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

**PRAY THROUGH!**  
Week of Prayer  
JANUARY 5-11

January Is Training Month

Jesus Said, **TEACH**

# “ASK BIG!”

Every great move of the Spirit of God in the world has begun in a prayer meeting. As it was in Bible days, so it is today—men and women hear from heaven when they give themselves wholeheartedly to prayer and when they continue in prayer long enough to forget their own ideas and receive God's.

The late Dawson Trotman said, a few days before he was drowned in June, 1956: “The need of the hour is men who want what Jesus Christ wants and believe He wants to give them the power to do what He has asked. Nothing in the world can stop those men. Do you believe that?”

“Do you want to be one of them? You may, but you will have to ask. God says, ‘Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not’ (Jeremiah 33:3).”

And he added, “When you call, *ask big.*”

Trotman was founder of The Navigators, an undenominational campaign of personal evangelism which began among some sailors in the U. S. Navy before Pearl Harbor and spread around the world. He “asked big.” He said the soul-winning work of The Navigators was born in a 42-day prayer meeting. He and another young man were talking about Jeremiah 33:3 one day and they decided to call on God for the “great and mighty things” He promised. They started meeting each morning, just the two of them. They agreed to meet at a certain spot, build a fire, and be in prayer by 5 a.m. each day—not a minute later. On Sundays they met at 4 a.m. to pray for their Sunday School boys by name for the Sunday School.

They prayed two hours each week-day morning. They asked God for souls in their city, in neighboring cities, in every state, in every country, until at length a burden lifted from them and they knew God was going to answer their prayers.

Jehovah said to Jeremiah, “I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?” During this Week of Prayer (January 5 to 11) we can answer, “No, Lord, nothing is too hard. Thou canst move mountains. Thou canst save souls. Thou canst send us a Holy Ghost revival and I believe Thou wilt. All things are possible with Thee. Display Thy power in my life, my home, my church, and make me a soul winner.” God wants to save the lost and He wants to use us for this purpose.

Trotman flung down this final challenge: “What do you want? Do you want to win a few? You'll have to start with the few, and you'll have to be successful with the few. You *can* be; because Jesus said, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ No man ever followed Jesus who didn't become a fisher of men. He never fails to do what He promised. If you're not fishing, you're not following. You have to win one before you can win five, and five before you can win a hundred. The world is before you. *How big is your faith?*”

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**"And Joshua stretched out the spear . . . toward the city, and the ambush arose quickly . . . and took it." (Joshua 8:18, 19).**

**T**HE WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS today. Would to God that its results might exceed all our expectations! Oh, that God may seize upon our hearts by night and by day, that all bounds of "a week" shall be overflowed and forgotten. What strongholds yield and give way, what forbidding walls crumble, what proud obstacles fall and come crashing down, when praying in the Holy Spirit takes over and holds sway! Such intercession is like the great ambush which, in the day of Joshua, took the city of Ai (Joshua 8:21).

Has this generation of Pentecost really tried it? The Pentecostal movement was born in "tarrying meetings." This no one can deny. Now are we trying to be Pentecostal without this same tarrying before God? How easily He can bypass us and leave us to our



# *The Ambush Takes the City*

BY ZELMA ARGUE

own devices, should this transpire. Pentecost, without tarrying before the Lord, is like a trumpet without a player, like a Niagara without water. It is like a singer who is out of breath, or a runner whose energy is spent. It is like an athlete who attempts to skate, sled, or ski, not on gleaming ice or packed snow, but on slushy snow when the gravel is showing through.

In Joshua 8 God said definitely to this great leader, "Fear not, neither be thou dismayed . . . : see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land." But no vague chances were taken on the strength of this promise. Rather, Joshua carefully chose out thousands of mighty men of valor (v. 3) and instructed them, "Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready."

These warriors were to be unseen, hidden from the view of others, yet

they were actually to be the men who took the city. They represent God's many prayer warriors who fight for spiritual victories. Joshua and his group—corresponding to the minister, the pastor, and the evangelist—would be out in the open.

The general continued his instructions: "And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us . . . that we will flee before them . . . till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us . . . Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city . . . Ye shall set the city on fire" (vv. 5-8).

The liars in wait, hidden in ambush, did just that (v. 19). At the strategic moment they arose quickly, ran and took the city, and set it on fire. Then Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city (v. 21). That is just what God wants us to do—"take

the city," and "set it on fire" for God. But the actual instruments of this great victory were the hidden warriors, the ambush, who represent the intercessors in the Church. Theirs is the victory. The outcome rests with those who pray. Then let us abandon ourselves—secretly or openly—to great intercessions.

People of Los Angeles well remember the "acres of empty seats" that faced the youthful evangelist, Billy Graham, much of the first 2 weeks of his Los Angeles campaign in 1949. Then one Thursday night of destiny, with his face set as a flint (Isaiah 50:7), the evangelist firmly marshalled prayer warriors from the audience. Those who would assume the burden divided the days and nights into half-hour intercessory periods.

It was as though a mighty dam suddenly broke and the tides of blessing overflowed the city. One of the city's best-known radio personalities was

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OUR LORD DEFINITELY SAYS THAT  
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# Praying Through

BY D. M. PANTON



ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL OF all lessons on prayer—and one unutterably important to us—is our Lord's parable of the importunate widow in Luke 18. It is of vital importance to note what He has just said. He has just shown the Son of Man rejected. The Christ has gone into heaven; the masses are plunged in gross sin; men of God have become rare, as in the days of Noah and Sodom; and suddenly amidst it all there comes a cry, a flash, and the watchful and prayerful are gone (Luke 17:22-37). *It is on this Second Advent background, full of lurid gloom and storm, with a rending Advent like sudden lightning, that our Lord lifts the form of a lonely widow, besieging the throne of God in great distress.*

## I

First there is one great outstanding fact, and one of the most stimulating of all facts concerning prayer. Prayer gets things that cannot be gotten without prayer: *God gives in answer to importunity what He does not grant without it.* It is to this point that our Lord draws special attention. "Because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said"—there is peculiar emphasis laid on *Christ* drawing the lesson—"Hear"—ponder,

take in, realize—"what the unjust judge saith."

"Because this widow troubleth me." Her incessant coming gave him no rest—exactly as Jehovah said through Isaiah (62:7), *Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest.* For who is the successful widow? Those of His elect, which cry. "Shall not God avenge *his own elect*, which cry day and night unto him?" If a soul cries at night, it is certain he is no hypocrite when he prays by day.

The Saviour told this parable to teach that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint." "To faint" here means "to relax, let go"; importunity is that which never lets go. What else but no answer could a poverty-stricken widow expect from an unjust judge? Yet, by her importunity, she gets it; her importunity won the impossible. "Do not expect a thousand-dollar answer from a ten-cent prayer."

The widow won her request not by a single brief prayer, but by importunate prayer: she won it solely on her importunity. The judge granted her deliverance on no other conditions: in the courthouse, on the street, at his doorstep, she beset and besieged him. So this is the first great fact. Our Lord definitely says that God will give

things in answer to "day and night" prayer which He will grant in no other way. Plus importunity, plus answer: minus importunity, minus answer.

## II

Now our Lord draws a tremendous comparison. "And shall not God avenge His own elect?" The judge is unrighteous—"God is not unrighteous to forget." The judge grows weary—"the Lord... fainteth not, neither is weary (Isa. 40:28). The widow is nothing to the judge—these are God's elect, the choice of His own love. The widow's distress was no distress to the judge—but in all our afflictions He is afflicted. So then—shall not God answer as fully and freely as an unjust judge? "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

"To 'avenge' here is to deliver by a judicial sentence: this term does not necessarily include the notion of vengeance, but that of justice to be rendered to the oppressed" (Godet). Sudden and overwhelming, the deliverance will be sharp and decisive; though it is a deliverance which sadly and necessarily involves the terror and destruction of the ungodly. So here is the great second fact. *Unanswered prayers are accumulating in massed treasure above:* it is only mercy to the wicked, and the blessed testing of God's people—He is

long-suffering over all—that holds back the accumulating floods of answer. As God is higher than an unjust judge, to that enormous degree He is the more certain to do that which even an unjust judge certainly does. God delays so long, only to make haste at last, and to answer overwhelmingly.

### III

Now look at the exceedingly remarkable and even startling comment of our Lord. Howbeit—in spite of this dead certainty of God's response to importunity—"when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith"—the faith that thus prays through—"on the earth?" Here is the third and most arresting fact of all. *Christ expects few such praying souls at the end.* In the very moment that He flings open the gates of blessing to intense watchfulness and prayer, He doubts whether any but an exceeding few will do it.

"He spake a parable unto them" the disciples—"to this end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint": but the vision of Laodicea rises before His mind; and as He looks down the far centuries He sees few, oh, so few, kneeling forms in the last shadows, living on their knees. How many children of God are never seen at the prayer-meeting from year's end to year's end. How many have never been heard to pray before others in their lives. How many act before praying, instead of praying before acting. How many are cold and lifeless in their secret devotions. How few *importunate widows!*

When our Lord came back after His resurrection—a resurrection foretold again and again—instead of a longing, eager, welcoming band, He found disciples actually astounded and incredulous. So here is our peril at this moment. Our Lord is coming—that is dead sure: the Advent will be swift and decisive: *our peril is that it may find us without a faith that steadily refuses to take no for an answer:* faith to persevere, faith for importunate prayer, faith in spite of fearful delay, faith amid general apostasy, faith which storms through into the glory and the kingdom. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12).

### IV

And now we reach our triumphant conclusion. "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him? He will avenge them speedily." Persistent prayer will carry us triumphantly through. Only intense concentration will preserve faith at the last; but the solitary weapon of importunate prayer will do it. A lonely widow, helpless and powerless; fierce oppression from the adversary; a great inheritance at stake. A world that is ours, but held by the usurper; a heaven that has delayed its answers for countless years. One weapon carried her triumphantly through; and with the same weapon we can be as sure of victory as she.

No position is so desperate that prayer cannot conquer; no arm is so weak but that, with this one weapon, it can move God. No sin, no circumstance, no adversary is unconquerable: but the one condition is that the one weapon be wielded, the weapon of importunate prayer, and that it be wielded incessantly. ◀ ◀

## I Took the Time to Pray

*Sunup I prayed and rose to face  
The day sustained, upheld by Him.  
Sundown I prayed again and found  
The darkening skies no longer dim.*

*The hours between I found the time  
Along the way to turn apart.  
Strength there I gained, relief and rest  
And comfort for my too faint heart.*

*So many times throughout the day  
I found the need to look above.  
I could not face each given task  
Without His deep and tender love.*

*Sunup, sundown, and through the long  
Bright splendor of the shining day,  
I walked in peace, my hand in His  
Because I took the time to pray.*

—Marie J. Post

## Week of Prayer

January 5 to 11

### A Proclamation by the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God

In view of the urgent need of prayer to advance the cause of Christ everywhere, and

Understanding the Assemblies of God to be a revival movement with a missionary zeal to reach everyone with the Pentecostal message, and

Knowing there is a world-wide co-operation in the annual week of prayer each January, therefore

We do hereby designate January 5-11, 1958, as a Week of Prayer. We ask all believers everywhere to participate fully in this prayer emphasis. We urge pastors, evangelists, Sunday School workers and all lay leaders to actively engage in collective and individual prayer, and to enlist the participation of everyone.

We ask all believers to devote this week to a concentrated prayer emphasis for revival in each church and around the world.

God bless you all.

(For further information, see "Call to Prayer" in last week's EVANGEL.)

GOD'S HANDIWORK



# The Treasures of the Snow

BY JOHN O. EDGAR

*"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?"*  
—Job 38:22, 23.

**S**TRETCHING FOR ONE THOUSAND miles in every direction from the south pole lies Antarctica, the earth's fifth largest continent. Covered with a blanket of ice and snow that at places is more than a mile in depth, this area is one of the great unknowns on this planet called Earth. Until now, scientists have known more about the visible surface of the moon than of the glacial wastes of the South. At this moment 75 geophysicists from the United States are joining with those of other countries to unlock the secrets which for millenniums have been guarded by frigid temperatures, so severe that extensive exploration has been impossible.

As the result of work by previous explorations, advanced scientific equipment, especially designed clothing and shelter, the hardy adventurers are invading the great white desert to try to discover "the treasures of the snow." Modern sonic and electronic eyes will probe the gigantic glacier to try to discover what lies beneath. Weather stations will record various phenomena of the long Antarctic night. Perhaps the

most valuable information to be gained is that which may be of use in making long-range weather forecasts.

Thousands of years ago God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind and said, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" Job was a well-informed man in his day and generation. He had thought more deeply than other men and had perhaps taken pride in his knowledge. How defeated his ego must have been when God said, "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" (Job 38:2). Many are the penetrating questions God asks Job concerning various phenomena of nature, but one which is of particular interest to us is the question concerning the snow and hail.

## A GIFT FROM GOD

To people living in northern climes where snowfall is heavy, filling roads and paths with drifts, snow may seem to be a nuisance and great inconvenience. But snow is a part of God's providence in nature and is actually quite useful. Farmers in some areas are glad to see snow on the ground, for when there is a good snow cover there is little danger of top soil blowing away. Furthermore, snow forms an insulating blanket which helps to retain the earth's heat. Experimenters have discovered that the temperature at the bottom of a snow drift may be

as much as thirty degrees warmer than at the surface. After a winter when snow cover has been deep it is not uncommon for farmers, when plowing in the spring, to discover potatoes which have not been touched by frost. Snow cover is of special value in protecting pastures. In open winters when there is alternate freezing and thawing, many legume plants will be entirely uprooted. A heavy snow fall is insurance for a good crop of hay.

In most parts of the country snow is an important source of moisture. Water from melting snow saturates the earth, going down into the subsoil which will provide moisture for growing crops during the hot days of summer. It also puts certain chemicals in the soil, particularly nitrogen.

## AN INSTRUMENT OF PROVIDENCE

Sometimes God, in His providential dealing with men, uses the snow and hail in extraordinary ways. One of the punishments sent upon the land of Egypt, while Israel was in bondage, was the plague of hail. The psalmist in recounting this event writes, "He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost. He gave up their cattle also to the hail and their flocks to hot thunderbolts" (Psalm 78:47, 48). In the Revelation where the angels are pictured as pour-

ing out their vials of wrath, we are told that "there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great" (Revelation 16:21).

The outstanding incident of God's use of hail in His judgments upon men, was during the days of Joshua. The kings of the Amorites, which dwelt in the mountains, were gathered together against the men of Gibeon. Word was sent to Joshua to come and help. The Lord encouraged Joshua and assured him of victory. Marching forward with faith and assurance, the Israelites overtook the enemy suddenly. The battle, which apparently was of short duration, was turned into a rout of the enemy, and as they fled, God sent a great hailstorm upon them. The storm was so severe that, using the words of Joshua, "They were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword" (Joshua 10:11).

#### AN ELEMENT OF BEAUTY

In many parts of our nation there are beautiful landscapes of lakes, rivers, forests and mountains which set forth the handiwork of the Creator. Every year people travel thousands of miles that they may behold these places of natural beauty. But what landscape of breath-taking beauty in summer is not enhanced by a fall of snow, fresh from the brush of the Master Artist. James Russell Lowell, in his poem, "The First Snowfall," has captured some of that beauty:

*"Every pine and fir and hemlock  
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,  
And the poorest twig on the elm tree  
Was ridged inch deep with pearl."*

If the snowflake which falls upon one's coat sleeve is placed under a magnifying glass, a beautiful crystal, perfect in form, may be seen. A man named Wilson Bently, of Jericho, Vermont, was considered the world's foremost authority on snowflakes. He began photographing them in 1885 and by the spring of 1904 had made 1100 pictures, no two of which were alike. Jewelers studied his pictures and used them in their designing work. In his lifetime, Mr. Bently made more than 5000 pictures of snowflakes.

#### A SYMBOL OF HOLINESS

In a limited way, men may be able to comprehend from a physical standpoint

"the treasures of the snow," but its greatest treasure is to be found in a figurative sense when it is used as a symbol of purity. There is nothing so white as snow. The housewife who takes pride in her laundry will discover that the clothes do not appear nearly so white when placed beside new fallen snow. The Bible affords numerous examples of this symbolical use of snow.

After David sinned with Bathsheba, and Uriah the Hittite had been put to death, David was visited by Nathan the prophet. It didn't take long for God through the words of the prophet to awaken David to the greatness of his sin. In an hour of great remorse he wrote the fifty-first psalm, where we

find the words, "Against thee, thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51: 3, 7).

Isaiah, in the first chapter of his prophecy, condemns Israel for her unfaithfulness to God. But with the denouncement there is a gracious call to repentance. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

In certain industrial areas of our nation, where smoke control measures are not employed by the mills, the cities almost always have a dirty, grimy appearance. But on the morning after a fresh snowfall, a remarkable transformation may be seen. Much of the dirt has been covered with white and glistening snow, and the city sparkles with new beauty. The blackened city may be taken as a picture of the heart that is darkened by sin, and the city transformed by the snow may be taken as the heart that has been changed by the blood of Christ and made pure. Many people are living dull, dreary lives, as blissfully unaware of the filthiness of their hearts as the school boy may be of the condition of his hands after playing in the coal bin. But when God draws near through His Spirit, and there is an awareness of sin and of the provision God has made for its removal, the transformation made by grace is most amazing. When a leper came to Jesus and worshiped Him saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean," Jesus put forth his hand and said, "I will; be thou clean." It was a complete cleansing; the leprosy was gone forever. This is the very heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ: that the heart that is black with sin can be transformed and made as pure and white as snow.

In this "International Geophysical Year," men may discover hitherto unknown "treasures of the snow." There may be those who will behold its beauty and come to an appreciation of it which they have never had before. But the greatest treasure is that which comes to the one who has in his heart the absolute assurance that his sins have been blotted out by the blood of Christ—that he has been washed and is made as white as the snow.



#### A Heart Whiter Than Snow

**O for a heart that is whiter than snow!  
Kept, ever kept 'neath the life-giving  
flow;  
Cleansed from all passion, self seeking  
and pride,  
Washed in the fountain of Calvary's tide.**

**O for a heart whiter than snow!  
Saviour divine, to whom else can I go?  
Thou who didst die, loving me so,  
Give me a heart that is whiter than snow.**

**O for a heart that is whiter than snow!  
Calm in the peace that He loves to bestow;  
Daily refreshed by the heavenly dews,  
Ready for service whenever He shall  
choose.**

**O for a heart that is whiter than snow!  
With the pure flame of the Spirit aglow;  
Filled with the love that is true and sincere,  
Till in His beauty my King I shall see.**

—E. E. Hewitt



—Covenanter Witness

# Song from

# A STRANGER



by BETTY SWINFORD—

LONG CLOUDS PULLED THEIR MASKS over the sun, momentarily blotting its brilliance from the earth. At the same time a winding spiral of dust slammed against the lonely ranch house, whipping shut the kitchen door. A moment later, however, it gathered its powers and raced away.

With the sound of the kitchen door going closed, the girl inside forgot all else. "He's back!" she whispered aloud. "Whoever he is, he's come into the house this time!" Her heart pounded with fear. "I must get out—get away—BEFORE...."

Her copper-colored hair flashed in the afternoon sunlight, and a moment later the cactus and mesquite trees gave her some form of protection. Even so, she was positive that footsteps pounded behind her, pursuing her. But why? Why her? Oh, if only her father were back from his business in Phoenix! If only they were not so isolated here! Even if they had a telephone! But no. There had only been the deep, impersonal voice on the radio telling of the man who had escaped from the mental institution in Phoenix and who had last been seen in the desert north of Tucson....

At last Karen could run no farther.

She sank to the ground in the uncertain shade of a mesquite and cried out her fear to the lonely desert. Exhaustion seized hold of her. She decided her tormentor was gone for the time, but he would no doubt come back.

"If I had the car—or some means of transportation to town!"

And now it was almost dusk again, the time for him to appear—if indeed that had not been he who had just entered the kitchen!

"Oh, great compassion—oh, boundless love!

Oh, loving kindness, faithful and true—"

Karen half sat up, new terror seizing her heart. For not ten yards distant, walking through the cactus and greasewood, came the man—and with a high-powered rifle slung over his shoulder! But it was fantastic for him to be singing such a strange song!

"Find peace and shelter under the blood,

And I will pass, will pass over you."

Karen felt that her heart had died inside of her. She had been seen. Even now he was coming toward her, a blonde giant of a man, and it was too late to run!

"Hello. I didn't know I had an audience."

She ran a dry tongue over her lips. "What—what do you want?"

The stranger frowned. Slowly he took the rifle from his shoulder.

Why didn't he say something? Why must he just stand there looking at her? Was this some new way of tormenting her?

Finally he passed a hand over his crisp blonde hair. "Forgive me if I frightened you. Am I by chance on your property?"

"Yes," she said hesitantly. "It—it's all right." What could she say? The song! That was it—she would ask about the song, stall for time.

"My song?" he repeated. "I was singing of God's love and redeeming grace. I take it you have never heard the song before?"

Karen shook her head by sheer force. What was this, anyway? Yet had not one famous song about God's love been found penciled on the wall of a man's room who was said to have been demented?

"Well," he was saying slowly, "it's a familiar story. My life was pretty mixed up. I searched for peace and happiness through worldly pleasures,



and found only emptiness! My heart so longed for something better—and when I met Christ I knew I had found the answer. He not only met my heart and filled it with peace but He's given me promise of eternal life." He smiled warmly. "You can see why I sing of His boundless love, His mercy! As for the other part of the song—it is His blood, and that alone, that can wash away sin."

Karen stared at him. Almost it would seem that he was describing her. Seeking satisfaction for her life—find-

ing emptiness, hunger. . . . Oh, but she must remember with whom she was speaking, must remember that on three occasions she had seen someone sneaking around the ranch, and that only a short time before someone had entered the kitchen door.

"You make it all sound so—so simple," she faltered.

"It is. So simple that a great many people stumble over its simplicity."

Suddenly his bronzed face relaxed in a smile. "I haven't even asked your name—or told you mine."

"I'm—I'm Karen." How strange that her fear had melted away! "Karen Andrews."

"And I'm Steve Elliot. I apologize for crossing over on your property, but, you see, I've been up higher in the mountains deer hunting."

Karen felt laughter swelling up within her. Deer hunting! "But—then. . . . You aren't—you aren't—"

Steve sobered. "What am I not?"

She tried to laugh aloud, but the sound would not quite break forth.

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# Jesus Said, TEACH!

BY J. ROBERT ASHCROFT  
National Secretary, Education Department

**J**ESUS SAID TEACH! HOW ELSE could all nations know the gospel? Every man must hear and know if he is to be saved, to serve and to be secure. Where there is no teaching there is no knowledge of God.

Pity the people who are without a teacher. God's Word says, "Israel was without a teaching priest. . . ." And without a teaching priest they are ". . . without the true God. . . ." And without a teaching priest they are ". . . without law. . . ."

Little wonder the Scriptures continue, "And in those days there was no peace. . . ." (2 Chronicles 15:3-5). How accurate the Bible! Built into the nature of things is the necessity for a teacher. My heart cries for a teaching "priesthood" of ministers and a people whose ears itch for sound doctrine and teaching in the law of the Lord!

## Teach to Save

Teaching brings salvation. Note the result of teaching in apostolic times: ". . . daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach. . . and in those days, . . . the number of the disciples was multiplied. . . ." (Acts 5:42, 6:1). It is a law that when God's Word is ministered there is growth in the church. "The word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied. . . ." (Acts 6:7).

Barrenness of the church may account for the lack of increase in souls being saved! Nicodemus, the silent believer, heard the fundamental teaching on the New Birth. Nicodemus called Jesus the "teacher come from God." The great truth of the New Birth has hung on this lesson of Jesus to Nicodemus. Teaching will bring men to salvation. Without it they will be lost. Like the apostles, let us "cease not to teach. . . ."

## Teach to Serve

To be with a great teacher is to learn. Peter, James and John had seen the dramatic effect of prayer on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is no surprise that after Jesus prayed in a certain place those same disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." And He taught them! Do our people pray? Do they witness? Do they tithe? Do they teach? Has anyone taught them!

Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Gethsemane, to give in the temple, to witness in the markets!

Service follows training. By principle, precept and practice Jesus taught His disciples. The annual training month of our churches affords a most desired opportunity for training. Thank God for the 59,415 who in 1956 received certificates from the Workers' Training Division of the National Sunday School Department. Most of these

certificates were issued for the course "Into All Truth." January is training month. Almost 75,000 will be studying their Bibles, and other helpful literature, learning under godly teachers.

An army ready to serve them is being taught. Almost ten thousand students have passed through the halls of our Bible institutes. These are eligible to teach others. Many of us might well take Samuel's words to our hearts: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way" (1 Samuel 12:23).

## Teach to Secure

The future belongs to those who prepare for it. A secure future is the desire of the age. If the church secured its future as anxiously as the world, it would teach! "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). To secure the future, teachers are needed—Christ-trained teachers. To His disciples He commanded, "Make disciples"—and this is done by teaching!

Eli failed to teach his sons properly and the fate of Israel was determined! Is it possible that many ancient stories would have read differently from ". . . he walked not in the ways of the Lord" if there had been adequate teaching. The golden chain of Christian heritage is shown in Paul's writing to Timothy, "And the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2).

From Moses to Paul, teachers were vital! Church history proves that teaching is necessary. If the church is to save, serve, and secure its future, it must teach. ◀◀

**JANUARY IS TRAINING MONTH**

# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Church and State

### CANADIAN PROTESTANTS OPPOSE CATHOLIC "PUBLIC SCHOOLS"

The Council of Churches in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is opposing a proposal of the Roman Catholic Conference of the province for a system of separate but government-supported Catholic "public schools." The Catholic proposal would involve setting aside certain schools as Catholic public schools to be supported through taxes paid by Catholics.

The Protestant group, which comprises nine denominations and agencies, submitted a brief to the Royal Commission on Education contending that religious instruction is the duty of the home and church, not the school. It said public schools are non-sectarian but not non-religious. "The fact that our children have the privilege in the public schools of growing up together in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual respect cannot be denied," the brief pointed out.

The Catholic proposal, followed to its logical conclusion, would obligate the government to support a series of denominational "public schools"—with a separate school for children of each denomination. The effect of such a program would be costly duplication, confusion, and a very poor educational system. The Catholic proposal needs to be recognized for what it is: an attempt to secure public funds to support a sectarian institution.

### ORDER NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR MARION COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, highest tribunal in the state, has ordered the Marion County school board to erect a new centrally-located high school without delay. The directive probably will be the final opinion in the three-year controversy over the closing of the high school at Bradfordsville, a predominantly Protestant community, by the county school board, a majority of whose members are Roman Catholics. The school board was alleged to have poured money into other schools

in Roman Catholic areas of the county, partially staffed them with garbed Roman Catholic nuns, and paid for Roman Catholic literature which was displayed prominently in the libraries of the schools.

A highlight of the controversy was the year-long education strike when the Bradfordsville parents refused to send their children to another high school ten miles away and boycotted the elementary school in their own community because of their charge that the school board was discriminating against them.

Judge William B. Ardery of Franklin Circuit Court implied in his ruling that there had been sectarian discrimination in the high school system of Marion County. However, he ruled that the Bradfordsville school should not be reopened, but that a centrally-located high school be built in the county as a compromise measure.

### DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BAPTISTS REPORTED IN SPAIN

Second Baptist Church in Madrid, Spain, has been closed by police and its pastor arrested, according to the



### SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT TO BE HELD IN GERMANY

A Pentecostal Servicemen's Retreat will convene in Berchtesgaden, Germany, Adolph Hitler's old resort area of the Bavarian Alps, March 10-14, the Assemblies of God Servicemen's Division has announced. The Retreat will be housed and conducted in the General Walker Hotel, (shown above), which is a part of the Retreat facilities maintained by the United States Army in Europe.

The Retreat will be sponsored and directed by Pentecostal military chaplains stationed in Europe in co-operation with Pentecostal missionaries in Europe. The planning committee is composed of Chaplain (Major) John A. Lindvall and Chaplain (Captain) James H. Cotton.

Owen Carr, Kansas District C. A. President, and U. S. Grant, pastor from Kansas City, Kansas, will be participating guests from the United States.

The Retreat has been described as a Pentecostal camp meeting. The program will include a full daily schedule of devotional and evangelistic services, teaching sessions, prayer meetings, and recreation. Full cost for the five-day Retreat, including accommodations, will be \$18.

Attendance at the Retreat is open to all servicemen (and dependents) stationed in Europe. Special military regulations exist whereby servicemen may be allowed time to attend such events. The individual serviceman should consult a chaplain for assistance in arranging proper permission to be present. All Pentecostal servicemen in Europe are urged to attend the Retreat.

The Servicemen's Division and the Retreat Committee are anxious that every possible serviceman be contacted with an invitation to the Retreat. The public is invited to rush names and addresses of servicemen stationed in Europe to the Servicemen's Division, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, so that a special invitation can be sent to each individual.

executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, who recently returned from a visit to Spain. The U.S. Embassy was told the church was closed because it had engaged in illegal proselytizing—endeavoring to convert Spanish citizens to the Protestant faith.

## Miscellaneous

### NAZARENES PREPARE FOR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Officials of the Church of the Nazarene announced the appointment of 100 key Nazarene pastors to spearhead publicity for the denomination's golden anniversary year in 1958. The anniversary program will open with special services in all Nazarene churches on New Year's Eve and on Sunday, January 5. Two special offerings for world missions will be received during the year, one on Easter Sunday and the other on Thanksgiving Sunday. The goal will be one million dollars on each occasion. Anniversary Sunday will be October 12.

### DISCIPLES APPROVE NAME CHANGE

During the annual convention of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, held in Cleveland, Ohio, during October, delegates took final action on a new name for their denomination. It will now be known as "The International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)." Advocates of the new name pointed out that in most localities the congregation is called "Christian Church." A uniform name will eliminate confusion.

### DESCRIBES WORSHIP SERVICES IN LITTLE AMERICA

Temperatures of 90 degrees below zero do not chill the religious interest of the men who are serving with Operation Deepfreeze, the U. S. Navy's Antarctic expedition. A broadcast from Dr. Paul A. Siple, scientific leader of the International Geophysical Year exploration group, now bedded down for the long Antarctic winter at Little America, said the men are having regular Sunday Bible lessons and hymn singing, followed by an open discussion on selected topics. Dr. Siple sent the radio message to the Friendship Bible class at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. Prior to the Antarctic expedition he was teacher of this class. Dr. Siple first won fame thirty years ago as the Boy Scout selected to go to Antarctica with the initial expedition of the late Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

GENERAL COUNCIL SET. The Executive Presbytery has set August 26-September 1, 1959 for the next General Council. The sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas. According to the planning committee, hotel, travel, and auditorium facilities in San Antonio are excellent.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED. Emil A. Balliet, pastor of the North Hollywood Assembly, has been named administrative assistant to Noel Perkin, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department. He will assume duties in Springfield on February 1.

ARABS SEEK TO MAKE AFRICA MOSLEM. A \$50,000,000 fund is being raised in the Arab world to combat Christianity and to make Africa Moslem. Many areas where Moslem influence is strong now will not permit Christian missionaries to teach or preach.

CATHOLICS PUSH FOR GREATER CONTROL IN COLOMBIA. Roman Catholics in Colombia reportedly are moving toward a stronger control of the government of that land. "Action" magazine reports that strong pressures are being brought upon the predominantly Roman Catholic electorate—pressures to vote for abrogation of all reforms which have weakened the hierarchy's grip on education and religion.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SET ANOTHER RECORD for the month of November. Running some \$4,000,000 ahead of November 1956, new church construction begun in November 1957 totaled \$78,000,000, the government reported.

BILLY GRAHAM RECEIVED A SPECIAL AWARD last month in recognition of his "distinguished service to humanity." It was one of three Gold Medal Awards presented by the National Institute of Social Sciences at its annual dinner in New York City. Dr. Graham was cited as an "inspired evangelist, dedicated crusader," whose "international ministry has brought new life, hope, and comfort to men and women everywhere."

EPISCOPALIANS REPORT MEMBERSHIP INCREASE. The Protestant Episcopal Church announced an all-time high of 3,163,126 members—an increase of 15,686 over 1956.

A BURIAL CASE AROUSED WIDE INDIGNATION IN ISRAEL when a rabbi in Pardess Hanna refused to permit the child of a Gentile mother to be buried in the Jewish cemetery there. The five-year-old boy, a victim of polio, was buried outside the cemetery, but public indignation rose so high that the government took a hand in the situation. It extended the cemetery's boundaries to include the plot where the boy was buried. The extended area will be reserved for non-Jews.

COMMUNISM AND GOD ARE INCOMPATIBLE, according to Russia's dictator, Nikita Khrushchev. In an interview with two American newsmen, he emphatically stated that Communists are atheists and that anyone who believes in God cannot be advanced in the Communist party.

LFC MEMBERS REJECT MERGER. The Lutheran Free Church will not join merger negotiations with three other Lutheran bodies planning to unite in The American Lutheran Church in 1960. The vote of its congregations was 754 for the merger to 402 against—17 votes short of the two-thirds necessary for approval. This is the second time the denomination has voted to abstain from the merger. The first poll was 35 votes short.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS are now featured every night except Saturday on radio station HLKX, Seoul, Korea. This is the fifth language to be used on this gospel station operated by The Evangelical Alliance Mission.



James Vigna, Mrs. Vigna, H. A. Tieleman, Alice Stewart, Harvey McAlister, Palma Ramsborg, Ruth Melching, Marjorie and James Baker

## Holy Spirit Outpoured in Formosa

Great Blessing from Harvey McAlister's Ministry

From Formosa, James Baker writes: "When we missionaries learned that Evangelist Harvey McAlister would be coming to Taiwan this summer, we immediately planned an island-wide Pentecostal Conference, to which missionaries and nationals of every Pentecostal Church in Taiwan would be invited. Remembering what great blessing his Spirit-filled ministry was four years ago we expected great things, and we were not disappointed.

"The Conference was held at Tai-kuang Bible Institute, at the edge of Taipei, the capital. During the five days of conference people poured in from the city by bus, car, pedacab and bicycle. From sixteen mission stations throughout the island missionaries and Chinese pastors, evangelists and lay people came by train and bus.

"The night services were held in a large tent. Twice daily God anointed our brother's teaching ministry concerning the coming and the work of the Holy Spirit within and through believers. At the conclusion of the ministry of the Word crowds thronged the prayer room, and from the very first day believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. All were greatly encouraged to contend for a Spirit-filled ministry.

"Some of the nationals came with doubting hearts and some with inquiring minds. One prominent Christian lady,

who has three sons in the ministry, came from the southern tip of the island. She had been hearing critical reports about people actually receiving the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost, and she wanted to see for herself if they were true. Her doubts vanished when she herself was filled with the Holy Spirit. Enthusiastic over the experience, she is now one of the most zealous witnesses in the South.

"We deeply appreciate Evangelist McAlister's sacrificial ministry. He has worked in close co-operation with the missionaries, with our churches, and the Bible Institute. We will never know the number of persons saved from their sins, healed in their bodies, and baptized in the Holy Spirit under this brother's ministry here; but for all we give praise to the Lord Jesus."

From this same harvest field Ruth Melching writes:

"Evangelist Harvey McAlister was a man sent from God to bring deliverance to many in Taiwan. Four years ago he was with us, and at that time we enjoyed the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our work here.

"Since then we have anticipated his promised return visit. Once it seemed he would not be able to make his promise a reality, for he was stricken with a coronary thrombosis; but God raised him up and gave him new life and,

as medical science puts it, the heart of a young man.

"His messages from God's Word this time were richer, fuller and deeper and made us to feel that he has found new wells of inspiration."

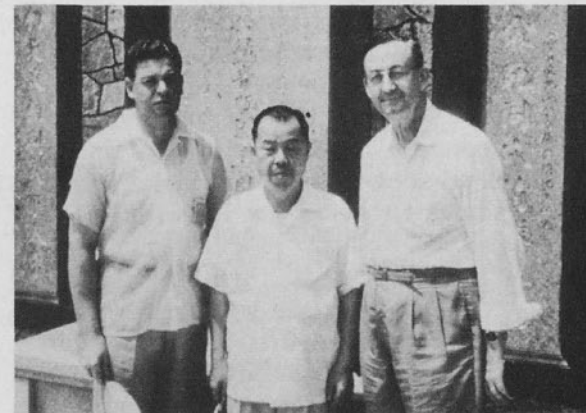
Garland E. Benintendi, Pastor of Fu Shun Chieh Church, writes:

"Harvey McAlister came to our Fu Shun Chieh church for a month-long Salvation-Healing crusade. His anointed ministry of the Word inspired faith in the hearts of the people to believe God for great things. All, especially we missionaries, had felt the imperative need for an outpouring of God's Spirit in our Assemblies of God work in Free China. How we do praise God for this wonderful visitation. Certainly God has greatly blessed our brother with a ministry of leading souls into this wonderful Pentecostal experience."

James Vigna, acting pastor of Fu Shun Chieh Church, writes:

"Harvey McAlister faithfully preached God's Word in Fu Shun Chieh Church, and we thank God for the splendid attendance at all the services, in spite of inclement weather due to a number of typhoons. Because of the differences of language it was necessary to use two interpreters, Mandarin and Taiwanese. This was a handicap, but the Lord blessed and in every service many came forward to receive forgiveness of sins and the laying on of hands for healing. Seven different persons served as interpreters during Brother McAlister's meetings, all of whom were from the ranks of our Full Gospel fellowship.

"Special printed forms were used to make it easy for those healed to return written testimonials. After the first couple of services a continuous flow of these testimonies was received.



Garland Benintendi, Foong C. Huang, Chairman Church Committee, and Harvey McAlister

"A special feature, one that greatly pleased all of us missionaries, was the Spirit-anointed meetings each Sunday morning, in which a definite unfolding of God's Word was given concerning the Spirit-filled life. At the close of each service opportunity was given for the people to open their hearts, take a definite attitude of faith, and expect to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Many testified to having received the Holy Spirit in power in those Sunday morning services."

H. A. Tieleman writes:

"In our Mandarin church, while Evangelist McAlister was with us, the attendance increased nightly until at the last service the people were packed in like sardines. Among the notables present were Dr. Andrew Loo, co-pastor of the President's church, and Dr. Ch'en Wei P'ing, retired pastor of the President's Church.

"There were many decisions for Christ, and a large number experienced healing. A number entered into the precious experience of Pentecost and others were refilled with the Spirit. One lady, while receiving the Holy Spirit, had a glorious vision of Jesus, and the light of His countenance was so bright that she was blinded for several minutes afterwards."

Matthew Lee writes:

"I am most happy that Brother McAlister came our way this summer as the main speaker in our first United Summer Conference. There were many more in attendance than we had anticipated.

"I was privileged to be Brother McAlister's Mandarin interpreter. The Spirit of God worked mightily. Since the close of the conference we have heard many outstanding testimonies of how lives were completely changed by God's Spirit." ◀◀



Many came forward for healing and salvation, and a number were filled with the Spirit.



Student body of the Bible School in Guatemala

## Answering the Call in Guatemala

BY QUENTIN SHORTES

The Bible School year in Guatemala has just been completed. This has been a red-letter occasion for Guatemala, because this year we have had our first graduation class. Previously the third-year students were sent to El Salvador for their last year of studies. This year we had twelve boys completing their last-year studies in our own Bible School. Altogether we had thirty-six students, who came to us from all parts of Guatemala and from all walks of life.

God especially blessed us this year, although we felt the enemy working against us in many ways. We had just begun classes when the President of the Republic was assassinated and we were put under strict martial law. After this came the "flu," which hit us in full force. At one time we had nineteen students, two teachers, and

two cooks sick all at one time. When the "flu" left us it was time to elect a new president and there was a week of complete disorder and strikes all over the Republic. Mobs were marching up and down the streets breaking windows and wrecking cars. This caused us to lose another week of classes, but we felt the nearness of the Lord through it all.

The very next day after the closing exercises the boys packed their meager belongings and left for the "campos" (outstations) where they will work. Two boys left for the deep jungles where civilization does not exist. They are there now holding forth the Light in dark places. A few days ago some of the students were stoned while they preached. But the message goes forth. The Bible School is answering a great need in Guatemala. ◀◀

### MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown and son and Mr. and Mrs. C. Petroskey sailed for Togo Dahomey, French West Africa, on M.V. *Ferngrove* November 29.

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M. Eloise Collier of Liberia recently came home on furlough. Her address is 204 E. Vineland Road, Augusta, Ga.

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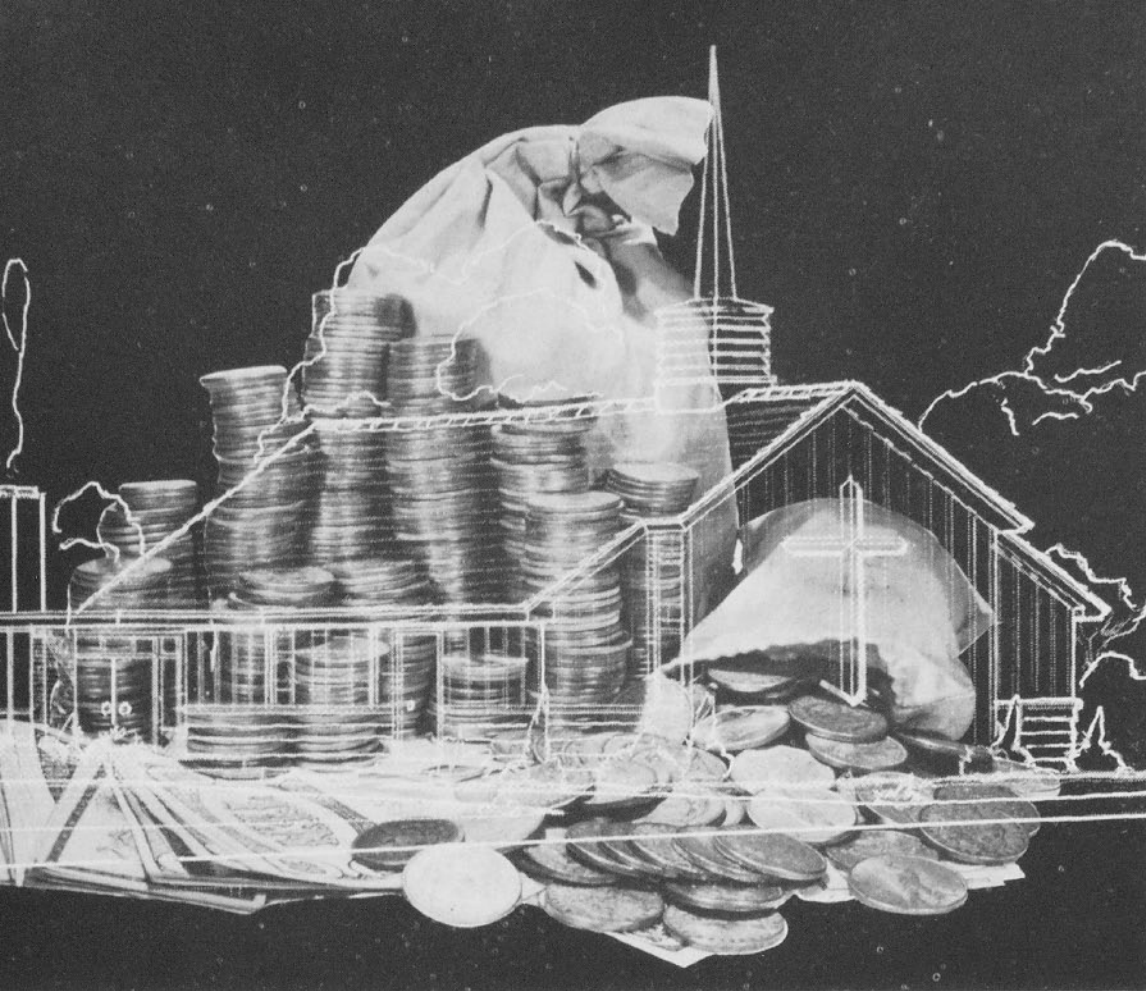
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BY R. L. BRANDT

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Consider the following Biblical principles.

1. *Stewardship Based on Divine Ownership.*

Every true Christian should recognize divine ownership of himself and all he possesses. "Ye are not your own.

# Church Financing—

CAN YOU IMAGINE FINANCING THE United States Army by means of Bingo games, or maintaining the Bell Telephone Company with rummage sales? Absurd, you say! Yet the Church has repeatedly employed such methods to finance the greatest business in the world—God's business.

Not long ago this sign appeared on a church: "Bingo every Friday night—8:15. Big cash prizes—\$300 jackpot." Another church had an auction sale in which professional men offered certain services to be auctioned off. The pastor got six haircuts. One bidder put down his money and got a tonsilectomy—and all of this in the name of religion!

Through the centuries the Church has resorted to all manner of schemes and stunts in its attempt to finance the work of God, and today is no exception. Every pastor is plagued with a constant barrage of suggestions and ideas for raising finances to meet his church's needs.

All of this is the result of a failure to recognize and subscribe to the Bibli-

cal plan for financing the program of God. God has left the Church a plan for the support of His all-important work, but she has largely failed to use it.

In the Old Testament economy a careful system was instituted to support the Levitical priesthood and the center of worship. Strict laws were established, calling for the payment of tithes and firstfruits. As long as the system was carefully adhered to, Israel prospered spiritually; but whenever corruption set in and the divinely-instituted plan was abandoned, Israel, in a corresponding measure, became spiritually bankrupt. See Malachi 3: 7-10.

While in the Old Testament God's program was financed on the basis of rigid law, in the New Testament era it is to be financed through divinely-established principles.

Principles mean little to some so-called religious leaders today, but Christianity is essentially a religion of principles. This is a day of many unprinci-

pled appeals by these unprincipled men, who, by every conceivable means, seek to enlarge their own treasure of earthly wealth at the expense of God's program and in the name of spiritual revival. Yet, if every Christian would give on the basis of Christian principle instead of on the basis of high-pressured appeal, the financial problems of the Church would be solved.

The Christian's relationship to what he has is one of *stewardship* and not of *ownership*. He is the steward of God's property, and as such has a serious responsibility. He is charged with managing the affairs of his Master. He has no right to squander his Master's money nor to do as he pleases with His property. It is required of him that he be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2), and he should be aware of the fact that one day he will have to give account of his stewardship.

2. *Debt Based on Service Received.*

When the plumber is called into the home to repair a leaky water line he renders a service. The home owner recognizes his debt for the services received and willingly pays the bill. The Christian, too, recognizes himself a debtor because of what has been done for him. See Romans 1:14.

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At Calvary, Christ rendered a service of inestimable value to humanity, and all who partake of the benefits of His redeeming work become debtors. While the Christian cannot possibly repay the Lord for what he has received, he is nonetheless indebted; and in recognition of his debt, he is besought to present his body as a living sacrifice for the purpose of getting the glorious gospel to all men. Involved in this is his wholehearted support of the Church's effort to reach the lost.

3. *Receiving Based on Giving.*

At first thought, this principle appears paradoxical, for how can one give and yet get? How can one impart that which he has and yet gain?

Here is reaping based on sowing. "But this I say, He which soweth

gain, but that he may have treasures laid up in heaven.

4. *Acceptability Based on Willingness.*

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Corinthians 8:12). Every child of God should know that God does not evaluate his offering on the basis of dollars and cents but on the basis of willingness. To Him the widow's mite, given willingly and gladly, is far more acceptable than the rich man's costly gift bestowed grudgingly. See 2 Corinthians 9:7. God does not expect the Christian to give what he is unable to give, but He desires him to give willingly according to his ability.

5. *Systematic Giving Based on Income.*

Both the Old and New Testaments teach systematic giving. In the Old Testament the plain injunction was, "And all the tithe, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree,

years has been over this very principle, the contention of labor being that the man who produces a certain commodity is worthy of a fair share of the earnings resulting from the sale thereof.

The Lord plainly set forth this principle when He said, "For the labourer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). Paul, too, sought to establish it when he wrote, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

The Christian is therefore under divine obligation to support his own church and pastor on the basis of their established worthiness. No one is worthy of the Christian's support until that Christian has first fulfilled his obligation to his own pastor and church. Though there be many appeals for apparently worthy causes, the Christian who responds to them, without first meeting his obligation to his home church, is actually failing God and hindering the cause of Christ.

William H. Danforth, Chairman of the Board for the Ralston Purina Company, has written an excellent little book entitled, *I Dare You*. In it he challenges men to dare to be better persons physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. Following his example, I dare you to adopt these six Biblical principles as an essential part of your Christian life; and I confidently assure you that if you will, your own spiritual life will be enriched and God will be pleased. ◀ ◀

### VICTORY OVER SIN

I know a man who in the weekly prayer meeting was always confessing the same sins. His prayer seldom varied. One day when he was praying he used this figure of speech: "O Lord, since we last gathered together, the cobwebs have come between us and Thee. Clear away the cobwebs that we may again see Thy face." Then a brother called out, "O God, kill the spider!"

You know very well that you may sweep cobwebs away, but if you leave spiders in the room you will have cobwebs again tomorrow morning. The best way to get rid of the cobwebs is to deal with the cause—to kill the spider. That is exactly what Jesus Christ did when He died on the Cross. He dealt not only with the effect, but also with the very cause of sinning.—E. L. Hamilton.

## THE BIBLICAL PLAN

sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). Here is increase based on investment. Sadly enough, there are those who for personal advantage have abused this principle at this point. They have promised material prosperity to those who would support their cause and have beguiled many a soul into bestowing substantial gifts, thinking they would in turn be richly endowed. But, in spite of this despicable deception, the principle of receiving based on giving stands. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul spoke of spiritual advantage based on consecrated giving. The church was commended for ministering to his needs in his missionary endeavor and was told that his desire was not that he might receive from them, but instead "that [fruit] may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17). He wanted the people to give for their own spiritual advantage and not for his personal advantage. The true Christian then should give, not for the sake of earthly

is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30). The New Testament principle is set forth in 1 Corinthians 16:2—"Upon the first day of the week [that is, systematically] let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him [according to his income]."

In the matter of church financing, God's will is that everyone share equally, according to his means. "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality" (2 Corinthians 8:13, 14). There is no more equitable way than the tithe system, and the church which diligently practices it will have no lack.

6. *Worthiness Based on Service Rendered.*

Even the secular world operates on this principle. Much of the conflict between labor and management in recent

# Pity the CHILDREN



**M**OST OF US HAVE SEEN PICTURES of children crying their little hearts out in the midst of the rubble of a war-torn land. Some of us have actually seen them. Bereft of their parents and alone in the world, they have moved us to unutterable pity. But memory has dimmed, pictures have faded, and we live in a land of plenty and untouched by war. Yet through the length and breadth of America a cry ascends to the throne of God: a cry of loneliness, of heartache, and despair.

It is the cry of a little girl in Philadelphia.

Debbie's parents have been divorced and remarried, and the little eight-year-old is brought into court before a number of strange faces while father and mother, who didn't love her enough

to stay together, wrangle for the custody of their daughter. Little Debbie must choose between two she loves. If an adult were faced with a decision of similar magnitude, he would want weeks to think it over, but she must decide in a matter of an hour or so.

What can a little girl do in such a setting? Evidently the judge looks kindly at her, and Debbie senses that she can speak freely to him. So, in a private audience with His Honor, she asks that her parents, their new mates, and she "all live together in one big house" because, she explained, "I love everybody." (What parents could learn from children!)

It is one thing to deal with hard-hearted parents but quite another to talk to a little girl. The judge swallows

a lump in his throat and tells her it isn't possible; she must choose between daddy and mother. After a long, sob-broken silence Debbie says, "Then I would like to live with my mother." The judge, relieved that this is over, takes her back to the court room. He decides that she is to stay with her mother, and her father may have her every other Saturday and Sunday. The adults leave the court room amicably, but with a broken-hearted little girl who says to the judge, "If it doesn't work out all right for everyone, I'll come back and have another talk with you."

It is the cry of a delinquent seventeen-year-old youth in Washington, D. C.

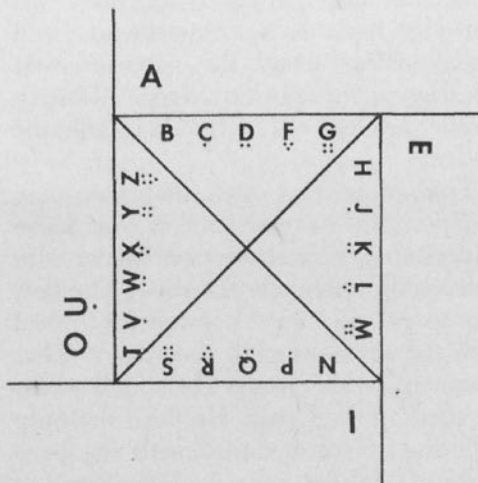
Standing in Juvenile Court he said, "Judge, do you know what it is—not to have a home? Can you realize what it means?" His voice broke. "I know I did wrong, but I never had anyone to teach me to do right. I was never any place where anyone wanted me."

The boy's parents had separated six years previously. At that time when the judge asked them what they wanted to do with their son, his father said, "Let his mother have him. I sure don't want him." But his mother was ill, and she was forced to put him in a home. Then he was committed to a correctional institution for printing fake draft

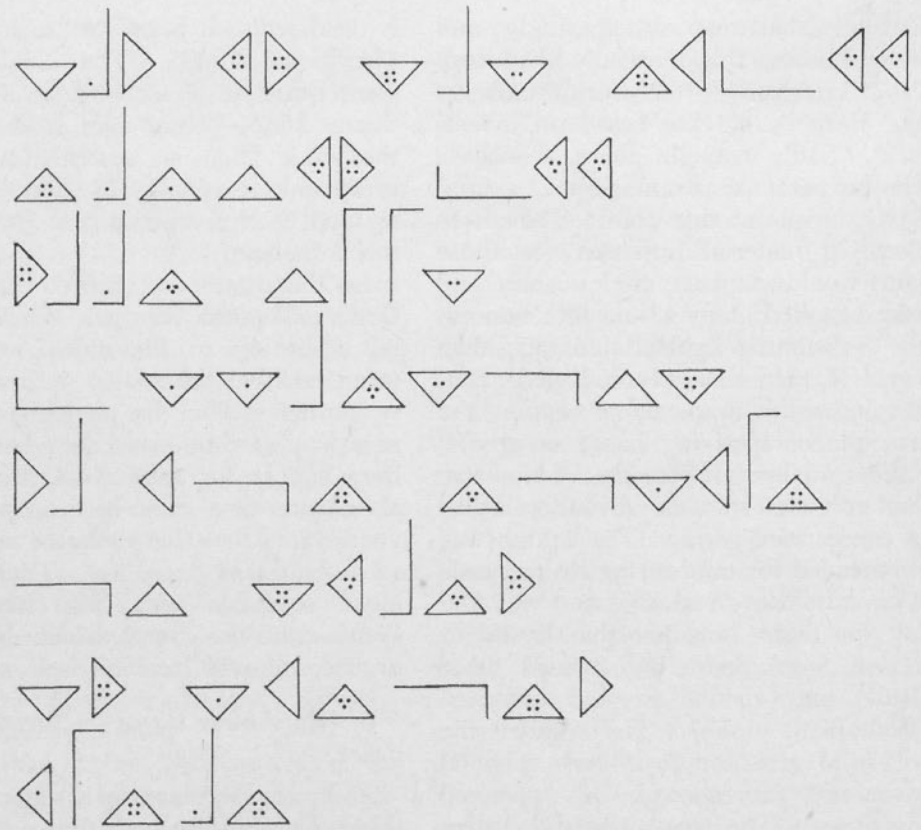
For the Junior Reader.

## CODE

Here is an important message for you, but it is in a special code. The key to the code is shown at the bottom. Find the letters of the words by positioning the figures in the message on the key. To help you get started, the first word in the message is "but."



## MESSAGE



To check your answer, look up *Philippians 4:19*



cards. And now, a relatively short time later, he was to be sentenced for stealing letters from the U.S. mail.

The judge agreed that the boy had a tough struggle, but he said, "You failed when you were given a chance. You will get another chance, but not until there is a sound basis for giving it to you." The defendant hung his head, remembering the cry which had been wrung from his eleven-year-old heart because his parents wouldn't give him a chance.

And it is the cry of 22-year-old Tommy in a mental institution.

When he comes in to see you, he carries one shoulder high and walks with a side-wise shuffle as if he's afraid you are going to hit him. He looks at you out of pleading, blue eyes and speaks so softly that his words are hardly distinguishable.

Neither of his parents have seen him for several years. The only one who seemed to care was his grandmother, but she died. When Tommy heard the news, he just couldn't accept it. He sat down and laboriously wrote: "Dear Grandma: It's been a long time since I saw you. When are you coming to see me? Please get me out of this place." Friends asked him later if he knew that his grandmother was dead when he wrote the note, and he said, "Yes." But there was a look (it seemed) of unbelief in his eyes, as if to say, "Why—how could the only one who cared be taken from me?"

Tommy had been reared by a step-mother who hated him. She had hit the poor little fellow over the head with brooms, frying pans, anything she could get her hands on. A cry had been wrung from Tommy's little four-year-old heart when his parents separated.

Yes, there's a cry in America ascending from more than 3,000,000 children who are separated from both parents, and from over 4,000,000 more who are living with one parent. A cry because parents have paid no heed to Him who said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). A cry because parents have broken their marriage vows—and the hearts of little children.

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish" (Matthew 18:10, 14). ◀◀

January 5, 1958



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, January 6

**Read:** Psalm 86

**Learn:** "Thou, O Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5).

**For the Parent:** From this psalm point out these characteristics of our God. He is (1) good, v. 5; (2) ready to forgive, v. 5; (3) plenteous in mercy, v. 5; (4) unique, v. 8; (5) able to do wondrous things, v. 10; (6) full of compassion, v. 15; (7) gracious, v. 15; (8) longsuffering, v. 15; (9) plenteous in truth, v. 15. What a wonderful God is our God!

**Question Time:** To whom is God plenteous in mercy? (v. 5) What is our responsibility if we ask God to teach us His way? (v. 11) What are some of God's characteristics? (See above)

## Tuesday, January 7

**Read:** Psalm 90

**Learn:** "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

**For the Parent:** This psalm is a prayer of Moses. From it point out that (1) God is our dwelling place, vv. 1-3 (2) because our time on earth is short we must use it wisely for the glory of God, vv. 4-12; (3) God will satisfy those who put their trust in Him, vv. 13-17.

**Question Time:** This psalm is the prayer of what man? (See above) What do you think is meant by calling the Lord "our dwelling place"? What important truth does verse 12 stress?

## Wednesday, January 8

**Read:** Psalm 91

**Learn:** "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Psalm 91:2).

**For the Parent:** This psalm is the familiar and wonderful description of God's protecting care over His children. From it point out how we can trust God in times of difficulty, believing God to keep us from harm. The important thing for us to remember is that we must dwell "in the secret place of the most High."

**Question Time:** How did Satan use verses 11, 12 to tempt Jesus? (Matt. 4:5-7) How can we claim the promise of verse 10? (v. 9) What is the theme of the psalm? (See above)

## Thursday, January 9

**Read:** Matthew 7:15-29

**Learn:** "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Obeying the Master Teacher" will be found on Sunday's Lesson Page.) From this lesson point out the importance of hearing the commandments of Jesus and then doing them. Stress: (1) beware of false teachings—we can know them by the fruit they produce; (2) hear and do God's will; (3) build your life with Christ as the foundation.

**Question Time:** What was the main difference between the two houses of which Jesus spoke, and what was the result? (vv. 24-27) What spiritual lesson does this suggest?

## Friday, January 10

**Read:** John 2:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God" (Luke 18:27).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of this, the first miracle of Jesus. Emphasize (1) the one recorded command of Mary, v. 5; (2) the obedience of the servants, even though they did not yet see the miracle, vv. 7, 8; (3) the miracle-working power of Jesus, vv. 9-11. Jesus is abundantly able to meet every need of our lives, and will even perform miracles to do it.

**Question Time:** What was the first recorded miracle of Jesus? (See above) What is the one commandment of Mary?

## Saturday, January 11

**Read:** 1 Kings 11:43; 12:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways" (Isaiah 55:9).

**For the Parent:** Have the group review the story of the foolish decision of Rehoboam and how it cost him a large part of his kingdom. In making decisions we must seek God's will and then follow it. God's ways are always the best ways. We may not always see all the reasons behind them, but we know that we will be happy if we follow them.

**Question Time:** What request did the people make of Rehoboam? (12:4) What answer did he give? (12:13-15)

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## OBEYING THE MASTER TEACHER

Sunday School Lesson for January 12, 1958

MATTHEW 7:15-29

This lesson is taken from a part of the familiar Sermon on the Mount. It stresses the importance of obedience to our Master: obedience by omission—avoiding those things which are evil; and obedience by action—doing those things which have been commanded by Christ.

### OBEEDIENCE BY OMISSION (vv. 15-23)

*Warning Against False Teachers.* Christ's admonition to "enter ye in at the strait gate" to eternal life is immediately followed by a warning against false prophets. Appearances can deceive, for things—and people—are not always what they seem to be. These false teachers come in sheep's clothing, looking as if they belong to God's family. But the external is not important here; the thing that matters is that inwardly they are "ravening wolves"—insincere, evil enemies of the sheep.

There is much that is false in the world of religion today. Almost invariably the sects and isms contain a certain amount of truth, just enough to make them appear plausible and reasonable. But as you value your soul's salvation, beware of them, for they seek to devour your spiritual life!

The Christian is not left to guess in the important matter of deciding what is false and what is true. Not only do we have the unerring guide of God's Word, we can also be warned by the fruit of the lives of these false teachers. Just as the fruit of a tree reveals the true nature of that tree, so the conduct (fruit) of an individual inevitably reveals his true moral state. We can evaluate the teaching of an individual, at least in part, by the conduct of that individual and his followers. This does not mean that the Christian should be suspicious and given to hasty judgments. We are warned in the first two verses of this chapter not to judge one another. But we can, and must, be aware that false teachings do exist. These can be exposed by the Word of God and by the fruit they bear.

*Warning Against Mere Profession.* Verse 21 indicates clearly that obedience involves much more than mouthing pious phrases. Saying "Lord, Lord" is right, but "doing" must be added to it. Obedience is not the grounds of our being accepted in Christ, but it is the test of it. Someone has said, "To call Christ our Lord, and yet not honor Him by our works, is to condemn ourselves." If we would enter the kingdom of heaven, we must do the will of the Father which is first that we accept Christ as Saviour, and then that we crown Him as Lord of our lives.

What a solemn warning is contained in verses 22, 23! It is possible to prophesy, to cast out devils, to do mighty works in the name of the Lord, and still hear Him say in judgment: "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." External manifestations should not be used as a gauge of spirituality, for God is more concerned

with what we are than what we can do for Him. We must also remember that with added blessings and gifts there is added responsibility. To receive great gifts from God and not use them rightly for God's glory will involve greater punishment.

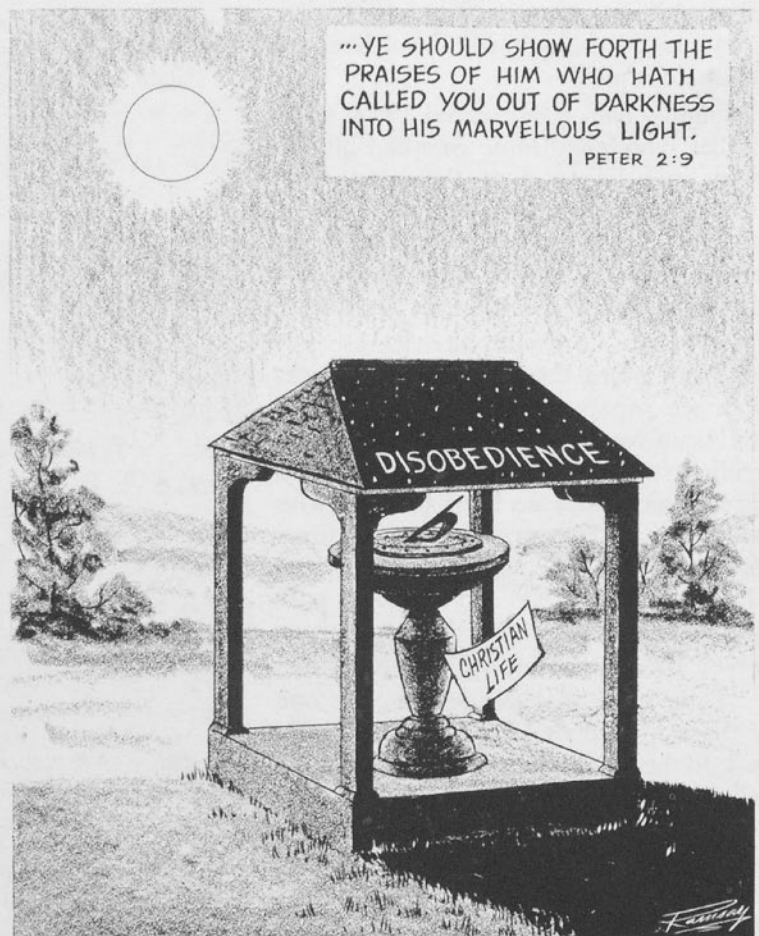
### OBEEDIENCE BY ACTION (vv. 24-29)

*Hearing and Doing.* Our obedience to Christ is more than the negative aspect of avoiding that which is evil. It includes doing that which is good. If we are true followers of the Master Teacher, we will demonstrate His teachings to the world by our everyday lives. We will not only hear what He says to us through His Word, through His Spirit, and through His servants; we will also do the thing He commands. Implicit obedience to Christ's commandments is necessary to our spiritual life and growth. James likened the forgetful hearer to a man who looks at himself in a mirror and then walks away forgetting what the mirror revealed. We dare not be forgetful hearers, for our spiritual lives are at stake.

*Building on a Rock.* Through what is now the familiar story of the contrast of two houses—one built on a rock and the other on the sand—Christ helps us see the advantages of obedience. Both of these houses were undoubtedly attractive and liveable. The difference, perhaps not apparent to the casual observer, was in the foundation. So it is with our lives. Only that which is built on the secure foundation of the Eternal Rock, Jesus Christ, will withstand life's storms. And the storms will come—rains from above, floods from below, winds from around us. But these storms cannot harm us when we, by our commitment to Christ and by our obedience—avoiding that which is evil and doing that which is right—are living testimonies to that commitment.

—Richard G. Champion

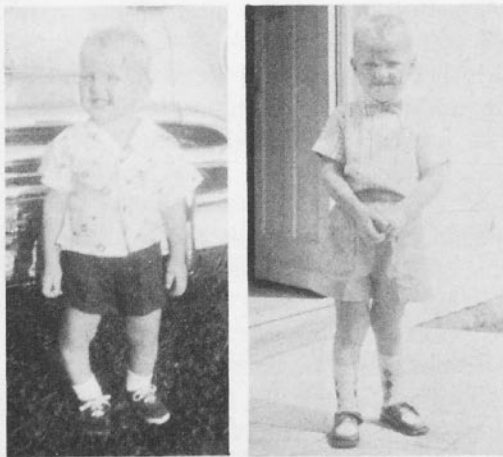
### REMOVE THE ROOF!



# Child's Legs Straightened

We praise God for the way He has blessed our youngest son, Frankie, during the last two years. At the age of three months he was in the hospital with gland trouble, and two months later he was back with the same thing. By the time he was sixteen months old he had been in the hospital four times. When he was eighteen months old he started walking, but his legs were very weak and he would fall every few steps.

We soon discovered that his legs, especially the right one, were getting very bowed, as you can see by the picture. Twice we took him back to the hospital for X rays. The second time the doctor told us that he had rickets and soft bones, and the muscle



Frankie (left) before he was healed, and then six months after God healed him

in his right leg was not developing properly. The doctor said the bone was so soft and crooked that it would have to be broken, set straight and put in a cast.

This was sad news indeed, and we began to seek God in earnest. One Sunday morning we asked our pastor, Allen W. Dean, to pray for our son, that God would straighten his legs. Brother Dean called the whole church to pray, and as the power of God fell we knew that God had heard us. There were no immediate or visible results, but we kept on trusting God, and soon we could see that God was performing a real miracle. The second picture was taken in August 1957, about six months after Frankie was prayed for, and shows his legs to be normal. He is strong and healthy in every way. We praise

God for His faithfulness and give Him all the glory.—Mr. and Mrs. William Maready, Willard, N. C.

*(Endorsed by Allen W. Dean, Pastor, Penderlea Assembly, Willard, N. C.)*

## Tonsillitis Healed

My tonsils had bothered me for some time. Every time I had a cold I was very sick and would have a high fever and chills. The doctor said that the tonsils would have to be removed. I asked my pastor and an evangelist to pray for me, and the Lord healed me. I've never been bothered any more with this condition, even though about one and a half years have elapsed since I was prayed for. I give all the glory to Jesus.—Mrs. Mildred Brown, 920 Dora Ave., Yuma, Ariz.

*(Endorsed by O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor, First Assembly, Yuma, Ariz.)*

## Healed of Crippling Arthritis

Ten years ago, when I lived in Arkansas, I became the victim of crippling arthritis. My feet became so swollen that it was impossible for me to wear shoes. When I tried to walk, my feet felt as if a knife were splitting them to shreds. I lost the use of my right arm and hand, and they hung limply by my side. Oh, the terrible pain and agony I suffered. It was impossible for me to stay in bed.

We didn't know what the trouble was, so my husband called the family doctor. He examined me and said I'd have to go to bed and stay. He gave me a shot to ease the pain. We hired a girl to take care of me.

About this time there was a fellowship meeting at the Assembly of which I was a member. My mother, now deceased, was at that meeting and asked some of the ministers and workers to come and pray for me. I was in much pain, my arm resting on a pillow. Oh, how happy I was to have someone who

cared enough to drive a half mile out of their way to pray for me.

As these Christians prayed, laying their hands on me and anointing me, I tried to raise my helpless arm. It pained me so we prayed on. I tried again and again. At length, in answer to our importunate praying, the pain went away. Up my arms went in praise and adoration to my wonderful Lord. "He hath done all things well." I arose from my bed, dressed, and sent the hired girl home. I have been doing my own housework ever since.—Della May Gullick, 3937 Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

*(Endorsed by Paul Brewer, Pastor, Paseo Assembly, Kansas City, Mo.)*

## Healed of Injuries

One clear November day, when we were crossing the Verta Gree River bridge in our car, a tire blew out. On the left side of the river there was a water-filled canyon, but the car headed for the opposite side. The car dropped 80 feet, overturned six times, and crashed into a tree. I crawled through the shattered windshield.

I was having difficulty breathing, because of the severe pains in my chest, and I was too weak to walk. I knew I was hurt badly but refused to be hospitalized, believing that God could deliver me. My pastor, James Cheshier, and other ministers prayed for me.

I couldn't turn myself for four weeks. Some member of my family had to stay with me day and night. I was a nervous wreck. Finally, at the request of friends and relatives, I allowed the doctor to examine me. He said: "Mrs. Bruce, you have been in a critical condition, but it seems you are improving rapidly. I'll have to say it took a Higher Power. It is a miracle!"

The doctor said I would never be able to drive a car or work at anything tedious, because my nerves would never take it. Thank God, I'm doing both. I care for several orphan children, ranging from two to fourteen years of age, and I take in delinquent teen-agers—what could be harder on the nerves?

I love to tell about the Saviour who healed this crushed body of mine. I have only a few scars of "remembrance." Praise God, I'm healed.—Mrs. S. E. Bruce, R. R. 6, Fayetteville, Ark.

*(Endorsed by James E. Cheshier, Pastor, Central Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark.)*



Elizabeth Montaya

# Indian Churches Helped by Prayer

BY ELVA JOHNSON

When Bonnie White and June Pearson began requesting prayer, on their monthly report blanks, for a pickup truck, we knew the need was real. Office workers in the Home Missions Department joined with others in prayer that the Lord would supply the need. Souls were at stake. These home missionaries, who minister to the Indians at Winslow, Arizona, had opened an outstation at Bird Springs, fifty-five miles out on the Navajo Reservation. The reservation roads were rough, and the old car the workers were driving was nearing the end of a long and useful missionary career.

But there were souls out there on the reservation, and the missionaries continued to go, and to pray that God would provide dependable transportation for them. Then God answered prayer. Here is their testimony:

"We are deeply grateful to God for laying this need upon the heart of a man in Oregon whom we have never met. We were almost at the point of

having to cancel our outstation work at Bird Springs because our car was unable to take the fifty-five miles of bad road that we have to travel to get there. This man paid the entire cost for us to get a good used truck.

"Now we are able not only to continue with our services at Bird Springs, but also to take an additional twenty to twenty-five people with us to the place of service.

"Because of one faithful servant of God we are now able to continue preaching the gospel in this otherwise forsaken area, and souls are being saved and stirred to walk with Jesus.

"The pickup has also been a great blessing to us here at the Mission in Winslow. It has become our Sunday School bus, and is also of much value in our building program.

"We feel sure that all those who faithfully stand by the missionaries in prayer and support will receive their portion of the reward for the harvest of souls. Without their help we could

not stay on and labor to win the lost."

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Rowena Chaves and Jewell Barnett, missionaries to the Hopi tribe in northern Arizona, have requested prayer a number of times for their work in Polacca village. In this village the Full Gospel is new, but hungry hearts have accepted the message. Many have been saved, and recently more than a dozen have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These workers write the following testimony:

"We have seen God answer many prayers this past year. It makes our hearts rejoice as we witness a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Hopi Indians in Polacca village, where we have been ministering for over a year.

"The first one to receive the Holy Spirit was Elizabeth Montaya, a very quiet teen-age girl who had been seeking God in every service. In a Sunday morning service one of our older ladies testified how God had healed her body. We heard someone speaking in tongues and worshipping God. When we looked, we saw that Elizabeth was being filled with the Holy Spirit. This started a Holy Ghost revival. Others began to seek God for the infilling, for the glory on Elizabeth's face made us all hungry for more of God.

"Cordelia, Elizabeth's mother, was the next one to receive. She said she saw the change in Elizabeth's life in her home and it created a hunger in her own heart to receive this blessing. She sought God at home while going about her duties, and at church every time an altar call was given she responded. One day she felt God's presence all day as she went about her



Missionaries Bonnie White and June Pearson beside their truck which was supplied as a direct answer to prayer



Some of the Hopi Christians who have recently received the baptism of the Holy Spirit

work. That night she dreamed she had received the Holy Spirit, and when she woke up she was speaking in other tongues. She told us that her work for that day was no job at all—she had so much joy she hardly knew when she cooked and washed the dishes. This was a wonderful testimony to the rest of her family.

“Then the revival fires were kindled in other hearts. One after another began to ask prayer that they too might receive this wonderful experience. God began to answer those cries, and now fourteen have been filled.

“They were not all filled at church. Geraldine La Capa, another teen-age girl who attends our church and is very attentive to the gospel, was very hungry. She, with some more of our Sunday School girls, was sitting out in front of her home. They were singing some songs and worshipping God. As they sang ‘When the Roll is Called Up Yonder,’ God filled Geraldine with the Spirit. She fell under His power, and some thought she had fainted. They carried her into the house and laid her upon the bed, and all the while she was speaking in other tongues.

“The next Sunday she, with other teen-age girls, gathered in the church, and there a number received the Spirit through Geraldine’s intercessory prayers. They had another night of prayer meeting and, altogether, eight teen-agers and six adults have received the Holy Spirit.

“All of them have a wonderful testimony of how they have been blessed and refreshed since they received this Pentecostal experience. We missionaries too can see and feel the change in every service as those who have been filled bring a real spirit of worship into the services. We thank God for Evangelist Elsie Watson from Mentone, California, who was a great blessing and help in praying with some of these people as they received the Pentecostal experience. She has a real burden for the American Indian people.”

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The “Home Missions Prayer Reminder” for 1958 is now off the press. As long as the supply lasts a copy will be sent free to anyone requesting it. Please address your request to

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# Prayer Transforms ALASKA NURSE

BY GEORGE GEESEY

It is a joy to share with prayer partners the wonderful news of the salvation of souls in our work here in Seward, Alaska. We have often said we can feel the strength of prayer, and we’ve found evidence again to prove the value of prayer and the fact that we are workers together in the harvest. It has been united prayer that has lifted the darkness and brought precious souls to Christ.

Two high-school girls have been saved recently and several other young people have made reconsecrations. We do praise God for these young people as they have proved of great value to our church. Their continued growth and spirituality is a real testimony to their unsaved families.

A young lady who works as a nurse at the local hospital has been saved and we would like you to read her testimony. She writes:

“I am Nellie Anderson and I was born in the small village of Sanak on the Aleutian Chain. When just a teenager I left the village for work and to further my education. Even though I was so young my life had been marred deeply by sin. Many were the heartaches I carried and my unrest grew as time went on. I had never heard of salvation or of the love of Jesus. This past year I met a Christian lady from the Assembly of God church. As we worked together I realized she had what I needed and was searching for. My unrest and despondency grew.

“I thought I could find happiness in drinking, but all I ever got in the end was sorrow and shame. I realized more and more these things could never satisfy, so I decided to attend the services and see if I could find the experience

my friend had told me about. As the sermon was being preached that night I realized my need of Jesus, and made up my mind to ask Him to save me. As I knelt at the altar I felt lost and alone, as if I was in a dark cave, shut off from all humanity. It is the worst feeling any one can have; but the moment Jesus cleansed me from all sin and made me whole I was lifted—yes, lifted from the dark and dreary cave into a new world where I walk with Jesus.

“Before my salvation I had been having such depression and dizzy spells, I made it miserable for the people I worked with and also the patients. I had been under a doctor’s care, but as soon as I was saved he told me I did not need his help any longer. Praise God, the Great Physician had already completed the work.

“Jesus has been with me and has seen me through trials. Only yesterday I received word of my brother’s accidental death through drowning out at the Sanak. I praise God for the comfort He has been to me at this time of sorrow. I also thank my Saviour for Brother and Sister Geesey. They have helped me in so many ways.

“My only desire is to serve my Saviour and tell others of Him.”

Only a living Christ could reveal Himself to any one to the extent of our sister’s experience. She has known the Lord only a short time, but her fellowship with the Saviour is real. She left for her village upon hearing the sad news of her brother’s death. She told us no one in her village knows about Jesus or salvation. We are praying many will accept her testimony, and find the joy of salvation and the comfort she has found. ◀ ◀



# Letters from the Revivaltime Mailbag



**E**ACH DAY AT REVIVALTIME HEAD-  
quarters is a miracle day. As the hun-  
dreds of letters come into the office  
and are opened, they witness to God's  
grace and blessing. Each letter is but  
a sign of God's working through the  
radio ministry. Let's look into the mail  
bag and read a few of the letters to-  
gether.

*LYON MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK:*

"As I listened to your evening serv-  
ice, during prayer time I was wonder-  
fully filled with the Holy Spirit. I am  
so thankful for your great work." Mrs.  
O. G.

*SWORDS CREEK, VA:*

"About two or three weeks ago I  
wrote you for prayer and was wonder-  
fully healed. All the pain left my body  
and I can now sleep and eat." Mrs.  
G.C.

*ROYAL OAK, MICH:*

"For years I had a skin allergy  
which the doctors could not cure. In  
listening to your broadcast one night,  
I did as you directed while you prayed  
for healing of bodies. I am happy to  
tell you God answered that prayer in  
my behalf, and I have not one sign of  
allergy today." A. D.

It is certainly wonderful to realize  
the things which God is doing. His  
blessing is flowing through the RE-  
VIVALTIME broadcast, and people every-  
where are receiving spiritual help as  
well as physical healing. Some of these  
towns we have never heard of before,

but it is really wonderful to know that  
radio is reaching into these smaller com-  
munities as well as the large metropol-  
itan areas. Let's read some more. . .

*NEW YORK, N. Y.:*

"I was tremendously impressed by  
the truth and the conviction which the  
words carried in the sermon, 'Besetting  
Sin.' At the end of the sermon I knelt  
and prayed for salvation. *Now I'm  
Saved.*" M. A. S.

*SOUTH FORK, CALIF.:*

"I am writing to thank you for your  
prayers and to let you know that God  
has heard and answered. I sent the  
name of my husband, asking your  
prayer group to pray that he would be  
delivered. He was a hopeless drunkard,  
but God began at once to take the  
desire of drink away. He was so  
completely delivered of it that, he now  
hates the very sight of liquor.

Before I sent in the request I had  
to slip around and listen to RE-  
VIVALTIME only when my husband did  
not know. Now I can turn on the  
radio and sit down and thank God for  
His workers and all is well. Words  
are too weak to express the love and  
faith I have in REVIVALTIME." Mrs. B.

*GLASGOW, SCOTLAND:*

"I listen to your broadcast every  
week. One night while you prayed for  
the sick and afflicted, I believed. I  
had skin trouble for almost five years.  
I had dermatitis even in my hair  
and could not go into a shop to buy  
a hat. You said to come around the  
radio, and I did so and raised my hand  
for healing. That night the itching  
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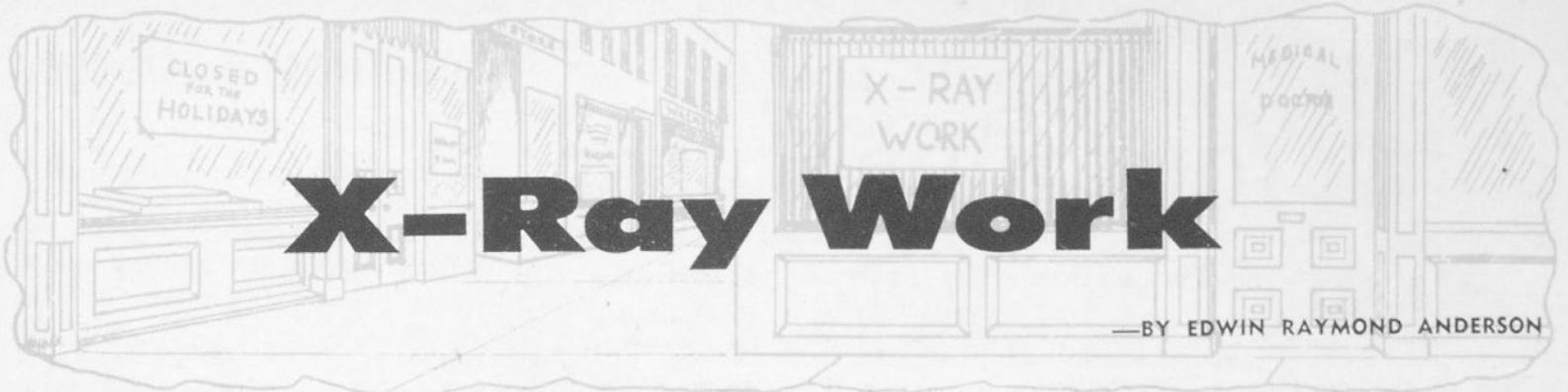
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—BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

WHenever I come to that street corner I look at the second floor of a building across the way to see the lettering on the sign in the third window, "Dr. Manning, X-Ray Work." It always reminds me of the afternoon when quite a different kind of "X-ray" machine was put into operation.

It was the afternoon when I met young Bert Palm, while I was waiting for the traffic light to change. Bert was a good fellow—and his goodness blinded him to the need of the grace of God. He simply felt that he was "good enough" without the Christ of whom I witnessed.

After the usual exchange of greetings I felt his light touch on my arm. "Don't look just now . . .," he murmured in a confidential tone, "but in a minute spot that fellow in the blue suit—the important-looking man carrying the big briefcase. I'll tell you about him when we cross the street."

At that moment the traffic light changed and our way was clear. I shot the glance. Yes, the chap was important-looking; probably he was a busy executive of a large company. "Did you spot him?" I nodded.

"You can never tell by what you see these days, and that fellow just reminded me of it again," my friend explained. We watched "Mr. Big" as he disappeared into the crowd on the street. "He's big all right, Ed—General Manager of the works over on Bishop Street, in fact. But I know him a lot better than most people. In fact . . .," and he dropped his voice to a whisper, "if I should tell what I know about him, he'd be in prison for a long time!"

Somewhere a clock struck the hour of three. Bert looked straight at me for my reaction to his announcement. For

a moment I really didn't know what to reply, and I sent a quick, emergency prayer upward for help. It was then that I felt led to look at that building, to the sign in the third window. The words "X-Ray Work" stood out like a signal.

"Well, Bert," I replied, "you must be some kind of X-ray machine to see that deeply. Have you ever thought of this? The Almighty is able to see and to penetrate the more deeply into the very insides of us, and knows all about the hidden things. And I wonder, I just wonder, what He must find in some of us. We must be pretty bad off in His sight."

He followed my eyes to the sign, but when his eyes returned to meet mine the thrill of his disclosure about the business executive seemed to have died away. He was silent for a while, then turned away rather abruptly. I was left alone, wondering whether I had said the right thing. But that sign up there! It seemed to have fitted in so well, just in the nick of time!

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I am back at that corner again—this time in my car as I return home from a wonderful service at the church. A young man tonight gave a ringing testimony that nothing is hidden from the eyes of the Lord, that everything is open to His sight. He said that he had become deeply convicted by that stinging truth; but added that, in spite of what He sees, the Lord still loves us and follows after us with the offer of great salvation.

That young man was Bert Palm, and he was now with me in the car. He nudged me as we stopped for the traffic light. In the stillness, broken only by the throbbing of the motor, we

found our eyes traveling to that third window and to the words "Dr. Manning, X-Ray Work" illuminated from the street lamp below.

There was a tear in his eye as we looked at each other. "I'll never forget that afternoon, Ed, when you called my attention to that sign. It never got away from me. It set me to serious thinking for the first time in my life."

He went on: "You know, we seem so good on the outside, but we ought to be troubled by what the Lord really knows about us. It sure troubled me until I finally turned and let Him take over from the inside and all the way through and through! I'll never regret that!"

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—John Ruskin



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Why did the dead body of Elisha bring to life a dead man who was cast into the place where he was buried? (2 Kings 13:20, 21).**

I know no answer other than that God wrought a miracle. It may have been a sign to the roving Moabites that they should not attack God's people, Israel.

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**A person has called on me who is a member of a religious organization which teaches that "the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more reward; for the memory of them is forgotten" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Will you please explain this verse.**

There is always danger in basing a doctrine on one verse without taking into consideration other scriptures on the same subject. This verse in Ecclesiastes is intended to represent the reasoning of man without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and it is recorded to show how futile is man's unguided reasoning. A reading of the whole Book will show you this.

This verse is one of a number of verses in the Old Testament which speak of death as closing the departed from contact with this life, but nowhere in the Bible is it said that the dead have no consciousness in the next world. Read 2 Corinthians 5, especially verse 8; also 2 Corinthians 12:1-5; and Philippians 1:22, 23, to learn what the Bible teaching is on this subject.

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**Why do we not see the dead raised up, since Jesus said, "The works that I do shall ye do also"?**

Elijah and Elisha each had one miracle of seeing the dead raised. In the Early Church Peter and Paul each had one such miracle. I do not recall that any of the other apostles or those of the Early Church raised the dead. In the ministry of Jesus three were raised from the dead—the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Nain, and Lazarus. Thus we learn that over many centuries very few were raised from the dead.

In our day there are those who say they were brought back from the dead. I have no reason to doubt this, but am not sure whether their testimony would stand the test of scientific investigation. Paul was very careful when recounting his experience at Lystra, when he was dragged out of the city as dead. He said, "Whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth" (2 Corinthians 12:3). One thing he did know, he was caught up in spirit into Paradise.

While we wish to see God move in wondrous ways, I think we must avoid straining for novel phenomena. That which is of paramount importance is consistent Christian living and guidance by God's holy Word, the Bible.

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**If children will be born to those who take the mark of the beast during the tribulation, what will happen to the children?**

The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him" (Ezekiel 18:20).

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**If a man maintains that he speaks in other tongues is it a sign that he is right with God, even though he smokes cigarettes, drinks beer, and so forth?**

The Bible says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." He who depends on spiritual manifestations rather than on Christian character is likely to deceive himself. "If ye live after the flesh ye shall die." Paul shows that if we live after the flesh we "shall not inherit the kingdom of God"; and I believe this means we will be lost (Galatians 5:16-21).

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

## Song from a Stranger

(Continued from page nine)

Her experience had been too terrifying. "My prowler!" she said at last. "The—the man from the mental hospital in Phoenix?" Now that she had actually said it, the words sounded ridiculous.

Steve tried to hide the smile. "I certainly hope not!" He dropped to one knee on the hard baked earth. "Did you honestly think I was?"

Karen dropped her gaze. "Well, I must admit that I didn't see how someone supposed to be insane could make such good sense about spiritual things!"

"I do know the man you mean, though. Hadn't you heard? He was taken this morning—found wandering about down on the highway."

Karen let the sigh burst from her lungs. Then the sound she had heard at the kitchen door had been made by one of those wretched "dustdevils!"

"Relieved?"

"Oh, yes, you can't know. He had been around for three evenings, and I've been alone at the ranch. No transportation and no telephone. I felt cut off from the world."

"I guess you would," he replied soberly. Then, "You said I was making good sense a while ago. Does that mean you aren't a Christian?"

Karen's dark eyes were a little sad. "Yes, but it also means my heart has been so hungry to hear what you said. I think it is wonderful the way all this came about so I could really hear the message of salvation."

She rose to her feet and they walked along together. "It's God's way," he said. ◀◀

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# Harden Not Your Heart

BY WINNIFRED HIGGINSON

IT IS NOT A COMMAND TO CRIMINALS, but a warning to the children of God: "Harden not your heart."

Heart-hardening is often unconsciously cultivated by lukewarm, procrastinating Christians, some controversy with the Spirit, or short circuit in the life of consecration.

The sun that melts wax will harden clay; the Word that illuminates and blesses the willing and obedient condemns the negligent; the repetition of rejected truth callouses the heart.

This age, with its avalanche of wonders, has left us thrill-proof; the spirit of wonder so necessary to a right appreciation of our spiritual heritage is largely lost. Thus we "despise the pleasant land" in the present lure of earthly pleasures or pursuits.

Soil becomes hardened by constant treading, so the continued hearing of truth may result only in whimsical fastidiousness or oratorical greediness, criticism, and comparison of preachers.

Hearing is truly of the heart, through the auditory nerves of obedience. To do "My will" is to "know the doctrine," and knowing never outruns doing very far.

The lessons taught by the Holy Spirit are graded. No learner is "crammed"; no truth is brought forward before its time or place. If necessary, the same lesson is presented again and again; but when the "finals" are over, the result of the examinations is Christlikeness.

Too great absorption in the news,

the home, the business, or letting the fulness of our interest run out in secular things will harden the heart. To delight merely in the intellectual or doctrinal side of religion, while the life fails to keep pace, will harden the heart; when we have more pleasure in hearing and knowing than in being and doing. Thus a person may give his life to religious work while his heart is closed to fellowship with God. There is a snare in striving after man-made standards and even church efficiency if thereby we lose the sincerity and simplicity which is the fruit of living unto God.

## FRAGRANCE

They say that once a piece of common clay

Such fragrance breathed, as from a garden blows;

"My secret is but this," they heard it say—

"I have been near the rose!"

And those there are who bear along with them,

The power with thoughts of Christ men's hearts to stir;

For having knelt to kiss HIS garment's hem,

THEIR garments smell of myrrh.

So grant, I pray Thee, Lord, that by Thy grace,

The fragrance of Thy life may dwell in me;

That as I move about from place to place,

Men's thoughts may turn to thee.

—F. J. Exley.

Judging others hardens the heart. It is remarkable how quickly a converted derelict may be transformed into a judge of the motives and actions of brethren far more gifted and mature in grace. The shouter may label the quiet man "dry," however disciplined and spiritual he may be; but the Spirit-taught will recognize the infinite unity in diversity which is the peculiar mark of Spirit-led believers. This inability to grasp the variety in the Spirit's administration has been the cause of much misunderstanding and division. It is a great lesson to be subdued into God, and leave to Him those we cannot understand. With the Spirit ungrieved, and the subject unharmed by creature judgments, God is left free to work in His own time.

Unbelief hardens the heart. God loves to be trusted. Faith is nourished, not by considering our weak spots, but by steadfastly beholding the faithful One. Put the responsibility on Jesus; expect all from God, nothing from self. We have nothing, are nothing, can do nothing but as God gives grace; but He has promised to "make all grace abound" toward us, and "to save unto the uttermost."

Our anchor is "within the veil," and unless we pull on the rope of prayer we shall not sense that the anchor holds. O doubting, struggling heart, the God of creation has sworn by Himself, that we might thereby have strong consolation who have fled to Him for refuge.

—Alliance Weekly



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **FLIPPIN, ARK.**—The church here was greatly blessed and challenged by the anointed ministry of Evangelist Ray Wischart. In spite of a flu epidemic that prevailed in the community, the attendance held up very well.

—James Wischart, Pastor

► **COMMERCE, OKLA.**—In a recent revival meeting here with Evangelist E. C. Briggs of Fort Worth, Tex., there were 25 who testified to salvation. Brother and Sister Briggs were a blessing to the entire church.

—Elmo Beaver, Pastor

► **OZARK, ALA.**—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. Seven were saved, and six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were several healed, and the church was blessed and built up in the faith.

—T. A. Williams, Pastor

► **SIOUX CITY, IOWA**—Central Assembly has recently enjoyed a four-week revival with Evangelist Peggy Sones of Lucas, Iowa, and her helper, Miss Frances Hurst of Boone, Iowa. Five were at the altar for salvation, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many received an experience of refilling. The church was immeasurably benefited by the anointed ministry of these workers.

—John Neese, Pastor

► **WICHITA, KANSAS.**—The Central Assembly of God is thanking the Lord for the recent Prayer Revival under the leadership of Evangelist Zelma Argue. Services for intercession and for tarrying were held daily at 10 a.m. as well as each evening. On Sunday afternoons a 4 p.m. service for tarrying and intercession would often continue right on until the evening service. That service was especially for those who could not attend during the week. It was called the "Prayer Mountain" service. Strong intercessions gripped the praying people, and all rejoice in the conversions and baptisms in the Holy Spirit throughout the meetings as well as for the spiritual enrichment experienced by the church.

—J. Boyd Wolverson, Pastor

► **KADOKA, S. DAK.**—A new Assembly of God church was started in this city as a result of four weeks of tent meetings which concluded on October 4. The evangelists were Peter Dahlberg of Hot Springs, S. Dak. and Harry Heidt of Wagner, S. Dak. During the meetings six decisions were made for Christ. Several new families were reached through the endeavor. Following the meetings a congregational meeting was held, at which five families were represented. The meetings are now being held in the American Legion Hall with

continued interest. An agreement has been reached for the purchase of a lot facing U. S. Highway 16. Enough funds have been raised to pay for half of this property. It is hoped that a new church building will be erected next spring.

—F. W. Beckstrand, Pastor

► **DENVER CITY, TEX.**—The church here recently concluded a revival meeting with Evangelist L. C. Eldridge of California. The meetings were well attended; there were visitors present at every service. A number of people were saved or reclaimed. Several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, including one lady from another denomination. The church was stirred to a greater seeking after God.

—J. Milton Tucker, Pastor

► **COMPTON, CALIF.**—Trinity Temple recently enjoyed a glorious three-week revival campaign with Evangelist Watson Argue. The attendance was the largest in any campaign in recent years. Right from the beginning the Lord's presence was felt in an unusual way, and four were baptized in the Holy Spirit on Sunday morning. At least 49 came forward for salvation, assurance, or to be reclaimed. On the last Sunday Brother Argue asked those that anticipated joining the church to raise their hands, and 30 responded.

—Paul C. Schoch, Pastor

► **GARLAND, TEX.**—Evangelist Paul Emerson and Walter Robbins of Jacksonville, Tex. recently concluded a very good revival in the Bethany Assembly here. The interest was very good, and the meetings continued for three weeks. A number were saved, and God marvelously healed the sick. One lady was healed of severe heart trouble. God certainly blessed the church. The musical talent, special singing, and dynamic preaching of these young men was enjoyed by all.

—W. A. Edwards, Pastor

► **RICE LAKE, WIS.**—The congregation of the Gospel Tabernacle is rejoicing in a glorious outpouring of God's blessing. In a recent revival effort with Evangelist Lonnie L. Osborn and family of Tulsa, Okla., some 28 souls accepted the Saviour, and the same number were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many were healed of divers sicknesses, and the entire church was greatly revived. In the five weeks of revival the Sunday School went from 157 to 225. God continues to bless, and in nearly every service someone is saved or filled with the Spirit. Following the campaign the church had a four-day missionary Convention at which time hearts were stirred to give to missions. The missionary pledging for 1958 more than doubled that of 1957.

—R. A. Doorn, Pastor

► **HAWTHORNE, NEV.**—For 18 days Evangelist and Mrs. A. L. Wyrick ("The Singing Wyricks") conducted meetings at the First Assembly here. Sixteen or more knelt at the altar for salvation. Over 100 new people came to the church for the very first time. There were many outstanding healings as the evangelist prayed for the sick and the Lord confirmed His Word. The Sunday School attendance increased each week of the campaign.

—Charles W. Shaw, Pastor

► **SEAGRAVES, TEX.**—The congregation of the First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Christians were greatly stirred under the powerful ministry of Brother Eldridge. He kindled a new joy in hearts as he strongly emphasized the Word of God.

—W. C. Wade, Pastor

► **POPLAR, CALIF.**—Evangelists Claudell Wren and Ethel Herring of Santa Paula, Calif. recently conducted two and one-half weeks of revival here. The power of God was present each night to meet the need of the people. Backsliders came back to God and there were several wonderful healings. A lady deaf in one ear received healing, and a man was healed of a heart attack one night. The Sunday School attendance climbed to new heights, and the church was built up spiritually.

—N. L. Locke, Pastor

► **MIDLOTHIAN, TEX.**—The congregation here greatly enjoyed the recent ministry of Evangelist Elmer C. Andrews of Waxahachie, Tex. Night after night, souls were stirred by the well-rounded preaching from the Word of God. Hearts were challenged and thrilled as the anointed messages pointed up the fullness of the gospel and emphasized the coming of the Lord. Only eternity will reveal the fruitfulness of this series of meetings.

—Martha Reed and Geneva L. Hine, Pastors

► **ABBOTSFORD, B.C., CANADA**—Evangelists Paul and Dorothy Olson of Minneapolis recently conducted a three-week crusade in the new Pentecostal Tabernacle here. Many sought salvation and deliverance, and quite a number were filled with the Spirit. There was rejoicing on the closing night of the campaign when 17 followed the Lord in water baptism. Sister Olson's music on the Hammond organ and electric piano, and the splendid vocal talent of the two of them, helped in attracting great crowds. During the meetings backsliders came back to the Lord, and many of the sick that were prayed for are still testifying of the Lord's healing work in their bodies.

—J. W. Ruthven, Pastor

## WITH CHRIST

► **EAST BREWTON, ALA.**—A number were saved, and the church here was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching of Evangelist O. B. Hunnicut of Panama City, Fla.  
—*Rudet Adkinson, Pastor*

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—Evangelist L. B. "Bill" Lewis of Pomona, Calif. recently conducted two weeks of meetings in the Niles Assembly of God. The church was greatly edified by his ministry, and the Sunday School hit a new high of 306. Several were saved, both children and adults, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Quite a number of healings were reported.  
—*Ernest L. Friend, Pastor*

► **BETHALTO, ILL.**—The church here was greatly blessed by the rich ministry of Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. Several souls were saved, including five adults who had never been in the church before.  
—*A. H. Ferguson, Pastor*

► **DUBLIN, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God recently enjoyed seven nights of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. William Jackson of Warsaw, Mo. The church was uplifted spiritually by the wonderful singing and preaching of the Word.  
—*Coyce Pollard, Pastor*

► **AMARILLO, TEX.**—The San Jacinto Assembly of God just closed a three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. Twelve came forward for salvation, and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit. A goodly number were healed. Among those saved and filled were Baptists and Catholics. They united with the church on the last Sunday of the revival. This has been the greatest revival the church has witnessed since its founding four years ago. For the past year the Sunday School has averaged over 100.  
—*J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor*

► **SPARTANBURG, S. C.**—The First Assembly of God has just closed one of the greatest revivals in its history. A goodly number were saved, and at least 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was stirred, and people who had not been refilled with the Spirit for years were wonderfully refilled in the meetings. The evangelists were Byron Wright and Paul Myers of Dayton, Ky. They worked untiringly in the promotion of all phases of the church. The Sunday School broke all attendance records, with 361 the closing Sunday. This record was established in spite of a flu epidemic and unfavorable weather. The young people were especially stirred and set on fire for God.  
—*K. L. Claycomb, Pastor*

► **CLEVELAND, TEX.**—Laurell Akers, District C. A. President for South Texas, recently conducted a very successful one-week revival at the First Assembly here. Six were saved and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. Among those saved was a 54-year-old unchurched man who had been one of the vilest men in the city. It was an outstanding conversion. He came to Sunday School for the first time in 32 years. Christians who have been holding on in prayer for the salvation of their loved ones have been greatly encouraged by this miracle of grace. Crowds were large in spite of the

flu. There were several outstanding healings. One lady testified that she was healed of an affliction so severe that she had no rest night or day. She was also delivered of a nervous condition. The special music of Brother Akers was a great blessing. The entire congregation was blessed through his anointed ministry.  
—*Harlen J. Pate, Pastor*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AREA-WIDE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP**—Jan 27-31 at Faith Tabernacle, 1110 N. W. 2nd St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Speakers: Zella Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Keener, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denton, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Johnson, and Mina Arnold Young. (S. J. Scott is Chairman.)

**ANNUAL WORLD EVANGELIZATION CONVENTION**—Jan. 5-26 at Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo. Speakers and musical groups are: Willard Cantelon, Al Garr, Elvis Davis, Marrles Moore, Paul Bruton, Joe Uhrig, Fred Jarvis, Nelson Hinman, R. G. LeTourneau, Mark Hatfield, Lester Sumrall, Morris Williams, David Kensing, Charles Greenaway, Fague Springman, Bob Daniels, Jubilee Singers and Harmony Makers.—by Charles E. Blair, Pastor.

**HUGAL A. WALLACE**, 53, Bakersfield, Calif., died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage on November 29, 1957. Brother Wallace was ordained in 1940 and had pastored the Bethel Assembly of God in Bakersfield since July, 1950.

**MRS. AMELIA C. CLOSE**, 59, Lynden, Wash. went to be with the Lord Oct. 24, 1957. Sister Close was ordained in 1940. She labored as pastor and assistant pastor for a number of years.

**JAMES W. HARDY**, Tulsa, Okla. went to his heavenly reward November 4, 1957. Brother Hardy was ordained in 1945. He worked as pastor and evangelist, but has been inactive for several years because of ill health.

**WILLIAM MOSS**, 66, Mineral Point, Mo. went to his eternal home October 26, 1957. Brother Moss pastored churches in Frankclay, Mineral Point, and Brimson, Mo. He was ordained in 1953.

**PETER C. TACKER**, 80, Turlock, Calif. was called home to be with the Lord November 25, 1957. Brother Tacker pastored several churches in California before his retirement. He was ordained in 1926.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Elba	First	Jan. 5-19	C. E. Simms & wife	W. A. Thomas
Ark.	Willmar	A of G	Jan. 4-18	J. L. Swaggart	Gerald Lewis
Calif.	Cloverdale	A of G	Jan. 12—	Richard Jeffers	J. L. Jeffrey
	Fontana	First	Dec. 29—	Bird H. Campbell	Hiram Brooks
	Paso Robles	A of G	Jan. 14-26	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Paul R. Keeth
	San Diego	First	Jan. 5-19	Jerry Fry & wife	Elton Hill
Colo.	Eads	A of G	Dec. 31—	E. Dwayne Madsen	Edwin P. Lack
Fla.	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Jan. 15-26	Watters Gospel Team	J. Bashford Bishop
	Vero Beach	First	Jan. 5—	J. E. Douglass & wife	Franklin Taylor
Ga.	Moultrie	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	L. G. Gilstrap	R. B. Palmer
Ill.	Pawnee	A of G	Jan. 5-19	Musical Vanns	M. C. Johnson
	Quincy	Bethel	Jan. 13—	Helen Cox-Mabel Brown	Harley Smith
Kans.	Dighton	A of G	Jan. 5—	Moses Copeland	Lavern Pember
	Lawrence	A of G	Jan. 1-12	Christian Hild	J. J. Krimmer
La.	Bossier City	First	Jan. 5-19	George Hayes	Lee Duhon
Mich.	Winnfield	A of G	Jan. 12—	Charles Reed	E. D. Roach
	Muskegon	Central	Jan. 12-26	Quanabush Team	Robert A. Rieben
Minn.	Thief River Falls	A of G Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Paul Sandgren	Robert M. Abbott
Miss.	Ocean Springs	Latimer	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Jim Anderson & wife	Travis Freeman
	Pascagoula	First	Jan. 13-26	H. Syvelle Phillips	G. L. McKinney
Mo.	Boonville	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	R. W. Hastie & wife	R. D. Hastie
N. Y.	Kansas City	Sheffield	Dec. 29—	Richard E. Jeffrey	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Salamanoa	A of G	Jan. 14-26	Eddie Lowmaster	Don Bennett
Ohio	Van Wert	A of G	Jan. 14—	Paul Clark & wife	Delbert Miller
Okla.	Elk City	A of G	Jan. 5—	Charles L. Ogdon	G. A. Brannan
	El Reno	A of G	Jan. 12-26	E. C. Lagmay	Ross S. Gentry
Va.	Henryetta	First	Jan. 12-26	Wayne Brashear & wife	H. A. Strange
	Weleetka	*A of G	Jan. 6-12	N. B. Rayburn	Palmer Bridge
Pa.	Wewoka	A of G	Jan. 5-19	Hildreth Ethridge	R. S. Strange
	Daisytown	Walkertown	Jan. 8—	Leon Morrow	Clifford Yates
Tenn.	Bristol	Glad Tidings	Jan. 8—	S. Clyde Bailey	Donald N. Cooke
Tex.	Ballinger	First	Jan. 5-19	E. R. Burden	Bob Galliher
	El Paso	First	Jan. 5-19	Velmer Gardner Party	Wm. F. Hageman
	Ft. Worth	Victory	Jan. 5—	B. P. Carroll	T. F. Shultz
	Tulia	A of G	Jan. 5—	Singing Wyricks	D. W. Calcote
Va.	Brodnax	A of G	Jan. 8-26	Alvin Kyle & wife	Marvin Boyce
Wash.	Tacoma	Evangelistic Tab.	Jan. 5—	Kroeze Brothers	Don R. Rogne
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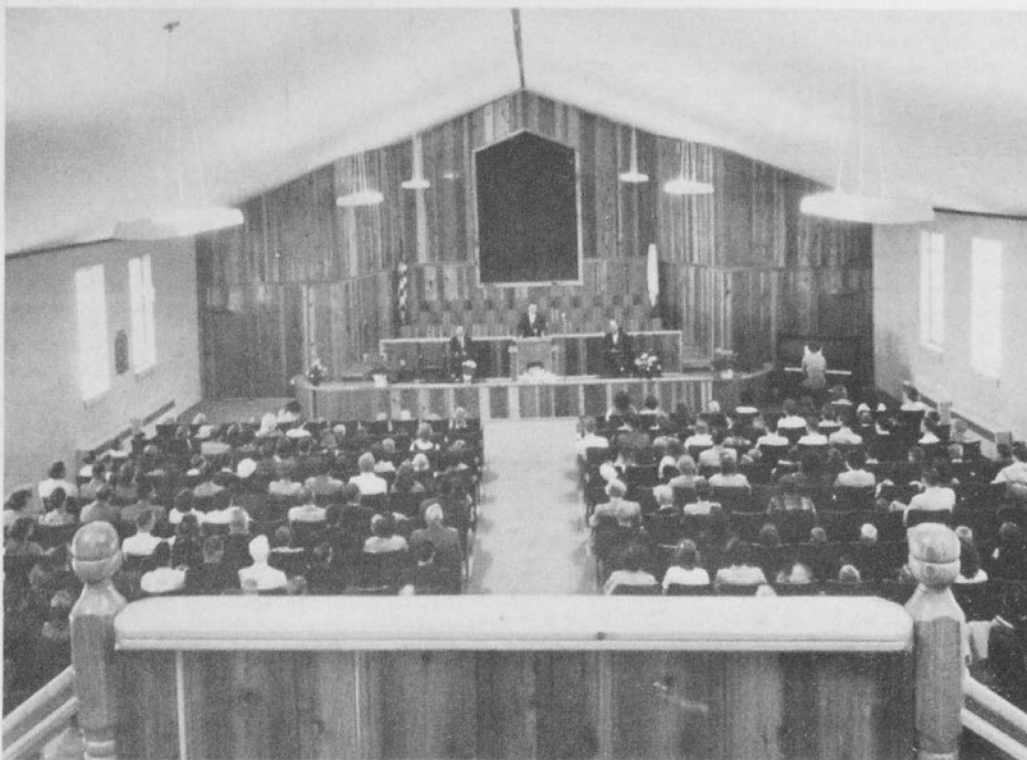
before the God of Daniel. What a revival!

David exclaimed, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray," and he led his nation to a victory in God that has been studied by all succeeding generations.

Jesus took the nearest and dearest of His own inner circle to Gethsemane, then said to them, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." Thus He was sustained for the Cross.

Paul—of whom it is written, "Behold, he prayeth," and "three days [he] . . . neither did eat, nor drink"—entreated, "Pray without ceasing." He told the Thessalonians, "We pray always for you." He exhorted, "I will therefore that men pray every where." And what spiritual awakenings followed his labors wherever he journeyed!

God could easily bypass us, if He found a people more prone to be upon their faces before His majesty in prayer and supplication. But if our cries ascend to the throne of God, once again the record will be as of old, "I have surely seen . . . and have heard . . . I know . . . and I am come down." The ambush will take the city, and His name will be greatly glorified. ◀◀



## New Assembly in Adrian, Michigan

This picture of the interior of the new Bethany Assembly of God in Adrian, Michigan, was taken on the closing Sunday of a revival campaign with Evangelist Donald Skaggs. The meetings were greatly blessed of God. Souls were gloriously saved, many were healed, and two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Standing at the pulpit in the picture is the pastor, Arthur G. Clay. Seated on the platform are the Sunday School Superintendent and the evangelist.

The \$70,000 building is constructed of blonde scratch-faced tile. It is a two-story structure, 50'x90', located on a 2½-acre site on the main highway. The main auditorium, with the balcony, will seat 400.

The Assembly was founded thirteen years ago by Leonora B. Annabel, an Assemblies of God minister who is now retired. From a humble beginning in a store building the congregation has had to move four times due to its rapid growth. Under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Clay construction of this new building began in 1955. In September 1956 the first service was held in the church, and last March the building was dedicated by the District Superintendent.

The Sunday School has increased approximately 100 since the move into the new church.

## The Ambush Takes the City

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saved in the party's hotel about 3:30 one morning. An Olympic runner was converted soon afterward. Then a prominent underworld character and others received Christ.

The senior Mr. Hearst telephoned his Los Angeles newspaper office, from his ranch near San Luis Obispo, giving

instructions that the meeting be played up. Every night we would hurry to secure the *Los Angeles Examiner*, knowing that, on the first page of the second section we would find a huge report of the campaign, in picture and story. The tent, formerly so cold and empty-looking, now overflowed with onlookers who stood outside in rows.

Daniel prayed three times a day, and the great monarch who had consigned him to the den of lions became "sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him." He did not succeed, though Daniel's own God did, but he was quick to issue a decree to "all people, nations, and languages" that men tremble and fear

# Child Healed of Heart Trouble

When I was nine years old I awoke one day in a hospital bed, having no idea where I was or how I got there. This was in February 1952. I had been in bed, recovering from the flu, and got up to eat a few bites of lunch. In just a few minutes I was unconscious, having convulsions. My parents called our pastor, and he and our evangelist came and prayed. The convulsions continued, and the doctor was called.

I was taken to the hospital, still having convulsions. On Sunday evening, when my mother asked the doctor what chance I had, he shook his head and told her that I was very weak and didn't have much resistance, because my temperature wouldn't come up. The doctor told our pastor that my heart was enlarged also.

My pastor went to the church and called the people to prayer. God wonderfully touched me, and for the first time the convulsions stopped and my temperature became normal. When the doctor came in to see me that night he was amazed at the improvement. I was unconscious until Tuesday and went home from the hospital on Wednesday.

Prior to this I had been in ill health for three years. But after the church had prayed for me I steadily improved, and I'm in good health today. My heart is normal. I am fourteen years old and a freshman in Yuma Union High School. I know God is my Healer. —Donna Smith, Yuma, Ariz.

(Endorsed by O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Yuma, Ariz.)



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Not what these hands have done  
Can save this guilty soul;  
Not what this toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.

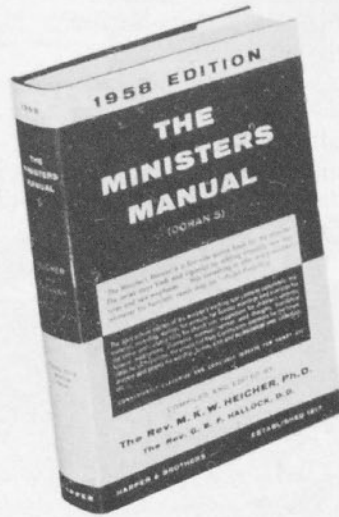
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers, my sighs, my tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.

—Author Unknown



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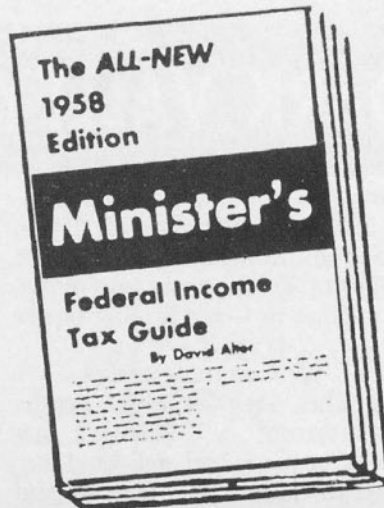


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## to the editor



### Enjoys "Christian Home" Feature

It has been my intention for quite a while to write and express my high regard for the *Evangel*. I am a very busy housewife and mother of two small boys, and it is an occupation that leaves little time for writing letters of appreciation, but I must take time to tell you how very much the *Evangel* has meant to me.

Many times, as I take time for a 'coffee break,' I'll pick up my *Evangel* and read an article, and feel so much closer drawn to our Saviour, or else I'll feel I have received new understanding for a problem.

I really have been helped a lot of times by the 'Christian Home' section. Along with my Bible, I find the *Evangel* to be the most inspirational publication I know of. I read it from cover to cover every week.

MRS. BOB E. DEMETER  
Sanger, California

### A Letter from New Zealand

The Lord has moved with wonderful power in our home here in Auckland. We were saved in 1953 and the Lord has been very gracious to us. We have all been healed of serious complaints and been delivered from the most serious circumstances that threatened to destroy our lives.

I am a postman and one day a lady asked me if I was a Christian. I told her I was, by God's grace. It was then she handed me a few copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. My wife and I were thrilled to get them. We decided to write and arrange to receive them from you regularly.

E. W. MCGONAGLE  
Auckland, New Zealand

### "Inasmuch. . ."

I am a prisoner at a road camp and I look forward to two treats each week—the church service on Sunday afternoon and my weekly copy of the *Evangel*. The services are provided by groups from Assemblies of God churches in Fontana, Rialty, and San Bernardino. Each group takes its turn in bringing the gospel to men who have never known Him or are backslidden.

I am glad I came to this place. Here I was given a chance: time to think, time to listen to the Spirit's call, and an opportunity to worship with the kind of people I love—Spirit-filled Assemblies of God people. One lady in particular has been a great blessing to us—Mrs. Bob Gerhardt of the Fontana Assembly. This is the thirteenth year Mrs. Gerhardt has been coming to this prison camp bringing the message of Christ's love. Her heart is burdened with the plight of unsaved souls and she has shown many the way to Jesus. Month after month, year after year,

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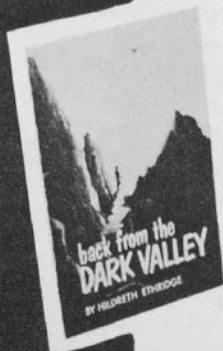
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Mrs. Gerhardt has continued in this gospel work with complete disregard for her own ill health and personal expense. Surely the Lord will say to her, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

NAME WITHHELD  
Etiwanda, Calif.

#### A Blind Man's Burden

A little blind man walked into my study this morning with a desire to do something for God. He wants to see a new gospel work opened in Coleman, Michigan, where he has many unsaved relatives and friends.

God had laid such a burden upon his heart that this precious blind man, with a white cane, gave me the names of ten different families in that town, and handed over twenty-five dollars to pay for a year's subscription to *The Pentecostal Evangel* for each one. He was inspired to do this by a recent Revivaltime broadcast.

He also said, "Ask Brother Ward to remember me in prayer, that if it be God's will my eyes might be healed." I prayed with this dear saint of God. Be sure to remember him in your prayers, won't you?

THEODORE E. NESS, PASTOR  
Berea Tabernacle  
Detroit, Michigan

#### Gives Better Understanding of Bible

I have been reading the *EVANGEL*, and I must say that I have a much better understanding of the Bible than before I began reading them. The magazine themselves are better than a year old, but the articles are still new.

CHARLES GATER  
Maryland State Reformatory  
Hagerstown, Md.

#### Did the Satellites Just "Happen"?

I noticed your article about the atheist who said that the Russian-made "sputnik" was not broadcasting any discovery of God in the heavens. He said that "this great scientific achievement" (the man-made satellites) "should prove to be a day of mental emancipation for all religionists from their superstitious beliefs." I still believe "the heavens declare the glory of God" while the fool declares in his heart "there is no God" (Psalms 19 and 14).

But suppose, for the sake of argument, I say I do not believe that Russian scientists made these "sputniks" and put them up in space. In fact, I do not think there was any intelligent mind responsible for these earth satellites. They just happened to be there—by chance! Suppose I theorize that it took a long, long time for the "sputniks" to evolve—oh, say, millions of years!

The atheists would say any man holding such a view would be a fool indeed and in need of "mental emancipation." How much more foolish is the man who believes there is no intelligent and mighty Creator who made the planets and placed them in their orbits!

The Bible says, "God created the heaven and the earth. . . . He made the stars also" (Gen. 1:1, 16). That explanation satisfies me.

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