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J. R. Flower in pulpit

"For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I must shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15, 16).

This word COMMENCEMENT is an intriguing word, for it speaks to us of a beginning rather than an ending. It actually implies progression rather than climaxes, for no one really graduates unless we can call it a graduation when the toils of this life are over and we stand in the presence of our Redeemer. Even then, it may be a celestial commencement, for life will have just begun—a new life, incomprehensible to us now, but of which we have received faint glimpses, now and then, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

Every end is in reality a beginning. The end of the old year is the beginning of the new. The expression, "The king is dead—long live the king" gives substance to the thought in the world of government. One passes, but another comes. The close of the year is not the end of life—it is the beginning of a new era. The close of our Bible School days is not the end

THE CROSS IN

Commencement Address Given by the General Secretary of the Assemblies of God to the 35th Graduating Class at Central Bible Institute

BY J. ROSWELL FLOWER

of preparation for our life work. Actually it is only the beginning.

One thing the student has learned (we hope) in the years of study spent at Central Bible Institute is that the realm of knowledge is infinitely great. The sum of man's ignorance is greater than the sum of his knowledge. The more he learns, the greater becomes the unknown world in his comprehension. There is no such thing as a finished education. And that is true in the spiritual as well as in the secular realm. At commencement, then, we stand on a Mount of Observation, as Moses stood on the top of Pisgah, to view the Promised Land. However, there is one difference, for while Moses was denied the privilege of entering the land he saw, we may not only view its glories but enter in to possess it.

And now, let us look at our text. Saul of Tarsus was on the road to Damascus, going to fulfill a mission which had been sanctioned by the high priest at Jerusalem. He was a man of conviction, consumed by pharisaical zeal, devoted to the destruction of the members of the sect known as the Nazarines. He had been trained for the Jewish priesthood, and is judged to have been a member of the Sanhedrin. His commencement took place when he graduated from the school served by the great Gamaliel.

Whatever plans Saul may have had for his life, God had other plans for him, just as He has plans for each of you. In the providence of God, Saul was to come to the *end* of the course of his own choosing and to enter a course of God's choosing. The crisis came on the Damascus road when he met Jesus Christ face to face and heard those solemn words, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

It is important that every one of us learn something of the providences of God. We are not our own for we have been bought with a price, and it is imperative that we learn to depend upon the Lord Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for every detail of our lives. It was in the providence of God that Saul of Tarsus stood by, holding the clothing of the young men who cast their stones at the martyr Stephen. It was in the providence of God that he traveled to Damascus. Saul was to learn from that time on that his life was not his own, but that he must depend upon the will of his Master for every detail of his ministry.

Few of us have ever had a crisis in our lives equal to that experienced by Saul, but everyone of us must have a crisis of some sort if our lives are ever to be profitable to our Lord. If that crisis has not already come it must be expected sometime in the future. God can only use changed, transformed men-men who have come to the end of themselves and who have been conquered by and brought under the control of their Lord and Master. If we have not learned this secret before graduation, then there is a post-graduate course awaiting us. Until that lesson is learned, there will be uncertainty and confusion.



Michael Wenning of Durban, South Africa, student speaker at the CBI Commencement

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Providentially, Saul was a man of integrity—misguided, it is true, but sincere and honest in his opposition to the way of the Nazarene. Now he had met the One whom he had persecuted and a thousand questions must have come to his mind. And so he prayed—prayed as he had never prayed before in all his life.

The instrument chosen of God to answer Saul's prayer was a hitherto unknown disciple named Ananias. He was a man who was in touch with God, and one to whom God could speak. To him it was revealed that God's purpose for Saul was that he should bear the name of Christ before the Gentiles and the children of Israel. He was not to stop there, but was also to witness before kings. That would be a staggering prediction for anyone. To bear the name of Christ before kings! Few there are who will ever be given such a mission, but it was to be given to this man, Saul of Tarsus.

Many years later, Saul, who became Paul the apostle, in writing to the church in Corinth, declared the truth that there are many members of the body, and these members differ one from the other, but it takes all the members to constitute the body. There were certain ministries to be performed by Paul which could not be performed by anyone else. There are certain ministries that you will be called upon to perform, which you can perform and you alone.

It is the prerogative of Christ, who is the Head of the body, to choose the tool that is best suited to His purpose. God had not rejected the early training of Saul of Tarsus, nor does He reject the training of any of us. That training was valuable, and our training is important and should never be minimized, but it may need dedication to God and refining by the Spirit of God if it is to be used with the greatest effect.

The day would come when the knowledge Paul had acquired would be interpreted for the benefit of untold millions by the illumination of the Spirit of God

Paul may have been told by the disciple Ananias that some day he



President J. Robert Ashcroft congratulates one of the four students to receive master's degrees at the CBI Commencement, as Registrar David Drake looks on. Sixty-three received bachelor's degrees and 14 received three-year diplomas.

would stand before kings, and again he may not. But the converted Saul, at the time his eyes were opened by the laying on of the hands of the disciple Ananias, was not yet ready for any such ministry. In fact, it took many years before the spiritually-matured Paul was able to stand before the rulers of his day, including Felix the governor, Festus, and Agrippa the king, and finally before Caesar himself, to preach Christ to them. And so, Paul's schooling was continued for many years following his commencement on the Damascus road.

There was one ominous feature of the post-graduate work of Saul which was included in the prediction affecting his ministry, as planned by the Lord Jesus. This was the message, "For I must show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." What is the purpose of suffering? Is suffering necessary? Are we all to expect suffering, and if it does come to us, what should be our attitude toward it?

One cannot read the writings of Paul the apostle without coming to the conclusion that he had not only pondered these questions but had come up with the answers.

Purity of heart can be reached in a moment of time, through an act of faith, at the time of the conversion of the soul and the impartation of the divine nature. Christian maturity, or maturity in grace, is an entirely

different thing. It can only come as the believer becomes identified with Christ in His life, in His sufferings. in His death, and in His resurrection. "I am crucified," said Paul. But that experience did not come to him on the Damascus road, nor did it come to him in the city of Damascus. The awakening came then—the significance of that awakening was made known later. The first lesson was learned when the hunter became the hunted, and the conviction seized upon him that as Christ suffered so also must we suffer-and if we suffer with Him, then we have the promise that we shall reign with Him.

The prediction that Saul was to suffer great things for Christ's sake was soon to be fulfilled, for it was not long before the Jews in Damascus sought his life. He escaped when his friends let him down over the wall in a basket. When he returned to Jerusalem he was not received by the church until Barnabas took pity on him and went surety for him. He entered the synagogues which he had frequented formerly and testified to his new-found faith, but his old friends rejected his testimony and sought to slay him. Warned of God in a dream, he departed from Jerusalem to Caesarea where he took ship for Tarsus, where he was to remain in obscurity for five or six years.

We do not know what befell him (Continued on page twenty-seven)

Grand and Glorious

The "grand and glorious Fourth" has come again. This week end we celebrate the 183rd birthday of America's freedom under God, thanking Him for the privilege of living in this "land of the free" and praying that all nations may one day enjoy these same liberties.

Independence Day is not merely a day for parades and picnics, fireworks and speeches. It is a day for national thanksgiving to the Lord for our American form of government which has done more good for more people than any other system of national government since the birth of Christ.

As John Adams said, our national independence "ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." On July 4, 1776, church bells rang. Prayers were Copies of the Declaration of Independence were read by all the people. On this day we should open our hearts anew to the Word of God which is the basis of our Constitution, the foundation of our Government, the source of our laws, the anchor of our liberties.

With happy hearts we add a forty-ninth star to our flag and welcome the great State of Alaska to the Union. Whether we be American Indians, Negroes, descendants of the Pilgrim fathers, or immigrants from whatever part of the world one might mention, we join with the Alaskans, the Aleuts, the Eskimos as fellow citizens in pledging allegiance to the Stars and Stripes and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

It is a day to remember our servicemen scattered throughout the earth. It is a day to pray for all who are in authority. It is a day to give thanks for all our leaders, statesmen, ministers of the gospel, educators, and others by whose dedicated efforts our treasured freedoms have been preserved down through the years. It is a day to examine our own hearts and see if we are walking in those paths of righteousness that make a nation truly great. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

By Aiexander Blackburn

Not ranks of soldiers with flags unfurled, Nor armored ships that gird the world; Not hoarded wealth, nor busy mills, Nor cattle on a thousand hills; Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws; Not boasted deeds in freedoms cause: All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great!

That land is great which knows the Lord, Whose songs are guided by His Word; Where justice rules 'tween man and man; Where love controls in art and plan; Where, breathing in his native air, Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer. Thus may our country, good and great, Be God's delight—man's best estate.



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The Reverend Duche (kneeling in center) leads the Continental Congress in its first prayer. Kneeling in the group at left are Patrick Henry, John Rutledge, and George Washington. Most of the men pictured here were signers of the Declaration of Independence.

By Edith Quinlan



FIRST PRAYER IN CONGRESS, PAINTED BY

Let's Declare Our Dependence

On July 4, 1776, THE REPRESENTatives of thirteen British colonies in North America adopted the incomparable document in which they set forth the reasons for declaring their independence.

It mattered little in the days of our country's beginnings HOW people came to these shores, but it mattered a great deal WHY they came.

In November of 1620 the Mayflower anchored off the coast of North America. Previous attempts had been made by others to reach the New World. Some had come seeking gold. Some, high adventure. Others were explorers in search of new lands. But the gallant little Mayflower carried 102 "explorers of the spirit."

In their bones burned a thirst for freedom; in their hearts lived a faith that was more than creed; in their hands was the Bible, textbook of freedom, the chart and compass of their dreams.

They brought with them an acknowledgment of their dependence upon Almighty God for guidance. The first prayer in Congress, in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, in September of 1774, set a pattern for the future. To this day both houses of the Congress open their sessions with prayer by officially-appointed chaplains.

Since the inauguration of the first

president of the United States at Federal Hall in New York City, April 30, 1789, no chief executive has begun his duties without first taking an oath, hand on Bible, to perform his presidential obligations faithfully. "So help me God."

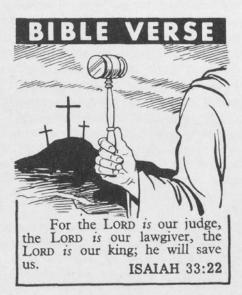
But what of the nation today? Is it truly Christian? The true patriot knows that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." As we look at our nation today, we see that, ironically, freedom to worship is often regarded as freedom not to worship. Multitudes, entirely dependent upon their Creator for their next breath, are acting entirely

independently of Him.

In recent years much emphasis has been placed on the damaging results of un-American activities. Yet, in view of our beginnings, would it not seem completely un-American to pass coins on which are stamped IN GOD WE TRUST and yet not trust in God; to pass dollar bills, picturing an all-seeing eye as a symbol of divine presence, and yet ignore God's divine presence; to include "So help me God" in the oaths of office taken by public officials who actually neither seek nor want God's help?

We cannot as a nation escape daily reminders of our utter dependence upon God. For this reason, its birthday would be an excellent day for our nation to adopt a Declaration of Dependence-a time when the nation would acknowledge anew its utter dependence upon God. Certainly it would be an appropriate time for every individual to adopt such a declaration.

George Washington said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert those great pillars of human happiness, those foremost props of the duties of men and citizens."





Finding God's Will

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God

FIRST OF THREE ARTICLES ON THE WILL OF GOD BY A VENERATED AUTHOR

AFTER MY CONVERSION I WAS PUZzled over the scripture, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). I heard others speak of God's leading, and it seemed to me that if I were led by the Spirit, certainly I too should be hearing from the Lord.

Just when my heart was greatly troubled, I received a copy of Wesley's commentary on the New Testament. Earnestly I went to its pages to see what this man of God would say about being "led by the Spirit of God." As I turned to his discussion of Romans 8:14, I read, "...led into all holy tempers and dispositions." What blessed relief came to my heart! I saw that divine guidance is more than receiving impressions—it is guidance into right-eousness and true holiness.

IMPRESSIONS

Impressions which are not of God, especially those which come from Satan, are "loud and clamorous." Such impressions make their appeal to the mind and usually urge hasty action. In contrast, impressions from God are a quiet and growing conviction in the heart. The adversary seeks to *drive* to action, but the Holy Spirit *leads*.

Four principles should be taken into consideration when we are seeking guidance: Are the impressions (1) right? (2) reasonable? (3) scriptural? (4) providential?

Right Impressions. We know the Holy Spirit will not lead us to do that which is morally wrong. Therefore we may assume that impressions to do wrong are not of God. If we are faced with a choice between right things, then we should apply the other three principles to the problem.

Reasonable Impressions. God does not usually ask His children to do un-

reasonable things. While the fleece which we lay before the Lord may be different from Gideon's, we have as much right to prove our goings step by step as he had.

Not long after our marriage my wife and I spent some time ministering in a mountainous region. In bad weather the roads were impassable, and living conditions were almost intolerable.

Then the Lord provided us with a modest pastorate where our needs were met. When winter came I felt deeply impressed that we should resign the pastorate and return to the mountains. I knew we would be unable to do any work for God there, but I was taunted with the accusation, "You are not consecrated; if you were, you would go."

After a long struggle I said, "Lord, I am turning from this feeling, believing it to be a work of Satan; but if it is You, and You will make it perfectly plain, I will obey You." When I took my stand I was troubled no more. Then I knew it had been Satan trying to lead us astray, rather than God directing.

Scriptural Impressions. God does not lead any to go against the Scriptures. It is important for us to know the tenor of the Word of God, and to keep it in mind rather than to seek guidance from isolated verses or portions of Scripture out of context. The enemy quoted scriptures to Jesus which, taken alone, would have indicated a course of action wholly out of harmony with God's plan. And he will try the same thing with us. We need to compare Scripture with Scripture in determining God's will as revealed in His Word.

Providential Impressions. The unexpected guidance that comes through the circumstances of our lives is as important as any conviction which may come to us, for it supports divinely given convictions. We may be sure that if the Lord has spoken He will open the way for us to fulfill His will. Satan may accuse, but if our hearts are open before the Lord we need not fear.

Philip was impressed to go across the desert to Gaza. Providentially, the Ethiopian eunuch came along. As an additional confirmation, Philip was invited into the eunuch's chariot. Furthermore, the eunuch was reading from Isaiah 53. What an opportunity this gave Philip to tell the eunuch of Christ!

We see providence at work in Paul's voyage to Rome. He was a prisoner, but God was with him. Providentially, the captain permitted him to visit friends at Sidon (Acts 27:3). How many pleasant experiences God gives us! Do we see Him in them, or do we take them as only ordinary acts of nature?

By an odd providence a viper was allowed to fasten on Paul's hand on the island of Melita. This was to become a testimony for the Lord. By a miracle God intervened so that no harm came to Paul. As a result Paul was providentially invited into the home of Publius, a chief man of the island, and was thus given opportunity to pray for his healing.

Do not despise God's provisional guidance. God will often guide us by opening or closing doors. "The just shall live by faith."

STEPS IN GUIDANCE

He who would be guided by the Spirit must be dedicated to the will of God. This is not always easy, especially for those of an ambitious nature. There must be a crucifixion of self, a willingness to do the will of God whether or not such would be our natural choice. Selfish desire, whether for praise or other personal advantage,

leads to guidance by self rather than by the Lord.

But surrender is not extinction. It is foolish to say that we have no desires. The question is whether we are willing to subject these desires to the will of God. Surrender is salvation. That same energy which Saul of Tarsus had exerted in opposition to the cause of Christ was as fully utilized in behalf of that cause after his conversion.

We need self-examination. Many need to return to old-fashioned, heart-searching consecration. We must not permit the external to rob us of the internal, nor natural ability to rob us of spiritual devotion.

If we are to be divinely guided the mind must be fed with that which cultivates the presence of God. There must be less time spent with television and magazines and more time devoted to poring over the Word of God. How can we live godly lives if we neglect this food? "Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

Suppose that, while we are looking to the Lord for guidance, a door opens into pleasant surroundings. Is this God's leading, or is it self that desires to enter in? It may be God. We should not expect Him always to lead us to dismal places; many are the pleasant things He has in store for us. However, we may be tempted to resort to selfish means to obtain our objectives, rather than wait for God to open the way. If things do not work out as we think they should, perhaps careful self-examination would reveal that self got too much in the way.

JOY IN SERVICE

The Bible says, "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." Too many live in uncertainty, fearful lest they are not in the will of God. If adversity comes, they are sure they are out of the divine will; if they are depressed they think surely they have sinned. There is much distress because people judge their relationship to God by the way they feel or by the circumstances of their lives.

We are to believe that we are in the will of God until God makes it clear that His will is something different. It is when we may be getting out of the will of God that we may expect to be checked.

If Paul had judged his relation to (Continued on page 28)

Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

To what does Paul have reference when he says, "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God"? (Romans 13:1)

In Romans 13:1-7 Paul is showing that the civil powers are appointed by God and therefore ought to be honored and supported. It is true that some rulers are unjust and unrighteous, but without rulers and laws to govern us the world would become a madhouse of anarchy.

Is it idolatry to salute the flag?

It is not. While we honor and appreciate the American flag as a symbol of our great country, we do not worship the flag, any more than we worship the nation itself. Our first allegiance is to God, but this does not hinder our allegiance also to our country.

Is it the will of God for any soldier of the Cross to take up arms against his fellow men?

This is a controversial question. Many believe a Christian cannot take human life, even in battle, without sinning. Others believe themselves justified in going to war in behalf of their country. The General Council of the Assemblies of God has never taken the position of absolute conscientious objection; it has never refused to support the Government in any way in time of national emergency. Its position is that nonmilitary service, a service which exempts from bearing arms, is consistent with our beliefs.

Since the war it has been my privilege to be associated as an instructor in Bible college with many young men who fought for their country in the war. I have found these to be most conscientious Christians, exemplary in every way, yet they do not seem to feel they grieved the Lord through accepting military service. I therefore must leave with human conscience what an individual deems right for him to do in time of war.

I am told that each of the words which separate sections in Psalm 119 is a Hebrew letter. Is this correct?

I have always understood that this is so. You will note that there are eight verses in each section. In the original Hebrew each of these begins with the letter of the Hebrew alphabet which precedes the section. The word after each Hebrew letter is, simply the name of the letter as we would spell it using English letters.

I cannot be saved, because I hate someone. I would like to get this hatred out of my heart. How can I get rid of it?

If you are willing to be delivered from the hatred, you should ask God to help you. After praying, trust Him to replace the hatred with love. When the love of God comes into your heart in salvation the hatred cannot stay, so "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Salvation brings us the power to forgive. When we remember how God has forgiven our offences, it is easier to forgive those who have offended us.

The Lord Jesus gave a very practical formula for Christian treatment of those who have been our enemies: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you..."

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



Do All Things Really Work Together for Good?

BY VERNON GROUNDS

On February 15, 1947, D. Glenn Chambers of New York boarded a plane bound for Quito, Ecuador, where he was to begin his ministry with the "Voice of the Andes." But he never arrived! Not far from Bogota, Chambers' plane crashed headlong into a towering peak and dropped, a flaming wreck, into a ravine below.

The last letter he wrote was addressed to his mother. It was written at a Miami airport, and for want of proper stationery he picked up a piece of advertising—on the flyleaf of which was the single word, why! Around that word he scribbled his hasty and final note. So when his mother received it, having previously learned of his death, staring up into her face was that question, why.

When stark tragedy breaks into the life of the man without Jesus Christ, he may respond in any one of several fashions. Cynicism may be his response; he may unwittingly follow the advice of Job's wife, "Curse God and die." Or stoicism may be his response: "Grin and bear it, and if you can't grin, then grit your teeth and bear it anyhow." Or epicureanism may be his response: "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow...!"

When tragedy breaks into the Christian's life, he falls back upon Romans 8:28, attempting to make that text a soft pillow for his heart: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them

who are the called according to his purpose." But to be ruthlessly candid we must admit the Christian does not always find Paul's radiant certainty a soft pillow for his heart. On the contrary, it sometimes turns out to be a hard problem for his head.

However, implicit in this verse are four truths which, once grasped, transform Paul's assertion from a hard problem into a soft pillow.

NOT A COSMIC FREAK

Notice, first, that the apostle declares: "All things work together for good." He does not declare that every event, every episode, every experience of life achieves good by luck or accident. He does not declare that by some cosmic freak, or by the mere random whirling of senseless matter, good is eventually produced. Paul declares that all things work together for good. And, consequently, he teaches here the same truth which he teaches in Ephesians 1:11: "God worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."

How does everything, even heartbreaking tragedy, turn out for good? The answer is simple. God is at work in the whole process! And by His infinite wisdom, power, and love, God is making all things work together for good.

Visit a huge, sprawling plant where automobiles are manufactured. Watch the bewildering mass of raw material metals, wood, fabrics, glass, and what not—as it pours into the factory. Then, without entering the doors of that mammoth structure, walk around to the ramp where the finished product, a sleek and shining mechanism, rolls out, ready for shipment to every corner of the world. Can you possibly believe that just by luck or accident all that mass of raw material assembles itself into an automobile? Of course not!

But when you realize that extraordinary skill and power have been brought to bear upon that raw material, you can understand why the finished product is so beautiful and efficient.

Similarly, who can believe that all the mass of our raw experience—sickness, disappointment, broken bodies, blasted hopes, blighting sins—just by chance or accident achieves good? But introduce a God of infinite wisdom, power, and love into the picture and it is possible for even the most searching mind to believe that everything works together for good.

INGREDIENTS MIXED TOGETHER

Notice, secondly, the truth implicit in another fragment of this text. Paul writes: "All things work together for good." Together! Do not overlook that word. Our isolated experiences are frequently very bad; yet when you take our experiences as a whole, they are radiantly good.

Very strikingly the experience of Joseph illustrates this principle. Jacob's partiality toward the son of his old age was bad. The priggish conceit of young Joseph was bad. The understandable hatred of his brethren was bad. Their conspiracy to kill him was bad. The sale of Joseph into Midianite slavery was bad. The lie told to Jacob was bad. The heartbreak of the bereaved father was bad. The temptation which befell Joseph in Egypt was bad. His imprisonment, being an innocent man, was bad. And thus the components of his experience, taken singly, were unquestionably bad. Yet the outcome of all those evil things was good.

As Joseph finally faced his brethren, having by his God-bestowed foresight preserved them and the whole nation of Egypt from starvation, he could testify: "As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Genesis 50:20). Yes, indeed! Where men intend evil, God intends good, and in

His love and wisdom and power He makes human wrath to praise Him. Out of the black components of our experience He brings a shining result. All things work together for good.

WHAT IS GOOD?

Notice, in the third place, that "all things work together for good." We tend to interpret good in terms of animal comfort. If our bodies are never stabbed by pain, that we consider good. If we always have money in our pockets and a reserve at the bank, that we consider good. If we live in modern homes and enjoy the latest luxuries, that we consider good. Unfortunately, we find ourselves victimized by a materialistic civilization, and despite our Christian faith we subtly equate comfort and goodness.

In the same fashion we tend to equate success or pleasure or power with goodness. Such equations are, of course, a million miles from Paul's basic teaching. And because all of them are false, we have trouble with Romans 8:28.

According to the New Testament, goodness is not to be interpreted in terms of comfort or success or pleasure or power, or even the fulfillment of our most praiseworthy ambitions. Goodness is nothing whatever like that. Goodness, as Romans 8:29 brings out, is Christlikeness, and therefore the goal which God has in view for us is conformity to the image of His own dear Son.

Perhaps this concept of goodness strikes us as being somewhat novel, and consequently it may prove helpful for us to read the entire twelfth chapter of Hebrews. The theme of that passage is God's fatherly chastisement. Why does He discipline us, and often so painfully? Why does He allow not only minor vexations but also major catastrophies in our lives? He does it—this is the apostle's illuminating answer—because He loves us! He longs that we shall be like Himself as He has been revealed in Jesus Christ. He hurts us for our eternal profit in order that "we might be partakers of his holiness."

We will see from the perspective of eternity that behind the apparent harshness and cruelty of God was logic akin to the love of a wise human father

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Third Annual European Servicemen's Retreat

The third annual Assemblies of God Convention, a special retreat for servicemen and missionaries in Europe, was held February 23-27 at the General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany. Located in the beautiful Bavarian Alps, this hotel is part of the United States Army's European retreat facilities. Each year the hotel is the site of many such religious retreats and conventions.

The theme for the retreat was "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" with emphasis on personal evangelism. Speakers and instructors for the convention included Chaplains James Cotton and Earl Waugh and missionaries John Kolenda, Paul Williscroft, Richard Scotti, Richard Dortch, Philip Wiles, and Roy Dalton. Chaplain Cotton served as the retreat master.

In attendance were 255 servicemen, dependents, and guests. The hotel provides excellent accommodations for meals and lodging. Included in the program was a daily "children's church" conducted by Mrs. Richard Scotti to provide activities for dependent children.

Each evening was climaxed with a worship service when John Kolenda brought an inspiring message. Daily schedules included study and discussion sessions as well as time for special scenic tours and recreation.

A number of reports have been received of the spiritual blessing the retreat was and continues to be to those who attended. Several souls were saved, a number were reclaimed, and at least one received the Baptism.

The Fourth Annual Retreat to be conducted at the General Walker Hotel has been scheduled for March 7-11, 1960. Under special military regulations servicemen are usually able to arrange time to attend these events. Additional information about retreats may be received from the Servicemen's Division, Christ's Ambassadors Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Missouri.



Back row: Dalton, Scotti, Kolenda, Wiles; Front row: Dortch, Cotton, Waugh, Williscroft



Brother Scotti leading communion service



Servicemen and missionaries at the convention, Berchtesgaden, Germany

Ministerial Opportunities for Laymen in the Armed Services





LEFT: Chaplain Griepp says a chaplain's assistant has the opportunity to do much for Christ, exercise his talents, and receive training that will aid him if he enters public service later. **RIGHT:** If the chapel is over-crowded or closed for renovation, the chaplain's assistant "sets up" for a worship service in the post theater.





LEFT: One job for the chaplain's assistant is to enroll children in the post Sunday School. **RIGHT:** Private Semple introduces a three-year-old to the Nursery teacher. Many children of servicemen learn God's Word in this way.

ARMY

Chaplain's Assistant—a Career With a Future

There was a time when anyone who could be spared from other duties was given the task of helping the chaplain in the army.

Now a new program requires all those interested and potentially qualified as chaplain's assistants to go to one of the six posts selected for this training. Here each man fills out an interview sheet which reveals his educational background; his typing, driving, and musical abilities; his active religious interests. He then takes regular basic training. Following this he spends eight weeks in a clerk-typist school, two weeks of which are spent in training under the direction of a designated chaplain. He is then awarded the "Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 718.10" which designates him as a chaplain's assistant throughout his army career.

He may be promoted to the rank of Sp-3 as assistant to any chaplain and to higher ranks if working for a





LEFT: In the absence of the chaplain, Ensign James Case conducts worship service aboard an American destroyer off the coast of Red China. **RIGHT:** The officer leads a Bible study class on Sunday evening. Ensign Case is a lay leader, appointed by his commanding officer.





LEFT: Ensign Case leads a hymn singing in the crew's mess hall aboard the USS John A. Bole (DD-755). RIGHT: Even by hopping from ship to ship by helicopter, Chaplain Plank cannot get around to all the destroyers in his squadron every Sunday, so he is grateful for the Navy's lay leader program.

NAVY

Lay Leader-a Substitute Chaplain

Navy regulations provide that, wherever possible, divine services for the major faiths be observed aboard all ships and shore installations. And even smaller ships are visited as often as possible by a chaplain.

Assemblies of God Chaplain (Lt. JG) David Plank visits as many as seven ships on a single Sunday by means of a helicopter. However, such a schedule is strenuous and Chaplain Plank finds the Navy's lay leader program of great assistance.

The lay leader is not a clergyman. He may be a seaman, a buck ensign, or the ship's captain. He is chosen by his commanding officer on advice of the chaplain if one is available. Reputation, personal integrity, religious background and qualifications, personal piety, and faithfulness to his own church and religious convictions in daily life, are some of the factors taken into consideration in selecting a lay leader.

By means of the Lay Leader Manual and related literature, lay leader conferences, and private training sessions post or division chaplain. At one army post, out of over 1,200 men interviewed for such an assignment, 135 were chosen for the specialized training. They were sent to Europe and various overseas and stateside assignments as trained assistants.

We are indebted to one of our Assemblies of God chaplains, Army Reserve Chaplain (Lt.-Col.) Frank R. Griepp, for information about this specialized work. Says Chaplain Griepp:

"A young man who is interested and qualified for this work should apply for it as soon as he enters the service. He should contact his reception center chaplain so he can be sent to one of the posts doing this type of training. Minimum qualifications are high-school education, driver's license, some typing and musical ability, good character, and active participation in his home church.

"A young man of draft age can also join a local Reserve or National Guard Unit as a chaplain's assistant, if that unit calls for a chaplain, and then volunteer for the six-month RFA active duty to be trained further. When his six months of active duty are completed, he returns to his local military unit and fulfills the balance of his military obligation as a chaplain's assistant."

with the chaplain, the lay leader learns how to fulfill the many religious obligations and functions which fall to him in the absence of the chaplain.

One such lay leader, using the materials available to him, such as Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, tracts and devotional literature, tape recorder and tapes, held worship services aboard his ship of 230 men every Sunday morning that Chaplain Plank was absent during its recent tour of the Far East. He frequently held Bible classes in the evenings, and also engaged in personal evangelism.

Chaplain Plank says, "Christian young men who plan to enter the military service, or who are already there serving, should be encouraged to prepare and volunteer for this thrilling opportunity to minister to men who

are without a chaplain.

"If your son or loved one is in the Navy, you can rest assured that wherever he is there will be a chaplain or a trained lay leader to conduct worship services and in other ways minister to his religious needs. These servants of God deserve your prayerful support."



Should Pentecostal Servicemen feel like strangers—or be treated as such—when visit an Assembly away from home?

Strangers in the Midst?

BY PASTOR WILLIAM F. HAGEMAN First Assembly of God, El Paso, Texas



EVERY PASTOR IN A MILITARY COmmunity recognizes that he has an opportunity to meet and observe scores of the finest youth of our nation. The actions and reactions of these young people when away from their own home and church environments reveal their true spiritual fiber.

We have observed that our servicemen and their families often fit themselves very nicely into the local picture wherever they are. This may take some personal adjustment and co-operation both on their part and on the part of the church, but it can be done.

Solomon once said, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly..." This is as true in a church as in any other situation. Quite often, both servicemen and tourists attend Sunday services in our churches and go away feeling there was a lack of friendliness toward them. It is important that the members of our congregations radiate Christian friendliness and give a genuine welcome to the strangers in our midst. However, it is equally important that the guests be friendly, accept the welcome, and introduce themselves to the ones near them.

Sometimes several visitors unknowingly sit together. Since each thinks the others are local members, no one takes the initiative to be friendly. The result is that these visitors may leave feeling the church is unfriendly. Alert ushers could do much to avoid this.

Scores of our Assemblies of God servicemen and their families integrate into local Assemblies and are faithful with their attendance, support, and talents. However, others of our servicemen find it difficult to make adjustments in various Assemblies. Many have been reared and sheltered in a single local church and think there is only one way of worship.

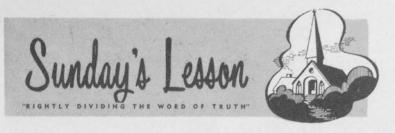
Some take the attitude that since the services in the military chapel are not Pentecostal, and since they can't find an Assembly or pastor "like the one back home," they will not attend services anywhere. This is tragic, since they soon get away from God entirely, or become problems in the Assemblies by trying to reform every church to "back-home" ideas.

The times in which we live are such that most of our young men will eventually see military service and of necessity will be away from the local church during this period. Before they enter the service, we should make every effort to see to it that they are well-grounded in the truths of the Bible and in the doctrinal position of the Assemblies of God. If church loyalty and the mutual benefits of co-operation are stressed and evidenced in Sunday School and in the church, not to mention the home, these qualities will be reflected in the Christian serviceman's life away from home.

Wherever your service friend goes he can find a church of the Assemblies of God. Usually, the pastor can assist in locating living quarters for his family, help him get acquainted with places of interest in the area, and introduce him to other servicemen of our faith and to members of the local congregation. Many times homes of local members are open to our Assemblies of God servicemen, giving them a home away from home. The pastor stands ready to offer sound spiritual counselling in the various problems the servicemen face.

It is important for the man in service to remember that although the order of service and the faces of the people won't be the same as those back home, our local Assemblies everywhere want to and do provide the spiritual atmosphere they so desperately need.





THE ENTRANCE OF SIN

Sunday School Lesson for July 12, 1959 Genesis 3:1-10; James 1:13-15

Four great subjects are introduced in our lesson.

I. TEMPTATION. Genesis 2:8-17; 3:1-6.

- 1. Its Setting. The two trees placed in the Garden provided a test for man, and therefore an opportunity for development in righteousness. God could derive no satisfaction from creatures who were either forced to serve Him or created to do so automatically. Love can only be satisfied with love willingly returned. Love cannot be forced. Therefore, God made man a free moral agent with the power to choose.
- 2. Its Source. "Now the serpent... said unto the woman." Satan was the author of temptation. He worked through the serpent who was symbolic of Satan himself. (See 2 Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9; 20:2.) Several truths are emphatically taught here: (1) God is not the author of sin. See James 1:13. (2) Sin originally came from without, due to evil suggestion and influence other than that which came from man's own nature.
- 3. Its Subtlety. The diabolical cleverness of Satan is revealed in many ways: (1) Satan approaches the woman when she is alone and without moral support. (2) He excites her curiosity—and unholy curiosity has often been responsible for sin! (3) He raises a doubt concerning God's character; namely, His goodness, implying that God is not good because of the restriction imposed; and His righteousness, implying that God does not mean what He says and is deceiving her. (4) Satan appeals to Eve through the three fundamental desires of mankind which in themselves are not evil: the desire to enjoy thingsshe faces the question of satisfying the normal desire for food in an unlawful manner; the desire to get thingsshe faces the question of obtaining something God had forbidden; the desire to accomplish—she faces the question of accomplishing something contrary to God's purpose and from wrong motives.

II. SIN.

- 1. Its Reality. Today many deny the existence of sin. Genesis 3 establishes it as a hideous and inescapable reality.
- 2. Its Root. Man's desire for self-assertion, his desire to act independently of God, is at the root of all sin.
- 3. Its Responsibility. How Genesis 3 gives the lie to modern views of sin! Man is absolutely responsible for his own sin. There was nothing in Adam's and Eve's environment conducive to sin. They did have ability to sin because of free moral agency; but they did not have tendency to sin. Today sin is no more necessary for us than it was for them. "Sin shall not have dominion over you." We may be victorious through Christ. See Romans 6:1-12.

III. JUDGMENT.

"Be sure your sin will find you out." The principle is written clearly and deeply into the record of this first sin—and of every sin since. As a result of sin, man suffered: (1) The sense of guilt, evidenced in two ways; in the attempt to hide from God, in the attempt to shift the blame. (2) The sentence of condemnation. The divine judgment was: (a) Upon the serpent, degradation; (b) upon the woman, pain, suffering, subjection to man; (c) upon the man, hard labor; (d) upon the ground, comparative unproductiveness.

IV. REDEMPTION.

Thank God, the account of man's fall does not leave us in despair! For we have redemption foreshadowed and symbolized in the story. We see redemption—

- 1. Promised. Genesis 3:15. God promised that the woman's seed (Christ) should bruise the serpent's head (indicating fatality), and that Satan would bruise Christ's heel (indicating a temporary wound—fulfilled at Calvary).
- 2. Pictured. Genesis 3:21. The killing of the innocent animal in order to provide covering for the naked pair was symbolic of the death of the Lamb of God by which man was clothed with divine righteousness through the shed blood.
- 3. Preserved. Genesis 3:22-24. Man was expelled from the Garden to prevent his partaking of the tree of life, in which case he would have lived forever in his fallen state. Thus, expulsion was an act of mercy. The way back is provided through Christ.

—J. Bashford Bishop



LAYNE'S HOSPITALITY HOME-FOR SERVICE MEN

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Chaplain Linzey and men at Home

IN DECEMBER, 1959, LAYNE'S HOSPItality Home for Servicemen, in San Diego, Calif., will observe its nineteenth anniversary.

Over 300,000 servicemen have already enjoyed the benefits of the Home and attended gospel services there. Many have been won to Christ. Irvin R. Rattan, Assemblies of God minister who directs the Home, says that an average of from 10,000 to 14,000 servicemen pass through the Home each year, and that over half of this number are "first timers."

Because it is a *home*, meals and lodging are provided without charge to servicemen visiting there. In 1958, about 7,000 meals were served and over 5,000 men were provided with overnight sleeping accommodations in the spacious, attractive dormitory.

Sunday is always a great day at the Home. Early in the afternoon on Sundays, Director Rattan and a group of servicemen workers go out and invite other servicemen to the Home. They bring the men in off the streets, and at 3 p.m. a devotional service, conducted by a church in the San Diego area, begins. Each service is concluded with an evangelistic appeal and an invitation to accept Christ as personal Saviour.

And God gives the increase! Last year about 2,000 professed Christ through the endeavors of the Home. Those with special problems are invited into the prayer room where other servicemen pray with them. Here souls are saved, many receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and deep consecrations are made.

Later in the afternoon, well after the altar service has closed, there is a fellowship hour on the patio. Light refreshments, usually provided by the church which had charge of the afternoon service, are served.

Not only is Layne's Hospitality Home a place where servicemen may receive help, but it also offers outlets of ministry. It is customary for Director Rattan to gather up a large group of guests in the Home and to go out to an evening service, usually

at the church which has helped in the afternoon activities. In this way the Home becomes a real blessing to the local churches, and at the same time acquaints the servicemen with the Assemblies in the area.

Hundreds of men who found spiritual help and encouragement in Layne's Hospitality Home are showing up each year in various avenues of Christian service. Many of them enter our Bible colleges; every graduating class includes some of them. These former servicemen are now pastoring churches, ministering on the mission field, doing evangelistic work, or serving as consecrated laymen. The spiritual help and blessing they received in the Home is paying off.

Some of the men catch a vision of greater ministry among military personnel. One of these, a young marine, left the armed forces, entered Bible college, went through seminary, and is now doing an outstanding work for God as an army chaplain. He is Chaplain (1st Lt.) Elton Curnutt, stationed at Fort Hood, Tex.

San Diego is a metropolis teeming with military activity. The uniform is a common sight. It would be so easy to see these needy souls simply as a mass of humanity. But those who serve at Layne's Hospitality Home never lose sight of the fact that each uniform, no matter what its color or style, is worn by some mother's son, and each of these sons has an eternal soul. With a hand of service and a heart of love, the doors of Layne's Hospitality Home remain open to every serviceman in the area. The Home is a work of faith, supported by freewill offerings. And it is a work of victory. If you have a friend or acquaintance in the service, in or near San Diego, why not encourage him to visit Layne's Hospitality Home at 1268 Twenty-second Street? He will be ever grateful that he did!



Prayer time



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Dormitory scene

No one knows better than a lonely G.I. in a far-off land what it means to receive-

A Letter From Home

BY STEVE FLORECK



to the Military Assistance Advisory Group Commander, General Edwin S. Hartshorn, in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. He does top secret secretarial and stenographic work.

F YOU KNEW HOW INCALCULABLY A letter from home can raise a fellow's morale, you would write more often to your serviceman.

How can a servant of the Lord, or a devoted wife, sweetheart, relative or close friend, be so heartless as to fail to write a simple—but important—letter? This is a question I have pondered for eight years. Contrary to public opinion, the roughest G. I. is not so tough that he can't have a genuine case of homesickness.

Admittedly, Americans are not fighting an all-out active war. But American service personnel are walking lonely outposts in Iceland guarding American defenses. Crack paratroopers are ready in Germany and the United States to move out completely within

four hours to any spot in the world. The seven seas have submarines and vessels on patrol searching ceaselessly for marauders. Tiny atolls and midway stations have unsung heroes working around the clock on highly classified assignments. All are dedicated to the defense of their country. They took an oath to fight and die, if need be, for the privilege of enjoying life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To be in these forgotten places is to fight!

In a desperate attempt to receive mail, servicemen often resort to answering ads in pulp magazines. They are deluged with free booklets, offers, samples, pornography, brochures, junk, catalogs, magazines, trinkets, lonely heart club appeals, etc. Their friends, their church, their spiritual counsellors, have shamefully neglected them and have unwittingly encouraged them to get correspondence from doubtful sources.

What they really want is to hear from loved ones—the old office gang, the students with whom they shared happy moments in school, the fine church folk who patted them on the back, shook their hands, and wished them Godspeed as they took off for far-away places. But instead, it is too often "out of sight, out of mind."

True, many congregations dutifully remember the service personnel on Sunday morning during devotions. This is commendable and necessary! But what a blessing it would be if on Monday morning they followed up that prayer with an encouraging note.

A simple, honest, straightforward letter from someone dear who cares

enough to take fifteen minutes out of a busy day could do a world of good.

Where would the Christian church be today if the apostles had not written the Gospels, or if Paul had not taken time out to write his letters? And where would the serviceman find his greatest source of solace if the psalmist hadn't written those eloquent words: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...," or the declaration: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee"?

A PFC sat basking in the warm sunshine on his birthday at Fort Knox, Kentucky, one Sunday afternoon. A messenger approached him and informed him that he was to go home on an emergency leave; his mother was dying. While he was en route, that gracious Christian lady made a valiant effort and feebly struggled to write a shaky note on a birthday card.

When the soldier reached the bedside of his cancer-ridden mother, she smiled wanly and handed him the card with a gift of money. The note said, among other things, "Better late than never." A few days later that precious woman-my mother-went to be with the Lord.

The last thing she did with her quivering hands and failing heart was to cheer up her boy by giving him a card and a note. Today, I don't have many of the things she gave me, but I do have that card and a few of her letters which I treasure highly. She still speaks to me through those letters.

I hope the readers of this plea will never have to see the abject look on the face of a serviceman during a mail

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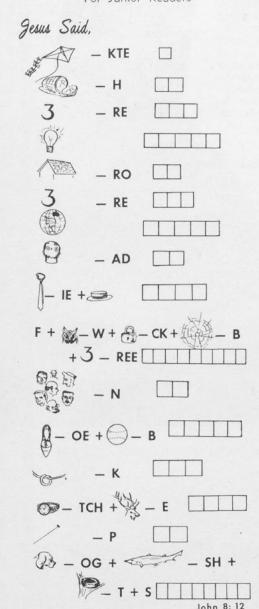
call when he has received nothing. (And at such a time the lowest private and his commanding general feel equally forsaken.)

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I am not writing in an attempt to receive mail for myself. But there are friends of mine in service who might be relatives, church members, or neighbors of yours. They would be pleasantly surprised to hear from you at mail call any time. Please write to them, and do it soon!

PICTURE PUZZLE

For Junior Readers





Monday, July 6

Read: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Learn: "That the trial of your faith... might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) Peter's greeting to the saints, vv. 1, 2; (2) his reminder of God's blessings upon them—a living hope, an incorruptible inheritance, a sure salvation, vv. 3-5; (3) the purpose of testings, vv. 6-9; (4) a reminder of the prophets' inspired writings, their purpose and their place in our lives.

Question Time: Why do Christians undergo trials? (v. 7) What are some of the blessings God has given us? (See above)

Tuesday, July 7

Read: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Learn: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:15).

For the Parent: In this passage Peter: (1) urges intelligent, sober thinking by Christians, v. 13; (2) stresses obedience to God, not the world, v. 14; (3) calls for holiness, vv. 15, 16; (4) reminds Christians of the sufferings of Christ for them, vv. 18-21; (5) reviews the importance of God's Word and its place in the life of the believer—the Word which shall endure forever, vv. 22-25.

Question Time: How is a person saved? (vv. 18, 19) What part does God's Word play in salvation? (v. 23)

Wednesday, July 8

Read: 1 Peter 2:1-8

Learn: "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious" (1 Peter 2:7).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday, especially that pertaining to the Word of God. Then show the place of God's Word in bringing spiritual nourishment to the Christian. Emphasize the importance of reading and studying the Word regularly, vv. 1-3. Also show how Peter likens the believers to the stones of a building, with Christ being the chief corner stone. All others are dependent on Him and on each other. Christ is precious to the believer.

Question Time: To what does Peter liken the Word of God? (v. 2) What does He tell us to get rid of? (v. 1)

Thursday, July 9

Read: Genesis 3:1-10; James 1:13-15

Learn: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Entrance of Sin" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of the first human sin, often referred to as "The Fall." Point out the half-truths of the Tempter, and the progression toward sin by Eve (v. 6). Stress that it is not a sin to be tempted; sin comes in yielding to temptation. From James 1:13-15 discuss the nature of temptation.

Question Time: How did sin enter the human race? (Gen. 3:1-7) How did Adam and Eve then react to God? (v. 8)

Friday, July 10

Read: Matthew 3:16, 17; John 2:11-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:30).

For the Parent: Review the story of the baptism of Jesus, and of His temptation by Satan which followed (Mark 1: 12, 13). Then stress the respect Jesus had for God's house, and the zeal with which He protected it so that it might be used for its rightful purpose—prayer and worship of God. Emphasize the importance of a correct attitude toward God's house—an attitude of reverence and worship.

Question Time: What happened to Jesus after He was baptized? (Mark 1:12, 13) How should we act in God's house?

Saturday, July 11

Read: Acts 5:12-33 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

For the Parent: One of the important things about the Early Church was the desire of its members to tell others about Jesus. From this passage point out: (1) some of the results these believers had, vv. 12-16; (2) the persecution that came to them because of their zeal to tell about Jesus, vv. 17-28; (3) the source of their zeal, v. 29; (4) their message—that of which they were witnesses, vv. 30-33.

Question Time: What was one important thing about the Early Church? (See above) How can we be witnesses for Jesus?

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Just as there are planned projects for winning souls in the uttermost parts of the earth, so there must be special programs to win the Jews in the United States.

Jewish children have very keen minds, and understand the gospel when we tell it to them. Many of them have come to our children's meetings and they seemed to grasp the truths more quickly than most of the Gentile children. But we cannot keep them very long, as their parents object to our Christian teachings, so our main effort must be toward winning the adults.

A little over four years ago the Assemblies of God appointed us as missionaries to the Jews. We did not know one Jew here in Philadelphia. Since then we have seen hundreds of

Jews Find the True Messiah

By MONTY GARFIELD
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jews attend our mission services. Scores have attended the Assemblies of God church with us and a great many have knelt at our altars for salvation. Then they visit off and on until God's Word, which is like a hammer, breaks their hardened hearts. Over twenty have received water baptism in our church and about twelve have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

We use all the full-time and volunteer workers we can get. We distribute thousands of tracts, have two street meetings a week all year round, do door-to-door visitation, and have three services a week in the mission. Our services are so crowded out that we are trying to enlarge our chapel for the second time. Our mission is open all day long. Every day we have Jewish visitors coming and going. All our



The Monty Garfields, workers among the Jewish people in Philadelphia.

Jewish visitors are adults. Very few of them have been in a church before. The support given by Assemblies of God churches and individuals makes it possible for us to reach Jews in this way.

Following are three inspiring testimonies of converted Jews:

"I was born a Jewess. Several years ago I married my husband Mario who was a devout Catholic. I joined the Roman Catholic Church and became a devout Catholic myself. I believed in Jesus but was in darkness concerning the light of the gospel.

"One day an old acquaintance of mine, Herbie Klodel, invited us to the mission. We began to attend the services and to visit the mission daily. One afternoon Brother Garfield invited me to go downstairs in the chapel and pray. I refused, saying, 'I am converted to the Roman Catholic Church and don't want to fall away from that.' As the days went by I went down in the chapel and prayed by myself.



Herbie Klodell beside gospel bus.



Monty Garfield preaches at a street meeting.

"Through the Bible studies and the services in the mission and at Highway Mission Tabernacle, my husband and I have both been saved. Recently my husband received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and I am waiting for the promise of my Heavenly Father.

"My husband had tuberculosis which hindered him in procuring a steady job. The little variety store he operated was failing. Through prayer my husband has been completely healed and has a steady job with the U. S. Government.

"I also had a chronic nervous condition and was taking many pills. Mrs. Garfield prayed for me, and taught me to trust God. Now I am almost completely well.

"My husband was a singer in the Roman Catholic choir and also is an accomplished musician on the guitar. He was an entertainer for worldly affairs. Now he devotes all his time to gospel music. I discovered that Jesus has also given me a voice and a song. Mario and I hope to sing and play for Jesus for the rest of our lives. Both of us were baptized in water at Highway Mission Tabernacle."—Mrs. Leah Del Prato.

"I met Brother Garfield about four years ago at a street meeting. I objected to his testimony of Jesus Christ

because I am a Jew.

"Because of the kindness and love of Brother Garfield and his associates, I began to attend the mission services and go to Highway Mission Tabernacle with them. After about two years I accepted Christ and was born again. No sooner had I testified to this than some denominational missionaries to the Jews whom I had known tried to influence me away from the Pentecostal testimony. I thank God for Messiah Missions to the Jews where I was able to get grounded in the Word of God.

"Now I have full salvation. At Highway Tabernacle I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and also was baptized in water."—Herbert Klodell.

"Although I am a Jewess, I had a hunger for spiritual things. I was in spiritism and other false doctrines professing Christianity. My bread deliverer, John Lanin, who attends the Assemblies of God, told me about Brother Garfield and the Messiah Mission he conducts.

"After many telephone conversations



Brother Garfield presents a visual demonstration on the Passover at a convention

and prayers over a period of months, the Garfields visited my home, where we prayed. I began attending the mission and Highway Mission Tabernacle services. Now I am born again. I was baptized in water at Highway and am seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. My son also has been saved.

"I travel over forty miles each Sunday to attend Highway and the mission services. Thank God for a place where I can learn more about Jesus Christ, my Lord, and exercise my faith."—Sadie Simons.

* * *

Doors for evangelizing the Jews have been opened for us in New York and New Jersey. The apostle Paul said he was "all things to all men." If we are to follow his example it will take more financial support and more laborers. The Jews are hungry for the gospel and could be reached if there were more missions and laborers in the vineyard.

Jews stop, listen, and eagerly accept literature and New Testaments at our street meetings. If we do not reach them with the gospel of the love of Christ, the enemy will reach them with false doctrines.

Remember us and our workers in prayer that we may have added strength for the task that lies before us.

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Editor's Note: A new mission house is urgently needed in the Philadelphia area where Monty Garfield ministers among the Jews. Your offering, clearly designated for this worthy project, may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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PRESENT WORLD

Habits

DRUG ADDICTION SAID TO BE DECLINING

The number of drug addicts in the U.S. is declining, according to the Federal Commissioner of Narcotics. He attributed this heartening situation to the Narcotics Control Act passed by Congress in 1956 which increased the federal penalties for selling narcotics and centralized the reporting of addicts.

The most recent total is 45,692 addicts, he said. Over two-thirds of these are in New York, Illinois, and California. The two major foreign sources for narcotics are the Near East and Communist China. An authority on the Far East has said that the Communist Government of China is suppressing the use of opium in that country but is actively promoting the smuggling of the dope into the U. S. and other free countries in order to weaken the western world.

KOREANS BAN KISSING, KILLING ADS

The Korean government has recently banned movie advertisements showing scenes of kissing, passionate embracing, or killing.

The Education Ministry, in a drive against juvenile delinquency, decreed that advertisements showing exposure of the female body above the knee or below the shoulder would be taboo, as would be portrayals of cowboys aiming guns.

America could well afford to follow the Korean example.

RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS FIND COMMON GROUND AGAINST SMOKING

Dr. Ivan Vasilevich Strelchuk, assistant director of Higher Nervous Activity in Russia, told an Associated Press science writer, Alton Blakeslee, that people "who smoke and drink age faster, and they don't live as long as those who don't."

Dr. Strelchuk, described as an authority on alcoholism and drug addiction, declared: "Smoking shortens life, but I don't know by just how much.

My studies indicate that cigars are especially bad. Smokers are ten times more likely to get cancer of the lung than nonsmokers."

Scientists in the United States, Great Britain, and Russia seem to agree on at least one subject.

Israel

BIBLE INTEREST GROWING IN ISRAEL

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and of the World Zionist Organization, recently highlighted the significant influence of the Bible on the young people in Israel.

"Past generations of Jews," he said, "were more preoccupied with the Talmud and Talmudic literature than with the Bible. To Israel's children, even those wholly devoid of religious sentiment, the Bible has become a subject of profoundest interest and greatest fascination... as if the many generations of the Dispersion had been an interlude, to be forgotten if it cannot be erased." Living in the land of the Bible has made the Scriptures a living Book.

JEWS "SELL" LAND TO ARAB TO CIRCUM-VENT SABBATICAL YEAR OBSERVANCE

An Arab sheik in Jerusalem has become the richest man in Israel after "buying" hundreds of thousands of acres of Jewish farmland on a temporary basis under unique terms.

The Jewish year which began last fall is designated on their calendar as the Sabbatical year or "shemita" when the land is supposed to rest according to Leviticus 25:4, 5. In a scheme to keep the soil in production, the chief rabbinate urged the people to "sell" their landholdings (fictitiously) to the Arab sheik for the period of one year. They reasoned that the land could then be worked by the people since it would not technically belong to Jewish interests!

The intensive campaign by the rabbinate resulted in the "selling" of parks and public gardens by twenty cities, and even small garden plots owned by city residents changed hands for the prescribed period. However, many Jewish people were outraged by the manipulations as an obvious effort to circumvent the Law they pretended to be keeping.

A commentator wonders if the plagues of locusts, sandstorms, and drought now buffeting the Middle East may be God's way of enforcing the "shemita" the people are pretending to observe.

HARPISTS TO MEET AT DAVID'S TOMB

The world's leading harpists will meet September 10 in Israel at the legendary tomb of King David, the most celebrated harpist in history. Virtuosos from seven countries will act as judges in a contest for young harpists from the United States, Argentina, Britain, and several other lands.

Missions

NEAR EAST PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS BECOME INDIGENOUS

All Presbyterian missions in Syria and Lebanon were transferred to the local church, the National Evangelical Synod, at a formal ceremony in Beirut.

Presbyterian schools, colleges, hospitals, and other property gradually will pass to the ownership of Christian Arabs. In the future, missionaries will be known as "fraternal workers."

Presbyterian members in the United States will continue to give about \$350,000 a year to support the work.

LAY LEADER, BACK FROM ORIENT, PLEADS FOR MISSIONARY ACTION

T. E. McCully, executive secretary of Christian Business Men's Committee International, has just returned from a two-month tour of the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, and he pleads for Christian Americans to meet two critical world needs immediately.

"First of all," McCully said, "America must awaken to the urgent need for getting out the right kind of literature to combat Communism."

Then he made a plea especially to

young businessmen: "Make yourselves available to go to these countries where millions have never heard the gospel. You can continue your business, but lay hold of these golden opportunities to serve Christ in this way. The fields of the world are wide open, but they may close at any time. May God give us a new sense of our solemn and neglected task."

"The lost chord in Christianity," he added, "is sacrifice. May God help you and me to stay at Calvary's Cross long enough to realize that He was not willing that any should perish, that my Saviour included these millions in the sweep of His Jove and sacrifice."

Miscellaneous

BRETHREN CHURCH DEDICATES NEW **HEADQUARTERS**

A new \$1,623,000 world headquarters building for the Church of the Brethren was dedicated at Elgin, Ill., "to the glory of God and our neighbors' good." The sleek glass, steel, and granite structure is located on a 26-acre plot on the edge of the city.

SUNDAY ELECTION BILL ABANDONED

The legislative proposal to change election day from Tuesday to Sunday, sponsored by Senator William Langer of North Dakota, has been abandoned. The controversial bill, opposed by religious bodies, brought an avalanche of unfavorable mail from people who cherish the Lord's Day as a time for worship.

LIBERALS GROUPS TO MERGE

Merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America "at the earliest feasible date" was approved three-to-one by local churches and fellowships, in a nationwide plebiscite. Negotiations for the union of 105,000 Unitarians and 75,000 Universalists in a new body, to be known as the United Liberal Church, have been under way for four years. Both groups deny the divinity of Christ.

NOT "DOCTOR," JUST "MR." GRAHAM

Evangelist Billy Graham told a press conference in Australia that "I will not be addressed as 'Dr.' Graham because I am not a doctor."

Mr. Graham went on to explain, "It is true that several universities have honored me with degrees, but they have been given. I have not earned them. I am to be referred to as Mr. Graham or, preferably, Billy Graham."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

. . . LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

- MORAL CONDITIONS IN THE U. S. GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN, judging by the latest statistics released from Washington, D. C.
- THE F. B. I. REPORTED A 13 PER CENT INCREASE in aggravated assualts during the first guarter of 1959, as compared with the same threemonth period of last year. The crime of rape increased by 11 per cent during the same period, while burglaries and thefts also showed a gain.
- ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS ALSO HIT A NEW HIGH. The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare released figures for 1957 a few days ago to show that at least 201,700 unmarried mothers in this country gave birth to live babies during the year. It said this was an increase of 8,200 over the previous twelve months. Among white mothers, illegitimate births represented about one in fifty. Among non-white mothers, illegitimate births averaged more than one in five. About 40 per cent of the illegitimate babies were born to teenage mothers.
- THERE IS A TREND TOWARD YOUNGER MARRIAGE. The Population Reference Bureau, a private research agency in Washington, says that nearly half of America's brides in 1958 were teen-age girls. Last year 45 per cent of brides marrying for the first time, and 13 per cent of the grooms, were less than 20 years old. The average age of marriage in the U.S. now is 23 for men and only 20 for women.
- SOMETHING BETTER THAN TRANQUILIZERS was suggested last week for victims of insomnia. The president of the American Lutheran Church told a Minnesota audience that the best way to get a good night's rest is to confess one's sins to God in prayer and to accept His forgiveness. Then, he added, "you can roll over and go right to sleep."
- THE MAYOR'S EFFORTS TO STOP A SUNDAY FURNITURE FAIR on the State Fair Grounds at Columbus, Ohio, won support from the Ohio Attorney General, Mark McElroy. Mr. McElroy ruled that parks and state and county fairs that operate on Sunday are violating Ohio's "Blue laws."
- A BILL TO BAN CAR SALES IN WISCONSIN ON SUNDAYS was passed by the State House and Senate and sent to the governor. The only car dealers exempt under the new measure are those who observe Saturday as the Sabbath and who close on that day.
- EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IN SOUTH KOREA marked the ninth anniversary of the Communist invasion of their homeland with a week of prayer for North Korea, culminating in public prayer services on June 25. Although 500 ministers were killed and 1,700 churches destroyed by the invaders, the Christians obeyed the Bible's command to pray for their enemies.
- ENROLLMENT IN JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS in the U.S. is at an all-time peak. A seven-year study, just completed, shows there were 553,600 Jewish children and youths aged five through 17 enrolled in Jewish schools during the past school year. This was an increase of 131.2 per cent over 1948.

Flood Creates Emergency in Uruguay

The recent devastating flood which swept clear across Uruguay and into Brazil left hundreds of families in a state of destitution. The disaster severely affected the Assemblies of God work, destroying church property and the personal possessions of the local Christians.

We quote missionary Paul M. Pugh's recent letter:

"Here at Casilla de Correo (Uruguay) we have had no communication with the outside for over a week: no telephone, telegraph, bus, train or plane service. The town of Paysandu has been completely isolated until emergency trains were sent through with Red Cross supplies for feeding over 7,000 people who were forced to evacuate their homes. One hundred city blocks have been inundated. The water reached at least one mile into the city of Paysandu, about two blocks from the first commercial buildings downtown. The official flood stage they had on record was 11.35 over the normal flood which means about 37 feet —the highest flood level in the history of the area. The water is now beginning to recede, bringing into view the terrible destruction.

"Two of our Assemblies of God families had their brick homes completely demolished by the waters. The home of another family was badly damaged when the water nearly reached the ceiling. Three more families will not be able to return to their homes for several months. Fortunately, we missionaries were far enough away from the river to escape damage.

"The house we rented for the Wilkies vas a great blessing since the Chricans had nowhere to go. At present twenty-one of our church people are occupying it. Another twenty-four members have taken refuge in the church and Sunday School rooms. Including our family there are fifty people living under two roofs.

"For several days our water has been cut off; you can imagine what it is like carrying water two blocks to supply the needs for washing, cooking, etc. The Red Cross supplies soup twice a day but there has been no milk for the babies and small children. All the schools are closed. The public buildings are filled with displaced persons. Tomorrow is the last day there will be flour, since the mills were so close to the water that supplies are now worthless. There is still meat in the markets but vegetables and fruits are becoming scarce because of no transportation. Canned foods are skyhigh in price.

"Nearly every type of work is at a standstill. We have had rain for almost a month and it continues to rain days at a time. Please announce this urgent need so that some of our American churches will help out.

"In spite of the flood we have held Sunday School and church, although the services have to close at seven in the evening because of an electric power shortage. It is touching to see the faces of our people in the services. One fine young couple had just finished building a new home—after waiting years to get enough money to build it. Then they saw it flooded with water.

"Until the flood came, our attendance had been the best we ever had. Every Sunday we had to bring in extra benches from the Sunday School rooms. In spite of everything there is a steady growth and a good spirit among the people, but we need help immediately for those who have lost most of their personal possessions."

Please send all contributions to the Foreign Missions Department designated "For Paul Pugh—Flood Relief."



The new boys' dormitory building at Assiut, Egypt

FAITH REWARDED AT ASSIUT

By Lillian Trasher

I AM VERY PROUD OF OUR NEW SCHOOL building. How I wish you could see it! When the cornerstone was laid, by faith, on September 27, 1958, we only had money for the foundation (see November 16, 1958 Evangel). We continued to build as funds were sent in. Now this lovely three-story building is finished and, best of all, it is paid for. God wonderfully supplied the

money through you dear friends of Assiut Orphanage.

The total cost of the building, including some materials we had on hand, was about \$15,000. We had so desperately needed this new building, for the boys' classrooms were terribly crowded. Three and four little boys had to sit on a bench meant for two. Now we have two floors of new,





The Sidney Bryant family

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre are home from Spain. Their address is % Lloyd Mc-Intyre, Cando, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Erickson arrived the last of April from Peru. Their address is 401 W. Olive Street, Turlock, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ahlberg reached the United States on April 27 from the Philippines and are making their home in Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Anna Tomasek is home from India.

bright, cheerful classrooms-but need benches for them before school opens in September. The benches will cost \$5 each.

The third floor of the new building will be used as a bedroom for boys. We will need fifty new beds, which will cost \$10 each. We will make the benches and beds in our own workshop as soon as money for materials comes in.

The need for benches and beds is a pressing one for our family keeps on growing. The last count was 1,270. We have never had so many. I believe you will want to help us provide benches and beds for the little ones God has entrusted to our care.

Offerings to meet this need should be designated "Benches and beds for the Assiut Orphanage," and sent to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

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The Emery Snyder family

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Miss Lydia Graner has arrived from India and her address is 136 Howard Street, Fresno,

Miss Mildred Ginn is home from India. Her address is Route 2, Box 1086, Vista, Calif.

Miss Inez Kreiss has returned on furlough from India and is making her home at 7106-A Halliday Ave., Oakland 5, Calif.

W. Lawrence Perrault has returned from Haiti and can be reached % Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar R. Guynes of Malaya are home. Their address is % D. W. Smith, P. O. Box 993, Dayton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richards and Mrs. Anna Scoble of South Africa have returned on furlough and their present address is 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Long and family are on furlough from India. Their address is Mission Village, Box 720, Route 5, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Emma Decker has returned to Germany. She sailed from New York on May 15:

Mr. and Mrs. Emory J. Snyder and daughter sailed for India, leaving New York on May 22.



Emma Decker

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bryant and family returned to India, departing on May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hurst of East Africa are the proud parents of Jan Bradley, born

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Frivold wish to inform their friends of their new address which is 6-1 Chome, Nanmei Cho, Chikusa Ku, Nagoya Shi, Japan.

The new address of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hymes is Hon Cho 7, Chome, Mombetsu Shi, Hokkaido, Japan.

Miss Ethel King, for many years a missionary to India, and recently retired in Australia, event Home to be with the Lord on May 21.

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

April 1959

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Total Amount Reported \$\ \tag{\$355,675.40}\$ District Funds \$\ \text{National Home Missions} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Alabama \$ 2,303.42 Appalachian	Northwest Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Polish Br. Potomac Rocky Mtn. Russian Br. S. Carolina S. Dakota S. Florida S. California S. N. England S. Texas S. Idaho S. Missouri Span. Eastern Tennessee Ukrainian Br. W. Central W. Florida W. Texas WisN. Mich Wyoming Alaska Canada Hawaii Foreign Miscellaneous	26,971.85 10,974.08 15,807.87 11,365.89 125.00 7,385.43 9,554.49 54.00 1,206.85 1,508.11 9,593.88 42,610.73 4,253.14 9,896.76 1,972.91 8,653.32 323.75 3,680.46 136.79 5,205.75 2,586.21 3,998.18 6,003.50 768.15 407.29 562.25 726.89 504.63 321,90
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DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel\$	138,843.78
Missionary Equipment	62,128.63
Missionary Work	59,371.62
	7,996.46
	4,355.09
Buildings in Foreign Lands	47,098.93
Missionary Transportation	39,032.80

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The Unfinished Speech

By W. H. SCHAFFER

that he did not care to live any longer under his father's roof, so he asked for his share of the family fortune. A few days later he started out for distant lands with packed bags and a wallet full of money. Disdaining the good instruction he had received at home, he indulged in many sinful pleasures. At last his money was all spent, and with it went his new-found "friends."

Crop failures in this country made work hard to get. The only available job was feeding pigs for board and room. The room was with the pigs and the board was whatever he could retrieve from that which was thrown to the pigs. One day he surveyed his situation, took account of his vanishing assets, and came to the correct conclusion that he was bankrupt.

But there was one little ray of hope in the darkness of his despair. He remembered that his father had a host of hired servants. And he decided that if he could only get back home and apply for a job as a servant, he would at least be in better company, and certainly the bill of fare would be more appetizing. But going back home and applying for a job as a hired servant was not going to be easy. So between pig feedings he worked hard on a speech to deliver to his father.

After several attempts, he condensed it to this: "Father, I have sinned against

heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." It was brief and to the point. After all, his father might not take time to listen to any more.

At last he reached the brow of the last hill and could faintly see the outline of the familiar trees, the house, and the barn. It wasn't that the distance was so great, but he had lost keenness of sight through dissipation in the far country. For the last time he paused to review his speech. He had gone over it often, but he wanted to be sure to have it exactly to the point, especially that last part: "—and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

His eyes were so dimmed by the dissipating "pleasures of sin" which he had enjoyed "for a season," that he did not recognize the figure of a man on the housetop scanning the horizon. Day after day, night after night, his father had spent long hours in prayer and in watching for the return of his son. His vision was sharpened with longing and he was quick to recognize that bedraggled, forlorn, helpless form as that of his son. He rushed down the steps and along the road to meet the boy.

There was nothing strained about the meeting. The father simply "fell on his neck and kissed him." As they started down the road toward home, the son carefully began his speech:

"Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son—." He never finished that speech! His father cut it short with an order to the servants: "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

What a picture this is of God's salvation! Men have been receiving so many wonderful things from the hands of God, but have been dissipating themselves until, like the Prodigal, some "come to themselves." They remember the Giver of all good things, and determine to make things right. Some think that if they can only get into the good graces of God sufficiently to be a servant, they will be satisfied. Little do they realize that they too will never finish that speech! The Word of God assures all those who make an honest confession of their sins before God and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour that they will not be called "servants" but "sons." For "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). And "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1, 2).

Why will men who have sinned against heaven and earth continue to live in the mire and filth of the world when they could be a son in the Father's household? The Heavenly Father is still waiting to put His loving arms around you, plant kisses of affection on your cheeks, place the robe of His righteousness on your shoulders, and give you many good gifts. He wants to announce to the household of heaven that he who was dead in trespasses and sins is now alive, not as a servant only, but as a son with all the privileges of sonship.

-The Brethren Missionary Herald



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Revivaltime Originates in Edmonton, Canada

BY C. M. WARD

Radio Network Evangelist

T WAS OUR PRIVILEGE TO MINISTER for a few days in Canada recently. Pastor R. W. Taitinger of the Edmonton Pentecostal Tabernacle, our host, says of this schedule of meetings: "It was a time all of us here shall long remember. It was good having you and the members of the Revivaltime team with us in this northwestern city. Our ushers and the management of the Jubilee Auditorium assure us that 2,200 people were present for the broadcast service which you originated from this city as a preliminary to your final service with us Sunday night, May 3. No one will forget the service or the ministry of the Revivaltime team for a long time to come."

This outside origination was a long way from our main base for the dispersement of the broadcast service over the facilities of scores of American Broadcasting Company stations—the main bases being Chicago and New York—but the live broadcast came through without a second's hesitation, thanks to the capable services of the

Canadian Broadcasting Company engineers. Incidentally, their equipment was the finest!

The volunteer choir for the occasion was made up from co-operating Assemblies in the city. A thirty-piece, all-male band from the German Assembly ministered to the crowd before the broadcast and in the auditorium evangelistic service which followed. W. E. McAlister, General Chairman of the Assemblies in Canada, sent his personal greetings and best wishes for the success of the broadcast. Until sickness cancelled his trip, he had planned to be there personally.

Strong churches ministering to the foreign-language groups of this big Canadian city co-operated fully in our visit to Edmonton; namely, Pastor D. Baker's German congregation and Pastor W. Melnychuk's Slavic congregation. Other churches co-operating with the origination of the broadcast were: The Jasper Place Church, Edmonton, J. C. O'Brien, pastor; Idylwylde Church in Edmonton, P. B. Houghton,

pastor; Leduc, J. Cooke, pastor; Thorsby, R. Dowburst, pastor; Stoney Plain, V. Lawrence, pastor; and Calmar, M. Kutny, pastor.

S. R. Tilton, District Superintendent for the Province of Alberta, was the co-host for the broadcast and the visit of the *Revivaltime* Team to that part of Canada.

It was the speaker's delightful privilege to give the main address for the graduation ceremonies at the Canadian Northwest Bible Institute for the second time within the past three years. These ceremonies were also held in Edmonton's big, new Jubilee Auditorium.

Other members of the Revivaltime Team present at Edmonton were T. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director for the Revivaltime ministry; D. V. Hurst, National Secretary for Revivaltime; and Cyril McLellan, who trained the choir for the network broadcast. These men enjoyed a very busy schedule of services within the Edmonton area including the Men's Fellowship banquet, youth rallies, and Sunday morning services in the co-operating Assemblies.

All of us agreed that we cannot remember ministering in a more beautifully equipped auditorium than the Jubilee Auditorium of Edmonton. It lent itself ideally for this great rally effort, and a wonderful group of souls found Christ as their Saviour at the close of the evangelistic service. Every dollar of the cost was met in a gracious wave of giving as the hundreds of Canadian friends became partners in this *Revivaltime* ministry.

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The Revivaltime congregation in the Jubilee Auditorium

The platform scene during the live Edmonton broadcast



THE CROSS...

By J. R. Flower

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in Tarsus, for the veil has been drawn over those formative years, but it is quite possible that some of the suffering described in 2 Corinthians 11 took place in his home city. Paul expected suffering, understood its value, and, strange to say, actually gloried in it, for he testified in 2 Corinthians 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake."

Taking pleasure in such things is very remote from the thinking of most of us. I venture to say there are few in this graduating class who are looking forward with anticipation to reproaches and persecutions. It is quite possible that some will experience necessities, for the going will become hard, and our consecration will be tested severely as we endeavor to fulfill our calling. Actually, we should be prepared for the whole gamut of unpleasantnesses, for they will come to all of us whether we welcome them or not. And when they come, let us rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake.

In reading the lives of great saints, one becomes aware of a single pattern in them all-each story is an account of God's refining process, as He seeks for the silver in each life that will reflect His image. Real fellowship with Christ changes men and women "into 'the same image from glory to glory." Who of us ever had a real interview with the Crucified and came away with the same strutting self intact? God has a way of making the stubborn reasonable, the weak strong, the proud humble, the timid bold with the authority of heaven.

It is well said that the true minister is more than the reciter of a creed, the conformist to a Christian custom, the wearer of a hallowed habit. He is the bearer of the "stigmata"-somewhere about him you will see the marks of the cross.

Some years ago, my good wife was struck with the import of the statement, "God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas-but for scars." Inspired by that thought, she wrote:

"God make me strong to choose the rugged path

Against the way of fleshly ease; For in God's service many ways there

For all to choose—but some will fail to see.

Know not the crown of glorified faith-

Is unto those whose opened eyes con-

The spit-path of the Lowly Nazarene

Their portion now-stretching be-

God's present call and future rich reward.

"God make me strong to shun the pleasing way

That gratifies the fleshly will,

Seeking for plaudits from the hand of man

And human sanction to self's cherished plan.

O blessed road of self-renouncing love, Dead to all impulse save God's thought and move,

Called to a ministry of suffering com-

That other lives may smell His savor

And know the fullness of His grace.

"God make me strong to now refuse the crown-

Its weight would only fetter me From running swiftly in the race divine A stripping full, complete, the portion

He speaks, they who have lost shall find

Their lives in fruitfulness of heart and mind.

(Bread-corn must still be bruised to satisfy.)

God make me strong to choose the cross.

And when my armor is laid down Receive from Him the all-enduring crown."

And now, let us return to that astounding prediction made to the disciple Ananias, "He shall bear my name before kings." It is doubtful that Paul ever took that prediction seriously, although he was ready to preach the gospel to all men, both small and great. If he had taken the prediction seriously, he might have tried by his own efforts to bring the prediction to pass. Actually, he was too busy keeping in step with the plans of his Lord for his service, moving from place to place

as he was directed or led by the Spirit of God. All this time he was under spiritual discipline, whether or not he was conscious of it, for the climactic venture of his life. He was destined to appear before kings in due time, but the circumstances which would bring him into that ministry were unknown to him.

When he determined to visit Jerusalem, and set his face in that direction, he was sure of only one thing -the Holy Ghost witnessed everywhere that bonds and afflictions awaited him. These warnings, instead of deterring him, served to strengthen his determination to proceed to Jerusalem as planned. When the elders of the church would have restrained him, he declared boldly, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy."

We are all familiar with the story of his arrival in Jerusalem and his apprehension in the temple by the Roman captain, who rescued him from the enraged mob which would have beaten him to death because of the rumor that he had defiled the temple by taking Gentiles into it.

From that time on, Paul was to be a prisoner. He refused to recognize that he was a prisoner of the Roman authorities, but maintained that he was a prisoner of Christ. Only such a conviction could carry him through the following two years before his journey to Rome.

The supreme test of his faith came when he was incarcerated in a Caesarean jail for two full years. Could it be the will of God for him to be laid on the shelf, and deprived of a ministry to the multitudes? But God's ways are not always our ways, and Paul knew that fact well. If God could be satisfied with and even arrange for this inactivity, then Paul could afford to rest and be content.

Paul, in the days before his conversion, had hailed many men and women before the magistrates and had testified against them. He may have been reminded of the past and therefore accepted his own arrest and imprisonment with equanimity. But however that may have been, his imprisonment did not sour his disposition nor destroy his faith. When his release finally came there was no evidence that his prison experience had hurt him spiritually. He was still on (Continued on next page)

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Yellville	Snow	July 5—		Hugh May
Calif.	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	July 12—		Clyde Henson
	Walnut Creek	* First	July 13-20	Virgil & Edythe Warens	
	Weott	** A of G	June 24-July 5	Virgil & Edythe Warens	
Colo.	Clifton	A of G	July 5-19	Willie M. Stevens	I. E. Austell
	Colorado Sprgs.	Knob Hill	July 5—	Leo & Emma Walker	
Ga.	Americus	A of G	July 8—		E. O. Cordle
	Barnesville	A of G	July 5-18		Marcus Gilbert
III.	Quincy	Bethel	July 5-12	Singing Davis Party	
Ind.	Ft. Wayne	A of G	July 12-26	Tommy Barnett	
	Indianapolis	Parkway	July 12-26	Hildreth Ethridge	
	Shelburn	*** A of G (Sec. 10)	The state of the s	Billy Wolfe	
Iowa	Boone	Christian Tab.	July 7-19	R. W. Hastie Family	
	Ft. Dodge	First		R. W. Hastie Family	
Minn.	Granada	A of G		Musical Vander Ploegs	
Miss.	Laurel	Kingston	July 12-26	Chas. McLeod & wife	Frank H. Beard
Mo.	Columbia	First	July 7-17	Bob Olson	Chas. A. Parker
	Grandview	A of G	July 1-Aug. 2	Paul E. Riggs	Cecil Welch
Okla.	Okla. City	Rockwood	June 21—	Marcus Alexander	
Oreg.	Crescent City	A of G	June 30-July 12	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	D. L. Rhodes
S. C.	Charleston Hghts.	Glad Tidings	July 7-19	John Eller	C. D. Howze
S. Dak.	Huron	A of G	July 8-19	Christian Hild & wife	E. A. North
Tex.	El Paso	*** First	July 7-20	Richard Jeffery	Wm. F. Hageman
	W. Columbia	A of G	July 12-	Joseph DeGrado	B. B. Hankins
Canada	London, Ont.	*** Gosp. Temple	July 12-Aug. 2	McColl-Gerard Team	D. A. Emmons
Hawaii	Hilo	**** Glad Tidings	July 12-24	Fred & Gladys Voight	Peter Funk
Jamaica	Kingston	Gospel Temple	July 12-26	B. R. Minton	Cyril Huckerby
* Children's Revival & ** Children's Revival *** Tent Revival **** Children's & Youth Revival Workers Training					

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THE CROSS (Continued)

speaking terms with his Christ, was still receiving instructions for his own welfare and those journeying with him, could still perform miracles and have revival meetings. His prison experience actually served to mellow him in preparation for his ministry in Rome and a witness before Caesar himself.

As members of this graduating class you have come to the end of your school years at Central Bible Institute. You have walked through its halls, sat in its classes, shared in the chapel services and in outstation work. CBI has endeavored to give you the best training available for Christian work. But over and above that objective has been the purpose to build Christian character in your lives. There has been a good influence in the chapel services, and the ministries rendered by members of the faculty and visiting ministers have been profitable and will long be remembered. Whatever you may have absorbed from these ministries will be reflected in your experience in the years to come.

Our prayers will follow you in the trust that you may bear the marks of the crucified and risen Redeemer wherever you may go.

Do All Things Really Work Together for Good?

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who disciplines his children for their own good. Yes, when at last we bear perfectly the likeness of Jesus, we will confess that the logic of divine love was infinitely above and beyond our human logic. To be like Jesus, we will understand eventually, is the only true and abiding good.

THE RESTRICTIVE PHRASE

Notice one other fact implicit in this text. The promise embraces only those "who love God" and are "the called according to his purpose." Thus, before we attempt to appropriate this shining guarantee we must be utterly sure that we come within the category Paul describes. And how may we determine whether we are in this category? Very simply! Have we in simplest trust accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour, acting upon the gracious invitation, "Whosoever will may come"? Have we looked to Calvary and beheld there the convincing demonstration of divine love? If so, then the promise applies to us-but not otherwise!

Perhaps you have been embittered by some of your experiences. Perhaps you have hardened yourself against Jesus Christ. Perhaps you have resolved to live in icy defiance, refusing to obey His pleading. I would beseech you to lift your eyes to Calvary, where on a bloody cross your Creator in agony and brokenheartedness perished for your sins and mine.

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Finding God's Will

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the Lord by the experiences through which he passed, his life would have become one of doubt and defeat. But because his life was given to God, whatever changes life brought to him his fidelity to God was unchanged.

If your heart and life are wholly consecrated, believe you are in the will of God until God shows you differently. This is the secret of joyful service. It is our adversary who would keep our minds in uncertainty and our hearts doubtful and distressed. We are children of God, guided by the indwelling Comforter. Believing that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," we may go forward rejoicing in the Lord our Saviour.

POINTING INDIANS TO CHRIST

CAUGHNAWAGA, Quebec, Canada—For three weeks (July 5-25) we plan a tent campaign on the Caughnawaga Indian Reservation near Montreal, Quebec. Prayer is requested for this evangelistic effort.

David Wilkerson will be the evangelist for the first three nights. Last April he conducted a special service here, and he is burdened to win the teen-agers who frequent the local dance hall. Many lives young and old are being wasted by drink.

Another guest speaker during this tent campaign will be Andrew Maracle. Please pray for these meetings.

-Rodger A. Cree, Pastor of Caughnawaga Pentecostal Indian Assembly.

WITH CHRIST

AUBRY DALE ASHBURN, 27, San Diego, Calif., went to be with Christ May 8, 1959. Brother Ashburn, who was ordained last March, co-pastored the Glad Tidings Church of All Nations in San Diego. He was killed in an automobile accident at Grant's Pass, Oreg. Brother Ashburn is survived by his wife and one child.

EUGENE R. HUFF, 29, Kenosha, Wis. passed from this life on May 24, 1959, after preaching the gospel for eleven years. He was ordained in the Illinois District in 1955. He was pastor at Lombard, Ill. from 1953 to 1957. He is survived by his wife and three small children.



Spotlight on Evangelism

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▶ HARVARD, ILL.—One of the greatest moves of God has been experienced in the Assembly here during a five-week revival with the Lyle Huff Evangelistic Team. At least 15 received salvation, many were reconsecrated, and new converts were filled with the Holy Spirit. As the blessing fell each night a special anointing rested upon Evangelist Huff, and upon Bruce Packey at the organ and piano. The Sunday services ran over 100 in attendance. A great refreshing was felt in all departments of the church.

-Dale De Garmo, Pastor

►ELK CITY, OKLA.—A most profitable revival campaign has just been concluded at First Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Ken George. The messages and the fine gospel music and singing were a real blessing. Several visitors attended the meetings. Truly this was a time of spiritual refreshing for the church, and eternity alone will reveal the results.

-Joe Calabrese, Pastor

- ► COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—Evangelist and Mrs. V. H. Ray of Muskogee, Okla., concluded a very successful evangelistic effort here in the First Assembly of God. There were some very precious tarrying services as hungry hearts were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was revived and blessed under the anointed preaching. —C. E. Turner, Pastor
- LANCASTER, TEX.—In the month of March the First Assembly here had one of the best if not the best revivals it has experienced. The E. C. Briggs Evangelistic Party of Fort Worth conducted the meetings. Fourteen were saved, five reclaimed, and four filled with the Holy Spirit. Several factors contributed to the revival. Early morning prayer meetings were conducted for three weeks and God answered prayer. The burden for the lost that was carried by the evangelists also played a great part. The faithfulness of the congregation also contributed greatly to the revival. To God be the glory! -Herbert Corpany, Jr., Pastor
- MF BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW CHURCH

OSAGE, W. Va.—Our Men's Fellowship, a new organization for Bailey Mission, recently broke ground for a new church building. Most of our walls are up and the men are doing the construction work in their spare time. We thank the Lord for His blessing among us. Our average attendance at Sunday School in March 1958 was 79. By last March it had grown to 103 and in April it was 110.—Loran Davis, Pastor.

- ▶ RUSTON, LA.—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed 14 nights of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Reed. Everyone was refreshed and inspired by the messages in sermon and song. Several new people visited the church for the first time. Some sought the Lord for salvation and the fullness of the Spirit, God was good to His people in t is time of revival. —K. C. Piker, Pastor
- ▶ ILLMO, MO.—Twelve were at the altar for salvation and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit during a very successful revival campaign here with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredricktown, Mo. The entire church was blessed through these meetings.

 —A. M. Roberts, Pastor
- ▶ ATLANTA, GA.—The Northwest Assembly of God just concluded a very successful revival of three weeks duration with Evangelist Larry Holcombe of Birmingham, Ala. Fifteen were saved and many were blessed in this great meeting. On the first Sunday of the revival there were 219 in attendance in Sunday School.
- Note that the spirit with the movings and workings of the Holy Spirit. The crowds were the largest ever to attend the meeting bere. The church will not soon forget this time of spiritual awakening.

—Delma Whitehead, Pastor

-M. G. Barfield, Pastor

▶ BROOKVILLE, PA.—The Lord visited the First Assembly of God with a gracious revival during the month of April under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell. Due to the great interest, the meetings were extended for a third week. Some 29 were saved or reclaimed, and many new folk attended the services. The spiritual tide is at an all-time high as a result of the meetings. The Sunday School reached the highest point in the six and one-half year history of the church, averaging 105 during a six-week period. To God be all the praise and glory!

-Vernon Boyer, Pastor

- ▶ BILLINGS, MONT.—The First Assembly here recently enjoyed 10 days of meetings with Evangelist Christian Hild. Over 250 new people visited the church for the first time and a goodly number of first-time decisions for Christ were recorded. The impact of the meeting will be felt for some time to come. On April 5 a new Sunday School record attendance of 320 was established. —W. A. Buck, Pastor
- ► CENTERBURG, OHIO—The Assembly here just concluded one of the best revivals in its history with Evangelist James Tucker. At least 20 found Christ as their Saviour, five were reclaimed, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many received healing touches. One man who had been blind for eight years could count the lights and windows in the church auditorium after being prayed for. With each passing day his eyesight is becoming more normal. Many new contacts were made during the meetings and during a five-week period in March and April the Sunday School attendance record was broken four times. - Donald R. Steele, Pastor



Sunday School attendance during Christian Hild campaign in Billings, Mont.

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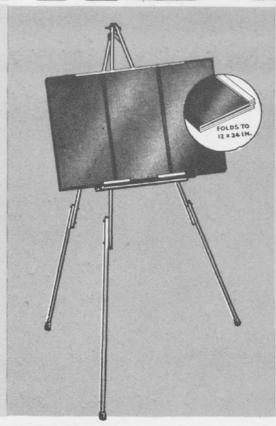
This is a condensation of the book PLOUGHED UNDER by Amy Carmichael. It tells the story of a girl in India who, because missionaries went to her town, came to know the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. Colored visual aid figures are included for a thorough presenta-2 EV 744

CHOSEN BEFORE HE KNEW IT by Frances M. Phair

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Their Job Is Looking Up

By WARREN F. McPHERSON

It was the most interesting, most fascinating experience I have ever had! I refer to the recent trip I made as a guest of the U.S. Air Force to be the "preaching missioner" for a series of meetings at radar stations. What I saw and heard filled me with both awe and admiration.

As we entered each radar station I was welcomed with friendliness and courtesy. Not only in the preaching services but at the duty stations I met a real response. Of particular joy to me was the experience of being escorted through a number of the "operations rooms." These are housed in closely guarded buildings—and what goes on inside is strictly "classified," or secret.

I saw equipment, materials, and methods which I never dreamed existed. I was overwhelmed with the tremendous amount of accumulated knowledge those complicated, delicate instruments represented. As I commented on this fact one young operations officer slyly smiled and suggested that these were indeed amazing machines but that almost by the time they are installed they are obsolete.

This statement reminded me of Daniel's prophecy of the last days that "Knowledge shall increase." Daniel's prophecy could never find truer fulfillment than in those operations rooms. I asked myself, "How much more can knowledge increase than it has?" I found my answer in a recent quotation from Rear Admiral H. G. Rickover, Chief, Naval Reactors Branch, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, who said, "The sum of human knowledge grows phenomenally. According to available estimates, it now doubles every 15 years."

As I stood in those darkened operations rooms and recalled these things I could not help but wonder what the future may hold. Here before me were amazing electronic machines keeping a 24-hour-a-day vigil on the sky. These Twenty-four hours a day radar personnel scan the skies for enemy planes. (Official USAF photo)

many sensitive electric eyes cast an electric beam out into space which can pick up everything in the air for hundreds of miles around. And those beams pass over our heads wherever we are five times in each minute of the day. They are never-sleeping eyes watching the sky.

And why are they watching the sky? I thought I knew the answer but I asked them, the men on duty in those operations rooms, and they gave me the answer. They are watching in constant vigil because they are expecting sudden destruction! No one knows where it will come from, or when, or just how. It is their job to discover it as soon as possible.

What will happen when they do discover it? Who knows? Perhaps they will be able to give a warning soon enough that some can get to shelter. But what about the others?

Out of curiosity I asked if they knew what all the strange blips were on the radar screens. They assured me that they had an account and could identify them. "But," I asked, "what if you pick up something you can't identify?" In that case, they informed me, it was the duty of some man in that room to order a plane to go find out about it.

One operations officer, also a very young man, reflected on this thought and said, "It gives us a solemn feeling to realize that one of us could send up a plane to identify an unidentified object, find it was an enemy plane, and decide what to do about it." He concluded by pointing out, "Do you realize that if this should happen and we give an order to shoot the plane down, the next world war could begin from this room?"

There was solemnity in his voice, and I knew from his entire conversation he realized that just such an event is constantly possible. So, there they remain on guard, 24 hours each day, constantly looking up. For what? For sudden destruction.

It would have been easy for me to catch a feeling of the same fear, but I recalled a wonderful verse of scripture. I recalled that the Bible says in the last days there shall be perilous times. But with all the warnings there is the ray of hope and joy with the promise, "Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh!"

There before me were frightened men in a very modern age. Their eyes are turned upward and they are filled with expectation. But theirs is such a hopeless expectation. I breathed a prayer of gratitude that my eyes are turned upward, also in expectation. Only I'm not looking for sudden destruction—I'm expecting sudden redemption. I am looking for Christ to appear and lift me suddenly from earth to heaven. If you know Christ you, too, can look up with joy.

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