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



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The Death of Modesty

Feminine modesty, that beautiful quality that God has placed in the human family to safeguard its moral standards, is dying today. An increasing number of women and girls have bowed their knees to the goddess of Fashion and do not hesitate to conform to the most extreme and shameless of modern styles.

One writer asks: "Where is that thing called modesty today? It is almost a memory. Modesty is no longer considered necessary to the protection of virtue. Scanty clothing is considered a mere matter of choice. Sex appeal is regarded as legitimate for both non-Christian and Christian."

The same author says: "The unrestrained freedom in dress of our day is not an isolated phenomenon, but is one aspect of the moral letdown of this generation." That there has been a tremendous moral decadence in society, all must admit, and it is not easy for Christians to keep from drifting with the tide. But if we remember that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost, we will be careful to cover them with clothing that is conservatively styled and properly fitted. Our clothes will conform to the principles of Christian modesty and good taste. Thus we will be a testimony to the unconverted and an example to the newly saved.

Jesus warned that Satan is a thief who comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." The extreme fashions of the day are one of the means by which he does his diabolical work.

Extreme fashions will *destroy morality* if not checked. It is a fact that dress styles have a definite moral influence for good or for evil. Some of them are deliberately designed to appeal to the sin that lies in the human heart. It was because of this sin that God made garments for Adam and Eve. The garments He made were to cover their nakedness, a fact that women should remember when choosing a wardrobe.

Extreme fashions will *kill modesty* in our hearts. Women are bidden to "adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Timothy 2:9) and this means it should not be so costly, so fancy, or so unusual that it draws undue attention to the wearer. If the Spirit of God is in us, we will be humble and self-effacing, not proud or ostentatious.

Extreme fashions may *steal moderation* from our lives. As stewards of God's money we must watch our clothing budget or we may spend more on our wardrobe than on world missions. Before indulging in luxuries we should remember the less fortunate, the destitute millions who have nothing but rags to protect them from summer's sun or winter's wind. The Bible says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5).

The enemy comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy all that is good and desirable in life, but the Good Shepherd came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. If we follow Him and heed His voice, He will save us from the immodesty, immoderation, and immorality connected with the extreme fashions of the world.

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BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

BY HARRY J. STEIL



ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EARNEST Christians once tried to hold a quiet, obscure religious meeting. They were fearful of public opinion, which had condemned their Leader and sent Him to a criminal's death. And so they gathered in an exclusive, prearranged "Upper Room"—away from the public gaze and the activity of the street below. The public need not know anything about the gathering at all.

For nine days these men and women quietly and inconspicuously threaded their way through the busy, boisterous Jerusalem crowds and met together in the Upper Room. But on the tenth day all of their carefully laid plans for keeping their meeting quiet were blasted to smithereens! Listen to the Biblical report of the incident: "When the day of Pentecost had now come, they were all meeting in one mind, when suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a terrific blast of wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:1-4, Williams).

A terrific blast of wind! Perhaps most of us have heard the awesome sound made by a jet plane as it breaks through the sound barrier. Houses vibrate, walls and ceilings crack, windowpanes are shattered, dishes and chinaware topple over and are broken. In Southern California this is a frequent occurrence, but one never gets used to it.

Hearing a supersonic blast for the first time is a jolting, startling, unforgettable experience. And so is each recurrent one! This was God's way to capture the attention of all Jerusalem "when the day of Pentecost was fully come." With a speed infinitely faster than a jet plane, the Holy Spirit descended on the waiting disciples. The silence of the age was broken! The

silence of Christian fear, the silence of Judaistic decay, the silence of Roman indifference—all were rudely, startlingly, completely shattered by this Pentecostal blast. The "sound barrier" was broken—God was speaking from heaven!

The blast as of a rushing, mighty wind attracted multitudes of Jerusalem's citizenry, and they rushed to the point of the explosion to see what had caused it. Doctor Luke records: "Now when this was noised abroad [and what a noise this must have made!], the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6).

In these days of religious apathy, when we are seeking for the latest and most effective promotional devices to attract a crowd to our meetings, let us consider this tried and proven one.

An End-Time Prayer

Blest Holy Spirit, all divine
And infinite in power,
Have mercy on the sons of men!
Send down the rushing mighty Wind
In this most trying hour.

The prince of darkness and his hosts
Come roaring through the world;
They know their time is almost up,
The time to drink their bitter cup—
God's banner is unfurled

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray
And save us from their wrath;
Turn back Thine enemies and ours,
And send us now the heavenly showers
As Thy sweet promise saith.

The prophet Joel gave the word
That in these end-time days,
With heaven's windows open wide
O'er all the earth would sweep a tide
Of mighty saving Grace!

—Paul Brown

Let's pray for another supersonic blast from heaven—another "sound as of a rushing mighty wind."

Would God do it again? Yes! After the Day of Pentecost, in a later crisis, the Christians prayed and cried out to God for help; and "when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

How heartening it is to read of the results that came from that first Pentecostal "noise." "The multitude came together" (Acts 2:6). "There were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). "The Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47).

And after the second Pentecostal blast, "believers were the more added to the Lord" (Acts 5:14); "the number of the disciples multiplied . . . , and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). May God send to us a twentieth-century "rushing, mighty wind" so that the rocks and mountains of atheism, communism, modernism, and materialism may be shattered in pieces by its impact.

The great master in Israel once came to our Saviour by night. Nicodemus seemed to sense that he and his world were on the threshold of a new era—that, after hundreds of years of Jewish apostasy, God was ending the Mosaic age. He could not visualize the two thousand years of the portending age of Christian Grace, but he sensed that he and his backslidden people stood on the brink of it.

Nicodemus proceeded to acknowledge that the Saviour was God-sent and that He bore the credentials of an Ambassador from heaven (John 3:2). He was eager to know how this new age

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Some reasons why the New Testament
Church expanded so rapidly—

The Amazing Growth of the Infant Church

BY JOHN CARTER

ONE IS AMAZED, WHEN READING THE Acts of the Apostles, at the phenomenal growth of the infant Church in those days. The Church grew like the river in Ezekiel's vision, which, beginning with a tiny trickle, soon deepened and widened until it became "a river that could not be passed over." So the Church started with that nucleus of eleven men who were commissioned to evangelize the world, and before many years had elapsed "their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Romans 10: 18).

One hundred and twenty had met for prayer in the Upper Room. On the Day of Pentecost the number of believers increased by three thousand. Then there was the addition of another five thousand. Finally, we are told, "multitudes" were added to the Lord. And in just over ten years, four provinces of the Roman Empire were evangelized—Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia, and Asia. No wonder Paul exclaimed to the Colossians, "The gospel . . . is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit" (Colossians 1:6).

When we compare this rapid expansion with the present state of the Church, the difference is all too obvious. While we thank God for reports of blessing in some parts of the world, on the whole they are sporadic and transient. After a little time nothing more is heard about the work. The revival was not sustained; the tide flowed and then ebbed; the light waxed and then waned. The effort, having achieved its immediate objective, spent itself.

How different is the record of the Early Church. This is what we read in Acts 16:5: "And so were the churches established in the faith, and *increased in number daily.*" Like a river glorious, widening, deepening, multiplying, flowing on and on until it reaches the vast ocean, so the Church advanced with increasing momentum until the whole Roman world felt its powerful influence.

Who has not asked himself what was the secret of the success of the New Testament Church? Can it be truthfully argued that people in those days were any easier to win for Christ? Did the

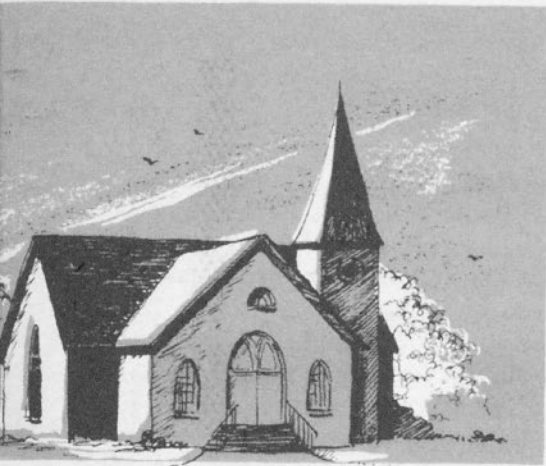
human heart in Paul's day not present the same bitter challenge to the demands of the gospel? So violent was the antagonism of Judaism that the lives of those early preachers of the gospel were constantly in danger. Paul himself had to flee from the fanatical hatred and fury of the Jews. Yet nothing could stem the tide of gospel progress—"Mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

May we suggest a few reasons for the remarkable progress of the Church in New Testament times.

1. *The preachers were men anointed by the Holy Spirit.*

The people of Christ's day had listened to the cultured ministry of the Scribes and Pharisees in their synagogues every sabbath, but when they heard the Lord Jesus "they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

It was this power that later enabled the tiny group of disciples to fulfill the Great Commission and to evangelize the world. Had they attempted it without waiting for the endowment promised by the Lord, there would have been



no rapid expansion of the Church. Progress would have been extremely slow and difficult. But because they were obedient to the Lord's command and tarried until they had received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, more was effected by their ministry in days than they would otherwise have accomplished in years of toil.

2. The preaching was Holy Ghost preaching.

They did not rely upon "enticing words of man's wisdom," but their preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Let it be noted that the "demonstration of the Spirit" to which the apostle referred was a supernatural display of divine power, for he wrote to the same church later, "Signs . . . were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds" (2 Corinthians 12:12).

Commercial firms spend huge sums of money to make known their wares; they have proved by experience that "publicity pays." Publicity pays also in regard to God's work, but the New Testament publicity was of a supernatural order. For instance, when Aeneas was raised from his bed of paralysis by Peter's gifted ministry, "all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord."

Some people say it is wrong to ask God for signs and wonders, but it was the prayer of those early disciples that "with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." We see that their prayer was literally answered, for we read in the next chapter, "Many signs and wonders were wrought among the people; . . .

and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

3. The New Testament churches were Holy Ghost churches.

The outcome of this powerful preaching was the establishment of thriving churches. Paul did not wander about aimlessly from place to place, engaging in indiscriminate evangelizing. His aim was to plant churches where converts would be shepherded.

New Testament converts, as soon as they were saved, were shown the necessity of being baptized in water, and were quickly led into the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Thus the churches were Pentecostal from their very inception, so that the converts "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." It was in that spiritual atmosphere that the churches "increased in number daily."

4. The converts were taught their responsibility of witnessing for Christ.

Paul did not attempt to evangelize thoroughly a whole province. His method was to establish churches in strategic centers and then to leave to the newly formed churches the task of evangelizing the whole area. Each church he founded became a center of evangelism. Thus he could write to the church at Thessalonica, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad."

The task of the twentieth-century Church is to evangelize the world, and this cannot be done by the clergy alone. In fact, as the late Dr. William Temple pointed out, it can scarcely be done to any extent by the clergy at all. It will require all the efforts of all the people if the Church in our time is to enjoy the rapid expansion it enjoyed in apostolic days. ◀◀

REVIVAL TODAY

BY NORMAN GRUBB

The Holy Spirit in the earthly Body of Christ has always been God's continuous answer to the assaults of Satan. He is now in His Body, ever seeking to release Himself in power through His people. And that is another way of speaking of revival. We believe that God's answer to Satan today is constant, world-wide revival, and we do not believe that this is some vague far-off event. Some of us are seeing Him working in revival power in our lives and those of others. It is no difficult thing. The Reviver always witnesses to the Blood. The Blood always cleanses from sin. Sin is always recognized when we call anything in our lives which is less than God's perfection, what He calls it, SIN, and no longer call it by some less humiliating name, such as infirmity, natural make-up, weak spot, nerves, difficult circumstances, or difficult neighbor.

To confess my sins is to call them what God calls them (for the word "confess" means to "speak the same thing") and the Blood never cleanses excuses, but always cleanses confessed sin. Conviction in the light of God, confession, cleansing, cups running over—that is continuous revival. And when these continuous gracious dealings with the Lord in our daily lives are shared in fellowship with others, that is revival transmitted. It is as simple as that. Individuals and churches world-wide are beginning to experience and walk this daily walk with Jesus, this revival walk with Him and one another.

Revival is as near to us as that; indeed it is in our heart and in our mouth, as Paul said. This is God's present-day answer to Satan and it is within reach of us all—to walk the revival way ourselves, to learn to walk it in two's and three's in our homes, to walk it as church communities and to pray for the immediate spread of it through the whole Church.



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Our Joy Is God's Delight

BY R. E. STERNALL

WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE joy of Jesus is, then we can see why this joy in our hearts brings pleasure to God.

Love is joyful only when it is permitted to do good and please the one it loves. So it is with God, and so it is with Christ. This is the pleasure of God and this is the joy of Jesus. The Father found pleasure in loving man through Jesus, and Jesus found joy in giving the Father the pleasure of loving us.

We should also understand that the love of God is more than a benevolent feeling in His heart. It is God giving Himself, God sacrificing, God doing His good pleasure manward. When man willingly receives this divine love, then God is made glad. The joy of Jesus is love rejoicing in His being, because He is pleasing His loving Father and making His love flow out to man. Christ said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God" (Psalm 40:8). Jesus found delight in making God's loving will possible manward. Therefore the Father delighted in the delight of His Son. Neither love nor joy seeks her own. They seek the good of another.

"The pleasure of the Lord" can

prosper in no other hand except in the hand of Christ (Isaiah 53:10). All other men were self-willed and self-pleasing, but Christ found joy in God's love for us. When Christ's delight in pleasing the Father also becomes our joy, then the Father is again made glad because He is able to lavish His favor upon us.

God made this truth very real to my heart several years ago. It was during a prolonged and grievous trial. To me it was midnight. I tried to sing a song in my midnight, like Paul and Silas in prison, but my feelings would not co-operate. Instead they thundered in my ears, "You are not taking joyfully the spoiling of your goods." With a heavy heart I praised God all day long and kept repeating, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." My persistent effort to make my feelings sing failed. They remained at zero. I was perplexed, but I knew that God had not failed me.

Before retiring that night I said, "Dear Father, what is wrong with me? Why cannot I have the pleasure that Paul had? For he declared, 'I take delight in infirmities, in insults... in persecutions, in grievous difficulties'"

Clip this article and keep it in your Bible. You may wish to meditate upon it in your quiet time.

(2 Corinthians 12:10, Weymouth). I said, "Father, it seems I have only half of Paul's experience; I have many difficulties, but where is my pleasure?"

How sweetly He answered, "You do not know, My child, that for you to sing simply because you feel good is selfish pleasure expressing itself. The ungodly sing thus because they do not love Me, and have no regard for My feelings." He told me, "I want you to sing the song of love."

Then in the stillness of His presence I heard a voice, a song within my being; and behold, it was my Saviour singing the song of love. Then I found myself singing with Him. I was speaking to myself in "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in [my] heart" to my God. The joy of Jesus then suddenly became real to me, for I saw that I was one with Jesus in singing the song of love and in pleasing our Father.

I now see that to abide in Christ is unselfishly to abide with Christ in His God-pleasing Spirit. Then the abiding, indwelling Christ will always make His joy a reality within me (John 15:4, 11).

Man in his self-seeking spirit is blindly saying No to God and His great desire to bless. From Satan man has received the spirit of self-will, self-promotion, and self-pleasing. This is the source of sin that hinders God in reviving His people and keeping them in His presence with fullness of joy.

Christ continually opened the door to God's love. Nothing therefore could separate Him from the love of God or hinder God in doing in Christ all His good will. If we abide in Christ by partaking of His God-pleasing Spirit, then nothing shall be able to separate us from God's love or hinder Him in doing His loving will in our lives.

Some Christians close the door to God's love by making successful service their chief joy. Within them is a secret working in the interest of self. These unfaithful servants always end in discouragement because of failure or in pride because of apparent success. But he who is motivated by love, and joys in the God of his salvation, is victor over both frustration and pride. No one is victor over Satan unless he has conquered both discouragement and pride in service.

It is one thing to win success in the

eyes of men and quite another thing to win in the eyes of Christ. Remember the widow and her two mites. He who glories in his success before men will certainly feel ashamed before Christ at His coming.

Others close the door to the love of God and have not the joy of the Lord because of selfish worship. He who goes to the place of worship to revel in the joy of his religion is making religion his god. He consumes God's good things upon his own lusts (James 4:3). But he who loves and worships God, opens heaven's door, lives in God's presence, and brings everlasting joy upon his head.

Christ said to His Father, "Thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance." Oh, what joy to know that we are delighting the heart of the Almighty! What rapture to be one with Christ in making God glad!

When we with Christ behold our Father's face we too are constrained to exclaim, "I am so full of joy, Father, because I see by Thy countenance Thy delight, and I know Thou art greatly pleased, all because I give Thee the pleasure of loving me."

This is the victor's strength, the joy that releases the right hand of God, the hand of omnipotent love and action. This is the joy that keeps Christ and His Church at the Father's right hand till God puts all enemies under our feet.

"Our God is a consuming fire." With His right hand He shall consume everything that rejects and hinders the triumph of love. *O joyful Christ our Saviour, deliver us from wounding the heart of our Father by self-seeking, and keep us ever one with Thyself at the Father's right hand, for at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.* ◀◀

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The Glory of the Hereafter

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

AS OLD AGE APPROACHES, THERE IS often the gray monotony of life drawing to its close and the dread of parting from loved ones and earth's familiar scenes.

Death is an enemy; no doubt of this. It is normal and natural for us to hate death. However, there are advantages in death that should enable a child of God to look forward to it without dread or fear, and even with expectation and hope.

J. Paterson Smyth in his wonderful classic on *The Glory of the Hereafter* wrote, "Human life is the most exciting, romantic adventure in the universe, going on step after step through the infinite eternities. Yet men pass into the unseen as stupidly as the caterpillar on the cabbage leaf, without curiosity or joy or wonder at the boundless career ahead."

Smyth wrote that human life consists of three stages—the first being, the life before birth, when we lived and developed within our mother's womb. Then came the day of birth, when we emerged into a world of great possibilities, a training stage for God and eternity. Then, after a time on this earth, we pass into a greater, fuller life and new adventures. We call it death, but it is life in a far more wonderful career, reaching out into eternity, age after age, aeon after aeon, forever and forever. This prospect should stir the very lifeblood within us.

One of the joys of youth is to think of the future and what we shall be. Do you remember how we used to discuss with our playmates what we would be when we grew up? One would be a doctor, another a lawyer or a preacher. And there was a thrill as we thought about it. Why are we not thrilled today? Do we not believe?

It is true that "it doth not yet appear what we shall be," but it is written that "we shall be like him." Now we are full of imperfections and shortcomings; then we will be "like Him." "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face." Now we "know

in part; but then shall [we] know even as also [we are] known." Now we are "absent from the Lord"; then we will be "with Christ; which is far better." Now we "groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body"; then our bodies will be "fashioned like unto his glorious body." Now we weep; then God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. Now we toil and faint, but then we will enter into His eternal rest. Now "we suffer"; then "we shall... reign." Now we have tribulations; then, glory. Though "sown in weakness," we shall be "raised in power."

Have you read the famous sonnet written by Glanville White, in which he imagines what Adam must have thought that first night when darkness fell upon the earth, shutting out the beauty of his one little day upon the earth? Was that to be the end of all things? But as the darkness deepened, a mighty miracle took place. A new and more wonderful world was revealed in the sky above—a world the sunlight had hidden from his eyes. Darkness had revealed what light had concealed.

If light can shut out what darkness reveals, is it not possible that life can shut out what death reveals? Yes, the eyes that close in death will open on a glory unseen and unknown on earth.

"Oh, think! To step ashore, and that shore heaven! To clasp a hand outstretched, and that Christ's hand! To breathe new air, and that celestial air! To feel refreshed and know it is immortality! Oh, think! To pass from storm and stress to one unbroken calm! To awake and find it glory"

Some of us may "go the way of all flesh." Others now living may never "taste of death" but be "caught up" in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." This is our "blessed hope."

Whichever way we go, a glorious hereafter awaits us. So let us rejoice and be exceeding glad. Death has lost its sting, and the grave its victory. Jesus has conquered both. Hallelujah! ◀◀

WHEN A MAN IS MIRED IN SIN HE NEEDS A SAVIOUR, NOT A CRITIC

The Man in The Well

BY OSWALD J. SMITH



WHILE WALKING ACROSS THE fields one night, I suddenly fell head-long into a deep but empty well. I was stunned by the force of the fall, but as I gradually recovered and realized the seriousness of my predicament, I began to wonder how I could get out.

Save for a single shaft of light that shone through the opening far above me, it was pitch dark. I felt the walls of the well and found them wet and clammy. I shuddered at the apparent hopelessness of my plight.

Presently my attention was arrested by a shadow that fell across the opening, and upon looking up I observed a man standing at the top of the well. Instantly hope stirred within me. I staggered to my feet and cried aloud for help.

"My son," responded the man, "I am a religious teacher, and I will be glad to do anything I can for you. What is it you desire?"

"O Teacher," I exclaimed, my heart overflowing with gratitude, "I have fallen into this well, and know not how to get out. Please tell me what I must do."

"Ah, yes, my son, that I will. It is always a pleasure to help the unfortunate."

He then proceeded to tell me what to "do" in order to get out, but it did not help.

Later came others of earth's teachers and they too told me I would have to "do" something. But though I did all they said I was still in the well.

Then as the days went by and I got no help, I concluded that there must be another way.

No sooner had I reached this conclusion than, once again, a shadow fell across the well's opening. I glanced up, fully expecting to see another of earth's teachers with some other sort of man-made "do" advice. And I did. At least I saw in dim outline the form of a man. Yet, somehow, He seemed different from all the others. Silently He stood there gazing down at me, while I, now utterly exhausted, lay flat on my back gazing up, far too weak even to sit, let alone stand.

"Friend, you are in need. Will you let Me help you?"

Oh, that voice—will I ever forget it! Not a word of reproof, not a single expression of condemnation did He utter. And, as I watched, He smiled. Such a smile! Never had I seen the like before.

"Help? Yes, help!" I whispered, too

far gone to speak aloud, yet vaguely wondering what He would tell me to "do."

How it happened I do not know. I never have been able to fully understand. All I can remember is that, without answering a word, He was at my side. Putting His strong, loving arms around me, He picked me up in my weakness, and the next thing I knew we were sitting together at the top of the well. And lo, it was broad daylight!

"How could you do it?" I cried, my whole soul filled with ecstasy. "And who are you?"

In answer He showed me His hands and His feet, and, to my astonishment, I saw in each the print of a nail. He silently pointed to His side, and there I discerned the mark of a spear thrust. At last, in answer to my question, He replied, in part, as follows:

"I earned the right, you see. I knew you were in the well, and that nothing you could 'do' would ever get you out, and so I did all that was necessary to be done in order to deliver you. I took your place. It cost Me My life's blood. I went down to the very bottom of the well, but I did not remain in it. And now, since I Myself got out, it is

possible for Me to deliver others."

"But who are you?" I cried again, my heart flooded with joy and filled with unutterable peace.

"I am Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son," was His reply.

I fell at His feet and worshipped Him. My love was such that I could have died for Him.

After a while I told Him about all the others, how they had come and offered help, what promises they had made, and my own conclusions regarding them.

"But you," I said, "you never told me to 'do' anything—not a thing. You did everything. And I, I just let you."

"That," said He, "explains it all. Don't you see the difference?"

Suddenly the light broke. This was God's plan. And it was better, oh, so infinitely much better than man's "doing," for here I was, delivered. And yet I had nothing to do with it except to believe and receive.

Then there flashed into my mind another word. It was the word "done," for, lo, it had all been "done" by Another. And that Other was the Lord Jesus Christ. What a plan! What a provision! Oh, what matchless love!

Yes, my friend, and He can do it for you too, if you will let Him. For you too are in the well, the well of sin and death, and only Jesus Christ can lift you out. No one else can. Nor can you get out yourself, no matter what you do. You must trust Him.

Will you do it? Do it, and do it NOW. ◀ ◀

Time is precious, but we count not its price; we shall know it when too late. Our friends require our time of us as though it were worth nothing, and we give it after the same manner. Often time is a burden to us; it weighs heavily, and we know not how to dispose of it. But a day will come when we shall esteem a quarter of an hour a more desirable possession than all the world can give.—Fenelon.

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If a person who has been filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4 ceases to speak in other tongues has he lost the experience?

Not necessarily. It is a great blessing to be able to speak in other tongues in our communion with God, but we must not make the mistake of judging our Christian experience by manifestations alone. Rather, we do well to make such judgment in relation to our bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit. The one who has once spoken in other tongues should look to the Lord for renewal of this blessing, but let him not depend on this as the measure by which he judges the closeness of his walk with God.

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Was the scapegoat an offering to Satan? (Leviticus 16:8)

Some have taught that the scapegoat typified a giving of our Lord Jesus as an offering to Satan, the god of this world, to ransom men and women from bondage to him. This could not be. Over and over God forbade the Jewish people to make any offerings to demons (Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17). All sacrifices made under the law were made to the Lord, never to demons (Leviticus 1:17; 2:16; 3:14).

The two goats brought forth on the Day of Atonement set forth two aspects of the sacrificial work of Christ. The blood of the goat which was sacrificed was taken by the high priest into the holy of holies; this typified the presenting of the blood of Christ by our high priest, Jesus, who "entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12).

The scapegoat, led away and released in the wilderness, typified our Lord Jesus, "the Lamb of God, which taketh [beareth] away the sin of the world," God having "laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

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Is it true that Jews do not go to heaven when they die?

If Jews are saved through our Lord Jesus Christ they go to heaven at death just as saved Gentiles do. Paul and

Peter were Jews, yet they looked forward to being with Christ when they departed this life (Philippians 1:23; 2 Peter 1:14).

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What are the "profane and old wives' fables" that Paul warned against? (1 Timothy 4:7)

In Paul's day they were probably some of the extravagant tales among the Jews, such as might be found in the Talmud. In our days they might include tales which we hear from time to time, as if they were Bible truth—but which are only superstitions or strange ideas, often repeated as if they were sustained by Scripture.

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Recently I told a minister that we could have more power in our lives if we would live more holily. He denied this. Was I not right?

We know that God honors holiness of heart, for He has said, "Without [holiness] no man shall see the Lord." But we must not think that we can buy spiritual power through human merit. Abraham did works of righteousness when he obeyed the Lord, but the merit which was his was the merit of faith, not works. "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Romans 4:2, 3).

If we live a holy life because we love the Lord, this has merit; however, the merit lies in the faith and love that prompted the deed, and not in the deed itself. The Pharisees thought to gain merit by outward forms of righteousness, while Jesus desired men to have a righteous heart. God looks not at outward appearance, but at the heart, and grants His power to us accordingly.

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

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Evangelism

THIRD NATIONAL EVANGELISM CONVENTION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The third annual Evangelism Convention of the Assemblies of God will convene August 12-14, in the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Services will open Tuesday evening, August 12, at 7:30, with Richard Jeffery of Glendale, Arizona bringing the message.

Meetings Wednesday will consist of discussion of trends in evangelism, church advertising and publicity, and ways to improve the Sunday evening service. The day will close with a sermon by Nelson E. Hinman, missionary-evangelist from Long Beach, California.

The final day will be completely given to preaching by six different ministers. Morning speakers will be Joe Johnson, New England, N. D., and Miss Willie Conrad, Sapulpa, Okla. Afternoon speakers will be Andrew Teuber, Springfield, Mo., Charles H. E. Duncombe, Tulsa, Okla., and Bob McCutchen, Austin, Texas. The evening speaker for the final service of the Evangelism Convention will be Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Alabama.

Approximately 2,000 persons are expected to attend the convention, including some 450 evangelists.

"GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL" CRUSADE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

The National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God has again set aside October as Enlargement Month—a time to reach the "unreached" for Christ. This year the enlargement effort has been designated as a "Go to Sunday School" Crusade.

Each Sunday in October a different phase of reaching prospects will be emphasized. October 5, Census Day, has as its goal, "Find those who are ready." The goal for October 12, Contact Day, is "Reach those who have been found." The goal for Bible Day, October 19, is "Teach those who have been reached." Enlargement Month will be

climaxed by a great Sunday School rally on October 26, Rally Day. The goal for Rally Day is "Win those who have been taught."

For further information concerning Enlargement Month write: National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Literature

BOOK PROVES POWERFUL WEAPON TO COMBAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

William J. Schnell of Youngstown, Ohio, says he has received letters from 663 former members of the Jehovah's Witnesses who "came free" after reading his book *Thirty Years A Watchtower Slave* in which he tells how he was delivered from this false doctrine. Schnell is now training 100 former Jehovah's Witnesses to work with members of this cult.

Printed copies of the American edition of the book have reached the 50,000 mark. In addition, four foreign editions are now ready or in preparation in England, Sweden, Netherlands and Latin America.

Thirty Years A Watchtower Slave may be obtained from The Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Price \$2.95. Ask for item number EV 3-2714.

GOSPEL LITERATURE BEING DISTRIBUTED AT WORLD'S FAIR

At the World's Fair in Brussels, evangelicals are utilizing opportunities to distribute gospel literature. This is done through authorized booths or stands as free, independent distribution of literature is not permitted. This regulation was made to prevent the use of literature as Communist propaganda.

The Pocket Testament League will distribute more than 75,000 Gospels of John in five languages.

Hundreds of visitors have come daily to the Bible Pavilion sponsored by the Belgian Gospel Mission. Scores of earnest conversations regarding the Bible and spiritual matters have taken place. A large number of priests, monks and nuns have stopped to look at the Bibles and to talk. "There seems to be a new outlook toward the Bible which is gaining ground in the Roman Catholic Church."

Russian employees of the Soviet Pavilion who visited the Bible Pavilion took Gospels of Mark, exclaiming that they were happy to have a Gospel of "Marx"!

NEW BOOKLET GOES TO HEART OF DELINQUENCY PROBLEM

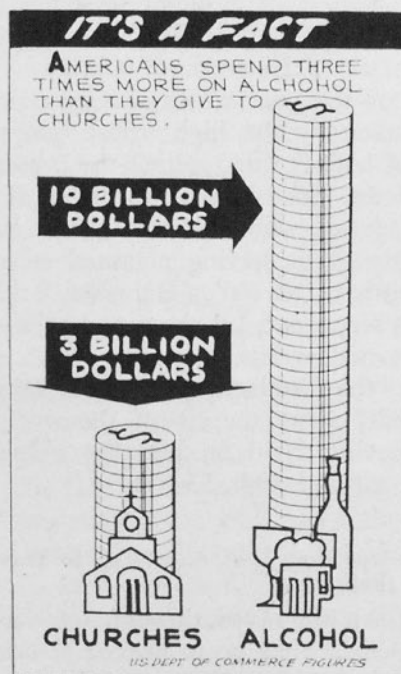
A new booklet *The Real Answer to Juvenile Delinquency* seeks to show that the heart of the delinquency problem is the heart of the delinquent himself. The author is Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ International, a group specializing in teen-age evangelism.

"The teen-ager may need a new home, a new school, new recreational facilities—and all of these are important—but most of all he needs a new heart and a new power within to live a clean, constructive life. This power can only come when he opens his heart to Jesus Christ," says Engstrom.

Ministers

CHURCH LEADERS GIVEN SHARE OF BLAME FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

"By their words, examples and mere silence" Christian pastors and lay leaders must share part of the blame for the



nation's automobile accident record. So said the Minnesota district of the American Lutheran Church. Delegates to the annual convention at Onamia, Minnesota, adopted a resolution which pointed out that violations of traffic laws are involved in almost every auto accident. "This flouting of the law with its consequent maiming and killing convicts us under God's fourth and fifth commandments," the resolution said.

Traffic accidents in 1957 killed 40,000 persons and injured two millions more and, the resolution declared, pastors and other Christian leaders may have contributed to the grim totals "through giving people an easy conscience in reference to traffic violations."

ARMY CHAPLAINCY COMMEMORATES 183RD ANNIVERSARY

Last month the U. S. Army Chaplaincy celebrated another birthday. It was on July 29, 1775, that the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stipulating that the pay of chaplains in the new Continental Army would be twenty dollars a month. This was the beginning of Army Chaplaincy in America.

Since that time 279 chaplains have given their lives in the line of duty.

Today there are approximately 1100 ministers in uniform serving the spiritual needs of the young men in the U. S. Army.

CHRISTIAN LAW OFFICER DIES IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA

George H. Blaine, 61, passed away May 26, 1958, in Tulsa where he built an outstanding record as a law officer.

When he died, the press drew attention to the prominent place he filled in the community. At various times in his forty years of service he held nearly every position the law work had to offer, including chief of detectives, chief of police, and county sheriff.

The *Tulsa World-Tribune* not only published a long article on his career but commented editorially on this "unforgettable character" whom it called "courageous and incorruptible." It said, "He was religious with a zeal that burned, preaching informally in the little spare time his work afforded."

Sheriff Blaine was a member of Faith Tabernacle (Assemblies of God). He gained wide acclaim as a speaker at various men's organizations and Youth for Christ rallies. He was an officer in the Gideons and was instrumental in placing hundreds of Bibles. He was a great Christian layman.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

PRAYER REQUEST FROM LEBANON--Letters have been received from Lebanon requesting prayer for the believers there and the Foreign Missions Department is prepared to forward relief offerings to the Lebanese Christians who are suffering as a result of the revolution.

MISS YUMNA MALICK, an Assemblies of God missionary in Choueifat, Lebanon, wrote on July 12 to say she was safe but she described the situation in Beirut and other places as "terrible." Sister Malick said John Wright Follette was with them for a series of meetings and his Bible teaching gave the believers great spiritual help during their "time of trouble."

LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED from various national ministers indicating that they are safe although the daughter of one Lebanese minister was shot in the arm during the fighting. This pastor lived close to the Syrian-Lebanese border. He said the tanks were fighting outside his home and two bombs hit his house. He removed his family to a safer city and returned to the danger area to carry on his ministry.

NO WORD HAS COME FROM IRAQ since the overthrow of the government in that land. The Pentecostal work in Iraq is not large (there are said to be only 2,000 Protestants in the entire nation). There are a few small groups of Pentecostal believers with nationals in charge. Pray for them.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCHES IN THE U.S. amounted to \$70,000,000 for the month of June. This was \$3,000,000 less than in June 1957. During the first six months of 1958 church construction was three per cent less than the total for the corresponding period of last year.

CHRISTMAS WAS NOT CELEBRATED LAST MONTH at the First Methodist Church in Vicksburg, Michigan, as in former years. It has been a custom since 1952 to have two Christmases in Vicksburg --one on December 25 "for the body" and one on the third Sunday in July "for the spirit," but church officials cancelled the custom this year. They said the July celebration had lost its meaning because it had become "too sensational, too commercial."

A BAPTIST MINISTER in west Tennessee was charged with contempt of court for refusing to give what he considered confidential information in a divorce case. The young minister had counseled both parties in the case on their marital difficulties. He told the judge he could not divulge what was said in a private spiritual conference he had with a member of his congregation, and was fined \$50 for so doing. As a result, church leaders are asking for a law to protect ministers in such cases.

A UNIVERSITY SURVEY at Sydney, Australia, showed that at least 90 per cent of Australians claim they are Christians, and yet the same survey disclosed that only 63 per cent have a definite belief in life after death.

A COLLECTION BOX set up in Leipzig, East Germany, inside the headquarters of the Leipzig Missionary Society, turned out to be a losing proposition. Authorities of the Soviet Zone fined the mission director \$145 for violating an East German law prohibiting "public collections."

A Hindu Wedding in British Guiana



BY M. L. HODGES

BRITISH GUIANA, IS THE ONE English-speaking country in South America. It and the other two Guianas are the only territories in that continent still under colonial rule. The rest of South America obtained political independence more than a hundred years ago.

Over fifty per cent of the 400,000 inhabitants of British Guiana are East Indians. Hindi is spoken by this racial group, and the temples and mosques of old India are to be seen everywhere. Hindu customs prevail. At times one receives the impression that he has been transplanted to the Orient. The rest of the population is predominately African, with a segment of aboriginal Indians and approximately 3,000 Chinese and a small percentage of Europeans making up the balance of the population.

British Guiana is a land of rivers. The greater part of the land is flat and does not rise more than a few feet above sea level, except in the interior, where there is a low range of mountains. Abundant rainfall makes for a humid climate, and since the country is located near the equator the climate is hot. Along the coast a sea breeze helps to relieve the heat and makes living more congenial.

We spent ten days in the colony and traveled by ferry on two of the rivers. We traveled up the Demerara River to Makenzie, where a large bauxite plant is located (bauxite is the raw material from which aluminum is made). Although sixty miles from the sea, the river rises and falls twice a day with the ocean tide. In fact, almost half the time the river runs backwards as the incoming tide pushes the river water upstream.

We went to Makenzie to visit the new church that is being formed there. A

young man and his wife from Georgetown felt the call to this industrial area and have been working there for the past seven months. They have a good beginning, with over 100 in Sunday School.

The other trip took us for three hours across the twenty-mile-wide mouth of the Essequibo River. The boat stopped at the various island plantations where rice and sugar cane are grown. Many of the scenes are beautiful beyond description. We attended the night service in Suddie, where a Christian woman and her daughter are pioneering a work. The little room in which the meeting was held was crowded out and there was a good response to the message from God's Word.

On the trip we were fascinated by the preparation for a Hindu wedding. Only the groom and his attendants were on the ferry. He was dressed in a pink satin gown that reached his feet. He was a thin lad of about eighteen years, somewhat arrogant and flippant in bearing; he had bushy hair that extended like a thatched roof at least three inches over his face, shading his eyes. He was accompanied by his seven-year-old brother, who was also dressed in pink satin. We understood that the brother has first option on the bride should the husband die.

As we drew near the point of disembarkation the party began to make the groom ready. They placed a tall headdress or crown upon his head and bound it on with a turban. The headdress was resplendent with tinsel and mirrors, and at the top was a figure of a bird. The crowning feature was an arrangement of light bulbs wired to a flashlight battery. The groom kept the button in his pocket; at a given moment he could press the button, and the headdress with all its mirrors and tinsel would light up as though to indicate that the wearer had suddenly been illuminated with a brilliant idea. The group had been drinking liquor and became a little noisy before the trip was over.

On the way back we saw the wedding party again. The groom still had on his pink satin gown, somewhat soiled as a result of the all-night party. He had his bride literally in tow, for the tip of her veil was tied to the tip of his sash. She was a pretty, intelligent-looking girl and did not seem to be too happy with her lot. She may not have been previously acquainted with the man who was to be her husband. For hours she sat with downcast eyes. The groom



We stopped at plantations where sugar is grown.

laughed, ate, and drank with his friends with scarcely a glance at his bride. The only words she spoke were directed to an old lady who accompanied her. The bride was dressed in quite modern fashion, but wore the signs of the Hindu religion on her forehead and in the parting of her hair. A Hindu priest accompanied them. We found it difficult to keep our eyes off this couple, and our hearts went out in pity to the young bride.

During our stay in British Guiana we ministered in the different churches and were pleased to note the growth of the work. In Georgetown there has been a good increase in the congregation, and steps are now under way to organize the work. A property for a revival center is being purchased which will greatly aid in the development and stability of the work. Mr. and Mrs. Chow, who founded the work in Georgetown, have done a highly commendable work, not only in the capital city but also in outlying districts where they have established preaching places. One of the great needs now is for an institute for the training of workers.

REVIVALTIME is making a major contribution to our work in this country. The broadcast goes over the local station and is financed largely by the Christians themselves.

British Guiana, with its desire for political independence and economic development, needs the impact of a movement energized by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Assemblies of God work is in a position to fill this vital spiritual need. It is not difficult to see that there is a great future for the Assemblies of God in this country if we can buy up the opportunities that are ours today. ◀◀

DEMONS CAST OUT

BY R. D. MORELOCK, MEXICO

MANUEL RAMOS WAS BORN IN A humble, picturesque village in the southern State of Tabasco, Mexico. Tabasco is a swampy state with much dense jungle area and as a result has poor communications. Not until recently has the Full Gospel reached there with any degree of effectiveness. However, Manuel's parents heard and accepted the message of salvation through Jesus Christ when Manuel was twelve years old. A year later Manuel, too, found Christ and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Actually the church which Manuel and his parents attended was only a small building on a ranch not far from the capital city of Villahermosa.

As Manuel entered the critical teenage period, he began to forget his vows to God and live a careless, uncontrolled life. At the age of seventeen he stole a fourteen-year-old girl from the ranch and ran away from home, coming to live in Villahermosa. In the city he gave himself over more and more to loose living. The Lord spoke to Manuel in many distinct ways, yet he always resisted God's dealing with him. When he reached twenty-one years of age (in the early part of 1957) the following astounding event took place.

Shortly after attending a salvation-divine healing campaign in our newly established church in Villahermosa, where once again Manuel refused to hear the Lord's voice, demons took control of him. One Sunday morning his wife (the same girl he had stolen from the ranch four years earlier) noticed a change in his thinking, as though his mind were deranged. She herself was now trying to serve the Lord and she began to cry out to Him for her husband.

As she did this, Manuel ran out of the house, with his wife following. She caught up with him and noticed that his face was all disfigured; and he shouted, "My name is no longer Manuel but the Devil." Then the demons asked her if she was going to continue to serve the Lord. When she answered

"Yes," Manuel sprinted off into the jungle. His wife decided to look for help. With the help of relatives and friends, they found Manuel buried up to his waist in the mud of a lagoon. He was as stiff as a board; it appeared as though the demons were trying to bury him alive in the mud.

Finally, after much prayer, his body began to relax and those interested in his welfare were able to get him out of the mud and bring him to the church. But the believers now observed that he would have to be chained, because as soon as his hands were free he would try to kill himself by throwing himself on the floor or against the wall. Certainly the demons exercised extraordinary power and quite often would speak out, bragging of their power. The pitiful condition of this young man caused the church to fast and pray on his behalf.

One night as he was brought to the service the demons began to strangle him. His eyes rolled almost out of their sockets and his tongue began to fall out of his mouth—he was a pitiful sight! Our pastor, Augusto Aguilar, and the church rebuked the demons, who loosened their hold. The church kept fasting and praying. Some of Manuel's relatives wanted to take him to the insane asylum, others suggested he go to the doctor, and still others wanted to take him to the spirit mediums (in this area they are called brujas or witches).

It was a good thing the church held firm in prayer, because it seemed as though the demons were not going to relinquish their hold on this choice prisoner. After several days of battling, the elders again prayed with Manuel, and this time the demons began to cry out, saying they were very pleased to dwell in Manuel's body and wanted to be left there. They used various methods to try to remain in their stolen abode, even pretending to pray and pretending that Manuel was now under the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit re-

vealed to the church the falsity of such pretense, and the demons were finally rebuked and cast out in the all-powerful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today Manuel is a happy, radiant member of the Assembly of God in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico. His special advice to all Christians is that they never go back on the testimony of the Lord, and he warns backsliders that they should return to Christ immediately. ◀◀

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

MAY 1958

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Montana	65	63	97%
2. N. Dakota	50	47	94%
3. Nebraska	79	68	86%
4. Minnesota	147	123	84%
5. S. New England	62	51	82%
6. Wyoming	37	30	81%
7. Kansas	165	132	80%
8. Rocky Mtn.	126	99	79%
9. Michigan	176	138	78%
10. Northwest	273	214	78%
11. Ohio	180	139	77%
12. New Jersey	99	76	77%
13. West Central	224	172	77%
14. Oregon	200	153	77%
15. Wis.-N. Mich.	136	104	76%
16. New York	162	122	75%
17. Eastern	262	193	74%
18. N. Calif.-Nev.	332	238	72%
19. S. Dakota	49	35	71%
20. Potomac	180	125	69%
21. S. California	383	266	69%
22. Illinois	220	152	69%
23. S. Missouri	333	228	68%
24. Tennessee	100	67	67%
25. W. Florida	138	89	64%
26. W. Texas	128	82	64%
27. New Mexico	77	49	64%
28. S. Florida	168	105	63%
29. N. Carolina	78	48	62%
30. S. Texas	266	162	61%
31. N. New England	56	33	59%
32. Mississippi	94	54	57%
33. Louisiana	152	86	57%
34. Alabama	257	145	56%
35. Appalachian	71	38	54%
36. Oklahoma	496	262	53%
37. N. Texas	513	260	51%
38. Indiana	157	78	50%
39. Kentucky	67	33	49%
40. Arizona	88	42	48%
41. Georgia	134	62	46%
42. S. Idaho	57	24	42%
43. S. Carolina	51	20	39%
44. Arkansas	443	164	37%

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God Gave Me Three Professions

BY PEGGY PARCELL

From the discouragement of blindness God led this young lady to her desire—teaching, nursing, and missionary work among deaf-blind children.

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WITH DIFFICULTY I ATTENDED A public school for the first three years of my education. When it became apparent that I was legally blind I was sent to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind, where I stayed through the sixth grade. With change of residence I entered the Ohio School in Columbia, but because of some improvement in my vision they sent me to a sight-saving class in Akron, Ohio.

Because of transportation problems I had to go to the nearby high school and depend on others to help me with my lessons. I found it difficult to have others read to me and, since I liked to read so very much, I decided to do the best I could alone. This was the very reason, I was to learn later, my sight improved. Praise God!

While in high school I became keenly interested in teaching, nursing, and missionary work. I was greatly concerned about those less fortunate than myself and hoped I would be able to find work that would enable me to help others. Upon graduation from high school I entered a school of nursing, but because of sudden illness and poor vision it was necessary for me to give it up. The following September I enrolled at a State teachers college, where I spent only my first year. But this didn't work either! My poor vision kept me from meeting the requirements of teaching in Pennsylvania.

By this time I was discouraged and unhappy. Everything I had tried had failed, and I didn't know what to do next. But even then God was at work,

shaping my life for His use. With the encouragement of a missionary aunt, I entered God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. I spent three years there and graduated in May 1952 with an A.B. degree.

During these three years I was conscious of God; I realized that what I did with my life was very important to Him. I also realized that He might have something planned for me, but I was not concerned enough really to find out.

Although I knew I couldn't teach in a public school, I was interested in finding out whether there was a need for teachers of the blind. I inquired and found out that Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts,



Peggy Parcell on the terrace of the Keller-Macy Building where the deaf-blind children attend classes at Perkins School (Watertown, Massachusetts).

had a training program. I applied for the training course, but was not accepted because their enrollment was already filled. There was nothing for me to do now but look for work. I took a job as a cleaning girl in the hospital near home, and continued to work there for two and a half years.

In those two years of discouragement and unhappiness I forgot all about God. Two years after I began working at the hospital, God sent a revival to my community that was to change my life completely.

I had been brought up in a Christian home and had faithfully attended the Methodist Church with my family. My parents had taught me that Pentecostal churches were to be feared. Imagine my surprise, then, when my father suggested that he, my mother, and I go with an uncle to the revival that was being held in the nearby church! I didn't want to go, but felt that if my parents wanted to go I should go with them.

God spoke to my heart that night, and when I went back alone He really began to deal with me. The third night I went, June 21, 1955, He miraculously saved me and made me a new person in Christ Jesus. Praise His name forever! A week later I received a letter from Perkins, offering me a scholarship for the teacher-training program which would begin in September.

Perkins is a residential school for blind children from kindergarten through high school. Most of the children live near enough to the school to go home on weekends. Some are day pupils. The children endeavor to participate in almost as many activities as do sighted children. They should be treated like seeing children in as many ways as possible. The children are divided into groups according to grades and live in cottages, so that the "family" idea of home is not lost. Teachers and staff often live in these cottages and help with duties, such as study supervision and church duty each Sunday for those children who remain at school.

Three years ago as I entered the arborlike driveway of Perkins I was very much aware of God in the beautiful landscape around me. Once again I was assured of His leading in this new venture.

The first year was one of tests and discouragements. But I was very sure God was still in it, so I determined to do the very best I could. Working

Many Saved Through Revivaltime

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

with the Blind is different from working with sighted children only in that the Blind use their fingers as "eyes," and the learning process may thus take longer.

As part of my training I chose to observe in the deaf-blind department. These children, without sight or hearing, so impressed me that I transferred to this department to finish my training. Somehow I knew this was the work the Lord wanted me to do. And after three years in the work I am more sure than ever.

In working with a deaf-blind child, the teacher must produce a feeling of security in the child. Although these little ones are of school age when they come, because of their double handicap we begin with each of them as one would train a one-and-a-half-year-old child. We work with them from development of personal habits to the development of the senses (especially the touch) to receive language; and once the child is able to understand what is said to him, he is taught as a very beginner when first sent to school.

Some of these children have completely lost their sight or hearing. Others may be partially afflicted in either or both of these senses. Vibration is used as the medium of correspondence. This process is very interesting. By placing his hand on the teacher's face, the child can feel the vibrations from the teacher's nasal passages, mouth, and throat. Through this method the child learns to distinguish various sounds. Thus he is able to "feel" the teacher's words. The hours are long, tedious, and patience-wearing. But when the child responds to a given command after a few months, the child's progress is all the reward desired by the teacher.

Looking back over my entire life, I thank God for His mercy and guidance. I see now that God has given me the three professions that I wanted so much—teaching, nursing, missionary work. In my work with these deaf-blind children, I find that the little ones especially need all three of these ministries. At one time I wanted to go to the mission field of another country, but I am thankful that He has privileged me to serve Him where I am. I am trusting Him for great things, knowing that only with His help and by His grace can a real work be done with these precious ones. ◀◀

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Each week the mail response witnesses to the fact that souls are being reached through the broadcast. Another great number of letters contain requests for unsaved loved ones, while still others testify that their loved ones were saved through this radio ministry. God is using this Full Gospel broadcast to bring conviction to the sinful heart and salvation to him who is lost.

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WINDSOR, PA.: "I asked you to pray for my daughter and family that they might start going to church. Three weeks ago she and the children started to go to the Assembly of God, and she gave her heart to the Lord."—Mrs. F.

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still rejoicing at 2 a.m. Their names had been sent in to one of your prayer meetings."—Mrs. W.

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SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.: "Some months ago, I wrote asking you to pray for my husband's salvation. Oh, glory to God, he is saved."—Mrs. M.

PASO ROBLES, CALIF.: "I wrote some time ago and told you about my doubts and unbelief and how it seemed I couldn't come to the Lord. Well, I received your letter, and I just got down on my knees and cried and asked Jesus to forgive me for everything and to help me believe. Brother Ward, He did just that, praise His name. I knew He had washed my sins away and His Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of His. Since then, I have been filled with His precious Holy Spirit. I truly love Him."—Mrs. J.

KALISPELL, MONT.: "My sister was saved and baptized through your prayers. Praise the Lord. He is so good."—Mrs. H.

WANWICK, EAST BERMUDA: "It was your radio sermon some months ago that brought me to the Lord. I have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ preached with more enthusiasm than in your sermons."—Miss T.

REVIVALTIME depends entirely upon the faithfulness of its friends to stand behind this Full Gospel ministry in this hour. We can reach only as many souls as you can help us reach. Your letters and prayers are needed this week if we are to continue to reach lost souls for the Lord. Write today to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO.



A Good Way

For the Junior Reader
BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

GARY AND MIKE HAD BEEN SAVED in Vacation Bible School, and they wanted to do something for the Lord. "But I don't see how we can do anything. We can't preach, and we sure can't sing," Mike said.

"It seems to me that about all we can do is try to tell somebody else about Jesus," Gary put in.

"Aw, who'd listen to us?"

"Wait a minute!" Gary interrupted. "I've got an idea. Let's ask Mr. Erickson if he can give us some suggestions. He usually comes up with a good answer."

They found the teacher and told him what they wanted to do. Mr. Erickson scratched his head and looked at them for a minute without answering. Then he said, "Well, fellows, I think you have a wonderful idea. Real Christians ought to want to work for Jesus. And He has something for every one of us to do. I think I know a good job for you."

He picked up a big brown envelope and opened it. He pulled out a lot of brightly colored papers.

"I just got these tracts this week and stamped them with the name and address of our church. You can help me get them out to some unsaved people."

"But what are tracts?" Mike asked.

"They are little gospel messages written up in easy-to-read form," replied Mr. Erickson. "I like to give them to people I meet on the street, in the stores, and anywhere I happen to be. I always pray, too, that they will be read and that those who read them will be saved."

"Who would we give them to?" Gary asked.

"Well, I suggest that if you really want to work for the Lord, you take about a dozen apiece and give one to each person you meet on your way

home from Vacation Bible School today."

Mike looked skeptical. "I wonder if anyone would take them and read them," he said.

"Sure they will," Mr. Erickson answered. "You'd be surprised at the number of people who will even thank you for them. Of course, they won't all be read, but God knows how to make a tract effective in unusual ways. And if only one person out of the twenty-four who will receive your tracts reads his and is saved, it will be worth the effort."

"One time a tract was thrown into the ocean and forgotten about by the person who first received it. But God guided it to an oyster shell which clamped down on it. It was found by an unsaved man who was hunting oysters. He gave it a very careful reading and was saved as a result."

"And I remember reading that a man who didn't even believe in God was saved through a torn-up tract. He picked up the pieces as he was out walking one day, and put them together out of curiosity. When he read the message, God spoke to his heart and he began to pray and was saved."

"What are we waiting for?" demanded Mike. "If they're all that powerful, let's get going. I'd like to give out a lot of them."

Mr. Erickson handed each of the boys a supply of the tracts. "Now let's pray that God will use these tracts for His glory," he said.

When they had prayed together, they started out. They walked the first two blocks together and between them gave out about half of their tracts.

"See you tomorrow," Mike said as they separated to go to their own homes. "I'm going to do my best to give out all these tracts today. But do you really

think somebody might get saved through reading them?"

"I sure don't know," Gary answered, "but it's worth a try. And remember, we did pray about it."

Mike had walked only half a block when he overtook a lady carrying two bags of groceries. He offered her a tract and she just glared at him. Suddenly he had an idea.

"That's a pretty big load," he said. "Could I carry one of the bags for you?"

The woman looked surprised, but she handed him one of the bags. He carried it to her house, which was about a block further. And as they walked up the steps together the lady took the bag and said, "Now what was it you were trying to give me?"

"Just this tract," Mike answered. The woman reached for it and smiled. "Thanks a lot for helping with the groceries," she said.

Before he got home, Mike had given away all his tracts. He called Gary after lunch. "I gave out all my tracts. Did you?" he asked.

"Sure did," Gary replied. "I had one left and didn't see anyone to give it to, but just as I got almost home I saw a man painting a fence. He was really busy, but I offered him the tract anyway. He grumbled something about kids. But he took the tract and stuffed it into his pocket. Then he turned around to get something and dropped his paint brush—in my hair! It would have fallen on the ground but I caught it and got more paint on my hands. I was a mess. But you know, Mike, it was funny, but I didn't get mad like I used to. I think the Lord helped me. I wonder if he'll read that tract."

The next day Mr. Erickson asked the boys about the tracts and they told him what had happened.

"I'm proud of you boys," he said. "You see, it's not enough just to give out tracts. You have to *be* tracts too—showing the Lord to the people by the way you act. Now let's keep on praying that the tracts you gave out will be read and that the people will be saved."

It was several weeks later in Sunday School that Gary and Mike suddenly nudged each other. "See that man?" Gary whispered excitedly.

"Yeah, and see that woman?" Mike replied.

"That's the one—" they both said at once.

"You don't mean—" Mike looked at Gary.

"Yes, that's the man that dropped his

paint brush in my hair," Gary replied. "He must have read the tract and found our church address."

"And that's the woman that I helped with the groceries," Gary said. "At least one of them read the tract."

Just then they saw Mr. Erickson, who was ushering, shake hands with the couple and seat them. Before he left them, the man took a piece of paper from his pocket and showed it to Mr. Erickson.

"That's a tract," Gary said.

"Now let's pray that they will get saved," Mike replied. "And let's ask Mr. Erickson for more tracts. It looks like a good way to work for the Lord."

Like Parents, Like Children

The most effective religious influence you exert upon your sons and daughters comes from the example you set before them. Your character streams into your children; it enters through their eyes and through their ears every hour.

How quick they are to imitate! No photographic plate is more sensitive to the images which lodge there. Your irritations irritate them; your dissimulations make them tricky and deceitful; your malicious gossip sets their "teeth on edge."

If you talk money, money, they will conclude that the chief end of life is to get rich. If you prefer the playhouse to the prayer meeting, they will become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

If you set a decanter on your table, your boys will sip their first wine glass there. If you give your child a dollar for the place of amusement and only a dime for the church offering, you teach him that self-indulgence is ten times more important than Christian benevolence. If you live for the world, your children may die in worldliness and be lost forever.

As surely as you provide the clothes for their bodies, you weave the habits of their lives and the mind-garments that they will be wearing after you are dead. As clothes are made stitch by stitch, so you weave their characters by numberless little things and by your unconscious influence.

The Christian or un-Christian atmosphere of the home is created by the parents.

—Cuyler.



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, August 11

Read: Matthew 13:1-23

Learn: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 13:11).

For the Parents: From this passage point out: (1) the people's eagerness to hear Jesus, v. 2; (2) the story of the parable of the sower, vv. 3-8; (3) the reason why Jesus used parables as a means to teach, vv. 9-17; (4) the interpretation of the parable of the sower, vv. 18-23. For a practical application, stress the importance of allowing God's Word to bring forth fruit in our lives. Read Galatians 5:22, 23.

Question Time: What does v. 2 indicate to you? What is the meaning of the parable of the sower? (vv. 18-23)

Tuesday, August 12

Read: Matthew 13:24-43

Learn: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43).

For the Parent: Review the parable of the sower studied yesterday. Emphasize that through parables Jesus was teaching the people about God's kingdom. Go over the three parables in this passage, having the group discuss the primary meaning of each. Stress especially the reward of the righteous as they follow the teachings of the Lord in all things, v. 43.

Question Time: What do you think is the meaning of the parable of the tares? of the grain of mustard seed? of the leaven? What lessons can we learn from these?

Wednesday, August 13

Read: Matthew 13:44-58

Learn: "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall...sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire" (Matthew 13:49, 50).

For the Parent: Christ's teachings concerning the kingdom emphasize a final separation of the righteous and the wicked. This is a good time to point out the reward of the wicked—everlasting punishment in hell. Then stress the reward of the righteous—eternity in heaven with the Lord. From this passage also point out how unbelief hinders the power of God, v. 58.

Question Time: What is the final reward of the wicked? of the righteous? (See above) How does unbelief hinder God? (v. 58)

Thursday, August 14

Read: Micah 4:1-7; 5:1, 2

Learn: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Micah, the Prophet of the Kingdom" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This is a continuation of the series on the Old Testament "minor" prophets. From this passage emphasize: (1) the conditions which will exist in the kingdom of God, 4:1-7; (2) the birth of Christ was an essential part of God's plan for a future kingdom, 5:1, 2. (See also Matthew 2:3-6.)

Question Time: What are some of the conditions which will exist in the kingdom of God? (4:1-7)

Friday, August 15

Read: Deuteronomy 8:11-19; 1 Kings 21:4-19 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good" (Ephesians 4:28).

For the Parent: Discuss Deuteronomy 8, reminding the group that all we have comes from God. We should be good stewards of the things He entrusts to us. Let the story of Ahab and Naboth serve as a warning against covetousness. (See also Luke 12:15.) Point out the value of honest work—1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:10.

Question Time: What do you think is the important lesson of Deuteronomy 8? of the story of Ahab and Naboth?

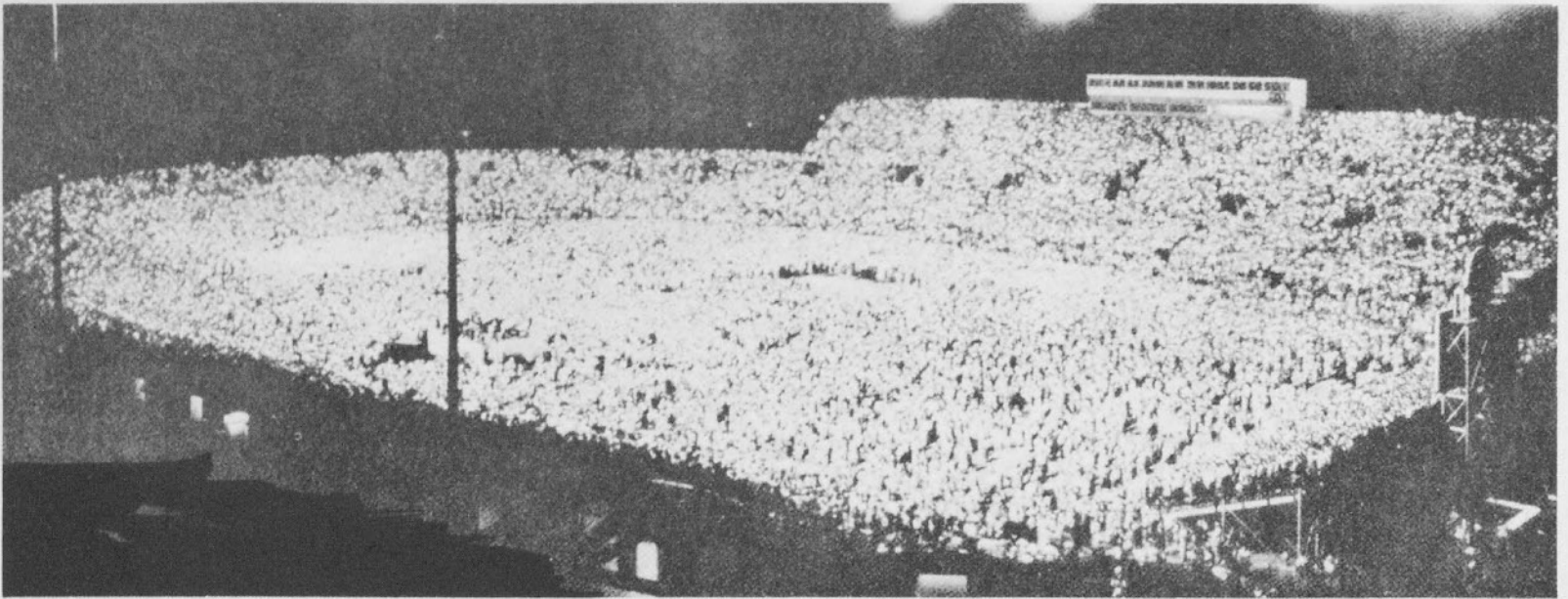
Saturday, August 16

Read: Esther 8:1 to 9:5 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

For the Parent: This is the concluding lesson on the book of Esther. It strongly emphasizes how God can make our troubles work for good if we surrender ourselves completely to Him. Review the story of the book of Esther, stressing especially the plot against the Jews, and how God reversed it to their profit. It certainly does not pay to fight against God's plan or His people!

Question Time: What important lesson does this passage teach? (See above) How did God counteract the evil of Hamaan?



MASS EVANGELISM IN RELATION TO CHURCH HISTORY

BY JAMES C. KOFAHL

THE BACKGROUND OF MASS EVANGELISM should be of vital concern to Pentecostal people. As Christians with intelligent and inquiring minds we must give some thought to our rich heritage and its origin. To what do we owe the birth of the mighty wave of evangelism that has continued to rise from the days of John Wesley?

Every religious body has its particular theological emphasis. It is not our purpose to evaluate any other religious body's approach to evangelism, but rather to identify and understand the origin of our own concept of evangelism.

We, of course, take recourse to the Word of God as the basis of authority for preaching that "whosoever will" may be saved. This was the message of the apostolic Church, and this theme of universal salvation and unlimited atonement was not changed until the days

of Augustine. The acceptance of a limited atonement was not general among the reformers of Luther's day and did not become so until John Calvin, the great theologian, correlated various aspects of this doctrine into a system of logic known as *John Calvin's Institutes*. Whatever we may have to say about the scriptural authority of his system of logic, we must respect the great bulwark of strength that it provided for Protestant forces in the bleak days of their persecution.

An examination of the five points of Calvinism, however, will show why it could not stand through the years. Predestination is the keystone in the whole system, and when this is removed by the reverberations of a "whosoever will" gospel, the whole arch crumbles.

The Lutheran Reformation was more an awakening than a revival. Its initial accomplishment was to restore the

authority of the Bible and throw off the authority of an institution and the Pope. It is commonly accepted among many authorities on the life of Martin Luther, that his doctrinal views were not all settled upon his break with Rome. A study of church history through the stormy years of the reformation reveals two very important facts: (1) the restoration to Bible theology was gradual; and (2) the restoration of apostolic power followed the preaching of true Bible doctrines.

The preaching that "whosoever will" may be saved provided a warm and inviting contrast to the bleak and numbing effect of predestination. It is easy to see how Holy Ghost evangelism, as we know it today, could come into being only with the preaching of an unlimited atonement. The preaching of a limited atonement paralyzed missions and rendered evangelistic efforts useless, for according to the theologians



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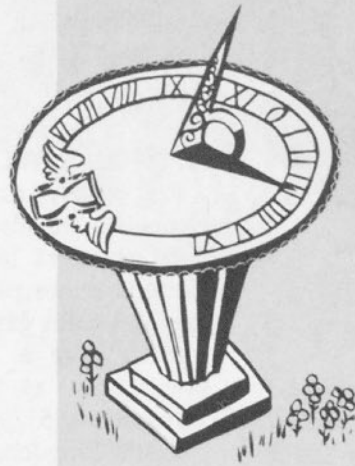
those who were to be saved (the elect) were saved by "irresistible grace" through no will of their own.

The first great overtones of an unlimited atonement were sounded by a Dutch theologian, Coornhert. This man was Secretary of State in Holland. He wrote a book advocating reformation and further said that every reformer should have a ministry of miracles. His work shocked the rockribbed Calvinistic adherents of the Dutch Reformed Church into action. They secured Jacobus Arminius to reply to this layman's work. Arminius was one of the most promising scholars on the theological horizon. He launched a careful investigation of Coornhert's work and history reveals the results. He was led to break with Calvinism and became the father of what is known as Arminian theology. In the field of theology there are three great schools of thought regarding human salvation; they are commonly called Calvinism, Arminianism, and Universalism.

The works of Jacobus Arminius have come into a new significance and have been reprinted recently. A careful investigation gives good reasons to believe that Arminius became the father of our great evangelical heritage. It should be pointed out that much that has gone out under the name of Arminianism is not in full accord with his works.

The great Wesleyan revivals are not difficult to understand when you contrast the Spirit-breathed "whosoever will" preaching with the dreary doctrines and decrees of predestination. Suddenly men realized that God loved every soul alike. It became evident that God would save without respect of persons. The Church again discovered the power of mass evangelism. This put the world on the road toward apostolic revival such as we find in the Acts of the Apostles.

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door," said our Lord. Even today it is open before us. This is our heritage. This ministry is the greatest hope we have against all the "isms" of the hour. May we grow and glow in the power of mass evangelism. ◀ ▶



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Abraham the Soldier

BY EDWARD F. M. STAUDT

FOR AGES ABRAHAM HAS BEEN CONSIDERED the most honored example of faith, for he "believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." But there is another aspect of his life which has largely escaped the notice of commentators and sermonizers—that is, Abraham the soldier.

Careful reading of Genesis 14 shows that a situation arose which called for immediate action. Abraham's nephew Lot, together with his family and all his goods, had been abducted by enemy kings. A less noble person might have said, "See, I told you something like this would happen if you forsook God and pitched your tent toward Sodom," but not the friend of God. Abraham still loved Lot, in spite of his sin.

Probably Abraham's nomadic life and his possession of herds of cattle made it necessary for him to protect himself. He had 318 "trained servants" and sufficient implements of warfare to arm them. With this force he hastily pursued the enemy kings and their armies, which undoubtedly were a force much superior in men and equipment. But Abraham, knowing the value of strategy, divided his force into groups. With great speed and unbounded confidence in God he soon overtook and defeated the enemy, and "brought again

his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people." It was a great victory for Abraham, the fighting believer!

As long as the Church is leisurely on the defensive and does not pursue its three great enemies (the world, the flesh, and the devil) many a weak Lot will be taken off into captivity. The Church should constantly be in active warfare against the forces of evil.

We have serious work to do. There is a modernistic element in the Church today and little is being done to combat false doctrine. There is increasing juvenile delinquency that challenges the church of tomorrow. There are pastors and people alike who are falling into the snare of materialism, loving earthly things. We need men like Abraham who can rise to the challenge with a fighting spirit.

The Church should organize her forces, as Abraham did, and go forth to rescue the Devil's captives from false cults, modernism, and do-nothing-ism. It will cost the Church something to arouse herself and gird for the battle, but I think the Lord will find such a people before Jesus comes. Let us put the Church on a war footing and get busy.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



Micah, the Prophet of the Kingdom

Sunday School Lesson for August 17, 1958

MICAH 4:1-7; 5:1, 2

It is no wonder the minor prophets are seldom preached today. The monotonous repetition of threats and impending judgments makes dull reading and gives one little to shout about. Some think these prophets have no message for us today. Yet the fact is that we love to claim their promises. If we claim the good promises we must also place ourselves within the scope of their warnings and realize that the sins of Israel may quite possibly be found in the Church of today!

Micah, like Amos, was a simple countryman. He lived in an obscure village and was born of obscure parents. But God cares not at all about origins. He chooses as instruments those who will obey Him, wherever He may find them.

Micah lived in close touch with his own kind of people and had deep sympathy for them when they were victimized by the oppression of the upper classes, their neighbors, and their leaders. His message was entirely to Israel. He preached particularly against the social sins of the nation.

I. THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) Micah saw the capital cities as leading the way in sin (1:5). He described their consequent destruction: "I will make Samaria as an heap of the field" (1:6, 7); "Evil came down from the Lord unto the gate of Jerusalem" (1:9-16). Micah denounced the wealthy nobles for gathering great estates by unscrupulously defrauding the honest poor. "Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practise it . . . and . . . covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house" (2:1-3).

(2) Women and children were seen as cast out of their homes and left to wander the roads (2:9). (3) The people were crushed under the burden of taxation so heavy it was necessary for them to mortgage and eventually lose their property. As Micah gazed upon the splendid buildings of Jerusalem he felt they had been built with human flesh and "cemented with human blood" (3:10). (4) The civil and religious leaders, instead of leading the sheep of the nation, were fleecing and devouring those whom it was their duty to protect (3:2, 3).

(5) The spiritual leaders had become hirelings, preaching to please the people and accepting bribes for the same (3:11). (6) Many of the people themselves had itching ears, rejecting the truth and the ministry of the supernatural. "Prophesy ye not, say they to them that prophesy" (2:6). (7) Moral character had deteriorated to such an extent that people betrayed their own flesh and blood. No one could be trusted (7:2, 5, 6). "The son dishonoureth the father, . . . a man's enemies are the men of his own house." As we read Micah's message we cannot help

being impressed by the similarity between his time and ours. And because of these sins which Israel would not forsake, judgment was inevitable. "Therefore shall Zion . . . be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps" (2:12).

II. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

As clearly as Micah saw the coming judgment upon Israel, so he also saw her ultimate restoration.

In chapters four and five Micah made remarkable predictions concerning both the first and second comings of the Messiah. Micah was among the first to see that Israel was to have a Saviour who was one of themselves. He saw Christ as being born in Bethlehem rather than in Jerusalem (5:2). He looked forward to the time when Christ's kingdom shall be established upon earth. He saw Christ reigning upon the throne of David, Jerusalem becoming the religious capital of the world. War and bloodshed will have come to an end. Poverty and want will be abolished, and peace and security will be the portion of every man. The nations of the earth will go to the holy city to learn the ways of the Lord.

The Book concludes with stirring words in which the prophet spoke in the name of redeemed Israel—"I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. . . . Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity? . . . He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old."

—J. Bashford Bishop

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT



HEALING TESTIMONIES

Healed of Throat and Lung Cancer

On January 15, 1958, while working in a nursing home for aged people, I became ill. I discovered that knots were forming over my body. I continued assisting the doctor with a very sick patient, and then I blacked out. The doctor examined me at once and found that I was a very sick woman. He asked me to report to the hospital for further examination. This I did on January 17.

I began to grow worse, so the doctor cut one of these knots off and sent it to Nashville for analysis. I began to suffer terrible pain and took shot after shot to ease the suffering. In four days the report came back that I had a rapidly progressing type of cancer. I was afflicted in my throat and lungs.

My doctor rushed me to Nashville, where I underwent treatment for five days. By this time I was losing weight very fast. They did everything for me they could, and finally sent me home to die. They said I had only a few months to live, at the longest.

But I never lost hope, for I knew God could help me. So I decided (in accordance with James 5:14, 15) to call for the pastor of First Assembly here, R. F. Allen. He and several others from the church came and anointed and prayed for me. The prayer of faith was offered, and God healed my body. Praise His wonderful name.

I returned to Nashville in two weeks for another checkup. The doctors there couldn't find a trace of cancer. They were amazed. I told them about calling the people to pray for me, and how God answered their prayer and healed my body. They said they didn't understand, but acknowledged that something wonderful had happened to me.

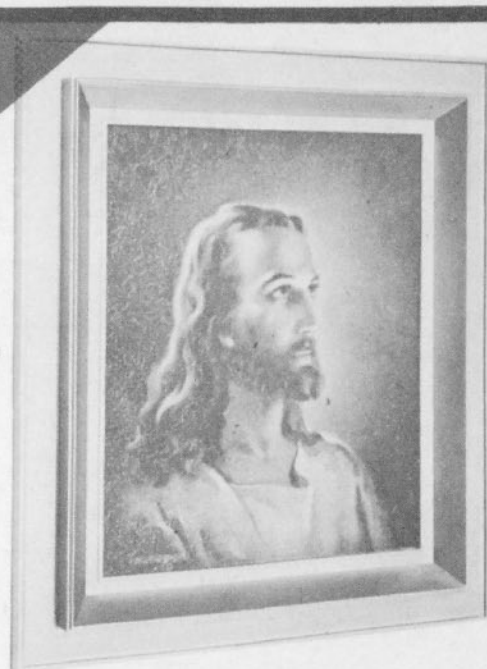
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My husband called our pastor, Samuel Weidler, who came at once. I felt so weak in body that I could not move. Together they prayed for me. I knew the Lord was by my side.

This happened on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday I consented to go to a doctor for examination. After a complete examination the doctor told us I was a very fortunate lady. He said a blood clot had passed through my heart and had gone over my brain, throwing me into a convulsion. Not one person

in a thousand would survive such an attack, he said. Moreover, not a single doctor in town could have helped at this time. He acknowledged that prayer had saved my life.

The doctor warned me that another blood clot might follow, and advised me to be careful. I knew the Lord was on my side. For weeks God's people continued to pray for me, and I felt new strength coming daily. Now I am completely healed and feel no effects from the blood clot. I have better health than ever before. I do praise our God, for He is strong to deliver. I also thank Him for a faithful pastor and for all God's children who prayed for me.—Lena Fink, 518 E. Queen St., Chambersburg, Pa.

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TAKE THIS CHILD

WE ARE TURNING AWAY TOO MANY CHILDREN WHO NEED HELP. THIS ARTICLE BY A STAFF MEMBER OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES TELLS HOW THE SITUATION MAY BE IMPROVED.

BY RUTH NOURSE

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER SAID TO THE mother of Moses, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. And when the child grew, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water" (Exodus 2:9-10).

One out of every eight children born in America this year will need special care by persons other than their own parents before they are eighteen. Baby Moses was like these youngsters, in that untoward circumstances separated him from his natural home. He was a fortunate baby indeed, for in the providence of God he was permitted the love and care of his own mother during his babyhood.

The first White House Conference on the Care of Children, convening in 1909, expressed a principle which has become increasingly important to those concerned with the care of dependent children: "Home life is the highest and finest product of civilization. It is the great molding force of mind and character. Children should not be deprived of it except for urgent and compelling reasons."

The "urgent and compelling" reasons which disturb the lives of boys and girls have multiplied during the past fifty years, until today there are six

million children under eighteen without the advantages of normal homelife, according to Joseph H. Reid, executive director of the Child Welfare League of America.

Today's deprived children, for the most part, are not orphans. Only about twenty-five per cent are dependent because of death. Most of them are deprived of normal homes because of the inability of parents to fulfill the responsibilities of parenthood. Divorce, separation, desertion, neglect, and poverty account in a large measure for their disrupted lives.

Disrupted and troubled families are not often church families. Most of their difficulties could have been avoided if the church had reached them for Christ. Children found in such distress are usually totally lacking in religious training. *Should the church be content to minister to hundreds of thousands of America's happier and more privileged children through her Sunday Schools, while these unhappy children are left outside to be swept into delinquency and crime because of evil surroundings?*

Six hundred million dollars is spent by the federal government annually to assist two and one-half million dependent children. Over 33,000 of these are in tax-supported institutions, and 105,000 are in foster family homes. The intervention of federal, state and

local government agencies usually comes at crises. Children without parental supervision get into trouble. As a result society discovers the need of the child...but too late. He is no longer a candidate for a child care agency. If his offense is serious, he must be sent to a correctional institution.

Because Christians have failed to do what they *could* in the name of Christ, the government has done what it *must* in the name of humanity. Christians are paying their share of the bill. The responsibility has not been removed from the Church, however. What the government does is designed to supplement the work of institutions, adoption agencies, and foster homes. Assemblies of God people can do as much as they have vision and courage to do. Giving of our resources and our strength to America's needy children, in the name of Christ, is a ministry of the Church that will be rewarded by His, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant... For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"Take this child and nurse it for me." This was the request of an Egyptian princess to one of God's children. When that Hebrew mother took Baby Moses to raise, she was molding the future of her own nation. She held destiny in her hands.

Today's society says to us—the Assemblies of God throughout America—hundreds, even thousands, of times. "Take this child and nurse it for me." What can we say in answer? At least eighty-five times out of one hundred we must say, "No, we have no room to take another child." "No, we have no placement service, and we are not licensed to place children in foster homes." "No, we are not allowed to take babies. They need private home care. We have no placement service."

Through our National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the past twelve years we have brought new hope and a new way of life to more than 250 homeless boys and girls. Many of these have learned the way of salvation for the first time and have developed a permanent set of values to prepare them for normal and happy adulthood. The good accomplished for time and eternity in our Home is inestimable.

Christian people have devoted themselves to sacrificial, round-the-clock service. Others have given regularly and liberally of their means to make

this fine work possible. Can we do more? The following experience reported by Herbert Bruhn, Superintendent of the National Children's Home, will cause warm-hearted Assemblies of God people to cry, "We must!"

Early in April a mother came to our Home with five girls and a boy—a fine-looking family. The mother told the story that is so familiar to superintendents of children's homes. No work, no shelter, little food. "Will you take my family until I can get on my feet again?"

There was no room for so many children. Brother Bruhn said, "We just can't do it." But the plea continued, and he weakened. Maybe they *could* make room for the five girls. The boy was sixteen, and would help his mother as much as possible. By altering the sleeping arrangement in the girls' Teen Cottage, and by taking one of the girls to room with Judy, his own daughter, it could be arranged.

His better judgment told him he shouldn't take them. Crowded dormitories make houseparents' loads heavier and the work that can be done for each child less effective. But for these children it would mean so much. So he was persuaded. And who can say this was not as it should have been? Three of the girls were saved during their first week with us. All of them fit beautifully into the life of the Home. What would have been the outcome if he had turned them away?

But within the next few days other calls were received. One was from Pastor John C. Dickinson of Russellville, Arkansas, who appealed in behalf of eight children of one family. A twenty-year-old son, upon returning from the Navy, found his young brothers and sisters living in a deplorable home situation. Could we help? There would be some financial support available, if we could just take the children.

The mother was totally unfit, the children neglected. Something must be done immediately. But our dormitories were filled to capacity. Houseparents that should not have responsibility for more than ten children each, were caring for as many as nineteen. There was neither an extra bed nor a place for a bed! The only possible answer was "No."

During the same week a call came from Judge J. M. Lowrey of the Garland County court who also serves as Juvenile Judge. Could we take five

children from Garland County? They had been removed from their home by court order because of neglect. Their father is an alcoholic. Again Brother Bruhn said, "No, we are filled to capacity."

A few days later L. F. Garrison, Director of the Clark County Child Welfare Department, called. He had five children from two families who were in desperate straits. There was no place for them. These calls were not by coincidence, not the unusual; they are the daily occurrence.

What is the answer? Should our home be larger? Enlarging the home would solve some problems, and help us to give better care to our children. But even to double the capacity of our home would not enable us to accommodate all the children who are brought to our doors. Once we had reached our capacity, there would be the same problem again.

The Executive Committee of the home has recently arranged the purchase of a seven-room, buff-brick house on property adjoining ours. The immediate plan is to convert it into a cottage for the older boys. This will relieve the overcrowded condition in the boys' dormitory until funds are available to build their Teen Cottage.

At present, twenty-six boys live in the dormitory. The ten small rooms are not really adequate for more than twenty youngsters. Our new house will accommodate ten, making the total capacity of our home eighty.

A higher figure has been suggested in the past, but we realize now that to overcrowd our buildings will hinder the workers from doing their best for those we do have room to receive. To take in more than we can care for comfortably and well, solves no problems for the hundreds that we must still turn away.

There is another answer. Assemblies of God Child Care Service can never be complete until we are able to offer family placement service. The General Council, convening last year in Cleveland, Ohio, authorized the Department of Benevolences to enter this new avenue of service. If we are to form a placement agency we must have two things: the first is a requirement of the State, the other will be recognized immediately as an obvious requirement for any new venture.

1. We must enlist caseworkers with training and experience in child welfare who are spiritually equipped for child placement work. (Please turn page)

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If you feel as we do that we should say "yes" more often when we are asked to "take this child and nurse it for me," we know you will pray with us and will give according to your ability in order to establish a complete Assemblies of God Child Care Service. Write to us if you are a caseworker who would like to consider this field, or if you can contribute financially to make this work possible. We will be happy to answer your questions or to receive your suggestions.

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Breaking the Sound Barrier

(Continued from page three)

should come and what he must do to have a part in it. Would it commence like the age of Law, with a Mount Sinai experience including the boom of thunders and lightnings (Exodus 19:16, 18)? Would there be voices and lightnings and thunders and earthquakes and tables of stone (Hebrews 12:26-29)?

Scholars tell us that the same Greek word was used in the New Testament to mean "wind," "breath," or "spirit." Thus it was natural for Christ to use wind as an illustration of the workings of the Holy Spirit. Jesus thereby gave Nicodemus the answer to the yearning hunger of his heart: "Nicodemus, this new age will be the age of the Holy Spirit. For you to understand it and to partake of it, you must be born again—not born of Moses or Abraham, but of the Spirit."

Jesus emphasized four things about

the Holy Spirit: (1) He is *mysterious* and *invisible*. "Thou... canst not tell whence the [wind] cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Man cannot put the Holy Spirit or His movements on a theological dissecting table. These are divine mysteries.

(2) He is *indispensable*. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (v. 5). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (v. 3).

(3) He is irresistible, sovereign. "The wind bloweth where it listeth" (John 3:8). We cannot give orders to the Holy Spirit. Man cannot "set" or "hold" revivals. This is the sovereign work of the Heavenly Wind, the Spirit of the living God. "O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee!" But we can and should hold special meetings to seek God's blessing and reviving power. After the first and second Pentecostal sonic blasts, a friend of Nicodemus counseled an angry, anti-Pentecostal Judaism: "Do not fight against God" (Acts 5:34-39). You cannot, said Gamaliel, resist the Spirit of God—any more than you can forestall a tornado, a rushing, mighty wind.

(4) The Holy Spirit is *life-giving*. Jesus said, When you are born of the Spirit, Nicodemus, you will have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Thank God for the Holy Spirit—heaven's rushing, mighty wind—invisible, mysterious, indispensable, irresistible, life-giving.

Let the Church of the living God pray in this hour of world crisis and travail that the breath of God, the Wind of the Holy Spirit, will blow once again, scattering all enemies of Christ and of His Church. The apostle Paul, in foretelling the instant and complete destruction of our Lord's enemies in the last day (who dare to oppose Him at His glorious second coming) stated that this antichrist force shall be destroyed "with the [spirit breath] of his mouth... the brightness of his coming" (2 Thessalonians 2:8). Final victory will come in one mighty, Pentecostal sonic blast! ◀◀

The blue of heaven is larger than the clouds. "Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, and lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and on earth."

—Seed Thoughts

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WHEN CHRIST REALLY COMES INTO the heart of an individual that person's life is never the same from that time on. He changed my life completely—my thinking, my aims, my purposes were made completely new. Now my desire is to live for Christ and do what I can to help others find the same joy and reality that I found in Him. My life has been changed, and I give God all the credit.

For many years I was interested only in making money and providing for the future of my family, particularly for my son Thomas Earle, who was the "apple of my eye." We had wonderful times together, and I thought I had it made. God was not very much in my thoughts, although on occasion we went to church. I guess I tried to erase God from my life by keeping busy seven days a week.

When my boy was still very young he was hurt, and in desperation I promised God that if He would spare my son I would not work any more on Sunday and would go to Sunday School and church. God took me at my word and let me keep my boy. I occasionally went to church after that, but my main interest continued in providing for the future—without God. I still worked on Sunday, and my life, as well as my son's, was practically void of anything spiritual. One day, however, God caught up with me. My son was fatally injured. This awakened the terrible realization that I had not kept my promise. I did everything I could to preserve the life of my boy, but God finally took him from me. In my deep sorrow I made a new consecration. I joined another church in Sherman and tried to atone for my disobedience to God.

I had a certain amount of satisfaction in my new-found life, but still there was a longing way down in my heart for a completeness of God's blessing that I did not possess. I prayed and inquired and went here and there seeking something—what, I did not know—until I was invited to attend services at a Pentecostal church. I was more and more impressed with their fervent worship and sincerity of heart. I realized they had something I did not have but which I truly desired.

One morning something happened in my early devotions in a wheat field on my farm. It was the most wonderful thing that ever took place in my life. I was asking God to fill me with Himself, when the glory of God



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How I Really Found God in a Wheat Field

BY TYREE VAWTER

Sherman, Texas

overshadowed me and the Spirit of God filled my heart and soul and body and even took possession of my tongue. I found myself speaking in tongues, which is the initial sign of the infilling of the Holy Spirit in a person's life, according to the New Testament. Such joy as I never knew existed filled my whole life. It seemed as though heaven itself was poured out upon me.

From that time on I have been completely satisfied with Christ, and my only aim now is to serve Him fully with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Jesus Christ is my satisfying portion.

My friend, are you frustrated and unhappy? Do you have problems that you cannot solve? Are you longing for something to satisfy your empty life? Christ can satisfy every longing and give you supreme enjoyment.

Both individuals and nations are depending on the wrong things for security these days. Nations that have the greatest armies and navies and the most airplanes and lethal weapons think they have what it takes, but there is no security without God. If people would allow Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to hold sway in their hearts, hatred would be replaced with love, and instead of the arms race there would be a great effort to make life more pleasant and meaningful for all mankind.

Spiritual security comes by surren-

dering completely to Christ and by being "born again" according to the Word of God. Eternity is just ahead. I urge you to make sure you are saved from sin and ready for heaven. God will make Himself just as real to you as He is to me, if you will repent, and pray, and read your Bible. The promises in the Scriptures were meant for you.

Yes, salvation is real and it comes in a very definite manner when we are willing to lay aside tradition and our own thoughts and take God at His word. Many perhaps will say that the baptism of the Spirit that came on the day of Pentecost was only for the people who lived nineteen hundred years ago, but the Bible states (in Acts, the second chapter) that the promise was meant for those who were afar off—meaning us today. For years I sought for something to satisfy my heart, but it was not until God filled me with His Spirit that I began to know what true happiness is. Have you been "born again"? Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

(Henry H. Price, pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Sherman, Texas, writes: "Brother Vawter is a respected rancher who lives at the edge of this city. He is accepted in any church that he visits here, and his testimony has blessed many people.")



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **NEW YORK CITY**—A successful evangelistic campaign with Watson Argue marked the fifty-first anniversary of Glad Tidings Tabernacle. The attendance was good each night, and the altars were filled with those seeking salvation. A goodly number also received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There were definite results in the healing meetings. No two services were alike throughout the meetings. Often the congregation would gather around the altar and volumes of praise would ascend like the sound of many waters. While standing at the altar in this manner one night there was an atmosphere of worship, and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, unaided by any workers. The Sunday School was greatly helped, and every department of the church benefited from the pastoral insight of Brother Argue. On the concluding night many indicated a desire to affiliate with the church.

—Marie E. Brown, Pastor

► **ZANESVILLE, OHIO**—Evangelist and Mrs. W. H. Casey of Tampa, Florida, just completed a threeweek evangelistic campaign here. The meetings brought about the salvation of souls and the infilling of the Holy Spirit for many, and also kindled the fire of revival in the church.

—Curtis A. Arnold, Pastor

► **CLEARWATER, FLA.**—The church here has enjoyed two weeks of heart-penetrating preaching by Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. Souls found the Lord and many new consecrations were made. In the two weeks 300 visitors came into the meetings, over 100 of whom were firsttimers.

—A. L. Shell, Jr., Pastor

► **OPPORTUNITY, WASH.**—Just recently the Spokane Valley Assembly of God had Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Olson of Minneapolis, Minn. for a campaign. The Lord blessed in the meetings, and nearly every evening souls came for salvation. Twenty came forward to be saved, and several backsliders were reclaimed.

—B. P. Nordby, Pastor

► **SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.**—Evangelists Dedelow and Friederici of San Pierre, Ind. recently conducted a five-night Children's Rally here. There was an enrollment of 109, with an average attendance of 68. About 20 children were baptized in water after the meeting.

—Ross P. Simmons, Pastor

► **GARY, IND.**—Glen Park Assembly of God just closed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. William Inisky. A number came forward for salvation and several were healed. One young woman was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday night seven followed the Lord into the waters of baptism.

—Anthony Vigna, Pastor

► **WICKSBURG, ALA.**—Evangelist Robert Rogers of Springhill, Ala. recently held a very successful meeting here. Both young people and elderly folk accepted Christ as Saviour. Many people testified to healing. The crowds were good. The tent was filled several nights, and one night there were many standing. The meetings were sponsored by the church in Wicksburg, where R. C. Mitchell is pastor, and the church in Hartford, where J. B. Wood is pastor.

—J. B. Wood

► **PARIS, ARK.**—The Union Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Elton Cole of Little Rock, Ark. The meetings lasted for two weeks. God's presence was real in every service. One soul was saved.

—Audrey C. Booher, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—The East Side Assembly just enjoyed a splendid evangelistic meeting with Evangelist James Weaver of Dallas, Texas. During the two weeks, nine were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were healed. The church was strengthened in every department. The Christ's Ambassadors increased in number.

—Leroy Morgan, Pastor

► **SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—The Clairemont Assembly recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Marvin Henegar which touched the hearts of many people. It was

the first revival in this pioneer work. Souls were saved, believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed.

—Don B. Coleman, Pastor

► **EUDORA, ARK.**—Six young people were reclaimed and four were saved during the recent revival conducted here by Evangelist Tommy Lofton of Houston, Texas. Hearts were inspired by the messages brought by this young man.

—J. O. Lorie, Pastor

► **SHREVEPORT, LA.**—The Linwood Assembly of God just concluded a very successful revival of two and one-half weeks duration with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Reed of Monroe, La. There were six saved, and four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Good crowds were in attendance every night. Ten were baptized in water. The church, started in 1956, has had a continuous growth; and now that the new building is complete, there are greater possibilities.

—Frank Andrews, Pastor

► **PORTLAND, IND.**—The Lord moved in a mighty way here during the three-week revival conducted by Evangelists Carrie Hunsberger and Ruth Muir of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. A large number of the regular members of the church received a refilling. There were many testimonies of healings, including a woman who was de-



► **EL CENTRO, CALIF.**—Evangelist Bruce Thum and the Sunshine Evangelistic Party have just concluded a very successful revival here. Even though the temperature ranged over a hundred degrees, night after night the main auditorium was filled, and many evenings the overflow crowds had to be seated in the wings and in folding chairs down the aisles. Approximately fifty people came to the altar for salvation during the three-week campaign. The fine musical program of the Sunshine Party appealed to everyone in the Imperial Valley, and hundreds of first-time visitors attended the revival. Free time was given on both TV stations in the area, and one of the local radio stations gave two programs each week. The newspaper co-operated by printing news stories each week. Hence, this revival made a terrific impact on the community. Brother Thum's dynamic ministry was well accepted as he preached under the anointing of God. The illustrated sermons presented by the party each week stirred the hearts of Christians and unsaved alike. During the revival the Sunday School attendance averaged 454, with a record summer attendance of 518 on the last Sunday.—V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

livered from diabetes. A total of sixty-five new people attended the services, and several new families were contacted as a result of the Children's Crusade held by Sister Muir. To God be the glory for answering prayer.

—Coleman Barlow, Pastor

► **TOLEDO, OREG.**—The church here just closed a three-week revival campaign with Evangelist Elizabeth Kimmelshue of Walla Walla, Wash. A great number of new homes were contacted for the first time during the revival, and several couples were led to the Lord. The three weeks were a blessed time and the hearts of the people were lifted up by the anointed preaching of the evangelist.

—Richard Orchard, Pastor

► **KANSAS CITY, MO.**—Calvary Assembly of God recently experienced a marvelous three-week revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. God moved in a gracious way; there were thirty-seven saved, and at least twelve were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Leonard S. Carpenter, Pastor

► **OMAHA, NEBR.**—The Glad Tidings Assembly had a time of refreshing during the "Pentecost Crusade." The Holy Spirit emphasis was continued through June 1, when Evangelist Zelma Argue ministered in both services. Three were filled in the evening service, and many others were re-filled.

—L. E. King, Pastor

► **BOWLING GREEN, KY.**—The church here just closed a two-week revival with Evangelist H. L. Summers of Dallas, Tex. Six were saved, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the opinion of many, it was the greatest revival the church has ever had. All are still rejoicing over the great moving of the Spirit. During the past year the church has been without a regular pianist. During the meetings God saw fit to save one.

► **STOCKTON, KANS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Guthrie of Pawnee, Okla. just closed a two-week revival here in which there were definite conversions. Several others were reclaimed and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evangelist preached the straight Word of God backed by much prayer and a love for souls.

—Ivan Christoffersen, Pastor

► **HAPPY CAMP, CALIF.**—Recently the church here enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist T. Howell. Two backsliders came to the Lord and one man was delivered from cigarettes. Several were healed by the power of God. All the church was revived.

—Elroy M. Clark, Pastor

► **PALO ALTO, CALIF.**—The Gospel Lighthouse church here just finished two weeks of special revival services with Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kansas. Some 75 accepted Christ as Saviour, including many young people. The Sunday School attendance increased by well over 100 during the meetings, and the revival spirit continues to be high.

—Mary Jo Martindals, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Butler	First	Aug. 17-31	C. E. Simms & wife	C. R. Carney
Ark.	Hope	Gospel Tab.	Aug. 15-31	William H. Kautz	W. C. Land
	Russellville	First	Aug. 16-31	Bob McCutchen	J. C. Dickinson
Calif.	Bakersfield	* Glad Tidings	Aug. 12-17	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Vernon Ragsdale
	Salinas	A of G	Aug. 10—	Maurice Evans	Joe D. Wright
	Weed	Glad Tidings	Aug. 10—	John Everett & wife	N. E. Ravan
	Wilmington	First	Aug. 17—	G. E. Chambers	Thomas Ming
Colo.	Canon City	A of G	Aug. 12-17	Christian Hild & wife	Joseph J. Kisser
Fla.	Bagdad	First	Aug. 10—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Clarence Lambert
Ill.	Des Plaines	** Methodist Camp	Aug. 6-24	Clifton O. Erickson	D. Waltherman, Chm.
Iowa	LeMars	A of G	Aug. 5-10	Christian Hild	Elton Bell
Kansas	Palco	A of G	Aug. 17—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Wayne Sullivan
La.	Baton Rouge	**** First	July 23-Aug. 10	R. Alan Davis	Lloyd R. Logan
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Mo.	Adrian	A of G	Aug. 18-31	Max Francis & wife	J. W. Whitlock
	Kansas City	Blenheim	July 27-Aug. 10	Johnson Brothers	Milton Beckett
Mont.	Missoula	First	Aug. 12-24	M. L. Davidson	Eugene A. Born
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► **LAMESA, TEX.**—God recently sent a spirit of revival to the Assembly here and the congregation is very grateful. J. W. Farmer of Ft. Worth was the evangelist. Several were saved and souls were stirred to make renewed consecrations. Many outside contacts were made during the meetings. The rich, anointed ministry of Brother Farmer was a blessing to all.

—Nicholas Kovac, Pastor

► **COUSHATTA, LA.**—The Leindecker Assembly of God has enjoyed a soul-stirring revival with Evangelist and Mrs. B. F. Holt of Shreveport, La. God's presence was manifested from the very beginning. One was saved and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the meetings there was a baptismal service that was unusually blessed of God. Several individuals also claimed healing. The whole church was stirred during the meetings.

—Mrs. Bennie Friday, Pastor

► **SHREVEPORT, LA.**—The Jewella Assembly here just concluded one of the greatest revivals in its history. The evangelist was W. V. Grant. More people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the first night than throughout the past two years. Dozens answered the altar call in a single service. People were saved in the healing lines, deaf ears were unstopped, blind eyes were made to see. A lady who had not breathed through her nose in years was healed instantly. A boy born without

an eardrum in one side could hear a faint whisper after prayer. Stiff joints were made normal. The 29-year-old daughter of the pastor, who had been totally deaf in one ear for six years, could hear a whisper. She had had no sense of smell throughout her entire lifetime, but in answer to prayer received instantaneous healing.

—R. C. Ayers, Pastor

WITH CHRIST

CLYDE RAYMOND GUNTER JR., 33, Elvins, Missouri, went to be with the Lord June 23, 1958. He is survived by his widow and two children. Brother Gunter was ordained in 1946 and ministered as a pastor and evangelist in the Southern Missouri District. At the time of his homegoing he was pastoring the Assembly in Elvins, Missouri.

MISS HARRIETT MAY KELTY, 74, Pinellas Park, Florida, went to her eternal reward on July 15, 1958. Sister Kelty was ordained in 1930 and was a member of the South Texas District Council. After laboring as a missionary in Argentina she spent twenty-seven years ministering in Cuba. Miss Kelty retired two years ago; she moved to the Pinellas Park Home a year later and was living there at the time of her death.



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"All the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Try Praise!

BY GENEVRA BRUNNER

DO YOU AGREE THAT A CHRISTIAN should not worry? Or do you say, "Worrying is only natural; I can't help feeling anxious"? Your answer to these questions will determine whether you are an overcomer or not.

Few, of course, will agree with the old deacon in the church of my childhood who said that Christians should never laugh nor be merry, because it is not recorded that Christ did so. Most of us, however, would argue as I used to, that he who does not worry does not face facts. When confronted with our Lord's words, "Be not therefore anxious," or Paul's statement, "In nothing be anxious," I used to tell myself that these words could not mean exactly what they said.

Now I have a different viewpoint. Through much-needed lessons, I have learned that praise is an essential, even

inherent, element of the Christian life. Worry certainly is a characteristic of the natural man, but a Christian should be a supernatural being.

Many years ago I had a dear Pentecostal friend whose life was a habitual witness to the power of praise. I visited her one day when I was depressed and feeling that spiritually I was sadly lacking. On her wall I saw a beautiful motto with just the two words, "Try Praise." To me it was like a voice from Heaven. Suddenly the whole world looked different.

My friend told me the motto had meant much in her life. Through its advice she had worked out a practical formula of procedure for her problems and discouragements. First she went to prayer, asking the Lord to help and guide her. Next she would take the Bible and seek a word that would bring

definite leading on the particular difficulty. Because the Bible is His own Word, the Lord often spoke to her through a verse, giving assurance that He would work. After that she never petitioned Him again about the matter. "To keep asking each day seems like doubting Him," she said. "I just remind the Lord of His promise, and praise Him for the answer."

Our guide book, the Bible, teaches that praise is the atmosphere of heaven (Revelation 19:5). Hence we are to enter the Lord's presence with joy (Psalm 100:4). The rejoicing Christian, therefore, is surest of reaching the throne.

Moreover, praise is an "appointed garment" which gives the wearer greater beauty than the latest Paris fashions (Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 33:11). How lamentable is the fate of the man in the parable who came to the feast without an appointed garment (Matthew 22:11-13).

With joy in the heart, praise cannot be kept back from the lips, for it is a fruit thereof (Hebrews 13:15). According to heaven's viewpoint, Christian fellowship should be praise centered. There is a startling contrast between the two types of society described in Ephesians 5:18-20 and in 1 Peter 2:1, yet so many Christians use their mouths for gossip and grumbling instead of for praise.

Because the spirit of praise is an effective weapon against Satan, he hates a joyful Christian. There seems to be no limit to the variety of fears with which the devil can fill our minds, for fear is the antithesis of praise.

Do you fear financial difficulty? Try praise! The Lord has a word for you in Matthew 6:25-34. An evangelist friend in India trusts the Lord for his family's every need. In spite of many testings, one never hears him speak of "financial problems." Once, after finding that he had only the equivalent of ten cents in his bank account, I heard him say, "Praise the Lord! God takes care of us. Although I haven't enough to tempt thieves, I am never 'in the red.'"

Are you anxious about your health? Don't forget that "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Often have I known tiredness or illness to disappear through the remembrance of some of the Lord's past blessings and praising Him for them. After an experience of healing such an attitude is especially necessary. The devil is on hand to tell you that your healing

is not permanent. Every pain suggests the sickness is returning. This is the ever-present battle for the mind which Satan carries on. No wonder Paul prayed for the Philippians that the peace of God would guard not only their hearts but their thoughts as well (Philippians 4:7).

Does your heart quake at the thought of the world situation and Russian sputniks? Truly, there is not much to encourage a man of the world these days, but Christians should realize that God's Word reveals that everything is going according to plan. In days like these we are to "look up" and take courage, for our "redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Praise the Lord! There are scores of verses as antidotes for this kind of fear (2 Chronicles 32:7-8; Nahum 1:7; Psalms 5:11; 18:2). In 2 Chronicles 20, when a coalition



If we thought of God's glory first—as in the Lord's prayer—and gave the secondary place to our needs, we should please God and gain our petitions better than we do.—Fausset



of three nations came against Judah, King Jehoshaphat thought the end had come, but he went to God. Second Chronicles 20:22 tells us that "when they began to sing and to praise," God began to work.

Is your fear because of some person or event? Again I say, "Try Praise!" Time and again the Lord has fulfilled the promises in Psalm 34, which is my favorite psalm. Once, touring in the villages of India, we found we had camped on a hill of scorpions. They were everywhere—in our food bags, our beds, and even in our clothes. It was not possible to move to another site just then, so we took Luke 10:19 as the Lord's assurance to us, and daily we praised Him for His protection. The scorpions did not leave, but during our two weeks' stay in that place not one of us was hurt by them.

Praise not only clears a channel through which God can work, but it has a reflex action on ourselves. A praising Christian does not need a psychiatrist. Any doctor knows that according to physical laws, "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). Some of us, however, know there is a joy that operates in no natural way. An Indian dancing girl who wanted to become a Christian in the face of fierce opposition could

tell you this. Her family sewed her up in a blanket and carried her to the jungle to die, but she told me her new-found Saviour so made her heart bubble over that she sang hymns at the top of her voice. It was the singing that brought rescuers who set her free.

A lovely young caste convert, who came secretly to our bungalow for instruction, knew this supernatural joy. She showed me the great welts on her back where her father had inflicted cruel blows, trying to beat the foreign doctrine out of her. She said, "Do you know, amma, I do not feel the blows when he strikes me. I only feel like singing songs of praise!"

It is easy to praise the Lord when the sun shines, but you may be very sure that if you wish to become a praising Christian the storms will beat and the floods will come. It is under testing that we learn. In Psalm 22 David described his anguish when he felt that even God Himself had forsaken him. He got through to victory, however, declaring he would sing the Lord's praises in the midst of the assembly.

Paul and Silas could have found no more unlikely place to sing praises than in a Roman prison, but their doing so led to their freedom and the jailor's salvation (Acts 16:23-34).

Our Lord is the highest example of tranquillity. At the very time He was facing apparent defeat and certain death, He bequeathed His peace to His troubled disciples, telling them it was His deepest desire that they should have His joy to the full (John 14:27; 15:11).

Some, however, will be thinking, "All this is certainly Scriptural, but it is too high. I cannot be an overcomer." You cannot play a piano concerto the first week you begin piano lessons, but that does not keep you from practicing finger exercises. Neither do you stop taking lessons when you make your first mistake.

If you want to be an overcomer, the best thing to do is to begin now, and to keep on persevering to the end. Never mind the stumbles. "A just man falleth seven times and riseth again" (Proverbs 24:16).

Having started on the road to victory, it is fatal to look at self or circumstances. "Looking unto Jesus" must be our motto now, and the Holy Spirit will keep us rejoicing, for joy is included in the cluster of the "fruit of the Spirit" Paul enumerates in Galatians 5:22. ◀◀

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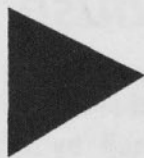
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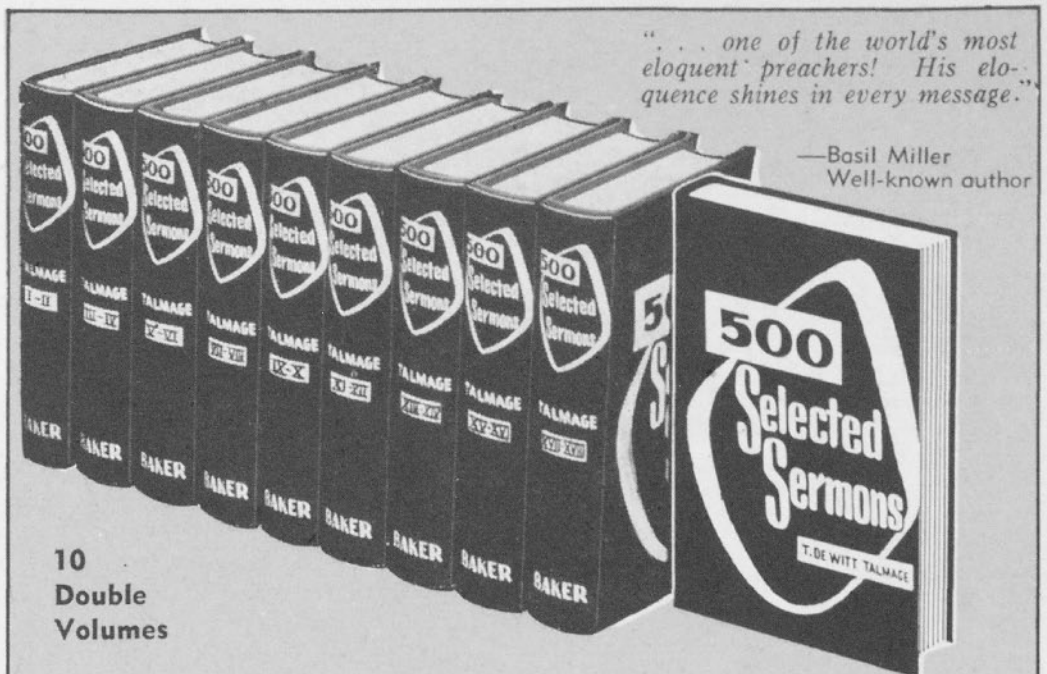
pastor, Ralph Bender. My family and Christian friends were faithful in praying for me. Truly heaven was bombarded in my behalf.

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When I went back to the hospital for the second X ray, I asked the doctor if I might see the new pictures. He was reluctant to do this, but after the X ray was finished and he saw the marvelous healing that had taken place he showed me the pictures and gave me his findings. These were his words: "All I can see now is a dimple in that area, and I would not have been able to detect that if I had not known the original site."

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on his back and he reared and kicked and bucked and did everything a wicked beast could do, but I held on.

"At last I got him quieted down and rode him out to the Never Never Lands. I thought I had him tamed and got a bit careless. He threw me and galloped off into the desert. My leg was broken and there I lay helpless. I knew I was done for."

"You *were* in a fix, brother; no man could ever help you."

"That's the truth, sir. I had never thought of God; never prayed or wanted to know Him. But I wanted Him then and didn't know how to find Him. I prayed, 'Oh God, whoever You are, if you'll get me out of this fix, I promise to serve You all the rest of my life!'

"I fainted away. When I came to I saw the bulldog ants coming towards me. I fainted again. When I regained consciousness what do you think I saw?"

"An airplane, perhaps?"

"No sir. That horse was coming straight to me. He came up and stopped. With my one good leg and my strong arms I managed to get on his back and rode him into the city. They fixed me up at the hospital and since then I've been trying to find someone who could help me find God. Perhaps sir, you, being a minister, can help me?"

"Indeed I can," Mr. Duncan assured him. And thinking of that other Philip who was sent by the Lord to meet the Ethiopian in the desert, he told the stranger of the One who bore his sins on the Cross of Calvary and who freely forgives all who trust in Him. In a few minutes both men were praising God because a new name was written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.