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

Thank You for life, Father
Thank You for love.
Thank You for wonderful things
from above.
Thank You for dying on Calvary's
tree,
Thank You for saving a lost
lamb like me.

—E. Jean Hyslop



"Athirst for God"

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Our Daily Cross

It is easy to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." How many people are willing to pray, "Give us this day our daily cross"? But the daily cross is as needful for our spirits as the daily bread is for our bodies. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

Last month seventeen Roman Catholic university students in Canada carried a wooden cross on a 97-mile pilgrimage. The cross was nine feet long and weighed a hundred pounds. They carried it from Toronto to the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ontario. No doubt they were motivated by the best of intentions. Certainly we would not deride them for trudging through sun and rain, day after day, carrying their heavy burden over the weary miles, but rather we would pity them if they have been taught that when the Saviour commanded His followers to bear their cross He meant a cross of wood.

What, then, did He mean by a daily cross? A good answer has been given by Andrew Murray, who said:

"The only meaning the disciples could attach to these words was from what they had often seen, when an evil-doer who had been sentenced to death by the cross was led out bearing his cross to the place of execution. In bearing the cross, he acknowledged the sentence of death that was on him. And Christ would have His disciples understand that their nature was so evil and corrupt that it was only in losing their natural life that they could find the true life. Of Himself it was true. All His life He bore His cross, the sentence of death that He knew to rest upon Himself on account of our sins. And so He would have His disciples bear their cross, the sentence of death upon themselves and their evil, carnal nature."

It is a humbling thought and it is meant to be. Our Lord wants to see in every one of us a spirit of contrition. He wants us to act like people who have been forgiven a great offense and who owe their life and liberty to His mercy. This sense of obligation will give us the incentive to please Him in all our ways. It will make us careful not to grieve our Saviour in even the smallest matter.

Only in losing our natural life can we find the true life, the Christ life. Only then do we learn the exceeding hatefulness of self. Why did our Lord say that a man must "deny himself"? It was because self causes all the sin and wretchedness in the world. Self drove out and supplanted the first life of God in man. Self crucified the Lord Jesus. Therefore self must be denied—renounced—cast out to make way for Christ to manifest His life in us.

Take up the cross each day and put to death each manifestation of the carnal nature. Claim the victory of Calvary. Come to the river of God and drink until your innermost being is filled with the Holy Spirit. Then the annoying circumstances of daily life will cease to irritate. You will be able to overlook any rebuffs or injustices that may come your way. You will be so absorbed in Christlike service that you will not have time for self-pity or self-pleasing.

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ATHIRST for GOD



BY A. M. ALBER

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Scripture reading: Psalm 84

SOMEONE HAS CALLED THE 23RD Psalm the most popular, the 103rd the most joyful, the 119th the most experimental, the 51st the most plaintive, and the 84th the sweet Psalm of peace. This Psalm has much of the great outdoors in it—the mountains, the valleys, the wilderness. David must have lodged in these places when he was at war, or possibly when he was driven out there by the hatred of Saul.

“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!” he declared. Out there in the wilderness, shut away from God, David began to contemplate the house of God. He thought of the joy, the peace, and the presence of God in that place. He said, “My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.” Shut away from the people of God, he cried out for the communion that we enjoy in the house of God. He cried for worship and for association with God’s people.

David wasn’t just a church-goer; he was a shouter, a pleader, a prayer, a giver, a musician, a singer. He was no seatwarmer, but a worshiper. You didn’t have to coax David to the house of God, No, he cried when he couldn’t get there. He didn’t have to be called to the place of worship. He had a church bell ringing in his own bosom crying out for God and for the house of God.

“The sparrow,” he said, “hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King.” That old tabernacle, you know, wasn’t hard to get into. It was flapping out there in the wind, and the sparrows and swallows came in—they made themselves at home, built their nests there. David felt jealous

that the birds had access to the tabernacle, while he was shut out.

David, who was born to worship, born to praise God, was shut away from His presence. He said, “Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.” And you know, Pentecostal people have been accused of just living in the church. I have heard it said to Pentecostal people, “Well, what do you do for recreation?” And they would answer, “Well, we go to church.” “What else do you do?” “We go to Sunday School.” The house of God is the uppermost place in their lives. No wonder our churches have grown by leaps and bounds, when our people put the church first. They can’t live without it.

It must have been the day of worship when David wrote this Psalm. In his heart he could hear those Jews singing in the temple choir. He could see the congregation with their hearts full of heaven and souls filled with com-

fort, and he said, “Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee. . . . Who passing through the valley of Baca maketh it a well.” This valley of Baca was a wilderness, a place of weeping, a place of tears. But when we come to God’s house our deserts become wells of living water. Isn’t there a vast change in a lot of people when they come to church! They come with all their burdens and with all their cares, and they go away as if they didn’t have a worry in the world. They’ve been in God’s house; they’ve been in God’s presence. Hallelujah! Their deserts have become streams of living water.

Jesus said, as He saw the Jews eating, drinking, and satisfying themselves at the feast, “If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers

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My Cup Runneth Over

MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

*Sometimes a very flood of joy
Sweeps over me;
How safe, how rich I am for all
Eternity!*

*Sometimes the singing in my heart
Will not be stilled,
And all the shadows in my soul
Are glory filled.*

*Sometimes He sends a peace more
deep
Than I can tell,
Because my loved ones are with
Him,
Joyful and well.*

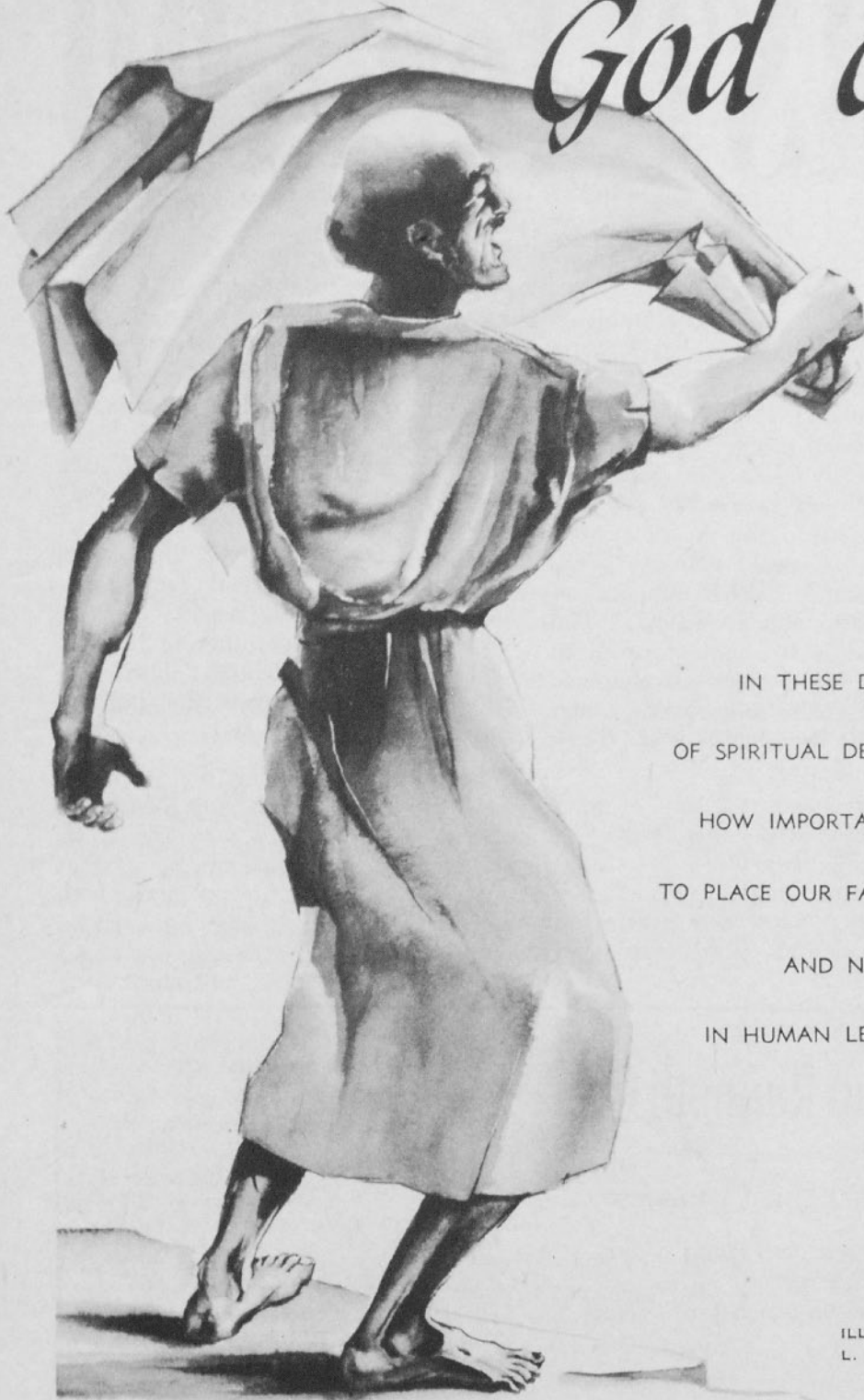
*Sometimes I am so lifted up
That earth grows dim,
Like John, on Patmos’ lonely isle,
Beholding Him.*

*Sometimes—nay, every precious
hour
Of every day,
My hand is warm within His own,
My Light, my Way!*

*Sometimes I try in vain to count
My goods and store;
Joint heir with Christ the Lord!
My cup
Is running o’er!*

(The author went to be with Christ on June 27, 1957. Her poems have been a source of comfort and help to untold thousands. On June 23, weak in body, she said, “Next Sunday I shall be attending church service in heaven,” and so it proved to be. Surely her cup is “running over” today in the presence of her Lord.)

"Where Is the Lord God of Elijah?"



BY JAMES A. STEWART

Jordan with the mantle of Elijah in his hand. The prophet seized the mantle of his master, and with strong, sturdy steps faced his first test. The theological students were watching with critical eyes from across the river. Was Elisha a prophet by name only? Did he just have the mantle of the prophet's profession? Excitement was in the air as the servant of the Lord waved the old mantle above his head and cried, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

IN THESE DAYS

OF SPIRITUAL DECLENSION

HOW IMPORTANT IT IS

TO PLACE OUR FAITH IN GOD

AND NOT

IN HUMAN LEADERSHIP

NOT UNBELIEF

But this was not a cry of unbelief. It is common to use these words during times of declension and departure from the faith, when the Church has lost her spiritual prestige and power. Saints wring their hands and beat their breasts and cry out in despair, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" Some people, when they ask this question, really mean, "Where is Elijah?"—Elijah with the flashing eyes and the voice of thunder; Elijah, the spectacular man of God with the mighty victories.

No, Elisha's was not a cry of despair arising from unbelief. Elijah may pass from the scene, but the God of Elijah still remains and is ever ready to work today. The danger today is that we may trust in the mantle of Elijah instead of the God of Elijah.

NOT IDOLATRY

Nor was this a cry of idolatry. Elisha did not cry, "Where is God's Elijah?" but "Where is Elijah's God?" We are living in days of evangelical idolatry. As the personality parade passes before carnal eyes, unsanctified believers bow in adoration and worship. We thank God for the inspiration and strength we derive from the lives of the mighty men and women of God, but we refuse to worship them. If all the famous preachers of the world

"WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF Elijah?" (2 Kings 2:14) The cry fell from the lips of the prophet Elisha immediately after the translation of his predecessor, Elijah. Was he equal to the task that lay ahead? A great weight of responsibility had fallen upon him. How could he—a poor, insignificant stripling—follow in the succession of the mighty Elijah? Elisha was in a critical situation.

Could Elisha follow successfully in the supernatural work of God? Elijah had gone to his reward—would God's power still operate? Elijah's God had answered His servant by food and fire, by drought and rain, by miracles and mercy. He had never failed, so that the prophet was able to declare, with flashing eyes, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand..."

Elisha was standing before the River

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should die tomorrow, God could carry on His work without them. He is still the God who answers by fire. God buries His workmen, but His work goes on. The prophet was glorying not in Elijah's faith, but in Elijah's God.

VICTORY

This was a cry of victory. It was the language of daring faith. He knew that Elijah's God was with him, and he marched boldly to his first conquest. The waters parted. The servant of the Lord passed through!

There is victory for the man who deliberately faces the problems of the work, takes his stand on the promises of God, and challenges Him to do the miraculous. As my friend Lionel B. Fletcher has beautifully said, "It is useless for any man or woman to go into the work of God hoping to win victories with a mantle that has been riddled with holes by the moths of doubt and uncertainty. Such a mantle never yet opened a path for prophet or preacher, although it may have been wielded successfully by some other soul aflame with passion and power."

*High are the cities that dare our assault,
Strong are the barriers that call us to halt!
March we on fearless, and down they must fall,
Vanquished by faith in Him, far above all.*

Elisha was bold enough to claim from God what ordinary people imagined God would give only to Elijah. Many dear saints go on in feebleness and despair, because they cannot believe that God will give them spiritual power. This insignificant man of God, conscious of his own weakness, cast himself in utter abandonment upon God and took the kingdom of heaven by force. Elisha was really saying, "Did Elijah divide this river? No, it was God Himself! Then where is the God of Elijah?" He remembered that the mighty prophet was as human as he, and that it was Jehovah who wrought the miracles (James 5:17).

COMMAND

Elisha's cry was a command, a challenge to God. He demanded an immediate consciousness of His presence and power. And he had every right to do so, since God was making demands from him. He wanted a definite confirmation of his call.

Years before this, Elijah had entered the field where Elisha was plowing and had cast his mantle around him, adopting him as his spiritual heir. Now Elisha was asking the Almighty for a sign that he too had adopted him to carry on Elijah's work. He had a

second-hand mantle in his hand, but he wanted a first-hand call in his heart, or he would not go on. In reality he told God that he would not go forward in the work laid down by Elijah, unless he first received a fresh baptism of power.

A mighty man of prayer demands things from God, because God demands the impossible from him. Who can comply with God's commands unless he first receives a mighty anointing?

The crossing of the Jordan was the first of sixteen recorded miracles wrought by Elisha. At the very commencement of his ministry he put God to the test. The River Jordan lay in front of him. He was going to challenge Jehovah immediately. His cry really meant, "I have my master's mantle as an outward symbol to denote that I am his successor; but O God, I am in desperate need of 'the double portion of the firstborn.' O God, baptize me with thy Spirit."

Dare we imagine that there was any special power in the mantle itself? Surely it is blasphemy to laud the mighty men and women of the past, as if it were by their own human power they accomplished their exploits. Perhaps it seemed audacious of Elisha to presume that he could do what Elijah had done. There was only one Elijah. Yes, but there is Elijah's God, and He can as easily work through an Elisha as through Elijah, if that instrument is fully surrendered to Him.

Elijah's mantle could not divide the water, but Elijah's God could—and did! If we have Elijah's God, the mantle will mean something; otherwise, it will be only a mantle of tradition. Tradition hinders rather than helps, unless those in the line of tradition have the same spirit as the men who created the tradition. The mighty hands of William Booth, laid upon the head of a Salvation Army officer, would be of no avail, unless God laid His hands upon the young man's heart. All mantles are valueless without this divine touch.

Today, substitutes are tried in the place of God's power, and they are the curse of the Church. Today, even in evangelical circles, the man who believes in the power of God and in the supernatural is pitied, or labelled as a fanatic. The church that rejects the sign of the supernatural is soon rejected by God. God leaves them to their traditions and worn-out mantles.

It was because Elisha believed in the supernatural God that the unbelievable

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happened. It was because our fathers believed in the almighty power of God that miracles took place. These miracles will happen again, because God is not dead—He lives and waits to be challenged by the faith of His people. This is the revival we pray and wait for, and it can be experienced now in every place where God's people lay hold upon the promise.

You can do the impossible for God if you will allow God to do the impossible for you. How often we read the biographies of spiritual giants and lay the books down in despair. Instead of inspiring us, sometimes they discourage us. We say, "But we could never be like them." O my brother and sister, we must get our eyes off the personality and onto the living God. We must remember that the source of power is the living God Himself, and He has lovingly challenged us, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3). God is hindered only by our lack of faith.

The situation today is critical. All the world is a whispering gallery, and the Church is at one focus. We have the message for a lost and dying world. If the Church is going to meet the challenge of the hour, she must challenge the living God afresh, and receive a fresh baptism of power. Let us dare to look up into the face of the Almighty and challenge Him afresh to give us power and victory.

The man who expects to get to heaven should take the trouble to study the route that will get him there.

WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE FIRST LIE we mean the first lie in relation to the human family, for we have no knowledge of what may have taken place in the invisible world prior to the creation of Adam and Eve.

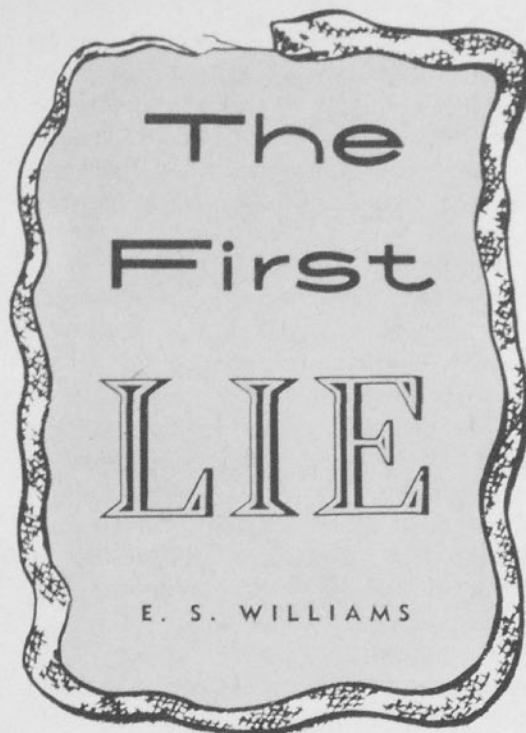
The Bible makes it clear that the source of the lie by which our first parents were deceived, was Satan. Jesus makes this identification clear when He says of Satan, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

Since Satan's character is so fully identified with that which is false, we need ever to pray—if not in the literal words, in the spirit of the words—"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." A literal rendering of this verse would read, "Deliver us from the evil one." Satan is evil. His words are evil. If at times they contain truth it is with evil intent. His designs are always evil.

Since Satan always stands in opposition to God, we may be sure the devil will seek to convince us that whatever God says is untrue. He did so with Eve; he will do so with us. What a pity that so many who once loved the Lord and were consecrated to Him, who so implicitly obeyed the conviction of their conscience and the Word of God, have been turned aside through the subtle but self-pleasing falsehoods of Satan.

God had said to Eve, "If you eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you will surely die." The devil said, "Ridiculous! You will not surely die. Instead of dying, you will be highly exalted." God had laid down His rule in Genesis 2:17. Satan would challenge that rule; rather, he would have Eve challenge the rule. "Eat of the tree and prove me to be right. Instead of dying, you will become like gods."

Someone has spoken of the daring of Satan. Daring indeed he is. He was possessed with that boldness which would force his presence into the holy paradise of God. Without seeming embarrassment he would intrude himself defiantly into the association of the sons of God when they came to present themselves before the Lord (Job 1:6). Without the slightest hesitancy he would push his way into the pres-



ence of the Son of God and challenge Him to a moral contest in which, it seems, he felt he could be conqueror (Matthew 4:1-10).

It is pure souls that Satan wishes to conquer. He already has many victims of his depraving captivity. He hopes to hold them, of course, and to constantly add to their number. But what special joy it gives him if by subtle falsehood and mischievous inducement he can lead one astray who has been living in loving purity before God, enjoying the sweet fellowship with the Saviour who gave Himself for us. Yes, what glee, what fiendish delight rises from the center of Satan's system when one who has loved the Lord is led astray.

I think of a story I heard many years ago concerning a certain place where many girls and women were employed. Sad to say, it was common for those who were employed there to sacrifice purity, and they seemed to glory that they had. Then came a pure girl to work there. For a time she resisted all attempts against her name, but finally she surrendered. Next day there was an unholy jubilee throughout the plant because this youthful maiden had yielded and was now like one of them. How Satan hates purity of character and love for God. He hated it in Eve; he hates it still.

Jesus said, "Satan is a murderer." He inspired Cain to rise up and slay his brother; but long before that he had proved his murderous power. Was it not through his baneful influence that the angels kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation?

Was it not through him that these angels were cast down and delivered into pits of darkness (2 Peter 2:4)? And was it not he who murdered the sweet innocence and purity of Eve? To take a physical life is wicked. To destroy a person's character, making him a child of hell, is murder so great that physical execution could never pay for the crime. Only the final judgment and eternal punishment can recompense the wickedness which moral assassination deserves. Do not forget that Satan is after you, you who are a child of God. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith." (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

What cares Satan for the harm he may do? His habitation is the habitation of cruelty. His followers too often are of the same spirit as he. Having pulled the pure one down, they laugh at his remorseful sorrow. We live in a world of sorrow and regret, where Satan seeks to wreak vengeance against Almighty God by taking advantage of persons whom God has created after His own likeness and image.

But how different from Satan is Jesus and His precious gospel. Instead of coming "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," Jesus came to forgive and restore. Is there hope for one whom Satan has led astray? There is, for "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." With loving heart He lifts His voice and cries, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." His Word is true; His salvation is real, full, and eternal.

May we who know the Lord never depart from His will. By divine grace let us resist the adversary and set him at naught. Through Christ we may triumph. In Him is grace and power freely bestowed on all who believe.

For those who have been deceived and led away there is still hope. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Let the wicked return to the Lord, for He will abundantly pardon.

This remember—Satan wishes us no good. It is God who has provided redemption for all who will receive. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

(NEXT WEEK: THE FIRST TEMPTATION)

HEALING TESTIMONIES

"I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE" (EXODUS 15:26)

Restored After Accident

Last March, at the age of 71, I fell down the basement stairs at church. The left side of my head struck the concrete floor, rendering me unconscious; but afterwards I learned that the people gathered about and prayed for me, children and grown-ups alike. God certainly answered their prayers in a wonderful way.

I was taken to a hospital where they found my left shoulder was cracked, one rib was broken, and my ear drum had burst. The doctor told my family that when a person receives such a knock on the head as to render him unconscious and to cause bleeding from the ear, there is always a fractured skull; but after taking X rays he said he couldn't find any fracture in my head.

Pastor Wine and another Christian man visited me and offered prayer for my healing. God answered prayer by healing the cracked shoulder and the broken rib. How can I ever cease to praise Him for His mercy!

Before I was in the hospital a week, my hearing came back, and I was able to see again also. It was nothing short of a miracle of God.—Mrs. Charles Ringle, Fremont, Nebr.

(Endorsed by Allen Wine, Pastor, Bethel Assembly, Fremont, Nebr.)

Healed of Rupture

I had been ruptured for 39 years and wore a truss all this time. Finally my condition became so serious that a truss would not always hold the rupture. Often I would come home from work with the rupture out and would have to go to bed. I had a ramp at my bed to support my feet, so that while I lay there the rupture would go back in place.

I was in a very serious condition. I could no longer ride in a car, much less drive one. The doctor said he could not operate on me, because I was too fat. However, God's people were praying for me. My wife said

she had the assurance that God was going to heal me.

On November 14, 1956, I came home from work with the rupture out, as usual, and my family put me to bed. Later on, after the rupture was back in place and my son had helped me get a truss on, my wife asked if I would accompany her to prayer meeting. I consented. However, no sooner had we reached the church than my rupture started out again, and I had to return home.

I began to pray as I lay in bed. After a while I heard a rap at the door. It was our pastor. He said, "I have good news, Brother Blackson. In prayer meeting tonight Jesus told me to come down and pray for you." I closed my eyes, raised my hands, and started to praise the Lord. When he finished praying he shouted, "Jesus still says you are healed, and you can get up whenever you want to."

This seemed too good to be true, for I had not been able to put a foot on the floor without help. But at that moment a voice said to me, "What are you lying there for? You are healed." So I threw my legs out of bed and got up by faith in the name of Jesus. As I did so, I was healed.

I am still going strong and am thanking the Lord Jesus daily for the wonderful healing He gave me.—L. E. Blackson, 311 S. Third St., Youngwood, Pa.

(Endorsed by C. A. Matson, Pastor, Faith Mission, Assembly of God, Greensburg, Pa.)

Father and Child Healed

Our little four-year-old daughter Carolyn had bronchial pneumonia when she was only two weeks old. This left her with infectious asthma. Because of her sickness she suffered much, was constantly under a doctor's care, and was bedfast about half of the time.

In December 1956 we drove to Port Orford, Oregon, to attend revival services conducted by Evangelist Don Gossett. He prayed for Carolyn and she was completely healed. How good the Lord has been to give her a sound, healthy body; she has never been sick since our Great Physician made her whole!

In 1952, a load of logs fell off a logging truck at a local lumber company where I was employed. I was pinned under the logs, and my right leg was broken in three places. The State pronounced it 35% disability.

My leg was left crooked and deformed, with my foot extended to one side. It was a hindrance to me in my work, because of the constant pain and swollen condition I always endured.

Then on Friday night, August 1, 1957, I was prayed for at our church here in Gold Beach by Evangelist Don Gossett. The Lord instantly healed me! He straightened the leg and ankle, removed all the deformity, took away all the pain and swelling, and for the first time in over five years I now have a strong, normal right leg and ankle! Also the Lord has made both legs the same length, whereas one leg previously was shorter than the other.

I rejoice in these great things the Lord has done, and trust that this testimony will be a means of encouraging others to trust in Jesus.—S. H. Erickson, Route 1, Box 124, Gold Beach, Oregon.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



MEPHIBOSHETH—THE LAME PRINCE

Sunday School Lesson for October 27, 1957

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

The story of Mephibosheth reveals one of the reasons why David is described as a man after God's own heart, but it is also an illustration of the grace of God in the redeeming of every lost sinner.

A PROMISE RECALLED. "And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Unlike many men who in times of prosperity forget all about those who helped them upward, David at the height of his power as one of the greatest monarchs of his day remembered a promise made to a dear friend eighteen years before. In return for Jonathan's heroic and self-sacrificing friendship, David had promised to be kind to all of Jonathan's relatives as long as they lived.

Kindness is a power! David was eager to fulfill to the limit his promise of kindness to the house of Saul! What an example he set us! Someone has said, "The greatest thing a man can do for God is to be kind to some of His other children." Another has said, "Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence, or learning."

THE LOST SOUGHT. In answer to David's inquiry one of Saul's servants, Ziba, was called to David, who again asked, "Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?" To show human kindness is a fine thing, but to show "the kindness of God" is a terrific undertaking! Yet it is the privilege of every child of God so to do! "The kindness of God means such kindness as is shown out of reverence for His name, in obedience to His will, from gratitude for His benefits, in imitation of His example, under the inspiration of His Spirit, with the desire of His approval alone, and for the promotion of His glory."

Ziba, the servant of Saul, informed David that Jonathan had a lame son named Mephibosheth, who was living in obscurity on the east side of Jordan. He had undoubtedly been "hiding out," since it was the custom for Oriental kings to put to death all living relatives of former kings, who might prove to be rivals to the throne. A number of lessons may be drawn from Mephibosheth's situation: (1) He was a prince without a prince's power and privileges. So men without God are fallen, living below the level of their nature and their God-intended destiny. (2) Mephibosheth was lame through a fall. So man is lame spiritually through the fall of Adam (Romans 5:12). (3) Mephibosheth was sought by one who would manifest great grace toward him. This is but a reflection of the grace of God, who from the beginning has sought the lost, and who sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for man's redemption.

THE FALLEN LIFTED. "Now when Mephibosheth . . . was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did

reverence." Mephibosheth probably felt he was being summoned to hear his own death sentence. What reassurance he then found in David's words, "Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake." Mephibosheth knew then that David's treatment of him would not be according to his own worthiness but according to the worthiness of his father. Similarly, we have confidence when we approach God, knowing that He will accept us for Jesus' sake!

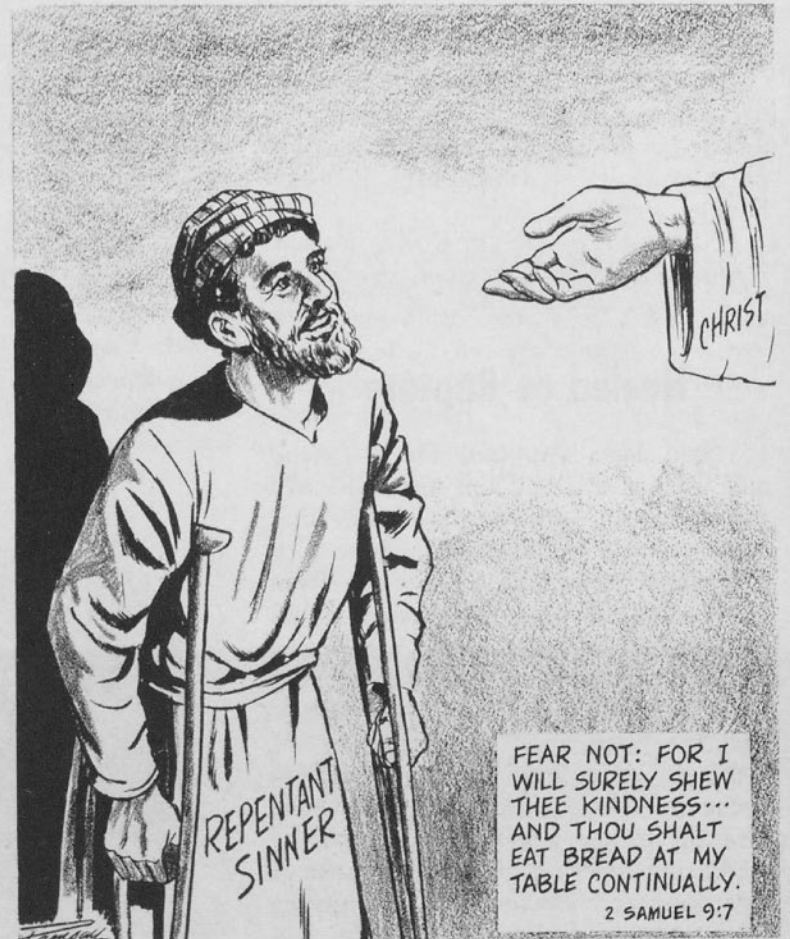
" . . . And will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually." What amazing grace and kindness! A crippled fugitive and beggar from a far-off country is exalted to eat at a king's table! And that practically meant adoption into the king's family, for only the king's children could eat at the king's table!

Are we eating at the King's table, or feeding on the husks of that which is only natural and worldly? At the King's table there is food to eat that the world knows nothing about (John 4:32)! At the King's table there is food which strengthens and nourishes the soul, so that we can withstand temptation and face life victoriously! At the King's table there is refreshment and daily supply for the journey which is too great for us!

The lesson text ends with a repetition of the words, "And [he] was lame on both his feet." Mephibosheth still bore marks of imperfection and limitation. God would remind us that we may capitalize on our limitations. God will certainly deliver us from sin, but He would have us know also that no natural disadvantages, physical handicaps, or human limitations need prevent us from experiencing full fellowship with Christ or the manifestation of His power in our lives.

—J. Bashford Bishop

THE PICTURE OF US ALL





Removing Wool From Their Eyes

by ALMA WARE CROSBY

A SHEPHERD, HOLDING A LAMB WITH one hand and tiny shears in the other, was asked what he was doing. He replied, "I'm taking the wool from off its eyes, so it can see its way and not go hungry, or run into danger, or perhaps get killed."

The shepherd continued, "This is work that I have to do myself. A hireling will jab the sheep in the eyes and blind them."

I thought, "There are a lot of people today who need to have the wool taken from their eyes, spiritually speaking." They are being blinded by false teaching. Some religious "hirelings" are piercing the eyes of the public, for they lack a love for the souls of men. One way they are blinding the public is by their literature. They are placing their tracts, filled with false teaching, in public places. We who have the

spirit of the Good Shepherd need to place our tracts and other literature right alongside the literature of the "hirelings" so the public will have God's truth.

God laid this burden on my heart many years ago, and one day I wrote a short article on the subject which was published in *The Pentecostal Evangel*. A short time later I received a letter from a very old man. He told me a little of his life story—how he had been converted, and had always felt a burden for souls, and now in his old age was retired but was dedicating all his time to gospel tract work.

He told me that he was looking for tract distributors, and said he would like to supply me with a substantial number of folded tracts if I would put them in my tract boxes. (In my article I had told how God led me to have some attractive little wooden boxes made, either red or green, with the words 'Free—Take One' printed on them.)

Of course, I thanked the old gentleman for his offer, and I distributed his tracts over a period of several years. Then my husband and I had occasion to visit San Antonio, near which city the old man lived, and we decided to call on him. We found he lived in a very small house. He was extremely

old, very stooped and feeble, but he had the most kindly face and shining eyes. When I told him who I was he almost leaped for joy. I found that he was very lonely. He lived alone. There were a few pieces of furniture in the place—a two-burner stove, and a little one-cup coffee pot. The entire house was lined with shelves holding stacks upon stacks of gospel tracts. His little bony hands had neatly folded each one, and packed it, and the boxes were waiting to be mailed out each month to distributors who had agreed to pass them on to people for whom Jesus had bled and died.

We sat and talked with the old man. Most of the time he talked of heaven, and of the joy with which he looked forward to meeting the people there who had been saved through his tracts. Soon after this, word came that the old gentleman was dead. He had remembered me in his will giving me a rich legacy; namely, one half of his large store of tracts. I felt a sacred responsibility to get these tracts distributed, as a duty both to the old man and to lost souls.

Every time I see tracts on Christian Science and other false teachings which "pull the wool over peoples' eyes" I feel a new urge to put Full Gospel literature in people's hands.

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!

An *Evangel* reader who travels about a good deal recently wrote to the Editor, saying:

"What is the weakest aspect of Protestant churches in the U.S.? I think it is their lack of a larger circulation for their Protestant periodicals.

"The latest report says that Protestants have a total membership of about 60 millions, with a church paper circulation of about 13 millions. The Roman Catholics in the U. S. have less than 35 million members, yet their weekly and monthly church papers have a combined circulation of 23,700,000.

"For Protestants to catch up with the Catholics, they would need to increase their circulation threefold.

"Most of the Roman Catholic publications are managed and edited by Irish priests, and they are bold and witty. There are between 120 and 130 weekly diocesan papers, which can reach the readers fast. Whenever a bill is to be voted on in the State legislature or in Congress, these papers ask

their readers to write to senators or representatives in order to influence the lawmakers. Protestants need more weeklies: the monthlies are too slow for news.

"When I lived in Chicago I found in a public library a book entitled *Where Dwellst Thou?* by a Reverend O'Brien. The book contains the stories of Protestant professional and business men who have joined the Roman Catholic Church. I found that same book in three other public libraries.

Evidently some people have gone to the trouble to place these books there so the public will get to know that certain Protestants have turned Catholic. Where are the Protestant books that tell the stories about Catholics who have been converted and have joined Protestant churches?

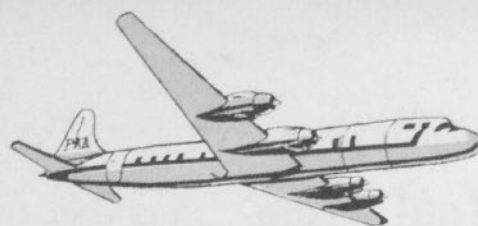
"It's time for the Protestants to wake up and pay more attention to the power of the printed page. Let's boost our periodicals and let's place good evangelical books in the public libraries throughout the land. The Catholics put us to shame."

October 1s

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"I Was There"

BY MILTON A. NEWMAN

Pastor of the First Assembly of God, Colorado Springs, Colorado



ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN WEIDMAN

WE HAD MADE OUR WAY FROM SAN Pedro harbor across the busy freeways of Los Angeles, up the Rim of the World drive to the beautiful Pine Crest camp grounds of the Assemblies of God of Southern California. We were vacationing and had drawn aside from the busy crowd for spiritual refreshing.

It was entirely unexpected but a wonderful surprise to meet my former pastor, friend and counsellor, Ralph Foster, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Amarillo, Texas. He and Mrs. Foster had come to say good-bye to their daughter and son-in-law, the Glenn Staffords, who were leaving for their first term of service as missionaries to Burma. She is their only daughter and they did not know when, if ever, they would see her again.

It was thrilling in the night service to hear Glenn Stafford witness how he and his wife felt the call, and the way God had directed and supplied the needs for them to go to the Burmese people.

We had agreed to make contact with the Fosters by telephone the next day, which we did, and made plans to meet them that night at the Los Angeles International Airport, from where the new missionaries were to leave.

As we got to the airport at 11 p.m. it was not difficult to locate Pastor Foster leading his three-year-old granddaughter about; he was very much attached to this little girl. A goodly number of friends, upon hearing of the occasion, had gathered to say good-bye to the young couple. It was a touch-

ing scene as the last pictures were taken—those of Mother and Dad, son and daughter that will help keep memory fresh and warm. Then in the midst of the thronging crowd, Pastor Foster called us together and said, "Let's have a word of prayer." There in front of the airport, with people coming and going all about, we bowed together and prayed for Glenn and Kay Stafford and their daughter.

Over the speakers the flight departure was announced. Slowly and with reluctant steps we made our way down the corridors to the gate. This was as far as we could go. Jo (Mrs. Ralph) Foster said good-bye to her daughter and son-in-law with tears in her eyes, then withdrew to the back of the crowd feeling that it would be too much to say good-bye twice. Granddad carried the little three-year-old, who from the excitement of the evening had fallen asleep.

To one after another the Staffords said good-bye. Somehow, I did not want to talk after they said good-bye, but stepped a little aside from the others to watch with keen interest and mixed emotion every action of the drama of the next few minutes. Here were missionaries leaving for a foreign field; it was my first experience to be at the actual place of departure and I had always wanted to witness such a scene.

At last it was time for the flight. The passengers boarded, bound for the far countries of the world; Brother Foster was the only nonpassenger who got on the plane. In his arms he carried his granddaughter. A few moments later he came down the steps and the door was closed. Psalm 126: 6 came to my mind—"He that goeth forth and weepeth..." One after another the powerful motors of the great giant of the air began to turn over. A cloud of dust swirled over us in

the backwash of the propellers, as the plane taxied to the far end of the field.

While we waited for the take-off, another large plane landed; it came from Hawaii. With leis draped around their shoulders, the passengers were swept into the arms of a large host of friends and relatives waiting for them. I wondered if, when the DC7 landed in Burma, there would be someone to meet the faithful servants of the Lord.

About thirty minutes passed as we stood waiting, and then the plane began its fierce race down the runway. With a mighty shudder it lifted into the midnight air, and the servants of God were on their way across the vast expanse of ocean that lies between us and Burma. Going to a strange land, to a people with different customs and habits, but going with the purpose of our Lord's command at heart, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

That night I thanked God that I am privileged to be associated with a great missionary movement, and a part of an organization whose people above all things are ready and willing to give their lives for the Kingdom of God. Burma will seem closer to me now. My prayers should be more effective. The compassion for the lost and the desire to win them is deeper—because I was there.

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GOING and COMING

Missionary Departures

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zents and family left August 16 for Upper Volta. Pray for them as they begin another term of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nylin and daughter left for Costa Rica on September 3. They are new recruits and will appreciate our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cobb and son returned to Nigeria, West Africa, on September 15 to start another term of missionary work. Pray for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Wolverton sailed on September 15 for South Africa to take up their work. Remember them in prayer.

Wesley R. Hurst and family sailed on September 6 for Tanganyika, East Africa. They covet our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Woods and children sailed for Ghana, West Africa. Pray that God will bless them in their work.

Lois Lemm sailed for West Africa on September 4. Pray for her as she takes up her work as nurse in the New Hope Town leper colony in Liberia.

Ruth Melching returned to her field of labor in Formosa on August 1 and requests our prayers.

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A cable received from the Malcolm Blakenys informs us of their safe arrival in India.

Word has reached us that Anna Stafsholt has safely arrived in Monrovia, Africa.

A letter from the L. M. McNutts tells us of their safe arrival in Togo, French West Africa. David and Gayle, the two youngest children, returned with the parents.

Missionary Arrivals

Florence Steidel arrived safely from Liberia. Her address is % Blanche Appleby, 526 Moreland Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Kenneth Robison of Ceylon returned to the States to join his family who arrived some months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bryant and family are now home on furlough from North India. They are living at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Snyder of North India are at home, with their children. They are staying at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Missouri.

The Raymond DeVito family returned from Uruguay, South America. They are living at 407 Kautz St., Willard, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clement arrived from Japan on July 21. Their address is 322 West 77, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bickhart from South Africa are on furlough. Their address is 603 S. Second, Washington, Iowa.

Garland Benintendi and family arrived September 9 from Formosa. They can be reached in care of George Pearcey, Route 2, Box 145A, Yamhill, Oregon.

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D. L. Kensinger wishes to inform his friends of a change of address. He is now living at 618 Second St., No., Mankato, Minn.

BLESSED EVENTS

Mary Metaxatos and husband of Greece announce the birth of baby Jo Ann on August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woodworth of Cuba have a baby girl, Linda Marie, born August 5.

Ruth Neoma Hale was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Hale (on furlough from Ghana) on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson of Venezuela are happy to announce the birth of another son, Paul Gene, who arrived August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Zeissler of the Philippines have a boy, Douglas Calvin, born July 17.

The Bonnie Strouds of Ghana, West Africa (now on furlough) are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Joy Hope, who arrived August 21.



The Wesley Hurst family



Miss Lois Lemm



Miss R. Melching



Mr. and Mrs. Ward Woods and Children



Raymond Zents and family



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cobb



Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolverton



Roy Nylin and family



What I Learned From an Australian Widow

IT WAS SUNDAY MORNING—ONE OF those hot summer mornings which Australia produces in December and which seem so strange to us North Americans at that time of year.

My husband and I were the visiting evangelists from the United States, and each of us had been asked to teach a Sunday School class. I was assigned to the young marrieds.

As I stood before them I saw the young wives dressed in their pretty, light, summer dresses while their husbands were very formal and sedate-looking in their dark well-pressed suits. Their faces turned to mine showed a great interest and an eagerness to learn.

The lesson that Sunday was on the appropriate subject of Family Relationships. The Bible has much to say in regard to our daily contacts, and certainly none is more important than those within the closely-knit unit of the family circle.

We read the Scriptures and started the discussion. I began by pointing out the responsibilities of husband and wife as leaders of the family. From there it was but a step to the frictions that can arise: the abrasive action of diverse personalities, the grate of temperament differences, and the clash of opposite evaluations. All these important problems we considered, but most of the class seemed to feel that the "big" things could be adjusted between Christian husband and wife more easily than the little annoyances that arise from personal idiosyncrasies which develop into "pet peeves."

Then a young woman stood and said something I shall never forget. During our eight weeks as evangelists in that church we had come to know her as one of the most spiritual and faithful members. She was a young widow with two children. She began in a voice filled with emotion: "My husband and I were supremely happy and were completely one in our service to

the Lord. Our family life was a joy to both of us, and when our boy and girl were born we pledged ourselves more fully to the Lord. Of course there were differences of opinion—she smiled a soft, memory-filled smile—"but those were discussed and ironed out in an amicable and understanding manner."

She paused a moment and then continued: "There was just one thing that irked me. He would never hang up his clothes when he changed."

Several of the wives glanced at their husbands with knowing smiles, and more than one husband sheepishly ducked his head. "I know it sounds trivial, but let me finish. Repeatedly I would go into the bedroom and find his work clothes or his shirt on a chair. Over and over I spoke to him of this, pointing out that it would be just as

easy for him to put them on hangers in the wardrobe. He would laugh, and put his arms around me, and promise. But again the next morning and evening his clothes would be there for me to put away. I am afraid that I was not always kind about it."

She was silent for a little time, looking out of the door into the almost blinding tropical sunlight, as though her mind was removed a great distance from us. "Then came the war—" and again she paused. We knew she was reliving her loved one's call to arms—his farewell to the little family—his one brief furlough. When she spoke again, her voice was lower and we leaned forward to catch her every word.

"You all know he was taken prisoner and starved to death in a prison camp," she said. "Now I go into my empty

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To check your answer, look up Psalm 46:1.

bedroom and would give almost anything if his clothes were hanging there on the chair waiting for me to put them away.

"I hope that after today, when you come to the little thing your loved one says or does which has become such an irritation to you, you will stop and think, 'What if suddenly he or she should be taken from me, and the house would be empty, and my arms would be empty, and my heart would be empty—would this matter so much?'"

Without another word she sat down, and unashamedly we brushed the tears from our eyes. I am sure that every one of us carried her words in our hearts and have been careful to heed her admonition. ◀◀

FOES OF MARRIAGE

A bad temper, an unpleasant disposition, can destroy a marriage. A sudden flash and flame of anger can wither the flowers in the fairest Paradise of any earthly home.

There is a tradition that Jonathan Edwards, third president of Princeton, had a daughter with an ungovernable temper. But, as is so often the case, this infirmity was not known to the outside world. A worthy young man fell in love with this daughter and sought her hand in marriage. "You can't have her," was the abrupt answer of Jonathan Edwards. "But I love her," the young man replied. "You can't have her," said Edwards. "But she loves me," replied the young man. Again Edwards said, "You can't have her." "Why?" said the young man. "Because she is not worthy of you." "But," he asked, "she is a Christian, is she not?" "Yes, she is a Christian, but the grace of God can live with some people with whom no one else could ever live."

Still another chief cause for the failure of so many people to get the best of marriage is a lack of Christian kindness and gentleness and tenderness. Sometimes people take exception to the injunction of Peter, "Wives, be in subjection to your own husbands." But those who do so seem to have forgotten what kind of husbands they are of whom the apostles speak, and for whom they ask this recognition and honor. What kind are they? It is the husband who "loves his wife," even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it: beautiful, unchanging, sacrificial love. —Dr. Clarence E. Macartney



Monday, October 21

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Learn: "God hath . . . called us . . . unto holiness" (1 Thess. 4:7).

For the Parent: This passage lists God's will (v. 3) for the believer. This includes: (1) abstaining from uncleanness and immorality, vv. 3-5; (2) not defrauding anyone, v. 6; (3) living a holy life, v. 7; (4) having love one for another, v. 9; (5) learning to be quiet and do our own business, v. 11; (6) performing assigned duties, v. 11; (7) being honest in all things, v. 12.

Question Time: What is the will of God for believers, as recorded in this passage? (See above) To what has God called us? (v. 7) What does verse 11 mean to you?

Tuesday, October 22

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 to 5:11

Learn: "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:11).

For the Parent: From this passage point out (1) what will happen when Christ comes again (a) for those who have died in the Lord, (b) for those who are still alive and who are believers; (2) how the "day of the Lord" will come; (3) what will happen to the unsaved persons at that time. Emphasize that those who are watching for Christ's coming will be spared from God's wrath which will be poured out upon the earth.

Question Time: What will happen to the believers when Christ comes? (4:14-17) How will the "day of the Lord" come? (5:2)

Wednesday, October 23

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Learn: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21).

For the Parent: Paul concluded his first epistle to the Thessalonians with a number of practical exhortations. Deal with each of these as time permits. Emphasize particularly verse 18, pointing out the value and necessity of thanking God in everything, whether or not we can see the purpose in it. Also, from verse 21, discuss ways in which this can be practiced in our lives.

Question Time: What are five practical exhortations given in this message? What does verse 21 mean to you? Why do you think we should thank God in everything?

Our Family Altar

Thursday, October 24

Read: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Learn: "And be ye kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Mephibosheth: The Lame Prince" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this lesson point out (1) David's example of kindness toward Mephibosheth; (2) David's loyalty to the oath of friendship he had taken with Mephibosheth's father, Jonathan; (3) the things that David did for Mephibosheth, v. 7.

Question Time: Who was the father of Mephibosheth? (v. 3) Who was his grandfather? (v. 3) What happened to them? (1 Samuel 31) What did David do for Mephibosheth? (v. 7)

Friday, October 25

Read: Deuteronomy 31:9-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments" (Nehemiah 9:13).

For the Parent: Review the story of the giving of the Law (Exodus 19:9-20:6). Point out the purpose of the Law (Deuteronomy 31:12, 13). Today, God wants to write His laws in our hearts. We need to obey God's laws, for they are for our good.

Question Time: What are the Ten Commandments? (Ex. 20:1-17) Why were they given? (Deut. 31:12, 13) Why should we obey God's laws? (See above)

Saturday, October 26

Read: 1 Samuel 17:31-53 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I will trust, and not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2).

For the Parent: Review the story of David's triumph over the giant, Goliath, pointing out: (1) God's honor was at stake in the matter; (2) David was victorious because he put his trust in God; (3) David's victory resulted in a great triumph for Israel. If we trust God, we need never be afraid, but will be victorious in all the battles of life.

Question Time: Why didn't David wear Saul's armor? (v. 39) What did David say to Goliath? (vv. 45-47) How did David kill him? (v. 49)

DEAF CAMPS

by EARL WALPOLE

MICHIGAN

ACTIVITIES AT THE 1957 MICHIGAN Camp for the Deaf began on Sunday, August 4, as the 73 campers and workers gathered. Campers came from 10 states and Canada. New acquaintances, old friends, campers and workers alike immediately felt the warm spiritual atmosphere. The green grass, stately trees and fresh appearance of beautiful Fa-Ho-Lo Park immediately helped set the campers at ease. All were enthusiastically welcomed by Charles W. H. Scott, Michigan District Superintendent.

Miss Maxine Strobridge, who had worked long months on camp preparations, was grateful when each of the campers made definite reconsecration to the service of Christ.

"Following Jesus," the theme of the camp, was carried out in all of the activities. Mrs. Fern Nathan and Phyllis Clapper taught morning Bible classes of adults and children respectively. The daily schedule consisted of a morning Bible class and evening rallies. Special activities included a picnic at the nearby lake and a campfire and fagot service on Thursday evening. The writer was camp evangelist and the evening rallies seemed to climax each day's activities. Many times the service plans were laid aside as the Holy Spirit swept over the congregations. Prolonged sessions of praise and worship

were common as the joy of the Lord became so real. Songs and testimonies from the campers seemed to accent the spirit of joy in the Christian life.

Since a large percentage of the campers were teen-agers and young people, the afternoon recreational activities played an important part. Can Christians have a good time? Can we follow Jesus even in our hours of play? The answers were made plain as the campers played, worked, and studied together in a sweet atmosphere of Christian cooperation.

One of the campers, Miss Joyce Bryant, of Erie, Pennsylvania, seemed to express the attitude of all the campers in her letter at the close of camp: "Praise the Lord for His blessings.

"I have enjoyed camp so very much and the fellowship with Christians. The daily sermons were a wonderful help to me. It was here at the Michigan Camp for the Deaf that I found Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I am so thankful that I came to camp this year. I have been praising the Lord all day long for saving me. Even while I am asleep, I dream of praising the Lord. I hope to come back next year."

Counsellors reported that some of the young folk would lie on their beds in the still night hours and continue praising the Lord. Many of the folk stayed long hours after the evening services, rejoicing in the presence of God and praising Him for His goodness. Numbers of these young folk even sacrificed their periods of recrea-

tion to have more time to pray and seek the Lord.

The camp closed on a high peak on Friday evening. In a combination banquet for both the hearing campers and the deaf campers, that met during the same time, Fred Smolchuk brought a challenging message on the theme, "Why I Follow Jesus." As the words were interpreted for the Deaf, the Spirit of God swept over the banquet hall. Genuine conviction was present. Two deaf ladies, visitors to the camp for that evening, found their way to the front of the dining hall to make decisions for Christ. Tears were already shining in their eyes, and smiles of joy were on their faces, as they arose from the place of prayer. They were born again, made new in Christ Jesus.

The camp closed on this high spiritual note as good-byes were said with tears and promises to meet again. They went their ways—*Following Jesus*.

CALIFORNIA

"It was wonderful to see people, who are usually reserved and quiet, broken and weeping unashamedly as the Spirit of God moved in our camp services. All of the people in our group were touched and strengthened by the camp. Not one went to camp who did not receive something from the Lord. They are still testifying and rejoicing over it in our regular services."

This letter from one of the California ministers to the Deaf is indicative of the copious blessings that were poured out in the 1957 California Camp for the Deaf. This second annual camp reached an even higher peak than the initial meeting held in 1956. Attend-



Earl Walpole, Camp Evangelist, interprets for C. W. H. Scott



Part of the handcraft class at the Michigan Camp for the Deaf



Donna Kuhns (left) and Vienna Beach (right) instructors for the children at the California Camp for the deaf



Adult class at the California Camp for the Deaf with Essie Haigwood (extreme left), director

ance was well over 100, the campers coming from all over California and Arizona.

Pentecostal workers among the Deaf have been active in Southern California for over twenty years. Camp meetings exclusively for the Deaf, however, are a comparatively new phase of the work. Mrs. Essie Haigwood, veteran worker and pastor of the Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles, did an admirable job as director of the camp. Her many hours of labor and preparation were amply rewarded through the abundant blessings in the lives of the campers.

A rigorous schedule of Bible classes and worship service was conducted each day. These were enhanced by a variety of teachers and speakers. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peeples, deaf lay-workers from Phoenix, Arizona, served as Bible teachers. Oliver La Mont and D. L. Hosteller, of Los Angeles, spoke at different sessions.

The daily routine included a Bible class each morning on the theme, "Following Jesus." Miss Bea Curtright, Minister to the Deaf at Riverside, California, conducted a youth vesper service each evening at six o'clock. Afternoons were completely given over to recreation activities and relaxation in the mountain atmosphere of beautiful Camp Pinecrest.

Each day seemed to reach its peak in the evening rally at seven o'clock. Milton Wilson, a deaf man and pastor of Foursquare Churches for the Deaf in various cities in California, brought an inspiring message each evening. For the second year Brother Wilson's animated and Spirit-anointed messages struck home to the campers' hearts. These evening rallies were followed by extended sessions of heart-searching and seeking God.

An outstanding feature of the camp

this year was the work among the children. Many of the deaf adults who attended brought their hearing children. A few of the children were deaf. Mrs. Donna Kuhns of Riverside, California (a counsellor at the California School for the Deaf) assisted by her sister, Vienna Beach, taught both the deaf and hearing children each morning. Their action-packed Bible stories captivated the hearts of the children. At the close of the story one memorable morning, five of these 22 children came forward to accept Christ. It was indeed a thrilling experience to see the realities of salvation grip the hearts of the little ones, deaf and hearing alike.

The personal experience of one of the campers was significant and serves to speak for the 99 others. Mrs. Florence Nagy, a comparative newcomer at the Riverside group, attended the camp with a few of her friends. Mrs. Nagy had accepted Christ previously but had never before had a clear understanding nor an experience that satisfied her heart. During the camp the Holy Spirit enlightened her mind and heart. As she felt the witness of the Spirit in her heart she began to weep and praise God. It was real!

Upon return from the camp she reported that her mother and her children (all hearing people) immediately sensed something different about her. She even seemed to speak more clearly! Florence was baptized in water in her home church at the close of the camp.

The blessings of God in no way abated—the camp closed at high tide. On the last night of the camp in a service that continued until 2 a.m., David Kuhns was gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit. About 25 of the Deaf had remained in the chapel, and the Holy Spirit swept in like a mighty

flood. What a glorious experience! This young man, a Christian for many years, received a genuine Pentecostal experience. Though deaf, he spoke in another tongue clearly and distinctly "as the Spirit gave utterance."

The blessings of the camp still burn in California, and general sentiment is that the 1958 camp (if Jesus tarries) will see the spiritual tide rise even higher.

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Nearly forty Assemblies of God workers are engaged in the ministry to the Deaf. If you would like to know more about this field, write to Earl Walpole, National Home Missions Representative for the Deaf work, and request the free booklet, **MINISTRY TO THE DEAF**.

Additional funds to carry on this ministry are urgently needed. Kindly designate your offerings for **DEAF WORK** and send it to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 W. Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

BROTHER VOGLER MOVES

Fred Vogler, who served for many years as Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God prior to his retirement, has sold his home in Springfield, Missouri. He and Mrs. Vogler have moved to Illinois. Their new address is 628 Stromberg Avenue, Belleville, Illinois.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME COMING AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Oct. 29 at Assembly of God, Kingman, Ariz. Former members and friends invited.—by R. L. Kingman, Pastor.

47TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOME COMING—Oct. 27 at First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Dallas, Tex. Services: morning, afternoon, and evening. Dinner served at the church at noon. Former members and friends invited.—Merle J. White, Pastor.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

ISRAEL

Chicago Builders to Develop New Israeli Seaport

American Community Builders, Incorporated, developers of the Park Forest community near Chicago, are working with an Israeli mayor to build a seaport city in Israel. According to a report in *Sunday School Times*, the city will be large enough to accommodate 150,000 people and will be built at the cost of \$500,000,000.

Site chosen for this city is on the ruins of the Biblical Ashdod, a Philistine city of Old Testament times, noted as the birthplace of Goliath. It is lo-

cated south of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean Sea.

The State of Israel is reported to have given the developers a concession for ten thousand acres of sand dunes. First major understanding of the project will be erection of a \$20,000,000 rayon manufacturing plant.

Bible Study Given Prominence in Israeli Schools

The study of the Bible occupies a very important place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary schools in Israel. From 20 to 30 per cent of the total hours are devoted to a study of Scripture, Biblical commentaries, and allied subjects. Pupils graduating from

secondary schools must show a general knowledge of the Bible as a whole, and a fundamental knowledge of approximately one-half of the chapters in the Old Testament.

Juvenile Delinquents Trouble Israel

The U.S. is not the only country troubled with an alarming rise of juvenile delinquency. Reports from Israel indicate a rash of auto thefts by teen-agers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. At least one hundred young men have been arrested for falsifying draft papers. Others have been systematically stripping fruit trees, and even assaulting owners bold enough to challenge them. The reports state that many of these young men come from the finest homes in Israel.

AT A GLANCE ...

Church Building Boom Continues.

\$80,000,000 worth of new church buildings were started in August, a rise of \$5,000,000 over July and an increase of 13 per cent over August, 1956, according to the Departments of Commerce and Labor. Total church construction during the first eight months of 1957 was \$555,000,000 as compared with \$475,000,000 during the similar period in 1956.

Campaign Against Legalized Bingo.

Some 500 Methodist clergymen and laymen met in Buffalo, New York, to map out a campaign against a proposed state constitutional amendment which would legalize bingo for religious and charitable groups on a local option basis. Object of the campaign will be to stir up Protestant church members and get them to the polls to vote at the November elections.

Assemblies Youth State Aims. A survey of the 806 freshmen students enrolled in Assemblies of God Bible institutes and colleges in the spring of this year revealed that 65 per cent plan to enter full-time ministry for Christ; 20 per cent said they planned to enter part-time ministries, to serve as ministers of education, sacred music, youth, etc. in the local church; only 15 per cent planned careers in the secular field or were undecided. Most of those not planning to enter full-time Christian service were young women; 80 per cent of the young men stated they will devote their lives to the ministry. The survey was conducted by the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God.

Lutheran Churches Register Membership

Gains. Membership in Lutheran Churches in the U.S. and Canada last year totalled 7,618,301, a gain of 245,363 or 3.3 per cent over the previous year. Approximately one-third of the total membership gain was made by the evangelistic-minded Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, one of the sixteen Lutheran bodies included in the survey by the National Lutheran Council. Fourteen of the church bodies listed membership increases, while two showed a loss.

German Youth Not Churchgoers. Only 19 per cent of Lutheran young people between 17 and 28 in Western Germany consider themselves as regular churchgoers. Ten per cent never attend, 44 per cent go occasionally, and 27 per cent attend only on special occasions. These figures were reported in a German weekly religious magazine. By contrast, the poll revealed that 81 per cent of the Roman Catholic youths are regular attendants at church.

Evangelical Witness on Mexican TV.

There have been opportunities for evangelicals to appear on a new television program in Mexico, "Invitation to Culture." Ordinarily, political and religious telecasts are barred. On this program, however, parts of the "Martin Luther" film have been shown, even though, because of Roman Catholic influence, the movie had been banned in the country's theaters. The TV audience in Mexico is estimated to be half a million persons.

EVANGELISM

Evangelicals Hope for Graham Crusade in Chicago

Evangelicals hope to see Evangelist Billy Graham conducting a Chicago Crusade similar to his recent New York Crusade. The president of the Chicago Evangelical Ministers Association said Protestant leaders of all denominations would be asked to join in an invitation to Mr. Graham to come to Chicago in 1959 or 1960. Billy Graham has indicated a definite interest in conducting a Chicago Crusade "in God's time."

Evangelists to Be Featured on Network Television Series

A one-hour television program showing various evangelists in action will be released by the CBS network sometime around mid-November. Titled, "The Evangelist," the program will depict the techniques used by well-known evangelists from Billy Sunday to Billy Graham in spreading the gospel and winning converts. Other evangelists whose activities will be shown include Oral Roberts and the late Aimee Semple McPherson.

The network sent camera crews on a tour of seven states to film material on evangelists and church groups. The program will be part of a series called the "Seven Lively Arts," which CBS

will introduce on the first Sunday of November.

United Evangelistic Crusade Planned for Buenos Aires

A two-week evangelistic crusade will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, beginning October 21. Practically all the Protestant groups in the area are co-operating. Meetings will be held in an indoor stadium which seats 12,000.

Evangelist for the occasion is Oswald J. Smith, pastor of People's Church, Toronto, Canada. Phil Saint, gospel chalk artist, will assist with illustrated messages.

The crusade marks the first time that so many Protestant groups in the metropolitan area have joined forces for this type of evangelistic effort.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assemblies to Hold Harvest Time Rally

Sunday, October 27, has been set for Harvest Time rallies to be held in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools throughout the nation. These rallies, designed for the purpose of pressing decisions for Christ, climax the annual Enlargement Campaign for 1957.

As a result of intensive evangelism and visitation, local assemblies anticipate a great ingathering of souls on this occasion resulting in additions to the church as well as an increase in Sunday School attendance.

Nine Churches Caught Fire Yesterday

An average of nine churches catch on fire every day in the U.S.! Many of these burn to the ground. Not only is there a property loss, which may or may not be fully recovered by insurance, but there is also a loss of a place of worship, valuable records that are hard to replace, books, and other equipment.

Some 3,000 churches in the U.S. catch fire every year, with a property loss of at least \$12,000,000, according to the National Fire Prevention Association. Most of these fires (about two-thirds) occur between October 1 and January 1, when furnaces and flues are being put to the first severe tests after months of disuse. Most of these fires occur early Sunday morning. And most church fires could be avoided!

The NPFA has given a formula which ought to be followed by every church. They suggest: (1) inspect property regularly; (2) detect fire hazards promptly; (3) correct fire hazards immediately; (4) build safely and

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Joel Palmer & wife	Max McNab
	Mobile	Orchard	Oct. 27-Nov. 10	B. R. Minton	Earl Luker
Ariz.	Whistler	A of G	Oct. 27-Nov. 3	C. E. Simms	Daniel Mosier
	Clifton	A of G	Oct. 20—	Don H. McKinney	B. Stephen Bates
Ark.	Tucson	First	Oct. 15-20	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	L. G. Gilmore
	El Dorado	First	Oct. 27—	W. L. Williams	Erling Saxelid
Calif.	Hope	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	John Bostrom	W. C. Land
	Caruthers	Full Gospel	Oct. 27—	Fisher-Cheek	R. C. Davis
	Compton	Trinity Temple	Oct. 22-Nov. 10	Watson Argue	Paul C. Schoch
	Huntington Bea	A of G	Oct. 20—	Greer-Anderson	W. M. Barnard
	Modesto	Pentecostal	Oct. 27—	Quentin D. Edwards	J. S. McMullen
	Redwood City	A of G	Oct. 22-Nov. 10	Carl & Edna Goodwin	E. R. Scratch
	San Jose	First	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	George R. Wood	R. J. Thurnond
	Santa Cruz	First	Oct. 27-Nov. 10	Wendell Reed Party	Raymond Murray
Fla.	Ft. Pierce	First	Oct. 21-Nov. 3	L. G. Gilstrap & wife	L. E. Blue
	Pensacola	First	Oct. 27-Nov. 8	Jack Pruitt	W. J. Cox
Ind.	Valparaiso	A of G	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Lolita Thompson	Charles Smith
Iowa	Bettendorf	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	W. F. Garvin	Ralph Hutchinson
	Gray	A of G	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Arnold Segesman & wife	Wayne Jameson
Kans.	Chanute	First	Oct. 23—	Jim Collins	L. Glen Ahlf
	Coffeyville	A of G	Oct. 15-27	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Paul Lowenberg
Md.	Wichita	Central	Oct. 27-Nov. 3	Zelma Argue	J. Boyd Wolverton
	Cumberland	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Ada E. Lear	Arthur Vespa
Mich.	Saginaw	Genesee Gardens	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	John & Nancy Briner	Lyle Phillips
	Butler	A of G	Oct. 21—	J. Ward Campbell	Clyde Davis
Mo.	Green City	A of G	Oct. 8-20	Paul Sandgren & wife	Glenn Brewer
	Independence	A of G	Oct. 22-Nov. 10	Smith-Rasmussen	W. C. Hamilton
Neb.	St. Louis	Florissant	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Carl Oney & wife	Lester Shockley
	Sidney	A of G	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	N. B. Rayburn	C. O. Thompson
N. Mex.	Artesia	First	Oct. 20—	Don Rippy & wife	James McClendon
	Jal	A of G	Oct. 22—	Don George & wife	Melvin Sasse
N. Dak.	Las Cruces	First	Oct. 25—	Bill Newby	Roy H. Stewart
	New England	A of G	Oct. 15—	Dale Helle	Herman Johnson
Ohio	Elyria	First	Oct. 22-27	Christian Hild	Robert Graber
	Hamilton	A of G	Oct. 22-27	Byron D. Jones	David L. Howe
	Lima	* Memorial Aud.	Oct. 25-Nov. 10	Morris Cerullo Party	V. L. Wells, Chm.
	Wadsworth	First	Oct. 23-Nov. 3	Tanner Team	Charles Celentano
Okla.	Sand Springs	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Lee Krupnick & wife	George Smith
	Baker	A of G	Oct. 22—	Johnny Hoskins	James D. Billings
Oreg.	Allentown	Emmanuel	Oct. 15-27	Rob & Lil Watters	R. S. Beisel
	Bedford Valley	A of G	Oct. 20—	J. E. Douglass & wife	R. V. McIntosh
Pa.	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	Dean Underwood	C. A. Davenport
	Philadelphia	Frankford	Oct. 15-27	Hazel Devore	Frank G. Sharp
S. Dak.	Wyoming	Faith	Oct. 22-Nov. 10	Clifton E. Wilkins	Elfriede Sohl
	Rapid City	Bethel	Oct. 13-27	Henry Vincent	Earl Harper
Tex.	Amarillo	First	Oct. 27—	G. W. Hardcastle, Jr.	E. R. Foster
	Dallas	First	Oct. 27—	James B. Hosier	Merle J. White
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Oct. 15-25	Zelma Argue	H. C. Noah
	El Paso	First	Oct. 22-27	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Wm. F. Hageman
	Green Bayou	A of G	Oct. 27—	Edward Willis & wife	Lester P. Summers
	Overton	A of G	Oct. 22—	R. D. Hastie & wife	A. L. Todd
Wash.	Sedro-Woolley	Bethel Tab.	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Warren D. Combs	W. V. Kononen
W. Va.	Keyser	Calvary Pent. Ch.	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	John Higginbotham	Hugh L. Porter
Wisc.	Viroqua	A of G	Oct. 22—	Walter D. Lascelle	Paul C. Ade
Wyo.	Torrington	A of G	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Paul Sandgren & wife	Clifford Case
Canada	Havelock, Ont.	Pentecostal Ch.	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	C. S. Tubby	W. W. Stevenson

* Union

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well; (5) safeguard all sources of ignition; (6) remember that clean property is safer; (7) know what to do if fire breaks out.

Installation of automatic sprinklers, in one expert's opinion, is the most practical and least expensive method of preventing destruction in church fires. These can be connected to an alarm at a central agency.

Every church should invite the local

fire department to come and check the premises for fire hazards. Firemen can spot hazards not apparent to the casual observer and suggest ways to deal with them.

We certainly do not have churches to burn. Prevention costs far less than repair of damage after a fire. To rephrase an old adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of burned-out ruins."



N. D. Davidson, Wayne Adams, E. M. Clark



Principals in broadcast from Oregon Camp, July 1957

Revivaltime Moves North and West!

Salem, Oregon

Once again REVIVALTIME moved outside its home base for live broadcasts from two distant points.

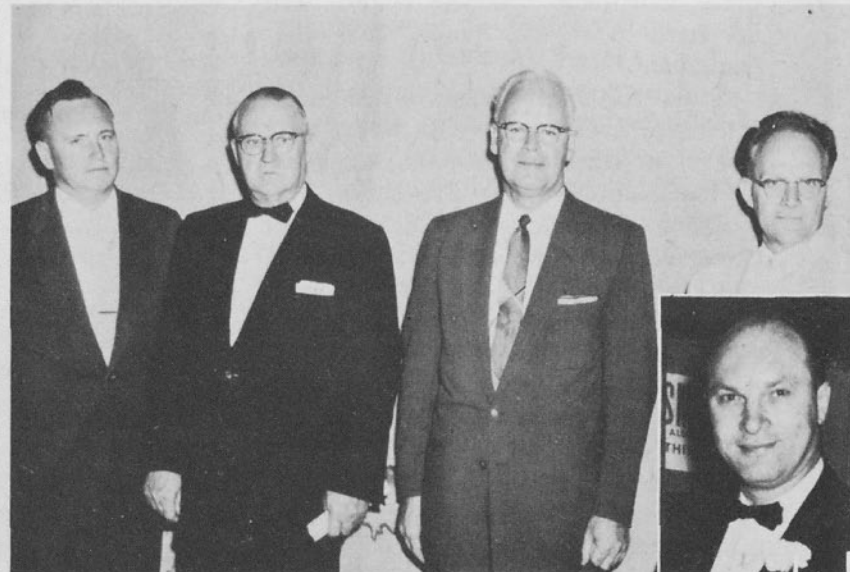
On July 7 the REVIVALTIME team appeared at Salem, Oregon, for a live release direct from the Oregon camp meeting. District Superintendent N.D. Davidson and District REVIVALTIME Representative Wayne Adams had given much publicity to this special broadcast. On the evening of the release there were at least three thousand persons in attendance; the camp tabernacle was packed out as a result of



A portion of the Revivaltime choir at Battle Creek, Michigan



A view of approximately one quarter of the crowd that attended the Revivaltime broadcast at Battle Creek



These men helped Pastor Manley (inset): Arnold Q. Hashman, Dr. L. D. Funk (surgeon), C. W. H. Scott, Arnold Thompson

the promotion and prayers. Brother Adams says that many favorable reports have been coming as a direct result of this special release from their camp.

Battle Creek, Michigan

Then on August 18, direct from the famous Kellogg Auditorium in Battle Creek, Michigan, the REVIVALTIME staff again presented a live release with the co-operation and assistance of Pastor E. A. Manley of the Church of the Four-Fold Gospel (Assembly) in Battle Creek. With the co-operation of Presbyter Arnold Hashman, Presbyter Arnold Thompson, and District Superintendent Charles W.H. Scott, the auditorium was filled to capacity.

In both instances, the choir and musicians consisted of local talent, who contributed their part to make REVIVALTIME a blessing to millions around the world. Pastor Manley says, "We surely

have been receiving some good response from the community here in regard to the meeting. We are so grateful that God permitted you to come our way."

Thousands attended these two special "outside" releases not only to derive personal enjoyment but also because they had a desire to help make REVIVALTIME a spiritual force reaching out to lost souls. Their presence and prayers made an impact that changed the lives of many who listened to this Pentecostal broadcast.

You may not be able to attend a "live broadcast," but you *can* have a part in the great ministry of REVIVALTIME. Your letters and prayers can help the REVIVALTIME team do a more effective job in winning souls for Christ. Your letter will let the team know that you are standing with them in this world-wide ministry.

REVIVALTIME

BOX 70
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

HARVEST TIME RALLY

"HE THAT GOETH FORTH AND WEEPETH, BEARING PRECIOUS SEED, SHALL DOUBTLESS COME AGAIN WITH REJOICING, BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM" (PSALM 126:6).

Autumn is the time when the landscape is rich with all manner of ripened grain and fruit. The farmer has faithfully ploughed the ground and sown the seed. Now he eagerly anticipates the harvest.

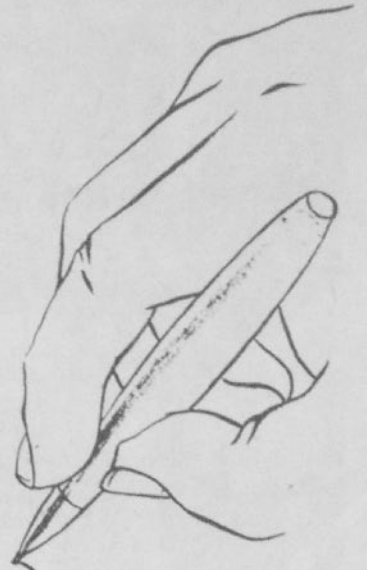
We Sunday School workers too have ploughed and planted (spiritually speaking). Now we expect our Sunday School Enlargement Campaign to result in a fruitful harvest of precious souls.

Next Sunday, October 27, is the day when Harvest Time rallies will be held throughout our assemblies. This will be a time of great rejoicing not only among faithful Christian workers but among the angels of heaven also. They share our joy when a sinner finds Christ as his Saviour.

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IF YOU HAVE FUNDS TO INVEST, PARTICULARLY IF YOU MUST DEPEND UPON THEM FOR LIFETIME INCOME, YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU WROTE TO: TREASURER, GENERAL COUNCIL, 434 W. PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD 1, MO. WRITE NOW!

Radio News Flash!

The following stations have been added to the Revivaltime radio log:

MONROEVILLE, ALA. (WMFC)

1220 kc.—1000 watts
Check local paper for time. Sponsored by local churches.

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR,
CENTRAL AMERICA (YSI)

Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.

VINITA, OKLA. (KVIN)

1470 kc.—500 watts
Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by local churches.

LEWISTOWN, PA (WMRF)

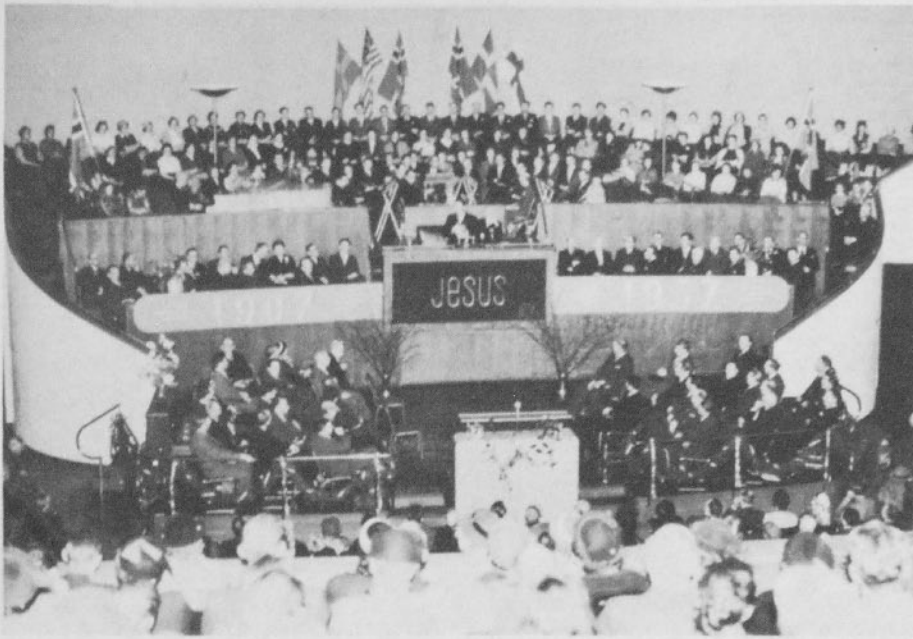
1490 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Full Gospel Tabernacle.

McALESTER, OKLA. (KTMC)

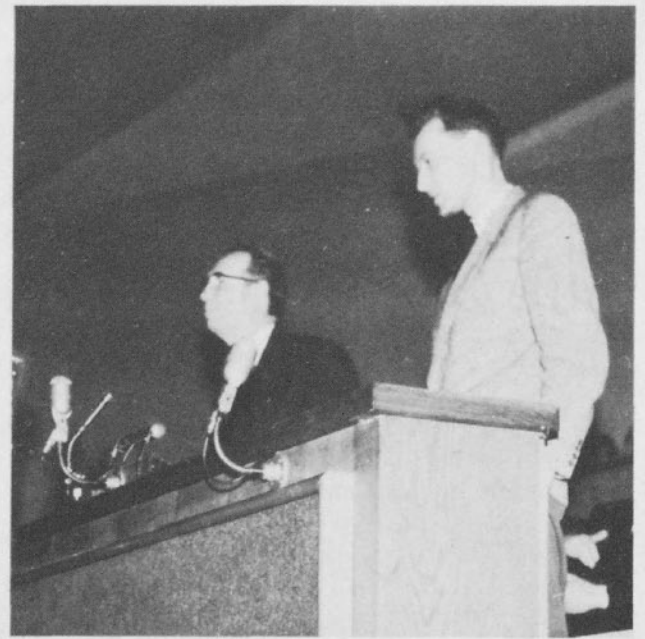
Check local paper for time.

LA GRANDE, OREG. (KLBM)

Sundays, 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Gospel Tabernacle.



Platform filled with ministers and missionaries at the Filadelfia Church in Oslo during the Jubilee. Mrs. Sturgeon was the speaker at this meeting.



F. A. Sturgeon, at the right, speaking at one of the Jubilee services with the help of an interpreter.

Norway's Pentecostal Jubilee

Special Meetings in Oslo Mark Fiftieth Anniversary of the Pentecostal Movement in Norway

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE Pentecostal Movement in Norway was celebrated with great rejoicing at the Filadelfia Church in Oslo. Ministers from all parts of Scandinavia were present.

Lewi Pethrus, pastor of the Filadelfia Church in Stockholm, Sweden, was one of the speakers. Eino Manninen, pastor of the great church in Helsinki, spoke for the ministers of Finland. Representatives from Denmark and Iceland were also present.

Evangelists F. A. and Inez Sturgeon, of Eugene, Oregon, were the only Americans present. As representatives of the Assemblies of God in the U. S. they were given a place of special honor during the meetings, inasmuch as it was in New York that the founder of the Pentecostal work in Norway received his Pentecostal Baptism.

T. B. Barratt, founder of the work, was an Englishman by birth. When he was four years old he moved with his parents to Norway and became an accomplished musician. He was a student of Norway's greatest composer, Edvard Grieg. He was also a poet, a writer, and a sculptor. He became a prominent Methodist pastor in the city of Oslo (then Christiania).

Dr. Barratt took a deep interest in the Welsh Revival in 1904 and 1905, and was very anxious for a similar revival to come to Norway. He decided to visit America for the purpose of raising funds for a new building which was needed for the City Mission, of which he was the minister.

From a financial point of view, his visit to the U. S. was disappointing, but during

the months he was in America he received great spiritual blessing. He went to Los Angeles to see for himself what was happening at the Azusa Street Mission, where the Holy Spirit was being outpoured in Pentecostal fulness. His heart grew very hungry for a deep experience in God. On his way back to Norway he stopped at a Holiness Mission in New York City where part of the members had accepted the Pentecostal testimony. One of the workers there was Robert A. Brown, who spent many nights in prayer with Dr. Barratt. The evangelists in the meetings were Miss Marie Burgess (who later became Mrs. Robert A. Brown) and Miss Jessie Brown. This was prior to the opening of Glad Tidings Hall.

On November 15, 1906, just before sailing from New York, Brother Barratt received a remarkable Baptism of the Holy Spirit, after a period of much emptying. Sister Marie Brown testified that visible tongues as of fire rested upon him when he received this infilling of the Holy Ghost, and he began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. It was a repetition of Acts 2:4.

Mr. Barratt returned to Norway a changed man. He went from place to place, preaching the Pentecostal message; and crowds thronged to the meetings wherever he ministered. In May 1907 he visited Stockholm, Sweden, and held great meetings in two of the Baptist churches where Pentecostal power had fallen. From Sweden he went to Denmark.

Today the Pentecostal Movement has

grown to be a great force for God, both in Norway and throughout Scandinavia. Every available space was jammed in the Jubilee services at the Filadelfia Church in Oslo, which normally seats 2,500. The blessing of the Lord was greatly manifested at each service, and there was a wonderful warmth of fellowship among all the people. The Sturgeons brought special greetings from Sister Marie Brown, pastor of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City.

An unusual part of the Jubilee was a memorial service held at the grave of Dr. Barratt and his wife. Erling Strom, the present pastor of the Filadelfia Church in Oslo, and F. A. Sturgeon participated in the service. Brother Pethrus was greatly moved as he spoke of the life of Dr. Barratt and placed a wreath on the grave. Mary Barratt Due, daughter of Dr. Barratt and one of the outstanding pianists of Europe, gave the response for her two sisters and other members of the family.

In size, the Pentecostal church of Norway is second only to the State church, though it is only fifty years old.

ETERNITY

E-verlasting joy or sorrow,
T-o partake of, to endure;
E-very moment's indecision
R-isking "Life for Evermore."
N-ow! is the accepted time:
I-f we miss the day of grace,
T-he day of judgment we must face;
Y-ea, let us **now** God's love embrace.

ATHIRST FOR GOD

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of living water." No wonder our meetings sound like a great torrent, or a great tornado. God has opened the windows of heaven and poured forth His divine Spirit.

This movement was born under the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit, and I'm quite sure that it will continue without much change. There are just enough old-time Pentecostal people among us who are going to insist on getting blessed when they worship the Lord. They'll listen to the finest sermons in the world, and enjoy the most beautiful music ever heard, but they insist that a service isn't complete until the blessing of the Holy Ghost comes into their hearts and lives.

David declared that God's house is such a glorious place that "a day in [His] courts is better than a thousand" elsewhere. *I had rather spend one hour in the church of the living God where the Holy Spirit is operating than seven days at a country fair.* David said he would rather be an usher, a doorkeeper, a janitor in God's house than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. And Moses said he would rather suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Brother, we have received more from God than this world has to offer. Paul said, "All things are yours." God doesn't give the Spirit by measure; He has a plentiful supply of blessing.

Years ago I worked for a millionaire. Henry Ford had just put the Model T on the production line and this man said, "Ford has the idea. He's building them so cheap you can waste them." Well, don't be afraid of exhausting the storehouses of God; they're running over after two thousand years. God waits to pour out His presence upon us.

The Psalmist said, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield." As a sun, the light of God's great love shines upon us and shows us ourselves. As a shield, He shows us Himself. The one shows me that I deserve nothing but wrath and shame, and the other shows me that I have a title to immortality, an enduring inheritance.

People have gone all out for the



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modern conveniences and luxuries of every description, but are they content? No, they're not. They're just killing themselves trying to keep up with them. What people want in this day is the opportunity to unburden their lives. Christians want an opportunity to recapture the first joy of their salvation, the peace that comes by being possessed by Christ and losing our will in the will of God. Brother, the thing that will keep you going for God is to keep the light of heaven in your eye and in your soul. And when you lose that you've lost the best. I've never been in a single place in my life but that I was always ready to terminate my little piece of work for heaven. Man wasn't made only for today. God set eternity in man's heart.

In the 42nd Psalm, David said, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." If there is anything wrong with us it can be cured by a real hunger and thirst for God. There's not much you can do for skinny people who have no appetite, nor for spiritually starved Christians who do not hunger after God. There's no substitute for a real hunger and thirst for God, and Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." May God pour out upon us a real hunger for Him and His Word.

When we lose the hunger for personal communion with God, we've lost

the heart of our experience. When we have to drive ourselves to the house of God, when we have to be told to praise God, we have lost our fellowship with God. For these things ought to be spontaneous in the souls of Christians.

Whenever Christian service becomes a vocation instead of a companionship, then I've lost the heart of Christianity. God never intended that this glorious gospel should ever be devoid of Christ's presence. We're not just workers for Christ, I hope—we're workers *with* Christ. We are not hirelings, but heirs. We belong to the family.

Don't you worry about the pay. He hasn't started to pay you yet; He's just giving you enough to keep body and soul together. Heirs aren't paid by the day; they get their pay at the end. And when He comes, O His saints, weary pilgrims, one look in His face will be enough to repay every little effort we have made for the kingdom of God.

I love to think of Caleb, 85 years old. He came to Joshua and said, "I'd like to have one more fight. Give me this mountain. I'd like to drive out those nasty Anakims from their holes in the rocks. I'd like to feel the coursings of God's Spirit as I had it before. I'd like to wind up with the greatest victory in my life. And if God is with me I can do it."

Samson, with his hair becoming long again, though his eyes were still out, said, "Once more let me feel the flowing of God's Spirit. Let me feel the tides of eternity flowing in my loins. I know I've made a mess of things; but, O God, I'm sorry and I repent. Talk to me once more. Let me feel the pillars of this great coliseum." God heard his cry. Samson went out with the power of God resting upon him.

David, what do you want? "Oh," he said, "give me a drink of water from the well of Bethel which is by the gate."

A great musician said some time ago, "We've come a long way the last fifty years in music; but it chastens me, it hurts me to think of what we've lost on

Would you be a singer—not on Sundays only, but always; not with your voice only, but in your heart; not only when the sunshine pours into the open casement, but when the shutters tell of bereavement and sorrow? Then remember these rules: (1) God must put the new song into your mouth. (2) You must be fully consecrated to Him, for the song of the Lord only begins when the burnt offering is complete. (3) You must not go into a strange land, for it is impossible to sing the Lord's song there.

There is nothing that scares off the devil as quickly as a hymn. There is nothing that so well beguiles the pilgrim's step, and quickens his pace, when the miles are growing long and weary. There is nothing that brings so much of heaven into the heart. Sing when times are dark, you will make them bright; sing when the house of life is lonely, it will become peopled with unseen choristers. Go down into the valley of shadow with a song, and you will find yourself singing the new song of Moses and the Lamb when you awake on the other side.—F. B. Meyer

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the way." Pardon me if I say the same thing about us. We've come a long way in the last fifty years, but I'm chastened once in a while to know that we've lost some things on the way.

Paul the aged, what do you want? He said, "I'd like to count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, that I may win Christ." Wouldn't you like to have a city-wide campaign, Paul? "No," he would say, "that isn't the deep hunger of my life. I'd just like to know Christ a little better. I'd like to come a little more fully into His companionship and fellowship. Yes, I'd like to be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

Oh, the blessings of coming to the house of God! How marvelous is the exalted presence of the Lord! Let us tarry long in His presence until we too shall have the desire of David and the testimony of Paul.

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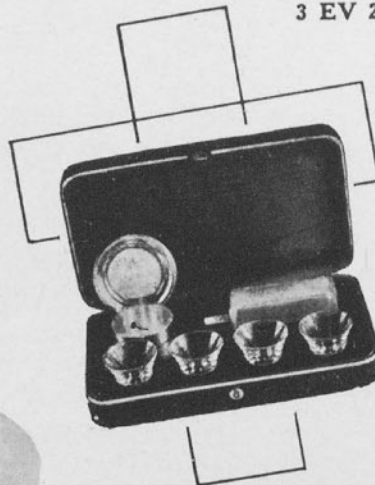
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JESUS in the Shadows

*Standing somewhere in the shadows you'll find Jesus
He's a Friend who always cares and understands:
Standing somewhere in the shadows you will find Him,
And you'll know Him by the nail prints in His hands.*

I DO NOT KNOW WHO WROTE THE ABOVE CHORUS, BUT whenever I hear it I feel I have some affinity with the writer. For in an old notebook I found the following, which I penned some years ago: "Shadows there are, but shadows and Jesus."

To many of us, life is a shadowed way. But Jesus loves to be with us in the shadows. Solomon wrote, "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away" (Canticles 2). When shadows fall, look about you. Jesus will not be far away.

HEARTACHE

There are so many experiences in life to cause heartache: loss, bereavement, disappointment, misunderstanding. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." In the Gospels there is only one record of Jesus being present at a wedding, but there are many accounts of His association with the sorrowful. When the broken-hearted widow of Nain mourned the loss of her son, the compassionate Christ drew near. When Jairus, the anxious father, was stricken with sorrow, the wonder-working Jesus drove away his gloom. We read how Mary and Martha wept in their bereavement, but the Divine Sympathizer was there as well, mingling His own tears with theirs. Wherever there's a heartache, the Healer of hearts is there, for He was anointed to bind up the broken spirits.

ANXIETY

Anxiety differs from heartache in that, whereas hearts may ache over some tragedy that has happened, they grow anxious over something which may or may not come to pass, something that is future. Fear makes us perplexed and bewildered. It paralyzes us. It seized the disciples when their boat was tossing about on a stormy sea. They were terrorized with anxiety—and yet, Jesus was there in

the ship with them all the time. He said to them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" The Psalmist said, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? . . . Hope thou in God, for *His presence is salvation*" (Psalm 43:5, margin).

SICKNESS

It is easy to face life with courage and a song, when one is physically fit—even if he walks alone. But when sickness casts its shadow over a life there is gloom and discouragement. Pain and suffering, weakness and weariness, take the place of sunshine and song. We do not have to face these shadows alone. Jesus is there. He "took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17). The Bible tells us how, when evening came, the multitude came to Him bringing their sick, and He healed them all. Sickness brings shadows but these shadows can become a blessed sanctuary wherein the Lord of Life will reveal Himself in a sweeter, deeper way than ever before. Seek and find Him, dear afflicted one, and His touch will bring healing and calm.

OLD AGE

The multiplying of the years often brings shadows. Infirmary, loneliness, want, bring a sense that the best has gone for ever. Literature is full of lamentations for oncoming age. There is Shakespeare's "*life fallen in the sere, the yellow leaf,*" and Byron's "*the worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone.*" D. Malloch wrote in a more hopeful strain: "*Now in the night that comes so soon I see new stars I had not seen—a surer faith, a peace serene, as I grow old.*" But from the best Book of all we read God's promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

When Jesus walked on the earth, soft downy heads felt the touch of His hands. Strong young people companioned with Him on His itineraries. Women welcomed Him into their homes and served Him. But it is also recorded that the aged eyes of Simeon and Anna beheld Him, "The Lord's Christ" and the "Redemption of Israel."

*'E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne."*

DEATH

The Psalmist said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me." How many dear saints have echoed these words as they have made their triumphal entry into glory. This vale has held no terror for them. Hand in hand with their Redeemer they have passed through the shadows into the gateway of everlasting Light. In Hebrews we are told of those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. But Christ delivers, and we need not fear. There are shadows in death's valley, but none beyond. As F. B. Meyer reminds us, we do not pitch our tent in the valley—we only pass through.

Jehovah Shammah—the Lord is there!" As a rainbow in the storm, as stars in the night, as a door of hope in Achor's valley, as a still small voice in lonely Horeb, Jesus is there. "*Standing somewhere in the shadows you will find Him, and you'll know Him by the nail prints in His hands.*" He bears the marks of the Cross as the pledge of His love, His mercy, and His willingness to supply our deepest need "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."
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