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

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I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house" Psalm 26:8

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer
saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

—Timothy Dwight

Serving Evangelicals

The National Association of Evangelicals, now in its sixteenth year, has become a mighty force for God. Through its many commissions and affiliates it is regularly serving ten million Bible-believing Christians, including members of various Pentecostal bodies.

The association is a rallying point for ministers and laymen who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. The members represent a complexity of organizational policies, doctrinal positions, and individualistic emphases, but they have found a common ground of fellowship—the Holy Scriptures. On the basis of their tenacious faith in the Word of God they have found a way to co-operate for the gospel's sake without compromising their private convictions.

There are forces today which would curtail opportunities in church extension, chaplaincy work, and other fields of Christian endeavor. The NAE enables evangelicals to join hands to preserve their liberties. The association has an office of public affairs in Washington, D. C., which provides a listening post on legislative matters and represents evangelicals before the national government in necessary matters. Today the NAE is recognized by government leaders as an official voice for evangelical Protestants.

In addition, the NAE is helping foreign missionaries. The increase of nationalism has threatened missionary activity in many lands but the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an NAE affiliate, has done much toward keeping doors of opportunity open. Another affiliate, the World Relief Commission, delivers food and clothing to supplement the spiritual work of the missionaries.

A dozen other affiliates could be mentioned. The National Religious Broadcasters, Inc. defends the rights of evangelicals to obtain time on the air. The National Association of Christian Schools assists elementary and high schools over the land. The National Sunday School Association is helping to revitalize the Sunday Schools of many denominations. New Protestant welfare agencies are growing in urban centers.

Some of the issues on which the NAE is working at the present time are: immoral publications on newsstands; paid gospel broadcasts being dropped from the radio; and monopoly of building sites in new and redeveloped housing projects by theologically liberal Protestant councils of churches.

The story will be told during "NAE Week," October 19 to 26. The theme for the week will be, "Serving You and Your Church." Assemblies should order their NAE Week materials direct from the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main St., Wheaton, Illinois.

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Go Teach

By BERT WEBB

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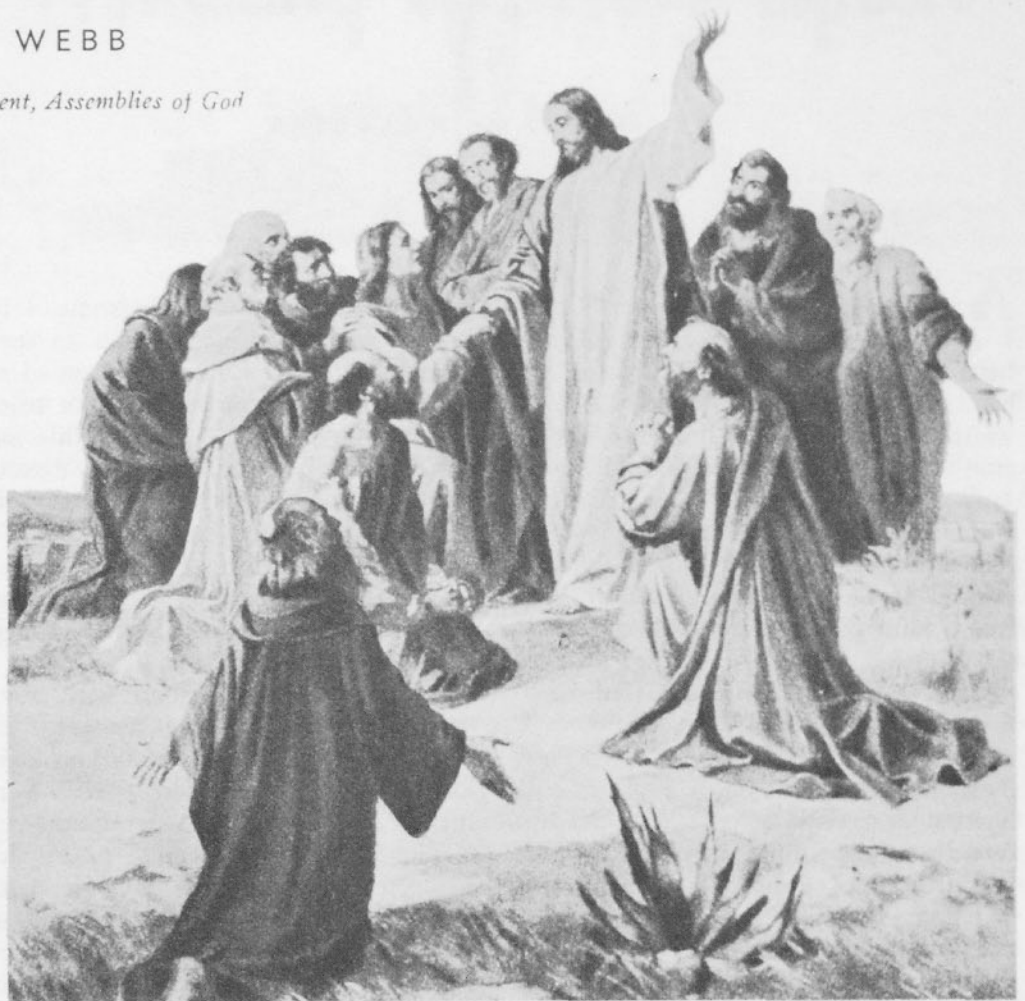


THE KEY WORDS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION as recorded in Matthew 28:19 are "go" and "teach." *Go and teach* might well be the marching order for the church, and especially for that endeavor in the church known as the Sunday School.

That it is the responsibility of every follower *to go* becomes immediately evident as we review the lives of Jesus Himself and of those who followed Him while He was on earth. The Book of Acts, as well as the rest of the New Testament, constantly reminds every true follower that *going* is a part of the gospel. Good news must be told.

Moses was commissioned to tell Israel of God's planned deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Prophets of old went forth to tell the message the Lord had given them. John the Baptist told of the coming of the Saviour and identified him to the people when He arrived. The twelve, sent forth by Jesus, walked many miles throughout the land speaking of the Saviour whom they represented. Many miracles were wrought by our Lord as He traveled along the streets and highways of His own country. It was not as He stood teaching in the synagogue or ministering in the temple, but as He walked along the streets of Jerusalem, that He healed the woman with the incurable disease. Our Lord encountered the rich young ruler "when he was gone forth into the way." Blind Bartimaeus, the roadside beggar, could not come to Jesus for help; but Jesus came that way and met his need.

Undoubtedly it is the responsibility of every true follower of Christ to take the gospel to the sinner. Most Christians will never preach a sermon from the pulpit and will never be called upon to occupy a place of great prominence in a public service, but all may make a tremendous contribution to the salvation of the lost simply by going out and bringing the people in.



The admonition of Jesus to "go out . . . and compel them to come in" was no idle comment. This is indeed the plan of God. This is the task of the Sunday School. While leadership is essential, this business of building the Kingdom on earth must be the concern of every one who professes to be a follower of the Lord.

Every Sunday School member should be inspired by the noble example of Andrew. Though very little is said in the New Testament concerning him, the tremendous fact remains: "He first findeth his own brother Simon . . . and he brought him to Jesus." Philip likewise found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him, . . . Jesus of Nazareth. . . Come and see."

This October our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools will be engaged in another great Enlargement Campaign. To find the people who need the Lord by going from house to house is a scriptural

plan. To use every means at hand to find prospective disciples is a *must*. Regular and repeated door-to-door visitation is a divine procedure ordered and blessed by God Himself. The time is here for us to rededicate ourselves to the ministry of finding the lost, that they may be brought under the saving influence of the teaching of the Word of God in our Sunday School classes.

The same commission of the Saviour which says "go" also commands "teach." Lasting results can come only as all our effort is based upon the truth of God's Word. Patriarchs of old were instructed to teach their children the precepts of the law. In the Old Testament a prophet and a king combined to rediscover the law of God, and a nation was transformed because of the truth.

Paul admonished Timothy, "Preach the word." The Psalmist exclaimed,

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God Showed Me

THE MESSIAH

BY WILLIAM WALDBERG



A FLAT TIRE AND NO JACK! THERE I was stranded with my car midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem one hot day in the summer of 1953. I waited about half an hour, trying to stop someone who would lend me a jack so that I could put on a spare tire.

Then God sent His messenger. An American car stopped, and the driver offered to help me. I learned that he was a missionary, and he told me about the Messiah, Jesus Christ. His attitude of love, compassion, and Christian kindness impressed me very much.

Before we parted he gave me a New Testament. This was a lovely book, written in Hebrew. I thought perhaps it was a love story or a book of adventure, and I decided to keep it as a souvenir.

I had always had a desire to know God in a personal way. My parents were religious Jews, but no one took much thought to the welfare of my soul. My faith wavered and my soul was utterly empty. I was bound by customs and ceremonies, the fearful shadow of a purposeless, wasted life.

My childhood was spent in Hungary in very comfortable circumstances. In 1949 we went to Israel. My father died suddenly in tragic circumstances when we had been there only one and a half years. Left with two children to support, my mother was very poor; our family was in need.

After one year I left my mother and little brother to join the army, for every male Israeli citizen must serve two years in the armed forces of his country. I became an officer and achieved some worldly honor and success, but there was still that gnawing hunger to know God.

Now God sent His ambassador to show me the way. I had never read the New Testament, and this was my

first experience with a Christian. I felt that I wanted to go to him to learn more about Christ. But because of my long-standing prejudice and the teaching I had received, I went to this man secretly at first. He was the director of a mission in Jerusalem, and I attended a Wednesday night service. The spiritual atmosphere, the peace of the worshipers, the love in the songs, and the kindness of the Christians strongly attracted me. I really hadn't wanted to know about the Christian way, for I considered all Christians heathen. But the friendly atmosphere and brotherly love touched me so deeply that I returned to the mission several times.

The Bible, which in the past I had neglected, became my favorite book. The Psalms and the Gospels became my food. Even today I remember how I felt in God's presence the first time He met me. After I had spent hours in prayer and weeping God revealed

Crowned or Crucified?

I stood alone at the bar of God,
In the hush of the twilight dim,
And faced the question that pierced my heart:
"What will you do with Him?
Crowned or crucified? Which shall it be?"
No other choice was offered to me.

I looked on the face so marred with tears,
That were shed in His agony.
The look in His kind eyes broke my heart;
'Twas full of love for me:
"The crown or the cross," it seemed to say;
"For or against Me—choose thou today."

I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ,
In the hush of the twilight dim,
And all that I was, or hoped, or sought,
Surrendered unto Him.
Crowned, not crucified; my heart shall know
No king but Christ who loveth me so.

—Author unknown

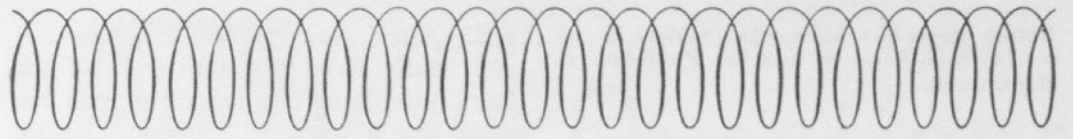
to me from Daniel 9:26 that Jesus Christ is indeed the Messiah: "After three-score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself." For whom was He cut off? The Lord showed me after hours of prayer and weeping before Him. It was for me! And for all sinners! For all mankind!

All things became new to me when I found Christ. I wanted to become a witness to my new faith. Can the sea keep quiet? Or the wind cease to blow? Neither could my soul rest—I must show forth the praise of my Lord, who *enlightened my soul and gave me peace*. I praise Him for the precious gift of endless love and the gracious light of faith and truth.

I was nineteen years old at the time of my conversion. Ever since then, when I feel lonely or hurt, I take my Bible—and I receive the caress of the Son of God, the comfort of the lonely Sufferer. Then I know that I am not alone, nor do I feel any more pain.

The past five years have not been easy for me. Everybody was against me, except the Lord Jesus Christ. The news soon was out, and suddenly everyone knew that I was converted and baptized, and this changed the behavior of my family and friends toward me. No more was I one of them; they considered me a traitor to Israel. They felt I had committed a great sin in accepting Christ. Old friends turned away, and everywhere in the society difficulties developed.

Loneliness hurts, and it hurt me—and I was hungry, too, as I walked the streets of Jerusalem. But even after so many sufferings and persecutions I did not feel entirely alone. The Lord was always with me, and His sweet presence and promises and companionship richly compensated for the loss of my family and friends.



Honoring the Holy Spirit

By VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

I continued to attend the mission services until the missionary left Israel. Through reading the Book of Acts and the rest of the New Testament I came to believe in the manifestations of the Spirit of God. I felt that I must have a Pentecostal experience and speak in tongues, as the disciples did in Acts 2. My first contact with Pentecostal people was with Brother Pencovic, an Assemblies of God missionary in Israel. I attended his church in Jerusalem and found that these people believed just as I did! I continued seeking the Lord in my private devotional periods in my home in Jerusalem, and soon I received my Pentecostal experience.

During the next two years I was associated with Brother Pencovic—witnessing, giving out gospel literature, preaching the gospel, bringing the lost to Christ. I had a chance to tell many other Jews of the true Messiah, and I also saw many receive the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fashion.

Then, through the providence of God, I was able to come to the United States to present the need of Jewish evangelism and to prepare myself for full-time ministry. After I have graduated from Central Bible Institute I plan to return to Israel as a missionary to point many more children of Abraham to the true Messiah.

I praise the Lord for the land of Israel, the promised land of His chosen people. In this land our Lord Jesus Christ lived and walked among His people, teaching and warning, healing the sick, helping the needy, defending the meek, reproaching the high and lofty ones, doing wonders, and blessing the people.

Israel is a young country with heavy financial, economic, and sociologic problems. Yet the greatest need of these people is spiritual. They must learn of their Messiah, who suffered and died in order to save them. I—who am but one of the least of the remnant of Israel, one of the late descendants of His chosen people, one of no account, as the dust of the desert—I want the Lord to send me to be a help to the weak, to direct the path of the crying travelers in this world of confusion toward the light, toward the faith that leads to salvation and life everlasting. Yes, if there will be men who will show them the way, who will lift up the torch of faith in the fearful darkness, I do believe that many souls among Israel will accept the Lord Jesus as the Son of God, just as I did.

THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY is little known and seldom recognized or honored in the Church today! The nominal Christian hardly knows anything about the Holy Spirit beyond these six words of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

To the majority of professing Christians the Holy Spirit is a Stranger. John the Baptist declared to the people, concerning Jesus, "There standeth one among you, whom ye know not"—and we can say the same words to the nominal Church today concerning the Holy Ghost.

God wants our bodies to be temples in which His blessed Spirit may dwell. Furthermore He wants us to experience the supernatural working of the Spirit in our lives, worship, praise, and service day by day.

Some say that we are not to give prominence to the Holy Spirit, for it is written that He does not speak of Himself (John 16:13).

This scripture does not mean that He does not speak *about* Himself, but rather that "He will not speak on His own authority" (Williams translation). The meaning is the same as in John 14:10, where Jesus said, "I am not saying these things on my own authority" (Williams).

The Scriptures certainly speak much of the nature, work, and personality of the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament, and in the records of the life of Jesus and the Church of Jesus Christ. We do well to study these. If we do we shall find that the Third Person of the Trinity is in every way co-equal with the Father and the Son, to be honored and worshiped.

Some say that since the three members of the Trinity are one, to believe on any one of them is to believe on all three.

Why then did Jesus say in John 14:1, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me"?

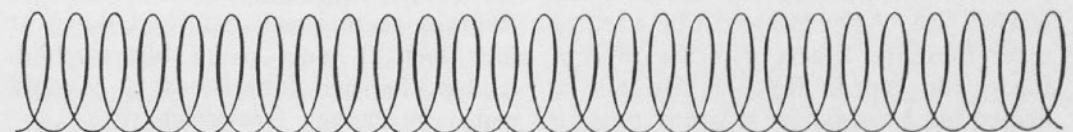
The Jews were offering up sacrifices to God the Father at the very hour when they were crucifying God the Son. Many heathen nations believe in God but reject His Son. It is possible for the Christian Church to observe Good Friday and weep over the cross of Calvary, while at the same time crucifying, in a figure, the person of the Holy Ghost.

We must remember that the Godhead is no less three than it is one; it is three distinct personalities, each having His own peculiar place in the Church. Their work is emphatically distinct, yet one. This truth was made very real to me when I received the baptism of the Spirit.

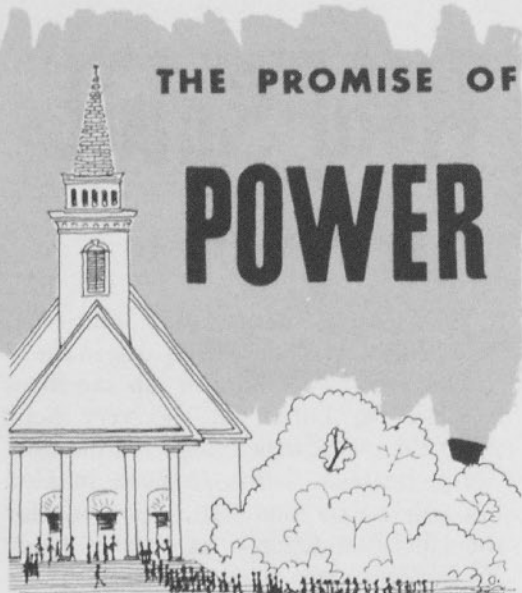
I was seeking God that afternoon in India fifty years ago when I saw before me the Tabernacle of Moses. I was standing in the Holy Place just outside the veil, I learned that I had come this far in my spiritual experience. I had passed the laver, the burnt offering, the golden candlestick, the table of shewbread, and the altar of incense. I could see a rift in the veil in front of me, and light was streaming through it. God was behind that veil, and I cried out, "Let me come where Thou art!" However, upon saying this I began trembling with fear as I thought of the awful majesty and holiness of God.

But my eyes fell again on that veil. It was split open by the hand of God for sinners just like me. I would not be afraid. I lifted one foot to enter, but found I could not move a step. I heard a voice say, "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18). I saw that the three Persons of the Godhead

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Before there can be another revival in the world there must be another Pentecost in the Church.



By JAMES A. STEWART

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST THE disciples received the fulfillment of the "promise of the Father," when the ascended Lord poured out His Spirit upon them.

The miracle of Pentecost was the miracle of transformed lives. The disciples were robed with supernatural power. This met their desperate need. Theirs was an impossible task. Who would believe the fantastic story that the carpenter's son, who died such an ignoble death as a criminal on a felon's gibbet, was the risen Son of God?

All the powers of hell were against them. They faced a hostile religious world. They faced an overpowering opposition from the heathen world. From the human viewpoint, they were doomed at the very beginning to fail in their mission.

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed everything. From their being incompetent, demoralized, powerless, and weak disciples—they became effective, dynamic, and aggressive through the endowment of the Spirit, by the baptizing work of the Son.

Look at Peter, for example. Before Pentecost he warmed his hands at the world's fire. After Pentecost he warmed three thousand hearts with the preaching of the Word. Before Pentecost he denied his Lord before a young peasant

girl. After Pentecost he courageously and boldly faced the murderers of the Lord Jesus and charged them with the death of his blessed Saviour. Before Pentecost he denied the Lord three times. After Pentecost he was given one thousand souls for each time he denied Him!

Pentecost is always associated with power. Read the Book of Acts and you will find it to be a pageantry of power. You can write the one word "power" over every chapter and over every incident. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). The baptism in the Holy Ghost was the authentic touch of God upon their lives. The Church in its first twenty-five years of existence accomplished more than at any other time in the history of Christianity.

The baptism spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:13 is an operation of the Spirit which takes place at regeneration, whether or not the believing soul is conscious of it; whereas the baptism promised in Acts 1:5 is a conscious experience which takes place in a believer's life when he meets God's conditions.

J. Hudson Taylor, Andrew Murray, A. B. Simpson, A. J. Gordon, A. T. Pierson, Evan Roberts, and hosts of others have left a legacy to the Church in their testimonies of such a never-to-be-forgotten experience in their lives, when the Holy Ghost invaded their entire being and took control.

There are thousands of little-known men and women also who can testify to a definite crisis in their Christian life, when they were empowered "from on high" (Luke 24:49).

It is only when a believer is so thirsty that he is willing to give up everything that would hinder him from being filled with the Spirit, that he receives the fullness.

Said one believer to another, "I would give the world to have your experience with the Lord."

"That is what it cost me," replied the other.

FINNEY'S BAPTISM

Charles G. Finney speaks of his "initial Baptism" in the following way: "As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. . . . He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at His feet. I wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. . . .

"As I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. . . . No words can express the wonderful love which was shed abroad in my heart. I wept with joy and love."

MOODY'S EXPERIENCE

Mr. Moody's testimony is given by R. A. Torrey in his book, "Why God Used D. L. Moody," as follows:

"The seventh thing that was the secret why God used D. L. Moody was that he had a very definite endowment with power from on high, a very clear and definite 'Baptism, with the Holy Ghost.' He had no doubt about it. In the early days of his Christian life, he was a great hustler. He had a tremendous desire to do something, but he had no real power.

"He worked very largely in the energy of the flesh. But there were two humble Free Methodist women who used to come over to his meetings

Carefully purify your conscience from daily faults; suffer no sin to dwell in your heart. Small as it may seem, it obscures the light of grace, weighs down the soul, and hinders that constant communion with Jesus Christ which should be your pleasure to cultivate.

—Fenelon

in the Y.M.C.A. one was 'Auntie Cook' and the other Mrs. Snow. These two women would come to Mr. Moody at the close of his meetings and say: 'We are praying for you.'

"Finally Mr. Moody became somewhat nettled and said to them one night: 'Why are you praying for me? Why don't you pray for the unsaved?' They replied, 'We are praying that you may get the power.'

"Mr. Moody did not know what they meant, but he got to thinking about it, and then went to those women and said: 'I wish you would tell me what you mean,' and they told him about the definite Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Then he asked that he might pray with them—and not that they merely pray for him.

"Auntie Cook once told me of the intense fervor with which Mr. Moody prayed on that occasion. She told me in words that I scarcely dare repeat, though I have never forgotten them. And he not only prayed with them, but he also prayed alone.

"Not long after, one day on his way to England, he was walking up Wall Street in New York. (Mr. Moody very

seldom told this, and I almost hesitate to tell it.) In the midst of the bustle and hurry of that city, his prayer was answered. The power of God fell upon him as he walked up the street and he had to hurry off to the house of a friend and ask that he might have a room by himself, and in that room he stayed alone for hours.

"The Holy Ghost came upon him, filling his soul with such joy that at last he had to ask God to withhold His hand, lest he die on the spot from very joy. He went out from that place with the power of the Holy Ghost upon him, and when he got to London the power of God wrought through him mightily in North London, and hundreds were added to the Church."

SCOFIELD'S TESTIMONY

C. I. Scofield tells of a sacred experience of his, also. He heard an Irish preacher speak on Naaman the leper. The preacher and the message were very lifeless. As Dr. Scofield left the church with another brother, his companion whispered to him, "That dear man needs a fresh dip in the Jordan."

The noted Bible expositor says, "I excused myself and went out into the

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Where does the Bible say, "Without my flesh shall I see God"?

In the American Standard Version Job 19:26 reads, "And after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God."

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Were the theaters in the time of the apostles similar to present-day theaters? (Acts 19:29-31)

The dictionary defines a theater as "an edifice for dramatic performance or spectacles." I think there would be little difference in the purpose of an ancient theater and one of the present. However, the theaters in Paul's day were used not only for dramatic plays, but also for public speeches or discussions.

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How can we be justified from all things, from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses? (Acts 13:38, 39)

The Bible says that "by the law is the knowledge of sin." The law could condemn, but could not save. Because the law could not save, God provided a sacrificial system in connection with the law. This was a means of pardon, but did not have the power of creating newness of life. In Christ Jesus is accomplished that which the law could not do—the believer is justified, or made free from all condemnation for all sins committed before he turned to Christ. All the past is blotted out, and the believer stands free from all guilt, "a new creature in Christ Jesus."

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Does Matthew 22:11-13 indicate that a person may get into heaven without a wedding garment?

It is generally understood that the parable has reference to one's salvation, rather than to his presence at the marriage supper of the Lamb. It pictures the invitation to salvation going forth. Here was one who responded by uniting with the church, but made no proper preparation to meet the Lord. The special wedding garment was provided by the one who prepared the feast, but he presumed to appear without accepting and putting on such a garment.

The parable tells us that profession alone is not enough. We must be clothed with the righteousness of Christ in order to be saved.

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How could Jesus give His flesh and His blood for the Jews to eat? (John 6:53)

In verse 63 Jesus shows that He did not mean they were literally to eat His flesh and drink His blood. He said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." What Jesus meant was that we must be partakers of Him, accepting His atonement and continually drawing our life from Him.

* * *

How could one man's disobedience make many sinners, and one man's obedience make many righteous? (Romans 5:19, 20)

All men are sinful by nature because through the fall of Adam all are born with a fallen nature. Thus, one man's disobedience has made many sinners.

By Christ's obedience to the will of God that He should die to redeem fallen man, many are made righteous. Our sinful, fallen nature can be exchanged for a new and different one when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and accept His provision for us.

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Will we have our present bodies in the resurrection?

Paul says, "Thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain" (1 Corinthians 15:37). Our present bodies are likened to seed that is sown. As to the resurrection body, "God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body" (v. 38). The body that is sown is a material, corruptible body. The body that is raised will be a spiritual, incorruptible body. See 1 Corinthians 15:42-44.

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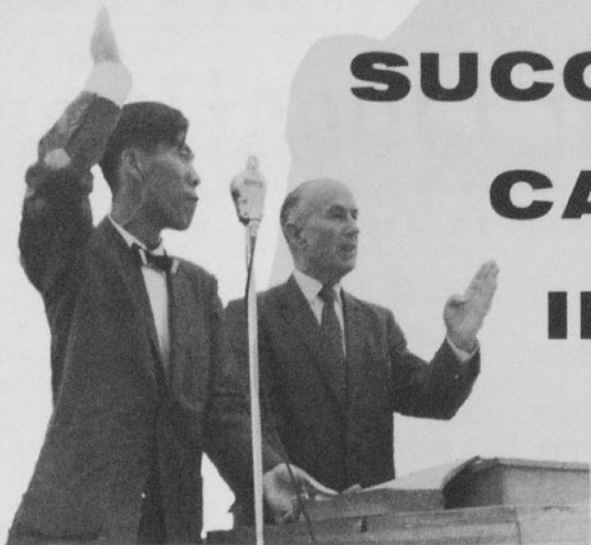
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SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN KOREA



Ralph Byrd with interpreter Yo

Reported by

JOHN STETZ

SEOUL, PUSAN, SUWON, AND THREE other cities were the main targets of the Holy Ghost invasion in Korea this summer. This was the first time in the history of this country that Pentecostal campaigns of this magnitude were conducted in these strategic areas.

Pastor Ralph Byrd from Atlanta, Georgia (accompanied by John Hurston, missionary to Liberia) enlisted all of his strength and efforts for the success of the two months of meetings in Korea. Mrs. Byrd also traveled with the evangelistic party from place to place.

From the very first night of the first campaign the attendance was surprisingly large. Sometimes crowds of over 3000 gathered for the night services. Many came from afar and lived and slept in the tent throughout the campaign. It was marvelous how the Lord stayed the rains during the normally rainy month of July and gave us ideal weather.

The people responded to the "Hallelujahs" and "Amens" of the evangelists by repeating the same with uplifted hands. This became the trademark in each place and the evangelists

became known all over Korea as the Hallelujah-Amen preachers. People came from many churches along with the unbelievers each night. Special services in which the Baptism in the Spirit was emphasized were held in the mornings and sometimes in the afternoons as well. We truly witnessed

A GREAT OUTPOURING

of the Holy Spirit. In each city the people quickly united in the Pentecostal form of worship by praying and crying out to God with one accord, by lifting up their hands and praising God, and by clapping their hands as they sang such songs as, "The Comforter Has Come," "He Abides," and "The Holy Ghost Is on the Move." Presbyterians and Methodists yielded to the Holy Spirit and were baptized. Sometimes a wave of glory would sweep through the big tent, and it seemed that nearly everyone was speaking in the Spirit and magnifying God.

Another remarkable thing in the Holy Ghost emphasis services was to see so many young people seeking and receiving the Holy Spirit in power. We

were thrilled that our eleven-year-old daughter was one of several children who pressed through and received this wonderful blessing.

It was as though heaven came down upon us. Our interpreters and the local pastors were so overcome with joy that they wept as they saw what God was doing. The people rejoiced over their personal experiences in the Spirit and told us that they hated to go back to their cold, formal churches for fear of losing their blessings. A vital part of each campaign was

THE HEALING MINISTRY

The blind saw and the deaf heard. People with various afflictions testified of being made whole. Here is a glimpse of just one of the healing meetings: It was the second night of the Suncheon campaign; this was to be the first healing service there. The big tent was packed to overflowing with adults so that the children had to stand at the outskirts of the tent. As Brother Hurston gave the opening message, the presence of God was precious. Then Brother Byrd preached a straight gospel message under a mighty anointing.

Many of the congregation were churchgoers who had never been saved. Hundreds responded to the invitation to accept Christ.

After this Brother Byrd was led to pray for the Deaf. There were several in the audience who were either totally or partially deaf. Three were called to the platform. The first person was totally deaf in one ear. After the prayer for deliverance was offered, her ear was opened. The people were elated and responded by clapping. The next person who was prayed for had been hard of hearing, but after prayer she was able to hear even low whispers. The third was a deaf mute; he too was healed and repeated words spoken by Brother Byrd. This electrified the crowd, and faith mounted high.

The women's section in the morning prayer service when the baptism with the Holy Spirit was emphasized



The next night several deaf mutes and those suffering from other afflictions were brought. There were so many sick that Brother Byrd prayed for half of them on one side of the platform while Brother Hurston prayed for the rest on the other side. A lady who had suffered with an infirmity for twenty-three years was healed. An old man who had been beaten by the Japanese thirty years before and was deaf as a result came to the Seoul campaign. He was afraid that because of his deafness he could not hear the gospel and therefore could not be saved. His ears were perfectly healed; he was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He came faithfully to the meetings every day and just feasted on the Word of God.

Many other

DRAMAS IN REAL LIFE

found their climax in these meetings. For instance, a former idol-worshiper in Pusan, who had a wicked son, had been saved a few

months before at the Assemblies of God church and then vowed to spend one hundred days in prayer for her son's salvation. He frequently went home drunk and beat his wife. He was persuaded to attend the campaign and was saved that very night. The night he was converted was the one-hundredth day of his mother's prayers. Before the campaign was over, this new convert was also baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Then there is the story of Mr. Chun, a leader in one of Korea's great church denominations. For years his vision was to reach all of Korea with the gospel message that would convict, melt, and transform the hearts of the people. But in recent months he grew tired of the formality and lethargy of the churches in Korea. Modernism had crept into the hearts of many pastors. Mr. Chun's attention was drawn by one of our attractive posters.

His curiosity brought him to the large white tent in Seoul. After hearing the messages on the Holy Spirit, he

went home to study the passages of Scripture to see if what we preached were so. He found nothing in the messages that was contrary to the Bible. He then began to seek the Holy Spirit and was wonderfully filled.

Mr. Chun came to every service, and before the campaign was over he resigned from his high position and pledged to devote all of his efforts to preaching the Pentecostal truths. He has joined hands with us and is helping us to reach Korea with the Full Gospel.

These campaigns have stirred religious people all over Korea. Hundreds have truly found Christ as their personal Saviour and great numbers have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. There were many healings and some folk received wonderful visions.

We believe that Korea will not be the same again. This has been a tremendous awakening for members of the nominal churches. We expect the revival to increase and culminate in a nationwide move for God. ◀◀



Bernice Lee Called Home

Written by H. T. Waggoner

A faithful soldier of the Cross has laid down her weapons to receive her heavenly reward. Bernice Caroline Lee was called home on August 2 after a severe heart attack. Her varied ministry to the village people, children, and lepers of India brought results which will perpetuate the name of this devoted servant of the Lord.

Miss Lee went to India in 1913 and joined her co-worker, Miss Edith Baugh, who had preceded her to Uska Bazar. Here they and Ethel King and other faithful workers preached the gospel to surrounding villages for almost ten years.

When Misses Lee and Baugh purchased the present property at Chapra, Miss Baugh left for Chapra, while Miss Lee remained to superintend the work at Uska Bazar. A short time later Miss Baugh passed away, and Miss Lee was left with the care of both stations.

She turned the Chapra property over to Mrs. Violet Schoonmaker and the late Miss Sarah Coxe. About this

time her co-worker at Uska Bazar felt led to assist at the Missionary Rest Home in Landour. This put a heavy burden upon Miss Lee; and being a great prayer warrior, she resorted to the "secret place" for guidance.

God had already been dealing with my wife and me regarding a home for destitute lepers, and we felt led to contact Miss Lee, who had been our friend since 1907. God had given her assurance that "help from the sanctuary" was coming. In response to our letter she invited us to come to Uska Bazar.

Miss Lee had a few orphan children with her. She loved children and had previously been a teacher, so that she was well fitted for children's work. When we secured land on which to build the leper home, children began coming to us with their leprous parents, and other orphans also came. Within a short time Miss Lee was caring for seventy-five children. The task, though a difficult one, proved a great blessing

to her, and she was a real blessing to the youngsters. She also learned to love the lepers and ministered to their spiritual needs.

An attack of rheumatic fever about 1935 greatly damaged her heart, and in 1936 she was forced to return to the United States. But the call to India was so strong that after a brief time she returned. However, she was forced by her health to return again to the U.S., where she lived with an older sister.

During the following years the fire still burned within her and Miss Lee lived for India's children and outcasts by giving herself continually to prayer. Her ministry by correspondence was large, and many all over the world will miss the wonderful letters of encouragement and cheer which only she could write.

Possibly Miss Lee's greatest ministry throughout her missionary career was her prayer life. Early each morning a light in her room was a testimony to the sacred vigil she kept with her Lord. There, battles were fought and victories won which shall be revealed only in eternity.

There will be many to rise up and call this departed missionary "blessed," including our own children, who were greatly influenced by their "Aunty" Lee. ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Evangelism

NEW CABINET MINISTER CALLS FOR EVANGELISM OF YOUTH

Effective evangelism of youth should begin in the local church back home, rather than on a college campus, in the opinion of Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, newly-appointed Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Fleming, who is relinquishing the presidency of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, to assume the cabinet post, told the National Methodist Convocation on Evangelism that "there is no more effective witness on our college campuses than the student who comes from a local church that has measured up to the challenge of Christian education."

He called on church members to make their Sunday School programs more effective. "Instead of sitting back in our easy chairs complaining about the young people in this generation," he said, "let's go out and talk to them about Jesus' way of life."

METHODIST LEADER CALLS FOR PERSONAL DEDICATION TO CHRIST

Delegates to the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, at Portland, Oregon, were told that Methodists need a deeper dedication to the task of winning the world for Christ. Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive director of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, said that large increases in church membership are not enough. He said that "as more people join and attend the church, we have the paradoxical situation of crime on the increase, and more people being admitted to mental institutions because of maladjustments." He charged that "we move along in a vein that does not distinguish us from those outside the church."

He said that "all too long in the church we've left this business of the Holy Spirit to other people. You know who talks it? The Holiness people, the little independent churches. Go thou

and do likewise."

We might add this: when you possess something it is far easier to profess and proclaim it.

Schools

KOREAN PROTESTANTS PONDER WISDOM OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

Protestant pastors in Korea are undecided whether to advocate a nationwide church-related elementary school system or to tell the Christians to keep their children in the public school system. They say the Bible Club movement, which was organized about thirty years ago, has been "phenomenally successful" in providing the equivalent of an elementary public school education. Children in the Bible Clubs meet three to six hours daily for instruction. Classes are held in church basements, refugee tents, or out-of-doors. At present there are about 700 clubs and they are reaching over 80,000 underprivileged Korean children. The education they are providing is "nearly free" whereas the entrance and tuition fees required of pupils in the public schools makes that education prohibitive to many Koreans.

Some pastors have asked American

missions to support the Bible Club movement so that it may be expanded, but some American authorities have advised the Korean pastors that the public school system rather than a parochial type is better for an emerging democracy.

BUDDHIST GROUPS POSE THREAT TO CEYLON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Ceylon's Christian Schools face a grave threat, posed by the country's Buddhist Advisory Council and the Buddhist Congress. These groups are proposing to the nation's ruling party that all schools which draw more than 50% of their students from religions other than the one represented by the schools' sponsor should be nationalized. The success of this proposal would mean the closing down of nearly all Christian schools since few have a majority of Christian students.

Denominations

MISSIONARY CHURCH BREAKS GIVING RECORD

The congregation of The Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, have finished their annual missionary convention which lasted three and one-half weeks. They exceeded their annual goal of

MOTEL CHAPEL PROVIDED AS TRAVELER'S RETREAT

The tiny chapel, pictured at right, has been added to a motel on a well-traveled highway near Buford, Georgia. It is believed to be the first motel chapel in the country. The unique little chapel was built by motel-owners Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkerson for tourists who want a place for prayer and retreat after a day on the highway. Complete with steeple, the simple Gothic-style chapel has three walnut pews and an altar with a Bible and other furnishings. An Atlanta Methodist minister recently dedicated the structure.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

\$275,000 by giving (in cash and pledges) a total of \$300,500. It is the largest amount ever given to missions in a single year by this church which is noted the world around for its missionary spirit.

Oswald J. Smith is the pastor and his son, Paul B. Smith, is associate pastor.

DANISH LUTHERANS OPPOSE USE OF CHURCH RECORDS BY MORMONS

Strong opposition has developed throughout the Lutheran Church of Denmark against a government directive that pastors submit their parish registers to Mormons for photographing. The object of the Mormons is to obtain information about the families of deceased persons so that they might be baptized by proxy. Mormons believe that people who are living may be baptized as substitutes for people who died without knowledge of Mormonism, so that the deceased may be made adherents of that faith.

Miscellaneous

TAX DEDUCTION PRIVILEGE EXTENDED TO CHURCH WORKERS

The U. S. Internal Revenue Service has adopted a new ruling by which volunteer church or charity workers who incur travel expense in connection with volunteer work may count it as a "contribution" and deduct it for income tax purposes. Travel to and from church for attending services cannot be included, since that is considered a personal expense, but those who regularly do church calling and those who sew or do other work for the Red Cross and other charity organizations without pay may be benefited by the new ruling.

The Internal Revenue Service also ruled that a layman who is named an official delegate to a church convention and is not reimbursed for his travel expense in attending it may deduct this on his tax return as a religious contribution.

"FRIENDLINESS" RATED TOP IN CHURCH QUALITY BY SURVEY

Over 300 non-farmers in Iowa were recently asked why they liked their particular church. They gave a variety of reasons (its size, its minister, its church building, its willingness to co-operate with other churches, its interest in the youth and children, its teachings, even "they leave me alone (which rated near the bottom), but the reason the great majority gave as to why they liked their church was its friendliness.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

BEREAN SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE is the new name for the correspondence school of the Assemblies of God. Eleven courses are offered at present and more are being planned.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered by the crew of the U.S.S. Nautilus, atomic-powered submarine, as they crossed the top of the world under the Arctic ice pack, their commanding officer reported. "They didn't cheer," he explained, "because I had impressed upon them that we should give thanks to Him who made this journey possible."

THE TRAGIC KLM DUTCH AIRPLANE CRASH on August 14 claimed among its victims twenty members of the Church of the Brethren who had attended rites in Germany marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of the denomination.

A WORLD BIBLE CONTEST was won by a partially paralyzed clerk in the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind. The first International Bible Quiz was held at Jerusalem's Hebrew University with 15 countries represented including Mrs. Myrtle Davis, the American entrant from Buford, Georgia, who tied for seventh place. Amos Khaham, age 30, whose family name means "The Wise Man," was awarded a 2,000-year-old jar from a tomb at Beit Shaerim as first prize for his international victory.

PERMISSION FOR TWO RADIO PROGRAMS was granted this summer to some gospel missionaries in Girardot, Columbia, South America. These were the first radio broadcasts that evangelicals have been permitted to put on the air there for five years. All Protestant broadcasts have been banned by the government of Columbia since April 1953.

THE CURRENT UPHEAVAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST appears to give hope of focusing world attention on the 933,556 Arab refugees of that area. In 1957 cash, goods and services valued at \$3,341,821 were provided by world Protestant churches and agencies to help alleviate their distress.

A PAINTING OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH estimated to be worth \$50,000 has been stolen from the picture gallery at Esztergom, Hungary.

A SACRED CONCERT DREW 10,500 PEOPLE to the famous Red Rocks Amphitheater at Denver, Colorado, last month. In addition to well-known gospel soloists the great crowd heard a 250-voice choir made up of singers from Denver churches, and a 50-piece orchestra recruited from the Denver Symphony Orchestra. It was the second largest crowd in the history of the amphitheater.

THE NEW \$50,000 LUTHERAN SERVICE CENTER for servicemen and their families was opened and dedicated at Naha, Okinawa. It is the only servicemen's center of its kind on Okinawa which has a population of over 25,000 Americans.

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN POLAND is planning to reopen its theological seminary for the first time since World War II. It will also resume publishing a denominational magazine. American Methodist leaders believe these plans are indicative of the relative freedom of the church in Poland.

Air Rescue in Alaska

An Assemblies of God missionary in Chugiak, Alaska, joined the 71st Air Rescue Command some months ago in the search for two Assemblies of God friends, one of whom was a young minister. Brother Craig's plane, a Stinson Voyager named the "Northern Gospel Crusader" is always available for such rescue work and he is often called upon.

By WILBURN P. CRAIG

TWO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MEN HAD been on a flight between Anchorage and Talkeetna when their engine iced up due to extreme icing conditions which forced them to land on the frozen Susitna River.

When they did not return home, we called the 71st Air Rescue Command. Due to bad weather, about thirty-six hours elapsed before we could get off the ground to start the search. These were tense moments. During this time, we spent many hours in prayer. At last the weather cleared so we were able to fly. When we finally reached the area where the men were last known to be, it was only a matter of a few minutes until (as I feel) the Lord led the Rescue Command to them. We immediately radioed the Command's position and called for the helicopter to pick up the fellows.

After they were returned safely home, the men who had been rescued expressed their feelings as follows: "Never has a Stinson looked so good!"



Much-needed supplies ready to be loaded in the ski-equipped Northern Gospel Crusader

You can be sure there was a miniature "revival" both on the ground and in the air.

Our missionary plane stands ready always to help in any way assistance may be needed, both physically and spiritually. We have certainly been enjoying the air ministry since we entered it last July. We felt the call to do this work but found it hard to pastor a church and carry it on at the same

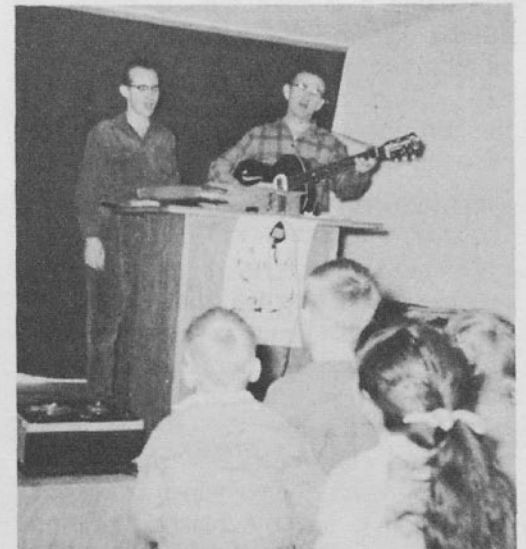
time. Since resigning the pastorate of the Chugiak Chapel, we have found ourselves real busy and in many places. We have been able to fly into mission stations in outlying areas and give them a helping hand and a word of encouragement. From some of these stations we have joined them in flying into other villages, preaching the gospel, giving out tracts and distributing food and clothing.

We have answered the call for food and clothing in stricken villages as the Lord has directed. We recently received word that the natives of the village of Northway were in dire need of food, so we gathered together all the staple goods that the plane could carry and took them to these people. The missionary there is of the Pentecostal Holiness denomination, but we have never denied any denomination our services. Some places we have taken clothing which we have been able to secure through the WMC's and locally through the Military.

It certainly has been a blessing to Brother Minor Martin, my flying partner, and I as we have landed at various places and given out tracts and *Evangels*. We have also given the kiddies apples, oranges and candies. We have talked to the people about God and presented the question of where they are going to spend eternity. It has been a great joy just to put our arms around them and "love" them to Jesus. There is something about them in their dirty and even filthy clothes and houses that gives one a greater burden for their souls. Are they valuable? Yes. In the eyes of God, they have souls that will spend eternity *somewhere*. I



Dog taxi team that met the "Northern Gospel Crusader" and carried the missionaries and their gear to the village.



Wilburn Craig and Minor Martin enjoying a time of fellowship in the church at McGrath.

have never felt so much of the grace of God as I have when witnessing to individuals that we meet on our trips.

Brother Martin recently received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit here at the Chapel and I know that he is going to be more powerful for God on our missions.

Let me tell you about a mission that we went on not long ago. We were visiting our missionary at McGrath and flying into villages nearby distributing the gospel in tracts, *Evangels* and by our testimony when we decided we would try getting into a Radar Sight nearby for a service. While circling the field preparing to land we were praying the Lord would open up the way for us. After landing a call went through from the field to the quarters area and permission was granted for us to proceed farther. After we introduced ourselves and stated our business a call went out through the entire area announcing the service for four o'clock in the Chapel.

We certainly had a wonderful service that evening. I have never seen servicemen so hungry for God. They are so isolated from everyone out there in the wilderness on top of that lonely mountain. At the close of the message as the invitation was given, I asked for those who were interested in our prayers or those who were interested in their souls and where they were going to spend eternity. All the men raised their hands! It was truly an inspiring service. From that time on I have had a greater burden for those mothers' sons and husbands who are isolated there and I plan to make more and more trips into such places.

We covet the prayers of all who will remember us in this air ministry as we fly the precious gospel into villages, bringing deliverance to poor, sin-sick, hungry souls. Pray that we will be faithful in serving the Lord in this great Northland of Alaska.

The home missions fund for work in Alaska is quite depleted at the present time. Support for some of the missionaries, tires for planes, equipment and sundry other emergencies must come from this source. Any offering God may lay upon your heart will be sincerely appreciated. Clearly designate it for ALASKA MISSIONS FUND and mail to:

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Children and staff of the Juneau Children's Home. The Lyle Johnsons are in charge of the Home.

"I Just Wanted to Tell You..."

A letter from a young man, a former member of the Juneau Children's Home who is now in the Air Force, expresses gratitude: "I am a million times thankful for you (the Lyle Johnsons) ...and the Home."

By HELEN JOHNSON

A HOME IS A HOUSE OF ONE SIZE or another into which children may rush—knowing full well that they are wanted and beloved. Without that knowledge, a house is just another house of one size or another as far as children are concerned.

Into the Juneau Children's Home of the Assemblies of God come children of all ages, some from broken homes, some who have been tragically neglected, some who have been abandoned by one parent or both. All are in need of loving care. These are not happy, laughing children. How could they be? It takes time, often a long time, to make them realize that in this Home they always have substitute mothers and fathers who love and want them. In time they learn to accept all that the Home offers, and they become nearly like children who live with their own natural parents. We do our best for

each one of them and try to win them for the Lord.

The children have certain duties, according to their ages. The girls are prepared to be homemakers by learning to cook, sew, keep house, care for babies, and be young hostesses as though in their own homes. The boys learn to garden, do simple carpentry and to keep their rooms clean. Yes, they even wash dishes at times! In the summer the children enjoy picnics, swimming in front of the glacier, fishing, hiking, ball games—all the healthy fun and pleasures of normal childhood.

One young man, now in the Air Force, wrote to us this week and I quote part of his letter, "I do not find myself limited because I was reared in the Home, but in many ways I am much better off than the average. I have more ability with my hands. I know how to get along with and understand people. I am able to make myself useful. I attribute my ability to work

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Children's Farm Home at Palmer. The George Whitfields are in charge.

and to apply myself to Brother Johnson and the example which he always set. He taught me to hunt and pointed out the importance of keeping in good physical condition. He explained the reasons for getting a higher education. Most of all he made clear the necessity of knowing the Lord in everyday experience."

This young man came to the Home when he was a small boy. He was saved and filled with the Spirit in the local church—one of a number of young people of whom we are very proud and for whose consecrated lives we thank God.

We need additional support for this work of rearing these needy children for Christ. We deeply appreciate all the help we have received in the past and are now receiving, but we do need more. *We need more workers*—women who will accept the challenge of the crying need of little children and who will give up position, home, loved ones, and perhaps an easy life, to work long, hard hours to build healthy bodies and minds and to develop a hunger for spiritual things in these poor children. The challenge is here—for the children are here, needy, lost, and forsaken!

We also have Children's Homes at Palmer and Valdez. A total of 60 children reside in the Homes.

Your offerings for any of our three ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOMES should be so designated and sent to

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The Lyle Johnsons with Jerry McNevin who wrote the letter mentioned in the article.



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THE GREAT POT

By JOHN M. WATTS

OUR NEWSPAPERS OFTEN CARRY THE stories of brutal killings by people who normally neither look nor act like murderers. They are ordinary people living average lives of sin, with the usual veneer of respectability.

But then one night a baby cries, and a drunken father is first annoyed, then infuriated. He begins to beat the child and still it cries. So he dashes it against the wall in his blind rage. And suddenly he's a murderer and we read about it in the evening paper.

What happened? This man, living in sin, did not know his own great potential for evil. "The heart is deceitful *above all things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" the prophet Jeremiah declared.

This very hour, many feel falsely secure because of outward respectability, and yet undermining factors may be at work in their lives which can bring them to the very brink of disaster.

We find a vivid illustration of this principle in 2 Kings 8. King Ben Hadad of Syria became very ill and sent his trusted servant, Hazael, to

Elisha to inquire whether he would recover. Elisha's answer was apparently contradictory: "Go say unto thy master, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit, the Lord hath showed me that he shall surely die."

He was implying that although the king's present illness was not fatal, he would die from another cause. Then Elisha fixed his eyes upon the young statesman from Syria and by the Spirit of God discerned the evil lying dormant in Hazael's heart. Tears filled the prophet's eyes as he prophesied, "I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child."

Hazael protested, "But what, is thy servant a dog that he should do this great thing?"

Then Elisha answered, "The Lord hath showed me that thou shalt be king over Syria."

Unholy ambition raised its ugly head in the heart of the young man and he

went from the presence of Elisha with his sights fixed upon the throne. The next day he murdered the king and reigned in his stead. The dormant seeds of treason and murder sprouted quickly and came to ugly fruition in the heart of a man who never dreamed his own great potential for evil until the opportunity arose.

Along the skidrows of our big cities there are people whom life has battered until they are almost beyond recognition as human beings, and who are crusted over with foul-smelling evils that we scarcely know exist. But did it ever occur to you that these people in their profligacy may be more innocent than many in their self-righteous veneer of respectability? When we consider the constant temptations they face, and match that with the little gospel light they have, we begin to see how favored we are with our gospel light and comparatively ideal environment.

There are literally thousands of people who have never done anything

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especially bad simply because the opportunity has never presented itself.

But perhaps through the years you have cherished old grudges, unholy thoughts, evil ambitions. None of these has ever come to fruition, but they continue to recur in your planning and scheming. Elisha would call these things *real dangers*. He would look at you, read your heart, and weep over the danger of your entertaining such treacherous enemies within your heart and mind. Here is the great potential for evil.

There was a young man in my home town who had such an exemplary record that mothers would point him out to their sons as an ideal of manhood toward which to strive. He was not only morally upright, but also studious and brilliant. He completed his medical studies with honors and made a mark for himself in one of the leading clinics in the country.

But at the age of thirty, this young man was faced with great temptation; and not having strength within himself, he succumbed to it. I knew him during

the later years of his life when he had lost his respectability. He was a chronic alcoholic, the victim of a disease which follows dissolute living, and unable to earn his living, although he still retained much of his medical skill if he could sober up long enough to practice his profession.

If one had told that man in his youth that he would ever be capable of such evil, he would have laughed him to scorn. He would not have recognized his great potential for evil.


Life is too uncertain, too full of surprises for a man to try to make his way through its maze of paths unguided. There are lurking dangers all along the way, and we need the saving grace of God, the guidance of His Word and His own keeping power to preserve us from life's tragedies.

It is not always the great sins such as murder, adultery, and dishonesty that trip us up. Consider the rich young ruler who came running to Jesus because he could not walk fast enough. He was honest, morally upright, intellectual, and refined. He was enthusiastic about this great Teacher. He knelt before Jesus to show his respect. Earnestly, reverently, he pressed his question, "What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?"

But a change came over him as the Master addressed him. He was told to go and sell his possessions and then come and follow Christ. A far-away look came to his eyes as he began to think of the vastness of his wealth. He had houses and lands and gold and silver and jewels. There were popularity, friends, public opinion, family, and oh, so many things to consider.

See him now as he weighs them in his mind! With the Giver of Life before him, and heaven almost within his grasp, the beast within him rises and snarls. Slowly; deliberately, he turns his back upon the Lord Jesus, and goes away sorrowfully.

BIBLE VERSE



But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, he *was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

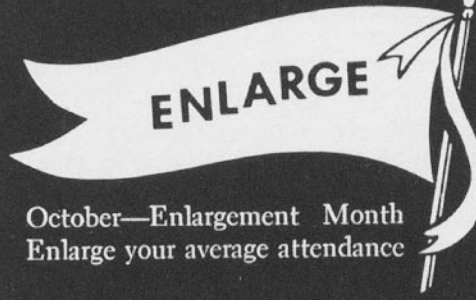
Isaiah 53:5

But you say, "Surely that good man wasn't lost when he went away!" What was he, then? When a man turns his back upon the Lord Jesus, what hope is there for him? Who can save him? Who can keep his feet from slipping as he makes his way through life? Who will bear the penalty for his sins? Because no one but Christ can do these things for us, that young man with the enviable reputation went away unsaved. In his moment of great opportunity, when he was near enough to the Saviour to shake His hand, he turned away from Him; and so far as we know, he was lost.

Oh, the need of taking Christ into our hearts early in life and seeking His guidance in its problems and choices! We may not know the great potential for evil within us, but God knows it, and convicts us of sin in order to bring us to Himself for cleansing. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Will you accept Him today? Will you turn over your life with all its potential to Him? He will do for you what no other power can do. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." ◀◀

Men whom God has blessed with His Spirit are men who craved a deeper fellowship with God and found it through prevailing prayer. There is a waiting before God that we hurried moderns do not know that sends a man back to his task with the hand of God upon him in such a fashion that waters part before him. It is not that God puts a premium on fastings, night-long prayers, tears and austerities of the flesh, but He does reward a burning desire for His very best.—Vance Hawner



October—Enlargement Month
Enlarge your average attendance

GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
CRUSADE

Saving the Crop

BY ANNA C BERG

"No, my friends, I am taking my family to church."

"But, Mr. Hatch, we've come to help you harvest your crop." The spokesman was one of several neighbors who had hurried to the Hatch home shortly after dawn one Sunday morning. Black clouds were gathering on the horizon. Clouds that meant rain—rain that would ruin his grain standing golden ripe for harvest.

None of the farmers of that mid-western community could boast of wealth. They were pioneers and their crops meant their living. For months they had planned and worked for the harvest and they all wanted to help now that the time had come. They knew Mr. Hatch went to church regularly, but they were unprepared for his next words:

"You are all so kind, and I appreciate your concern and offer of assistance more than I can tell. But I can't do the harvesting today. This is the Lord's day. We have four sons. I must take them to the house of the Lord."

The neighbors stood in consternation

as Mr. Hatch glanced once more at the darkening skies and then resolutely hitched his horses to the wagon for the trip to church.

The rain came in torrents and the beautiful grain crop was ruined. The stalks were lashed and beaten into the ground by the driving wind and rain. Some people shook their heads and said it wasn't necessary to be so fanatical—he should have saved his crop instead.

But life's harvest is not always reaped in a single season. That ruined crop was not the end. True, the man lost his grain, but he saved his boys. His sons never forgot the incident. Although they were young, they knew well what the crop meant to their hard-working father. Now, all the labor and toil of many months had been destroyed just in order to be faithful in church on one Sunday morning. Their father's decision was a practical demonstration of the truth that worshiping and obeying God were more important than anything else in his life.

Where are those boys today? They,

Someone in Your Shoes

"... BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS, IN WORD, IN CONVERSATION, IN CHARITY, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY" — 1 TIM. 4:12



with ten other brothers and sisters, are all serving the Lord. Three sons are ministers of the gospel. Four daughters are ministers' wives. Their home training has been a day-by-day example of putting God first in all things. The older boys frequently point back to that memorable Sunday morning when their father chose to take them to church rather than to stay home and save his crop.

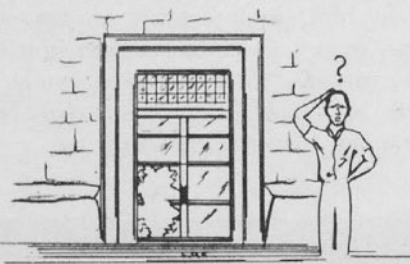
That farmer is an old man now. But he rejoices with humble gratitude in the knowledge that his family is serving the Lord, and that he saved the real crop. ◀◀

Do as You Say

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

THIEVES LOOTED A FIRM IN NEW York, City, which manufactures bullet- and burglar-proof glass. They secured entrance by smashing a glass door panel. Said the president of the company, "It never occurred to us to put our own glass in the door!"

It is almost unbelievable that a firm which takes pride in its product had not thought of using the product itself. But it happened, and it also happens



that men lose more than material possessions through failure to use the things they recommend to others.

Solomon gave good advice to young people: "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth... Fear God, and keep his commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13).

But he disregarded his own advice, for "when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods:

and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father" (1 Kings 11:4). He says of himself, "Mine own vineyard have I not kept [guarded]" (Song of Solomon 1:6).

Many fine people are following this same pattern. They do not allow their children to miss Sunday School but at the same time they say, "I don't have time to go myself; I need the rest; but then, church is good for the children."

And God in mercy often puts His protecting arms around these little ones as they give their hearts to Him. Bobby was such a child. Although his parents attended church only on Easter and Christmas, they sent him to Sunday School regularly. Bobby lived a

sincere Christian life until he was twelve years old, and then he died looking forward to seeing Jesus and his heavenly home.

For fourteen years his parents have faithfully kept fresh flowers on his grave through the summer months. But they have seen Bobby for the last time unless they change. They will lose their souls and be eternally separated from the Lord and from their child unless they accept Christ for themselves.

Some day "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). Although we recommend "religion" and encourage others to attend the house of God, what can we say to Him if we neglect and refuse His gracious provisions ourselves?

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

Attachment to Christ is the only secret of detachment from the world.

A PICTURE PUZZLE

for the Junior reader

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GALATIANS 6:7



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, September 15

Read: Matthew 15:1-20

Learn: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man" (Matthew 15:19, 20).

For the Parent: The Jewish religious leaders, always anxious to "trip" Jesus, came with a question about cleanness. Jesus told them: (1) it is possible to void God's commandments through traditions; (2) we need to be more concerned about our souls; (3) what really defiles us, vv. 18-20.

Question Time: What are some of the things which really defile us? (vv. 18-20) How did Jesus answer the scribes and Pharisees? (vv. 3-11)

Tuesday, September 16

Read: Matthew 15:21-31

Learn: "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

For the Parent: In this passage are two instances of healings wrought by Jesus while He was here on earth. From the first instance, point out how faith is sometimes tested to see how much in earnest we are. From the second instance, which records the healing of many, point out the result, v. 31. All physical healing should first bring glory to God—that is its primary purpose.

Question Time: What was Jesus' first reaction to the request of the woman from Canaan? (v. 23) What was Jesus really doing? Why are people healed? (v. 31)

Wednesday, September 17

Read: Matthew 15:32-39

Learn: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

For the Parent: Review the story of the feeding of the four thousand, pointing out: (1) Jesus' compassion on the multitude, v. 32; (2) the disciples' lack of faith, v. 33; (3) the miracle-working power of the Lord, vv. 34-37. On another similar occasion, Jesus used such a miracle to tell the people that He was the Bread of life (John 6:35). He is able to satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Question Time: Why didn't Jesus send the multitude away? (v. 32) How did He feed them?

Thursday, September 18

Read: Zechariah 8:1-12

Learn: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Zechariah, the Prophet of God's Power" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Zechariah prophesied during the time the temple was being rebuilt—after the return from captivity. His was a message of encouragement. The passage for today's lesson points out some of the benefits which God will bring His people through His power. Stress the importance of relying on God's power and His Spirit.

Question Time: When did Zechariah prophesy? What was his message?

Friday, September 19

Read: 1 Samuel 26:7-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

For the Parent: Review the story of how David spared Saul's life, even though Saul was out to kill him. Emphasize the importance of our acting like Christians, even when others wrong us. We must have the Spirit of Christ within us, ready to forgive those who hurt us.

Question Time: Why didn't David kill Saul when he had the chance? (v. 9) What important lesson does Matthew 5:44 teach us?

Saturday, September 20

Read: Matthew 2:16-23; Luke 2:40-52 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Children, obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1).

For the Parent: Jesus is the perfect Example for us. Emphasize His obedience to His parents, stressing that the same should be true of children today. Review these two stories, pointing out the blessings of obedience (Luke 2:40, 52). In this connection also point out the fifth commandment (Exodus 20:12) which is the first commandment with a promise.

Question Time: What do these passages teach us about Jesus? (See above) What should this mean to us? What is the "first commandment with promise"? (Exodus 20:12).

Along with many others,
a Presbyterian minister writes—

“...What a Blessing Your Program Is to Me...”

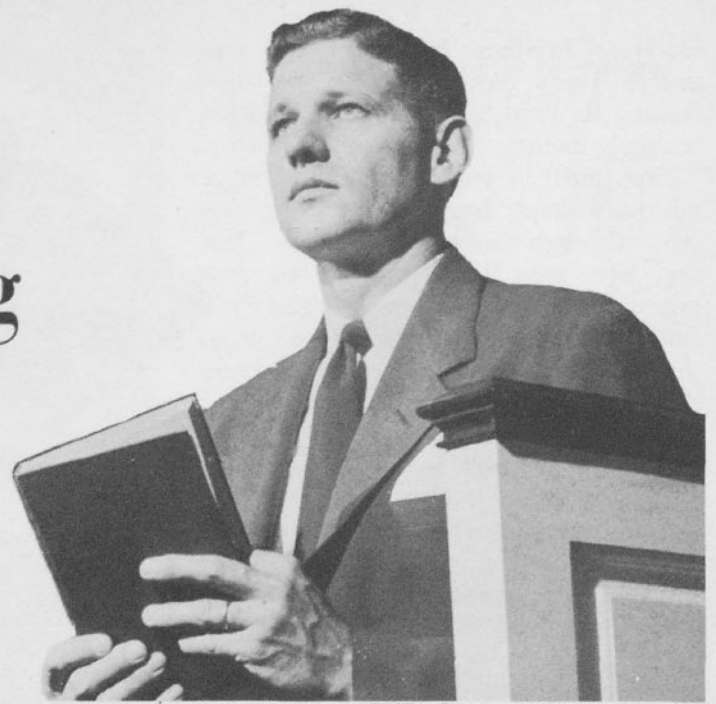


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FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE A Presbyterian minister wrote to REVIVALTIME recently, saying: “I want to tell you what a blessing your program is to my wife and me. I pastor two small chapels. It is a real spiritual blessing to listen to your music and Bible messages after our evening service.”

Some of the most encouraging letters coming to the REVIVALTIME office are from ministers. Many report the rich spiritual blessing received as a result of the broadcast; others say how REVIVALTIME has helped their church, while still others tell of finding help and strength to continue their ministry.

Their testimonies will inspire you, and we trust they will encourage you to pray for this worldwide ministry.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN MINISTER: “Please send me your radio sermon, which I enjoyed hearing last Sunday. It is sweet to have this fellowship with you which has been made possible by the great love of God given to mankind through the gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. May the dear Lord bless you in your service for Him and supply your needs.”

CATHOLIC PRIEST: “I listened last evening to your excellent sermon. Please send me a copy of it. I could still be listening to you.”

PASTOR SUHL,
REVIVALTIME Director for Northern New England, writes: “The Lord has brought another dear brother of Finnish birth into our Assembly as a re-

sult of REVIVALTIME. How we praise God! His wife, he hopes, will soon be accompanying him with their two small sons. At the Laundromat today, two ladies from the downtown First Congregational Church told me they always listen to the broadcast. We are being encouraged from week to week.”

NORTH CAROLINA MINISTER: “I pastor a small country church. After my night sermon, your message is a real inspiration. Every program makes me want to become a member of the Assemblies of God. We have been listening to you for the past two years and wouldn't miss a program for anything.”

PRESBYTERIANS USE TAPE: “Sunday morning after your message on church attendance, the radio announcer called and wanted permission to use the tape to play for their Young Married Couples Club in a Presbyterian church.”

BRITISH GUIANA MINISTER: “Believe me, I am thrilled with your Spirit-filled message and the glorious truth that you are unfolding. Your prophetic exposition of the Scriptures is so revealing that it should be preached from my pulpit. I am reading and using your sermons in my congregation, and I can assure you that there is much spiritual awakening.

“Every Sunday a few brethren call at my home to listen to your broadcast. Oh, brother, I can't express the deep conviction that comes down over us Sunday after Sunday. Your messages bring tears to our eyes and put

us to shame even though we are in the ministry. Please pray that the group gathering to listen to you every Sunday may grow.

“I have just completed reading two of your sermons. What great truths they contain! I am preaching these sermons to my congregation. Do pray that a revival will break out in our Lutheran church.”

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD PASTOR: “The local Jewish Rabbi listens to REVIVALTIME faithfully every week; and, in his own opinion, as far as real preaching is concerned, rates Brother Ward above any other preacher on the radio today. Those were his comments. When Brother Ward comes to New Jersey, this Jewish Rabbi is to be my personal guest at the meeting.”

Who can measure the outreach of this vast radio ministry? We need your help and prayers this week. Send your letter of encouragement to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

IMPROVE

October—Enlargement Month
Improve teaching methods and
classroom facilities

**GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
CRUSADE**

Gastric Ulcers Disappear

For nearly two years I had suffered with recurring stomach trouble when, at the request of my wife and friends, I finally sought the aid of a doctor.

The doctor put me in a hospital for X rays and tests on January 3, 1958. These X rays revealed that I had a ruptured gastric ulcer. I was told there were two courses I could take—either to go on a very strict diet, or to have an immediate operation for the removal of the ulcer. I decided to go on the diet—with all soft foods and no meat for one year. Also there was considerable medication to relieve the pain.

Having been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit a short time before, I asked the pastor and members of the

church to pray for my healing. I knew the power of prayer. I had been brought up in the Assembly of God in Akron, Ohio, and had seen many healings. I was not healed right away, but the church members and pastor held on in prayer for my recovery.

In April 1958 a revival campaign was conducted at our church by Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom. On the night of April 18, during a healing service, I went forward for prayer. The Lord reached down and laid His healing hands on me and said, "Thou art whole." I was healed immediately.

The hospital was crowded, so I was unable to have a recheck until May 21. At that time the X rays revealed that the ulcer was completely healed. To the astonishment of the doctor there was not even any trace of the ulcer or even any scar tissue.

I have enjoyed all types of food from the date of my healing, with no ill effects whatsoever. The healing still stands good today. God has done a wonderful work in my body. Praise His holy name, Jesus heals today as He did when He walked on earth.—John H. Long, 328 Harbor St., Apt. 14, Conneaut, Ohio.

(Brother Long submitted the following statement signed by his doctor— "X ray 21 May '58 shows complete healing of old gastric ulcer. Mr. Long is now able to return to work." His pastor, Earl E. Hart, of the Assembly in Conneaut, Ohio, writes, "This testimony is true. I visited John in the hospital and was present the night he was prayed for.")

Go Teach

(Continued from page three)

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee," and again, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Paul declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

To go out and bring the people in is only half our task. To teach faithfully the truth of the Word of the Lord is likewise a divine imperative. Who can estimate the far-reaching results of faithfulness to the command of our Lord?

The hour of Christ's return is upon us. Time runs short as we near the end of the age. "The night cometh, when no man can work." Today is the day of salvation. Let us be about the Master's business. Let us support with all our might the local church's program for Sunday School enlargement. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." ◀◀

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following station has been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

LITTLE FALLS, NEW YORK (WLFH)
1230 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 8 a.m.

The following station has changed its time of release. It will now be heard as follows:
BROOKVILLE, PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.
(WPME)
Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Where your treasure is ...



Do you wish Christ to be uppermost in your life and affections? Then invest in His cause. If your savings are in houses, you'll be interested in houses. If you have placed your money in stocks, the market will hold your attention. But if you have purchased Assemblies of God Annuity Agreements, your heart will follow the expansion of God's work around the world. For these annuities

help make that expansion possible. They pay you twice, too: once, through a regular income as long as you live; again, through the blessing and satisfaction of knowing your treasure is consecrated to Christ. A letter to M. B. Netzel, Treasurer, at 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, will bring you complete information, including a free booklet on Assemblies Annuity Agreements.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



Zechariah, the Prophet of God's Power

Sunday School Lesson for September 21, 1958

ZECHARIAH 8:1-12

Zechariah preached to Israel at the same time as did Haggai. His ministry was also similar—to encourage the people in the rebuilding of the Temple, and to keep alive the Messianic hope in a time when that hope was dim. In the accomplishing of these objectives, Zechariah was given a series of visions full of symbolic meaning, which he in turn passed on to the people.

(1) *The Horsemen* (1:7-17). Angelic messengers of Jehovah were seen traveling through the earth and reporting that the earth was at rest. Jehovah was angry at the heathen who had shared in afflicting God's people. The time had come for the Temple and the city to be rebuilt.

(2) *The Horns and the Carpenters* (1:18-21). Four carpenters (literally, "carvers" or "smiths") were seen ready to destroy the four horns; that is, the nations which had successively dominated Israel.

(3) *The Man With the Measuring Line* (2:1-13). A man with a measuring line was seen going forth to measure the city of Jerusalem. He was told by an angel that the task was impossible, for Jerusalem would extend far beyond her present boundaries. More than that, she would become the center of the world's worship, and God Himself would dwell in the midst of her. Here, as throughout the Book, Zechariah's visions and prophetic utterances go far beyond anything which was fulfilled either in his day or in any age since. Again and again, he leaped across the centuries with prophetic utterances which can find their fulfillment only at the time of Christ's second coming to earth to establish His everlasting kingdom.

(4) *The Trial of Joshua* (3:1-10). The present condition of Israel was in marked contrast to the glorious future which was hers. Hence the nation needed some real comfort in view of present distress. Accordingly, Joshua the High Priest, the spiritual representative of all the people, was seen standing before the judgment bar of God. Satan the adversary stood at his right hand to accuse him before God. Worse yet, Joshua's garments were filthy, for he and all his people were, in fact, guilty before God. What should the verdict be?

Here we have the grace of God in the Old Testament! Satan was rebuked by the Lord. Was not Joshua a brand plucked from the fire by God's grace? Joshua's filthy garments were replaced by royal apparel, symbolic of God's own righteousness. And he is declared to be a type of THE BRANCH, the offspring of David, even Christ, as spoken of by Isaiah (4:2; 11:1) and Jeremiah (23:5; 33:15). And the same God who extended grace to Joshua waits to be gracious today to all who are conscious of sin, or accused and oppressed by the adversary!

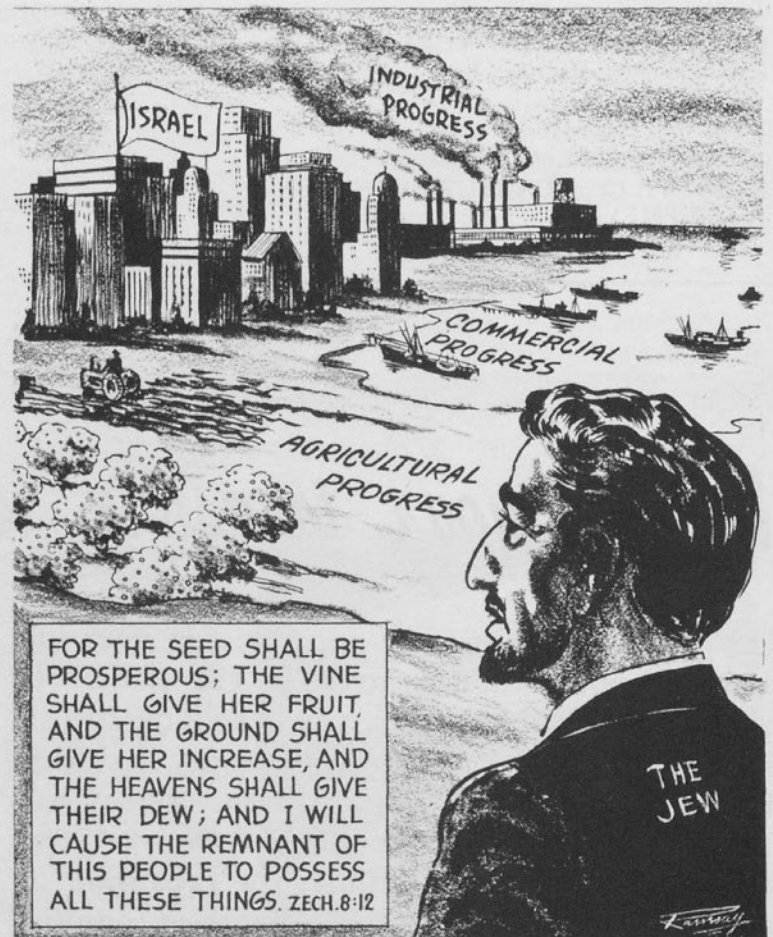
(5) *The Golden Candlestick* (4:1-14). Zechariah saw a golden candlestick with seven lamps which were illuminated by oil supplied by pipes from two olive trees on either side of the candlestick. While we may be uncertain of the meaning of all the details of the vision, the central message is sure—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Remember that Zerubbabel, in his efforts to rebuild the Temple, was being met with stiff opposition from Tatnai, Governor of Israel's enemies, who challenged Israel's right to resume work on the Temple and was appealing to Persia for a ruling. An adverse ruling from the king would stop everything. Moreover, there was danger from surrounding nations. Zerubbabel needed encouragement, and it came! He was reminded that success and victory come not by human force or cunning, but by the power of God. And the God of Israel had an un-failing supply of His grace and power which was available and working in Zerubbabel's behalf. This changed the picture completely, so that Zerubbabel—and you and I, too!—could survey the enemy and the obstacles and say, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain!"

"For who hath despised the day of small things?" It was a day of small beginnings for Israel. But God was on her side. And He still is, in that His promises made to Abraham and to David and to you and me shall surely be fulfilled. For success in Israel's life—and in yours and mine—depends not on man's wisdom and power, but on the power of God's Holy Spirit!

—J. Bashford Bishop

A PROPHECY FULFILLED





Restored to health in answer to prayer after doctors said his condition was hopeless

"An Inch From Death"

IT WAS AFTER NINE O'CLOCK ON THE evening of June 5, 1958, and the three men were about to call it a day. Pastor George Barber of the New Burden (Kansas) Assembly of God and his friends, Ben and Kenneth Manthey, had worked for hours repairing the springs and brakes of a truck. The rear wheels were off and Pastor Barber lay on his back under the axle tightening the U-bolts. Kenneth was helping.

"Suddenly I felt the truck give," Kenneth relates. "I yelled and dived out of the way, but the truck still knocked me down."

The block which held up the truck had slipped and the axle fell across Pastor Barber's chest and arms. The weight on him was later estimated at about three tons. By the time Kenneth was on his feet again, blood was running from the pastor's eyes, ears, nose, and mouth. Those who stood by thought he was dead. His eyes had been "popped out" by the tremendous pressure.

While the men worked frantically to free Brother Barber they broke the light bulb and cord, but God caused a great light to shine which was seen by both the pastor and those who were helping him. Kenneth says, "It must have been an angel of the Lord."

Members of both the Burden and the nearby Winfield Assemblies of God

churches were called to prayer as the pastor was taken to a hospital in Winfield.

The doctor who examined him exclaimed, "He is just an inch from death!" Chest X rays failed to reveal any broken bones and the doctors realized that this was a miracle. No pain relief could be given because of weakness, but Pastor Barber testifies, "Praise God, I didn't need it because I suffered very little. God truly must have taken the pain away."

The pastor made an amazing recovery, and later he published his testimony on the front page of the Burden (Kansas) *Times*. The following is quoted from the story he published in the newspaper:

"My body, from the chest up, was

black; my head was swollen beyond recognition. A few people fainted when they saw me. The inside of my mouth was so swollen I could not close my mouth or swallow for some time. However, I was forced to breathe through my mouth, as my nose and ears were clogged with blood and they were afraid to remove the clots for fear of fresh bleeding.

"I was put in an oxygen tent. They didn't even attempt to remove my greasy clothing until Saturday though I had been taken to the hospital Thursday night. When I could swallow a little they gave me little pieces of ice until Saturday when they fed me intravenously.

"Sunday morning Brother (Gordon) Nelson stopped to see me. He asked how I was feeling. I replied, 'Weak.' I knew I was fading away. The nurses began to check me often as my blood pressure was dropping fast.

"My wife called the Winfield and Burden churches and asked them to go to prayer in my behalf, which they immediately did. The Burden Assembly continued in prayer until two o'clock in the afternoon.

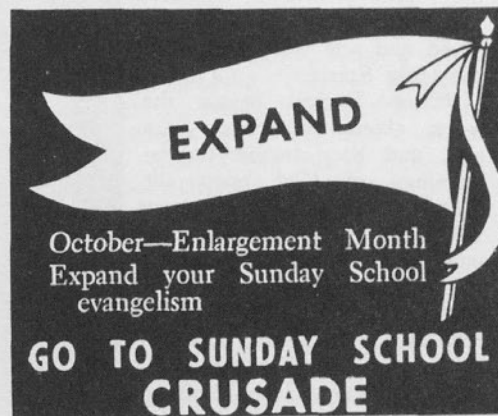
"It was only a matter of minutes after both churches went to prayer that I began to gain ground again. And from then on I gained very rapidly. Monday they took the oxygen away. Wednesday I sat up; Thursday I could walk some; the following Monday I came home.

"Next Sunday, June 22, I preached in the morning service. My sight seems to be perfect. I still have a little soreness in my chest but otherwise feel fine.

"The nurses took my case as their class discussion one day, and they came to the conclusion that it had to be God's hand upon me.

"I'm just going to list some of the sayings of the doctors. One made the statement that he couldn't figure out how I could keep from being paralyzed from my chest down with the blood all pumped into my chest and head. Another marveled that I wasn't strangled to death by my own blood while lying on my back. Also a doctor said he couldn't understand why there wasn't a drop of blood back in the working parts of my eyes. Another wondered why the blood pressure didn't affect my mind. Most of them said, 'It is a miracle,' or 'It is just the hand of God.'

"Truly I want to give thanks to God. I felt His hand upon me." ◀ ◀





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **KIOWA, OKLA.**—The Assembly of God here was greatly blessed by a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Jones from Van, Texas. During the two weeks, three backsliders were reclaimed, four were saved, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The whole church was stirred by the anointed preaching.

—Richard N. Kimzey, Pastor

► **CLARKSVILLE, ARK.**—Ten were saved and reclaimed and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during two wonderful weeks of revival in the First Assembly with Evangelist Paul J. Smith of San Leandro, California. The church was greatly blessed through the ministry of Brother Smith in both word and song.

—Raymond Kendrick, Pastor

► **DALLAS, TEX.**—Evangelist Don and Verbena Landers of Porterville, Calif. recently conducted a very successful children's revival at the Friendly Assembly here. Souls were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's anointing rested upon these talented musicians and chalk artists. They were a great inspiration and blessing to the church.

—G. O. Hall, Pastor

► **HYATTSVILLE, MD.**—Faith Tabernacle recently experienced what many believe to be the greatest revival in the four-year history of the church. The evangelist was John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. There was a move of God in each night service. People testified to receiving healing, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. A prayer chain was organized at the very beginning and people prayed day and night.

—B. M. Slye, Pastor

► **CARLSBAD, CALIF.**—In May it was the privilege of the Gospel Tabernacle here to welcome Evangelist John H. Bostrom for two weeks of meetings. God richly blessed the hearts of the people through the solid ministry of Brother Bostrom and added souls to the Kingdom as well. More recently Evangelist Benny Sapp concluded a summer meeting. His ministry also was a blessing to all departments of the Assembly. About a dozen people responded to the call for salvation, and the altars were filled with folk earnestly seeking God for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a deeper life.

—P. A. Zimmerman, Pastor

► **LEXINGTON PARK, MD.**—Evangelist Claudelle Wright, recently released from his six-month tour of duty with the U. S. Army Engineers, conducted eight nights of meetings at the Patuxent River Assembly of God. The devotion of Brother Wright to the Word and to prayer inspired all with whom he came in touch. Several new families were influenced for God and one young couple were converted the first time

they attended the services together. Brother Wright is not afraid to knock on doors and use any other opportunity to witness for the Lord. His sincerity and enthusiasm recommend him to all he meets.

—Albert D. Rice, Pastor

► **LAFAYETTE, LA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Melvin McKnight of Houston, Texas, ministered in the First Assembly of God here for two weeks. The Lord manifested Himself in every service. Five were filled with the Holy Spirit, and six were saved. The church was blessed with the anointed ministry and singing. Several testified to healings. One lady was healed of an eye infection, and the healing was confirmed by her doctor.

—Robert S. King, Jr., Pastor

► **HARRISONVILLE, MO.**—Evangelist Zelma C. Shaw of Kellerton, Iowa recently conducted a three-week meeting here. She was assisted by Mae Wheeler in prayer and music. The old-time power fell, souls were saved, sick bodies were touched, and some were reclaimed. One individual received the precious infilling of the Holy Spirit. Several new families began to come to the services. The wholehearted preaching and singing was enjoyed by all.

—Lionel Grimes, Pastor

► **NEWBERG, OREG.**—The Assembly of God here just experienced a spiritual awakening, with Evangelist G. W. Minton of Ocean Lake, Oreg. doing the preaching. The presentation of the Word of God in the morning classes as well as the evening evangelistic services was outstanding. It was a thrill to see God confirm His Word with signs following. A number repented at the altar, and God baptized five with

the Holy Spirit. To most of these the Pentecostal way of worship is new, and they are enjoying their new-found joy. Brother Minton has a wonderful ministry of healing, and several were gloriously delivered as he ministered to them. The church will long experience the impact of this revival.

—E. E. Kirschman, Pastor

► **PUXICO, MO.**—The church here recently closed a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Rogers. Souls were saved and reclaimed, and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church as a whole was blessed greatly because of the meeting.

—George Hammett, Pastor

► **JOLIET, ILL.**—The First Assembly has just concluded three weeks of wonderful revival here with the Musical Vanns. From the very start of the meetings the crowds were unusually large. The spirit of the meetings seemed to rise with each service. In all, forty-five persons came to the altar seeking Christ as Saviour. Several were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all who attended were greatly blessed. The talented and capable ministry of the evangelists was appreciated by all. The First Assembly of God is a much better church as a result of these revival services.

—L. H. Bottroff, Pastor

► **KERBY, OREG.**—During the last two weeks of May the Assembly here enjoyed the anointed ministry of Evangelist Helen Loucks of Smith River, Calif. God moved in a marvelous way in meeting the needs of the people. One was saved and several were refilled. Many report being spiritually uplifted during these special meetings.

—O. Leroy Nidever, Pastor

FORWARD MOVE IN MEEKER, OKLAHOMA

Pictured here are Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Pruitt with Pastor and Mrs. Charles Decker (standing left to right, front row) and those who attended Sunday School at the close of the recent revival in Meeker.

During the revival, nine were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Decker began the work about seventeen years ago, and they testify to the blessings of God upon the church. The present structure was built in 1949 after a tornado had completely destroyed the former building. The new church is 40 by 80 feet, seats 200, has six Sunday School rooms, a C. A. chapel, pastor's study, Sunday School office, rest rooms and a nursery.



BEST CAMP ATTENDANCE IN YEARS

TWIN PEAKS, CALIF.—The Southern California District camp meeting at Camp Pinecrest this year was signally blessed of the Lord. The attendance was the best we have had in several years.

The people responded well to the anointed ministry of our camp evangelist, Kenneth Schmidt. Many were saved, and folk were filled with the Holy Spirit. O. Cope Budge, President of Southern California Bible College, was our Bible teacher and his ministry was well received.

On WMC Day over \$11,000 in cash and pledges was received following the ministry of the Word by Charles Greenaway. On Bible School Day the people responded by giving \$3,200 in cash and pledges for twenty Tuition Scholarships for young people interested in attending Southern California Bible College.

—W. H. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer

CAMP ENJOYS GREATEST OUTPOURING IN TWENTY YEARS

ALBERTA, CANADA—The Sunnyside Pentecostal Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, witnessed the greatest outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord in the last twenty years. Situated halfway between Calgary and Edmonton, the camp reached capacity crowds the first week, and was the rallying point for the greatest youth gathering of its kind in the history of the province.

Evangelist Watson Argue was the main camp speaker, assisted by the musical and talented Forseth Trio and Carl Olivebring of Sweden.

Every service, three and four times daily, culminated in a mass prayer meeting when the people sought the Lord for a mighty outpouring. Well over a hundred decisions were made for salvation and over sixty men, women, and children were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Miraculous healings took place as the result of mass participation in prayer for the sick when Brother Argue exhorted all Christians to "pray one for another, that ye may be healed." People suffering from cancer, diabetes, chronic kidney diseases, neuritis, and other serious disorders were miraculously delivered as the Lord confirmed His Word.

Veteran Pentecostal ministers testified that they had not witnessed such an outpouring of the Spirit and such a demonstration of the power of God since the early days at the beginning of this century.

—Stewart R. Tilton, Dist. Supt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE ALUMNI HOMECOMING—Oct. 7-9. Charles W. H. Scott, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. Cost per person \$8.75; family rate \$16.00 per couple and \$1.00 per child. Accommodations for 50 people. Send reservation now (\$1.00 per person) to General Alumni Association, Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.—by Mrs. Robert S. Beisel, General Secretary.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—September 22-25 at Ozark-Lithia Camp Grounds, Hot Springs, Ark. Thomas F.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Crichton	Sept. 14-28	H. Syvelle Phillips	Clarence Cope
Calif.	Carlsbad	* A of G	Sept. 8-14	Virgil & Edythe Warens	P. A. Zimmerman
	El Centro	* First	Sept. 21—	Fred & Gladys Voight	V. L. Hertweck
	Fallbrook	* A of G	Sept. 16-21	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Richard Krake
	Grover City	A of G	Sept. 14—	Billy Guthrie & wife	W. A. Martindale
	Visalia	A of G	Sept. 14—	J. G. Hall	O. H. Mitchell
Fla.	Ft. Walton	Wright	Sept. 22-Oct. 5	Wesley Weekley	Houston Miles
Idaho	Pocatello	First	Sept. 21—	J. A. Vosika	L. A. Steller
Ind.	Chesterton	A of G	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Cox-Brown Team	Robert Mayfield
Iowa	Indianola	A of G	Sept. 16-Oct. 5	Frank E. Martin	Robert Wenig
	Great Bend	First	Sept. 7—	Fiscus-Peak Team	J. O. Rosenburg
	Liberal	** Southlawn	Sept. 7-21	James Miller & wife	Anthony Benigas
Kans.	Oswego	A of G	Sept. 7-21	Jesse Shaw & wife	Clyde F. Hayes
	Wichita	Central	Sept. 14-28	Jerry & Peggy Fry	Victor Trimmer
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La.	New Orleans	Arabi	Sept. 22-23	Eskelin Family	Charles E. Peak
	Vidalia	A of G	Sept. 9—	Chas. Reed & wife	Eva Hernandez
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Mich.	Battle Creek	Church of FFG	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Arthur S. Arnold	E. A. Manley
	Charlotte	A of G	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	H. A. Christopher	Clarence-Holliday
	Garden City	Bethel Missionary	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Bernard Minton	J. J. Traub
Minn.	Kalamazoo	First	Sept. 17-28	M. W. Moore	A. O. Marialke
	Reading	A of G	Sept. 7-21	David Berkheimer	Herman Maloney
	Paynesville	A of G	Sept. 16-28	Garfield J. Unruh	Raymond T. Reine
Miss.	St. Cloud	A of G	Sept. 9-14	Garfield J. Unruh	Martin Gerdes
	Columbus	First	Sept. 16—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Thurman Fountain
Mo.	Bolivar	A of G	Sept. 17—	M. Inez Smith	C. R. Hampton
	Marshall	First	Sept. 17-28	Bob McCutchen	Ward Popejoy
Nebr.	Oxford	A of G	Sept. 9-21	Don Ziegler	Howard Smith
N. Y.	Corning	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 21—	Donnell-Holler Team	Norman Love
Ohio	Bethel	A of G	Sept. 21—	Smith-Rasmussen Team	Felix Coyle
	Cincinnati	First Christian	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Watson Argue	D. Leroy Sanders
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Calvary Temple	Sept. 14-28	Smith-Rogers Team	Jay B. Oaks
	Tulsa	Central	Sept. 14—	Gene Martin & wife	J. L. McQueen
Oreg.	Hermiston	A of G	Sept. 9—	Johnny Hoskins & wife	Bert Allbritton
Pa.	Brookville	First	Sept. 7-14	Harvey McAlister	Vernon Boyer
	Clarks Summit	A of G	Sept. 10-21	Dominic Paglia & wife	David Laquintano
	Glassport	A of G	Sept. 20-Oct. 5	Harvey McAlister	A. E. Davies
	Green Lane	E.B.I.	Sept. 16-19	Harvey McAlister	Milton T. Wells
	Jersey Shore	A of G	Sept. 14-28	Henry Shaffer	Jack Provard
	Towanda	A of G	Sept. 7-21	Singing Rotherts	Chas. M. Dale
	Fayetteville	First	Sept. 14-28	Earl E. Blythe	Leslie Tomlin
Tenn.	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Sept. 14-28	Hildreth Ethridge	H. C. Noah
	McGregor	A of G	Sept. 15-21	C. W. Gregg & wife	R. L. Whitworth
	Muleshoe	A of G	Sept. 21—	F. D. Davis	R. V. Luna
	Pt. Arthur	First	Sept. 7-14	F. D. Davis	R. A. Wilkerson
	Seminole	First	Sept. 3-14	Norman Jones	Elmer Mason
	Sherman	Calvary First	Sept. 21—	Gene Nicely	R. M. Horner
	Tolar	A of G	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	E. C. Lagmay & wife	Oliver Blackwell
Va.	Arlington	Grace	Sept. 16-28	W. M. Stevens	C. R. Qualls
	Cedar Bluff	*** Trinity	Aug. 17-Sept. 14	Billy Wolfe	James Ailles
Wis.	Kenosha	* A of G	Sept. 15-19	Bob Olson	Delbert Bucher
	Kenosha	* Children's Revival	Sept. 15-19	Bob Olson	Delbert Bucher

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, speaking Tuesday morning. Ordination service Wednesday evening. For further information write Arkansas District Council, Box 2580, Little Rock, Ark.—by H. W. Culbreth, District Secretary.

WITH CHRIST

ANDREW ALLEN TERRY, 70, Irondale, Missouri, went to be with the Lord August 10, 1958. Brother Terry was ordained in 1936 and was a superannuated member of the Southern Missouri District.

EDWARD JONES, Delaware, Ohio, went to his eternal reward August 4, 1958. Brother Jones was ordained in 1931 and ministered primarily in the Ohio District of which he was a superannuated member.

LUCY BISHOP, 55, Piru, California, passed to her reward July 31, 1958. Sister Bishop was ordained with the Southern California District in 1945. She is survived by her husband and one daughter.

BESSIE LANGSTON, 47, Atlanta, Georgia, went to be with the Lord July 30, 1958. She was ordained by the Alabama District in 1942 and was pastoring with her husband in Georgia at the time of passing.

The Life of Love



By GLEN D. ANDERSON

EVEN IF WE HAVE OTHER MARVELOUS ABILITIES AND GRACES,
AND HAVE NOT CALVARY LOVE, IT WILL PROFIT US NOTHING.

THE MEANING OF LOVE HAS BECOME so obscured in our generation that most of us do not know what it really is. Too often it is merely considered as the satisfying of physical desires, mutual attraction between two persons, or family affection, while a more noble philosophy makes it a sort of pity for the unfortunate.

But there is a love as much higher than any of these as heaven is higher than earth. The finite mind has never yet fathomed the depths of the love with which Christ wants His children to love one another. After Jesus had washed His disciples' feet, He gave them a new commandment—"that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." We may begin to realize the significance of this commandment when we ask ourselves, "Just how did Jesus love His disciples?"

It was not a mere pity. It was the very highest form of love, transcending feelings or fluctuating emotions. It was much more than a fondness for them. He actually put Himself in the place of His disciples and preferred their interests to His own.

Christ's love was manifested through *kindness*. Who can imagine Jesus whispering gossip behind another's back? "He was unsparing in His denunciation

of the Pharisees to their faces, and He sent a strong, characteristic word to the sly, cunning, deceitful Herod; but He never personally spoke evil of any individual behind his back. He reproved Peter to his face severely, but He did not tell John privately that Peter was influenced by Satan. He openly and publicly rebuked Simon, but He did not go into the home of Mary and Martha and talk over how discourteous Simon had been."

Another important element of Christ's love for others is revealed in His *desire for their highest good*. Jesus was willing to let His closest friends be disappointed if it was for their own good. He even let His followers face defeat for a time in order that they might know a greater victory. He knew that the good is the worst enemy of the best, and so He did not succumb to popular demands.

He was not willing for them to accept the second best. He dealt with all of them, individually and collectively, until He was able to say that they were all clean (except Judas). And He did not leave them without first instructing them to wait for the great empowering experience of Pentecost, so that the Holy Spirit might carry on the same ministry with them.

Jesus' love was revealed in *service*

and *humility*. The sight of a leader bearing a towel and washing His followers' feet is enough to evoke the greatest admiration. So much of Jesus' life was spent in doing good for others. But He went further than this: "He loved them unto the end [uttermost]" (John 13:1). The true measure of His love was shown at *Calvary*. All of Jesus' life here on earth was lived in the light of His coming crucifixion. Christ hanging on a cross, dying for our sins—that is love!

Jesus loved us supremely; He paid the supreme penalty for our sins to win for Himself our love. Imagine, then, the hurt in the heart of Jesus when He found it necessary to question Peter, "Lovest thou me?" Peter himself felt hurt that the Lord should question him three times thus. Peter declared his love, but Jesus wanted him to show it. True love must be demonstrated. It constantly seeks expression.

The life of love is the triumph of the Cross in an individual's life. As Oswald Chambers has said, "The springs of love are in God, not in us. It is absurd to look for the love of God in our hearts naturally. It is there only when it has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." If the Cross means nothing to us, we cannot have a life of love that pleases God.

This kind of love is more important than all else. Even if we have other marvelous and glorious abilities or graces, and have not this Calvary love, it will profit us nothing. Without it we are simply "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals" (1 Corinthians 13).

How then may we obtain this love? By being much in the presence of Christ who is the great Lover of our souls. We must let Him search our hearts and help us to see everything in the light of Calvary. If we are often at the foot of His cross, even a spark of love can grow into a life of love which is pleasing to Him. ◀◀

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a QUIZ for COLLEGE DAY...

TEST YOURSELF

(FOR EVERYONE OVER EIGHTEEN)

The questions in this quiz are serious questions which face the Assemblies of God. Their answers affect all of our educational institutions. They vitally affect you. Answer them honestly—then read the comment below.

Our young people have questions. Where shall they get their answers?

- State-supported schools
- Other denominational schools
- Our own schools

Where will our new ministers come from?

- They don't need special training
- Our Bible colleges must expand as our ministry expands
- The Pentecostal movement is large enough

Who will pay for our church schools?

- Students, through tuition
- The General Council and the districts
- The government
- Each of us must help

Should people who have no children in school assist?

- Yes
- No

- Give personal offerings
- Buy annuities issued by the schools and the General Council
- Encourage my church to support schools regularly
- Include a school in my will

COMMENT:

1 Our young people are going to attend school—the world of today makes it increasingly necessary. We cannot expect them to be uninfluenced by their surroundings in school. The latter teens are soul-searching times. Do you want an agnostic or an anti-Pentecostal professor to help your child chart his life's course?

2 In the past there has been little question of an ample supply of ministerial candidates. Our schools have kept pace with our growth. But crucial days lie ahead. A lack of vision now with regard to our schools may set in motion forces which will choke off completely all future expansion. A church which does not provide adequately for the development of its ministry sows the seeds of its own doom.

3 Many people are misinformed on this question. The true facts: virtually no college can operate indefinitely on student tuitions alone. The General Council and the districts are able to help schools only as people give. Their source of income is the people—like you—who make up our churches. It is unlikely that our schools will ever receive any direct government aid. (If they did, you as taxpayer would eventually pay the bill!)

4 Our public schools provide an example in this respect. Children are not alone the parents' responsibility. The community (in this case the people of our churches) is responsible, too.

5 You alone can answer. All the means suggested are effective. The least you can do will be welcomed. The most you can do will not be too much.

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MEMORIES

THE REMEMBRANCE OF GOD'S PRESENT PROMISES AND PAST MERCIES PUTS
FRESH HOPE IN OUR SPIRITS WHEN THE WAY IS HARD.

BY OLIVE BISHOP BRANCH

MEMORY IS A REMARKABLE FACULTY. It can be a blessing or it can bring heartache. Each of us has precious memories which make life sweeter. Other memories we would like to blot out forever.

Some memories paralyze our Christian service. One Christian worker kept recalling a time when she had wanted her own way more than the Lord's way. This kept her from real victorious service until she definitely trusted God for forgiveness and found deliverance. The devil likes to bring to our remembrance something from our past and whip us with it until we lose our effectiveness for God.

The experience Jeremiah recorded in Lamentations 3 is familiar to many of us. He recalled the dark, gloomy past and the hopeless present, and he was driven to despondency. He feels he was being led along a dark, unlighted, baffling road, with troubles piled up

against him. There were boulders blocking his path and dangers lurking at every turn, and he was the butt of the ridicule of all men.

The more he called to remembrance the dark picture of his trials and afflictions, the more despondent and despairing he became, until he cried out, "He has bereft me of all bliss, I forget what it is to prosper, I said, 'My strength is gone, and my hope in the Eternal!'" (Lamentations 3:17, 18, Moffatt)

Did you ever, like Jeremiah, drink from the cup of bitter memory? Looking back into the unchangeable events of the past, or bringing to mind the unpromising environment of today, have you felt a deadening hopelessness? As the mind dwells on difficulties, the soul is crushed within. When hope in God is gone, not much worth-while is left.

Memory does not need to bring de-

spair, Jeremiah learned. Having considered the trials of the past and the afflictions of the present, he turned his mind in another direction and recalled something far above his foreboding thoughts. "But I will call to mind, to give me hope, that the eternal's love is lasting, and will never fail. 'Fresh every morning is thy kindness, great is thy faithfulness!'" (Lamentations 3: 21-23, Moffatt)

What was it that lifted Jeremiah out of despondency and restored his hope? It was directing his mind to think on God. That is the answer to our despair and hopelessness. Look up and contemplate God. Remember His past mercies and His present promises.

First of all, Jeremiah recalled God's everlasting and unfailing love. That is an unchanging fact. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Paul asked. "Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

peril, or sword?... I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35, 38, 39). Who can give way to despair while contemplating such love?

Niagara stopped once! An ice jam across the river caused the waters to fail, and the great roar of the falls was stilled. But there never has been a moment in which the love of God has failed and there never will be. Its rich tide flows on forever and nothing can stop it.

Then Jeremiah brought to his memory God's kindness and mercy. He realized he was a sinner and that God had not dealt with him in judgment but in mercy and compassion. Though his troubles were great, they were less than his sinfulness deserved. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.... But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him" (Psalm 103:10, 17). Such a contemplation of God's mercy revives the drooping spirit and brings comfort and new hope.

Jeremiah also remembered God's faithfulness. "Great is thy faithfulness!" It is conceivable that even your dearest friend may fail you, but God never will. What He says, He will do. He is absolutely dependable, and nothing can keep Him from fulfilling His promises. How can we be downhearted when we recall the faithfulness of God?

Memory can plunge us into dark distress and bitterness, or it can become, as Coleridge calls it, "the bosom-spring of joy." It can bring us comfort and happiness even in the midst of affliction.

You are the only one who can decide what you will think. You can let your mind dwell on your trials and afflictions and lose hope, or you can turn your thoughts toward God, saying with Jeremiah, "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him" (Lamentations 3:24). ◀ ◀

For a few brief days the orchards are white with blossoms. They soon turn to fruit, or else float away, useless and wasted, upon the idle breeze. So will it be with present feelings. They must be deepened into decision, or be entirely dissipated by delay.—Cuyler.

A Tither's Testimony

Shortly after we were saved my husband and I began to tithe faithfully. But it seemed that the devil himself started a campaign to hinder us. We lived in a two-room house with our two small children. The house was not very warm and our only means of heating was the butane cookstove.

My husband was a filling station attendant, working long hours for low wages. Wednesday was payday, and on one particular Wednesday evening after we had bought groceries and paid our bills we only had the tithe left—no more.

Then as I cooked supper, we ran out of butane. With seven cold days to go before another payday, and the two babies to consider, there was only one apparent solution—take the tithes and go get a bottle of butane. But we prayed and decided to put God first and leave the problem up to Him.

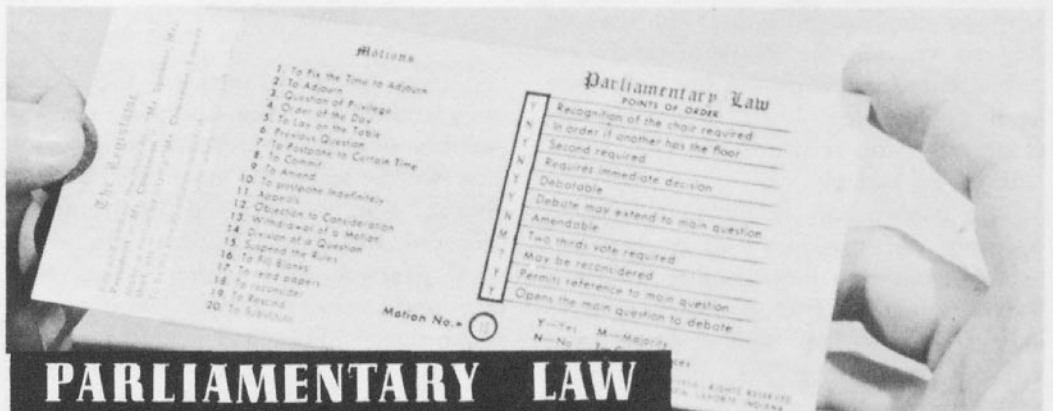
The next morning we got up in a cold house and could not cook breakfast. My husband went to work. I took the children to the morning prayer meeting at the church. There I paid our tithe and felt in my heart that God

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was able to meet our special need. I went home and lighted the stove in faith. I cooked a pot of beans, and all week long baked and cooked even more than usual. The butane never failed!

Wednesday night came and my husband received his weekly check. I cooked his supper as usual, and just as he walked in the door the flame flickered out! We were able then to go and have the tank refilled.

Since that time four years ago when we began to serve the Lord, He has enabled us to have a new home, and blessed us a hundredfold both materially and spiritually.
—Mrs. Nell Perdue, Lancaster, Texas



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Minister Is Spared From Death

**Cancels Reservation on
Ill-Fated Airliner in Obedience
to God's Voice**

James A. Drysdale, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in Mattoon, Illinois, would have been among the number killed last month in the crash of a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plane, were it not for his obedience to the voice of God.

Brother Drysdale had reserved a seat on the fatal flight. He was in Nigeria visiting the Assemblies of God mission stations when he felt a definite leading from the Lord to change his reservation and return to the U.S. sooner than he had planned.

The pastor had flown to Africa at his own expense. Out of a deep interest in missions he had taken an extra job as school teacher in order to save enough money to visit Europe and Africa. According to his original schedule he was due to finish his tour in time to reach Amsterdam by August 13. There he was to board the big Dutch airliner for the return flight to New York. He had told his congregation he would be back in Mattoon for Sunday, August 17, and had arranged for ministers to fill his pulpit until that date.

While in Kano, Nigeria, he felt a great burden. The Lord spoke to him, directing him to cut his tour short and get an earlier reservation. Accordingly he borrowed a bicycle and made two trips to the KLM Airlines office to ask for a different reservation. It took some time to effect the change, but when he returned to Kano following a tour of mission stations he found his reservation had been changed to July 29.

"I still could not understand the reason for changing my plans," he says. "I wrote to my church and my wife notifying them that I was coming home early, and I told them I did not know why, except that God had led me to do so.

"I was back in my pulpit two weeks early. On Thursday morning, August 14, the news came that the big KLM plane had crashed in the Atlantic Ocean killing all 99 persons aboard. This was the flight I had planned to be on."

A reporter in Mattoon asked Brother Drysdale what were his first thoughts when he heard the news. He answered, "My first thought was, 'What a great God we have!' I also wondered about the spiritual condition of the person who went in my place. I hope that person was ready to meet the Lord."

It pays to obey the voice of God when He speaks to our hearts.

Peace Be Unto You . . .

Peace Be Unto You

John 20:19, 20

Twice our Lord uttered the words of greeting to His disciples on the evening of that first resurrection day. The words were not new. They were almost commonplace, constituting as they did, the ordinary form with which men greeted each other. Yet how new and wonderful they were as He spoke them! They had behind them the authority of His death and resurrection. He had faced and defeated all the forces which destroy the peace of man. As He said, "Peace be unto you," He was doing infinitely more than expressing a wish. He was making a declaration. He was bestowing a benediction. He was imparting a blessing. The repetition was significant.

The first was a greeting addressed to men who were filled with fear on account of the hostility in the midst of which they were living, the self-same hostility which had encompassed His death. He said: "Peace, be unto you." The things you fear are powerless to harm you. Death is not the end; beyond it, behold Me alive! Be at peace, for whether in life or death you are safe.

The second prefaced a commission. They were to be sent out, as He had

been sent out, to accomplish a Divine purpose. Let them be at peace, knowing by the fact of His resurrection they would be victorious, even though they went His way of suffering and death. It is a striking commentary on these words of Jesus, that Christian souls have never had more perfect experience of peace than when they have been called upon to suffer for His name.

By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.

The Power of Stillness

By A. B. Simpson

A SCORE OF YEARS AGO A FRIEND placed in my hand a little book which became one of the turning points of my life. It was "True Peace." It was an old medieval message, and it had but one thought; and it was this, that God was waiting in the depth of my being to talk with me if I would only get still enough to hear Him. I thought that this would be a very easy matter.

So I began to get still. But I had no sooner commenced than a perfect pandemonium of voices reached my ears, a thousand clamoring notes from without and within, until I could hear nothing but their noise and din. Some of them were my own questions, some of them my own cares, some of them my own prayers. Others were the suggestions of the tempter and the voices of the world's turmoil. Never before did there seem so many things to be done, to be said, to be thought; and in every direction I was pulled and pushed and greeted with noisy acclamations and unspeakable unrest.

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As I slowly learned to obey, and shut my ears to every sound, I found that after a while when the other voices ceased, or I ceased to hear them, there was a still, small voice in the depth of my spirit.

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Honoring the Holy Spirit

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were engaged in bringing me into this most Holy Place. The Father was within the veil, waiting for me. The veil was the torn flesh of the Son of God. By the Spirit I was to enter in. I must yield to Him.

Had I not done this? I had yielded my life to God. My favorite song was, "I have given myself away to Jesus and I am all His own." But I had never heard of yielding to the Holy Spirit. I would do so now—yield my body, mind, and spirit to Him. I yielded, and the Shekinah glory of God shone about me, permeating every fiber of my being. Within the Holy of Holies, the three Persons of the Godhead spoke to me, one by one. I recognized their voices and sensed their Presence.

When shall we learn that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three distinct Personalities to be known and loved and obeyed!

Some say we should never pray to the Holy Spirit. All prayer is to be addressed to God, in the name of Jesus.

But we often pray to Jesus. Why not to the Holy Spirit? We do so in many of our hymns. One of my favorite hymns is one written by Charles Wesley:

*"Thou, who at Pentecost didst come,
Do thou my sins consume;
Come Holy Ghost, for Thee I call,
Spirit of burning, come!"*

I believe that if we recognized the Spirit more, we would know more of His presence and power in our lives and service and in our church gatherings too. If we would give Him His rightful place in our thinking and in our worship and prayer life, He would do much more for us.

I read in the personal narratives of Jonathan Edwards these words, "I have many times had a sense of the glory of the Third Person of the Trinity." Perhaps this is why God could use him as He did.

One of the ancient creeds of the Church reads, "The Holy Ghost—the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeded from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified."

What a place the Holy Spirit fills

in the Christian life! It is He who convicts of sin, who leads the sinner to the cross, who reveals Jesus and the power of the Blood, who gives assurance of sonship, who leads, who empowers, who guides, who teaches, who as the great "Paraclete" has been sent "alongside to help" our infirmities, who so fills and satisfies us that out of our inmost beings flow rivers of living water. It is He who came down upon the newborn Church to indwell and empower the Church till she be taken up to meet her Lord in the air.

God forbid that we should grieve the Spirit, quench Him, or do "despite unto the Spirit of grace." Let us recognize Him, love and exalt Him—the Blessed Third Person of the Trinity.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

*Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."*

The Promise of Power

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country and into the night. I looked up at the stars and I cried to God with the tears running down my cheeks, 'O God, I am the man who needs the fresh dip in Jordan!' " God met Dr. Scofield there! May God help us to have these fresh renewals alone with Himself!

Let us pray with D. L. Moody:

"Our Heavenly Father, we come to wait on Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit for service. O God, give us the Spirit! Empty us of self and self-seeking. O God, bring us down in the dust before Thee, so that we may be filled with the Holy Ghost, so that we may have power with God and with man!

"O Thou God of Elijah, we pray that a double portion of Thy Spirit may come upon us today, that we may be anointed for the work Thou hast for us to do. We know that we have but a little while to stay here!

"O God, help us to bear fruit while we live! May we no longer be toiling day after day and month after month, and seeing no fruit. O Jesus, Master, Thou hast gone up on high. Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou art at the right hand of God, and Thou hast power!

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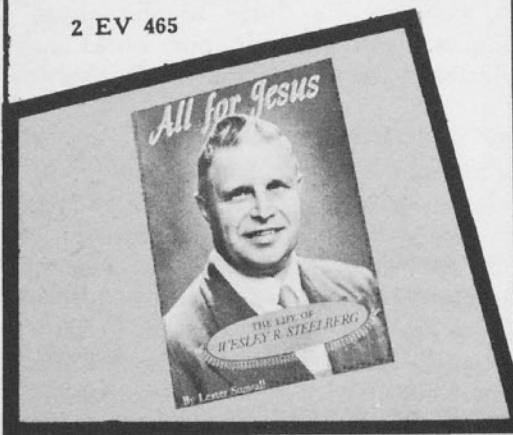
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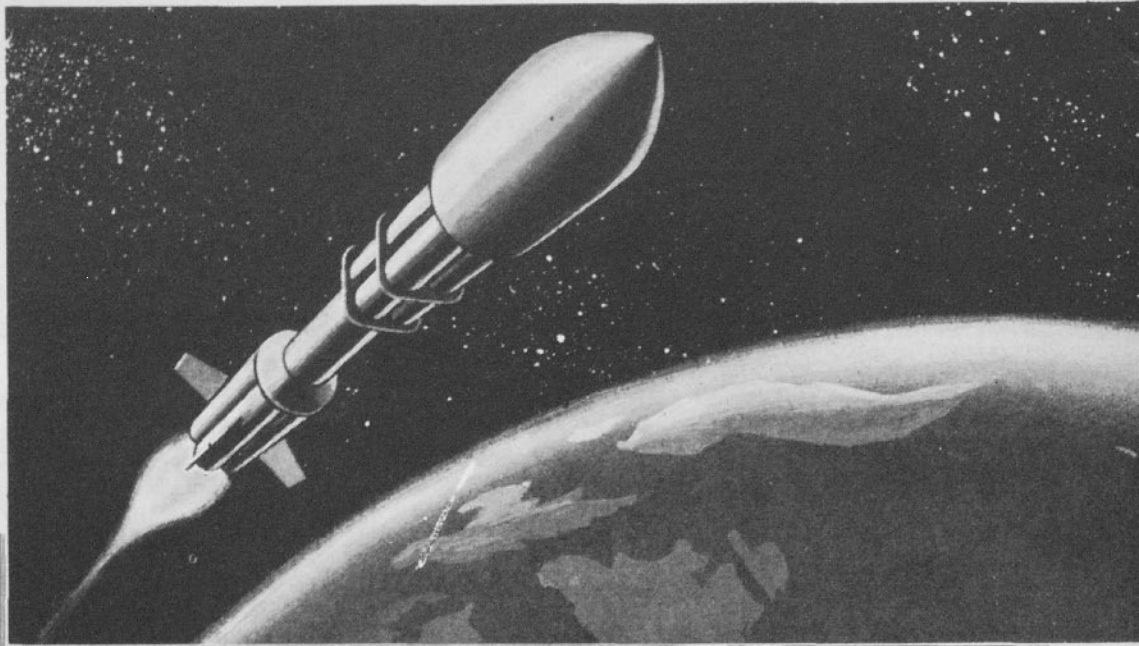
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A FALSE BALANCE

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, GLITTERING WITH TINSEL AND glowing with power, has passed its mid-century milestone and is rapidly hurrying towards its concluding decades. Enamored with its mighty achievements and boasting of its great attainments, it dreams of greater marvels yet to come. Visions of atomic-power space ships, control of the weather, conquest of disease, and abolition of poverty are just a few of the glories said to be within man's grasp.

A more unwelcome task cannot be imagined than to point out that this century, brilliant and powerful as it is, has within it the seeds of certain destruction. Spokesmen from such widely-varied fields as law, sociology, education, science, politics, industry, military science, finance, and theology are, each in his own tongue and from his own viewpoint, sounding this alarm. These warnings are, in large part, either being spurned or ignored, while the individual so indiscreet as to utter them is endured or set aside. To decry the doctrine of inevitable human progress in the face of such wonders is most unreasonable.

The united testimony of these thinking minds is becoming focalized on one point: the portentous imbalance which now exists between physical power and spiritual integrity. The first half of our century has witnessed more progress in the application of physical power than did the preceding four full centuries. The significant advances of our time have not been in law, literature, theology, philosophy and related fields, but rather in the realm of motion and force. Twentieth-century man, whose eyes can see around the world via TV, whose ears can hear across the oceans and over the mountains by means of radio, whose feet are swifter than sound in supersonic planes, and whose fist carries the smiting power of the thunderbolt through the invention of the hydrogen bomb, is still largely under the dominion of Satan. Armed with such incredible might, he strides forth in pride and unholy ambition upon the

stage of history which now threatens to break down under his insupportable weight.

It is in order to inquire just how this came into being. The plain answer is that the love of God has been spurned by the human family in its mad pursuit of materialistic goals. The "relish of salvation" has largely departed from human life and activity. It is everlastingly true that only the sincere love of that God whose varied attributes are harmonized by His holiness can help humanity to keep the various forces and elements of life in balance. Only the lovers of God are promised, "All things work together for good." Failing to enthrone the love of God, an individual or a race is sure to become confused by the great facts and forces of life and lose the sense of balance.

Even where the love of God is professed, ritualism, doctrine, and gifts abound in many situations where devotion, grace, and a holy life are hardly known.

Only a world-wide revival of love to God can save our century from the results of its own folly. Forces are now in being which, unless He intervenes, will turn this world into a shambles. Lacking this revival, humanity will, if Jesus tarries, continue its "race to the abyss." Without this love to guard and guide it, our world may soon become "a radioactive ash heap" or "a piece of molten rock."

Well did Solomon declare, "Divers weights are an abomination to the Lord; and a false balance is not good." Our modern false balance between spiritual and material things is certainly wreaking havoc in all departments of human life and activity. It behooves each of us, no matter what the world at large may do, to see that the spiritual governs the material in his life, by means of a sound conversion and a sanctified heart. Short of this, in that Great Day of Judgment we will be weighed in the balances of God's holiness and found wanting. —*The Free Methodist*