jesus."

The speaker paused for a moment and then finished by saying, "That was the greatest honor ever conferred on me."

There is no greater honor, no happier life, no higher mark than to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus. There is no better way, nor more rewarding, than to lose our way and our own wills to Him whose way is perfect and as high as heaven above ours! There we shall find peace, and have "all sufficiency in all things!" We are nothing without Him, but we are complete in Him! And as He is manifested in us He will draw all men unto Him. Let us not forget the needy multitudes today who also cry, "O White Man, show me Him! Show me Him!" ◀◀

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## Healed of Double Pneumonia

I should like to give witness to the love and grace of our matchless Master with my testimony of healing.

In February 1954 I was stricken with a ravaging fever that sent me straight to bed. I was unable to eat or sleep because of its debilitating effect; and due to my age (I am in my 70's) my strength and weight were rapidly depleted. I had left instructions with my son, who attended me, not to summon the physician; for I had put my complete trust in the Lord, claiming the Bible promise of Isaiah 53:5, "With His stripes we are healed."

Realizing the extent of my suffering, my son sent for the doctor, who diagnosed my illness as double pneumonia. But despite my son's pleadings and the doctor's solicitation I explained that Jesus Christ was fully able to heal me and that to Him alone I had entrusted my life and my care. It was not with any pride or foolhardiness that I refused any medical aid offered me; it was because I believed God.

But though I made strong pronouncement of the healing power of Christ, I seemed to get steadily worse. Yet I would not submit to medical help. Instead, I resorted to James 5:14, 15, and had the pastor of my church, together with several Christian friends, to lay hands upon me to bolster my faith. Immediately after prayer my fever began to abate and my body to amend. Truly the prayer of faith was rewarded with a startling answer, and I soon recovered to enjoy perfect health. Today I am a living example of God's grace and love. I can now claim from experience the reality of the truth that those who put their trust in God will never be put to shame. —Thomas Padula, 222 N. Sixth St., Bangor, Pa.

(Endorsed by Robert Locher, formerly the pastor of First Pentecostal Church, Bangor, Pa. He is now pastor of Full Gospel Assembly in West Milford, N. J.)

# FIFTY YEARS OF PENTECOSTAL FULLNESS

## *Two Pentecostal Pioneers Celebrate Their Golden Wedding and Their Golden Anniversary in Pentecost*

**T**HIS IS AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR Elder and Mrs. A. G. Ward. They are celebrating not only their golden wedding but also their golden anniversary in Pentecost.

It was in 1907 that God opened the windows of heaven upon this young gospel minister and filled him with the Holy Ghost. Alfred G. Ward had been preaching the gospel for nearly ten years before this time. He had been saved in The Methodist Church and had preached as a "circuit rider" in western Canada. He had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He also had a strong faith in the Lord's healing power, for as early as 1901 he had seen God heal sick people in answer to prayers offered by Methodist believers; and later, after joining the Christian and Missionary Alliance, he had sat under the ministry of Dr. A. B. Simpson, one of the foremost exponents of the doctrine of Divine Healing. It was not until he received the Pentecostal Baptism, however, that Brother Ward's hungry heart was really satisfied and the Saviour exalted in his ministry in the way he felt He should be exalted.

"The greater part of my active ministry has been in the Pentecostal Movement," he says. "I am so thankful I have had the privilege of giving our beloved Movement the best years of my life. God has honored me in permitting me to be among the Pentecostal pioneers. Thank God, I have lived to see it become one of the largest spiritual organizations in the world, and one of the greatest missionary movements of modern times.

"The Baptism of the Holy Spirit has been my greatest 'education'."

Today Brother and Sister Ward are living very quietly in their home at 107 Heddington Avenue, Toronto, Canada. They are too frail for further active service but they are living in the future, not in the past. If you ask how they are getting along they will say:

"We are nearing Home. The prospects are bright and we are very happy."

Brother Ward is probably as well known in the United States as in Canada. In addition to serving as Missionary Secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for many years, he has travelled extensively on both sides of the border, ministering from coast to coast in the largest camp meetings and conventions year after year. He served on the faculty of Central Bible Institute in the early days of the school.

How does it feel to look back on half a century of Pentecostal ministry? "It seems like a long time," Brother Ward replies, "but the years have passed quickly. In some respects it seems but yesterday since we were giving our word of honor to the Heavenly Bridegroom that we would never say 'no' to Him again, and that no matter what it cost we would be faithful unto death. It has been a romantic life, a life of adventure, a life of amazing discoveries. Young people seeking worthwhile thrills will find them in Jesus Christ. Let them say an eternal 'yes' to God, then stand aside and watch Him perform one miracle after another."

A. G. Ward has told a number of his amazing experiences in a series of arti-

cles, "Lights and Shadows on the Pilgrim Way," which have been published in the EVANGEL over a period of years. Here is another incident from his long and colorful ministry:

Once he was facing a hundred-dollar dental bill. In those days that was a large amount, especially to a minister in his circumstances, but his Heavenly Father had always supplied his needs and he refused to worry. A brother minister from Virginia was in the city at the time. He expressed a wish to see Brother Ward, and when leaving he handed him an envelope which contained fifteen dollars. A day or two later Brother Ward was walking through an office. A young woman whom he had met only once before stood up as he passed and extended her hand. As she did so, she placed something in his hand with the injunction, "Don't lose this." It was a crisp ten-dollar bill.

Not so long after this, a lady whom they did not recognize came to their home. When Mrs. Ward opened the door, the lady handed her an envelope, saying, "I was asked to bring this to your husband—please don't ask any questions." It contained five new ten-dollar bills.

When the preacher returned to his home in Virginia, he wrote to Brother Ward and enclosed his personal check for fifteen dollars. A day or two later, a friend in Pasadena sent the Wards ten dollars.

So there it was—one hundred dollars in all. Did Brother Ward consider it a miracle? He certainly did. If you were to tell him it "just happened," he would say: "My only answer is that that was a 'hap' that never would have happened, if I had not happened to be where it could happen—that is, in the will of God. It never would have happened in Moab (the world) but it could and did happen in



Bethlehem Judah, the spiritual land of plenty and of praise."

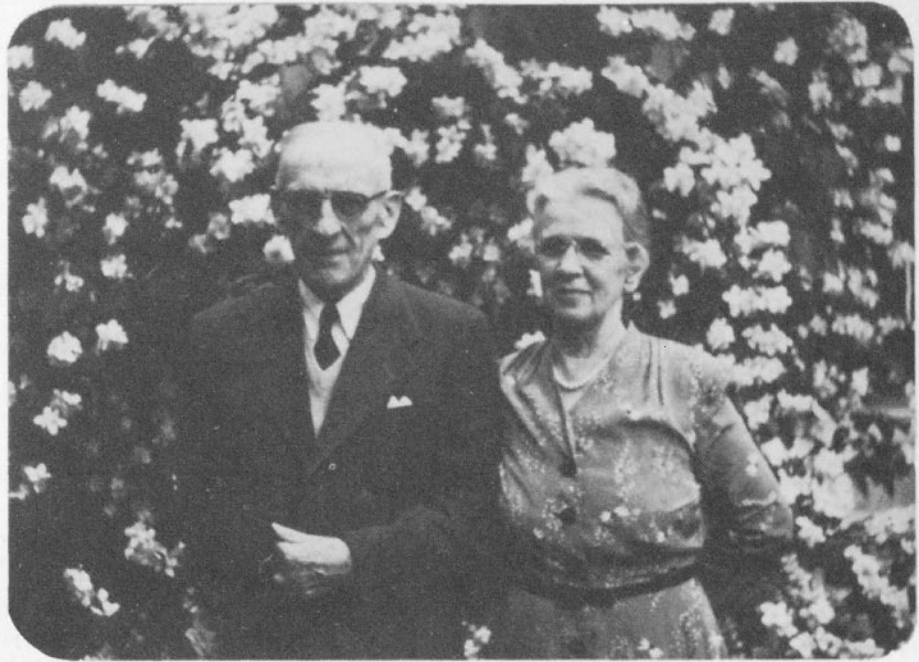
God gave the Wards two daughters and one son. Like other families, they had their share of sickness, but the Lord graciously answered prayer and healed their various diseases without the help of earthly doctors.

There was the time when the younger daughter developed a tubercular knee. The reason they knew it was a tubercular knee was that she was examined by a doctor and a bone specialist. To Brother Ward there was no contradiction between believing God for healing and going to a medical doctor for an examination. "Faith and ignorance are not twins," he says. But he refused to let the doctor treat his little girl's knee.

The following Sunday morning, as his custom was, he paused before preaching and said, "If any present are sick or afflicted and you believe Jesus will heal you, come forward, and we will pray for you." Without a word further little Ruth (she was not yet ten years of age) came forward and stood alone. No one else came up for healing that morning. Ruth knelt at the altar. The elders of the congregation stood with Brother Ward and prayed for her. From that moment Ruth never doubted that she would be completely healed.

Long weeks of severe testing followed. The little girl had to be carried about, since she could not walk, but parents and daughter alike praised God for hearing and answering prayer even though the knee appeared to be growing worse. Then one day it began to grow better. They took her back to the doctor to get a clean bill of health so that she might return to school, and when he examined the knee he exclaimed, "Wonderful!" She had been completely healed. Ruth is now a happy wife and mother and has never had any recurrence of her former trouble.

Once the son, who is now known to millions as the Revivaltime radio speaker, had influenza. It was in 1919, during the world-wide flu epidemic, and "C. M." was then a very little fellow. On top of the flu he developed a pneumonia cough which caused his mother great concern. She had read that a poultice made of chopped onion and linseed, mixed with vinegar, and heated was an effective remedy in breaking up this disease. Finally her husband agreed to try it. He was about to apply the second poultice when the



Elder and Mrs. A. G. Ward

little boy said, "Dad, God can heal me without that poultice!"

God certainly honored the lad's faith. The father said, "Son, father will put no more poultices on you," and he let the Heavenly Father have full charge.

Says A. G. Ward: "It is not always easy to practice what you preach, but God has never failed us. Today my son is a strong man and able to do a seemingly endless amount of work."

On more than one occasion Brother Ward was a guest speaker at the great Falcon Camp (Pentecostal Holiness) in North Carolina. One season he had a great test on the final Sunday of the camp. Let him tell the experience in his own words:

"On the closing Sunday there were to be six services—two for each speaker. Other speakers at the camp that year were Dr. Shreve and Dr. Ryder. On that particular Sunday it was estimated that there were 10,000 people in attendance.

"I was to speak in the main auditorium in the morning, but when I awakened I found to my dismay that I had lost my voice. It occurred to me not to mention this matter to anyone lest it weaken my faith for healing, so I got by until it was almost time to preach. Then I turned to the president of the camp and whispered, 'Brother, my voice is gone; I can't preach.'

"The good brother did not seem at all perturbed by my announcement. In just a few minutes he arose and presented me to the great audience as the preacher for the morning.

"I realized that there could be only

one more thing the Lord would possibly ask me to do, and that was to stand and open my mouth. I could not heal myself. I could do no more than this—and I dared not do less. I arose. I opened my mouth, and the Lord did the rest. My voice was restored. I preached for at least an hour—then again in the afternoon. Once again my living Lord had proved His power to heal as in the days of His flesh."

When he was associated with the teaching staff at Central Bible Institute, a very strange sickness laid hold upon many of the students. No one could account for it. Morning after morning new cases were reported. The climax was reached when one of the lady students (long since the wife of one of our District Presbyters) developed blood poisoning. A registered nurse on the staff took care of her. However, when the infection reached the shoulder of the girl the nurse refused to be responsible any further.

That evening at dinner Brother Ward announced that a little later there would be a prayer meeting in the chapel. When the hour for prayer arrived, many of the students and faculty members assembled and they all got down to pray.

Soon Brother Ward had a revelation of what they were up against. "I saw, as in a vision, the enemy encamped among us," he said. "I realized this was to be no ordinary conflict. It was not simply a matter of getting the victory over sickness but it meant a real battle with wicked spirits who had

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Greater Religious Freedom in Argentina

President Aramburu of Argentina has abolished a decree, issued by the Peron regime in 1948, which forbade the establishment of non-Catholic churches in the security zones along the borders of Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil.

## Persecution in Hungary?

Following an announcement by the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior that a "large group" of Roman Catholic priests will be brought to trial in Budapest shortly on counter-revolutionary charges, the Vatican Radio predicted that "a large scale persecution of the Church is being planned by the Kadar government in Hungary."

## Dead Sea Scrolls Now on Public Display in Jerusalem

Seven Dead Sea Scrolls, said to be insured for a million dollars, were placed on public display for the first time in a small walk-in vault at the new Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The scrolls are ancient Biblical manuscripts which were found in 1947 by wandering Arab shepherds in a lonely cave along the western shore of the Dead Sea. The precious manuscripts will remain in the vault until the new shrine at the Hebrew University is finished and ready to house them.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED 3 PER CENT LAST YEAR

The tide of interest in religion—at peak levels in this country since World War II—seems to be rising still higher. New statistics, released by the National Council of Churches in the **1958 Yearbook of American Churches**, show that church membership rolls increased by 3 per cent during 1956, a gain nearly twice that of the estimated 1.7 per cent population rise for the year.

The new record-breaking church member total for all faiths is 103,224,954—up slightly more than 3,000,000 over the previous year. This means that 62 out of every 100 Americans of all ages are members of some church or synagogue. A century ago the figure was only 20 out of every 100.

The membership count is based on statistics from 258 church bodies. A breakdown of membership figures by major faiths shows there are now 60,148,980 Protestants in the U.S.A., an increase of 1,700,000 over 1955; there are 34,563,851 Roman Catholics, up 1,167,204; there are 5,500,000 Jews, the same as reported the previous year; and there are 2,598,055 Eastern Orthodox communicants, up 212,000. The Roman Catholic Church considers all baptized persons, including infants, as members. Most Protestant bodies count only those young people and adults who have attained full membership, all but a small minority of these being over 13 years of age.

Other significant gains of the year: Sunday School enrollments—up 2.5 per cent to 40,000,000; local congregations—an increase of 3,198 for a total of 308,647; pastors with charges—at a new high of 235,100, a notable gain of 13,000 over the previous year; per capita contributions—\$54.00, an increase of 8 per cent.

## Philippine President Appoints Ambassador to Vatican

In spite of protests of the four million non-Catholics in the Philippine Islands, President Carlos P. Garcia has appointed a Philippine ambassador to the Vatican.

## UN to Mention Christmas on Christmas Cards

Christmas is mentioned for the first time this year in one of the annual holiday greeting cards distributed by the United Nations Children's Fund. Since 1950, when the agency started selling them, the cards have not mentioned Christmas, but have merely conveyed "Season's Greetings." It is expected that about 2½ million of these cards will be sold this year.

## Government to Renegotiate Controversial Haitian Treaty

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has acted favorably on a request by President Eisenhower that a controversial treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation with Haiti be returned to him for renegotiation. Various church groups have expressed satisfaction over the action, since the treaty did not contain the customary guarantee of religious freedom for Americans residing abroad.

## Prayers Bring Results

Services of prayer for rain were turned into services of thanksgiving when generous amounts of rain fell in many parts of Massachusetts. The Governor had proclaimed a day of prayer for rain to relieve the severe drought conditions threatening ruined crops and bringing forest fires.

## New Home Bible Study Course Uses Recorded Lectures

A new system of Bible study, utilizing audio and do-it-yourself techniques, has been announced by Earle E. Williams, president of Sacred Records, Incorporated, of Los Angeles. According to Williams, his new system will "bring religious education, heretofore primarily limited to the church and seminary, into any Christian home."

The new system consists of 132 full-length recorded lectures. They include over 60 hours of Bible instruction, recorded by more than 30 evangelical authorities, working under the supervision of Dr. Harold Lindsell, administrative dean at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

## Religion Featured at State Fairs

A religious flavor was added to the state fairs in Illinois and Missouri this year. Two Protestant religious services were held on the opening day of the Illinois State Fair, the first in the fair's history. The services featured the singing of an all-state choir and sermons by a Methodist minister.

At Sedalia, Missouri separate services for the three major faiths were held on the opening and closing days of the Missouri State Fair, August 18 and 25, which were Sundays. The three services were held simultaneously.



## Utah Governor Hits Drunken Driving

Utah Governor George D. Clyde has announced the formation of a co-ordinating committee on highway safety. Among the objectives listed for the committee by the governor are permanent revocation of licenses for drunken driving and jailing of drunken drivers who cause highway death.

## A New Highway Menace

According to a team of University of California researchers, persons who take both tranquilizers and alcohol become more intoxicated than those who drink alcohol only. The researchers pointed out that there can be a delayed effect. A person using a tranquilizer could take a drink and notice no change. Yet, he could be "hit" later—maybe while driving a car. Such a person could probably pass current tests for drunkenness, yet he might, according to experiments, actually be "dead drunk."

## It's Illegal to Thank God in Unison

Schools in New Jersey have had to end the practice of having the students unitedly invoke God's blessing on their meals in the school cafeteria. If the students wish to say grace individually, that is their privilege, but Attorney General Grover C. Richman says that group prayer is "a religious exercise" forbidden by State laws. In view of the fact that 98 per cent of the students' parents are in favor of their children saying grace, the Attorney General says he will ask the State legislature to amend the State laws so as to permit the practice. He says he personally is in favor for it.

## Christ's Mission Opens New Center for Former Priests

Dr. Walter M. Montano, executive director of Christ's Mission, has announced the opening of a new center for former priests at Sea Cliff, New York. The new center will make available to former priests of the Roman Catholic Church a complete and integrated program of rehabilitation. Strong emphasis will be placed on spiritual help and guidance. The new center will also provide a separate space for the offices of Christ's Mission, previously located in New York City.

In pointing up the growing need for the center, Dr. Montano stated that Americans are "largely unaware of the persecution of former Roman Catholic priests that occurs right here in our own land of freedom." He stated that "ex-priests are victims of slander, social ostracism, and economic distress because of the pressures brought to bear by the Roman Catholic Church."

Dr. Montano should know. He himself was formerly a priest in the Roman Catholic Church.

## When Gravity Loses Its Pull

Tests made in a T-33 jet trainer have made it possible to suspend gravity for as long as forty seconds, *Eternity* magazine reports. By flying the proper curve at high speed, the occupants of the plane become weightless. A ball tossed from the hand does not fall. Half the men tested felt pleasant, elated sensations, with a feeling of complete relaxation. One wished he could live forever at gravity zero.

The Christian can look forward to the time when gravity will lose its pull on him. When we hear the "voice of the archangel," "the trump of God," and the "shout" of our returning Saviour, we shall be "caught up . . . to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). And we will live forever with Him. What a glorious prospect!



**THE SIGN FOR JESUS**—Croft Pentz, Assemblies of God minister to the Deaf, shows Evangelist Billy Graham how the deaf people "say" Jesus.

## DEAF MAKE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST IN NEW YORK CRUSADE

An important part of Evangelist Billy Graham's New York Crusade was a ministry to the Deaf. A special section was reserved in the Garden each night for these people and an interpreter provided for them.

Croft M. Pentz, appointed Assemblies of God home missionary to the deaf, had charge of ministering to the deaf during the New York Crusade, which was scheduled to end on September 1. He interpreted for the Deaf on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Mr. Pentz reports that during the first two-and-a-half months of the Crusade, 68 deaf persons went forward to make "decisions for Christ." At the service at Yankee Stadium in July more than 80 deaf persons were present.

The Deaf have enjoyed the simple, easy-to-understand sermons, according to Mr. Pentz. During one service the song leader had all the Deaf sing in the sign language while the other people sang with their voices and looked up to the section where the Deaf were seated.

"God has blessed, and we are thankful for what these meetings have accomplished," Brother Pentz said. "We trust that those who made decisions will be established in the Lord and grow in Him."

Mr. Pentz regularly ministers to the Deaf in the New York and New Jersey Districts of the Assemblies of God.

## Sunday Closing Here and There

The movement to close unnecessary businesses on Sundays suffered setbacks and enjoyed advances across the U.S. in the past few weeks. The most serious setback came, suprisingly enough, in a state with strong religious ties—Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Senate defeated—by one vote—a bill that would have allowed governing bodies of cities and towns to pass ordinances requiring Sunday closing of grocery stores. In the courts, the legality of Sunday closing laws has again been upheld. The U. S. Supreme Court, highest authority in the land, turned down a challenge to the constitutionality of a Sunday closing ordinance enacted by the Little Rock, Arkansas, city council. The court upheld a contempt of court charge against a grocer who violated a judicial injunction by remaining open on Sundays.

In Seattle, Washington, at least 95 per cent of the grocery stores in the Greater Seattle area are closing voluntarily on Sundays, as a result of a friendly campaign carried on by the Sunday Observance Committee. Efforts of this nature seem, in the long view, to be most effective.

# A Mother Church in Idaho

by *Burl E. Duncan*  
Hansen, Idaho



The congregation of the Mother Church at Hansen, Idaho

**EVERY CHURCH A MOTHER CHURCH!**—at first these were just a few words penned on paper and later adopted as a rally cry of our Assemblies of God churches everywhere. But recently they became a reality to our congregation.

Our church here in Hansen, Idaho, was, and is, just a small church with an average attendance in Sunday School of 75 to 80 before starting the new Church in Hazelton, Idaho. Our community consists of farms and ranches from which a few people drive over to a large neighboring town to work (Twin Falls, 10 miles away).

Our people here in the Hansen Assembly are a praying people who have a deep, heart-felt burden for lost souls and believe in being led of the Spirit of God not only in our regular services, but also in working for the winning of souls for Christ.

In January 1957 four families living in the vicinity of Hazelton, Idaho were driving twenty miles to attend our

church here in Hansen. There were just two churches in Hazelton, where they live—a Mormon church and a Presbyterian.

The irrigation project in the area around Hazelton had brought many new families to the farms that had been opened up by the government.

In the preceding year many prayer requests had been made that someone would go into Hazelton and begin a Pentecostal work there. Not only our church but also our district officials felt the need of a church being established in that community. Finally we began to realize that God was burdening our hearts for a reason and that we should try to do something ourselves.

We had in our church a couple, Brother and Sister Orville Scantlin, who had recently moved over into that community and felt that God was burdening them to begin a work there.

Brother Scantlin was one of our deacons and also our Sunday School Superintendent. Sister Scantlin taught our beginners' class in Sunday School. Although Brother Scantlin had not gone into the ministry as yet, he felt that God had called him to work for Him in a greater way. So we began to think and pray about the Scantlins' beginning the work in Hazelton.

Of course we had to fight the same spiritual battle other churches do (even harder, I think, because we *were* a small church). You pastors all know what I mean, it is natural to feel, "Let's get bigger ourselves before we start *another* church." The devil has deceived many a preacher and deacon board and layman too, with this selfish thought, and I'll admit we had to pray through in the old-fashioned way until victory came from God.

But how could we in the home church afford to lose a deacon, Sunday

**BELOW:** 1. Burl Duncan, pastor of the Mother Church, with his wife and son. 2. The new church at Hazelton, Idaho, started through

the co-operation of the Hansen Assembly. 3. Orville Scantlin, pastor, with Mrs. Scantlin and the Don Farmers, who assist them.





School Superintendent, teacher, and assistant pianist, as well as the immediate members of these families? Truly this was to be a great step of faith, not only for the new work, but also for us—for we had to believe that God would give the increase in our home church. We didn't want to hurt or hinder our own work to such an extent that it would not be self-supporting and unable to finish building the parsonage which we had begun that fall. To a larger church this might not be a problem, but God is faithful even to a small church that will walk by faith, and He gave us assurance in our hearts that He would supply our every need.

We were constantly in contact with our district officials during the opening stages of the work. When we found an I.O.O.F. Hall on Main Street for rent, the District Home Missions Committee agreed to pay the rent from District Home Missions Funds to help us get started.

The District Sunday School Department, when notified of the starting date of the new Sunday School, arranged to pay for the literature for the first six months of the new school. (The Gospel Publishing House allows 50% discount on Sunday School literature to any church on its first two orders).

God truly was moving the mountains out of the way, and by the last of February 1957 a new Assemblies of God church was born in Hazelton, Idaho. Praise the Lord!

God has put His approval upon this new work by saving several souls. Up to the time of this writing they have had a high of 43 in Sunday School, and a fine group of people as you can see by the accompanying pictures.

And the Mother Church is prospering too! Our parsonage is almost completed. Our church attendance has been increasing. Three souls were saved in a recent Sunday morning service.

The gospel is being preached and souls are being won in a community that the Mother Church could not fully reach. The cry of our heart to God is for His richest blessing to be upon the ones who will dare to claim such a mountain for God and go out to establish a new place of worship in the places where the full gospel is not being preached. Our hearts rejoice over every soul who finds Christ as Saviour

in the Hazelton church, for we still feel that they are a part of us because of the little we were able to help them.

We have found that God will more than repay with an abundant increase when, through the Mother Church Plan, we DIVIDE TO MULTIPLY for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and the salvation of lost souls.

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The Home Missions Department re-

joices with Pastor Duncan and the Hansen congregation over the new church at Hazelton.

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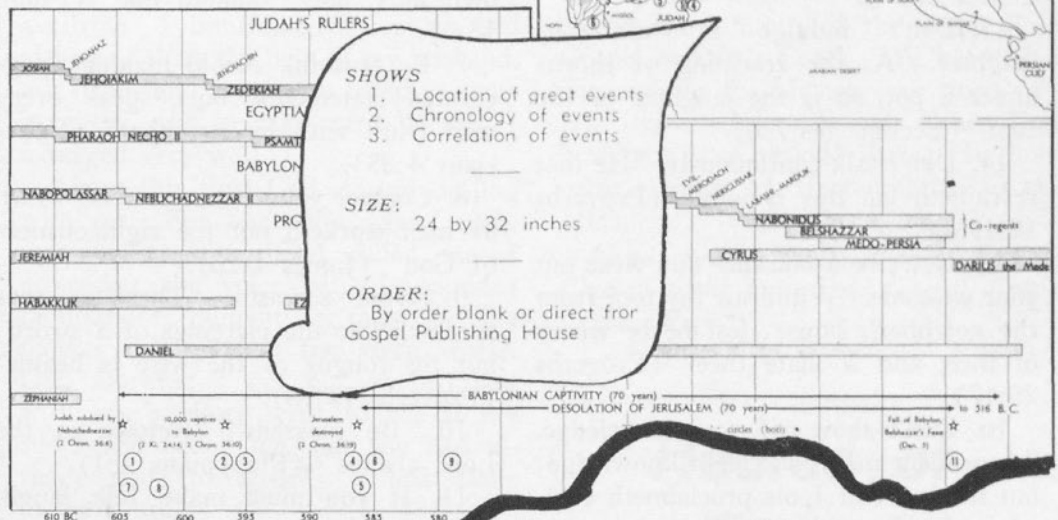
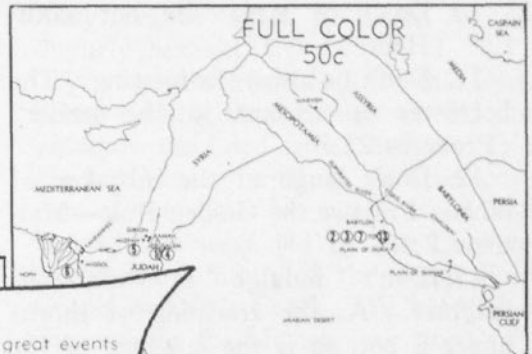
# QUARTERLY Chart

PERIOD OF EXILE

The lessons of this quarter concern the fall and captivity of the nation of Judah. Four Bible books (2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Jeremiah, and Daniel) provide material for the printed portions (i.e. "The Lesson in Your Bible"). Though these books are separated in their location in the Bible, they parallel one another in the facts they report.

Judah's Babylonian captivity extended from 606 B.C. to 536 B.C. At the beginning of this period, the Babylonians became world rulers by defeating Necho of Egypt. At the end of the period, Babylon fell and the Medo-Persians became world rulers.

The chart below shows the time relationship between the various rulers and spiritual leaders who figure in the lessons. The dates indicated are accepted by at least some responsible scholars though not necessarily by all.



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# How to Have Friends

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shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

7. Don't argue. "The servant of the Lord must not strive" (2 Timothy 2:24).

8. Don't make excuses. "Confess your faults (James 5:16) if you want to get rid of them.

9. Don't live in the past. The victories of yesterday are a poor solace for the defeats of today! "Forgetting those things which are behind . . ." (Philippians 3:13).

10. Don't be lazy. "Be not slothful" (Hebrews 6:12).

11. Don't be always borrowing. "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).

12. Don't laugh at the mistakes of others. Practice the Golden Rule—Matthew 7:12.

13. Don't indulge in boisterous laughter. "As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool" (Ecclesiastes 7:6).

14. Don't talk continuously. "He that refraineth his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19).

15. Don't be a nuisance and wear out your welcome. "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee" (Proverbs 25:17).

16. Don't show off your knowledge. "A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness" (Proverbs 12:23).

17. Don't be afraid. Fear paralyzes, faith vitalizes. "Fear not, only believe," Jesus said (Luke 8:50). When you are tempted to fear, just remember there is One mightier than you and He has promised to help you any time, anywhere, if you only ask Him.

## Points to Follow

So much for the "don'ts." Now for some "do's" which, if you will follow them, will help make you the best-liked person in town and thereby increase your opportunities to point people heavenward.

1. Be helpful. Go out of your way to do a good turn for others. "Be ye kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32).

2. Be humble enough to accept help from others when you need it. An

independent spirit drives friends away. It may actually be a form of pride—and "pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

3. Be a gentleman (or a lady) at all times. Treat an elder "as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters" (1 Timothy 5:1, 2).

4. Praise others when they deserve praise. "Praise is comely for the upright" (Psalm 33:1).

5. Always avoid flattery. "A flattering mouth worketh ruin" (Proverbs 26:28). The people who make the best friends are sensible enough to see through flattery!

6. Be dependable. Keep your promise even if it hurts. God and men alike honor the man "that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not" (Psalm 15:4).

7. Be truthful. Avoid making exaggerated statements, but "speak every man truth with his neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25).

8. Control your temper. "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (James 1:20).

9. Avoid sarcasm. "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health" (Proverbs 12:18).

10. Be pleasant. "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4).

11. If you must make folk laugh, choose a joke at your own expense and not at the expense of someone else. "Giving no offence in any thing" (2 Corinthians 6:3).

12. Mind your own business. You are not a private detective, commissioned to pry into the doings of others. "Every

one of us shall give account of himself to God"—not of others (Romans 14:12).

13. Talk much about others' troubles, and little about your own. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4).

14. Close your ears to gossip. "A whisper separateth chief friends" (Proverbs 16:28).

15. Believe in other people. Love "believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7).

16. Be enthusiastic. "Fervent in spirit" (Romans 12:11).

17. Be unselfish. It was our Lord Jesus Himself who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

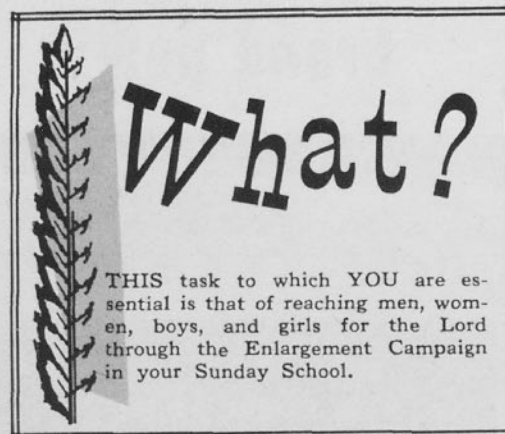
The more you study your Bible, the better you will recognize it as the world's best textbook on human relations. Do you think the standard it sets is too high? Perhaps it is too high for a mere human being to attain in his own strength, but God offers us His Holy Spirit as the all-sufficient One who can work in our lives and enable us to be what we ought to be.

People do what they do because they are what they are. If their behavior is anti-social and un-Christlike it is because their hearts (their inner lives) are not right. God has promised in the Bible to give a new heart, a good heart, to those who ask Him (Ezekiel 11:19). In the New Testament it is called a New Birth (John 3:3). It is the gift of God to any person who will confess his sin, admit his insufficiency, and put his whole trust in the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world by giving His sinless life a ransom for us all.

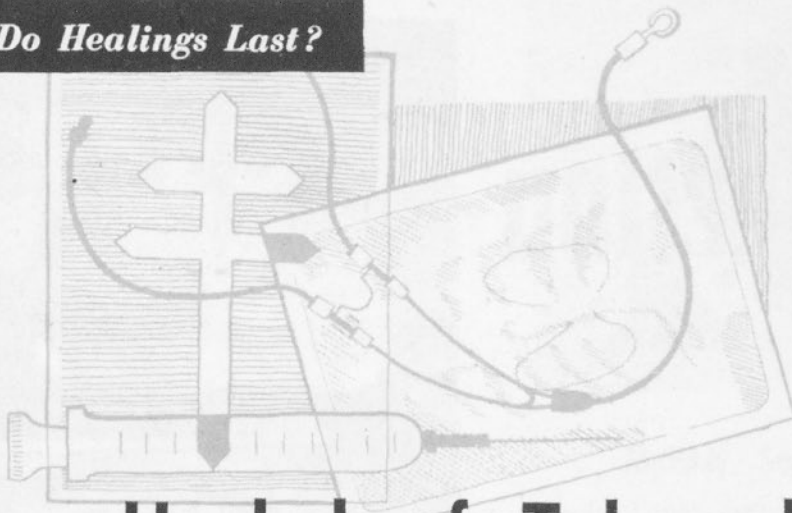
So, if you would solve your personal problems in human relations, get right with God first—and you'll be amazed how easy it will become to adjust yourself to other people.

## Fasting and Prayer

Fasting represents an attitude of detachment from the things of time and sense, whether it be food, or pleasure, or lawful ambition. Prayers represent the complementary attitude of attachment to the things of God. We shall readily determine, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what particular forms our fastings shall take, thus helping spiritual development.







## Healed of Tuberculosis Over Twenty Years Ago

Eighteen months after the death of my mother from tuberculosis I found that I too had contracted the disease. In November, 1923, I entered Pine Crest Sanatorium as the doctor had ordered.

During the next two years and ten months I became an arrested case—arrested, but not healed. At the end of that time I was able to leave the hospital, and I married, but for thirteen years I had to be very careful of my health. Sometimes when I was just walking downtown or laughing in my home I would start to hemorrhage. There were occasions when I couldn't speak; at times the blood and foam gushed from my mouth, and even breathing was a struggle. I would become frightened, and many times I thought I was dying.

In my struggle for life I became interested in spiritism. I attended meeting after meeting, and I became so steeped in this cult it seemed to be a very part of me. Night after night I was aroused from sound sleep to see people standing by my bed. I would scream in fear and they would vanish. I would hear and feel them rap under my hand on the ironing board.

It was at this time that I became ill again. I learned that my right lung was affected to the fifth rib and that I had a spot the size of a pea in the left one.

Once again the doctors said I must be hospitalized for six months, but from previous experience I knew that it would be longer. I had been told also that each time one broke down again it meant a longer time for recovery.

So to me this was like a death sentence.

The sanatorium was overcrowded, and I had to wait until a bed was available. I immediately went to bed at home. With the help of my husband, my sister, and a lady we hired to come in every day to take care of me, I managed very well.

About this time God started dealing with me. For one solid week, every morning at nine, God called me—I remember the voice yet. It sounded familiar; I thought it must be my mother calling from the spirit world. One morning I got out of bed and with much effort went to see if my sister had called me, but she had already gone to school. I was alone in the house.

I crawled back into bed and was looking out the window, thinking about the voice that had called me. Suddenly I saw a shadow on the screen that showed the head and shoulders of someone there. I heard a voice say plainly, "I've come to take you."

I cried out in fear, "You aren't going to take me," and with that I jerked my head to the other side.

I then heard another voice, "Put your faith and trust in the Lord and you will be all right."

I took these words at face value and did just as I was told. Somehow I believed and never doubted. I began to grow better.

But the day came, in 1936, that I returned to the sanatorium. They soon found that the sputum was negative, and I was able to be up and around. The doctor let me start going home

on week-end passes. This helped to make the stay more bearable. Once, after eleven weeks, I asked the doctor for another week-end pass, and he called me to the office for X rays. In two days I was again called to the office, and the doctor said, "When you came here we intended giving you artificial pneumothorax to collapse your right lung."

Fear clutched my heart and I asked, "You aren't going to start that, after all this time?"

"No," said the doctor, "by some miracle you are healed, and I'm discharging you."

When my husband came to take me that night for a weekend, he took me home for good. Even then I didn't fully realize what it meant to be divinely healed.

We really thanked God for this wonderful healing, even though we did not yet know the Lord as our Saviour. But He kept dealing with us. A little more than a year later we were saved and immediately were led by the Lord to attend the Church of the Four Fold Gospel in Battle Creek. We have been working for the Master ever since. *By His stripes we are healed.* When God heals you stay healed! Praise His holy name.—Marie M. Harter, Battle Creek, Mich.

(Endorsed by E. A. Manley, Pastor, Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich.)

## Healed of Cancer

On July 7, 1957, I called our pastor, Fred G. Speet, to my home to anoint and pray for me. I had had diarrhea for a long time, and the medical doctors had not been able to get it stopped. I also had a number of hemorrhages. My symptoms were the result of cancer of the worst kind. But when Brother Speet prayed for me I felt that I was healed.

I went to a doctor, and he took off a pellet and sent it to a laboratory. The report came back that the cancer was gone. Now I don't have any diarrhea or hemorrhages. I give my blessed Saviour all the praise.—William H. Wilson, Box 84, Rapid City, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor Fred G. Speet, Rapid City, Mich.)

# A Psalm of Protection

A CHILDREN'S STORY BY  
*Anne Sandberg*

WHAT IS AN EPIDEMIC, MOTHER?" asked seven-year-old Betty. "Pammy's mother said there is a polio epidemic and she's worried."

"It means that many people are getting the sickness. But we Christians can trust Jesus to protect us—we need not fear."

That evening Mother read the 91st Psalm, saying: "This Psalm is often called the Psalm of Protection."

"Why is it called that?" asked nine-year-old Carolyn.

"Because it tells us that God will protect His children during times of epidemic and danger."

During the next few months the little family often read the 91st Psalm. Betty and Carolyn took turns reading

until they learned to understand and pronounce all the long words. The Lord brought them safely through the danger; but the children never forgot the Psalm of Protection.

One day Mother and Dad had to go away on business. "Girls, would you mind being alone for an hour?" they asked.

"We will be all right," they promised. "Pammy is coming to play with us and we'll have fun."

Mother and Dad had been on their way just a short time when suddenly the sky darkened. Thunder rolled and crashed. Lightning made jagged cuts in the black sky, and the rain began to pour down.

Mother said: "The girls will be



terribly frightened. We had better hurry back." So they turned the car around and drove home as quickly as they could.

Meanwhile the three children were playing, when Carolyn noticed the sky and said, "Look how dark it's getting!"

"Just like bed-time," observed

by W. E. BEIDERWOLF

Every Christian home should have a family altar. Here are ten important reasons based upon the Word of God.

1.

Because it will send you forth to daily tasks with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God. Read Colossians 3:17.

2.

Because the family altar will give you strength to meet the discouragements, disappointments, unexpected adversities, and sometimes the blind hopes that may fall to your lot. Read Hebrews 2:18.

3.

Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who

## 10 REASONS FOR A FAMILY ALTAR

will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you. Read Philippians 4:4-7.

4.

Because the family altar will sweeten the home life of every Christian and will enrich home relationships as nothing else can do. Read Ephesians 6:1-9.

5.

Because it will dissolve the misunderstandings and go toward relieving the friction which sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life. Read Romans 12:9-11.

6.

Because the family altar will hold, as nothing else, the boys and girls who are now young men and women when they have gone from beneath the parental roof. The family altar very often largely determines the eternal salvation of children in Christian homes. Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17.

7.

Because it will exert a helpful and hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home. Read Romans 14:7-9.

8.

Because the family altar will enforce,



The girls took turns reading it aloud—"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth at noonday."

Pammy. "It's going to rain."

As the storm broke, the girls huddled together, shaking with fright.

"What shall we do?" wailed Pammy; "we're all alone."

"I know what," said Betty. She ran into the bedroom and got her little Bible. Finding the place, she announced: "Mother said the 91st Psalm is a Psalm of protection."

The girls took turns reading it aloud. Soon their trembling stopped. They knew God was going to watch over them.

Just then Mama and Daddy hurried in. They found the children quietly playing, in the midst of the storm. On the play table lay the opened Bible.

"We were scared," exclaimed Pammy; "so we read God's book and weren't afraid any more."

Dad and Mother smiled: "We're so glad you have learned to trust the Lord."

"We don't have God's book in our home," said Pammy. "I'm going to ask Mama to get us one so we can read it too."

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as perhaps nothing else can do, the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew. And it will stimulate the life of your church in its every activity. Read Romans 15:6, 7.

9.

Because the family altar will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same service and devotion to God. Read Acts 2:46, 47.

10.

Because the Word of God requires the family altar; in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the giver of all good and the source of all blessing. Read Romans 12:1, 2.



## Our Family Altar

### Monday, September 9

**Read:** 2 John (all)

**Learn:** "This is love, that we walk after his commandments" (2 John 6).

**For the Parent:** The theme of this epistle is that the believer should walk in truth, following God's commandments, in spite of what others may do. To walk in the truth we need (1) God's love in our hearts, v. 6; (2) a knowledge of God's Word, v. 9. The best way to be kept from error is to study and meditate upon God's Word, allowing the Holy Spirit to make it real to us.

**Question Time:** What is the theme of this epistle? (see above) How can we walk in the truth? (see above) How can we tell who the deceivers are? (v. 7)

### Tuesday, September 10

**Read:** 3 John (all)

**Learn:** "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God" (3 John 11).

**For the Parent:** This little epistle, written to Gaius, commends true Christian love and service, vv. 1-8. It also shows a contrast between the self-centered Diotrephes and the others-conscious Demetrius. In this connection, emphasize verse 11.

**Question Time:** What were some of the evil deeds which Diotrephes did? (vv. 9, 10) What did John say about those who did evil deeds? (v. 11) Does verse 11 mean we can be saved by doing good works? (see Ephesians 2:8, 9)

### Wednesday, September 11

**Read:** Psalm 61

**Learn:** "Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy" (Psalm 61:3).

**For the Parent:** In this Psalm David is asking God for continued protection and help. Because God has been a shelter for him in the past (v. 3), he will continue to abide and trust in God (v. 4). David concludes with a mention of his hope of eternal life (v. 7) and a burst of praise to God (v. 8).

**Question Time:** Who is the Rock to whom David refers? (see 1 Corinthians 10:4) Because God has protected him in the past, what does the psalmist say he will do? (v. 4) Where does David mention his hope of eternal life? (v. 7)

### Thursday, September 12

**Read:** Daniel 5

**Learn:** "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Handwriting of Doom" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of how Belshazzar desecrated the vessels which had been taken from the Lord's house; how he saw handwriting on the wall; how Daniel interpreted it; and what the message was. Show that Belshazzar's sin was not in ignorance, v. 22. God never looks upon sin lightly.

**Question Time:** How did God speak to Belshazzar at the feast? (v. 5) Who interpreted the message for him? (v. 17)

### Friday, September 13

**Read:** Genesis 24:10-27 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

**For the Parent:** Many people will do what they are told to do, but one mark of a true Christian is that he is willing to go out of his way to help others—even doing more than he is asked to do. Using the story of what Rebekah did for Abraham's servant, explain to the group what is meant by the "second mile"—see Matthew 5:41.

**Question Time:** What is a "second-mile" Christian? (see above) What did Rebekah do besides what she was asked to do? (Genesis 24:17-19)

### Saturday, September 14

**Read:** Judges 13 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Be strong in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:10).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of the birth of Samson, and tell some of the exploits of his life, from Judges 14, 15, and 16. Show that (1) his great strength was God-given; (2) when he disobeyed God, he lost his strength. Point out how this is true of all Christians in the spiritual realm.

**Question Time:** What miraculous incident occurred before the birth of Samson? (v. 13) What was the true secret of Samson's great strength? (see above) How did he lose his strength? (see above) What lesson is there for the Christian in this?

# Progress in Singapore

by R. B. and AVELON CAVANESS

Singapore, poised at the tip of the peninsula of Malaya, is the busiest port of the Orient and offers a continued challenge for our thriving Evangelistic Center. Over 1,300,000 people of all nationalities are crowded together on this island, which is twelve miles by twenty-six. Although the population is predominantly Chinese, people of many other nationalities have made Singapore their home and have brought their customs, languages, religions, foods, and holidays. And although these diverse nationalities continue to speak their own languages, many learn English as well.

It is for this reason we feel that Singapore offers a marvelous opportunity of reaching the many tongues, tribes, and nationals—as well as the English-speaking people. Singapore has in proportion the largest growing population under twenty-one years of age of all the countries of the world. A large majority of these youths are educated in English. Communism has seen this opportunity of winning these

young hearts to its doctrines of infidelity and has seized on this fertile field to plant seeds that will reap a harvest of bloodshed and murder. What are we, who hold the keys of eternal life, doing about these who sit in darkness?

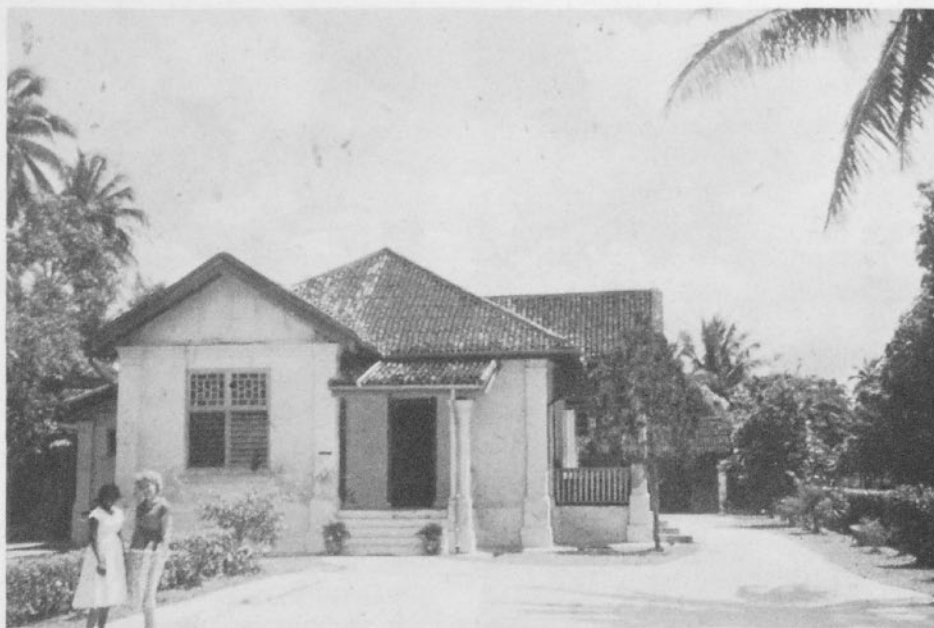
We do have an Evangelistic Center in Singapore, but it is a renovated house with limited space; at present it is filled to overflowing. Our ability to win souls is definitely hindered. We have a fine nucleus of people who have the vision of a real work for God. Over fifty of these have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our Bible School, the only one in Malaya at present, has twenty-five students. These Spirit-filled men and women are training for God's work. Our Sunday School of 150 crowds us to the walls. We could have many more, but our small building will not hold them. There is

a definite, planned indigenous church program that is growing. If this growth is to be continued we must erect a new building. Communism's active threat in Southeast Asia makes it imperative that we build NOW!

The local church members of our Evangelistic Center realize the urgency of the situation and have borrowed funds to pay ONE HALF of the price of our anticipated new building. The property, in a strategic location in the city, is already owned by the local congregation and is valued at \$33,000 (American dollars). The area is large enough for our new Evangelistic Center to be built immediately in front of the present structure.

We must be prepared to take full advantage of the continued ministry of evangelists who have been of such tremendous help in the growth of our Evangelistic Center. A number of churches have signified their desire to have a share in this building with our Singapore congregation and will become "shareholders," but many more are needed. Those churches giving a contribution will receive a certificate suitable for framing showing that they are not only building for God here in the homeland but also sharing in our building across the sea.

Will you stretch forth your hand around the world financially to meet and grasp a hand being extended to you for help at this important time? Send your "shareholders" offering in care of "Singapore Evangelistic Center," Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



The present Evangelistic Center at Singapore



Another view of the Evangelistic Center





District officials and visitors present at the District Council at La Romana

## EVANGELISTIC CENTER DEDICATED

by VERNE A. WARNER, Dominican Republic

The new Evangelistic Center in La Romana was dedicated during our annual district conference in April. At that time we were privileged to have Melvin Hodges, Field Secretary for Latin America, and Howard Bush, District Superintendent of South Florida, minister to us. Both preached under the unction of the Holy Spirit and were a blessing to the work here. An estimated 1,800 people were packed into the new center, with a multitude crowding the street corner just outside. Among those present were officials representing various departments of the city and the provincial and national governments.

Although the church in La Romana had been established for a number of years, it began a sudden growth after

a revival held there by Evangelist Stanley McPherson four years ago. God laid it upon our hearts to build an Evangelistic Center in this important town, and while we were home on furlough we presented this need to the churches. You friends helped us to raise \$5000 toward the building of the church, and Robert Turnbull began the construction of the Center.

Upon our return to the field last August Brother and Sister Turnbull went home for their furlough and we assumed the responsibility of finishing the building. Due to donated work, materials, and offerings by our Dominican people the building was erected for one half of its actual value. The lot on which the church was built was personally donated by Generalissimo

Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, who is the foremost figure in the government. Every Assembly in the district gave an offering for the new church, and the response was so gratifying that at the conference a permanent plan was put into effect whereby funds would be raised among the Dominican churches to help build new churches in this country.

In June seven consecrated young men graduated from the Dominican Bible Institute, of which Louis and Irene Grossnickle are the present directors. The Grossnickles are doing a wonderful job in the school and are concentrating on the task of making the farm produce help to pay for the operating expenses of the school.

One of our national pastors, Augusto Cervones, recently went to be with the Lord. Brother Cervones was a mechanic in the sugar factory, as well as the pastor of the church. He habitually arose at five in the morning, held an early morning prayer meeting, went to his work during the day, and spent his evenings and week ends visiting, preaching, and evangelizing. As a monument of his labors he left a fine indigenous church. Since embalming is not widely practiced here, we buried him at eight o'clock at night. As we stood by his grave I thought, "Here is one of God's valiants, fallen in battle, but victor."

Another new church has been opened in a thickly populated area of Ciudad Trujillo, the capital city. It is called *La Torre* (The Tower) because it is located near the radio towers of the largest radio station on the island. Several souls have been saved here and the work is growing.

We want to thank all of you who have been standing by us with your prayers and offerings. The Lord has been faithful and despite strong opposition of the enemy, souls are being saved and the work is being blessed of the Lord.



The old church in La Romana and the congregation



The new Evangelistic Center at La Romana



## HANDWRITING OF DOOM

Sunday School Lesson for September 15, 1957

DANIEL 5:17-30

*Belshazzar's "Wild Party"* (Daniel 5:1-4). Babylon was at the height of its glory, a magnificent and luxurious city, boasting in its achievements and splendor. She was devoted to every form of vice, the center of idolatry and headquarters for heathen mysteries and cults. "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand." Behold the dangers arising from a dinner party and the evils of alcohol!

*The Handwriting on the Wall* (vv. 5, 6). Right in the midst of the royal revelry, over on the ballroom wall and near the candlestick where it could be plainly seen, the phantom-like fingers of a man's hand began to write strange words. The same Hand that wrote the Law on tables of stone at Sinai now wrote the death sentence of Belshazzar the king! "Then the king's countenance was changed." The boisterous laughter of Belshazzar was replaced by an expression of abject dismay and cringing fear. Why? His conscience condemned him! Though he could not read the writing he knew it was of God!

"The king cried aloud." Human nature has not changed. Men will criticize and mock those who earnestly pray aloud. But let sudden catastrophe occur to them and these same people will drop to their knees wherever they may be and, entirely oblivious to the crowd, will pray at the top of their voices!

*Daniel's Reputation* (vv. 7-16). When the king's wise men could not interpret the writing "the queen spake and said, . . . There is a man in thy kingdom. . . ." And what a tribute she paid to Daniel! She recognized that he possessed (1) an excellent spirit, (2) knowledge and understanding, and (3) spiritual discernment. "And the king spake and said unto Daniel . . . I have heard . . . that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts." What a blessed ministry! And thank God that Spirit-filled Christians today can help perplexed souls to find peace and rest in God!

*Daniel's Interpretation* (vv. 17-28). Daniel's message to the king was as follows—

"You have failed to profit by your grandfather's example!" Because of pride and forgetfulness of God, Nebuchadnezzar had reaped the judgment of God. "And thou his son [really, his grandson], O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this." And this was the thing that heightened Belshazzar's guilt. Why has God given us such detailed history of Israel and of men of the Bible? "Now all these things . . . are written for our admonition" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Millions of people each day weigh themselves for amusement or to "have their fortunes told" on the scales for a penny. But there are weighings far more important

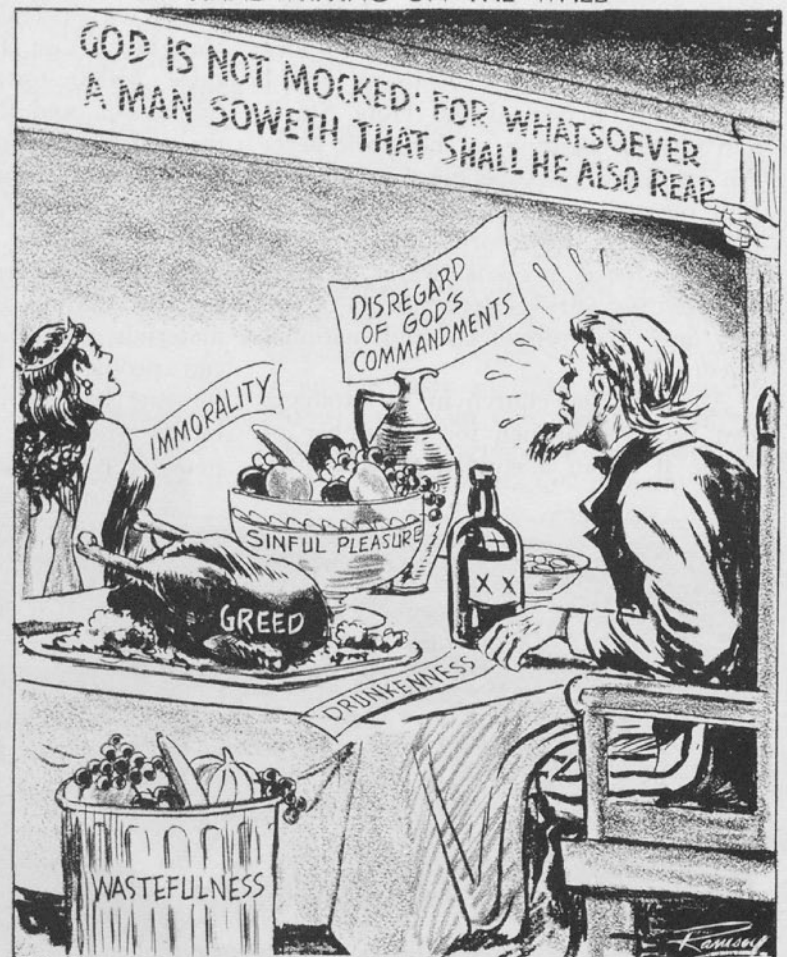
that all of us ought to submit ourselves to. We ought to judge ourselves lest we be judged when it is too late to remedy what we discover. And what are some of the scales we ought to use? Conscience; the Word of God; our conduct in adversity, temptation, and prosperity—these are the scales which measure the weakness or strength of our spiritual life and character.

"Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." Even as Daniel spoke the Medo-Persian forces were encamped about the city. Belshazzar knew it, but felt his city was invulnerable. What a shock awaited him!

*The Doom of Belshazzar* (vv. 30-31). "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain." The king felt secure in the great city, surrounded as it was by a stone wall 350 feet high and 85 feet thick, into which were built 250 towers, each one a fortress in itself. But Babylon had one great weakness—the river Euphrates flowed through the middle of the city, dividing it into two parts. Into this river however, the Babylonians had built 50 gates of brass to safeguard it against entrance. Even so, Babylon fell. Led by Cyrus, the Medo-Persian army diverted the course of the river, entered the city through the river bed, broke open the gates of brass and took the city according to the predictions made by Isaiah 200 years before (Isaiah 13:17-19; 21:4-9; 45:1-4).

What are we to do about all this? Said a great preacher of bygone days: "Weigh yourselves every day and every hour and find yourselves wanting. And then, as King Brennus in the old history book cast his heavy sword into the too-light scale when the gold was weighed, so will Christ cast His Cross into your too-light scale where His gold is weighed in you on that day." —J. Bashford Bishop

### HANDWRITING ON THE WALL





# Consecrated Through the Truth

(Continued from page three)

character, in His beauty, in His wisdom, and in His power. Oh, the multitudes that will wail and weep! "To think," they will cry, "to think that I was engaged to Him and then gave Him up! To think that He offered me His love and His home, and I rejected Him because I thought Him poor and despised and unpopular, and because the crowd I went with saw no beauty in Him that they should desire Him!"

Or learn a lesson from Jawaharlal Nehru, the prime minister of India. Pandit Nehru's father was a resident of Allahabad, not far from Lucknow, the capital of the United Provinces. The Nehru family was one of the richest, most cultured, most privileged families in India. Pandit Nehru had everything a young man could desire. He had been educated at Oxford in England. He had a brilliant mind and a striking personality. People predicted an outstanding success for him if he would only follow his father's profession and practice law.

Then he met Mr. Gandhi and heard the call to follow him. He believed that Gandhi incarnated the truth concerning India; he believed that Gandhi had the plan, which was its true hope of freedom from subjection to a foreign power and the way to true independence and freedom. Nehru was brought face to face with the evident savior of his nation.

But if he consecrated himself to this unknown, unpopular leader, he would be siding against the government of British India. He would have to give up all his opportunities and possessions, and all his prospects of being a successful lawyer. He would have to follow this George Washington of his

country into long weary campaigns of passive resistance to the British, into poverty, into self-sacrifice involving beatings by the police, long, weary days and even years in jail, and hardships of many kinds.

He had to weigh the truth with which he now came face to face against the price of refusal and the advantages of acceptance. He made his choice to follow Mr. Gandhi and "consecrate" himself and his fortune to the cause Gandhi represented. History has proved Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to be right, and because of his choice and consecration many years ago Pandit Nehru is today the prime minister of the largest republic on earth.

Behold, an infinitely greater Leader than Mr. Gandhi is calling you, "Follow me, for I am the way, the truth, and the life." In your heart there is a deep longing for the perfect Leader, the perfect Bridegroom, the perfect Character, the perfect King, and the perfect Friend. When the Holy Spirit shows you the glory of Him who is the Truth, you know He is all that you long for and much more, for He is the Son of the living God and the infinite perfection of the fullness of the Almighty Father dwells in Him.

Oh, to be able to show His glory to our young people! They would allow nothing to hold them back—no fashions of the world, no desire for popularity, no craving for pleasure, and no longing for fleshly indulgences. Nothing would keep our young people or anyone else from counting all things but loss for Christ if they could only have this vision of Him and His worth. Things present, things to come, life, death, governments, principalities, powers—none of these could make us renounce our opportunity of choosing Him and consecrating ourselves to Him and His cause. Nothing could make us break our engagement to Him or diminish our whole-hearted abandonment of consecration, if we really came to know the truth that Jesus is the King of Glory, the coming Ruler of the universe.

No one ever saw this truth more clearly than Paul; and through the truth he was sanctified, set apart for the gospel and for the Christ who died upon the cross and rose again. He

enumerates his natural privileges, opportunities, abilities, attainments, and honors in the third chapter of Philipians. Then he met the Truth, Jesus his Messiah. From that moment he counted all things but loss that he might win Christ. He was captivated, consecrated to the Son of the Highest and to the cause of world redemption. He saw the truth of the "unsearchable riches of Christ," "the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" hidden in Him. The reality of "the power of his resurrection" was revealed to Paul by the Spirit, and through the truth God consecrated him to "this one thing;" namely, to press on to lay hold of those things for which Christ had laid hold of him. Consecration did not consist in counting everything but loss, but in devoting every energy of his being to possess Christ and the riches of the gospel.

Unfortunately, the negative aspect of consecration looms very large in our thinking. The reason is that we do not see the immense wealth which Christ offers us. During the gold rush multitudes sold all that they had and moved to California. That was the negative aspect of consecration. What good did it do them? Not one iota, unless the search for gold so possessed them and the knowledge of where it was hidden so gripped them that they pressed on and laid hold of it and made it their own.

The apostles, prophets, saints, and truly consecrated followers of the anointed Son of God unite in their testimony, "What we sold, what we counted as loss, is only refuse in comparison with the supreme excellency of possessing the real knowledge of Jesus Christ and His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, and being conformed to His death, and the revelation of the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe the truth and have been consecrated through the truth." ◀◀



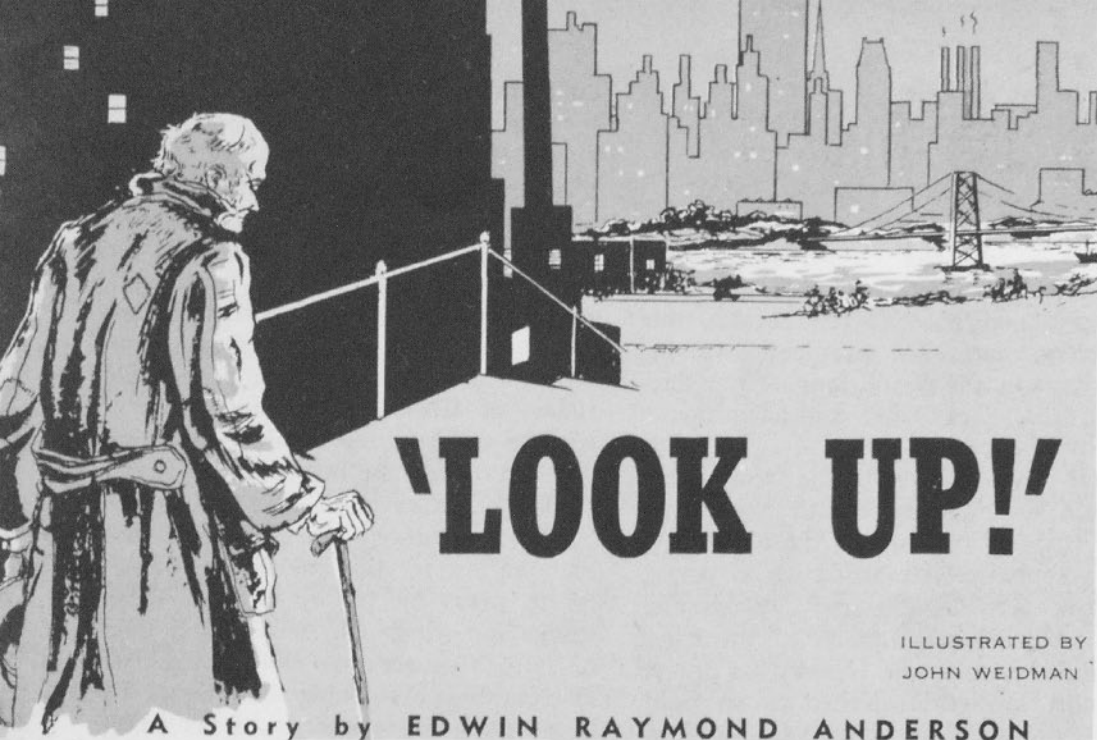
**When?**

NOW is the time to prepare for the October campaign. Each Sunday of the month will be devoted to reaching new members, to be climaxed the last Sunday by a Harvest Time Rally.



**Where?**

THERE! Right in your own community, surrounding your church, are many who do not attend Sunday School. Reach them through the Enlargement Campaign.



**H**OW LONG HE HAD BEEN STANDING on that corner he did not know, nor care. Nothing seemed to matter anymore, for he was old and sick and broken.

Looking along the street, he saw a group of people gathered. "Somebody selling something," he murmured, and with a shrug of the shoulders made his way in that direction. At least it was something to break the monotony. The sound of a voice drifted his way, and then he saw a man standing on some sort of box with a black book in his hands. Drawing near he made out the words, "Look up! Look up!"

The old man squinted at the sky above; nothing was there except the sun. Then, with a grunt, he understood that the man was referring to something else.

"That's all you have to do, my friends." He was a big, friendly sort of fellow with an appealing way. "That's all the Bible says you have to do. Just look up to Jesus, call on Him, and He will lift you up out of your sins. . . ."

He turned aside wearily. Just another religious speech, and he had heard so many. "Look up, look up." He repeated the words with an angry murmur, squinting at the sky above. "Nothing up there ever did me any good all these rotten years."

Slowly he moved along to the next corner. Looking at the street signs he realized, with a start, that he was only three blocks from the river. Strange that it should have come to him that way just now! He had stood on this same corner many times and never thought of it before. But now . . .

only three short blocks . . . how easy and quick it could be . . . the whole business would be over.

Well, why not? He found himself crossing the street in the fatal direction without resistance. "Look up, look up"—the words rang in his mind. "Nothing up there ever did me any good," he repeated in anger. This would be the only way.

Then he felt a quick sting across the back of the neck. What could it be? His hand whipped around and stroked his neck as he stood still, a puzzled expression on his face. His eyes darted about, and then down on the sidewalk he saw the cause of the sting—a piece of paper. "Must have come from one of those windows up there," he surmised, bending down.

"GOD LOVES YOU." He froze as the three words met his eyes. Just those three short words in large letters. They should have angered him, but strangely enough they caused a tremble within. Picking up the paper he found a gospel tract in his hands. Those three words seemed to reach out and wrap themselves about his tired old frame.

"Nothing up there ever did me any good," his words came back, and he felt a sense of hot shame. Tears filmed his eyes. Here in his hands was "something from up there" which held out something better for him for the last mile. That God should love him after all these wild, wasted years—that God should go to "all this trouble" of causing a piece of paper to float his way just at that dark moment, to bring him a message of hope—well,

that seemed almost too much to believe, almost too good to be true!

Moving across, he seated himself on the steps of the nearby building and slowly, humbly read the printed message. Every word seemed to cry, "This is meant for you right now, just as you are." He read the good tidings of pardon and peace and promised blessings ahead. It was the same religion his mother had had, and he had a lot of respect for her.

Coming to the last word, he folded the paper, carefully placed it in his pocket and again squinted at the sky. But it was different now. "I was wrong, all wrong," he whispered, "and . . . and, Lord, it isn't too late for me, is it? I mean, after being so far away all these years . . . ?"

And the grace of the Lord brought its own sweet reply to the old man's heart. He smiled, really smiled, for the first time in a long, long while. And he could only answer back, brokenly, "Thank You, Lord; thank You for taking over . . . ; thank You for saving my soul." ◀◀

## *Fifty Years of Pentecostal Fullness*

(Continued from page nine)

been commissioned by the devil to lay siege to our school."

Suddenly, in the midst of the praying Brother Ward stood up, extended his arms, and began walking down the aisle. Then in a voice ringing with God-invested authority he ordered the wicked spirits to depart. He told them that they would be given no quarter and that they must leave immediately. Using the weapons God has given His people for spiritual warfare (the Blood of Christ, the Word of God, the Name of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Ghost) he commanded the wicked spirits to withdraw completely from the school building and from the campus.

Soon word came that the young lady with blood poisoning was much better. The infection was receding. In a short time it was entirely gone. Death moved out of the sick rooms and the life-giving Spirit of God moved in. The



following morning all the students were well and able to be back in their classes.

Space will permit one more incident which was typical of the ministry of our Pentecostal pioneers. Brother Ward developed what at first seemed to be only a slight cold troubling his ear. As the days passed the trouble became far more serious. Finally the sickness was diagnosed to be a mastoid. He said the pain was excruciating and he suffered day and night without relief. The doctor suggested an operation which would have been very delicate, very serious—and very expensive.

In the midst of Brother Ward's suffering and agony the doorbell rang. His wife came to his room to say that a man afflicted with cancer had come a distance of a thousand miles for prayer!

Brother Ward said, "Have the brother come to my room!" He came and knelt by the side of the minister's sickbed.

"I anointed him with oil and prayed," says Brother Ward. "The heavens opened. We had a shouting time together. Then the brother went his way. Soon I fell asleep. I had not been able to sleep for days. While I slept the Lord, the Divine Healer, performed the most delicate operation. The Lord awakened me just as the diseased portion dislodged itself from my ear channel and fell in my throat. I was able to spit it out and was perfectly healed."

These are but a few of the glorious memories that Brother and Sister Ward, in their retirement, are enjoying. No doubt many friends will be remembering them as they celebrate their golden wedding and golden anniversary in Pentecost next month (October). It would seem fitting to end this article with an exhortation sent by Brother Ward to a friend in a recent letter:

"Anyone who takes the trouble to prove God, will find Him true. Let us abandon ourselves to His perfect will—then 'lie flat down on His promise—pray straight up to our Heavenly Father,' and lo, the answer. It is just as simple as that.

"I must close and since I may not contact you again just like this, my parting word would be:

*"Get the holy flame—the Pentecostal Flame. Join the mighty army, marching in His Name. He who died for you demands a love the same; Oh, brother, get the flame for Jesus."* ◀◀

## The Church of God of the Mountain Assembly



Clayton Lawson  
General Overseer

**T**HE CHURCH OF GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN Assembly had its beginning in the great Pentecostal revival that swept the country early in the Twentieth Century.

In 1895 a number of ministers who were affiliated with the United Baptist Church of the South Union Association began to preach a closer communion with God and the danger of apostasy. The group included J. H. Parks, A. J. Silcox, S. N. Bryant, Tom Moses, and William Douglas.

In 1903 an order was passed in the South Union Association to exclude all ministers who were preaching the possibility of being lost after regeneration. Five or more of the local churches withdrew from the Association because of this order.

In 1906 these ministers and churches met in council at Jellico Creek in Whitley County, Kentucky, and formed a new Association. A. J. Silcox was elected Moderator. The name Church of God was adopted for the new organization and this name has been used ever since. However, in 1911, when it became known that other churches were using this name and holding property under it, the name Mountain Assembly was adopted to identify this organization and to be used in the transaction of business and execution of legal papers. The church was incorporated in 1917 and permanent headquarters were established in Jellico, Tennessee, in 1918.

S. N. Bryant was elected Moderator in 1907, and served in this capacity until 1938, with the exception of two years when G. A. Fore and J. H.

*Each week the EVANGEL is featuring historical sketches of the various church bodies which comprise the membership of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. The accompanying article was written by J. E. Hatfield, Editor of "The Gospel Herald," Jellico, Tennessee.*

*The annual convention of the PFNA will be in Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., October 29-31, 1957, beginning Tuesday night.*

Parks filled the position. Many were persecuted in those formative years for their belief in sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but the church grew.

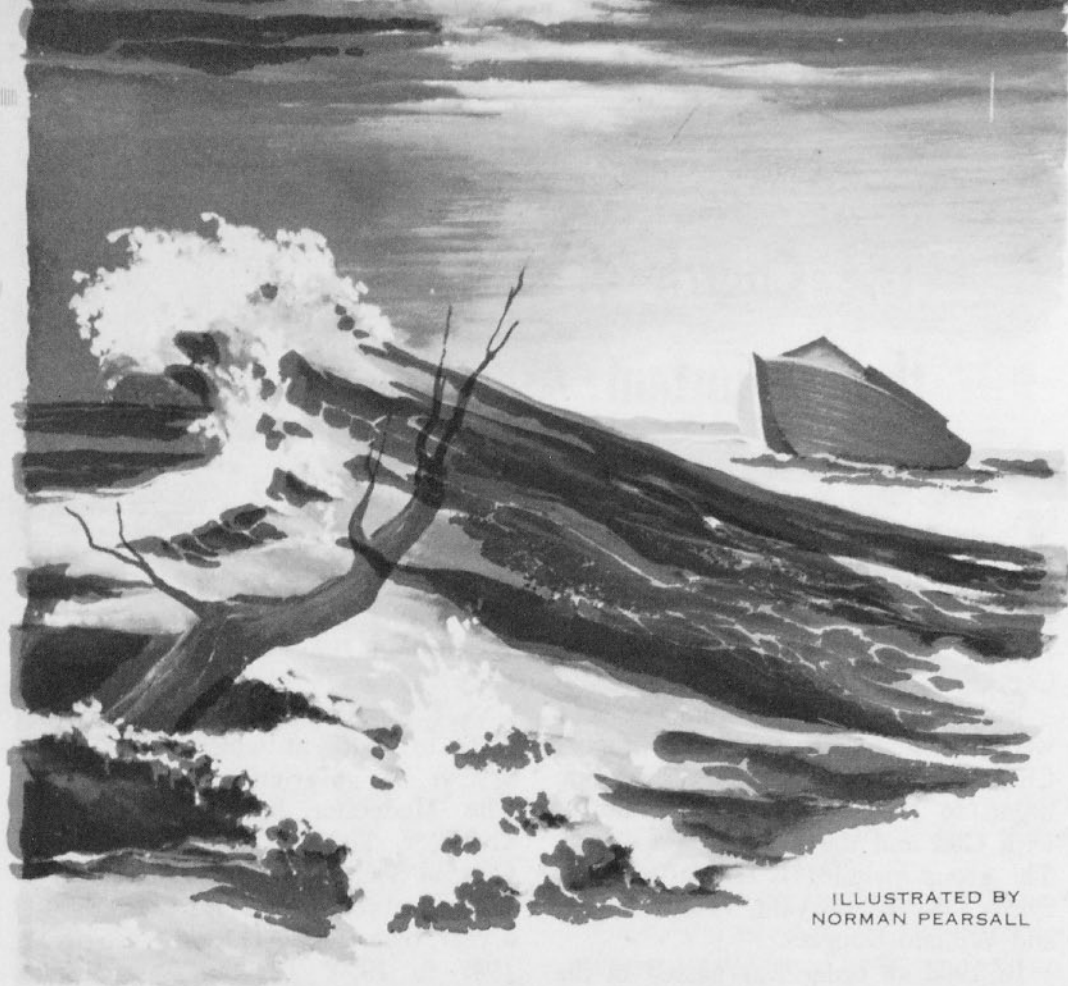
A. J. Long served as Moderator from 1939 to 1946, at which time a new system of government was adopted. The Moderator became the General Overseer, and the clerk became the General Secretary and Treasurer. J. H. Bryant served as General Overseer for a year, then Luther Gibson served from 1947 to 1950. Clayton Lawson was elected to the office in 1950 and continues therein to this time. The General Overseers began to visit more among the churches, preaching, teaching, and encouraging the people to make greater effort to spread the gospel.

The official publication of the Mountain Assembly is "The Gospel Herald," which was first published in 1942. J. E. Hatfield is the Editor. Brother Hatfield also serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization.

The Mountain Assembly has a Judicial Board of Twelve, a Board of Trustees, and a Finance Committee. Luther Gibson is the Assistant General Overseer and Missions Director. Efford Enix is National Youth Director. Lawrence Redmond serves as National Sunday School Superintendent.

Plans are under way to purchase new assembly grounds, to build an open-air tabernacle, cafeteria, and other buildings to accommodate the large crowds that attend the General Assembly. Plans for an orphanage are also in the offing.

The Church of God of the Mountain Assembly had 80 churches and missions, as of January 1, 1957, with an enrolled membership of approximately 3,000. There are about 20,000 attending the Sunday Schools. The organization is a member of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, and the General Overseer, Clayton Lawson, serves as one of the vice-chairmen.



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# The Flood:

## WAS IT UNIVERSAL?

A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF SOME GEOLOGICAL  
DISCOVERIES DATING BACK TO NOAH'S TIME

by E. J. G. Titterington

WHEN THE ARCHAEOLOGIST, Sir Leonard Woolley, was digging up the site of the city of Ur, he found a thick deposit of clay. It was much thicker than anything caused by an ordinary flooding and so great that it had wiped out a whole previous civilization. Sir Leonard was sure that this was the result of the Flood of which we read in Genesis. But an archaeologist can only dig up a site here and there. He cannot possibly say how far any deposits he finds may have extended.

The Bible claims that the Flood (recorded in Genesis 6-8) was universal—that is, it wiped out the whole human race with the exception of the eight persons who were in the ark. To do this, it must have extended at least as far as man had spread on the face of the earth.

If we want to find confirmation of this outside of the Bible, we must go to the geologist instead of the archaeologist. And we shall not go in vain.

There is, first, the story of the Siberian mammoths.

In days not so very long ago—certainly while man was upon the earth—the climate of northern Siberia was very different from what it is today. The land now lies under snow and ice for the greater part of the year. The ground is permanently frozen to a great depth, with the exception of the surface soil which thaws out during the short summer. The vegetation is poor and scanty, consisting of little more than stunted bushes and hardy mosses.

Once, however, the climate of this frozen wilderness was mild and temperate. The land was clothed with rich forests. In these forests ranged many


kinds of animals—some of which are now extinct. These animals could not endure the climate as it is now, nor could they possibly find food on which to subsist if they could endure it.

Among these animals was a huge hairy elephant known as the mammoth. The remains of these mammoths are very abundant. In fact, the farther north one goes, the more abundant they are, particularly on what are now islands in the Arctic Ocean.

In many instances the skeletons of these mammoths are found standing erect in the frozen ground, exactly as they died. In other instances, the actual bodies of the mammoths, complete with flesh, skin, and hair, have been preserved for centuries in the frozen earth as in a giant freezer. They are so well preserved that it has been possible to discover what they fed on—forest boughs and other vegetation—and even to say how they died. They were not frozen to death, as might be imagined, but drowned or suffocated as though by mud or water. But they must have been frozen immediately before they had time to decay.

This is what the geologist, Lt.-Col. L. Merson Davies, had to say about this:

“One thing . . . is certain. *The soil must have been soft when the animals were buried.* As well could the animals have been pushed into solid granite as buried in the soil as it exists today. And yet the freezing of the ground could not possibly have been delayed for long after they were buried, since, in that case, the carcasses would have decomposed. The freezing, therefore, must have *followed almost immediately after the burial.* Nor could the containing sediments ever again have thawed, for the carcasses would have decomposed at the first relaxing of the frost; in other words, *the change in*



# Why?

BECAUSE there are many who will never find salvation unless we go to them. The harvest now is ripe and the time to reap is short. We must work while it is day!



temperature must have been permanent as well as sudden. It seems difficult to escape from this conclusion, which was expressed in the clearest terms by Cuvier more than a hundred years ago, and has been admitted repeatedly by geologists of the first rank since then. Such a thing can hardly be purely local; and when we realize that frozen 'mummies' of mammoths, rhinoceroses, etc., have been found all over northern Asia, from Kamcharka in the east to the Ural Mountains in the west, we realize that this change in climate must have been *continental in extent as well as instantaneous in time.*"

It would seem obvious, then to even the most casual observer, that only some universal cataclysm such as the Flood could produce this unique combination of circumstances.

From Siberia let us travel southward. Right across Central Asia, from the China Sea to the Caspian—and indeed across Europe also—stretches an earthy deposit known as "loess." This loess is of two different kinds: one wind-borne, and rising into hummocks; the other, older and apparently the original type, consists of sediment thrown down by water. It contains beds of gravel, fragments of rock, and calcareous (chalky) concretions. Similar deposits have been found in northern India.

"They all have the appearance," said Lt.-Col. Davies, "of having been laid down by torrents depositing their sediments into a bed of standing water."

In many places the deposits are impregnated with salt, suggesting that it was sea water, and not fresh, which was responsible.

At various places in both European and Asiatic Russia there have been found flint implements and charcoal, associated with the bones of mammoths, in the loess, indicating that the loess is of relatively recent date. The evidence shows that when it was laid down, the whole of Asia must have been covered with water to the depth of two to three thousand feet at the very least. Dr. G. F. Wright, an American who made an extensive study of the region in 1900, regarded the loess as affording definite geological confirmation of the deluge in Noah's time.

There is still further evidence from the same regions in the drying up of great masses of water. At one time, where the Gobi Desert now is, there was a vast inland sea as big as the Mediterranean. Other similar seas, like the

Caspian, show signs of shrinking. Though these seas are now fresh, or comparatively fresh, they were not always so. Around them are salt lagoons and other deposits of salt.

In Lake Baikal, Siberia, more than fifteen hundred feet above sea level, are found an Arctic type of seal and other creatures belonging to the ocean. Similar seals are found also in the



**The Witness**

**Not merely in the words you say,  
Not only in your deeds confessed,  
But in the most unconscious way  
Is Christ expressed.**

**For me 'twas not the truth you taught,  
To you so clear, to me so dim,  
But when you came to me you brought  
A sense of Him.**

**And from your eyes He beckons me,  
And from your heart His love is shed,  
Till I lose sight of you and see  
The Christ instead.**

—Anon.



Caspian and Aral seas. The same kind of evidence of the former existence of water (often salt water) is found in the Sahara Desert, and even in the Kalahari Desert. It is found in the New World as well as the Old.

The evidence from Western Europe is of a different character altogether. The signs tell not of a gradual, but of a sudden termination of the Flood—of a rapid emergence of the land from the waters. There are no continuous

deposits of any great extent, but masses of debris known as "rubble drift" which appear to have been washed down violently from a higher to a lower level. The water must have been in great volume; it took no account of the lay of the land, but poured over high and low points alike, carrying with it fragments of bones, rock, and other material, depositing them sometimes in fissures which seem to have opened in the earth.

The bones occur in confused masses. Lt.-Col. Davies said of them: "The bones in these fissures cannot be of animals which fell in alive, for no skeleton is complete. They cannot have been brought by beasts of prey, for none are gnawed. They were not brought by streams, for none are rolled; nor are they accompanied by rolled deposits, or any but purely local materials. The bones could not have lain exposed for long, for none are weathered. They were not covered up normally, for they were broken by the violence of their deposition together with the associated rocks."

We thus have evidence of the onset, persistence, and termination of the Flood from all parts of the northern hemisphere. In almost every instance it is possible to prove that these floods occurred while man was on the earth, and all alike are of comparatively recent date. The natural conclusion is that there was only one flood, that it was universal, and that it was the Flood of which we read in the Bible. God, in His wisdom, has preserved the evidence of this cataclysmic judgment which changed the entire world.

—The Flame

**REVIVALTIME Giving**



**TOP TEN DISTRICTS  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 31**

TOTAL GIVING

AVERAGE PER CHURCH

1. NEW YORK .....	\$9,787.77	1. NEBRASKA .....	\$71.15
2. EASTERN .....	9,278.65	2. NEW YORK .....	62.74
3. NORTHWEST .....	9,151.18	3. NEW ENGLAND .....	61.54
4. S. CALIFORNIA .....	8,089.00	4. NEW JERSEY .....	54.03
5. OHIO .....	7,906.74	5. OHIO .....	45.18
6. S. MISSOURI .....	7,094.92	6. WISCONSIN-N. MICH. ....	44.96
7. ILLINOIS .....	6,736.14	7. MONTANA .....	44.22
8. WEST CENTRAL .....	6,555.38	8. EASTERN .....	35.55
9. NEW ENGLAND .....	6,461.87	9. N. DAKOTA .....	35.39
10. N. CALIFORNIA-NEV. ....	6,425.50	10. NORTHWEST .....	34.01



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **AKRON, OHIO**—The Krumroy Assembly of God recently enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Ronald Ripley of Elmira, N. Y. The meetings were highly successful.  
—*R. E. Roop, Pastor*

► **DULUTH, GA.**—The presence and power of God rested upon the Assembly here during a recent revival with Evangelist Dora Lane of the West Texas district. There were 11 saved and 15 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly encouraged to go forward for God.  
—*R. R. Brown, Pastor*

► **GRAND RIDGE, FLA.**—A very spiritual and uplifting revival was recently held at El Bethel Assembly with Evangelist O. B. Hunnicut. His ministry was very profitable and inspiring to the church and community as well. Several souls were saved, and the entire church was drawn closer to God.  
—*James Gilbert, Pastor*

► **ALTO, TEX.**—The Assembly of God here experienced one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church during the recent ministry of Evangelist J. L. Pruett of Houston, Tex. Twenty-five souls were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit during the three-week revival. The power of God was present to heal.  
—*Louis M. Bruno, Pastor*

► **SLOCOMB, ALA.**—A very successful revival was recently concluded at the Burns Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist O. B. Hunnicutt of Panama City, Fla. 13 came to the altar for salvation, and the entire church was blessed by the anointed ministry of the evangelist. The revival

spirit continues with many of the church people.  
—*W. P. Hughes, Pastor*

► **LINDALE, TEX.**—The Lord met the folk at the Lindale Assembly in a mighty way under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Charles Mattox of El Dorado, Ark. Six were saved and seven filled with the Holy Spirit. In one morning prayer service there were only four people in attendance who were not filled with the Spirit. Within three hours these four came through to a glorious experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.  
—*J. B. Bell, Pastor*

► **WICHITA, KANS.**—A recent indoor camp meeting with Evangelist Ralph Wilkerson of Topeka, Kans. was a real blessing to the congregation here at Central Assembly. Though this was only a five-night revival, closing on a Friday night, signs followed the preaching of the Word as a number were saved and 11 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church was immeasurably benefited by the anointed ministry of Brother Wilkerson.  
—*J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor*

► **MEROM, IND.**—The Assembly here experienced a gracious visitation from God during a recent revival with the Tanner Team. Though it was hot July weather the attendance was very good. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and approximately 150 visitors attended the services. An "Hour of Prayer" was conducted each morning, at which Brother Tanner brought a timely message from the Word. The prayer service prior to each evening service was a strength and blessing to all.  
—*Mable Collins and Edna Phelps, Pastors*

► **HOUSTON, TEX.**—A great revival has come to the Magnolia Park Assembly as a result of a six-week meeting with Evangelist John McDuff. Many were saved, a large number filled with the Holy Ghost, and there were wonderful healings. Large crowds attended every service. The entire church moved with the spirit of revival. Truly this was one of the greatest moves of God in the history of the church.  
—*E. M. Yeats, Pastor*

► **FERNDALE, MICH.**—The Assembly here rejoices over a real tide of revival during the summer months. During a three-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. James West souls were saved or filled with the Spirit almost every night. There were also several outstanding miracles of healing. The preaching was powerful and effective. God is continuing to bless.  
—*E. Glenn Snook, Pastor*

► **WILLIMANTIC, CONN.**—Evangelist Ronald Hudson of Oklahoma recently conducted a three-week revival here. At least 10 souls were saved, saints were stirred, and the Assembly now has a greater enthusiasm and zeal to follow the Lord than ever before. This four-year-old church broke the Sunday School attendance record with 113 present. Many new families have been contacted. Since the revival services the church has been filled every Sunday morning. Brother and Sister Hudson were certainly a blessing to the congregation and to other pioneer churches in this area.  
—*Harold D. Hanson, Pastor*

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### NEW CHURCH IN HOUSTON

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—The Lord is blessing the efforts of our little group at the Belfort Boulevard Assembly of God. This is a new church. We started out in a home, then advanced to a store building, and now we have bought a house with three lots. There are already 30 on the Sunday School roll. Our pastor is W. H. Law, who is well known for pioneering churches in this area.  
—by Robert L. Thompson, Church Secretary.

### HIGH SPIRITUAL TIDE AT BETHANY PARK

**SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.**—The Northern California-Nevada District camp meeting at Bethany Park closed in great power and glory. "It was the best yet," was the comment that many made.

The morning addresses were ably given by J. Robert Ashcroft under a rich and melting anointing of the Holy Spirit. At times spontaneous praise would sweep over the great congregation as in days of old. It was indeed heavenly music.

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The evening services were rich and fruitful under the ministry of James Hamill of Memphis, Tennessee. The spirit of mutual co-operation in ministry and of great unity and joyful fellowship was constantly commented on.

Faith ran high, and every night bore results in the prayer room. About forty were filled with the Holy Spirit, and various spiritual needs were met. Some had visions of Jesus, causing their faces to become radiant. Sister Zelma Argue was the special worker in charge of the prayer room. Shouts of victory resounded into the small hours of the night.

#### FOURTEEN INDIAN COMMUNITIES VISITED BY MISSIONARIES

LOVELOCK, NEV.—Since coming to Nevada in the fall of 1956 we have had the privilege of preaching the wonderful gospel of Christ at thirteen Indian reservations and colonies in this state, and one other on the California side of the line.

With few exceptions, these people had not heard the message of salvation according to the Word of God. Everywhere we have found a spiritual hunger for the Living Bread, and in almost every place we have been cordially received. Some of the Indians that have had only form and ceremony in their religious life eagerly listened to the Word of God, and in almost every place we have seen souls genuinely saved, thanks to our loving, merciful God.

Again and again we have been urged to return. We have been greatly astonished to find no Full Gospel church or missionary ministering in many of these places.

In one colony alone, about 30 Indians responded to the altar call. They knelt in prayer and earnestly sought the Lord for the forgiveness of their sins.

At present we are making our headquarters at Lovelock, Nev., where we have a fine Sunday School. A few of the adults here have been saved. Most important of all, we have a circuit which takes us as far as three hundred miles from here. We go as often as funds will allow, to minister to a people forgotten by many. We humbly request the prayers and backing of God's people in order that we may reach as many as possible with the message of Life before Jesus returns.—by *Ralph and Mildred Holder*.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	El Dorado	First	Sept. 8—	Walter Trumbo	Erling Saxelid
	Fayetteville	Central	Sept. 11-22	Lee Krupnick & wife	James E. Cheshier
Calif.	Palo Alto	Christian Center	Sept. 15-29	Fisher-Cheek	Wm. E. Pickthorn
	Whittier	Faith	Sept. 10—	Paul J. McKeel	James H. Black
Fla.	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Sept. 10—	Eskelin Family	Harold Schmitt
	St. Augustine	A of G	Sept. 15-29	W. F. Voodre & wife	C. R. Inman
Ill.	Paris	A of G	Sept. 8—	Cox-Brown	Fred Hendrickson
Ind.	Linton	First	Sept. 3-15	R. W. Hastie & wife	Harry Vibbert
Iowa	Decorah	A of G	Sept. 15-29	D. E. Skiles Party	Bill Bell
La.	Baton Rouge	Central	Sept. 15-Oct. 1	Austin Shelton	J. V. Courtney, Jr.
Md.	Cumberland	Central	Sept. 8-22	Peiffer-Harden	Frank Fratto
Mich.	Detroit	A of G	Sept. 10-29	John Higginbotham	Robert Clark
	Wayne	A of G	Sept. 8-22	A. F. DiMusto Party	E. W. Raimier
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### A Searching Question . . .


## What Do You Worship?

A man's true worship is not the worship which he performs in the public temple, but that which he offers down in that little private chapel where nobody goes but himself. Worship is the attribution of supreme excellence to and the entire dependence of the heart upon a certain person. And the people or things to which a man attributes the highest excellence, and on which he hangs his happiness and well-being, these be his gods, no matter what his outward profession is.

You can find out what these are for you if you will ask yourself and honestly answer one or two questions. What is it that I want most? What is it which makes my ideal of happiness? What is that which I feel that I should be desperate without? What do I think about most naturally and spontaneously, when the spring is taken off and my thoughts are allowed to go as they will? And if the answer to none of these questions is "God" then I do not know why you should call yourself a worshiper of God. It is of no avail that we pray in the temple if we have the dark, subterranean pit where our true adoration is rendered.

Oh, dear brethren, I am afraid there are a great many of us nominal Christians, connected with Christian churches, posing before men as orthodox religionists, who keep this private chapel where we do our devotion to an idol and not to God. If our real gods could be made visible what a pantheon they would make! All the foul forms painted on that underground cell would be paralleled in the creeping things, which crawl along the low earth and never soar nor even stand erect, and in the vile, bestial forms of passion to which some of us really bow down.

Honor, wealth, literary or other distinction, the sweet sanctities of human love dishonored and profaned by being exalted to the place which divine love should hold, ease, family, animal appetites, lust, drink—these are the gods of some of us. Bear with my poor words and ask yourselves, not whom do you worship before the eye of men, but who is the God to whom in your inmost heart you bow down? What do you do in the dark? That is the question. Whom do you worship there? The other thing is not worship at all.



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# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Did Jesus know everything from the time He was an infant?**

The Bible indicates that His consciousness of being deity, and of those things related to His calling, developed as He developed humanly. "The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40, 52).

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**If Jesus was perfect how could he have learned obedience by the things which He suffered (Hebrews 2:10; 5:8)?**

The character of Jesus was perfect from the beginning, but His maturity of development was not. As a child He "grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom" (Luke 2:40). "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). He "suffered being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18) and made atonement for sin through His suffering in death (Hebrews 2:10).

As Jesus grew He met the circumstances of life. These circumstances brought suffering to Him as they do to all. Meeting them in the Spirit of God, He overcame and thus matured into the perfect Man, able to save all who come unto God by Him.

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**Why did Jesus need two donkeys when He rode into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:5)?**

Reading some other translations will help you to understand this verse. Williams renders it, "Your King is now coming to you, gentle, and riding on a donkey, yea, on the colt of a beast of burden." Weymouth translates this verse, "See, thy King is coming to thee, gentle, and mounted on an ass, on a colt the foal of a beast of burden."

This would indicate that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey which was a colt. That is, there was only one animal. This interpretation is in harmony with Luke 19:30, 35: "Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. . . . And they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon."

**I am told that Jesus never received worship, and this seems in keeping with Revelation 22:9. Can you explain this to me?**

Jesus often received worship. When the wise men "were come into the house . . . they fell down, and worshipped him" (Matthew 2:11). Matthew 8:2 tells about the leper who worshipped Him. Christ received worship of the rich young ruler of Matthew 9:18. The Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15:25) and the women at the tomb (Matthew 28:9) worshipped Him.

The Book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ, but it was given to John by means of an angel (ch. 1:1). The record indicates that in chapter 22 the angel was still communicating with John. It was not Jesus but an angel who refused to receive worship: "I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not . . ." (Revelation 22:8, 9).

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**Did Jesus descend into hell?**

Jesus evidently descended into hell, but it was not into the place of eternal torment. Peter quoted from the Psalms concerning Christ, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Acts 2:27). This "hell" was *hades*, the place to which the soul went at death. It is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew *sheol*. Josephus, the great Hebrew historian, tells us that the Jews regarded *sheol* as consisting of two compartments. One was the place into which the wicked went; the other was Paradise, or Abraham's bosom, the place to which the righteous went.

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**What is the difference between disciples and apostles?**

A disciple is a learner, a follower. The literal meaning of *apostle* is "one sent." However, not all who are sent forth are apostles. Jesus anointed and sent forth the seventy, but they were not apostles (Luke 10:1).

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The Bible indicates that apostleship was the highest position in the Early Christian Church. Since the Church is built on the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20), the apostles of the Early Church are apostles to us also. I believe there will never be another order of apostles.

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**What is your opinion concerning reincarnations? I have become interested in reading literature on the subject.**

By reincarnations I suppose you mean the transmigration of the soul until, through many reincarnations, it may arrive at perfection or peace. This heathen belief has no foundation in Scripture. The Bible teaches, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Man is saved through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, not by passing through a number of existences until he finally arrives at perfection. It would be well to discontinue reading after false teachers.

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).



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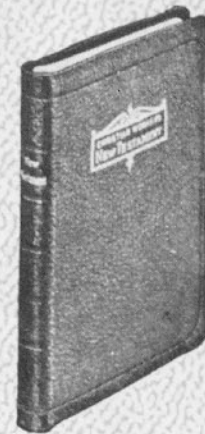
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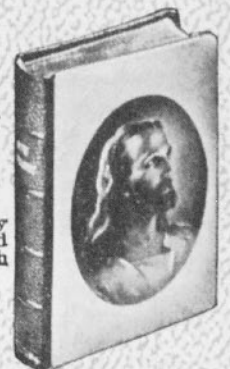
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Indeed baptize you with  
into repentance: but he  
meth after me is mightier  
whose shoes I am not  
to bear: he shall baptize



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Tyre and Sidon, they  
would have repented  
long ago in sackcloth  
and ashes,



5 Now I will come unto  
you, when I shall pass  
through Măc-ê-dô-ni-ă: for  
I do pass through Măc-ê-



2 Grace be to you an  
peace from God our  
Father, and from the  
Lord Jê'sus Christ.

3 Blessed be God, even  
the Father of our Lord  
Jê'sus Christ, the Father  
of mercies, and the God  
of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in  
all our tribulation, that

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"Be careful for nothing"; that is, "be anxious about nothing." No anxiety ought to be found in the believer. Great, many, and varied may be our trials, our afflictions, our difficulties. Yet there should be no anxiety under any circumstances, because we have a Father in heaven who is almighty, who loves His children as He loves His only begotten Son, and whose very joy and delight is to succor and help them at all times and under all circumstances.

Therefore anxiety should not be found in the children of God, but we should attend to the exhortation given us in this verse: "Be anxious about nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

Here notice particularly the following points:

1. "In *everything* let your requests be made known"—that is, not merely when the house is on fire, not merely when the beloved wife is dying, not merely when our children are on the brink of the grave, but also in the smallest matters of life. Bring everything before God, even the little things, the very little things, what the world calls trifling things. Let us live in holy communion with our heavenly Father and with our precious Lord Jesus Christ all day long. And when we awake at night, by a kind of spiritual instinct let us turn again to Him, speaking to Him and bringing our various little matters before Him in the

sleepless night—the difficulties in connection with our family, our trade, our profession. Whatever tries us in any way, let us speak to the Lord about it. And in like manner, speak to the Lord about our joys, our easy days. Ask Him to help regarding everything.

2. "By prayer and supplication." We ought to take the place of beggars, going and waiting, waiting, waiting on God with perseverance.

3. "With thanksgiving." We should at all times lay a good foundation with thanksgiving. If there were nothing else to thank Him for, there is always this—that He saved us from hell. Then, too, He has given us His Holy Word, His Holy Spirit, and His choicest Gift—His only begotten Son. Therefore we have always abundant reason for thanksgiving. Oh, let us aim at this!

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." We shall have all the peace of God. And this is such a great blessing, such a real blessing, such a precious blessing that it must be known experimentally to be entered into, for it passeth understanding. Oh, the peace of God, how exceedingly precious this thing!

See therefore how to get this peace of God through attending to this exhortation, that in everything—in the most minute affairs of life—we let our requests, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, be known unto God. And further, that we seek to the utmost to avoid anxiety. Oh, let us lay these things to heart, and the result will be, if we habitually walk in this spirit, that we shall far more abundantly glorify God than ever before.

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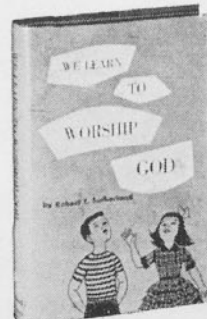
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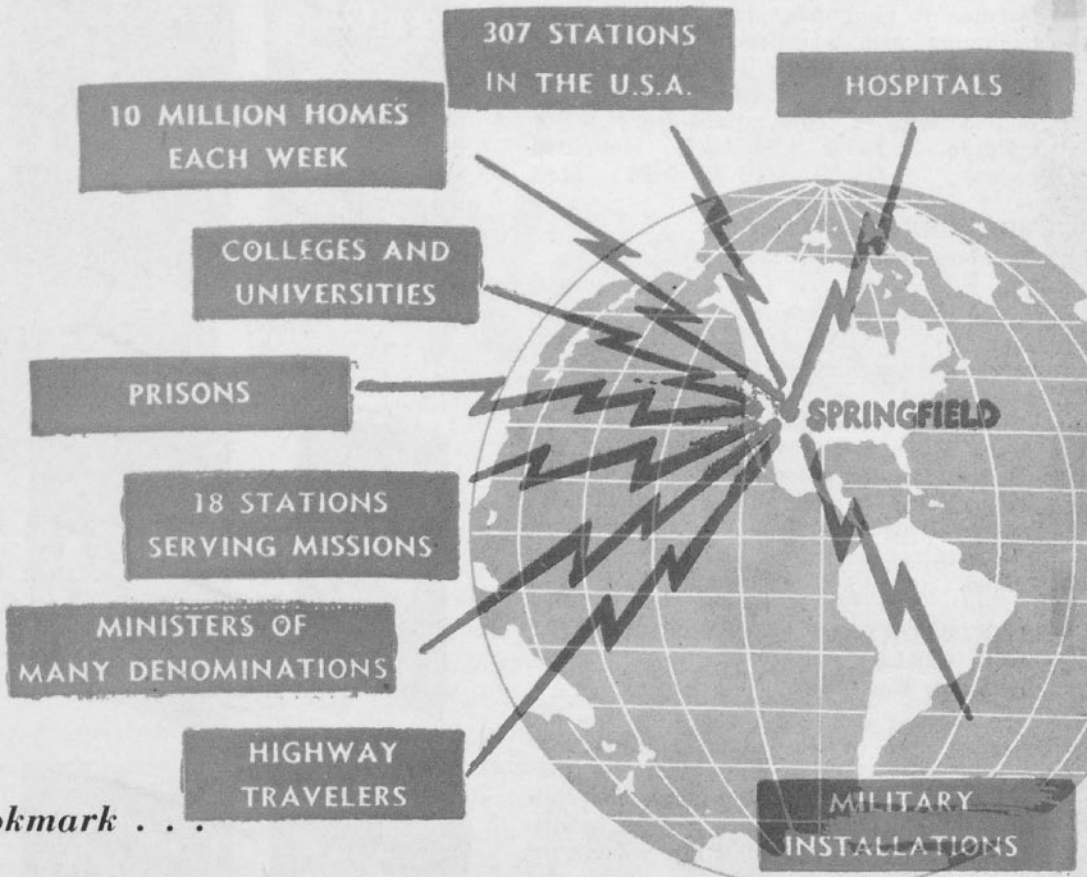
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