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

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Before the blossoming of spring  
 Lies winter, bleak and cold;  
 There must be stormy clouds and rain  
 Before the buds unfold!

There must be showers in the sky  
 Before the rainbows glow;  
 There must be pruning of the vines  
 Before much fruit will grow.

Through death comes life, through  
 loss comes gain,  
 Then trust, rejoice and sing;  
 And labor on—ahead there lies,  
 With Christ, eternal Spring!

—Marie L. Olson



# Facing the Enemy

A very significant article appears on the opposite page. It is significant not only for its message but also for its authorship. Kenneth de Courcy, who wrote it, is not a minister but a well-informed journalist. As editor of *Intelligence Digest* he specializes in reporting international affairs, and his magazine is read by a select number of influential people throughout the English-speaking world. He warns that Russian military might and scientific progress threaten Christian civilization with total destruction, and says that only a spiritual awakening can save it.

Mr. de Courcy fears that the West is not fully aware of the peril. He knows that any nation that underestimates the power of a potential enemy is headed for defeat; therefore he is alarmed.

Can we not apply this thought to our spiritual lives? We have an enemy who hates us—one who will use every available means to ruin us forever and send us to hell. He is at war with God. He fights God's church, but operates in a stealthy "under cover" style that throws some Christians off their guard. We need to awake to the danger and realize that Satan is an enemy to be feared, whether he poses as an "angel of light" or goes about "as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." The Bible calls us to "be sober, be vigilant," and to resist the enemy with steadfast faith. It tells us we are at war. We need to realize that fact and act as soldiers of the Cross.

What kind of soldiers will we be? Shall we lounge about and indulge our whims, like soldiers on a perpetual furlough, or will we face the enemy and fight beside the Captain of our salvation? We cannot offer weakness as an excuse. God can make the weakest strong—and He calls every one of His people to enter into the battle against sin.

The apostle Paul sounds the battlecry—"Be strong, not in yourselves but in the Lord." Then he points to the various parts of a Roman soldier's armour and says, "Put on the *whole* armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Every piece of armour that he describes in Ephesus 6 is needed—the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel shoes, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

It is a spiritual warfare; therefore we need these spiritual weapons. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities. . . ." Or, as Phillips translates it, "Our fight is not against any physical enemy; it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil."

Don't underestimate your enemy. He is great in power, but He that is within you is much greater. Face the foe in faith, not in fear, using all the armour He offers you. Battle against every sin in Christ's mighty name, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance." He that fights to the end shall surely see the glorious salvation of the Lord.

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# WORLD CRISIS

WITH THE RISE OF RUSSIA, THE FREE WORLD FACES  
A THREAT UNPARALLELED IN ALL HISTORY.  
THE ONLY ANSWER IS SUDDEN DIVINE INTERVENTION.

By **KENNETH de COURCY**  
Editor, "Intelligence Digest"



**S**OVIET RUSSIA HAS ONE SINGLE objective; namely, to gain complete mastery of the entire world. She is absolutely convinced that she possesses the scientific weapons plus the conventional forces necessary to achieve this objective. In this she may prove to be wrong; but the conviction is dangerous.

Nevertheless, once the Soviet Union has mastered the technical problem of being able to load satellites with nuclear weapons and to release them at will on any chosen target, civilization will face its gravest hour.

The rivalries within the Kremlin circle pale into relative insignificance alongside the overall situation which now faces us—namely, that within a short period of time the Russians may be able to control satellites loaded with nuclear weapons which they are able to release at the moment of their choice on any targets they care to choose.

It remains true that critical developments in the Middle East may, and probably will, create a situation in which such threats become real.

In such circumstances, the Russians would probably be able to release, within a matter of minutes, nuclear weapons upon every single base and every center of control in the western world.

Once these man-made satellites were hurtling round the planet—unless the western powers are able to take the initiative—it would be only a matter of moments until our launching bases and our central control were destroyed be-

fore we were able to fire a shot in self-defense.

#### **SURRENDER OR EXTERMINATION**

It is such a situation towards which Russia is steadily, inexorably and ruthlessly working.

Khrushchev and the Russian leaders—whatever their personal rivalries—are out for one of two things: the unconditional surrender of the western Powers, or their extermination. Nothing will divert Russia from this objective except force—or divine intervention.

If the Soviet Union is allowed to continue unhindered along present lines there can be no shadow of doubt as to what the outcome will be. The western Powers will find themselves utterly helpless in the face of a threat unparalleled in history, and one to which there would be no effective answer at all on their part.

It may be that Russia will experience some hitches in her present scientific advance. If this proves to be true, we shall have another chance—probably our last. *We must not make one more mistake!*

These are the facts; and if we do not face them now and act accordingly, there will be a catastrophe far greater even than the use of present nuclear weapons. At almost any moment an incident could occur in the Middle East which would lead to war.

But many of us believe that beyond physical considerations are spiritual ones.

Those of us who firmly believe in the Christian Faith are steadfastly looking for a moment of great awakening in the western world which at a critical moment will convince a great mass of people as to the facts which face us and the dangers with which we are confronted.

Churches ought to devote themselves to persistent prayer that such an awakening will come swiftly. Without this spiritual awakening, the necessary effort, courage, conviction, resolution and persistence will elude us.

In the present dangerous situation, we need a dynamism which only a supernatural Christian awakening can confer. In atheistic Communism we face a convinced fanaticism which nothing can meet and destroy other than an irresistible revival, which confers conviction and purpose upon our Christian civilization. This purpose we now lack.

#### **PRAY FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION**

Christians, of course, also expect intervention. That is the age-long faith and hope of the Church. But this must not be an excuse for inefficiency, weakness, disunity, and suicidal folly in public affairs.

Divine intervention in the affairs of mankind may be imminent. Many feel it cannot be long postponed; but that is not to say that we are entitled to drift irresponsibly in the meantime, which is now our habit and custom.

Faithful churchmen rightly believe  
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# Thirteen Signs of

By Revivaltime Speaker C. M. WARD

*Christ is coming back for His redeemed children, and the "signs of the times" indicate His return is very near. Are you ready to meet Him?*



**P**ROPHECY IS HISTORY FORETOLD. Peter said, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The child of God is not left to uncertainty, nor need he grope in the dark.

So often I have been asked, "Does the Bible not say, 'Of that day and hour knoweth no man'?" That is perfectly true, but the same Bible teaches, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light." The Book of Daniel promises, "The wise shall understand."

We have much more data in the Bible concerning the Second Coming of Christ than we have relative to His first coming. The prophets gave a picture of events as we see them revealed today. I ask you to check these thirteen fulfillments of prophecy with me:

1. *Travel and Knowledge.* Daniel 12:4 says, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel says distinctly that this is to be at "the time of the end." I need not remind you that new speed records shrink this earth repeatedly. We can hardly become accustomed to one mode of travel before it is outdated and replaced by another. Science and know-how are the order of the day.

2. *Mechanical Transport.* We read in Nahum 2:3, 4: "The chariots shall be with flaming torches. . . . The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." When is this to happen? Nahum says, "In the day of his preparation."

Highways are spreading across the Asian and African continents. Traffic snarls are a modern-day problem. A new highway system has been designed for America. The automobile has revolutionized this century. It has brought about a new conception of building and designing cities. It has brought about

a new conception of morality and styles. It has changed farming. It has almost eliminated the natural exercise of walking.

3. *Unemployment and Strikes.* Zechariah 8:10 says, "For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour."

Strikes are common today, and unemployment is the specter that scares politicians. Labor backs its principle of collective bargaining with the right to strike and picket.

Capital fights back with the weapon of automation. Factory jobs are disappearing fast. At least 650,000 jobs have been wiped out as new factories have replaced the old. The push button and the engineer have taken over. At this moment 50 per cent of the workers in the oil refining industry are white collar, non-production workers. At least 40 per cent in the chemical and aircraft industries are technicians. As automatic machinery is installed and almost literally learns "to think" by itself, the worker is replaced.

In one of our major automobile companies, for example, automation is moving so quickly that one machine operated by two people can now do the work that required the effort of thirty-seven people just a couple of years ago. This tug-of-war between capital and labor, between management and employee, will increase with time.

4. *Apostasy.* We are instructed in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." "That day" refers to the day of the Lord's coming. It is true that all records for church building are being broken, and that church membership rolls are bulging. Then why are the church lights out on Sun-

# His Return

day night? Why is the prayer meeting only a memory of what it used to be?

5. *Evil Doctrines.* "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to *seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*" (1 Timothy 4:1). You can name those doctrines. In the last century we have seen proposed the idea of "the survival of the fittest"; "the progressive idea of self-expression"; "higher criticism" of the Word of God; "the Marxian theory of proletarianism"; "evolution"; "Freudian sex-motivation"; "secularism"; "massive retaliation."

You can almost feel the slimy, serpentine, seductive spirit of evil today. It seeps into our homes. It whispers temptation and compromise. It sacrifices principle to expediency, forfeits character to popularity. It whitewashes the idols of this world until some mistake sinners for saints. It worships success—it matters not how you may reach it. It distorts values until time takes precedent over eternity. It clothes itself in naked flesh and quivers to the off beat and madness of the jungle. It saps the soul of man upon the bed of ease and carnality. No wonder the Spirit of God "speaketh expressly"!

6. *"Perilous Times."* Second Timothy 3:1-5 depicts the present situation: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

That pretty well includes the things we read on the front page of any newspaper today. Selfishness, deceit, vulgarity, delinquency, irreverence, perversion, divorce, violence, blackmail, loose morals, unrestraint, are familiar headlines. These are the signs of a civilization overripe for judgment. Compare today's conditions with the first and second chapters of Romans, and reach your own conclusion! Here is a line pregnant with meaning: "This

know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." How will your boy or your girl make his or her way through such dangers?

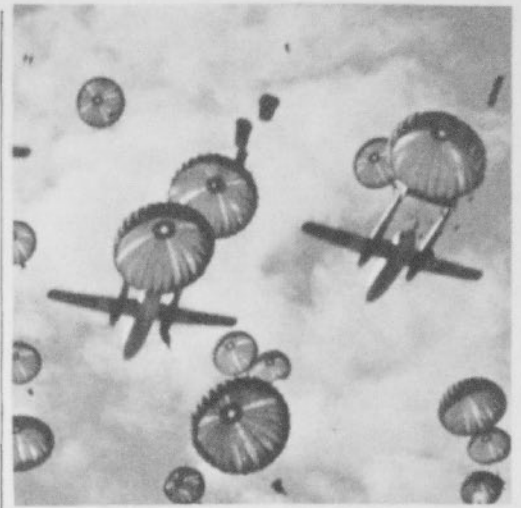
7. *Antediluvian Conditions.* Luke 17:26-30 reads: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Those are the prophetic words of the Master. What characterized the days of Noah? Genesis 6:5 gives us a clue, "God saw . . . that every imagination of the thoughts of [man's] heart was only evil continually." What characterized the days of Lot? Second Peter 2:7, 8 gives us a clue, "[God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)."

The simple deduction is that both Noah's day and Lot's day were characterized by filthy, unmitigated smut. Noah, "a preacher of righteousness," could do no better than to save his own family. Lot, "a righteous man," was disgusted every day he did business in Sodom. Let's never forget the lesson of history: Vice and lecherousness can get out of control and assume flood-tide proportions.

8. *"Distress of Nations."* Turn to another passage in the Gospel of Luke and read: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring" (Luke 23:25). Is there hope for disarmament? The eight biggest questions before the American public this year are these:

1. "Can we deal with Russia?"



## FRONTLINE FIGHTERS!

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The frontline fighters in any battle must be the bravest, strongest, most courageous and LOYAL men in the ranks. As members of the Lord's army we should all strive to attain these same qualities—to be men and women who will stand true to the Lord regardless of circumstances—to be men and women who are *always faithful*.

The Loyalty Campaign offers the opportune time for renewing one's faithfulness to the Lord. The 1958 Loyalty Campaign which begins April 13 and continues for the following six Sundays carries as its theme, "Always Faithful." The sub-themes for the successive Sundays emphasize faithfulness in: Prayer, Testimony, Service, Missions, Family Devotions, Stewardship, and Attendance.

Let us be as "frontline fighters"—"Always Faithful" to the Lord.

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2. "What security is there in the rocket age?"

3. "United Europe—partner or rival?"

4. "Middle East—new U. S. responsibility?"

5. "Awakening Africa — threat or promise?"

6. "What U. S. economic policy for survival?"

7. "Should the U. S. trade with Red China?"

8. "Whose United Nations is it?"

What hope does a "conference at the summit" hold forth? The Bible says, "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall  
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Wherever she is—whether in the company of a little maid or a millionaire—Mrs. Katschke is a favorite because of her radiant Christian life.

BY ANNE SANDBERG

**W**HAT WAS THERE ABOUT THE little German immigrant that attracted both millionaires and their maids?

Long before she began to dream of America, Mary Schadell lived in Germany during the reign of Kaiser Wilhelm I, grandfather of Kaiser Wilhelm II of World War I fame. The Schadells worked on the estate of a wealthy Prussian baron.

Mary rebelled against her rigorous childhood of virtual slavery—dreary, barefoot treks with the heavy mail pouch, hot hours in the field and wading through shoulder-deep water seeking wandering geese.

But there were happy moments—like the day the highway peddler said a man of God in the next village would

for cooking soon positioned her as head cook, supervising eight girls.

Working at the Club was fascinating. Wives of millionaires often came to the kitchen requesting recipes. Mary became as popular with them as she was with the kitchen help.

After ten happy years she disappointed the head steward by announcing: "I'm marrying Paul Katschke and will be leaving."

Not long after, an invitation to a Pentecostal church brought another radical change. Always spiritually inclined, she readily responded to the gospel and soon found Christ as Saviour and baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

Since God had not blessed their



## Mary and the Millio

pray for her incurably sick sister. "But keep it secret," he warned, "to avoid trouble." Before daylight the next morning, the parents and Mary placed the baby on a home-made two-wheel cart and pulled her through the woods on their secret rendezvous. When God heard the prayer of the holy man, Mary was deeply impressed.

Father had always been devout. But after this incident he awakened his family every day at 5:30 for morning prayers before he went to work on the baron's estate.

One day a brother who had gone to America wrote Mary: "Come over; I'll pay your fare." The baron objected: "If you go, who will get the mail and tend my horses?" But fourteen-year-old Mary wept and begged so persistently that the baron finally gave grudging consent.

Mary Schadell arrived in Chicago, Illinois, in 1888; and one after another, her family followed.

After nibbling at several jobs, she became kitchen maid in the swank Chicago Athletic Club, whose membership includes the city's elite. A knack

home with children, Mary Katschke felt led to accept the invitation of one of the wealthy families she had met at the Club, named Green. Mary did not consider millionaires unapproachable but freely testified of her Saviour. Mr. Green remarked one day: "Mary, you ought to be a preacher." To which she demurred, saying, "I can be a witness for Him."

When Mrs. Green became ill, she leaned heavily upon Mary for encouragement and prayer.

Mary became so indispensable that Mr. Green once said: "You're practically a member of our family." She frequently accompanied them on their vacations, not as maid but as friend.

When I asked an explanation of her favor with the Greens, she modestly replied, "Oh, they were just used to me." But those who knew declared it was because of her radiant Christian personality.

During her eighteen years at the Green mansion, she was "borrowed" by other millionaires—not only for her culinary skill but because they also enjoyed the companionship of this cheer-

ful, vital Christian. Mary's Christian testimony in no wise diminished her popularity, but rather contributed toward it, for she said: "They loved to hear me talk about God."

As Mary Katschke grew older she retired and gradually lost contact with her wealthy friends. Then came the depression of 1929 when she and her husband lost their savings in bank failures. This blow so undermined her husband's health that eventually he was unable to work. Their remaining funds dwindled. But Mary's faith remained constant as she continued to walk with God.

When she was 76 she contacted a wealthy woman who was badly crippled with arthritis. After Mary's testimony and several prayers, the arthritic was healed and discharged from the hospital.

One day Mrs. Katschke heard that a favorite nephew was to have an eye removed. She persuaded the doctor to wait. One morning the doctor gave the verdict: "We will not remove the eye."

"Thank God," she replied, "I prayed all night and knew God would under-

take." As a result, the doctor found the Lord.

Mary Katschke kept serene through the various trials of later life. Some years after her husband's death, she became practically destitute, and recently she was faced with the trying possibility of moving to the county home for the aged.

But by the providence of God her pastor arranged for her to come to our home. We were immediately attracted to the slightly-stooped, white-haired stranger with the peace of heaven on her countenance.

As she entered our hall with her bundles of possessions, she smiled radiantly and exclaimed: "This is home!"

I have always believed that elderly persons found it extremely difficult to be transplanted into new surroundings. But it certainly was not the case with her, nor did it take long to discover the reason. Observing her in the intimate contacts and revelations of family

# naires

life, several outstanding traits came into clear focus.

When my husband asked: "Did you sleep well in your new home?" She replied cheerfully, "Yes, when you are content, you sleep well. Contentment is better than medicine." Content! A lonely, 83-year-old widow, forgotten by all of her wealthy friends, destitute, living in a stranger's home—content!

We soon discovered the secret of her contentment in her frequently uttered words: "God is real; He is faithful. He is above all. He is wonderful!"

Because her happiness consists not in outer circumstances but in inner serenity, she has no demands or preferences. "Anything is all right," she says. "I'm not fussy."

Mrs. Katschke has a positive attitude toward life. A number of times her optimistic attitude restrained my own grumblings. "Oh, vell," she says with slight German accent, "it could be vurse; the more you talk and tink about it, the vurse it gets. Chust commit it to the Lord and it vill work out."

But her optimism, I discovered, came

not by nature but by grace. One day I almost inveigled her into joining my complaint about cold weather. She started to agree, "Yes, it is co—." But immediately she checked herself and concluded with, "Vell, it's not so bad after all; could be vurse."

Recently she injured her knee rather badly but characteristically refused to be perturbed. The second day she walked as usual, declaring, "If I sit around, it will just be vurse. Might as well trust the Lord and go on." Soon the pain subsided and she walked with her usual tread, rather light and quick for an octogenarian.

One of her favorite maxims is: "The Lord will take care of you." Having extremely poor hearing and vision, she demonstrates that principle by courageously taking bus trips alone. Often we tremble for her safety, but the fact that she is still with us proves the effectiveness of her trust.

She loves the house of God and has scarcely missed a service, attending both morning and evening on Sunday and both midweek services. If the weather is favorable, she prefers to walk the mile to church, saying "Fresh air and exercise are good for you."

She frequently walks to town, coming home with a bag of sweet rolls for the children and a story of some little adventure for God. For she still testifies whenever the Lord gives her an opening.

When she first arrived at our home, we naturally wondered about the proverb concerning the inevitability of friction between two women living in the same home. But my apprehensions quickly dissolved when I found her a quiet woman with an innate sense of propriety.

She usually enters the kitchen near meal time with: "Is there anything I can do for you?" But she does not insist on being helpful. After setting the table, she retires to her room where she quietly awaits the call to dine.

Enveloped in the presence of God, she unobtrusively goes about tending her own business. Though an expert cook, she does not endeavor to instruct me; nor does she complain at my comparatively simple menus. "Everything is fine," she says; "the Lord is good and He provides."

Though restricted by the limitations of age and poor vision, she has not lost her knack of delighting the palate with an occasional batch of delectable buttermilk pancakes or rich ox-tail

## World Conference Arrangements

Interest in the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches at Toronto, Canada, is mounting steadily. The Conference will be in the Coliseum Arena of Toronto's great Exhibition Park, September 14 to 21, 1958. For information and reservations, write to the Local Conference Secretary, James Montgomery, 50 Euston Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.

Brother Montgomery has obtained a special arrangement with the Canadian Passenger Association which will save time and expense for many ministers in the U. S. Any minister traveling by train on reduced clergy certificate will not need any certificate beyond that issued by the Passenger Association in his own territory. If he will present his 1958 clergy certificate at the point of origin and purchase a through ticket with Toronto, Ontario, as destination, it will not be necessary for him to obtain any additional clergy certificates which ordinarily would be required through intervening territories.

soup. It is easy to see how she enticed the epicurean tastes of the wealthy gourmets!

But though the original attraction may have been the culinary one, her greatest charm is a lovely personality arising from intimate fellowship with God. A continually serene demeanor exemplifies her chief philosophy: "God is faithful. He permits trials, but after we learn our lessons He always vurks it out for good."

Recently a four-year-old neighbor walked in the back door for a visit. She gazed at Mrs. Katschke's kind, saintly face, then gravely remarked: "You're sweet; I kinda like you."

This has been the impression she left with millionaires and maids alike. Though she no longer associates with them, this aged branch of the vine still yields the same fruit of the Spirit which once refreshed their souls. And those whose lives touch hers now can say: "God is more real to me because of her." ◀ ◀

### Dedication

You never can tell  
When you look at a clod,  
The things it will do  
Till you use it for God.



# The Day of Atonement

BY MYER PEARLMAN

**O**N THE DAY OF ATONEMENT THE Israelites' high priest, for the first and only time in the year, passed beyond the outer court and holy place and went into the Holy of Holies. There, in the presence of God, he offered a sacrifice that would cleanse the entire nation. The gladdest moment of the Jewish year was when the high priest once more appeared, signifying that once again the work of atonement was completed and they were purged and cleansed.

Even today Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn day in the Jewish year. A Jew will go to the synagogue on this day, even if he has not done so all the rest of the year. Orthodox Jews will go for the entire twenty-four hours without touching food or water, and some stand erect the entire time, in order to find forgiveness from God. But there is no answer from heaven.

The sacrifices offered on the Day of Atonement were the climax of the sacrifices offered during the entire year. It was a spiritual house-cleaning time in Israel—when the nation and the Tabernacle were cleansed. On the Day of Atonement blood was sprinkled everywhere—to cleanse the high priest

himself, to cleanse the priesthood, and to cleanse the entire nation.

Now, on what was this day based, and what was the need for it? The answer is found in the word *holy*. Israel was a holy nation, separated from the defilements of heathendom and dedicated to the worship of God.

Everything in the life of an Israelite pointed to holiness. The purpose of the laws in the Book of Leviticus was to keep out heathenism and keep in holiness. The Israelite couldn't eat the same food as other nations, for he belonged to God and must be very careful how he lived. He had to wear special garments, and to observe special days. Everywhere and in everything holiness was stamped upon his life—holy garments, holy food, a holy Tabernacle. God would stamp upon the character of His people the thought that they could not be like the other nations—they must be separated, dedicated, set apart. To maintain that holiness the nation had an annual reconsecration on the Day of Atonement.

Now let us follow the high priest in his ritual on the Day of Atonement, and then see how the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled these typical ceremonies when He offered Himself as the one great

Sacrifice, which was the climax of all sacrifices.

The high priest, clad in garments of glory and beauty, offers the morning sacrifice on behalf of the nation. Then he goes to the laver, carrying a simple white garment. He takes water from the laver, enters into the holy place, doffs his beautiful garments, and washes himself in preparation for entering the presence of God. He dons a white penitential garment, signifying that the work he is about to do is concerned with the people's purification.

Next is the preparation of the special sacrifices. The first is a bullock offered for the high priest's sins. There are also two goats—one to be offered as a sacrifice for the nation, the other to serve as a scapegoat.

First, he must offer the sacrifice for his own sin. He goes to the bullock and lays his hand very heavily upon the animal, confessing his own sins. He kills the animal and catches its blood in a basin. With this blood he sprinkles the horns of the altar, pleading that God will forgive his sin.

The priest then lifts the veil and enters the presence of God, standing before His throne to make atonement. Before the Mercy Seat there is incense



## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

He was crowned with a crown of thorns in order that you some time might be crowned with the crown of life. He carried the reed that was derided, in order that you should reign with Him in the kingdom of glory. He wore the red purple cloak, in order that you once might be clothed in white garments, washed in the blood of the Lamb. Quiet and patient, He suffered all this on account of your sins. The bands that bound Him to the post of torment were made from your sins. The whip with which He was whipped was braided out of your sins. Of your sins the crown of thorns was plaited that pierced His holy forehead. Behold Him, kneel to Him, and worship Him: Hail Thee, Thou King of the Jews! Hail Thee, Saviour and Atoner!

—A. Fibiger in "A Study of the Passion of Christ" (Augsburg)



arising, covering the Shekinah glory so that the high priest does not look upon God. He sprinkles the blood before the Mercy Seat, and upon it. Jehovah accepts him; atonement is made for his sin.

Cleansed himself, he can now offer the sacrifice to cleanse others. He leaves the Holy of Holies and comes to the gate. He approaches the goat which is to be offered as a sacrifice to bring Israel again into a condition of grace. After killing it, he catches its blood in a basin. Once again he lifts the veil and stands before the Ark of the Covenant.

As the priest sprinkles the blood on the Mercy Seat the sins of the entire nation are cleansed, pardoned, canceled. Coming out of the Holy of Holies, he mixes the blood of the bullock with that of the goat, and sprinkles the four horns of the golden altar of incense, where the priests have ministered. This cleanses the priesthood, so they may minister once again.

To show the people what has been done in secret, the high priest lays his hands heavily upon the scapegoat and confesses over it all the sins of the people: "O God, Thy people, the house of Israel, have sinned; they have committed iniquity and transgressed against Thee. Pardon now their sins and lay the sins of the people upon this goat."

Then the scapegoat is led out into the wilderness, and thrown over a precipice. The goat is led by a Gentile, for any Jew would be defiled and would have to be cleansed again.

Between the wilderness and the temple are ten stations, each occupied by a man with a flag. As soon as the Gentile has pushed the goat over the precipice, the first man flashes the signal, then the next, and so on till finally the news reaches the temple and the waiting people, that the goat has arrived in the wilderness and their sins are taken away.

The high priest now goes again into the holy place, takes off the white garment of humiliation and puts on the others, while the people on the outside wait for the sound of the bells. As soon as the high priest puts on the robe of the ephod the bells begin to tinkle, thus indicating to those waiting that he is alive. Finally, they see him coming forth in his glorious garments to minister again for the entire year. He raises his hands and says, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face to shine upon

thee: . . . and give thee peace." It is finished. They have received the blessing, and everyone rejoices.

These ceremonies were but types. The New Testament in six scenes shows how they were fulfilled by our Lord Jesus Christ.

SCENE 1. There is a council meeting in one of the great council chambers of the Temple (John 11:47-53). One priest says, "Brethren, this Man performs many miracles. There is a renewal of His popularity. If He continues doing miracles, people will gather around Him and we shall have a revolution. The Romans will take away our independence and position. What shall be done?" Then stood Caiaphas, the high priest, who once a year made atonement for the sins of the people. Caiaphas was a shrewd politician, a wicked man. He said, in effect, "Why are you so excited? You are afraid this Man will get us in bad with the Romans! Don't be foolish. Use your heads. We will use Him to show the Romans that we are loyal citizens after all. We will have Him arrested, and say to Pilate, 'Sir, we have found this Man stirring up the people and forbidding them to pay tribute to Caesar. We are loyal citizens, and for our own protection we deliver Him up.' Which is better—that one Man should suffer or a whole nation perish?"

John gives us his commentary on this: "This spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation." Though he knew it not, in that council chamber the high priest was laying his hand upon the scapegoat.

SCENE 2—*Jesus is on His way to the Garden*. Bearing on His heart the names of the tribes, He prays His high priestly prayer of John 17.

SCENE 3—*Gethsemane*. In Leviticus 16:17 we read: "And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself." There was no man who could share the sufferings of the Son of Man as He knelt and cried, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." What was happening there? In Gethsemane, priest and sacrifice were blended and became one; and as the high priest put the pressure of his hand upon the sacrifice, so the pressure

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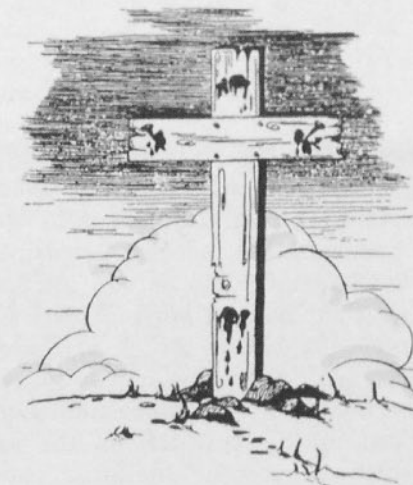
## "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD"

When Christian people remember again the resurrection of Christ at Easter time, their Jewish neighbors are preparing for a celebration also. It is the Passover which comes at some time near the Easter season each year. This year the Passover celebration begins on April 4 and ends on April 12.

The Passover is a feast of freedom, commemorating the liberation of Israel from Egyptian bondage. It is also a time when the longing of the Israelites for the Messiah who "came unto His own" so long ago is expressed again. But there is a veil over their hearts as they celebrate and wait for the Saviour who has already come.

This year, the Home Missions Department urges every Christian and every church to remember at Easter time to pray for the Jewish people. Let us remember that they cannot be saved without the blood of Christ applied to their hearts.

Long ago, God said to them, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Today they celebrate the Passover, but the blood that saves does not protect them. Pray that their eyes may be opened to behold their Messiah.





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Magazines

### MORAL STANDARDS UNDER ATTACK BY INDECENT LITERATURE

The current wave of indecent literature constitutes the most sustained attack on moral standards in American history, in the opinion of a prize-winning religious journalist.

"Scores of new titles have made their appearance in the magazine field, many of them violating every standard of decency which has hitherto been recognized in the publishing field," according to an article in a recent issue of *Christianity Today*. The article was co-authored by Glenn D. Everett, holder of the 1957 Faith and Freedom Award in American Journalism from Religious Heritage Foundation, and Ralph A. Cannon, a Methodist pastor in Spartanburg, S. C.

"These magazines are known to the high-school crowd across America," the article states, while "it is the ministers of America who are unaware of them.

It has become in the last twelve months the most sustained and insidious attack on the moral standards of this nation ever witnessed in the history of our Republic."

Everett and Cannon called upon Protestant churches "to join in a vigorous campaign to re-establish common standards of decency in publishing."

### METHODISTS WARNED AGAINST FLOOD OF OBSCENE MAGAZINES

The Methodist Board of Temperance, at its annual meeting in Washington, was warned that "sex magazines are destroying American family life and casting aside the moral standards of centuries."

Ralph A. Cannon, a minister from Spartanburg, South Carolina, told the board members that indecent magazines "stimulate, sustain, and defend the sex sickness that has gripped America." He urged immediate action to "stem the flood" of obscenity.

Mr. Cannon, who has been cited by the board for his research on the social effects of obscene literature, said

that many magazines capitalize on sex because Americans find themselves "floundering" for a healthy attitude toward life. "The pendulum," he said, "has swung from a Victorian reserve toward sex to an obsession with it." He called for support of a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. John Dowdy (D.—Tex.) which would increase penalties for interstate distribution of pornographic literature. At the same time, he urged church action on the local level to clean up the newsstands.

"Pornography has come out from under the counter," he said. "Something must be done quickly before obscene publications get the influence and wealth which the alcohol industry now has. Otherwise future generations will ask, 'Why didn't you do something about it when you could?'"

## Temperance

### TEMPERANCE BOARD SPEAKS OUT AGAINST LIQUOR INCREASE

The Methodist Board of Temperance, at its annual meeting, passed resolutions asking that the U. S. Department of Defense be required to enforce prohibitions against the sale and use of liquor at military bases.

The board also renewed its call for federal legislation to stop the serving of liquor on commercial airlines, and to ban interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages.

### ASSEMBLIES REPRESENTED IN NEW ANTIQUOR COMMITTEE

A new Interdenominational Committee on Alcohol Problems was organized in Washington, D. C. last month with the Assemblies of God participating.

Fourteen denominations are represented in the new organization which will be known by its initials as ICAP (but which the delegates appropriately pronounced as "iccup"). Other denominations are expected to join soon. The purpose in forming the new committee is to attain a close "co-ordina-

tion of effort in dealing with national and international temperance issues."

Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, a Methodist, is president. Other officers include Dr. A. C. Miller, Southern Baptist, vice president; James Renz, Church of the Brethren, secretary; Donald Gill, staff member of the National Association of Evangelicals, treasurer.

### DAILY PAPERS ACCEPT LIQUOR ADS

More daily newspapers are accepting ads for alcoholic beverages today than at any time in history, the Methodist Board of Temperance announces. Whereas five years ago a survey showed that 26 per cent of the nation's daily papers refused such advertising, in 1958 only 12 per cent still take this position.

"The alcohol beverage industry is trying hard to buy American public opinion by feeding the hands that feed the presses," the board warned. It said the alcohol beverage industry set aside \$70,000,000 for newspaper advertising in 1958.

## Miscellaneous

### NEWSPAPER SUPPORTS PAID CLERGYMEN FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

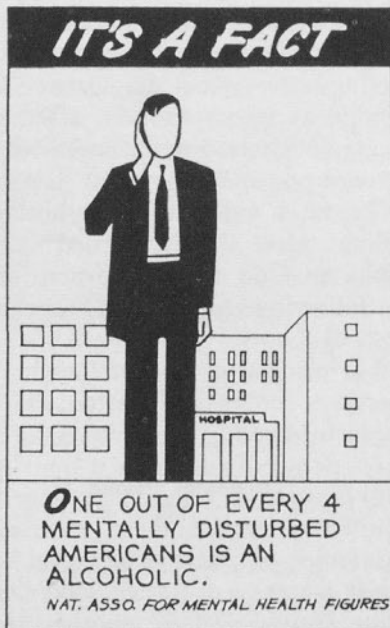
Employment of ordained clergymen to serve as chaplains in industrial plants has won the support of New Hampshire's leading daily newspaper. *The Manchester Union-Leader*, in an editorial on the subject, said it disagreed with Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., who "insists that a minister whose salary is paid by a company or a union may not be free to say what he believes." The newspaper said "that, to us, seems entirely too low an opinion of business and labor, and of ministers. In our estimation, the support by labor unions and businesses of chaplains, chapels, and religious services can only be hailed as a very encouraging step forward in these trying days."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SLATED FOR DES MOINES IN OCTOBER**

The National Sunday School Association, representing the Assemblies of God and numerous other evangelical denominations, will sponsor a great Sunday School convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 8-10, 1958. The meetings, to be held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, are expected to attract 4,000 to 4,500 delegates.

Attendance at the sessions will be open to members of all denominations. However, it is expected that a recommendation issued by the Christian Education Department of the National Council of Churches may influence some Sunday School workers against attending.

According to *The Des Moines Register*, the executive committee of the Des Moines Area Council of Churches asked the Christian Education Department for advice, and the Department recommended that each church and local congregation should decide for itself whether it wishes to support the convention. The National Council department pointed out that the N.S.S.A. is "not in accord with the policies and programs of the National Council of Churches." The local Council, acting on the recommendation of the National Council, therefore decided it would not "actively support" the convention. Nevertheless it is hoped that many representatives of all Des Moines churches will take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to learn how to re-vitalize their Sunday Schools, in spite of the National Council pronouncement.



**IT'S A FACT**

ONE OUT OF EVERY 4 MENTALLY DISTURBED AMERICANS IS AN ALCOHOLIC.

NAT. ASSO. FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIGURES

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

**HIGH-SCHOOL DAY**—Next Sunday (March 30) will be observed as High-School Day throughout the Assemblies of God. At that time pastors will urge their young people to attend Assemblies of God schools following their graduation from high school.

**TO DISPLAY GOD'S LAWS**—The American Legion is backing a bill which directs the New York State Education Commissioner to provide a "non-denominational" version of the Ten Commandments to any public school in New York wishing to display the Decalogue.

**SHORTAGE OF LUTHERAN PREACHERS**—A committee of the American Lutheran Church is strongly urging that laymen be used in place of assistant or associate pastors in local congregations. The suggestion is made as a possible remedy for the shortage of clergymen that now faces the denomination.

**FREE BUS RIDES**—The Niagara Frontier Transit System is offering Sunday worshipers in Buffalo, N. Y. free bus rides to and from church during Lent. Church-goers may board the buses anywhere in the city between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**NOT AFRAID OF SATELLITES**—Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee says that people who have faith in God need not be disheartened by Russia's missile strength. Addressing the Jaycees of Charlotte, N. C., the governor said: "Nobody is going to scare me with a missile or an artificial moon, provided I get on my knees and ask divine guidance, and then get up and do what I believe is right."

**WAYSIDE GOSPEL DISPENSER**—The American Bible Society has produced a wayside Gospel dispenser which can be placed on store counters and in other public places. The dispenser contains New Testament Portions, and may be obtained by individuals and church groups who want to make the Scriptures available to the general public. For information, write: American Bible Society, 450 Park avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

**BIBLE TEXTBOOK FOR NURSES**—A new book will appear next year entitled, "The Nurse and Her Religion." The Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains, which is sponsoring the book, says it is needed because "nurses confront life and death situations every day while ministering to hospital patients," and at present there is no textbook in this field.

**FOREIGN AID PROGRAM**—Religious leaders of all faiths have urged the U. S. Government to continue its present program of foreign aid. Dr. Paul S. Rees, past president of the National Association of Evangelicals, said: "My observations abroad convince me that the discontinuance of foreign aid would be a disservice alike to our own country and to the free world." He suggested that "weakness in administering the program should be corrected, but no countenance should be given to any proposal for doing away with this arm of hopefulness in a world of need."

**MARRIAGE PROBLEM IN SPAIN**—Sunday, March 2, was designated by evangelical churches in Spain as a Day of Special Intercession that legal means might be found to obtain civil marriages for former Catholics in that land. Eleven Spanish couples desiring civil marriage have been refused permission recently on the pretext that "the non-Catholicity of the parties was not sufficiently proved."



# God's Power in Formosa

BY JAMES BAKER

**T**HE VICTORY IN FORMOSA WAS entirely a triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ!

How I wish you could have been with us during the wonderful days of the United Evangelistic Crusade to see with your own eyes the wonderful works of God, and to hear the thrilling testimonies of those who personally experienced His mighty deliverance. The ministry of Evangelist Harold Herman was surely a blessing to all.

After eight days at the largest Assemblies of God church in Taipei, the capital city, the meetings were moved to a choice auditorium just facing the office of President Chiang Kai-shek in the center of the city. There were good crowds right from the start, and as the Lord wrought many miracles the crowds increased, until the auditorium was packed, with people standing in the aisles and lobby. Others were turned away for lack of space. For the last ten days we cancelled newspaper advertising, except for one insertion, and still the people came. God brought them! It was truly His campaign.

### "By My Spirit, Saith the Lord"

There was a tremendous anointing upon the gospel messages, which were interpreted into both the Mandarin Chinese and Formosan languages.

Every night there was a strong altar call, and large numbers prayed for salvation. Outstanding conversions included people from all ranks of Chinese life—an army general, a justice of the Supreme Court, a movie star, university students, a tennis star, and a member of the National Assembly (Congress).

Among the happiest converts were lifelong Buddhists who were powerfully converted to Christ, and some of whom received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In the joyful throng were hundreds who sought Christ as Saviour. Sixty personal workers from many churches helped in the prayer room.

### Christians United to Win Souls

Evangelist Harold Herman was invited to Formosa by the Assemblies of God and several outstanding Chinese Christian leaders. Dr. Chen, who was personal pastor to the President, served as chairman of the campaign. Madame Wang, wife of China's famed chief justice, Dr. Wang, and Madame Ho, wife of the distinguished general, strongly sponsored the campaign and were on hand nightly to serve as ushers and personal workers in the prayer room. Night after night these noted ladies filled their cars with the sick and the unsaved and brought them to the meetings.

### Jesus Healed a Broken Back

Many people came to the platform to testify to being healed or saved, glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ. Often the crowd would cheer.

Excitement swept over the congregation when God healed a woman of a broken back. The Chinese newspaper *The Min Sheng Daily* reported: "This woman Tsai Fan, age forty-eight, spent months at the First Army Hospital and the University Hospital, where X rays showed she had a broken back. When she was brought to the meeting she was in great agony. Strange as it may sound, after prayer she immediately got up and walked by her own power."

The next night, with a shining and smiling face, she returned to give thanks to God for His grace, and on the following nights she eagerly did personal work with new believers. God is using this woman to stir people wherever she is invited to tell of her wonderful healing.

### Testimonies Poured In

In every service there were ringing testimonies of victory. A gambler and atheist was saved, healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. A mother rejoiced that God healed her daughter of cancer



of the intestines. "X rays confirm she is completely well," she said.

The crowd thrilled when a woman who had been brought 250 miles from the south end of Formosa was instantly delivered. With tears she moved to the microphone, and between sobs testified, "I suffered for five years in such agony it was almost unbearable. But now I am completely free! All the pain and every symptom is gone. Jesus set me free!"

**Medical Doctors Healed by God**

Several medical doctors were healed by the Lord; and other doctors brought incurable patients, whom Jesus healed. One doctor wrote a little booklet telling of her miraculous healing. Another doctor was healed of agonizing arthritis. Still another doctor testified, "Doctors of America and China could not heal me of sugar diabetes"; but Jesus healed him as he sat in the audience during mass prayer.

Some who were carried in on beds or stretchers were set free by the Lord so they could rise and walk for the first time in months. Others testified they were healed of T.B., cancer, paralysis, and eye afflictions. Deaf ears were opened, and the deaf and dumb were made whole.

**Many Baptized in Holy Spirit**

Throughout the campaign and for some time afterwards Brother Herman held special prayer meetings, usually in the morning. Instruction and opportunity to wait for the baptism in the Holy Spirit were given. God came in great power, baptizing many, including quite a number of high-ranking Chinese. What a blessing to see an army general lift his face to God in reverent worship and praise, and then speak forth in the "languages of the Spirit," the radiance of heaven shining on his face!

**Local Work Expanded**

As a result of this campaign and careful follow-up work, many new converts as well as earnest Christians

have been drawn to the Full Gospel testimony, and need a new church home; so our Mandarin-speaking Assembly of God has rented an auditorium in the heart of the city for Sunday services.

This City-Center Assembly is supervised by missionaries Henrietta Tieleman, Ruth Melching, and Palma Ramsborg, along with Matthew Lee, dean of our Bible School, who preaches there regularly each week.

Already this fine new group is saving money to build its own new church. Truly thousands have been awakened to the reality of the joy and power of Pentecost, and there is "much joy in this city." Brother Herman's personal life of faith has been an inspiration to us missionaries as well as to the Chinese, and we look forward to his being with us again. ◀ ◀

1. The Secretary General (left), and a justice of the Supreme Court, (third from left) attended the meetings along with other leaders and officials of Free China. Some received Christ as Saviour. Evangelist Herman and Dr. Chen stand at right.

2. Personal worker counsels new converts.

3. Matthew Lee holds microphone while a lady tells how Jesus instantly healed her. She had been in the Taiwan University Hospital for months.

4. Noted bone specialist (left) testifies to healing from sugar diabetes.

5. These two Buddhists were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

6. The sick were carried on beds to the meetings. After prayer, this man rose and walked for the first time in a year.

7. Brother Herman prays for those lined up outside the building.

**MISSIONARY**  
*News Notes*

Katie Jean Jones sailed from New Orleans, La. on January 15 for Liberia, where she will be teaching at the day school in Feloka. She is a new missionary and would appreciate our prayers.

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Laura Pape of Africa recently arrived home on furlough. Her address is 2711 East Sixth, Topeka, Kansas.



Katie Jean Jones



Verena Rich

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bolton have transferred their field of labor to Hawaii. Their address is Box 141, Kohala, Hawaii.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Devine and family of Chile are home on furlough. Their address is 307 El Tejon Ave., Oildale, California.

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Verena Rich returned to her work in India on February 11.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hemminger and daughter sailed for Freetown, Sierre Leone, West Africa, on February 11.



The G. G. Hemminger family

# Words of Power

The Power of Life or Death Lies in Your Tongue

BY HONORE OSBERG

**A** GLASGOW WOMAN GAZED REFLECTIVELY into the murky waters of the River Clyde. The darkness of the night seemed to press down into her very soul. The black, deep river reminded her of the ugliness of her own life of sin. As she stood at the foot of the ferry steps she was suddenly gripped by a desire to plunge into the river and end her bitter life.

But she trembled as she heard a clear, strong voice from above, singing, "There is a fountain filled with Blood." She listened spellbound. She would wait, she decided, until the song was finished. Another voice joined in, and the words of the next stanza rushed into her heart with a new hope:

*"The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away."*

Gripped by this message, the woman dashed up the ferry steps to ask the singers if this One, about whom they sang, could help her. Eagerly she listened as they pointed her to Christ. The woman's wasted life was changed to a fruitful life of service for God in the slums of Glasgow, because God had charged the words of the hymn with His divine power.

Words are instruments of power. We should be careful not only to know how to use them correctly, but also to understand the power for good or evil which they contain. "A word may be a dagger, a bullet, a balm, a poison, a serpent, a mine of wealth, a dynamite bomb," someone has said. "It can build or blast a reputation. Unless you learn to weigh well your words, you are as dangerous as would be a child entrusted with the throttle valve of a locomotive."

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Idle, foolish conversation will cause a leakage of power in our lives. If we want our words to be directed and controlled by God, instruments of power that will work results for eternity, we must prevent this kind of leakage.

James Caughey was a man of God who had a burden for the souls of

men. One evening before a church service he was invited out to tea. There was nothing harmful in the conversation, but something happened to the power in his life. When Caughey went into the meeting that night his soul, he said, was like a loosely strung bow. "I could not shoot the King's arrows into the hearts of the King's enemies, for I had no power. It had been lost at the tea table."

Almost 5,000 words are used by the average adult every day. How much better to conserve them, that they might be instruments of power for God.

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The most powerful words we can use are God's words. "My word," He has said, "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55: 11).

A young minister was met by a skeptic, Burt Olney, at the close of his service. "You did well," the skeptic said, "but I don't believe in the infallibility of the Bible."

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," was the young man's calm reply.

"I can prove to you that there is no such thing as a judgment after death," retorted Olney.

"But men do die," the young minister persisted. "And remember this, 'It is

appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.'"

To every statement Olney made, the young minister had but one reply: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

As the skeptic went home, the word *judgment* rang in his ears. Even the very frogs seemed to croak, "Judgment, judgment, judgment."

The next morning he sought the young minister. "I've spent a terrible night," he said. "Those words burned their way into my heart. I cannot get rid of them. Tell me what I must do to be saved. I've got to get rid of this torture." And that morning Burt Olney found the living Saviour as his own.

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"No word from God shall be void of power" (Luke 1:37, A.S.V.). God *spoke* the earth into existence, and the same instrument of power is delegated to us. The words we say in prayer, if uttered in faith, will be words of power to bring answers from heaven.

When Jesus spoke to the fig tree it withered. And He has promised that we can do even greater things than that. "If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive*" (Matthew 21:21, 22).

Joshua spoke to the sun and moon, and his words held them fast in the heavens for twenty-four hours. Elijah spoke, and according to his word there was no dew or rain for three and a half years. Elisha gave the word, and the enemy was smitten by blindness. Samuel told the people it would thunder and rain because of his prayer, and it did. Peter spoke to Tabitha, and she came to life. Paul's word brought blindness for a season upon Elymas the sorcerer.

These men all knew "the certainty of the words of truth" (Proverbs 22: 21). They walked in holiness before God, and could speak with His authority, knowing that "every word of God is pure" (Proverbs 30:5). "He that hath my word," God has said, "let him speak my word faithfully" (Jeremiah 23:28).

And for you who meet these conditions of holiness and truth in your words, God has given a wonderful promise. "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee" (Job 22:28). ◀◀

## BIBLE VERSE



A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

PROVERBS 25:11

**T**HE CLOSING VERSES OF MATTHEW'S Gospel are commonly referred to as the "Great Commission." These forceful words spoken to a small band of believers by the resurrected Son of God have become the cornerstone of Christian action. They present a tremendous challenge. They also point out a distinctive promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The task left to the Church was a great one. Opposition would be ever present. There would be hardships to endure. There would be times of rejoicing and, likewise, times of discouragement and even fear. However, they were never to forget: "Faithful is he that calleth you." (1 Thessalonians 5: 24). The abiding Holy Spirit would lead them forward and continually remind them of this teaching of Jesus.

God's faithfulness is everywhere evident. Faithfulness is His very nature—one of His divine attributes. When Jerusalem lay in ashes, and Jeremiah's tears had flowed down like rivers, the prophet could still burst forth above that tragic scene with the cry, "Great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3: 23). Isaiah 11:5 declares that God is *clothed* in faithfulness. Aged Sarah judged Him faithful and brought forth a promised son.

The shepherd psalmist sang from the Judean hills, "Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds" (Psalm 36:5). James writes that in Him "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." No wonder the apostles went everywhere in obedience to the command. The glorious presence of the Resurrected One was "working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." His name is "Faithful and True" (Revelation 19:11).

While we derive great comfort from such truths, it should be remembered that these same promises also become challenges to the earnest believer. God is faithful. Shall I be unfaithful? He cannot fail. Is He pleased with my failure? Much learning comes through example. Certainly an example is here in evidence, but we need more than example. Man must experience a basic change. God's own nature must replace our faithlessness and inherent weakness.

Such is made possible by regeneration and the fullness of the Spirit. Paul describes this new life as a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We have been created in God's likeness. Does

# ALWAYS FAITHFUL

BY HAROLD BURRIS

*National Sunday School Representative*

not this mean, then, that we should be "always faithful"? Verily it becomes us as children of God to allow His will to be our very own at all times, "for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2: 10).

The coming Loyalty Campaign will provide ample opportunity for you to manifest these good works both to your Sunday School and to your neighbors and friends. The theme for the 1958 campaign is "Always Faithful." Assemblies of God Sunday Schools throughout the nation will stress loyalty during the seven weeks following Easter Sunday. Through this yearly emphasis many persons have been stirred to be more faithful and to prove their unswerving obedience to the commands of Christ and to follow His faithful example.

However, many individuals have not yet developed a regular habit of Sunday School attendance. Seven straight weeks without missing is a good test. The interests of some people vary from week to week; therefore, they are easily lured away by friends, relatives, or special events on the Lord's Day, and once the contact is broken it becomes easier for them to miss again. Someone has said, "The habit of Sunday School attendance is a cable, a thread of which we wind each Sunday, soon to become so strong that we are unable to break it" (*S. S. Digest*).

When the suspension bridge across Niagara was to be erected, the builders were puzzled about how to get the cable over. They hit upon a simple solution. When the wind was favorable, a kite was elevated and alighted on the other shore. At the end of the kite string a cord was fastened which was pulled across the falls; then a small rope, then a larger rope, then a cable strong



enough to sustain the iron cable which supported the bridge. Over this structure heavily laden trains pass in safety. This could never have been done, but for the little kite string. *It may seem but a small thing at first, but your determination to let nothing break contact with God and the Sunday School will help you build a stronger and more useful Christian life.*

Jesus said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10). To be "always faithful" in *prayer, testimony, service, missions, family devotions, stewardship, and attendance* can be taken for granted, but in these lie the stepping stones to Pentecostal progress.

The eyes of the world are upon the Assemblies of God. We have risen from obscurity to a place of esteem and prestige. God grant that each of us may consecrate himself anew at this Easter season and continue to go forward. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:23-25). ◀◀

**J**OCHEBED FASHIONED THE FIRST ARK from bulrushes and pitch. It was to save her son's life. The king's commandment had been uncompromising. All boy babies were to be cast into the River Nile. Jochebed obeyed; she put her tiny baby into the river; but, though the waters surrounded him, they could not take away his life's breath. The ark she had made with her own hands preserved him from drowning. Baby Moses lived!

Then a wonder came to pass! Moses was in her arms again. "Take this child," the princess had said; "nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

Jochebed had no illusions about these arrangements. She knew that her baby was not to be permanently hers—that when the child was grown he would be taken from her to the palace of Egypt.

What was this saving of his life to be? Was it to be only a brief reprieve from physical death? And would it be followed by a more horrible fate? Would his soul be swallowed up by Egypt's idolatry and sin after his body had been preserved from Egypt's river? No, she must build another ark. This one would not be made from bulrushes and pitch—it would be a spiritual ark for the preserving of his soul!

Day after day, as her child drew from her body the milk that nourished his physical growth, she saw to it that he also absorbed her faith in Jehovah! While she watched over his toddling steps, she taught him of the walk with Jehovah God. And when his baby mind grew to understand words and she told him the stories that mothers have always told their children, she gave him stories that prepared him for his introduction to the Egyptian court.

She had such a short time! A few short years were hers to do what she could; then, forces beyond her control would take him out of her control and into the midst of the fiery temptations of idolatry, pride, and sinful pleasures.

Jochebed worked with feverish haste and devotion. The Word of God does not leave us in darkness about the lessons she taught him; they are found in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.



"TRAIN UP A CHILD . . ." At Shawnee, Oklahoma, two trees were twisted together when very small, and this is the result. It's a vivid reminder of Solomon's warning in Proverbs 22:6. Training must be done early in life if a child (or a tree) is to grow straight and strong. (Photo courtesy of Bertie McCoy.)

## Jochebed, Builder of Arks

BY RUTH GERBER COPELAND

We know that she wove into the fiber of her ark the truth that the pleasures of sin are only for a season. She taught him to identify himself with the people of God, though it might bring him affliction. She taught him of the Invisible God, and of the fabulous riches and rewards in store for those who, in their hearts, would forsake the treasures of Egypt.

Jochebed's second ark was as successful as the first. In later years, it held back the dark waters that threatened the soul of young Moses. He was invulnerable to the treasures, pomp, and pride of Egypt. Out on the wilderness grazing land his heart was open wide to Jehovah who spoke from the bush. Jochebed had done her task well.

This child for whom Jochebed schemed and labored became the answer to a nation's prayer, the emancipator of a people who produced the Bible and the Saviour. Back of the man

was the mother who created a spiritual aura that helped to make him what he was. We live in a world that is remarkably similar to Egypt. Time is short for us too! After a few brief years, circumstances beyond our control will pull our children from our homes—first to school, then to the pitfalls of the modern social order, and later into higher education and military service.

Can a mother afford to miss her opportunity during the formative years of her child's life? Can she afford to turn him over to day nurseries and baby sitters just to increase the family income? Will a higher standard of physical life make up for the soul that may later be lost?

Whatever our life's goals are, as parents, it is certain that there is an "ark-building period" in a child's life. And, when that time of opportunity is gone, it can never be recalled—not for worlds.



In years to come, when we are ready to say that we have all the worldly goods we want (if that time *ever* comes)—when the new house and wonderful furniture are paid for, and the shining new car waits in the driveway—then the child's soul may be set in the mould which we made for him in his pliable years. And all our tears will not bring back the years we wasted.

There is no work in this world that is greater for any mother than "ark building!"



## A Picture Puzzle

For Junior Readers

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PSALM 119:11

### Monday, March 24

**Read:** Titus 2:1-10

**Learn:** "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works" (Titus 2:7).

**For the Parent:** Paul is here emphasizing the importance of sound doctrine. Point out that in "doctrine" he includes items that concern our behavior. Also show the importance of example, vv. 7, 8. Discuss the effect our actions and our words have on others, showing how both are very important in reaching the unsaved and in helping other Christians.

**Question Time:** What are some of the things Paul lists as "sound doctrine"? (vv. 1-6) What does he have to say about the importance of example? (vv. 7, 8)

### Tuesday, March 25

**Read:** Titus 2:11-15

**Learn:** "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12).

**For the Parent:** From these verses point out that salvation is open to all who will believe, v. 11, and that God's grace teaches us we should: (1) give no place to ungodliness and worldly lusts; (2) live soberly, righteously, and godly; (3) be anticipating the return of our Saviour; (4) perform good works.

**Question Time:** To whom is salvation made available? (v. 11) Do you think this means that all men will be saved? (See above) What other teachings are recorded here?

### Wednesday, March 26

**Read:** Titus 3

**Learn:** "Be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1).

**For the Parent:** The Christian has certain duties to those around him. Point these out from vv. 1, 2. Also point out that we also were once in sin, v. 3, and that it is only through God's mercy that we have been cleansed from such things, vv. 4-7. Point out from v. 8 that an indication of our salvation is that we will maintain good works in our lives, striving to be pleasing to God.

**Question Time.** What connection is there between good works and our salvation? (v. 8) What are some of our duties to others? (vv. 1, 2)

### Thursday, March 27

**Read:** John 12:23-33

**Learn:** "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Christ Teaches About His Death" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this passage point out: (1) the law of the harvest as shown by the corn of wheat; (2) its relationship to the death of Christ; (3) the fact that through His death Christ will draw all men to Himself—either in salvation or judgment.

**Question Time:** What important point does the illustration of the corn of wheat show? (vv. 24-26) If v. 32 doesn't mean all will be saved, what does it mean?

### Friday, March 28

**Read:** John 19:4-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

**For the Parent:** Review the events listed in this account of the death of Jesus. Point out the unjustness of His trial, showing that Pilate could find no fault in Him. Christ died as the sinless Son of God, and He died that He might redeem us from our sins. Strive to develop a deeper appreciation of what Christ has done for us.

**Question Time:** What did Pilate say concerning Jesus? (v. 6) Why did the chief priests object to the writing on the cross? (v. 21)

### Saturday, March 29

**Read:** 2 Kings 6:8-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (Psalm 91:11).

**For the Parent:** God will protect His children. Show how this is illustrated from this experience of Elisha. Emphasize that when forces of evil are gathered against us, we can always rest securely in God, knowing He is greater and more powerful than all our enemies. But to claim His protection, we must stay in His will.

**Question Time:** What answer did Elisha give his servant when the Syrians surrounded them? (v. 16) What happened? (vv. 17-23)



# WHAT THE Well-Dressed Christian IS WEARING

BY EDITH A. QUINLAN

"It's time to go shopping," women are saying almost universally, "for it's Spring!" Department stores place eye-appealing ads before the public. Radio advertisers produce ear-appealing inducements to prospective purchasers. Television channels make attractive dis-

plays represented as "aids to feminine pulchritude."

It's Spring—the time for new life, new outlooks, and a new wardrobe!

I have just gone Spring shopping. After careful thought and much consultation with the Greatest of all designers, I'd like to suggest what I believe the well-dressed Christian lady will be wearing.

The first purchase I made was a *dress*. I chose a dress of *humility*. This dress is very lovely, and, what is even more interesting, it is an "original," for I discovered that humility cannot be imitated. It is one garment Satan cannot design nor duplicate.

I needed a *hat* to go with humility, so I chose *patience* for my headgear. I was told that this hat of patience had been all hand-worked by tribulation. It was hard to get on, and even more difficult to keep on. Often I was pricked uncomfortably with long pins (furnished with the hat), but patience is so becoming to any lady.

My new *shoes* are called *faith*. They go well with patience and humility, for without faith it is impossible to have a pleasing wardrobe. It was difficult to get the shoes to fit perfectly—they would fit one place, not another. They pinched here and rubbed there; but finally, with the able assistance of the Clerk, who taught me much about faith, I was able to secure shoes of faith. It is so much easier to walk now. My shoes of faith take me to places I could not otherwise explore.

Then, I needed *gloves*. I chose *love* for my gloves, carefully placing each finger, for with *love* on my hands I can reach out to everybody, everywhere. And, of course, another necessary

accessory was a *purse*. I wanted a purse that was large, beautiful, and useful. I decided on *unselfishness* for my purse, as the perfect complement to patience, humility, and love.

Finally, I required a coat. This would be the most costly of all my garments, but it was vitally important, for it was my covering. I tried on many coats. I was particularly attracted to one which was on display, but when I tried it on I was so disappointed! Little wonder, for the Clerk told me this coat was actually made of nothing but "filthy rags!" It was the coat of *self-righteousness*.

The Clerk then told me anything else but the coat of *Christ's righteousness* would be inadequate for my needs. I feared this coat would be far too costly for me to purchase—and it was. I was delighted with the news that the coat had already been paid for by the One who had so carefully designed it just for me. He had planned and provided for my wardrobe a beautiful coat of His righteousness. All that was necessary for me to do to possess it was that I accept this expensive garment as a gift from Him, at no cost to me!

Now I have my wardrobe. Looking into the great three-dimensional mirror, the Word of God, I feel sure that what I see is pleasing to Him whom I am seeking to please.

My dress of humility, with accessories of patience, love, and unselfishness; my shoes of faith; and above and over all, the coat of Christ's righteousness, all coincide to make the perfect Christian wardrobe.

I suggest that this is what the well-dressed Christian will be wearing this Spring! ◀◀



## What Shall I Wear?

Where there are children you're apt to hear this question—especially on Sunday morning. Where there are *seventy* children of all sizes, the question becomes serious indeed. Can you help us?

The greatest need is for dress clothing for teen-age boys and girls. Write for information on special needs.

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## Day of Atonement

(Continued from page nine)

of our sins was laid upon Him. It was in the Garden that the Lord Jesus Christ robed Himself for that great sacrifice.

SCENE 4—*Calvary*. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!" What does it mean? The bodies of the animals, whose blood was taken into the holy place on the Day of Atonement, were carried outside; and so Jesus, "that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." He was rejected and cast out of the city.

SCENE 5—*The Resurrection and the Ascension*. The animal was killed at the altar, but the atonement was made in the presence of God. The high priest killed the animal, took its blood, stood before the presence of God, and sprinkled the mercy seat. Jesus died on the earth, on Mount Calvary; but in heaven the atonement was actually made. There the Son of God stood before God, not in His penitential garments, but in His beautiful robes; and because God accepted Him, He accepts us. Calvary was the place of killing, but heaven was the place of sprinkling (Hebrews 9:22-24). Jesus died, but that was not enough. He arose from the dead, but *that* was not sufficient. Jesus had to ascend to present His sacrifice before God. You will remember that when the high priest went into the holy place the people were waiting outside. They had to know that he was alive, and were waiting for the sound of the bells and for the blessing. And this leads us to

SCENE 6—*The Upper Room*. There were 120 gathered together. They knew their Master had died, that He had risen from the dead and now had ascended. But had God accepted His sacrifice? Was He alive? Was the work really accomplished? They said, "He told us to tarry in Jerusalem and wait for the blessing." And every day they prayed. Nothing happened. "Let us pray on," one would say, and day after day they prayed. Everything remained silent; not a sound.

But "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place," waiting for the sound of the bells. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all



# The Mind Is a Battleground

BY HATTIE HAMMOND

CHRISTIAN VICTORY IS IN WILLING to do the will of God. The Son of God found His delight in doing the will of His Father in Heaven. God has made provision that this grace of will might be ours. God so loved the world that He gave His Son for the who-so-ever will. The promise of eternal life and all that it includes is to who-so-ever-will. He that doeth the will of God abideth forever. Jesus said, "I come not to do mine own will." "I seek not mine own will." "Not my will but Thine be done."

God has a blueprint for each of our lives, just as He had a blueprint for the life of His Son. The Lord Jesus lived out that blueprint perfectly, against all the desires of His own will. He was never overcome by temptation, nor overpowered by suggestion. There was never the least trace of resistance in His nature against His Father's way, or any rebellion in Him against His Father's will. The secret of this victory in the life of Christ was this, "I delight to do Thy will, O God." The power

by which He accomplished this victory was the Holy Ghost.

He conquered self-will and disobedience. One of the first marks of conformity to Christ is obedience; simple and complete obedience to all the will of God. He willed to do the will of God. Oh, let us will to do what God would have us do, not fearing the consequences.

The battle is won or lost in the will. When we surrender, God undertakes. When we get through, God begins. *Self-will* is a thief. It steals away all the foundation stones of our most cherished spiritual hopes. We have peace in our emotions, reactions, sensations, likes, and dislikes when we will to be like Jesus. The reactions of these forces have perplexed many; but the secret of victory lies just in "willing" to patiently, meekly, humbly be resigned to God and to do always the Father's will. Do not be discouraged. Perfection is not reached in a day. The promise is to the who-so-ever-will.

the house. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Like the tongues of the tiny bells on the high priest's garment, their tongues rang out their message of praise. They knew then that He had arrived in heaven, that He had been accepted. The work was done.

Then out they went, and throughout the city of Jerusalem the word was spread: "Jesus, whom ye crucified, has arisen; and He has ascended, and is now in the presence of God."

"How do you know He is there?" the Jews would ask; and Peter would

reply, "*He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*" And all the city of Jerusalem heard that dominant message of the primitive church—"Jesus whom ye crucified now LIVES." ◀ ◀

"The fulfillment of irksome duties is the test of sincere obedience. When pleasure and service are identical, it is easy to be diligent in heavenly business. But when flesh and blood rebel against a known duty, it is time to invoke the aid of divine grace. Every personal feeling and private affection must give way before the imperative demands of our Lord and Master."



# Pastors and Congregations are 'SOLD ON REVIVALTIME'

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

The items appearing in the EVANGEL from month to month which discuss Assemblies of God Annuity Agreements have emphasized every conceivable benefit which can accrue to the purchaser of Annuity Agreements: safety, permanence, liberal returns, special benefits to older people, double benefits.

Comparatively little has been said, however, about the great service Annuity Agreements perform for our church and its many ministries. Actually, Annuity Agreements are a form of conditional and delayed bequest. As such, they provide the church with a source of income in the years ahead. (As long as the beneficiary of an Annuity Agreement lives, the money is held in trust to provide income for him. Only after his decease is the money released to church ministries.)

The presence of Annuity Agreements in the financial structure of our church organization creates stability. To be completely frank, we not only offer Assemblies of God Annuity Agreements. We urge our people who have amounts of \$100 or more to participate in our Annuity program.

*In so doing you will perform a service for the cause of the Gospel.* Do not forget, the Annuity Agreement is an investment in which you can place even the money you have set aside to produce income for old age—the returns are most liberal.

Inquire today about the *service you can render.* Your card or letter will receive a prompt reply if addressed to: TREASURER, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

**M**ORE AND MORE PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS are being sold on the worldwide ministry of REVIVALTIME. Last year approximately 1,500 churches gave regularly for the support of this important ministry reaching souls for Christ. REVIVALTIME has continued to reach into hearts and homes, and has changed the lives of wreck and ruin to lives of joy and happiness.

This Full Gospel broadcast is opening new doors of ministry in many communities. It is helping our home missions pastors reach untouched fields, and is guiding spiritually hungry souls to our Full Gospel churches. Realizing the effectiveness of the REVIVALTIME broadcast, several of our districts have made an all-out effort to blanket their region with the program. Within the past several months Montana has doubled its station outlets. New Mexico has increased its station outlets from two to eight. Other districts have increased their station outlets in an effort to get REVIVALTIME into every corner of their district.

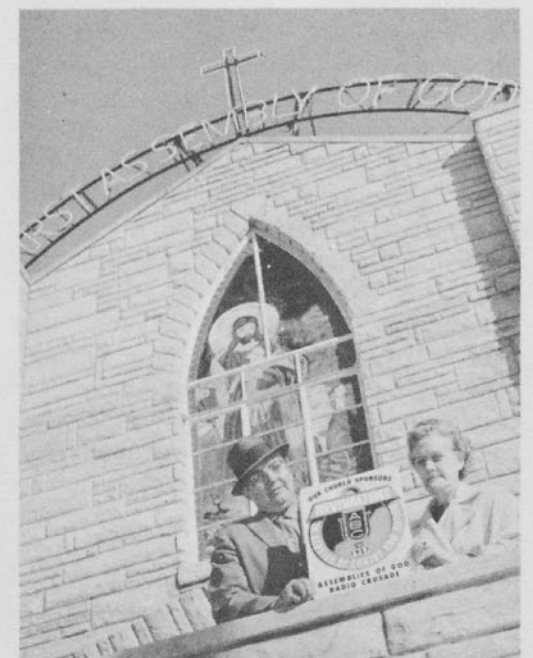
The pastor of a very small church recently wrote, saying that he and his congregation had always felt their church was too small to make a regular contribution to this Pentecostal broadcast, until one day the Lord dealt with him as he listened to the program.

He talked it over with his people, and they decided they would send their Sunday School offering on the third Sunday of each month to REVIVALTIME. He reports that they have lacked for nothing and that the Lord has supplied their needs. His people are thrilled that they are having a part in sending the gospel to souls in need of a Saviour.

Another pastor, wanting to help get REVIVALTIME in his area, decided to take a midweek service offering for the ministry of REVIVALTIME. Previously the church had been taking no offering in the midweek service.

Other pastors across the country are doing the same—finding a way to help support their Full Gospel broadcast, that is now being heard around the world.

Pastors like Brother and sister Erling Saxelid of the First Assembly of God church in El Dorado, Arkansas, have been real boosters of REVIVALTIME. Their hard work and the blessing of the Lord have caused their own building to be crowded out, and they are ready to start on new construction now.



Pastor and Mrs. Erling Saxelid of the First Assembly of God in El Dorado, Ark. display REVIVALTIME sponsor's sign.

They have just completed a Fellowship Hall accommodating 300 to 400 people. The next project is a new sanctuary, after which the present church will be converted into an educational plant.

Although the Saxelids have a heavy radio schedule of their own, they are completely sold on the value of REVIVALTIME, the national radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God. When E. M. Clark, National Secretary of Radio, visited them recently, almost \$700 was raised in cash and pledges to pay for REVIVALTIME'S release from Lima, Peru, and from Cebu City in the Philippines. Pastor and Mrs. Saxelid and their good church are regular supporters of REVIVALTIME.

REVIVALTIME could be the means of reaching your loved one next. Why not encourage your church to use this effective means of witnessing for Christ in your community? For information on how your church can use the ministry of REVIVALTIME, write to—

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#### RADIO NEWS FLASH

Recent changes have been made which were too late to be included in the radio log that was printed in the February 9 *Evangel*. In addition to the stations listed at that time, REVIVALTIME can now be heard also on the following stations:

Athens, Ala.	WJMW	12:45 p.m.
Calera, Ala.	WBYE	
Pine Bluff, Ark.	KOTN	5:30 p.m.
Los Angeles, Calif.	KHOF	8:00 a.m.
Ocala, Fla.	WHYS	7:30 a.m.
Sandpoint, Idaho	KSPT	3:00 p.m.*
Bloomington, Ind.	WTTS	2:30 p.m.
Storm Lake, Iowa	KAYL	8:15 a.m.
Pratt, Kans.	KWSK	2:00 p.m.
Alexandria, La.	KSYP	9:30 p.m.
Baton Rouge, La.	WAIL	8:00 a.m.
Hagerstown, Md.	WJEJ	10:00 p.m.
Dexter, Mo.	KDEX	
Springfield, Mo.	KWTO	8:30 a.m.
Billings, Mont.	KGHL	7:00 a.m.
Artesia, N. Mex.	KSVP	1:30 p.m.
Guthrie, Okla.	KWRW	5:45 p.m.
Forest Grove, Oreg.	KRWC	
Chambersburg, Pa.	WCHA	4:00 p.m.
York, S. C.	WYCL	3:30 p.m.
Yankton, S. Dak.	WNAX	9:00 a.m.
Bristol, Tenn.	WFHG	10:00 p.m.
Brownwood, Tex.	KEAN	4:30 p.m.
Salt Lake City, Utah	KSOP	8:30 a.m.
Charlottesville, Va.	WCHV	8:30 a.m.
Morgantown, W. Va.	WCLG	12:30 p.m.
Weston, W. Va.	WHAW	9:00 a.m.

\* Monday

P.S. Printed radio logs are available FREE to anyone who would like to distribute them or mail them to friends. Write to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Does Romans 11:29 teach that if a Spirit-filled Christian backslides he will never lose the spiritual gifts he has received?**

It is my conviction that this verse has no relation to spiritual gifts. The entire chapter is devoted to the restoration of Israel. Even though "some of the branches be broken off" and it may seem that the Gentiles have taken the Jews' place in spiritual blessings, the gifts and callings provided Israel in the covenants made with their fathers will find no change in the mind of God. Israel will yet be restored and come into those blessings (v. 26).

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**How can a person lose the baptism in the Holy Spirit without backsliding?**

Rather than to say a person has lost the Baptism I would prefer to speak of losing the anointing, the working of the Spirit which expresses itself in physical manifestations. When the Spirit comes it is His purpose to abide with us forever (John 14:16). But the Spirit may be grieved (Ephesians 4:30) or quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:19) through our allowing other things to steal from us the spirit of communion and watchfulness.

The Spirit is likened to wind (John 3:8) which "proceedeth" from the Father (John 15:26). At times the wind blows vigorously, at other times softly; and there are times when the air seems motionless. There may be similar experiences in one's spiritual life. The Spirit is not always actively manifesting Himself through us as at the Day of Pentecost. Our humanity could not long endure the continual strain of such vigorous manifestations.

While we need to guard against settling back into coldness, we must remember that "the just shall live by faith." One of the best proofs of consistent spirituality is devotion of heart to the Lord, and cultivation of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24). May God give us ever-fresh manifestations of the Spirit, and may He keep us living "soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

**Was John the Baptist baptized in water?**

I know of no record concerning this. If he had become a Jewish priest he would have been washed in water (Exodus 29:4), but we have no record of his ever officiating in the priesthood.

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**What did Paul mean when he spoke of "one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5)? Why do we have the term "baptisms" instead of "baptism" in Hebrews 6:2?**

It is my conviction that in Ephesians 4:5 Paul had in mind Christian baptism in water, in contrast to the many baptisms or washings practiced among the Jews. It is these "divers washings" (Hebrews 9:10) of the Jews which the writer of the Hebrews had in mind when he spoke of "the doctrine of baptisms."

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**What was Paul's thorn in the flesh?**

Paul's thorn seems to have been impaired eyesight, the result of an oriental disease which not only dimmed the sight but also disfigured a person's appearance. Paul on one occasion rebuked the high priest, something which he probably would not have done had he recognized who it was (Acts 23:3-5). The apostle wrote the Galatians, "Ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me" (Galatians 4:15), and he closed his Epistle with the words, "See with how large letters I write unto you with mine own hand" (Galatians 6:11, A.S.V.)

God, however, has omitted a definite statement as to what Paul's thorn was. Perhaps His reason for omitting this is that many other things than poor eyesight could become thorns to us. Many things which might goad and chafe, seemingly to handicap us, may be thorns which we must learn to overcome by divine grace as Paul did.

*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).*



## Christ's Teaching About His Death

Sunday School Lesson for March 30, 1958

JOHN 12:23-33

A number of Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Passover asked for an introduction to Jesus. Philip and Andrew together took this request to the Master. Jesus may have seen in this incident the foreshadowing of the conversion of the Gentiles. At any rate, He proceeded to unfold some great principles concerning His coming death and resurrection.

### THE DYING SEED (John 12:23, 24)

"And Jesus answered them saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified." Christ was aware that the time was now at hand when He should fulfill the purpose for which He had come into the world; namely, to die for man's sin. But what glory could there be in such an hour? He who was God's Son would die the death of a common criminal under a curse!

Yet therein lay the very glory of it all! For by His death and resurrection and ascension to glory, He would break forever the power of death and sin. He would make eternal life possible for every man. His glory would be revealed thus in His triumph over death; in the vindication of His claims; in the many sons who through His death would share His glory; in His return to the Father, at whose right hand He would sit until the kingdoms of the world were His!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground, and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Jesus laid down a great spiritual principle which He illustrated from the natural world. Unless a grain of wheat is sown in the ground, it is very limited in its usefulness. If it is sown, it dies; yet out of that death comes new life, new growth—a stalk of wheat on which there may be hundreds of grains of wheat. So it is in the realm of the spiritual. There is no gain except by loss; there is no life except by death.

This principle is illustrated in Jesus' life and death. Through His death, new life was made possible to all mankind—spiritual life, everlasting life. If Jesus had not died, His ministry would have been confined to one place at a time. By His death, resurrection, and ascension, He multiplied Himself to an innumerable measure. He reproduced His own life and ministry through all who would believe in Him.

### THE DYING SERVANT (vv. 25, 26).

"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." Christ here applied the principle of the above verse to discipleship in general. The person who loves self and lives primarily for self will lose eternally. On the other hand, the person who can say, "I [my self life] have been crucified with Christ," will live indeed. The person who is dead to the desires of his self-life, who sows to the Spirit, who gives himself in self-forgetful, loving service for Christ and others

—that person will enjoy a higher, nobler, richer life here below and a glorious life in eternity beyond.

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour." Those who would serve Christ can serve in the truest sense only when they follow in the steps of their Master and live by the principles by which He lived. To follow Him means to sacrifice, to deny self, to be ready to suffer

### THE DYING SAVIOUR (vv. 27-33).

(1) *Christ troubled.* "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: . . ." Christ's language here is like His language in Gethsemane. We believe He was beginning to realize and feel some of the horror of becoming sin for us. What recoiling and shrinking there naturally would be, to One so sinless and holy, at the thought of drinking the cup of the world's sin!

The writer is convinced, however, that there should be a question mark after the word *hour*, instead of a colon. Though Christ shrank from becoming sin, it is unthinkable that He shrank from the Cross. His question was raised for the benefit of His disciples. He as much as said to them, "My soul is sorrowful, in agony. But what of it? Shall I for this reason ask the Father to spare me from this? Nay, it is for this very hour that I have come into the world."

(2) *Christ triumphant.* "But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name." What an example is set for us in these words. Shall we ask to be spared from hardships, sacrifices, sufferings which advance God's kingdom on earth? Let us so live that come what may of trial, hardship, and test—our one great desire is that our Father may be glorified.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT



BEARING SHAME AND SCOFFING RUDE,  
IN MY PLACE CONDEMNED HE STOOD,  
SEALED MY PARDON WITH HIS BLOOD,  
HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR!

P.P. BLISS

# Healing Testimonies

## Delivered From Multiple Sclerosis

Nearly two years ago I began to notice that something was wrong. When I became excited or rode any distance in a car, I felt as though someone had spun me like a top. Certain tones made my head feel as if there were an unbearable pressure upon it.

Finally I went to my family doctor, who sent me to a specialist. Upon concluding his examination, the specialist phoned the hospital for reservations for a lady with a possible brain tumor. Hospital tests showed that I had no brain tumor, but rather multiple sclerosis of the brain, an incurable disease. This was in May 1957.

For the next three months, the only time I felt fairly normal was when I was lying down. The left side of my body was beginning to become paralyzed. My sight wasn't good, and the sclerosis had affected my equilibrium.

Then in August, during a Thursday night service, Pastor Glenn M. Horst



Mrs. Edward L. Miller, who was healed of multiple sclerosis, and her husband.

stated that God was going to heal someone that night. I felt as surely as if he had called my name that he was speaking of me. He called for a healing line, and asked the deacons to come and help him pray. As they prayed for me the pressure in my head lifted, and I have constantly improved from that day to this.

The fact that I am holding a job today is a miracle, for several months ago I could hardly control my hands enough even to write. Since that August night I have had *no* paralysis. The nauseated feeling, which I had almost constantly, is nearly gone, along with the dizziness I felt. Praise His wonderful name!—Mabel Miller (Mrs. Edward L.), Fort Wayne, Ind.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Glenn M. Horst, Fort Wayne, Ind., who states: "I can vouch for every word of this testimony. One would never know that Sister Miller ever had multiple sclerosis. From all appearances she is perfectly normal and well. She has been working every day—including overtime—for a number of months.)"*

## Healed of Flu

I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to me. One Monday evening I took the flu, and the next morning I got out of bed quite sick. I ate only a little breakfast, then sat down and thought, "Should I call my pastor and ask for prayer, or suffer with the flu like everyone else?" The Lord seemed to impress me with the need of more faith on the part of Christians. I got up, full of joy, thanking the Lord for His healing power. I walked up and down the room, rejoicing in Jesus our Lord. Almost before I knew it, I was well—no more sore throat, no more headache. All the glory belongs to the Lord.—Mrs. Katie Dittus, 934 S. Central Ave., Lodi, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Kelsey C. Prinzing, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Lodi, Calif.)*

## Miraculously Healed of Tubercular Cavities

Four years ago I began coughing and wheezing and having pains in my lungs. The doctors said it was asthma. I began praying for my healing and went to many healing services. The sickness, however, grew worse



Kathleen Slusser

each day, until I was hardly able to go to church. On the night of March 12, 1957, I had a bad lung hemorrhage. We called for prayer. Three more hemorrhages occurred before my husband took me to the hospital.

X-ray pictures showed cavities in my right lung, and I was sent to the T. B. sanatorium at Edwardsville, Illinois. Three more hemorrhages followed, and I lay packed in ice for weeks and could only lean on the promises of God. They said I would be in the sanatorium for eight months.

Pastor Kofahl visited me in the sanatorium regularly, and after prayer on one of those visits the quickening power of God came and healed me miraculously. Following the prayer I insisted on another X-ray examination. The pictures gave added weight to my insistence that I had been healed. The lung cavities that were to have required eight months to be healed were healed miraculously, but they would not release me immediately. Altogether, I was in the sanatorium only three months. I have been X-rayed since leaving the sanatorium and am still healed.—Mrs. Kathleen Slusser, Route 2, Box 210, Collinsville, Ill.

*(Endorsed by James Kofahl, Pastor, First Assembly, Granite City, Ill.)*

If we wait for ideally favorable weather for the sowing of the good seed, for the investment of our lives in the field of human need, we shall die waiting. —J. Stuart Holden

**A**BOUT FORTY PER CENT OF THE nation's population belong to this group. What does that mean, economy-wise? It means that you probably own a car, are buying your home, have most of the modern conveniences and perhaps a few luxuries.

As a Christian, it means that you are exposed to certain dangers, and are apt to make certain mistakes in your stewardship of finances, different from the perils which befall the poor or the risks which beset the rich.

For instance, because of your economic status, you have probably built up a credit rating that may be a snare to you. If you were poorer, you could not have established it. Therefore you may yield to the temptation of credit or installment buying beyond a discreet limit, and may be up to your ears in debt. You may run on so close a margin that any little emergency will throw you behind with some of your obligations. As a result, in the eyes of some creditor or collector, you do not measure up to what a Christian should be. Thereby reproach is brought on the name of Christ. The Scripture admonishes, in Romans 13:8, "Owe no man anything but to love one another. . . ."

Another mistake you may make is in trying to "keep up with the Joneses." If you were in the low-income group, you might know it was impossible, and not be foolish enough to try. As it is, you may be led to think, that by a little trimming here or straining there—even, maybe, by a little questionable manipulating—you can maintain a standard equivalent to some other family whom you envy. Such a situation is evidence of "heart disease." Your heart is not single-minded toward God. You are trying to serve two masters, though the Scripture expressly warns, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Mammon means material objectives.

It should be remembered that this effort to appear or live more prosperous than we are is not always accompanied by more expensive clothes or cars. A middle-income woman, a respected church member, stole colossal sums from her employers to give to other people. She was not trying to "keep up with the Joneses" but she was trying to assume a role to which she was not entitled. And by her gross defection from honesty, she brought



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## Mistakes of **MIDDLE- INCOMERS**

By Virginia Whitman

shame upon her church, her denomination, and the cause of Christ.

It is a shocking fact that more middle-incomers become embezzlers than any other group. According to *Fortune* magazine, the typical embezzler is a man in his thirties, married, with one or two children. He lives in a respectable neighborhood, drives a medium-priced car, and so on. In other words, he is a middle-incomer. Of course, he is not an embezzler because of that, but rather because being in that group he is exposed to particular temptations which he might not encounter were he either poor or rich.

Yet in Proverbs 30:7-9 is a remarkable item: a man praying to be a middle-incomer! He says, "... give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." The marginal rendering on the word "convenient" carries the thought of suitability; or, to paraphrase, "appropriate to my income." It is in not being satisfied with such a standard of living as he can afford, that the middle-in-

comer makes his mistakes and comes to grief. Paul admonished, in 1 Timothy 6:8, "And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content."

One other type of mistake the middle-incomer may make is in regard to his gifts to the Lord's causes. If he were poor, whatever he gave might look big to him. But the middle-incomer is apt to fall short in his financial responsibilities because his gifts look small to him. Since he cannot give huge sums, he excuses himself from giving any, particularly in special or above-the-tithe offerings. Yet statistics show that most Christian movements and organizations which are supported by free-will offerings receive the major part of their income from relatively small gifts. One of the greatest Bible Institutes in the nation published a pamphlet a few years ago in which it stated that 74% of its income was from cash donations of which 87% were for \$10 or less. So the middle-incomer need not excuse himself from faithful stewardship on the basis of not being able to make large gifts.

A missionary leader has stated that if only 5 million, out of a possible 50 million evangelical Christians in the U.S. and Canada, gave an additional \$3 to \$5 each per year, they could support an additional 10,000 missionaries. As it is, there is but one Protestant missionary to approximately every 4,000 church members, because per capita gifts for foreign missions vary from as low as 95c per year up. Obviously, the progress of foreign missions depends upon the faithful stewardship of middle-incomers.

Do such facts convict you, as a middle-incomer, that you have been grieving God by mistakes in handling your finances? Have you brought reproach on His name by unworthy practices or covetous ambitions? If such be the case, there must be contrition first, and confession of sin (1 John 1:9). Then there must be prayer for a willingness to deny self, to forego luxuries and extravagances, in order to be a faithful steward and an effective witness. That is the challenge of 2 Corinthians 9:8: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work." (Note that it says *sufficiency*, not *superfluity*.) Therefore, ask God for grace to manage your income in a manner that will glorify Him.

(Next week: *Risks of the Rich.*)



# Thirteen Signs of His Return

(Continued from page five)

say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

9. *World Rearmament.* Turn to Joel 3:9, 10: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong." Joel says that this condition is to mark the time when "the day of the Lord is near."

After the gospel has been proclaimed for nearly 2,000 years, the cry of the world is "Prepare for war!" The federal burden which lies upon the heads of every man, woman, and child in this nation is just under five hundred dollars a person this year. More than one half of our national budget is for defense this year. Defense commitments will soon preempt the production schedules of our factories. And our selective service lists will grow and grow. The alarm has been sounded since the event of Sputnik, "Wake up the mighty men." Science is to have the green light in this nation.

10. *Scoffers.* Second Peter 3:3, 4 says: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

In a great theological conclave not long ago one delegate stood when the Second Coming was mentioned, and said, "Did I come 2,000 miles to hear something that was ruled out of court forty years ago?" You would have to revise every book in the New Testament to eliminate the truth of our Lord's return. The physical return of Jesus Christ is the guarantee that everything else in the gospel is true.

11. *The Crumbling of Nations.* The prophet Haggai talks about this in chapter 2, verses 6, 7. "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations

shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts."

In 1914 there were 41 royal dynasties. Count them today! Look at verse 22: "And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother." The story of revolution is the story of the twentieth century.

12. *Israel a Nation.* Mister, you can write the date 1948 over chapters thirty-six and thirty-seven of the Book of Ezekiel. The miracle of Israel is the miracle of a national revival out of the ashes of the horror camps of World War Two. Can anyone doubt it?

13. *Atomic Destructive Power.* We read in 2 Peter 3:10-12: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" What did Peter know scientifically of the "elements melting with fervent heat" when he wrote these words? I believe he wrote as directed by the Holy Spirit.

Christ's words in Mark 13:29 are for every professing Christian today: "When ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors."

Hebrews 1:1 says, "God . . . spake . . . by the prophets." I believe that. They have pinpointed this as the greatest day of all history. Now is the time to get right with God. The New Testament says, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." That certain light of prophecy is flashing a warning to your heart, Sir, to turn in with the offers of God's mercy and get ready to meet your Saviour. ◀ ◀

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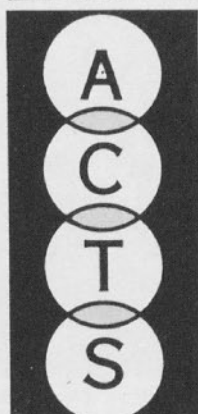
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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **HAMBURG, ARK.**—The Assembly here was stirred under the anointed preaching of Evangelist J. D. Griffis of DeKalb, Tex. Some were saved and backsliders returned to God during the services.

—*M. D. Spencer, Pastor*

► **LITHIA, FLA.**—A wonderful revival campaign has just concluded at the Keysville Assembly with A. E. Durham of England. The Lord blessed in the saving of souls and the reclaiming of backsliders. The church was stirred by Brother Durham's ministry.

—*Don Mulliniks, Pastor*

► **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**—Evangelist T. L. Grey of Greenville, S. C. conducted a three-week revival recently at the Norwood Assembly. The church was blessed by his anointed Bible preaching and singing. Souls were saved, sick bodies healed, and people led into a closer walk with God.

—*Leonard E. Page, Pastor*

► **SAN ANGELO, TEX.**—First Assembly has just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jackie Hayhurst of Tulsa, Okla. Ten were saved, one baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled. The children's meeting held each evening prior to the evangelistic service was conducted by Sister Hayhurst with good success. The nightly prayer meetings contributed much to the success of the revival.

—*Jimmy Phillips, Pastor*

► **NORFOLK, VA.**—The Northside Assembly of God recently enjoyed a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Gordon Churchill. Several were saved, among them

some Catholic young people who have taken a definite interest in the church. The Sunday School attendance continues to grow, and interest in this new work is mounting higher.

—*James L. Allen, Pastor*

► **SULPHUR, OKLA.**—The Assembly here reports a successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jackie Pruitt of Tulsa, Okla. Many were stirred to seek God. Five were saved and five filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a very good move in the whole church.

—*Keith L. Belknap, Pastor*

► **YUMA, ARIZ.**—First Assembly profited greatly by the anointed ministry of Evangelist Harvey J. Hays during a recent meeting here. Thirteen were saved, 15 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 10 followed the Lord in water baptism. The crowds were good each night. Thank God for His blessing in the services. (O. W. Killingsworth is our pastor.)

—*Melba Killingsworth, Church Secretary*

► **BATTLE CREEK, MICH.**—The Springfield Assembly here just closed two weeks of meetings with Brother and Sister Frank Finkenbinder of Denver, Colo. God blessed in each service and the saints were greatly refreshed under the old-fashioned spiritual ministry. The evangelists were assisted in special music by their son, George.

—*Thomas G. Skoog, Pastor*

► **PEORIA, ILL.**—First Assembly recently concluded a series of special services with Evangelist Christian Hild of Minneapolis, Minn. His messages, inspiration and challenges were a tonic to the whole church.

Over 50 knelt at the altars for salvation, and others for rededication to greater Christian service. The Sunday School average has remained 60 over last year's average. The revival spirit still prevails. Following the campaign 20 were filled with the Holy Spirit within one week.

—*Lloyd Shoemaker, Pastor*

► **GARIBALDI, OREG.**—Revival fires continue to burn at the Assembly of God here following special services conducted by Fred Versolenko, pastor of the Salem Central Assembly. During the eight-day revival many accepted Christ as personal Saviour and several were reclaimed. Brother Versolenko is planning a tour of South America, where he will visit nationalist churches and aid missionaries in that area. (Woodrow Jensen pastors the Garibaldi Assembly.)

—*Harley F. Porter, Board Member*

► **JOHNSTOWN, PA.**—Evangelists Jimmy and Dorothy Adams came to Grace Pentecostal Church in January for special meetings. From the very first God's blessing was upon the services. The crowds increased from night to night, although the area suffered three continuous weeks of snow and freezing weather. Many who had never visited the church before came night after night to hear the gospel sung and preached in the old-fashioned way. The results were very good. Twenty or more were saved, four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several testified to receiving healing. The Assembly was revived and blessed of the Lord.

—*E. S. Opdenhoff, Pastor*



Crowd attending the Grace Pentecostal Church during the evangelistic campaign conducted by Evangelists Jimmy and Dorothy Adams. E. S. Opdenhoff is pastor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION AND CHURCH DEDICATION**—Mar. 28-30 at South Lawn Assembly, Amarillo, Tex. Elvis Davis, Ghana, West Africa, speaker. J. A. Thomas, District Superintendent, and Charles J. Estes, District Secretary, will officiate at the dedication Sunday afternoon.—by C. V. Davis, Pastor.

**WITH CHRIST**

**HENRY E. BRANNOCH**, 51, Phoenix, Ariz., went to be with the Lord January 30, 1958. Brother Brannoch was ordained in 1945. He spent his time in pastoral and evangelistic

work. His last pastorate was in Rattan, Okla.

**CHARLES E. SHIELDS**, 73, Gardena, Calif. went to his heavenly reward February 15, 1958. Brother Shields was one of our pioneer ministers, having received ordination in 1914. He pastored churches in Oklahoma, California, and Washington.

**JOHN R. VEST**, 54, Webb City, Mo., died from a cerebral hemorrhage February 18, 1958. Brother Vest was ordained in 1940. He pastored churches in Missouri, Kansas, and California. The last few years he was engaged in evangelistic work.

# World Crisis

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that decisive intervention will be the culminating point of the dispensation in which we are now living. Many think that these are the closing days of that era, and that it will end with the manifestation promised to the Church by the prophets.

**THE IRRESPONSIBLE WILL BE JUDGED**

Those who do so believe, nevertheless, likewise believe that the judgment of the irresponsible at that point will prove to be far graver for them than either the consequences of nuclear war or of surrender to Communist tyranny; and while, therefore, there is a consolation to be had from Christian conviction, a mere acceptance of the inevitability of Divine intervention is not a thing lightly to accept, since it may well prove to be worse for those guilty of irresponsibility than any other outcome of human affairs.

Whichever way one looks at the present situation, and whatever one's convictions may be—Christian or agnostic, easy-going or anxious—we are confronted by an imminent crisis of unparalleled magnitude without precedent or comparison in all the history of the human race upon this planet. How long it will endure before it reaches its climax none can tell; but there are many signs that the time in hand is short, and, if that be true, the time available for effective action is equally short.

**SOUND THE ALARM**

The writer earnestly hopes that every reader will make a supreme effort to spread the facts widely and quickly with a sense of the utmost urgency—not being afraid to display an anxiety for which there is every cause. We hope that every reader will act—and act at once.

It is active individuals who create opinion climates; and public opinion moves Governments, unions, and all the rest into policies. It is active minorities which change historical courses. Mass opinion is formed by the convictions and actions of a handful of people who think things out and whose convictions find support in events. Immense responsibility rests upon thoughtful, well-informed minorities.

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## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	A of G	Mar. 18-30	M. C. Allen Party	Elbert Jackson
	Leeds	A of G	Mar. 11-23	Calvin Melton	Cary Rigby
	Montgomery	First	Mar. 26-Apr. 6	Paul Hild	Robert Ferguson
Ark.	Prichard	A of G	Mar. 12-23	Musical Vanns	J. D. Stevens
	Magnolia	First	Mar. 30—	Chas. E. Hackett	Grady Adcock
Calif.	McGehee	First	Mar. 23—	Raymond Grimes	C. B. Anderson
	Carmichael	A of G	Mar. 25-Apr. 6	Edwin Kramer	L. W. Suter
	Sanger	A of G	Mar. 16—	Lawrence E. Mundt	C. R. Stern
Colo.	S. San Francisco	First	Mar. 23—	Don George & wife	Carl Curtright
	Pueblo	Central	Mar. 30—	Dwayne Madsen & wife	C. F. Ferguson
Fla.	Crestview	A of G	Mar. 16-31	Forrest Whaley	J. D. McVicker
	Jacksonville	Southside	Mar. 19-Apr. 6	Busse Evangelistic Team	E. R. Schulz
Ill.	Vero Beach	* First	Mar. 25-Apr. 6	Dick Stevens Party	F. S. Taylor
	Madison	A of G	Mar. 30-Apr. 13	B. R. Minton	J. R. Randolph
	Robinson	Full Gospel	Mar. 27-Apr. 6	Fiscus-Peak	Oliver S. Knell
Kans.	Springfield	Glad Tidings	Mar. 18—	J. Haskell Woolridge	Edwin Weber
	Wood River	A of G	Mar. 30—	Lolita Thompson	E. R. Bucher
	Kansas City	Overland Park	Mar. 16—	S. J. Colburn	Gail Howard
La.	Leavenworth	A of G	Mar. 23-Apr. 6	Ronald & Ida Snider	Howard Shelton
	Pomona	A of G	Mar. 23-Apr. 6	Max Manning & wife	Pete W. Ratzlaff
	New Orleans	Gospel Lighthouse	Mar. 23-Apr. 6	Warren Litzman	L. O. Waldon
Mich.	Springhill	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 6	Jack Pruitt	Paul H. Palser
	Flushing	A of G	Mar. 23-Apr. 6	Bob Slaton & wife	James Sutton, Sr.
	Grand Rapids	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 6	Joel Palmer & wife	Waldo E. Risner
Miss.	Reed City	A of G	Mar. 25-Apr. 4	James West & wife	D. L. Roberts
	Hattiesburg	First	Mar. 23-Apr. 6	R. G. Hancock & wife	G. P. Hertweck
	Meridan	Highland Park	Mar. 19-Apr. 6	C. E. Simms & wife	Thomas Hayes
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*There was no vice in  
Sodom that is not  
practiced in every city  
on earth today.*

# Modern Sodoms

As evidence, he cites the evermounting divorce rate, the upsurge in sex crimes, the emphasis of sex in radio and TV programs, stage plays and movies, popular songs, pictures, reading matter, and advertisements.

"We live," he says, "in a video environment saturated with exhibition of teasingly semi-draped nudity. Sex appeal has become a must in commercial advertising. . . . Our civilization has become so preoccupied with sex that it now oozes from all pores of our national life.

"We are completely surrounded by the rising tide of sex, which is flooding every compartment of our culture, every section of our social life."

Professor Sorokin, who is head of the Harvard Research Center in Creative Altruism, makes the serious charge that gross sexual misconduct no longer keeps persons from being appointed to high office.

"Among our public officials," he declares, "there is a vast legion of profligates.

"Our morals," he adds, "have changed so notably that continency, chastity, and faithfulness are increasingly viewed as oddities, as the ossified survival of a prehistoric age."

If history teaches one lesson above another, it is that leadership passes from nations whose morals become corrupt.

"Sex anarchy" was what brought doom upon the whole world in the days of Noah. "They took them wives of all which they chose" (Gen. 6:2), the record says, and every imagination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually (Gen. 6:5).

Significantly, Jesus warned His disciples that similar conditions will prevail in the days preceding His second coming.

"As it was in the days of Noe," He said, "so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:26, 27).

How much longer will the longsuffering Creator endure this wicked and adulterous generation? Surely the end of the age must be near.

**P**ROFESSOR SOROKIN OF HARVARD University says, "America is in the throes of a new revolution more deadly than communism."

An expert on human behavior, Professor Sorokin is convinced that Americans are fast becoming victims of a "sex mania" as malignant as cancer and as socially menacing as communism. He believes that the nation is drifting toward sex anarchy in the same manner that marked the downfall of Greece and Rome.

## HEALING TESTIMONY

### Cancer Victim Is Healed

Twenty-five years ago Miss Larie Lee Parrott, who has spent her life here in Morehouse Parish, was sent home from the hospital with cancer and given two weeks to live. She was confined to a bed for many years, and it was only by the grace of God that she lived.

For days at a time she would not be able to take any nourishment. But no one ever heard her murmur or complain. Everyone who visited her was lifted up. She really had an experience

with God, and you could always feel God's presence there.

In 1950 we were scheduled to dedicate the new Sunday School building one Sunday morning. I told Sister Parrott that we would bring her to church so she could enjoy the services, and that God would heal her.

She said, "Brother Allen, I have not had my feet on the floor in 33 months, but I am willing to believe God."

We brought her to the church and laid her on a cot. Before our district superintendent brought the message we prayed for her, and God touched her. She arose from the cot, and began dancing and shouting and praising God. For an hour or more she rejoiced in the Lord, and did not want to sit down.

The next day I went to her home,

where I found her up rejoicing in the Lord. She weighed about 80 pounds, but her feet and ankles were swollen in a strut. She asked why her ankles were swelling. I explained that God had healed her but that it would take time for strength to come into her body, for she had not had any weight on her feet for almost three years. It was about a week before all the swelling was gone and she had strength enough to begin walking to church.

That was eight years ago, and Sister Parrott is a faithful attendant at church. She walks about four blocks to the services. She is loved and appreciated by everyone, and her testimony rings out with the sweetness of God's presence.—*J. E. Allen, Pastor, Assembly of God, Bastrop, La.* ◀◀

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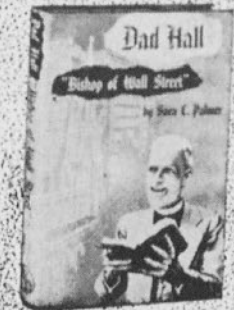
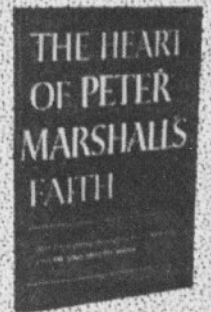
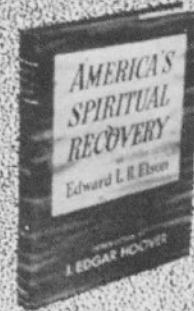
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### Free Organs for Ohio Churches

In the January 26th issue of the Evangel there was an article about a man in Cleveland who is giving organs to country churches in Ohio. Can you give me his complete address?

HOWARD SPRIGGS  
Oberlin, Ohio

●The philanthropist to which we referred is Mr. Cloud Foster, 1297 Union Commerce Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio. According to Religious News Service, Mr. Foster offers to give a spinet-model electric organ to any "poor country church" in Ohio that needs one. The only stipulation he makes is that a church must currently be without one, and without funds to purchase one.

### "Food for My Soul"

The Evangel surely is food for my soul. I hate to miss one issue. The people who write the articles surely know the Lord. The natural man couldn't give such soul-thrilling messages if he was not filled with the Holy Ghost. I find the missionary news very inspiring, and the testimonies especially. When I am not feeling so well, I read the healing testimonies and catch faith for my healing from the Lord.

ANNIE M. WATKINS  
Ashland, Virginia

### No Place for Fiction?

I want to compliment you on including "Your Questions," by Ernest S. Williams. I know many people will really enjoy this page.

I also want to tell you how sad I am that you are including fiction stories in the Evangel. I realize they have a place but certainly not in the Evangel. May we have more articles on prayer, the Holy Spirit, and revival instead.

NORMAN L. STEYER  
Kelso, Washington

●Only seldom does fiction appear in the Evangel. When it does the purpose is not to entertain but to teach a spiritual lesson which can be taught more effectively in this way than in a sermon. Christ taught in parables, and parables were fiction. It would seem that if there is a place for fiction in the Bible there should be a place for it occasionally in the Evangel.

### No Tithers in the Red

An expert accountant who has audited the personal accounts of hundreds of people says: "I have worked out more than 200 budgets for a group known as tithers. These are good souls who believe in giving ten per cent of their income to Kingdom causes. Never have I known a tither to be in the red."

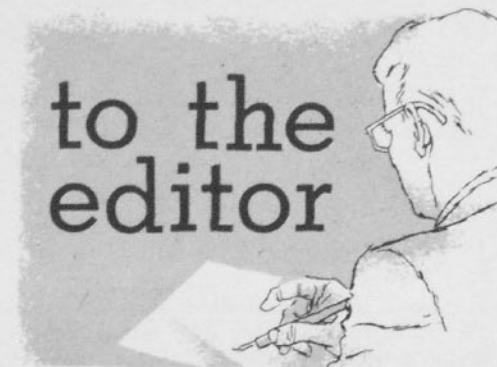
Evidently the accountant thinks the tithers are an odd group; nevertheless he has to admit that God honors those who honor Him.

BYRON D. JONES  
Ashley, Pennsylvania

### More "Human Interest" Wanted

My appreciation for the Evangel started some fifteen years ago, but has grown deeper and deeper in the light of the serious days in which we are living. I feel that reading it consistently each week keeps me alert as to various subjects in God's Word, thereby helping me to be ready for our Lord's return. Recently, I found it so enriching to rise early

# to the editor



one Sunday morning and read two or three good articles from the Evangel before going to church. It seemed to put me in just the right spirit to participate in the services.

I'd like to suggest that there be more human interest stories, especially those emphasizing how people found the reality of salvation. I like to pass my Evangels on to unsaved neighbors and friends, and sometimes I have to search through several issues before finding the type of articles that I feel would attract their attention and enlighten them on the truth concerning personal salvation. . . .

For my personal reading I specially enjoy the comments on the Sunday School lesson, and the "Christian Home" articles.

MRS. MARVIN NEDVED  
Hays, Kansas

### Pentecostal World Directory

On my return from Africa and Europe last week, I received a letter requesting a copy of the "World Dictionary of Pentecostal Movements." At first I could not understand what he was referring to. Then I looked at the February 2nd issue of the Evangel (page 31) and read the statement, "We hope to publish a World Dictionary of Pentecostal Movements." This was an erroneous quotation from my article, of course. It should have read, "We hope to publish a World Directory of Pentecostal Movements."

I hope you will be able to correct this mistake, for there is a big difference between a dictionary and a directory. At the same time, I must not forget to thank you for publishing the statistics of the Pentecostal movements throughout the world. After my visit to Nigeria and South Africa, I feel that 270,000 for Nigeria and 300,000 for South Africa would be much nearer the truth than the figures published; namely, 200,000 in each case.

DAVID J. DU PLESSIS  
P. O. Box 8615  
Dallas, Texas

### Sermons Appreciated

My husband and I appreciate very much The Pentecostal Evangel for what it means to us and to our congregation.

In reading the January 12th issue I noticed a letter from a reader asking for less sermons and more human interest features. In our opinion, the sermons are tops, and we would be very disappointed if they were discontinued. We appreciate all the other Assemblies of God publications that have more light reading in them. Why not keep at least one publication with sermons and deeper reading material?

MRS. N. J. SORENSON  
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ABRAHAM WAS NINETY-NINE YEARS old. He had a son thirteen, named Ishmael. The boy was tall and strong, and perhaps a little wild. The men who served Abraham liked this proud young chief, and Abraham had learned to love him too. Abraham's wife found fault with Ishmael, but this did not diminish Abraham's affection for the lad.

Then God spoke to Abraham and said that his wife Sarah would have a son, and his name should be Isaac. And Abraham, troubled in spirit, sent up a cry toward God: "O that Ishmael might live before thee!"

And why should not the Lord choose Ishmael? He was fine and intelligent, a natural leader, with the future in his look. Why should a man wait for another son to be his heir when he already had a splendid son?

Has not one of man's failures ever been his urge to make his own choices rather than to accept the choices of God? God is forever invading our lives, taking something from us, demanding that we accept something else! We desire to keep the fine substitute we have found for the divine will!

A man is a good citizen, a moral person; he treats his family and his neighbors right. He is a useful man in his community. But the gospel would interfere with his life; it would insist that he be *more* than a good man—that he be *spiritual*. Why does not the Lord let a man alone with his own self-righteousness?

But God will not let us alone. He offers us more than we care to have! He never lets us rest with only the things that satisfy us; He keeps prodding us, saying, "I have more for you." But we want nothing more than our quiet poverty!

Conversely, God is forever trying to make us keep something that we would like to get rid of! Israel had judges, but she wanted a king. God wanted her to keep the judges. Judah had God, but she wanted to trade Him for gods who were no gods. The Church has Christ, who is God's own Son, and they want to make Him a mere teacher. We

# The Father Knows Best

BY LON WOODRUM

have the norm of righteousness in the Bible; but many prefer some other standard of right.

General Naaman wanted to be rid of leprosy, but he was shocked when he was told to bathe in the muddy Jordan. Why not bathe in the crystal clear rivers of Syria?

Israel had a great religion. She had a glorious history. Giants had stood in her ranks. But there came a Baby born in a cattleshed, and God demanded things be changed. He asked Israel to take a Leader greater than Moses. To Israel this was unbearable. Israel was doing all right—why this new idea, this new gospel?

Paul was a mighty religionist. He was schooled in theology; he had kept the faith of his fathers diligently. He wished to make his religion outstanding in the earth. He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, of the tribe of Benjamin. But God flung him down on the Damascus Road and gave him a new way of life. So God is always intercepting us, demanding that we surrender our ways for His.

And we are so content with our own

strength, our own wisdom, our own righteousness. But God besets us like a fierce dream, demanding that we take *His* strength, *His* wisdom, *His* righteousness.

And how often the things God offers us seem less worthy than the things we have! Think of Israel trading her dignified religion for a thing as ugly as the cross! Imagine Paul trading his achievements for the foolishness of preaching the gospel!

Still God keeps invading our lives, changing our course. We cling to our Ishmaels whom we have learned to love, and turn from the Isaacs He would give us. Yet the future belongs to Isaac, not to Ishmael. God wounds us in His demands; but when we take His way He heals us and shows us His glory. We are like children who remonstrate when something is taken from them, not understanding that the parent's purpose in taking it away is to give them something better in its place. But the parent is wise beyond the mind of the child. So is our Heavenly Father wise beyond our understanding. He knows best.