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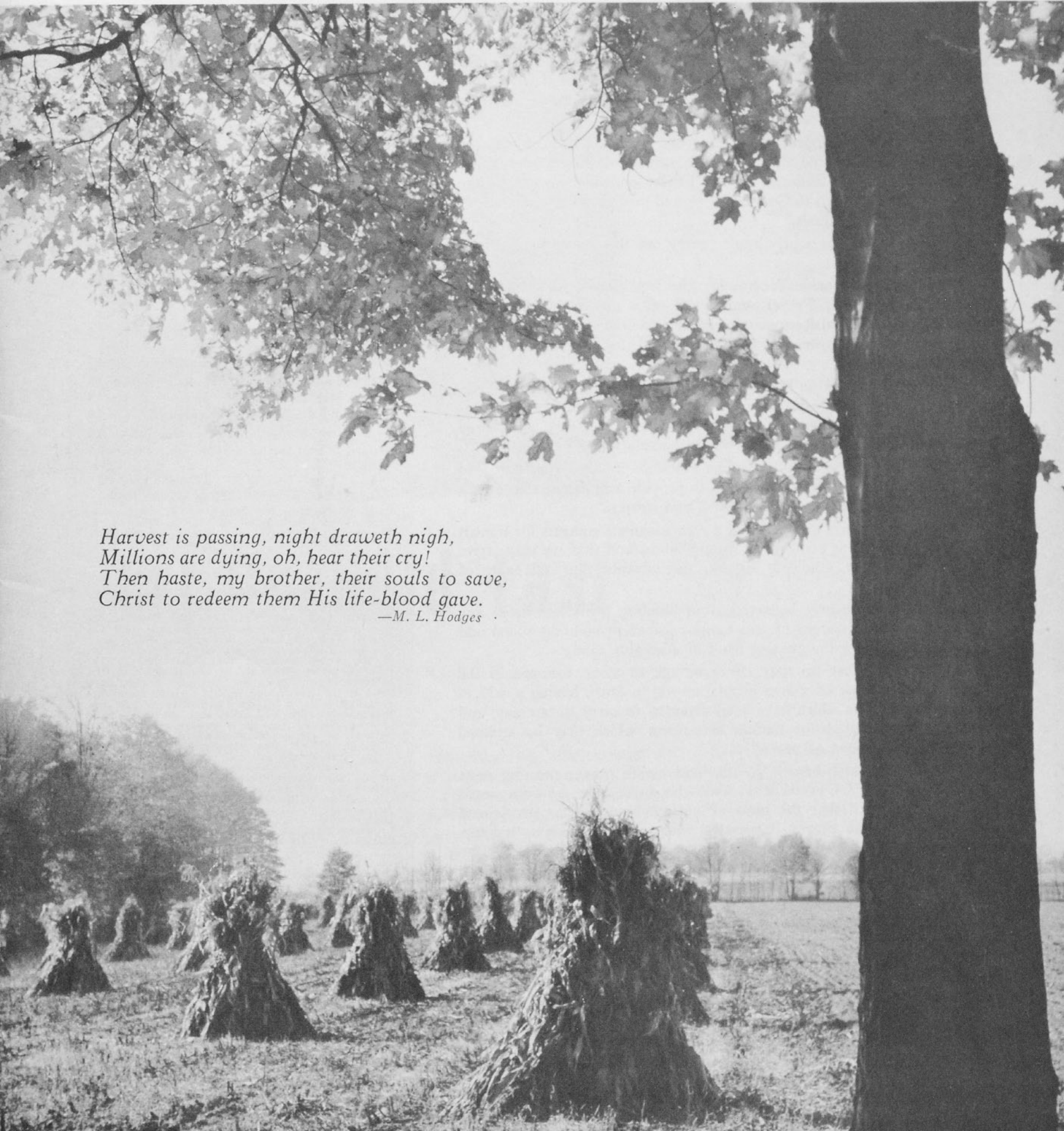
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



*Harvest is passing, night draweth nigh,  
Millions are dying, oh, hear their cry!  
Then haste, my brother, their souls to save,  
Christ to redeem them His life-blood gave.*

—M. L. Hodges

# National Day of Prayer

President Eisenhower has called on Americans of all faiths to pray on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, for a just and durable peace "under the guiding hand of Almighty God."

In issuing the Presidential Proclamation he said: "Buffeted by unprecedented changes and challenged by an aggressive denial of Divine Providence, we have continuing need of the wisdom and strength that come from God, and we shall always find our highest satisfaction in a steadfast purpose to know and to do His will."

A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

Declaring that "it is a privilege to carry out this resolution," President Eisenhower said:

"I accordingly set aside Wednesday, the first day of October, 1958, as a National Day of Prayer; and I call upon my fellow Americans and all who may be visitors in our country, each according to his own faith, to join in prayer for our nation and for all mankind, and especially:

"First, that we may be humbly mindful that this nation, under God, arrived at its present position by the toil and sacrifice of many citizens who subordinated personal interests to the common welfare and passed on to us as a heritage with which we are singularly blessed;

"Second, that we may have Divine guidance in our efforts to lead our children in the paths of truth and to provide a healthy environment in which they may grow in body, mind, and spirit;

"Third, that we may ever exercise a compassionate concern for human suffering, whether at home or in distant lands, and that we may strive to alleviate hunger, eradicate disease, and advance the well being of our neighbors;

"Fourth, that we may be saved from blinding pride and from any act hurtful to the concord of free nations joined in building a just and durable peace under the guiding hand of Almighty God;

"And, finally, that we may have courage to move forward in the unconquerable spirit of a free people, strong in faith, having a will to endure the burdens which have been given us to carry in our day, and to work toward goals of human betterment which may be attained only beyond our span of years."

Let us join wholeheartedly in this nationwide prayer meeting next WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1. All who agree that America needs God must be glad that the head of our government has proclaimed a national day of prayer, especially when it is not on a holiday. Wednesday is a day when other interests can be laid aside and all can call on the Lord for a spiritual awakening throughout America and around the world.

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# Let Us Hold Fast

BY F. A. STURGEON

**I**N HEBREWS 10:19-23 WE HAVE ONE of the most precious and encouraging passages in all Scripture. If every believer would memorize it in the early days of his Christian experience it would serve as a most blessed "chart and compass" for his life in Christ.

Earlier in this chapter the apostle gives an Old Testament analogy of the way of salvation. The sinner was commanded to bring a sacrifice for his sins to the priest at the door of the Tabernacle. In bringing the sacrifice he admitted this was God's appointed way, but that was not enough. He must also place his hands upon the head of the animal and there confess his sins.

Only then were his sins carried in proxy to judgment in the death of the animal. The man was justified because he had met the just requirements of the law of a holy and righteous God.

So, in coming to Christ, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The man who believes and receives Christ as his sacrifice is no longer merely "born of the flesh" but is also "born of the Spirit" and walks in newness of life.

Having been forgiven, cleansed, "born again," the redeemed man now has confidence to come to God as His own child. All condemnation is

gone. And here begins the pattern for communion and access to God, which if followed consistently will bring us into a joyful, trusting relationship with God.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us..." This is the channel to the source of strength for daily victory as we walk in the new life. This strength is found in worship and fellowship at the Throne of Grace to which we can come at all times.

Our Lord said to the Samaritan woman that "true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: *for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*" Here we see that in addition to the strength and help we find in communion, God Himself finds joy and pleasure in sincere worship. It is true there are angels whose only employment is praise to God, and the inanimate creation declares His glory, but how different and on how much higher plane is the praise from the hearts of God's people. He yearns for the praise that is the sincere expression of our longing after Him. He inhabits the praises of His people.

Too often we come into God's presence with doubts and fears. We know God's purity, His greatness, His power, and we are hounded by the thoughts of our faults and failures. But we have "an high priest over the house of God" who is both our Advocate and our Sacrifice. He has made loving provision for our mistakes and failures, and we do Him an injustice when we fail to come, or when we come cringing into His presence. Rather, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience..."

This is another Old Testament picture of a New Testament work of grace. The laver was a bowl to hold water and was made of mirrors. Before the priest went into the Holy Place he must look closely at his reflection and wash thoroughly to take away any stain. So daily we come to the Throne of Grace, looking into the mirror of the Word, and putting away anything that would mar or defile.

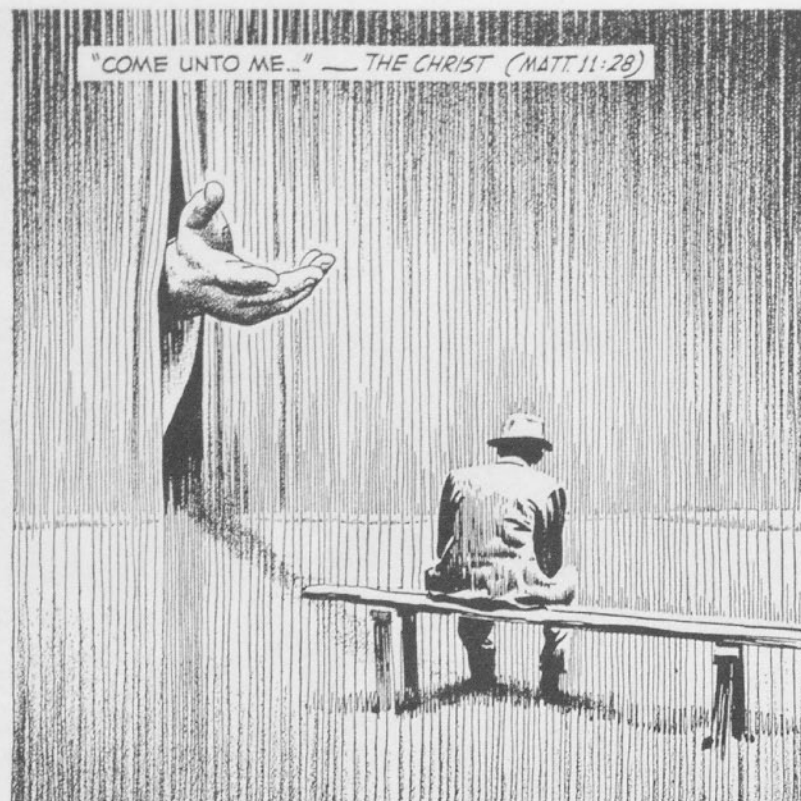
The message of Hebrews 10:19-22 is given to bring us into a victorious Christian life through the realization of our access into the presence of God by the blood of Jesus. The writer

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# The Loneliness of Sin

REVIVALTIME RADIO ADDRESS

BY C. M. WARD



Drawing by Jack Hamm

**I**T MAKES A PERSON LONELY JUST to repeat the words of my text—"He ...went immediately out: and it was night" (John 13:30). They refer to Judas.

Indoors there was light and gladness and the richest fellowship this world had ever known. Christ was there. John was leaning upon His bosom. The talk was about high and holy themes. Bread had been broken and wine poured. Thoughts centered on the passover lamb, sprinkled blood, and God's deliverance for His people Israel.

Outside was darkness. There was hostility. Conspirators moved stealthily. Murder gripped the hearts of evil men.

*No man drove Judas out.* No push, no curse hurried him to the door. It was the inclination of his own heart and life to choose darkness. The light had gone out of his soul. The sin he had allowed to lurk there was asking for full payment. The end would come swiftly now.

Have you ever pictured him as he walked out for the last time? Perhaps there was a last look! Turning, he saw the light gleaming from the window of the upper chamber. Men with whom he had traveled in evangelistic work were still there. One of them had been very close to him; they had been sent out as a pair. Together they had healed the sick and cast out devils. They had shared each other's purse and talked

about the Kingdom. The men had thought a lot of Judas, and had even elected him their treasurer.

Walking along the street that night he could hear sounds of evening worship. It was a night for family get-togethers—a night when each father read the sacred scroll and spoke to his household about Messiah to come. *The loneliness of Judas must have been intolerable.* He had made his bed in hell. He had entered into league with the devil himself, and misery filled his heart. He was estranged, separated from his fellow men.

I realize that there is a sense in which every man is lonely. Each has his individual road, his particular trial, his peculiar joy. These differences are invisible barriers among us—so that even in fellowship we walk alone. A husband may say he thoroughly understands his wife, but he doesn't. There are areas of thought and feeling that even to him have been posted with a "no trespassing" sign.

I cannot express all that I am. Gesture, speech, music are but rude interpreters. The dullest has his dream he never tells. The shallowest has his holy ground. Each of us is lonely. Neighbor, there is an isolation of the soul that brings the note of pathos into history, that makes me very loath to judge my friend, and leads me to the very feet of Jesus. Your brother needs you more than you'll ever know.

On the night of the betrayal perhaps

the two loneliest figures in the whole world were the sinful disciple and his sinless Lord. But there was a world of difference between the two! The Son of God must bear His cross alone. No one else could share the work of redemption. He is God's Passover Lamb. His blood must be shed as an atonement for my sin to spare me from the death angel. Judas was the son of perdition, a lost soul. Through sin his soul was out of harmony with God; now he was going out into the night.

There is a difference in men's loneliness, Sir! There is a loneliness upon the mountain top and there is a loneliness in the gutter. One is the isolation of splendor. The other is the despair of moral bankruptcy. Toward which are you moving at this hour?

One continual effect of sin is this—that it intensifies the loneliness of life. Sin isolates. We talk about the family of thieves. We are prone to think that there is a comradeship based upon common vices, that ungodly habits make strange bedfellows. Don't you believe it! Sin separates. A brutal word that Judas found out too late describes the sinner's fate: "What is that to us? see thou to that." Mister, in the ranks of the ungodly it's strictly every man for himself. Sin starts for you a long, lonesome road. It will separate you from all that is best, all that is worth while, all that is pure and holy.

There are three great separations that



sin brings, and with each separation there comes a little more loneliness.

I

First, *sin separates a man from his ideal*. When I have an ideal, I can never be quite lonely. When I have a vision beckoning me on, when I have something for which to live and struggle which is higher than coin or food, there is a fervor in my commonplace day and a quiet enthusiasm for tomorrow. That explains a Livingstone, a Wesley, a Lincoln, an Admiral Byrd, a Florence Nightingale. Men will fight for an ideal; and fighting for it, the heart forgets its loneliness.

*Sin works to separate the world from its ideals*. It blots out vision and says to men, "Eat, drink, and be merry; tomorrow you die!" Sin lays the emphasis on what I *see*. Sin holds me back from what I would *be*. Sin wearies me with my failure. Sin leads me down the corridor of no return. All that I hoped for and longed to be is gone; the beckoning hands have vanished; the vision is fled. Sin separates a man from his ideal.

Judas had his ideal once. But the devil entered him, the ideal died out, and from that hour Judas drew apart. Is this your story, Neighbor?

II

Sin separates man from man. When Cain slew Abel he became an outcast. When David fell his heart condemned him and society denounced him. When Peter denied Christ he went out and wept bitterly. Sin broke life's ties for them.

A prisoner at San Quentin Penitentiary once told me, "Brother Ward, no punishment that may follow can ever equal that first night behind prison bars. In those hours a dull, sickening thud hits the pit of your stomach as you realize you are separated from your fellow men. You are no longer a free man who may come and go at will. You have entered an 'underworld' as different from the world outside as night from day."

Sin, whether it be from passion, envy, treachery, or revenge, carries this price tag. It means separation from your fellow men. That's a high price to pay!

Ask Achan! He paid that price to bootleg a wedge of gold and some garments of purple from fallen Jericho. It was so easy to loot but so hard to hide it. Ask Jonah! He paid that price for running away from God's will for his life. It was so easy for him to

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# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Where does the Bible say that Jesus had sisters?**

You will find this in Matthew 13:56 and Mark 6:3.

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**Please explain Exodus 1:21—"Because the midwives feared God...he made them houses."**

Some worthy exponents of the Scripture understand this to mean that, because the Israelites were better able to hide babies born while they were living in tents, Pharaoh had houses built for them where closer watch might be kept. Then he commanded his people, "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river" (v. 22).

\* \* \*

**"They shall perish; but thou remainest" (Hebrews 1:11). Does this mean that when all that is created is gone the saints will still remain?**

The preceding verse shows the proper meaning of this statement. It reads, "And thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands" (Hebrews 1:10). Obviously the pronoun "they" refers to the earth and the heavens. "Thou" refers to God.

However, we know that although all of creation passes away, the eternal life of God's redeemed people is secured.

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**A minister has said that if we speak in other tongues and no interpretation is given, it shows our speaking in tongues is not of the Lord. I have become confused over this. Have I received from Satan what I thought to be the Baptism in the Spirit?**

I have no doubt that you have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. I urge you not to cast away your confidence. Satan would like to depress and accuse you.

However, when we feel a special anointing of the Spirit while in a public service, we should seek to know whether this is an anointing for quiet prayer in the Spirit, or whether the Holy Spirit actually desires to bring a message to the group by this means. Sometimes an utterance in tongues is not

interpreted because it is really prayer or praise which should have been quietly directed to God instead of to the congregation. It does not mean that the utterance is not of God. It means merely that it was not meant for the congregation, therefore there was no need for interpretation.

If you will read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 14 several times prayerfully, you will find correct teaching which should help you concerning this matter.

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**John said in Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him." Does this mean that Jesus will come back to earth while people are living here?**

I think this verse refers to the time when our Lord Jesus will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. At that time He will overthrow Antichrist (Revelation 19:11-21) and set up His kingdom, which is mentioned so many times in the Old Testament. People will be living on the earth at that time.

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**Who is now our Intercessor—Christ or the Holy Spirit?**

Jesus is our Intercessor at the right hand of the Father. "We have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God" (Hebrews 4:14). See also Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:15; 7:26; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:1, 2.

While Jesus is our Intercessor "on the right hand of the Majesty on high," the Holy Spirit is also an Intercessor who intercedes in and through us. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

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**J**ESUS HAD A STRONG REBUKE FOR the people who said, "IF we had lived in the days of our fathers . . ." Like many people today, they made the mistake of thinking that some other time would be more important or opportune than the present. But God says, "NOW is the day. . . ."

Some folk live altogether in their yesterdays, re-living battles, victories, opportunities that are past forever. Others project all their thinking into their tomorrows. They suppose that at some future time things will be better—it will be time to pray—it will be time to make an effort for the Kingdom of God! What a mistake! Our yesterdays are forever gone! Our tomorrows never actually come! All that is truly ours is TODAY!

We are all prone to gloss over the times in which great men lived—to tell ourselves that their environments and circumstances were more promising than ours. But the truth is that many of God's most outstanding servants lived in the blackest times and under the most heartbreaking circumstances.

Think of the times in which Enoch lived! Some 987 years had come and gone since the Garden of Eden. World population had probably increased to millions. In those first centuries the world had made notable progress. Various metals had been discovered and ways invented to make use of them. Animal husbandry was being developed. Aesthetically, they had reached the invention and use of musical instruments. Commercially and culturally the people were advancing.

But there was another side to the picture—the spiritual side! Something tragic was happening to the line of people who had been called and taught to worship God. They were intermarry-

ing with the ungodly. Evil was taking over. Conditions went from bad to worse until sin, horror, and violence had polluted the whole race. There was no godly line.

But Enoch did not succumb to the evil trend of the age. He braced himself against the tide. In doing so, he stood out as one of the jewels of God. Enoch walked with God when all others walked the devious ways of sin. Enoch kept faith in God when faith had all but disappeared from the earth. The

human race was making itself such an abomination to God that He was contemplating their destruction. *Yet during that time, Enoch pleased God!*

Enoch was a true type of the Church. He lived in a wicked age and was translated before God's judgments fell. Enoch did not need to have an affinity with his times in order to be the man he was. The times do not make the man!

Notice the times in which Jeremiah lived. For unbroken centuries, Israel had been the people of God. The Lord had redeemed them by empireshaking plagues and brought them to their own land. He had sent hailstones, hornets, and pestilences to destroy their enemies. Though they had sinned, He had sent many prophets and wise men through the years to urge them back to God. Many times He had forgiven them.

But they continued to go back to their idols and abominations. Now, after centuries, God's judgments began to ripen. The storm clouds of retribution began to gather. Over to the East, the Kingdom of Babylon was spreading out. The Babylonians marched through one country after another, conquering them ruthlessly!

Israel trembled, but instead of repenting she remained rebellious and proud. What a time for a prophet to live!

Jeremiah did not lose himself in the tide of that day. His life and faithful preaching stand out in sharp contrast to the times. He had a great burden and love for the sinning nation. "Oh, that my head were waters," he cried, "and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." When his pleadings with them did not move them back to God, the anguished prophet promised them, "If ye will not hear

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it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eyes shall weep sore and run down with tears because the Lord's flock is carried away captive."

Jeremiah's fearless preaching stands out. He delivered God's message to King Zedekiah who showed his disdain for it by mutilating it with his penknife and tossing it into the fire. Faithful Jeremiah wrote the same Words of God again and dispatched them to the king, even when he knew they would still be rejected. Preaching an unpopular message is not easy. The acme of faithfulness is needed to deliver a message which the preacher knows will be rejected. But Jeremiah was faithful to the job God had given.

Jeremiah was persecuted. While the "prosperity preachers" lived in luxury, Jeremiah ate prison fare. At the climax of his rejection he was thrown into the dungeon of Malchiah where deep mire swallowed him to near-death. Being human, he must have been tempted to compromise, but Jeremiah did not sell out!

According to present-day standards of the ministry, Jeremiah probably would not have been considered a success. He built no great congregation; he did not win many converts. He did not reach the attainments that we usually associate with success in preaching today. But when he is viewed through the perspective of the centuries, Jeremiah stands out as a man who was true to God through a dark period in the life of his country—and that at great cost to himself.

**WHAT A TIME IS OURS TO LIVE!**

Once again the world is ripening for the judgment of God. It has been nearly 2,000 years since Christ was born in Bethlehem. His own generation crucified Him. Every generation since, down to the present one, has crucified Him afresh.

The anti-God spirit in the world today is the composite of all the anti-Christ's of all time. From Nimrod to Stalin, they all embodied one godless spirit that would slay every Christian, burn every Bible, destroy every church, and drive God out of the world if it could.

The apostasy of today embraces at once the bloodless worship of Cain, the worship of symbols such as Jeroboam's golden calves, the disregard of the scribes and Pharisees for the real meaning of the Word of God.

Sin and unholiness have been made

more attractive than ever. The fruit of disobedience that tempted Eve with its beauty and taste is rivaled by the attractiveness with which sin is clothed today.

The love of the world and worldly pleasures has produced a cold, unimpassioned religion that threatens to choke out the very lifebreath of the Church of the Lord.

**WHAT A TIME TO LIVE!**

Fearful weapons of destruction have been produced. An odorless, tasteless, invisible gas can wipe out metropolitan populations in minutes. The hydrogen bomb can turn the substance around men into liquid fire and sear the flesh from their bones as they run to hide. Charged with deadly cobalt, it can spread radioactive dust over the whole world, destroying whatever life

it touches. *There is no place to hide.*

Yet, this is *our* time to live!

Shall we long for the days that are past, while we allow the days that are in our grasp to slip from us? God needs faithful people *now!*

If we will, we may preach God's Word as Jeremiah did, regardless of the extent to which the false prophets compromise.

We may have the Spirit of God in our hearts as a burning fire, as Jeremiah did.

We may be burdened for the lost as Jeremiah was.

We may have faith as Enoch had.

We may walk with God as Enoch did.

*And we may be translated as Enoch was!*

What a time to live! ◀ ◀

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Government

### STATES TO VOTE ON BINGO

Citizens of Nebraska and Colorado will be asked, when they go to the polls in November, to vote on the legalizing of bingo for charitable and non-profit organizations. Church groups have organized to oppose the measure and literature is being circulated to show the moral and economic dangers of such legalized gambling.

### CONNECTICUT BARS STATE FUNDS FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

At Hartford, Connecticut, State Attorney General John J. Bracken ruled that any towns which vote to provide free transportation for parochial and private school children must pay the full costs of such services, and not use any funds from the state for this purpose.

Under the law the state reimburses communities for half their cost of school bus transportation, up to \$20 per pupil.

Earlier this month two towns in Fairfield County (Brookfield and Newton) held referendums and voted to provide bus transportation for pupils at private schools.

### RELIGIOUS HERITAGE CENTER TO BE BUILT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Plans for a multi-million-dollar center in Washington, D. C., were announced by Religious Heritage of America, Inc., at the conclusion of the eighth annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. The intercreedal center would commemorate the religious heritage of America and its free institutions.

The center would include an auditorium, a chapel, a library, and a museum where documents relating to religious freedom would be enshrined. Sponsors said that at present there exists no shrine to the nation's religious heritage. They estimated that it may require ten years or longer to raise the necessary funds. However, they have named a committee to survey pos-

sible sites in Washington and to lay plans for a competition among American architects for a suitable design.

## Temperance

### ORANGE JUICE TOP DRINK AT U.N.

Orange juice ranks in first place as the favorite drink of thirsty delegates at the famous United Nations bar in New York. It is estimated that during a general assembly session delegates consume around 80 gallons of the orange fluid per week. This averages approximately one gallon per week for each delegation.

### SENATOR ASKS STRICTER LAWS AGAINST DRUNKEN DRIVING

Senator Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon told a Washington audience the nation needs stricter enforcement of its "drunken driving" laws and a national program of alcoholic education for young people. He addressed the third annual Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, attended by about 200 persons from throughout North America and ten foreign countries.

The Senator urged a program for young people that would "send them forth into life armed with the basic facts necessary to give them sales resistance to the shrewd and lavish advertising appeals of the liquor and tobacco industries."

He said great strides could be made in the reduction of alcoholism through sterner enforcement of state and local laws against driving while drunk.

Another speaker stressed that alcohol is a principal offender in many areas of our greatest national concern. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, said: "The toll of highway deaths (caused by drinking) is greater than the casualties of war. The terror of alcoholism is America's Number 3 public health problem. The drain on our economy is the country's most terrific indulgence in waste. The tragedy of moral decline stems largely from the substitution of alcohol for the divine strength men need." Dr. Hooton took issue especially with the beverage industry's sponsorship of sports events. "When will someone inquire into the deadly effects on sports and society of the constant bombarding of American homes by daily beer-casts?" he asked.

## Morals

### F.B.I. REPORTS INCREASING BANK ROBBERIES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation says that more bank robberies took place in the year ending June 30, 1958, than in any other year on record. Total violations of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute in the past twelve months were 631. "Not since the gangster era of the 1930's," says the F.B.I. report, "has there been such a tremendous wave of this type of crime."

### ARMY OFFICIALS CONCERNED OVER HIGH LARCENY INCIDENCE

Much of the blame for the high incidence of larceny among young servicemen must be laid at the door of the

IT'S A FACT



OVER 180 U.S. DAILY  
NEWSPAPERS REFUSE  
ALL ALCOHOL ADS.

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home. This opinion was voiced in a report from the Provost Marshal General, Major General Haydon L. Boatner, to the Army Chief of Chaplains.

The report shows a special concern over the high incidence of larceny cases (38.9%) among military prisoners who are under 22 years of age. "Examination of prisoner files indicates a lack of regard for property rights among the younger offenders considerably out of line with what is commonly accepted as the teachings of home, school, and church," said the Provost Marshal.

Last year 763 soldiers were convicted and sentenced for larceny. More than 40% of all military prisoners 21 years or under are serving time for this crime.

Major General Boatner linked larceny with drunkenness and character weaknesses brought into the army from unsatisfactory home life.

## Miscellaneous

### CLERGYMEN URGE MORE RELIGIOUS NEWS

A survey of church news conducted among ministers representing 17 Protestant denominations of the Michigan Council of Churches shows newspapers as the "most popular" medium of communicating with the public.

The survey, conducted for work on a master's degree thesis in journalism, indicates that clergymen of that area rate newspaper coverage of religious affairs "complete" and "accurate" but do not believe the amount of news has kept pace with the growing church membership.

Almost three-fourths of the ministers said they gave news to newspapers at least once a week. Personal delivery was the favorite method, indicating that the ministers find personal contact with religious editors most effective.

### ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN BEGINS OCTOBER 5

October 5 is the first Sunday of the annual Enlargement Campaign sponsored by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. The 1958 campaign is designated as "Go to Sunday School" Crusade.

The purpose of the Crusade is to reach new prospects for the Sunday School with the ultimate and supreme goal of winning them to Christ. The days of emphasis for Enlargement Month are: October 5—Census Day; October 12—Contact Day; October 19—Bible Day; October 26—Rally Day.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST has discarded an advertising taboo against liquor which has been in effect since 1897. America's oldest magazine which traces its founding to Benjamin Franklin in 1728 announced its new policy recently. Changing audience attitude was cited as the reason. The Methodist Board of Temperance and executives of two other national organizations have appealed to the Post to reconsider its decision.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION held its annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Ransom, Kansas was re-elected as president for the sixth consecutive year.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION reached \$79,000,000 in August, an increase of \$4,000,000 over the July total. During the first eight months of 1958 church construction totaled \$543,000,000. For the same period last year the figure was \$555,000,000.

MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER MILLION ARRESTS in 1957 involved youths of seventeen years or under according to J. Edgar Hoover.

MORE BIBLES AND SCRIPTURE PORTIONS were printed in the Soviet Zone of Germany during 1957 than in the previous year. The eleven Bible societies in East Germany reported that a total of 301,172 volumes was published, including 86,975 complete Bibles and 83,714 New Testaments.

RADIO DRAMAS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST, a monthly series, have been broadcast over the Malayan government radio network. Chinese, Indian and European Christians performed in the series, titled "The Man Born to Be King." Tape recordings of the 45-minute series were made and may be broadcast in other nations.

THE ANCIENT CITY OF SARDIS, once the capital of wealthy King Croesus and later the seat of a Christian bishop in Roman times, has been discovered by a team of six archeologists from American Universities. The discovery climaxed two months of excavation in Turkey. Sardis, site of one of the seven churches of Asia mentioned in the Book of Revelation, was one of the foremost cities of the ancient world.

AN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE conducted in August in Keelung, the chief seaport of Free China, was unique in that it was set up and conducted entirely by nationals. The evangelist was Wu Yung, a Christian layman who already has founded two churches in Taipei. He spoke nightly to capacity crowds of approximately 1,000 people.

ENROLLMENT FOR YOUTH DEDICATION CEREMONIES is on the increase according to the boast of Communist officials in East Germany. They claim that 68 per cent of all eighth-grade pupils in Soviet Zone schools have already enrolled for next spring's ceremonies. The Communists predict the figure will reach 75 per cent by the end of the year.

OCTOBER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED as Protestant Press Month. Purpose of the observance is to highlight the importance of Christian literature in the world today. Watch The Pentecostal Evangel for a special "Good Reading" feature each week during October.

# Commencement Exercises Behind Prison Walls

BY CHAPLAIN THOMAS M. PETTY

ON JUNE 29 WE CONDUCTED commencement exercises for the distribution of certificates for Bible courses which were completed during the month of June by inmates of the South Carolina state prison. These courses were provided free of charge for prisoners through the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department, Prison Division.

This was the first program of its type held in Christ's Chapel here, and we were rewarded by a very good attendance. We are thankful to God for answering the many prayers for this service.

We opened with prayer and congregational singing, then awarded thirty-one certificates for completed Bible courses. Ten certificates each for the *Five Books of Moses*, *Four Gospels*, and *Basic Bible Course* were distributed. One certificate was given for

the *Outstanding Bible Characters* course.

As each of the men came for his certificate he gave a testimony concerning the help he had received from the course. Most of them stated that through the course they had attained a much better understanding of God's holy Word, and that it had helped them to condition themselves for a Christian life behind the bars.

The writer presented certificates to the white prisoners and as he did so he encouraged them to pursue their study of the Word of God. He explained the fundamentals, the purpose, and the value of each course to the men who were present and had not yet taken a course. He pointed out that there is a certain satisfaction in achievement which comes with the completion of a course. Chaplain Petty also explained about the joy and contentment that can be experienced from reading the Bible. He showed each certificate to the congregation so that they could see the type of rewards they will receive from working the course.

Assistant Chaplain S. Russell Wilson presented certificates to the colored inmates. He stressed points showing the value of the Bible courses and urged the men not only to work them but to study them as well. Chaplain Wilson also gave a brief message.

Following the presentation of the certificates, the guest speaker, Dr. Giles, Professor of Science at the University of South Carolina, gave an address which was very well received.



Chaplain Thomas M. Petty presents a Bible course certificate to a prisoner as Dr. Frederick Giles (center) and Assistant Chaplain S. Russell Wilson look on.

Since the commencement was so successful, we are planning to repeat it in order to encourage others to take the courses. This in turn should increase the number of men who accept Christ as Saviour.

We are praying that God's power will be shown in the lives of many more men in this penitentiary by turning them into missionaries behind prison walls!

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Bible courses are provided for prisoners free of charge as long as funds are available for this purpose. The Prison Literature Fund of the Home Missions Department is entirely dependent on free-will offerings of those who wish to share in this great ministry.

The demand for these courses is rapidly increasing; therefore, the fund must be built up to meet the need.

Please use the coupon below in sending your offering. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. ◀◀

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BIBLE VERSE



ROMANS 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



# A New Church Thrives in North Carolina

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**T**HE FIRST CHURCH OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD in Raleigh, North Carolina, was the subject of a feature article in the *Raleigh Times* of June 7, 1958. The story was written by Nancy Duckett, church editor and staff writer for the paper, and pays tribute both to the young church and to its pastor, D. F. Leader. We quote from the article:

"The congregation of the First Church of Assemblies of God doesn't worship in a modern building, but in a house converted into a church located at 805 Glenwood Avenue.

"Even though the church quarters are small the members are hard workers and church activities are thriving.

"When the First Church was organized here in 1955, services were held in the American Legion Building. Later, when finances permitted, the congregation bought its present property on Glenwood Avenue.

"The church was started with only two members, Mrs. T. R. Jones and Mrs. Dorothy Ferrell. Rev. D. F. Leader, pastor, with Mrs. Jones and



New church in Raleigh, North Carolina

Mrs. Ferrell, immediately began taking information concerning the denomination into Raleigh homes. The visits and a radio program produced by the pastor and his wife were the devices used to acquaint local people with the church and to interest persons to join the congregation. The church doesn't stress membership, but strives for activity. At present the First Church has no active roll.

"The two main groups of the church are the Women's Department headed by Mrs. Grace Harper and the Men's Department directed by Sgt. R. Y. Keso. Mrs. Keso is Sunday School superintendent.

"The First Church's services are conducted in a chapel that was added to the house in 1956. Other church work and activities are held in the other rooms of the house. The pastor's study is located in one of the front rooms.

"There are seventy-five churches of the Assemblies of God located in North Carolina. Other than the local church three other churches of the denomination are situated in this area, in Angier, Dunn and Fayetteville...."

The story then gives information concerning the Assemblies of God and concludes with a personality sketch of the pastor as follows:

"Rev. D. F. Leader, the organizer and first pastor of the First Church of the Assemblies of God in Raleigh, spent a part of his youth in the Belgian Congo, where his parents were missionaries.

"Rev. Leader was born in Chicago while his parents were on furlough from their assignment in the Congo. He spent the early part of his childhood in a section of the foreign country which at that time was unexplored. He and his mother returned to the States after his father's death.

"Rev. Leader received his formal education at Wheaton College in Illinois and at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri.

"After completing his studies, Rev. Leader set out on ministering duties which he has ably engaged in for eleven years.

"His first pastorate in Indiana was followed by a traveling job in which he conducted revivals in thirty-five states during a period of five years. And for one year he was field representative for the 'Speed-the-Light' program, a youth missionary movement of the Assemblies of God.

"It was during his revival work that Rev. Leader was introduced to Raleigh.

"En route from one southern town to another, Rev. Leader passed through Raleigh and was favorably impressed. He found out there was no church of his denomination located here. After much thought and consideration he decided to come to Raleigh and organize a church. He arrived here in March, 1955.

"Rev. Leader received a loan of \$5,000 from a friend which was used to lay the groundwork for the church and his living expenses. He bought a

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Pastor and Mrs. D. F. Leader

# Parents Should Do It

By BEN F. LEHMBERG

A SOCIAL WORKER IN BOSTON VISITED the office of a business man and threw a number of slips of paper on his desk. Picking up the papers, the man read his name on most of them. He looked up at the social worker and asked, "Did you have an election and make me chief dog-catcher?"

She told him, "No," and after reminding him that she was the director of a boys' club which met in the slums of the city, about which he knew, she continued her story: "We were talking with the boys last week about what they wanted to be when they grew up. After we talked a while I gave each one a piece of paper and told him to write on it the name of the man he most wanted to be like when he grew to manhood. You won by a large majority. More than twenty-five of the thirty-five underprivileged boys in the club wrote your name on the slip of paper. They indicated they wanted to be most like you when they grew up."

The business executive remained silent for a while. Then, when he could speak without too much evidence of emotion, he said, "That is the greatest honor and responsibility that has ever fallen on my shoulders. I'll never do anything the rest of my life without thinking that there are twenty-five pairs of eyes focused on my decision."

Regardless of one's position or station in life, he cannot escape responsibility. This power of influence is strikingly illustrated in an incident recorded in the fourth Gospel when Simon Peter and the disciple whose name is never mentioned ran to the empty tomb. The unnamed disciple out-ran Peter and reached the tomb first. The writer says that this disciple stooped and looked in, but that he did not enter the tomb. Simon Peter arrived and immediately entered the tomb. We read: "Then went in also that other disciple" (John 20:8). When Simon Peter stepped into the tomb he did not realize he led the way for the other disciple to enter. It was the power of influence—in this case, unconscious influence.

No, the power of influence must not be underestimated.

Especially the power of parental influence should not be underestimated. Sensible parents are deeply interested in the welfare of their children. They desire a good education for their children and want them to enjoy the finest health benefits. They will gladly sacrifice to offer them earthly benefits. They stress the importance of good, nourishing food. And certainly wise parents emphasize the importance of spiritual nourishment as well.

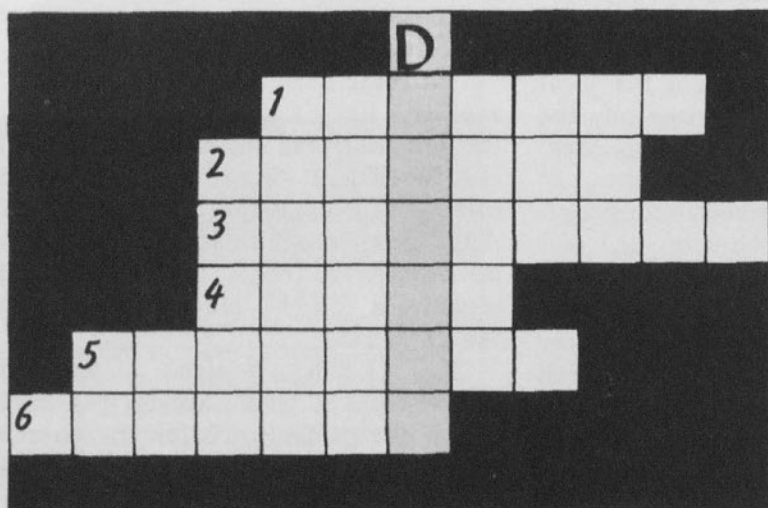
In spite of all the statistics available at the present time to show that there is a breakdown in the American home, that divorce is at an all-time high, that juvenile crime is on a rampage, it is still true that in many homes there is a healthy interest in spiritual matters.

One day recently my wife asked me to run by the grocery store and pick up an item she had overlooked when marketing. As I waited my turn at the checker's station, a man in his sixties introduced himself. He said, "You don't know me, but I have seen you on television. Let me ask you something. What time does your Sunday School meet?"

When I mentioned the time, he said, "Well, we had a tragedy in our family recently. Our only daughter died a few weeks ago, leaving a five-year-old girl. Her father can't look after her and also carry on his business, so my wife and I have taken her into our home. We want to get her started in Sunday School. My wife and I never have been much for church, but we don't want our grand-daughter to grow up like the pagans we have been."

He showed a concern which can be seen everywhere in our country. "Perhaps our parents were not too concerned about our spiritual well-being when we were children, but we want our children to grow up differently," seems to be a frequent and healthy attitude of today on the part of many parents.

In all the concern for children's religious welfare, the value of parental influence in the home must not be overlooked. What children become still depends largely on what parents are. In spite of the hours youngsters spend in school, at play, with 4-H, in camps,



## BIBLE PUZZLE

For the Junior Reader

Below are listed the jumbled names of six of the seven men who were chosen to fill a special place in the New Testament church. Find out what office they held by unscrambling their names, putting each name in the numbered square corresponding to the number before the scrambled name. All these names should go across. The word that is spelled vertically (up and down) in the gray squares is the office these men filled. It begins with "D."

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| 1. PHTSNEE | 3. CHRSOUOPR | 5. PRAMNSEA |
| 2. RNOANIC | 4. TMINO     | 6. SNICAOL  |

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1. Stephen; 2. Nicolas; 3. Prochorus; 4. Timon; 5. Parmenas; 6. deacons in the early church (read Acts 6:1-7).



and in church—the strong, lasting influences of mothers and fathers are still far greater. Mom and Dad have their work cut out for them. Let us see what it is.

### 1. Parents Should Play With Their Children.

There are too many homes where parents and children spend little time doing those things which are fun to do together. They may eat together. They may drive to church together. They may shop some together. But to do something together that is downright fun, there just does not seem to be available time. Father has his evening business conferences and banquets to attend. Mother has her clubs. Sister has her particular crowd. Brother is busy with his own special activities.

When in my memory I think of the outstanding characteristics of my childhood home, the fun we had together as a family stands out most prominently.

### 2. Parents Should Assign Tasks in the Home to Their Children.

During the holidays we were invited into a home for dinner where this practice was followed most successfully. Even Dad had a job assigned to him! There are four children in the home—two boys and two girls. The oldest, a girl, was allowed to make the flower arrangement on the table. The two boys had the privilege of setting the table. The younger girl loved her job of putting ice in the water glasses.

Certainly, children should accept responsibilities. The girl who never makes a bed, never runs a vacuum cleaner, never cooks a meal at home, never washes dishes, will be unprepared for such duties as a wife. The boy who never runs a lawn mower, never helps clean the basement, never learns to pick up his clothes, will be just as useless around the house when he is married. We prepare our children, consciously or unconsciously, for marriage and home-making from the moment they come into the world.

### 3. Parents Should Pray With Their Children.

A man said to a friend, "Congratulate me; I just bought a home."

The friend replied, "You are wrong. You mean you bought a house. Now you have to make it into a home."

An atmosphere of worship in the home is one strong force that will help greatly to make a house into a home. Much is written these days about the

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# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, September 29

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 12

**Learn:** "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**For the Parent:** In the latter part of the preceding chapter and the first part of this one, Paul recounts some of the things he has been through in Christ's service. He does this because some have questioned his authority. The important lesson of the chapter is that it is not so much what we do for God that counts as it is what we allow Him to do through us. Stress especially v. 9—God's strength overcomes our weakness.

**Question Time:** What is the important lesson of this chapter? (See above)

## Tuesday, September 30

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 13

**Learn:** "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

**For the Parent:** It is good for Christians to examine their own lives and service for God. This passage points out the value and necessity of such procedure. Make your family devotions today a time of soul-searching, where each individual considers his own life, its shortcomings and failures, to see where he needs special help from God. Remind the group that God stands ready to forgive our sins (1 John 1:9) and that we can have real peace as we surrender to Him.

**Question Time:** How can we apply v. 5 to our lives today? What can we do if we have failures in our lives?

## Wednesday, October 1

**Read:** Psalm 136

**Learn:** "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 136:1).

**For the Parent:** This psalm of praise to God is unique in that every verse contains the phrase, "For his mercy endureth for ever." Have someone look up the definition of "mercy" in a dictionary. Stress: (1) God is merciful because of who He is; (2) God's acts reveal to us His mercy; (3) because of God's enduring mercy we should give thanks to Him and praise His name; (4) all we have comes to us because of God's mercy and grace.

**Question Time:** What is unique about this psalm? (See above) What is mercy?

## Thursday, October 2

**Read:** Mark 16:9-20

**Learn:** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "The Great Commission" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this passage point out: (1) the events preceding the giving of the Great Commission, vv. 9-14; (2) the inclusiveness of the Commission, v. 15; (3) the message of the Commission, v. 16; (4) the power behind those who fulfill the Commission, vv. 17, 18; (5) the events following the giving of the Commission.

**Question Time:** What is the Great Commission? (v. 15) To whom was it given? What is the power behind it? (vv. 17, 18)

## Friday, October 3

**Read:** Suggested scriptures below (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3).

**For the Parent:** This lesson deals with the question boys and girls often ask themselves, "Who am I?" Have members of the group read the following scriptures, then comment briefly on each: Psalm 8:4-6; Genesis 1:26; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 8:8; Matthew 10:28; 2 Samuel 14:14; Hebrews 9:27; 1 Corinthians 1:7-9; Romans 14:12; Revelation 3:20. Stress especially the idea of eternal life.

**Question Time:** From the scriptures given, how would you answer the question, "Who am I?"

## Saturday, October 4

**Read:** John 1:29-51 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

**For the Parent:** Review the ministry of John the Baptist. Point out that John's main mission was to prepare the way for Jesus. Show how this was accomplished in this lesson. Then stress the fact that Jesus is able to take away our sins. As God's perfect Lamb, He died to free us from sin and its penalties.

**Question Time:** What was the main mission of John the Baptist? (See above) How did he describe Jesus to the crowd? (v. 29) How can we have forgiveness?



Pastor Daniel Konteh, Limba tribe

# Building for God in West Africa

By John and Daisy Kennedy, Sierra Leone

**I**N NEHEMIAH 2:18 WE READ THESE words: "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me. . . . Let us rise up and build!"

Certainly this is the experience of good Pastor Daniel Konteh. He has brought joy and satisfaction to many of his kith and kin, not to mention the thrill it has brought to our hearts as we missionaries have seen the church mature and increase through his ministry.

Formerly Daniel was in the employ of one of the principal firms in Freetown, and indulged regularly in thievery and drunkenness. He took generous supplies of sugar, liquor, and tempting sweets from his master, and held big parties for his friends on the booty. His apparent generosity and his jolly, pleasing personality won him many friends.

Like Paul he had not only the experience of the new birth, but also an outstanding family background, being the son of a paramount chief. He recalls, "My father had so many children he did not know them all. I was a child of one of the head wives, from a total of seventy-five wives. A nurse cared for me and gave me the best of food and attention. At a young age I was taken into the brush for three months for the regular tribal ritual, being initiated into the society.

"Life really began for me in October 1948 when I was born again. One day as I was passing one of the Assemblies of God churches I felt a power drawing me in. I heard the preacher say that there is Someone who loves

us more than our father and mother, and that He gave His life for us. Well, I was interested to know who this man was. Then I heard him say, 'It is Jesus.' On Monday I went again to the prayer meeting and there gave my heart to the Lord. Since then I have been a very happy man.

"I said, 'If this man Jesus can make me so happy all the time, I will tell my people, too, that someone loves us. Then the Limbas can tell many others about Him.'"

A few weeks after Daniel's conversion his employer called him and said he could not understand why his liquor and sugar supplies were lasting so long. God had opened this opportunity for him to witness, and at once he confessed his evil past and asked forgiveness. It so impressed his master that he increased his monthly salary and began putting more trust and responsibility on him.

The employer valued his services so highly that when the day came for Daniel to resign in order to fulfill God's call to preach he pleaded with him to remain, tempting him with another increase in pay. But Daniel stood firm to his call, in spite of being called a fool. He forfeited his generous salary and enrolled in a primary school so that he could learn to read.

With this enthusiasm and inspiration he soon won many of his Limba people. With only half the pay to which he had been accustomed he began his ministry as pastor of the Limba Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes helped the congregation make benches and transformed an old shack into a presentable place of worship. Since then many

additions have been made. Some people stand and others are seated under a pan roof outside the main building.

Even this was not sufficient and something more had to be done. In January 1958 God made it possible for them to have the use of a large C.M.S. chapel on the opposite side of town. Seating 600 people, this branch church is now as large as the original. Both churches are thriving and growing, yet neither congregation has a building to call its own.

The people have given sacrificially and the church has saved enough to buy the land on which to erect a building. Land is very high, and a lot large enough for the church will cost nearly \$2500. There is need of at least another \$6000 before they can start the building project, for the entire amount must be on hand before construction is allowed. Please pray that it shall be forthcoming. A loan would be most welcome. With the monthly income they have, a loan could soon be paid off after the church is completed. Contributions should be sent to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri, designated "For the Limba Church building, Sierra Leone, W. Africa."

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## MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

July 1958

# Oasis in the Heart of Nicaragua

BY RUSSELL KENSINGER

**F**OUR TIRED MEN AND FOUR TIRED beasts arrived at the Matagalpa Mission Station after three long weeks of visitation among the churches scattered through the heart of Nicaragua, where thousands of souls in the virgin jungle area have been evangelized over a period of twenty years. Penetration in that area has been made by both missionary and national worker.

Some have lost their health under the crushing weight of physical pressures. There are thirty to forty miles of arduous travel by muleback. The hot, steamy jungle is infested with malaria. The streams and rivers are usually contaminated in the dry season and unsafe to cross in the wet season. Jungle trails wind through the inevitable mud bogs that nearly kill the tired beasts. There are many days when food is scarce and there must be constant vigilance against dangers both seen and unseen.

*But how conspicuous in the conversation of the four arrivals was the absence of talk about those physical difficulties!*

As they alighted nimbly from their sweat-lathered beasts we greeted Don Jose, Delores Barrera (the national Superintendent), Don Roberto Miranda (the local pastor at Matagalpa), and two fortunate missionaries who could accompany them—Ellis Stone and Richard McGee. And all of them breathlessly exclaimed: "O - lah!" "Fuimos bien!" "It's great!" "It's

wonderful!" "It's beautiful!" And I for one had to ask, "And just what are you extolling?"

It seems that they had a particular end in view on this journey besides just visiting the happy believers and their pastors in the Interior. We were to understand immediately that the "finca" (farm) was the subject before us—the farm that the national brethren have so much desired to purchase out at the foot of the great mountain *Musun* (pronounced moo-soon).

This mountain was enveloped in centuries of dark history and superstitious tales. It was thought to be inhabited only by the "supernatural" and wild animals. It was said that many had entered there but none had returned. But a few years ago our missionary brethren and a group of local nationals climbed it, and returned little the worse except for passing a night in drenching rain.

And the farm? This is a new venture for our Nicaraguan Assemblies of God work, and at a bargain that only the Lord could arrange—about 180 beautiful jungle acres at \$3.50 an acre. The land is partly cleared, with a few coffee trees already bearing their first harvest, and some cocoa trees.

And why the farm? It is a national venture looking toward the future. A competent national minister and his wife have taken on the task of development while pastoring nearby. The

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,604.76	Northwest .....	23,520.24
Appalachian .....	2,370.88	Ohio .....	9,675.75
Arizona .....	1,642.79	Oklahoma .....	14,748.17
Arkansas .....	3,925.05	Oregon .....	11,821.22
Eastern .....	11,756.43	Polish Br. ....	15.00
Georgia .....	1,972.95	Potomac .....	6,425.37
German Br. ....	383.30	Rocky Mtn. ....	7,884.96
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Hungarian Br. ....	98.02	S. Dakota .....	2,200.46
Illinois .....	11,125.58	S. Florida .....	5,601.72
Indiana .....	4,088.77	S. California .....	33,318.52
Italian Br. ....	253.07	S. N. England .....	2,590.54
Kansas .....	5,922.14	S. Texas .....	10,334.58
Kentucky .....	573.01	S. Idaho .....	1,485.54
Lat. Am. Br. ....	450.76	S. Missouri .....	9,987.40
Louisiana .....	1,563.89	Span. E. Dist. ....	379.00
Michigan .....	18,532.79	Tennessee .....	3,208.96
Minnesota .....	12,081.89	Ukrainian Br. ....	218.27
Mississippi .....	1,745.37	W. Central .....	5,364.08
Montana .....	2,046.05	W. Florida .....	2,694.11
Nebraska .....	5,235.47	W. Texas .....	5,691.81
New Jersey .....	3,860.57	Wis.-N. Mich. ....	8,369.60
New Mexico .....	1,809.25	Wyoming .....	737.67
New York .....	11,720.10	Alaska .....	114.39
N. Carolina .....	1,171.33	Canada .....	507.75
N. Dakota .....	1,846.99	Hawaii .....	144.98
N. N. England .....	584.21	Foreign .....	108.87
N. Calif.-Nev. ....	18,029.46	Miscellaneous .....	84.16
N. Texas .....	11,518.67		
Total Amount Reported .....			\$306,579.90
District Funds .....	\$11,423.57		
National Home Missions .....	2,446.50		
FM Office Expense .....	3,662.12		
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	5,182.22		22,714.41

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$283,865.49
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	3,291.00
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State .....	19,545.39
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$306,701.88</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$116,305.47
Missionary Equipment .....	54,660.50
Missionary Work .....	122,579.10
National Workers Abroad .....	8,476.35
Buildings in Foreign Lands .....	36,047.30
Missionary Transportation .....	67,619.82
	<b>\$405,688.54</b>
Transferred from "Hold" Accounts .....	98,986.66
	<b>\$306,701.88</b>

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## THE GREAT COMMISSION

Sunday School Lesson for October 5, 1958

MARK 16:9-20

Today we begin a series of lessons on Christian service. The first three lessons are devoted to the call and qualifications for witnessing.

### I. CHRIST'S COMMISSION

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Consider:

(1) Who is to preach. Christ's words apply not only to those called to full-time preaching but to every Christian. The purpose for which He has saved us is that we may be co-laborers with Christ, witnesses to lead others into the joy of salvation and fellowship with God.

(2) The sphere of preaching. "Into all the world." Upon the fulfillment of this commission the salvation of the world depends and the return of Christ hinges, for "this gospel... shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). And there must be those redeemed "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" before Christ returns (Revelation 5:9). What are we doing to fulfill our solemn responsibility?

(3) The subject of preaching. "The gospel." The gospel is "good news" or "glad tidings"—essentially that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save sinners, that He rose again and lives in the hearts of the redeemed by faith, that He lives on high to make intercession for his people, that by the power of the Spirit He is present with those who love and serve Him. (4) The results of preaching. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." The gospel will either harden men's hearts or break them; it will either save them or damn them, depending on their attitude toward it.

### II. CHRIST'S PROMISE

(1) "These signs shall follow." Christ authorized His followers to represent Him in the world and to preach the gospel. Then He gave them divine and supernatural credentials by which the world might know that they were divinely authorized. In other words, the promised signs were to be their supernatural accreditation.

(2) "Them that believe." These signs were not limited to the eleven to whom they were originally spoken; nor were they limited to believers in the church of the first century only. The plain statement is, "These signs shall follow them that believe"—that is, all believers in any age who will simply believe for them.

(3) "In my name shall they cast out devils," etc. Why did Jesus single out these particular signs from among the many others which He might have mentioned? We may not be able fully to answer the question. However, it may be observed: (a) These particular signs are representative and comprehensive. (b) Casting out devils would demonstrate Christ's power over the realm of evil spirits and Satan. (c) Speaking with tongues would dem-

onstrate His power over all the faculties of the human being—body, soul, mind, spirit. (d) Taking up serpents would demonstrate His power over the realm of animate things. (e) Drinking "any deadly thing" without suffering ill effects would demonstrate His power over the inanimate realm of nature and the elements.

(4) "They shall speak with new tongues." That is, by the power of the Holy Spirit they would speak in real languages they had never learned. Tongues are among the gifts "set... in the church" by Christ Himself. Hence, as long as the church remains, the gift remains (1 Cor. 12:28).

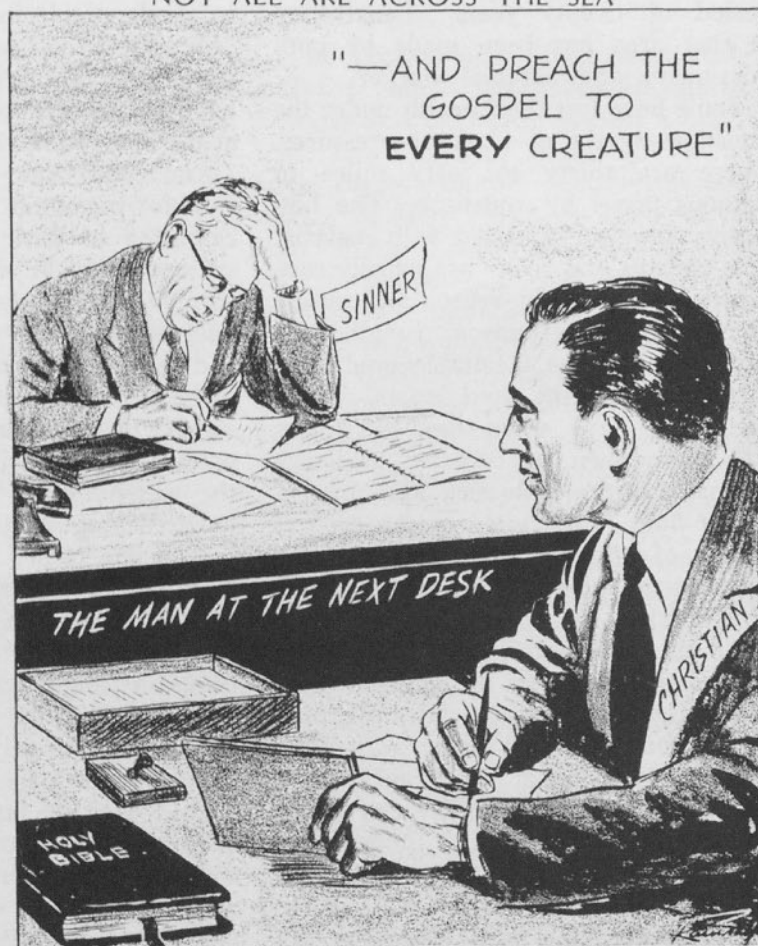
Speaking with tongues is of great value in that: (a) it enables a believer to speak supernaturally to God, 1 Corinthians 14:2; (b) it is a blessed means of spiritual upbuilding, 1 Corinthians 14:4; (c) it enables a believer to pray with his spirit, thus greatly assisting him in his praying for himself and for others; (d) when accompanied by interpretation, it is a means of edification, exhortation, and comfort.

(5) "They shall take up serpents." If a believer accidentally handles a snake or is bitten by one, or if he accidentally drinks something deadly, he may on the authority of Christ's promise and in faith claim divine immunity. See Acts 28:1-6.

(6) "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Nowhere in the New Testament is there any suggestion that this promise no longer obtains for us today. On the contrary, more and more believers in all ranks of Christendom are coming to realize that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Acting in faith upon this promise and that of James 5:14-16, they are seeing the Lord working with them as He did with the first apostles, confirming His Word with signs following.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### NOT ALL ARE ACROSS THE SEA





## The Loneliness of Sin

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find a ship going in the very direction he wanted to go, but it was so hard for him to get there. Ask Saul! Finally no one would talk to him. He spent his last night on earth talking to the dead, then went out on Mount Gilboa and committed suicide. Ask Jezebel! Jehu called for her blood and not a living soul fought for her cause. She had found it easy to blaspheme the God of Elijah, but so hard to escape His vengeance.

Sin is always separating. Oh, the souls that are in exile because of sin! Fathers are away from their children! Husbands are away from their wives! Sin is never satisfied until it has severed what God has created. There is no tie so tender but vice will snap it. There is no bond so strong but sin will shatter it. It builds a distance that no understanding, no tear, no regret, no human ransom can reach. *This world is a lonely world because of sin.*

Christ understood this. He felt sin's separating power. That's why He brought the gospel to man and opened a way of forgiveness.

Do you remember the poet Whittier's classic story of Rabbi Nathan? Rabbi Nathan, who had lived blamelessly, fell at last and his guilt clung to him in spite of prayers and fastings. He had a friend, Rabbi Ben Isaac, and he felt that his sin had spoiled their friendship. He decided he would go to him and tell him all. And when they met, the two embraced each other till Rabbi Nathan remembered his sin and tore himself from his friend's arms and confessed. It was the separating power of sin. But when Rabbi Ben Isaac heard his words he confessed that he too had sinned, and he said he would pray for Rabbi Nathan if Rabbi Nathan would pray for him. And there at sunset, side by side, the two friends knelt and each prayed with his whole heart for the other. And Whittier finished the story with these wonderful lines:

*"And when at last they rose  
up to embrace,  
Each saw God's pardon in  
his brother's face."*

Christ makes reconciliation possible. Go to Calvary and taste that miracle now!

### III

Sin separates a man from God. This

is the most awful separation of all. I never can be lonely in God's fellowship. His presence has been with me on the Western plains, in the high Sierras, on the broad Atlantic, near the Iron Curtain, in the distant hotel room, in the pathways of the sky, behind the sacred desk. Ever and always He has kept His promise, "I will never leave you. I will never forsake you."

I recognize His voice in conscience. I sense His love in Christ. I can never be lonely. "For to me to live is Christ." Paul said that first. Christ's presence was so intense for him that even in the stocks of a Philippian jail he had society. We sing it and mean it: "Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there!"

But from the first it has been sin's great triumph to separate the soul from God. Without God, Sir, this is a lonely world! Do you want to be a prodigal away from Father and home? Do you want to die like Stalin and Hitler, without comfort or sacrament? Mister, if in the sky and sea, if in the smile of a child, if in the love of Christ, if in all these I could see and hear no God—this would be a lonely world for me indeed. And where are you headed? What will eternity be like for you?

I ask you to go to Him now. I ask you to return by the way of Calvary to God. I ask you to end this separation. I ask you to come back before you cross the deadline. It is His initiative. He asks for a reconciliation. Don't let another lonely night close in on you without finding the Redeemer of your soul!

*"Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come!"*

## Let Us Hold Fast

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continues in verse 23 by encouraging us to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."

In these days of unusual stress and strain we may be tempted to waver, but actually we have solid reasons for holding fast:

Because we have "a new and living way," let us hold fast.

Because we have "a high priest over the house of God," let us hold fast.

Because we can "enter into the holi-

est by the blood of Jesus," let us hold fast.

Because we can come with boldness, let us hold fast.

Because we can draw near to God with "full assurance of faith," let us hold fast.

Because we can have our hearts "sprinkled from an evil conscience," let us hold fast.

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, *for he is faithful that promised.*"

## Parents Should Do It

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many influences which are attempting to wreck our homes—juvenile delinquency, the danger of alcohol, the growing divorce rate. Why not a more positive approach? There are definite influences which hold families together, and not the least of these is a healthy, worshipful atmosphere in the home. Fellowship with God through the reading of other devotional books and stories, and praying together—these have a lasting influence on the home.

### 4. Parents Should Attend Church With Their Children.

Children learn how to sit at the table and how to eat properly from the example of their parents. They are taught healthful habits primarily through the example of Mom and Dad. They learn to worship in the same manner—through example. As they attend the worship services of the church with their parents they join together in singing the great hymns of the church; they pray together; they each drop a contribution into the offering plate as an act of worship; and they listen together to the sermon. By doing these things together such experiences become more meaningful to children and to parents alike.

Dr. Harold Blake Walker tells of a father who came to his study to say that he wanted to unite with the church. He added, "I thought I could raise my children on moral pabulum, poetry, and Emerson's essays. I tried the experiment and I know now from painful experience that it won't work. I need God and so do my children." (*Upper Room on Main Street*, Harper's)

The greatest privilege of Christian parents is to introduce their children to helpful, life-building worship experiences. Only by example can it be accomplished. —*The Christian Parent*

# 'Three Men Seek Thee'

BY ANDREW STIRLING  
North Carolina District Superintendent

**T**HREE MEN WERE WAITING TO SEE me, I was informed by the Western Camp Meeting manager, Fred Sorrells. It was about 6:45 o'clock on the morning of Friday, July 4, 1958. I wondered who could be calling on me at that early hour.

One of these men introduced himself as Pastor David Raynor of the Church of the Nazarene, Asheboro, North Carolina. Another was Evangelist Grant Daniel from Montgomery, Alabama, who was conducting a revival effort with Pastor Raynor at Asheboro. The third was Louie Dennis, a former Nazarene minister who had separated himself from that group.

I recalled that I had had correspondence a few days before with Pastor Raynor. He had written to C. M. Ward of Revivaltime and had been advised by Brother Ward to contact me.

A series of events during the revival effort at Asheboro had led both the pastor and the evangelist to confide to each other that they needed more from God. It turned out that each had written C. M. Ward, and that both had been advised to contact an Assemblies of God district superintendent. This they decided to do. Following the service on Thursday night, July 3, at the Nazarene Church, they drove all night to reach the Western North Carolina Camp Ground. They were accompanied by Brother Dennis.

Brother Sorrells and I remained in conference with the men until about 8 a.m. We offered to take a recess and go to breakfast, but they were hungrier for God than for food. We therefore sounded a call throughout the camp for an immediate prayer service. We spent about an hour in prayer, and around 9 a.m. Evangelist Daniel received an outstanding Baptism and spoke fluently and expressively in other tongues. About twenty minutes later Pastor Raynor received a similar experience. During the prayer service J. Bashford Bishop, Camp Bible teacher, gave helpful words of instruction.

The third man, Brother Dennis, did

not seem to make much progress in the beginning. He later testified that years of preaching against the Pentecostal baptism had left him in a state of unbelief. His two companions prayed fervently with him, and much of their praying was in other tongues. Brother Dennis stated afterwards that he saw a demon of unbelief leave him and that it almost choked him as it left. Some of us saw a remarkable change come over his countenance, and soon he was being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The rest of the service was spent in praise and testimony to God. As the men left the camp ground, Evangelist Daniel waved and said, "Mission accomplished!" But because of my twenty-five years in Pentecost I smiled and replied, "Operation just begun."

That night in the Nazarene Church at Asheboro the men testified to their experiences of the day. Some of the members were openhearted, but the official action of the church was to close the revival effort that very night. Pastor Raynor was released from his Sunday obligation to the church.

The men returned to the camp and Mrs. Raynor received the Baptism. Mrs. Dennis received the Baptism after the camp meeting at our Central Assemblies of God Church in Greensboro. (All three ministers applied for ministerial recognition with the Assemblies of God. Brother Raynor and Brother Dennis are now members of the North Carolina District. Brother Daniel has been recommended to his home district of Alabama.)

I was reminded of the scripture, "Three men seek thee" (Acts 10:19). These men, like the three who called on Peter, came to our camp grounds because of a great hunger. And, like the hungry ones of Peter's day, they received the blessing that satisfied their hearts. I am glad the same Holy Spirit who met the need of men's hearts in apostolic days is still filling the hearts and lives of people who thirst for God. ◀◀



*a child  
is drowning...do  
you wait to see  
how long she can  
hold out before you  
go to the rescue?  
Of course not!  
You act NOW!*

**Men are dying without Christ today. We are not waiting to see what doors will close. We are not waiting to see what will happen in the Middle East, in Quemoy, or Moscow. We are not waiting to see if our Lord will come tomorrow. The Youth of the Assemblies of God are giving to speed the Gospel light NOW! Why don't you give too, on Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 19!**





# Co-laborers for Men in Uniform

By **Warren McPherson**

*Servicemen's Representative  
Assemblies of God*

**H**UNDREDS OF LETTERS ARE REGULARLY received in the Servicemen's Division from men in practically every major nation of the world!

Servicemen openly and freely share with us their feelings. They let us know their fears, bitterness, anxiety, perplexities, and what few joys they may have. Many of them frankly admit they are without hope in Christ! They say they want to be saved and ask if we can help them.

Can we help these needy boys? Yes, thank God, we not only can but we are helping them! When these letters of need come in they receive a personal reply from the Servicemen's Division. We also select some choice pieces of literature which we think will have specific bearing on the problems each man is facing.

Literature for our servicemen is vitally important. And here is where REVIVALTIME very often steps in and becomes a co-laborer with us. Because the Servicemen's Division is desperately limited for funds our supply of literature often runs low. However, we have found many times that Brother Ward's *Revivaltime booklets and sermon reprints are exactly what we need.*

The Servicemen's Division uses large quantities of REVIVALTIME books and sermon reprints. And we have been

thrilled over and over to receive a high percentage of replies from the men in response to this literature. Almost without exception they tell us that God has wrought a miracle for them.

For example, we have been receiving a large number of letters from men with marital problems—a mixed marriage is being planned, or a divorce is being sought, or other troubles are besetting them. We make these problems matters of special prayer and then

## New Church in N. Carolina

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house trailer for living quarters using the balance of the money to finance the church. From this point the church has continued to grow.

"Rev. Leader began his life here in a trailer and now he lives in a comfortable house at 2715 Wayland Drive. He is married and the father of one child, Joyce Marie, who is two years old.

"The minister is director of the State Men's Fellowship organization of the Assemblies of God and serves as district board director of the denomination for this area.

send the men appropriate pieces of literature from our REVIVALTIME stock. I am amazed and humbled over and over again when I get a reply, usually within just a few days, saying that the problem is solved! Never before have I seen God work so wonderfully and so thoroughly.

Our Radio Department also stands with the Servicemen's Division as a prized co-laborer through the broadcast of REVIVALTIME. It is not uncommon for servicemen to write and tell us they have been listening to the program and what a blessing it is to them. Occasionally a man writes from some lonely post in a far-away land to say he has been successful in picking up the broadcast via short wave from some station here in the United States or from a foreign release—and it gives him a much-needed spiritual boost.

REVIVALTIME stands with us in another unique ministry also. The Servicemen's Division gets some letters from military or veteran's administration hospitals inquiring about recordings for hospital radio systems. In each of these instances REVIVALTIME has answered the call and has provided such hospitals with a continuing supply of tape-recorded broadcasts!

Yes, "Coast to coast, and around the world" there are servicemen on duty. They continue to keep our nation free. We are grateful for the privilege of serving them while they serve us. And we are grateful for the tremendous part REVIVALTIME has in helping make our ministry to servicemen effective.

"For diversion Rev. Leader prefers athletics and music, both sacred and classical. He is a pianist and plays for the church services."

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Editor's note: The Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God has a special fund with which it helps the church extension work in districts which need financial assistance. There have been many demands on this fund and at the present time it is very low. Your offering to promote the work of church extension in needy parts of our nation should be designated **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND** and mailed to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri

# Dark of the Moon

BY BOB PIERCE

A STORY I WILL NEVER FORGET WAS told me by a missionary named Jim Dickson, as we walked together down a winding mountain trail on the Island of Formosa.

Jim was pointing out that as recently as 1932, these mountain people had hunted human heads—heads which were offered in pagan sacrifice to their heathen gods.

"What was it that caused these people to abandon head-hunting?" I asked Jim.

"There were several things involved," he said. "Government supervision... the inroads of education... but, in fact, Christianity has done more than anything to change the hearts of the people; and the way in which God first dealt with these people is a strange, yet a wonderful story.

"Gow Hong was a little old Chinese merchant from the lowlands of Formosa. He first contacted the Aborigines... the head-hunters... for the purpose of doing business with them. He sold them salt and other products they could not produce for themselves in the terraced rice-fields of the mountainous interior. Gow Hong came to trade, but he settled down and began to live among them.

"As the people came to know him more and more, they discovered there was something different about this man. He had a glow... a love... a tenderness they knew they didn't have in their own lives. The Chinese man went quietly along his way, but whenever he could he persuaded his new friends to put an end to some of the vicious habits that were destroying them. He urged them to adopt higher standards and to better their ways of living.

"It was after living among them for many years that he called all the people together one day and said, 'There is one thing you must stop, completely and forever. You must stop this practice of taking life in order to obtain heads for sacrifice to your gods. Every time you kill someone from another tribe, they will labor until they kill

someone from your tribe. You are actually killing your own loved ones every time you kill an enemy.'

"The people didn't respond particularly to his arguments but they were sorry that their friend was displeased with them. They did care about *him*. Finally the leaders of the tribe went to him and said, 'We'll only take a few heads this year.'

"Their friend said, 'You mustn't take even a few.'

"The leaders consulted together and again returned. 'We have made our decision,' they said. 'This year, because we appreciate all the things you've done for us to help us and to help our tribe, we have decided we will take only one head.'

"The Chinese man tried to get them to reconsider this decision, but there was no changing them. Finally he said, 'All right, if you take this one head, will you promise me to stop this practice forever?' And the leaders promised. Gow Hong continued, 'Then I guess that's the best bargain I can make. What night is it this month that you have your rites, and where will you go for your victim?' Trusting him, they told him. Then the Chinese merchant returned to his home, glad that at least he had secured—however shakily—their promise to abandon the head-hunting practice forever after this one last sacrifice.

"Great were the preparations for the big feast. It was the dark of the moon, and the dusk of early evening blended into late night as the hunters sharpened their knives and went to the appointed spot where they would await their victim. In the deep darkness of a jungle trail they patiently listened for the footsteps of a traveler.

"Shortly after midnight they were rewarded by the sound of someone approaching. The natives crouched for the attack; then the shadowy shape of their victim loomed up in the darkness. There was the swing of a heavy knife, and the murder had been done. The young men raced back to the village in the darkness, so that the ceremony could begin."

When they reached the ceremonial fire, everyone crowded around to see the head that would be used for the sacrifice. One of the hunters plunged his hand into the basket. The people fell back in stunned amazement, for in the hunter's hand was the head of their Chinese friend—the only man who had ever been concerned about them or loved them enough to care what hap-

pened to them. Now he was dead—and they had killed him.

"In the deathly silence that followed, they all realized that their Chinese friend must have *knowingly* become their sacrifice. He had made them promise they would take only one more life, and then he had become that sacrifice.

"The words of the leader were grim and determined, and the people nodded their assent, 'We shall never forget that promise.'"

Gow Hong, the Chinese merchant, laid down his life to stamp out head-hunting among the Aborigines of Formosa. He died in the dark of the moon.

The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, laid down *His* life that all the world through Him might be saved.

—"World Vision" Magazine

## Correspondence School Gets New Name

The correspondence school of the Assemblies of God which was started in 1948 has grown to become a strong arm in our educational program. It operates under the supervision of the Education Department.

Due to its growth and ever-extending ministry it has been named the Berean *School of the Bible*. Along with the change of name has come a number of improvements in the manner of operation. Of special interest is a revision of the system for examination which uses a new objective type of questions.

The wide acceptance of the courses by our constituency is indicated by the fact that 8,054 courses have been processed since the school's beginning. Over one-third of these courses have been completed satisfactorily.

There were 860 new enrollments in the first five months of 1958. The school considers 1671 of its students currently active, including 649 ministers or ministerial students doing work prescribed by their District Councils. Twenty-six of our districts collaborate with the Berean School of the Bible in connection with their requirements for ministerial candidates.

The curriculum now consists of eleven courses using a total of 54 text books. Several new courses, dealing with both theological and practical help subjects, have been projected for the future.

For information concerning these excellent courses of study write: The Berean School of the Bible, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.





# SEPT. 28

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## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	A of G	Oct. 5-12	W. Paul Edwards	V. Ernest Shores
Calif.	Cypress	A of G Country Ch.	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Ralph Love	David D. Schmidt
	Palmdale	* A of G	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Harold Pegg
Colo.	Sacramento	Glad Tidings	Oct. 5-19	Alva Phillips	Gerald L. Baser
	Brush	A of G	Sept. 16—	Don George	Paul Baugher
Idaho	Denver	Glad Tidings	Oct. 5—	S. J. Colburn	R. C. Schachterle
	Bonnors Ferry	A of G	Oct. 5-19	W. O. Ziegler	Roland A. Meier
Ill.	Granite City	Community Heights	Oct. 5-19	M. O. Turner	Glenn Utley
Ind.	Gary	West Gary	Oct. 7-19	Freadus S. Seal	B. E. Hillman
	Indianapolis	Central	Oct. 1—	Bill Sharp	Theodore L. Vibbert
	Jeffersonville	Bethel	Sept. 23—	G. Lee Thomas	Wesley E. Butler
Iowa	LeClaire	A of G	Sept. 30—	Arnold Segesman	K. E. Matschulat
Kans.	Mankato	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Ivan Christoffersen	Jack Dennison
	Wakeeney	A of G	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	James Miller	G. L. Falley
Ky.	Versailles	** A of G	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Lucelia Lanz	LaVern Snyder
Mich.	Detroit	Berea	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	W. F. McPherson	Ted Ness
	Detroit	East Side	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	C. S. Tubby	Leroy Morgan
	Detroit	Central	Oct. 5-19	H. Syvelle Phillips	Holland Edmundson
	Detroit	Evangel	Oct. 7-19	E. T. Quanabush	Fred Smolchuck
	Lansing	Mount Hope	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	James West	Carl Graves
Minn.	Warren	A of G	Oct. 7-19	Joel Palmer	Ronald Fischer
Nebr.	Broken Bow	First	Oct. 1-19	Fiscus & Peak	Wayne Hall
	Hastings	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Bob McCutchen	H. W. Lebsack
N. Y.	Cortland	Parkside	Oct. 21—	Joseph DeGrado	S. Leon Cooke
N. D.	New Town	A of G	Sept. 21-Oct. 12	Paul Clark	Don Waggoner
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	Sept. 28-Oct. 5	Velmer Gardner	L. E. Loretz
Ore.	Brooks	A of G	Sept. 30	Leroy Cloud	R. L. Swope
	Lebanon	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 19	Wesley W. Fleming	H. D. Robeson
Pa.	Bradford	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Ada Lear	William T. Kroah
	Kane	A of G	Oct. 8-19	John Higginbotham	William Hilliard
	Lebanon	A of G	Oct. 1-5	G. A. Snavely & Team	Jack Ferguson
Tenn.	Scottsdale	A of G	Oct. 5-26	Leon Morrow	H. Paul Robinson
	Dickson	** A of G	Sept. 28—	Hazel R. Hutchison	Eldon Bryce
	Simington	A of G	Sept. 28—	Earl E. Blythe	G. G. Preslar
Tex.	Angleton	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	The Roland Hasties	Leland Evans
	Baytown	Central	Sept. 28-12	Maurice Evans	Lonnie Bowlen
	El Paso	Valley	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	Joe Neeley	Wesley J. Lange
	Fort Worth	First	Oct. 5-19	R. Alan Davis	T. E. Hollingsworth
	Harlingen	First	Oct. 1-12	W. A. McCann	R. R. Taylor
	Midland	Gardens	Sept. 16-28	The Roland Hasties	Joe Neeley
	Seagoville	First	Sept. 21—	Bob Galliher	Margaret Heath
	Texas City	A of G	Sept. 21—	Coleman McDuff	James Hamann
	Tyler	Rose Center	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	M. C. Allen	D. D. Lewis
	Velasco	A of G	Oct. 7—	C. W. Gregg	W. D. Metzgar
Wash.	Waxahachie	University	Sept. 28—	Gene Jackson	Joe W. Adams
	Cle Elum	A of G	Sept. 23-Oct. 5	Warren D. Combs	W. W. Phinney
W. Va.	Longview	*** 13 churches	Oct. 8-26	Watson Argue	Burton W. Pierce, ch.
	Carolina	A of G	Sept. 24-Oct. 5	John Higginbotham	Olan Knotts
Wis.	Milwaukee	** Grace Church	Sept. 28-Oct. 3	Bob Olson	Howard C. Lecher
Wyo.	Laramie	First	Sept. 21—	S. J. Colburn	Currell Muirhead
	Newcastle	A of G	Oct. 5—	William N. Ilnisky	Howard Cummings

\* Children's revival and Workers' Training

\*\* Children's revival

\*\*\* Union meeting

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HOMEcoming and JUBILEE—October 3-5 at Assembly of God, Corcoran, Calif. Speakers include L. E. Halvorson, District Superintendent, and James Ming and Ralph Gaither, former pastors. Special music. Everyone welcome.—by Henry A. Fowler, pastor.

DEEPER LIFE CONVENTION—November 5-9 at Dinuba Assembly of God, Dinuba, Calif. Homecoming services will be the 9th with L. E. Halvorson, District Superintendent, speaking morning and evening. Former members and friends invited.—by Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEcoming—October 26 at McComb Assemblies of God Church, McComb, Mississippi. Former pastors, members and friends invited.—by F. L. Langley, Pastor.

# Christmas

PLAYS, PAGEANTS, HANDBOOKS,  
BUILDERS, AND SERVICES



## PLAYS AND PAGEANTS

### WHY CHRISTMAS?

A modern drama in four scenes by Elinor Brown. There is a cast of 17 characters which includes people of all age groups. In the last scene the pantomime re-enactment of the Nativity requires five additional characters with nonspeaking parts. The continuity of the story is carried out by the use of an old man who is puzzled about Christianity and the purpose of Christmas. The drama stresses the influence our actions have on the lives of others, and the true meaning of Christmas. Time: One hour.

30 EV 9821 2 for \$1.00

### BABE OF BETHLEHEM

A Christmas drama in three acts by Lucille R. Green. A cast requiring 7 men and 4 women. The play portrays the events of the first Christmas. It is done in an intimate manner, bringing the events into present-day focus for modern audiences. Through a modern family this presentation successfully bridges the gap of the years. Time: one hour and 15 minutes.

30 EV 9820 2 for \$1.00

### MINE EYES HAVE SEEN

A three-act play by Joy Larson employing a cast of 6 young people and 1 adult. In addition several extra young people are required as carolers. This is a play with enough unexpected events to captivate interest throughout the entire story. The scene is done in a modern setting. Time: one hour.

30 EV 9819 2 for \$1.00

### TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING

A Christmas play in three scenes by Pearl Neilson. A cast requirements of 5 adults and 15 young people between the ages of ten and sixteen. The story of how a family prepares for Christmas without the help of the mother. All three scenes take place in the living room of a modern family. Time: one hour and fifteen minutes.

30 EV 9812 2 for \$1.00

### THE FAITHFUL PIONEER

A modern drama in three acts. A cast of 10 characters—3 adults, 1 young girl, 2 teen-age boys and 4 Primary or Junior children. The story tells of a pioneer family's Christmas and the storm which kept them snowbound. But there is more than this. It is the story of a woman's deep faith in God, faith which is instilled through her example to her children. Simple stage setting. Time: one hour.

30 EV 9808 2 for \$1.00

### AND THERE FOUND THEY CHRIST

A Christmas play in three acts by Rega Kramer McCarty. A city family with former farm connections returns to the old place. Over Christmas, members of the family are lured to adopt the former ways, including receiving Christ into their lives. This play will fill many old-timers with nostalgia. Time: one hour.

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### FOUR CHRISTMAS DRAMAS

By Elsie Duncan Yale. Four dramas: The Christmas Tree, They Presented Gifts, The Changed Heart, and The Perfect Gift, using 10, 12, 4, and 5 characters respectively. Imaginative but fairly simple of performance. Each drama has a lovely point, well worth stressing.

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### CHRISTMAS IN THE COBBLER SHOP

By Mrs. O. G. Herbrecht. The emphasis in this play is on sharing, the teaching being based on Christ's words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." About 10 characters. Time: 45 minutes.

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### THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

A modern human-interest drama in three acts. The cast consists of 8 characters with additional members needed for the Nativity pantomime and carolers. The story is about Melody, a polio victim whose deep faith in God leads her to believe that she will walk again. The play ends happily with Melody planning her Christmas wedding. One simple stage setting. Time: one hour.

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### HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

This play will grip your attention from start to finish. It is full of dramatic situations illustrating great spiritual truths. The story is the outgrowth of an experience of one of our soldier boys just back from Korea. Three acts with a cast of 9 characters. Simple stage settings, modern costumes. Time: One hour.

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### CAROL FINDS CHRISTMAS

A present-day story exceptionally easy to produce. One setting with minor changes is all that is required. Costuming presents no problem since ordinary street clothing is all that is needed. The play includes 15 characters—6 adult women, 4 adult men, 3 teen-age girls, 1 teen-age boy, and 1 Intermediate girl. Time: one hour and 15 minutes.

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## A GIFT FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

By Dorothy Clarke Wilson. This pageant has a real message. It makes a definite attempt to portray the real message of Christmas. Whatever else we give, unless we have given ourselves to Christ for Him to do with us as He wills, we have not given acceptably. About 20 characters.

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VISITORS AT INDEPENDENCE HALL IN Philadelphia this summer noticed two signs. One was, "Time Erodes and Time Hallows." Underneath it was a paragraph in large print which pointed out that in spite of all the ravages of time, Independence Hall and other historical landmarks still stand.

Opposite this sign was another which read, "Time Hallows and Time Erodes." There followed a listing of various landmarks which had either disappeared or were being used for other purposes. "Gas stations rise where the carriage trade once flourished. The house where James Madison took Dolly as a bride is now a warehouse for rags. . . ."

One wonders if the Madisons would have felt a twinge of wistfulness even on their wedding day had they known that their lovely home would some day be used as "a warehouse for rags."

But the erosion of time is as real in the spiritual realm as it is in things material. In the bright morning of spiritual awakening, when God is near and faith is sure, there is no hint of the erosion which can come to the soul if it is neglected. In fact, when we first accept Christ we feel quite sure that we will never neglect the things of God.

Then time and circumstances set themselves to eat away at the high resolves, and unless we are on guard against the flood of materialism and selfishness, soul-erosion sets in.

There are certain common symptoms of this condition. The Bible, once so vital and important, gradually becomes less interesting as other things crowd into the heart and mind. The hour of prayer and personal communion with God is shortened, in some cases, to a sleepily whispered, "Good night, dear God."

The church, where once the glory of God was felt, and the desire to serve Him was renewed, is less frequented than before. The wholeness of soul that brought a longing to help others find the rich experience of salvation becomes a thing of the past,



Bryce Canyon National Park

## BEWARE OF SOUL EROSION

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

and with it goes the burden for others.

If this condition is not remedied, the soul becomes a shrivelled, hungry thing, with an eroded past and a beclouded future. To look back over a life so wasted is like viewing spiritual "Badlands."

Not all who have backslidden have gone this far, but if you are one who has felt even the beginnings of soul-erosion, now is the time to check it. If spiritual things which were once vital to you now seem less important, or not important at all, that is a danger signal which you cannot afford to ignore.

A young woman spoke to her doctor about the Lord during a routine check-up. When he finished his work he sat down and began to talk. Time had hallowed for him the memory of the time he had been saved as a youth, and baptized in a pond near the church. He spoke softly of those days. But time had eroded his faith, and a hardened, empty look came over his face as he confessed, "But that was long ago. Through the years I have been so busy with my profession that

I have lost my faith. And now I am middle-aged and I have no faith. I wish it might have been different."

He leaned forward and pleaded, "Keep your faith in God. It is a wonderful thing. Don't ever lose it."

He had lived for the things which have value only in terms of time, and his soul had suffered in the process.

It was inevitable that President Madison's home should eventually become only "a warehouse for rags." But it is neither inevitable nor necessary that your eternal soul, which was made for heaven, should become a barren wasteland through neglect.

The decision rests with you. If you do not make the decision, then, in the words of a noted evangelist, "Time will make it for you."

Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever. Time erodes, but He remains. His message of deliverance and His power of redemption are for *you*, but you must act upon the offer.

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).