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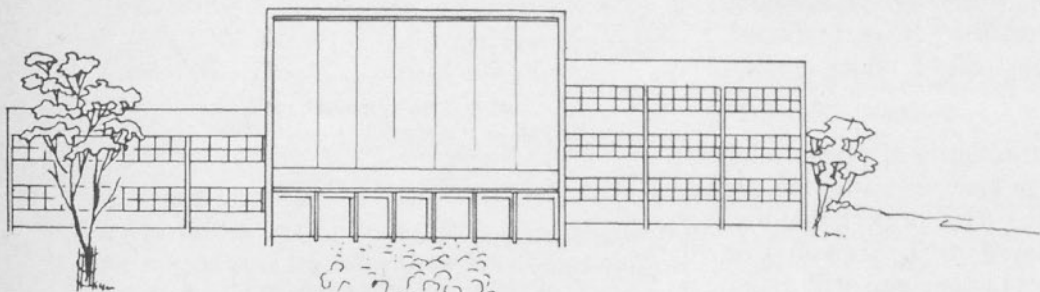
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NOR BY POWER,  
BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
SAITH THE LORD

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## THIS IS COLLEGE DAY

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**"WE NEED  
PENTECOSTAL  
COLLEGES"**



# A Healthy Mind

There are many unhealthy minds today. The worst cases, of course, are in mental institutions (upwards of 750,000 cases in the U.S. alone) but we are told that millions more are afflicted with mental illness to a lesser extent. An ever-increasing number are seeking professional help for their emotional disturbances. It is predicted that before long, one out of every six Americans will be under psychiatric care.

You need not be one of them. God will put a spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind in your life so that you will not be tormented with bondage or fear of any kind. His prescription for mental health is given in Philippians 4, verses 4 to 9. If you will read these six verses often and put them into practice, you will avoid trouble. They exhort you to rejoice in your God, to delight yourself in His goodness; to be gentle toward all, remembering that your Lord is nearby; and never to worry about anything.

The trouble with some people is that they keep their problems bottled up in their mind and spirit until they are driven to distraction. The Bible says: "Tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus" (Phillips' translation).

Good thoughts edify but evil thoughts are destructive. Therefore, shut the gate of your mind to all fault-finding, resentment, jealousy, selfishness, inferiority, self-pity, suspicion, and the like. As soon as you notice these evil thoughts, reject them immediately and fix your mind on Christ. Begin to worship Him and think of His Words. You soon will find yourself taking a different attitude toward your problems: it will be a Christian attitude, the same attitude that Christ Himself would take if He were in your position—and instead of a frustrating sense of weakness and defeat you will feel a warm inner glow of strength and triumph.

God knows exactly how you are constituted and He has outlined in His Book the path to victory. Psychiatrists may tell you it is within your own power to overcome mental difficulties. They may try in various ways to bolster your ego. The Bible will do just the opposite. It tells you to cast out your pride and fix your confidence in Christ, not in self. Self-will often lies at the bottom of mental trouble. The way to get deliverance is to surrender everything to God and let Him transform you "by the renewing of your mind," so that you can say to Him, in all sincerity, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

You will find a wonderful promise in Isaiah 26:3—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Here is the perfect preventive against mental disturbance. Perfect trust in God, plus concentration on His perfect love, equals perfect peace of mind.

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*A mid-morning radio broadcast caused an outstanding deliverance in a mental institution*

# Mid-Morning Miracle

BY BERNICE M. GERARD

Chickasaw, Alabama

**I**NCURABLY INSANE" WAS THE STATE doctor's verdict. Five years ago, with this hopeless pronouncement on his life, Ernest Smith spent seven months in complete blackout. He says that not one memory remains of those nights and days in the Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee. With complete loss of reason, all touch with reality was gone.

With a note of compassion for others in a similar condition Ernest Smith said, "When a man's in that condition he doesn't know when he's clothed or when he's naked, or even when he's hungry. I continued to exist only because others fed me."

With state institution days five years behind him, Ernest Smith is now head usher at Calvary Temple in Jacksonville, Florida. He faithfully serves the church and his pastor. He is a trusted man with access to the church safe and church offices.

Each Sunday afternoon with determined regularity he conducts a service at the Duval County jail. He is busy

for God paying off a debt of gratitude. His debt is large because he wouldn't be here at all if it were not for the miraculous power of Christ.

He was born in 1913 in Hall County, Georgia. By the time he was thirty he had spent almost twelve years behind prison bars. He ran away from home when he was fourteen. The World Fair Show, a circus outfit, took him on as a crew member. "From there on," says he, "I learned everything of sin and crime that a man could learn."

At thirty years of age he was working with an interstate gambling syndicate, operating the largest gambling table in Jacksonville, Florida. His life of crime was reaching explosive, tragic proportions. He was charged with attempted robbery, breaking and entering, and rape and once more put behind prison walls. Seven months he waited for trial in the Duval County jail. When the long-awaited trial came up the verdict was "guilty." Right then he could have been sent to the electric chair; but a new trial was called.

At that time the Pentecostal people were coming regularly to the County jail to minister the Word of God. Ernest Smith was so thoroughly converted that the county sheriff had a tank brought into the courtyard of the jailhouse so he could be baptized in water. The one-time hopeless criminal now organized a Sunday school in the jail. One of the local Assemblies of God congregations supplied the literature.

On trial for his life a second time, he stood no longer alone but among Christian friends. God turned the hearts of the jury. Acquitted—he was now a free man! It was a miracle!

As an ex-convict, the newborn Christian had to find his place in society. The natural question is, "How did he get along? What about the old gang?"

The interstate gambling syndicate

hadn't lost interest in their boy. His knowledge of their rackets was a threat to their peace. The usual order would have been for a killing, gangland style. But Ernest Smith says, "God preserved my life and helped me to stand true."

The old gang trailed him and with the co-operation of certain crooked policemen had him put back in jail fourteen times. It got to be a familiar routine. Smith said, "I was now a faithful church-goer but the old crowd did everything to turn the church people against me. They hoped I'd finally give up in discouragement and go back to my old ways."

In the seven months at the Duval County jail, Ernest Smith had seen two miracles: his conversion and his deliverance from the electric chair. In the years that followed he experienced many deliverances from the snares of Satan and the old gang. But he had not yet had his last run-in with trouble, nor had he seen his last miracle.

He set out one day to put in an ordinary day's work driving a fuel oil truck. There was an accident—in which he lost his mental balance. He was placed in the state hospital at Chattahoochee and declared incurably insane. He says now, "I didn't know my own name. Food and water meant nothing to me. I was in a complete blackout."

One day a nurse brought a radio into the cell where Smith was lying. Did she do it for him? Well, hardly. He was beyond recognizing reality. Perhaps she did it for herself. But it can now be seen as a tremendously important act in the drama of Smith's deliverance.

Remembering that crisis morning, Smith says, "God restored my mind sufficiently that I recognized the radio program as a gospel service. I jumped out of bed, grabbed the radio and began

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Ernest Smith (left) and his pastor, Harold D. Schmitt of Jacksonville, Florida



# FORWARD WITH CHRIST

*Highlights of the Assemblies of God Advance as Gleaned from the Biennial Reports at the 1959 General Council*

**F**OR THOSE OF OUR CONSTITUENCY who were unable to attend the twenty-eighth General Council which convened in San Antonio, we present some significant indications of progress as reflected in the biennial reports. To God be the glory for the advance of Pentecost in these closing days of time.

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The general secretary reported that there are now 505,552 Assemblies of God members in the United States. However, he pointed out that if our membership were computed on the basis of adherents rather than enrolled membership our number would approximate one million in the United States.

The following statistics reveal our gains in the two-year period:

	1957	1959
Church membership .....	471,115	505,552
Number of churches .....	7,929	8,094
Ordained ministers .....	8,878	9,227

In addition to the number of ordained ministers, we have 5,245 licensed ministers.

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Assemblies of God Sunday schools in the U. S. (according to checkups returned to the Sunday School Department) now total 7,793 plus 524 foreign branch schools. The combined enrollment is 922,663. Enrollment increase during 1958 was 29,133.

The number of conversions reported by our Sunday schools during the two-year period was 161,713. Thank God for so many new names written down in glory!

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Eighty youth camps were held during 1958, with 12,887 young people in attendance. Camp leaders reported 1,458 saved and 1,810 filled with the Holy Spirit at these camps.

The C. A. and Sunday School Departments have developed a National

Youth Camp Standard for all our youth camps.

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Sixty-one boys and girls camps were held in 1958 with 1,565 children reported saved.

Our Sunday school workers continue to receive specialized training for their important task. Workers Training certificates were issued to 86,708 teachers and prospective teachers or workers in our Sunday schools during the past two years.

Two hundred twenty-six church and Sunday school leaders enrolled in the 1958 Advanced Christian Training School (A.C.T.S.), held annually on the campus of CBI since 1954.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is still progressing both in interest and in offerings. Each year since the five-year plan of advance was launched in 1956 the boys and girls have exceeded their goal. The total offering for the 1958-59 fiscal year was \$96,621.74. On BGMC Day alone in 1959 they gave over \$20,000 for the literature program in Southern Asia.

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Over half of the 5,112 organized local C. A. groups participated in the GOAL program during 1958 (2,582 groups received Awards of Merit). The estimated national C. A. membership is 96,000 with a weekly attendance of more than 100,000.

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The number of Assemblies of God students attending state or private colleges and universities in addition to those in our own schools is almost double the number reported in 1957. In the school year ending spring 1959, there were 1,864 students representing 298 schools, with 25 Chi Alpha chapters reporting.

During the first five months of 1959, the paid circulation of the *C. A. Herald* reached 20,000, a 13-year high.

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The C.A.'s have given over three million dollars to Speed-the-Light. During the calendar years of 1957 and 1958, Speed-the-Light giving totaled \$676,348.79.

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The Servicemen's Division of the C. A. Department has almost 9,000 men on its mailing list, and about 80 per cent of these are unsaved. It is estimated that there are approximately 28,000 Assemblies of God men in military service.

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We have 18 active duty Assemblies of God chaplains; 25 available reserve status chaplains; and 11 men in seminarian programs preparing for the chaplaincy. Specially appointed pastors serve nearly 200 installations at home and abroad as contact chaplains. There are 58 of our ministers serving as Civil Air Patrol chaplains.

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The number of Missionette (teen-age girls' auxiliary of the WMC) groups has risen to 1,150 which is more than double the number reported two years ago. Membership is now 13,000.

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Each of our 44 districts as well as the Latin American and Spanish Eastern Districts has an active WMC program. There are over 5,300 local groups now. The grand total of their giving to various Assemblies of God ministries since they organized on a national basis in 1953 is \$6,604,027.

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*The Pentecostal Evangel*, official organ of the Assemblies of God, now goes to more than ninety different countries,

and its articles are reprinted in many other periodicals, both in English and foreign languages. Circulation has reached 167,500 and is growing.

On April 1, 1959, the *World Challenge*, which was published for fifteen years in the interest of the missionary program of the Assemblies of God, was merged with the *Evangel*. A World Missions issue of the *Evangel* is published once a month to perpetuate the ministry of the *Challenge*.

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Twelve new publications have been added to the materials being produced by the Church School Literature Department. The revision of the VBS course added 22 publications also, bringing the total of Sunday school and VBS publications to sixty-three.

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There has been a gradual swing toward graded materials. In 1954 we had graded courses for only two age levels—the beginners and primaries. Since then we have added courses for nursery, junior, and junior high ages. A graded course for high school students, called *Hi-Teen*, will be ready for the fourth quarter of 1959. In addition there are three undated courses available.

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Much of our Sunday school literature is being translated and adapted for use in Europe and other lands. Of special note is the work that Elsie Bridgeman has been doing in East Pakistan. She was asked by various mission boards there to prepare curriculum for translation purposes. She submitted the Gospel Publishing House curriculum and it has been accepted, so our materials are being translated into Bengali for use by all mission boards in that area.

The total theological enrollment in our Bible institutes and colleges for 1957-58 was 2,074 while in 1958-59 the figure was 2,048.

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The Assemblies of God correspondence school is now known as the Berean School of the Bible. A total of 2,665 courses have been sent out since the 1957 report.

### 1959 Circulation Totals (per issue) for English Language Periodicals

The Pentecostal Evangel	167,500	Primary Picture Rolls	5,200
Sunday School Counsellor	34,200	My Picture Paper	132,000
Superintendent's Assistant	12,000	Beginner Teacher	16,000
C. A. Herald	20,000	Beginner Visual Aid	10,300
C. A. Guide	7,850	Little Folks' Friend	132,000
Team	4,000	Beginner Lesson Pictures	4,000
Pulpit	3,683	Beginner Handwork Packet	44,500
Adult Teacher	103,000	Nursery Teacher	6,000
Adult Student	268,000	Nursery Picture Aids	3,600
Quarterly Chart	3,200	Nursery Remembering Pictures	23,000
Large Print Quarterly	16,000	Nursery Handwork Packet	13,990
Youth Teacher	9,600	Lesson Leaves	110,000
Youth Student	72,000	Cartoon Posters	300
Teen Instructor	7,800	Superintendent's Assistant	12,000
Teen Student	57,000	Family Altar Guide	8,000
Intermediate Teacher	11,850	Deaf Student	900
Intermediate Student	72,000	Foursquare Adult Teacher	1,000
Search	17,500	Foursquare Lesson Leaves	2,500
Intermediate Visual Aid	3,600	Foursquare Adult Student	10,000
Junior Teacher	22,500	Annual Lesson Commentary	100
Junior Pupil	148,500	Undated, Holy Spirit, Teacher	2,037
Bible Explorer	75,500	Undated, Holy Spirit, Student	4,750
Junior Visual Aid	12,250	Undated, Christ, Teacher	2,658
Primary Teacher	21,200	Undated, Christ, Student	7,514
Primary Pupil	109,500	Live	189,000
Primary Visual Aid	13,700	HiCall	137,000
Primary Picture Cards	25,500	Junior Trails	130,000

The text books of the Berean School of the Bible are being used as a basis for translating courses into Portuguese, French, German, and Spanish. They have also been used as basic translation material for preparing study programs for Bible schools in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Indonesia, Japan, Malaya, Liberia, South Africa, and Switzerland. The Bible schools in Nigeria and the Gold Coast are now using the courses.

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One other denomination in the United States has adopted the Berean School courses as a requirement for their ministerial credentials and is securing the materials from us.

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New features at Central Bible Institute include the campus radio station KCBI, a campus pastor, and a missionary internship plan. Two students served in home missionary internship for the summer of 1959.

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Evangel College courses for all four years have been approved by the Committee on Accredited Schools of the University of Missouri. State teaching certificates are granted to graduates of

Evangel by the Missouri State Department of Education. States having reciprocity with Missouri U. are also issuing certification to Evangel graduates.

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The 1959-60 anticipated enrollment at Evangel College is 575. The school began in 1955 with 110 students.

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At the close of the fiscal year over \$400,000 was out on loan from the Church Extension Fund to 762 churches.

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There are 236 aged ministers receiving help through the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund. The average amount of assistance for 1958 was \$28.55 monthly to single persons and \$42.77 to couples. The average monthly expenditure for this purpose was \$5,963.13, while the income during the same period averaged \$6,579.68. The Benevolences Committee has voted to raise the maximum allotments that will be available in the future. (There are still 5,500 churches which do not support this program of assistance to the pioneers of Pentecost.)

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Over 75 children enjoy the benefits of our National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Ark. A number of major improvements have been completed during the past two years. These include the purchase and remodeling of a farm home which serves temporarily as a teen boys cottage. The dairy barn was remodeled to meet Grade A requirements, and an adequate sewage disposal plant has been installed.

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Pinellas Park Home in Florida for retired ministers and missionaries had an average of 20 residents each month during the past fiscal year. The Home was operated at a small deficit which was covered by an appropriation from

the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund.

Property adjoining the district camp ground in Lakeland, Fla., has been purchased for a new retirement home. Approximately five acres of lake front property have been cleared for future construction of a 50-resident home. Building plans now hinge on the sale of the property at Pinellas Park. Estimated cost of the proposed building is \$175,000 unfurnished.

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There are now 1,608 Men's Fellowship chapters, of which 581 are fully chartered by the national department. Basic helps are supplied, cost free, to anyone desiring to start a Men's Fellowship, or wanting more informa-

tion about the workings of such a group. \* \* \*

Response to the new hymnbook, "Melodies of Praise," has been tremendous. Introduced two years ago, the book is now in its fourth printing. It is available in either round or shaped notes. \* \* \*

Seventy-two train car loads of paper are used in the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House each year, and from five to eight tons of literature are mailed each day. \* \* \*

(Watch the October 4 issue for reports on the Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Radio Departments.)



## The Cloud of His Presence

BY T. J. JONES

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**I**N NUMBERS 9:15-23, WE HAVE THE record of the cloud which guided the Israelites in the wilderness. When the cloud moved, they moved, and when the cloud was stationary, the Israelites encamped and waited until the cloud lifted. First Corinthians 10:11 tells us that these things happened to them as types and "are written for our admonition." This is our authority for referring to the Old Testament scriptures in a typical sense.

It was a gracious cloud that rested like a canopy over the camp of the redeemed thousands. By day it was a shade from the fiery heat of the sun. By night it was a pillar of fire to light the way for them to travel when necessary.

The cloud is a type of the Holy Ghost. They were in a howling wilderness, *but the cloud was there*. God's redeemed ones today live in an evil age, *but the Holy Ghost is here*. Since that memorable Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has remained. He took not

away the cloud all through the desert journey. That "cloud of the Presence" was the center of everything. It regulated the movement of three million people. Their whole lives were built around that wondrous Presence which resided among them. God was the center of everything.

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There were three positions of this cloud. First, it led the way. They needed guidance through that trackless waste just as we need the Holy Spirit's guidance today. Sometimes it led to a Marah where the waters were bitter, but God showed Moses a tree which, when cut down, sweetened the bitter waters. Thank God for Calvary's tree that is given to sweeten our trials. If it is a Marah today, it will be an Elim tomorrow where there were seventy palm trees and twelve springs of water. Today we weep—tomorrow we shout.

The second position of the cloud was in the midst of the camp. When

the camp was stationary, the cloud was the center of everything.

The third position was revealed when Israel was in danger from the Egyptians, as recorded in Exodus 14:19. Then the cloud went behind the camp and stood between Israel and the Egyptians. In times of extreme danger, God was a protection to His people. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord" (Isaiah 54:17).

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Note the principle of guidance—submission to the cloud of the Presence. They had no plans of their own. The cloud might lift in the night, and if so, they must break camp and move on. It disturbed them, but all these breakings of camp were for progress—*onward to Canaan*. Here is a lesson for us, "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that" (James 4:15).

An Israelite could get into darkness in three ways. He could backslide and return to Egypt; or he could run ahead of the cloud and be defeated as some did (Numbers 14:44, 45). These went presumptuously up the hill toward the enemy while the ark of the covenant remained in the camp. Do you wonder that they were ignominiously defeated? We must not run ahead of the Presence. This sometimes indicates fanaticism, and sometimes an impatient spirit that needs discipline.

The third way the Israelite could get into darkness was simply by lagging behind when the cloud went on. Those

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# We Need Pentecostal Colleges



BY A. H. STIRLING

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Assemblies of God*

**T**HE FACT THAT THE EARLY PENTECOSTAL message became so firmly established without the benefit of formal Pentecostal schools has caused some to question the necessity of today's emphasis upon formal education in our Pentecostal ranks.

Actually, there is no conflict between our lack of schools then and our need for them now.

The children of Israel were halted at Mount Sinai to receive new instructions in addition to those they had received from Moses in Egypt. Progress always connotes enlightenment.

The Early Church realized that its growth and development presented new problems which necessitated new policies as the increase came. The Lord used one of the most highly educated men of the day, Saul of Tarsus, to assure the young but rapidly growing church of stability and character in the midst of the Grecian and Roman culture of that day.

We are now charged with the care of many thousands of new converts, as well as of the thousands of churches in the Assemblies of God. God has given us these people and churches. It is our responsibility to see that they are properly developed in Christian grace and truth. It takes more, however, than the repetition of a simple testimony to lead people into the ways of victorious Christian living. Our Pentecostal family now needs every type

of God-given ministry—including authors and theologians—as well as other helps if we are to continue to accomplish what our Father has designed for the Pentecostal movement. To secure this, we must have institutions where formal training is provided. The record is long and brilliant of men like Knox, Luther, Wesley, and others whose formal educational background enabled them to make great contributions to the Church.

A young person contemplating the ministry today owes it to himself and the congregation he will be serving to prepare for a Pentecostal ministry in a Pentecostal school. Here he will receive godly counsel, instruction, and advice which may well prevent costly mistakes and dire consequences as he

undertakes his God-given task. That there are dangers and pitfalls to ensnare believers today is obvious. Every pastor must be alert and prepared to cope with situations that may have been unheard of in days gone by. The minister should receive basic training before he begins his ministry or he may find that a multiplicity of duties will prevent him from securing in time that which he should have known when he began his ministry. Our schools exist to do this for our future ministers.

As a district superintendent, I recognize the important place of all our schools. They must not and will not substitute for the call of God, but they do have their place among us now and they are worthy of our support and co-operation. ◀◀

## TODAY IS "COLLEGE DAY"

Today, September 20, marks the annual observance of College Day in the Assemblies of God. Founded several years ago, this special observance has become the occasion for reference to the needs of our American Assemblies of God colleges—nine of them, located in strategic areas of continental USA.

These schools need your support! Your contribution, individually or through your church, will assist greatly in the training of our Pentecostal young people. You may send it through the Department of Education, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, or directly to the school of your choice. In either event it will receive Co-operative Plan credit in denominational giving.

For your convenience, following is a directory of these institutions of higher learning:

Bethany Bible College  
*Cordas C. Burnett, President*  
Santa Cruz, California

Central Bible Institute  
*J. Robert Ashcroft, President*  
Springfield, Missouri

Eastern Bible Institute  
*Milton T. Wells, President*  
Green Lane, Pennsylvania

Evangel College  
*J. Robert Ashcroft, President*  
Springfield, Missouri

North Central Bible College  
*Frank J. Lindquist, President*  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Northwest Bible College  
*Charles E. Butterfield, President*  
Kirkland, Washington

Southern California College  
*O. Cope Budge, President*  
Costa Mesa, California

South-Eastern Bible College  
*A. E. Spence, President*  
Lakeland, Florida

Southwestern Bible Institute  
*M. E. Collins, President*  
Waxahachie, Texas



Job in his adversity (von Carolsfeld, artist)

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# JOB'S COMFORT

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

**T**HE BOOK OF JOB HAS A UNIVERSAL appeal because it gives us an unusual close-up of a man of God under severe trial.

God watched Job's reaction under trial with concern and confidence because He Himself had permitted the trial to prove Job's integrity. Satan had a special interest in this testing of a man because he had proposed it. Job's friends watched his sufferings with mingled feelings of pity, censure, and resignation, and probed mercilessly into his soul for the answer to the mystery of suffering. And men through the ages have combed the record of this man's sufferings in an effort to find comfort and help in their own difficult situations.

Job was not without "comforters" when his troubles began to multiply. But those who came to comfort remained to analyze, and at one point during the analysis Job cried out in anguish that they were all "miserable comforters."

Still, in the midst of trouble, Job like all of us needed comfort and

strength, a foundation on which to stand. Where did he find it? What sustained him? Interspersed between the painful cries of a man sore troubled are a number of statements which give us the clue to Job's *real* source of comfort during his testing.

Job found comfort in being able to tell God all about it. "My friends scorn me," he admitted, "but mine eye poureth out tears unto God."

*"Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?"*

*Take it to the Lord in prayer;*

*In His arms He'll take and shield thee,*

*Thou wilt find a solace there."*

This was Job's comfort, that he could go to God in prayer and pour out his heart, his wonderings, his sorrow, and know that God listened. How often do we carry crushing loads that weigh upon us like a physical thing, ignoring God's invitation to leave our burdens at the place of prayer! We talk our troubles over with others, and fail so often to talk them over with Jesus. "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows," yet somehow we yield to the compulsion to carry the unbearable load alone. He longs to share it with us, to make the yoke easy, the burden light. There is more than an emotional release in honest weeping before God. At such times we share our burdens with the One who knows the end from the beginning, and we never bear that load alone again unless we deliberately choose to do so.

Because of his trial Job had trouble, as some of us do, in sensing the pres-

ence of God. When our burden seems to be the most vivid thing in the world to us and the tangible aspects of our problem are painfully present, it is difficult to believe that God is near. In fact, Job said, "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: *but he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.* My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined" (Job 23:8-11).

The comfort that Job received in knowing that God was near even though he could not "find" Him, could only come through faith. And there are times when we too must claim God's promises and stand upon them simply because they are there in the Bible, regardless of our feelings. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This promise does not fluctuate with feelings or circumstances. He is *there*, beside us. He knows the way that we take. He is aware of our gropings and He has heard our prayer. He knows how carefully our feet have kept His way. If He delays the revelation of Himself to our senses, it is that our faith might be strengthened and we thereby comforted in an even greater way. "Faith is not feeling, and trust is not trace." Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Job found comfort in his knowledge of the unlimited power of God. Replying to Bildad who pointed out the apparent hopelessness of Job's situation, he referred to the greatness of God and His power (Job 26). He climaxed his meditation with the exclamation, "How little a portion is heard of him? But the thunder of his power who can understand?"

Someone has reminded us that if we hold a penny close enough to our eye it will blot out the sun from our vision. We often hold our problems so close to our spiritual eyes that they actually seem so big they blot Him from our vision. But we serve a powerful God, and if we will only look away from our present trials long enough to bring God into proper perspective we shall realize anew that He is well able to cope with our situation. Even looking back over the hills and valleys we have already traversed will encourage us to

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**T**HE ANNOUNCER'S VOICE CAME OVER the radio: "The Governor of the State of Oregon has asked President Eisenhower to proclaim a 'State of Emergency' for the city of Roseburg."

It was the night of August 6, 1959; a lovely night. The air was soft and cool, following a hot day; the sky was clear and star-spangled; peace and beauty reigned everywhere. Our party was in the midst of a campaign in one of the churches of the city; and after a long, satisfying day we went gratefully to bed.

I was horribly awakened about 1:45 a.m. by being flung high in the bed and against the wall of the room while the sound of an indescribable explosion seemed to be bursting open the earth. With one instinctive movement I leaped from bed, reached for my baby and took her in my arms. Then, trembling in every limb, I looked around for the others in the party—my husband, who should have been beside me, and Brother and Sister Squire, who should have been in the next room, but none of them were to be seen. Soon they came back, however, all dazed as I was. Then we went outside. The motel where we are staying is on a hill on the outskirts of Roseburg which lies deep in a valley. From where we stood, looking down it seemed as though the whole city was in flames. Great, leaping tongues of fire hundreds of feet high roared and raged towards the sky. Disaster had come to this beautiful little Oregon City, which went to its rest so peacefully and was awakened so cruelly by the hand of tragedy.

Before long we were joined by Brother and Sister Zbinden and all the other occupants of that motel. Within seconds, ambulances screamed past us taking the injured to hospitals; cars and motorcycles rushed by with families, escaping the searching arms of the flames.

As they passed they shot snatches of news to us. Some said: "There's dynamite down there"; others, "the gas tanks will go up at any moment." No one knew exactly how it had all begun or what the great explosion was.

Then the pastor of the First Assembly of God church here where we are holding the campaign, Clyde Ross, arrived with his wife and a man from the church who looked white and shaken. Brother Ross, on hearing the

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*An eye-witness account of*

# The Roseburg Disaster



BY DOREEN H. WILDRIANNE

explosion, had rushed into his car and down to the city to see what help he could give. He had helped clear a house of its occupants and brokenly he told us how they carried out two children, badly burned. Before they could get them into the ambulance they had died. The rescuers turned, trying to get back into the blazing house to rescue a baby left inside, but the house was completely enveloped in flames—their work was ended. The member of the church had a bad gash on his leg and we did our best to bind it up for him. After the explosion had shattered his house he managed to get his family away to safety and then went to make sure his pastor was safe.

We began to learn, little by little, what had happened. A small fire had started in a builder's yard near the center of the city. The firemen were already fighting it and getting it under control. But a truck containing about six tons of dynamite and explosive nitrate fertilizer was parked by this yard, and before long the fire reached it and caused the devastating explosion which resulted in terrible damage for miles around, as well as spreading the fire to uncontrollable proportions.

The truck driver who parked the dynamite by the yard was in a hotel room nearby. Roseburg was his destination and the explosives were for use in road construction not far away. He tried to spend the night outside the city but could find nowhere to sleep and park his load. So he sought and obtained police permission to park in the city. They directed him to the street by the builder's yard. However, the driver was uneasy and about 11 p.m. he went

back to check his truck. Then, since everything seemed all right, he went to bed and slept. He was awakened by the sirens, giving the alert that a fire had started. Hearing this, he rushed from bed, out into the road and down to where his truck was parked, in an endeavor to move it away. But he was too late—before he reached the yard, the truck exploded with its deadly cargo and the driver was thrown high in the air. His despair and agony on realizing what had happened was pitiful to hear about. He screamed: "Let me get back to see how many people I have killed."

Yes, heartache and horror were imprinted upon the faces of everyone to be seen that night. Some because of death that had struck their family; some because they were left destitute; others, like us, because of the pity we felt.

We had had a wonderful service this particular evening, but Brother Squire had been led by some inner impulse to make a much more prolonged appeal than usual. He had spoken of our need for a desperate faith in God in these troubled times; had spoken of how without this faith we can do nothing but with God we can do exploits for the salvation of men and women. He reminded that congregation of the need of mankind and our duty as Christians to "preach the gospel to every creature." When he appealed for souls to come to the Lord he repeated again and again: "Who knows, this may be your last night on earth. Make your decision now before it is too late." How merciful is our God who, knowing what the night had in store, gave another op-

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Architect's drawing of the new Latin-American Orphanage Church in Acapulco, Mexico

## Acapulco to Become Center of Evangelism

BY WESLEY PAUL STEELBERG  
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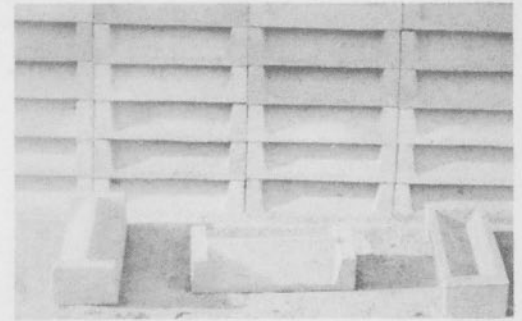
**N**ESTLED IN A VERDANT LITTLE valley just over the hill from tourist-famed Acapulco, Mexico, lies a little island of mercy called "Orfanatorio Latino-Americano" (Latin American Orphanage).

A little more than a decade ago this area was nothing more than a tangled mass of jungle with screeching parrots, Iguana lizards, and other wild life scurrying about. Under the capable hands of superintendents Chet and Alice Marsh, formerly of Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, Calif., jungles have been cleared, sturdy insect-proof buildings erected, wells dug, and hundreds of other projects undertaken in this four-fold ministry—orphana-

ge, farm, school, and evangelism.

Today at least twenty churches and preaching points, raised up by workers and young people sent out by the Latin American Orphanage, dot the countryside. Government restrictions prohibit the orphanage facilities themselves from being used as a church, so a beautiful new chapel is now under construction on a little hill adjoining the orphanage grounds. The church which can be seen for miles around, will point as a finger toward heaven, reminding hundreds of people in the surrounding territory of the glorious Saviour of Galilee.

God moved on the heart of a Christian rancher in southern California to offer



Louvered concrete blocks let in light and air, but give privacy

a generous sum of money for construction materials to be used in the erection of this church. Recently, Russ Ketcham, a masonry contractor on the board of North Hollywood's First Assembly, made two trips to Acapulco to spearhead the construction. With him went another fine young minister, Kenneth Lawson, who remained on the job to superintend the project.

Approximately \$8,000 is needed to complete this wonderful center of evangelism near Acapulco. Perhaps as you read this article the Lord will move upon your heart to contribute funds for the completion of this new edifice which will be dedicated to the glory of God and evangelism in the area surrounding the orphanage.

The Assemblies of God brethren who comprise the board of the Latin American Orphanage—Floyd Hawkins, Robert Fierro, Kenneth Wise, Andrew Nelli, C. M. Ward, Nelson Hinman, Bryan Smith, Dean Duncan, Wesley Paul Steelberg and General Narciso Medina Estrada—recently met with J. Philip Hogan of the Foreign Missions Department to plan for the expansion of the work and orphanage facilities. It was their enthusiastic conclusion that the potential for evangelism is just beginning to bloom after years of building a firm foundation.



Louvered block walls of the new church for the Orphanage



Orphanage boys work to clear the site for their new church

Precious fruit is already in evidence. In addition to the young people from the orphanage who are entering full-time service for the Master, some are becoming Christian businessmen with tremendous influence in the growth of the infant full-gospel work.

The lovely new church at Acapulco will serve as a focal point for a new surge of evangelism in Mexico. Please pray that every need will be met for its speedy completion. Send all offerings for the building to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Latin American Orphanage for Church Building." ◀◀

The New Converts Said—

## "Give Us a Teacher!"

BY CHARITY C. HARRIS  
Missionary to Tanganyika

AS SOON AS WE MOVED INTO OUR home in Njombe in the spring of 1957 we began to evangelize the area. There were no Christians in the area and we had only one national worker with us. Surveying the new territory, we saw four pagan tribes among whom there was no Christian ministry. To the north were the Wabena; to the south, the Wakinga; to the east, the Wasangwa; to the west, the Wapangwa.

First we turned our attention to the south and the Wakinga. In this mountainous region there are many people. Every time we stopped to preach we had an audience.

It is in the north, however, that we have had our greatest revival. On an initial evangelistic tour we stopped at the home of a local chief and asked permission to preach. He agreed and asked us to preach in his house. At the close of that first service, six people repented. We announced that we were going to other villages but the people said, "Why go some place else—we have repented—stay with us and preach. We want your gospel!"

We returned to this same chief's house again and at the close of the service thirty people responded to the invitation. In three months' time we had built a church for the ninety-seven converts among these people. People came from as far as twelve miles away asking us to come and preach in their villages. In responding to their invitation we always found crowds gathered waiting to hear the gospel of Jesus

## Church Participation In Missionary Giving

May 1959

Rank District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Montana	67	62	93%
2. New Jersey	98	90	92%
3. Minnesota	146	133	91%
4. North Dakota	49	44	90%
5. South Dakota	50	44	88%
6. Nebraska	79	69	87%
7. Wis.-N. Mich.	137	119	87%
8. New York	154	133	86%
9. Rocky Mtn.	127	109	86%
10. New Mexico	79	67	85%
11. N. Calif.-Nev.	337	283	84%
12. N. Carolina	74	62	84%
13. Kansas	164	135	82%
14. Potomac	172	141	82%
15. Oregon	199	163	82%
16. S. New England	63	51	81%
17. Northwest	276	223	81%
18. Michigan	174	138	79%
19. Ohio	172	136	79%
20. S. Idaho	57	45	79%
21. W. Florida	143	112	78%
22. Illinois	209	163	78%
23. Arkansas	438	340	78%
24. W. Texas	132	102	77%
25. West Central	221	170	77%
26. S. California	382	293	77%
27. Eastern	266	203	76%
28. Georgia	136	99	73%
29. S. Florida	161	111	69%
30. Oklahoma	489	332	68%
31. Louisiana	149	101	68%
32. Wyoming	37	25	68%
33. N. N. England	57	38	67%
34. Alabama	249	163	65%
35. Indiana	162	103	64%
36. South Texas	268	168	63%
37. Tennessee	113	70	62%
38. Mississippi	94	57	61%
39. S. Missouri	353	210	59%
40. Arizona	91	54	59%
41. North Texas	521	298	57%
42. Kentucky	63	34	54%
43. Appalachian	73	35	48%
44. S. Carolina	54	23	43%

Christ. Souls were saved in each service.

The new converts began to demand: "Give us a teacher and a church." It was necessary for us to respond with the disheartening news that there was no teacher. We did encourage them, however, with the promise that if they would furnish us a man, we would teach him. When this promise was made to the congregation, one of the young men stepped forward and volunteered to be the man. We are happy that this young man has volunteered for Christian service and he is now a student at Bible school. Since then other young men from this tribe have responded to the call to minister among their own people.

We ask you to pray with us that the Lord will supply new workers to help us in this virgin field of pioneer missionary evangelism ◀◀

## MISSIONARY News Notes

TO THE FIELD: Miss Martha Jacobson returned to Nigeria on July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McGrew and family left for Indonesia on July 11.

The D. A. Pews returned to Hawaii on July 17.

Miss Ruth Weitkamp sailed for Spain on July 25.

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HOME AGAIN: The Foster Woods are home from Hawaii and can be reached at 3051 61st St., S.W., Seattle 16, Wash.

Back from Jamaica are the Paul Davids. Their address is % Mrs. Inez Kaucher, R. R. 2, Centerville, Ind.

NEW ADDITION: A new little missionary has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stetz. She is Mary Elizabeth Stetz.

MISSIONARY NEEDED: A registered nurse is urgently needed at our clinic in Rahama, Nigeria, West Africa. The present nurse is returning to England and there is no one to take her place. If interested, write to E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.



Martha Jacobson



Ruth Weitkamp



Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pew



The Alfred McGrew family



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Youth

### THE COMING GENERATION SURVEYED

Contact, a publication of the Methodist Church, reported recently on the coming generation as follows:

During the years 1958-1965 we can anticipate a 70 per cent increase in juvenile delinquency to accompany a 50 per cent increase in the number of teen-agers.

Between 1958 and 1970 we shall have the largest number of young people in history. During the same time we shall have proportionately the smallest number of adults from which to draw for leaders in the 25 to 45 age bracket that we have ever had.

Of all youth, 68 per cent do not attend church, only 28 per cent consider themselves religious, and 91 per cent say they would never think of turning to a clergyman for help in solving a life problem.

### JUDGE SPEAKS OUT ON YOUTH PROBLEM

America's increasing corruption, divorce, and delinquency indicate that the Church and home are not meeting the problems of youth, a circuit court judge told Parent-Teacher Association workers attending the eleventh annual leadership training program at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

"Present approaches to the juvenile problem have failed," Circuit Judge Robert B. Stewart of Clay County, Md., declared. He said the situation is getting worse despite the fact that church membership in this country is at an all-time high, with more than half the population belonging to a church or synagogue.

Judge Stewart declared the home must bear a heavy responsibility. "Wherein parents have abdicated their responsibility," he said, "the school is called upon for longer terms and broader programs. Children must be taken care of. If the home surrenders them to baby sitters and nursing schools, the government or some agency may eventually have to step into the vacuum

thus created. This is closely associated with the broken homes and the problems of children made orphans by divorce."

The judge emphasized that the problems of home and youth are not cured by passing laws. "Conduct, example, and responsibility usually arise through a sense of duty rather than through a compulsion of law," he added.

## Morals

### CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO LUNG CANCER REVEALED IN MEDICAL STUDY

According to a new medical study recently made by doctors associated with Harvard University, Tufts College, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, heavy drinking, outdoor work, and frequent respiratory troubles may have a part in lung cancer—but compared to cigarette smoking, a minor part.

The most important factor is the total

number of cigarettes smoked in a lifetime, and it makes no difference whether the amount was smoked over a short or long period of years.

The only safe way is total abstinence from the noxious tobacco weed.

### HIGH-SCHOOL YEAR BOOKS FURNISH NAMES FOR SMUT DEALERS

In a recent raid on just one dealer in pornography, postal inspectors in New York confiscated 17 tons of highly obscene material, as well as mailing lists with names from thousands of high-school year books.

The Post Office Department estimates that between 700,000 and a million children in America will receive unsolicited obscene and pornographic literature through the mails this year.

### HOUSE HOLDS HEARINGS ON AIRCRAFT LIQUOR

Public hearings were held recently on nine bills introduced in the House to prohibit the serving of liquor aboard



EMPLOYEES GIVE DOUBLE D-DAY OFFERING—General Superintendent Ralph M. Riggs, center, is pictured with President J. Robert Ashcroft of Evangel College and Central Bible Institute as they receive the General Council employees' contributions during the Double D-Day drive for funds. Stan Michael, right, chairman of the drive, presents gifts totaling \$886.30. Offerings for Assemblies of God educational institutions are still being received in response to Double D-Day appeals.

airliners. Representative Oren Harris of Arkansas, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate Commerce, heads the subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics which held the hearings.

Meanwhile the Federal Aviation Agency proposed new rules that would ban any passenger from drinking liquor aboard an airliner unless the drinks are served by the airlines themselves. The new rules would also ban any airline from serving alcoholic drinks to a passenger who is already intoxicated.

## Miscellaneous

### NAZARENES RECORD LARGEST SINGLE GIFT FROM MINISTER AND WIFE

A gift of \$100,000 from Frank H. and Mrs. Bugh, Austin, Tex., to the Nazarene church general revolving loan fund has been received at world headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

The gift, a "life-time dream" of the Bughs, is the largest contribution ever made to the denomination by an individual or couple. Frank Bugh was ordained in 1912 and has served as teacher, pastor, and evangelist. He built up the gift through thrift and careful investment in industrial and aviation firms.

### CHURCH OF OPEN DOOR NOW LOCKED

The Methodist monthly *Together* recently took a survey and found that 46 per cent of the churches never lock their doors, despite occasional thefts. On the other hand, 30 per cent keep their doors locked except during services.

Brooklyn's widely-known Church of the Open Door, an interdenominational, interracial church, is kept locked except during supervised activities there. "It should not have to be that way," said the pastor, "but unfortunately we are in an area of high vandalism. I was told that if we did not keep the church locked, I would have no church to preach in."

### GOSPEL PREACHED TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

Dr. B. H. Pearson, president of World Gospel Crusades, Incorporated, spoke on a nationwide television hookup which reached every town and village in the Dominican Republic.

It was part of "Operation West Indies" in which some 40 American Free Methodist youth leaders took part. The opening meeting of the Santiago Crusade was held in the ultramodern Santiago ball stadium, with an attendance of 4,000.

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**I believe a person once saved can never be lost; what do you believe?**

I recommend that you read the following scriptures: John 15:6; Romans 11:21; Hebrews 3:12-14; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

**Why are the records of the genealogies of Jesus not the same in Matthew 1 and Luke 3?**

It is generally agreed that the genealogy in Matthew traces the lineage through Joseph, while in Luke it is traced through Mary.

**Do the references to "the prophecy of this book" refer to the entire Bible, or only to the Book of Revelation? (Revelation 22:18, 19)**

The warning and promise might apply concerning the entire prophecies of Scriptures, but I believe they apply primarily to the prophecies in the Book of Revelation. John, who was inspired to give us the Book of Revelation, was inspired to tell us that the prophecies are not to be taken lightly.

**I read in the EVANGEL that the passover was kept in the month Nisan. In Deuteronomy 16:1 we read that the passover was kept in the month Abib. Please explain this.**

The month in which the passover was observed was spoken of as the month Abib (Exodus 13:4); and also as the month Nisan (Nehemiah 2:1; Esther 3:7). It was the first month of Israel's religious year. Their secular year began in the seventh month from the month Abib, or our September.

**How can a Christian tell whether he is being chastised for his faults or merely experiencing a trial of faith?**

We can pray and examine our hearts. God is faithful to show us if we have done wrong, and He is merciful. If we confess our sins He will forgive and cleanse us from all wrong habits. Testings should help us to overcome our faults. They also should strengthen our faith. Jesus "learned obedience by the things which he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). His temptations and sufferings were means of discipline to ripen His character. God is working all the circumstances of our lives in order to conform us to the image of His Son (Romans 8:26-30). Therefore we can rejoice in all our experiences, whether they be pleasant or otherwise.

**It is said in Luke 17:20, 21 that the kingdom of God "is within you." Is this the same kingdom that was promised to the disciples when Jesus said, "Some of them which stand here shall not taste of death till they have seen the kingdom of God come in power" (Mark 9:1)?**

My conviction is that Luke 17:20, 21 in its primary sense means that Jesus the King was present in their midst, but "not with observation," or outwardly show. The R. V. reads "is in the midst of you."

It also has an application to us. When we are saved, the kingdom of God is set up in our hearts—"righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17).

In Mark 9:1 Christ was referring to the glimpse of the kingdom that the three apostles were to receive on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter spoke of this in 2 Peter 1:16-18. The kingdom of God comes into the believing soul at salvation; the millennial Kingdom still awaits the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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).*



*The Prisoner Might Have Been You or I...*

# BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD

BY J. T. TOMPKINS

*Tampa, Florida*



ON THAT MORNING IN JUNE 1956 when I first walked through the gates of the Florida State Prison as the newly appointed chaplain of the institution, I was certain I was in God's will in coming. Nevertheless, I felt inadequate for such a task and in need of help.

It has been since coming to Raiford as chaplain that I have come to fully understand this verse: "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). Here I have worked with men who have been charged with some of the vilest crimes that the human mind can conceive. It is hard to believe that men can get so far astray that they have no regard for God or the church, but merely live for the moment with no hope for the future. This is the condition of so many when they come to the state prison. Were it not that I believe Christ can hide a multitude of sins, I would have given up the first day, but I could not stop. I had to press on and to depend on God's help to minister to the men in such a way that they would see the love of God in action.

Since I know that God can forgive what we might call "gross" sins as easily as He can cleanse what may be termed "little" sins, I asked God to help me bring messages to meet the particular needs of these men. Praise God, He did give me sermons which caused the men to think and to find the way to a true experience and peace with God. There have been very few

At the time J. T. Tompkins wrote this article he was Chaplain of the Florida State Prison at Raiford. He has since been appointed Supervisor of Religious Activities for the Department of Correction in Florida. E. F. Mayton is the new chaplain at Florida State Prison. Brother Tompkins now visits all the state correctional institutions to assist the chaplains in setting up their religious programs.

services in which we have not had men at the altar repenting and experiencing the joy of salvation.

I have been asked on many occasions, "What do you preach about? You can't preach about freedom; they do not have freedom there behind bars." I am happy that many have found a freedom far greater than that which is limited by bars—for they have found *soul* freedom. They have experienced freedom from the burdens of sin and guilt. It is for this reason that many men say, "I am glad that I came to prison for it has given me a chance to evaluate life and to see where and what I was headed for."

The sincerity of many of these Christian men never fails to amaze visitors. Some months ago we had a group of students from Asbury College visit us. One of them stated later, "One of the inmates who led in prayer sounded like one of the students praying at Asbury." Many have asked, "What did that man do? It is hard to believe that he is the sort of man that would come to prison." Of course, I do not discuss the charges against the individuals. One thing I like to point out is that sin is no respecter of persons. We cannot rise too high for sin to bring us down, but God has made it possible through Christ for us to rise no matter how far down we have fallen. This fact can be borne out by many men who have found Christ at Raiford. I have seen men who have committed the worst kinds of sin on the outside continue in all sorts of vice after coming to Raiford. They have spent much of their time in confinement. Suddenly some have realized the error of their ways and turned to God to be gloriously saved.

We hear much about "jailhouse religion." They say men claim religion in prison but they ask *what will they do when they leave the prison?* This

is an important question and it is quite true that some who attend church here do not make useful citizens when they go out. Some are soon back in prison. On the other hand, there are those that do go out to make good and prove a blessing to mankind.

For example, we have a former prisoner who has set up a home in Miami to aid men and their families who are in prison. He and his wife also take men into their home when they are released and aid them in obtaining employment and living accommodations. They also minister to men who are in trouble in that area and help them to get their lives turned in the right direction without having to experience the shame and stigma of prison.

There is another who is now a well-known evangelist. He has preached revivals in many of the churches throughout the country and has been instrumental in seeing many souls brought to God. These are only two of the many who have gone out to prove that Jesus saves and keeps any who will allow Him to come into their hearts.

After a man comes to the altar we follow him up. We call him in during the week and discuss his new experience with him and try to get him started growing in this new life. Since I believe that prayer and study are two of the best foods for spiritual growth, I try to impress upon them the necessity of spending time in prayer and Bible study. This is where the Bible study courses supplied by the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department prove such a blessing. The National Prison Chaplain, Arvid Ohnell, has been kind enough to place these courses in our hands so that we may present them to the men and get them started immediately after they find Christ as Saviour. This is indeed important for we know that Satan takes no vacations and if there is any delay he will use

it to his advantage. I join the inmates who have taken these courses in saying, "We thank Brother Ohrnell and all those who, through their gifts, have made the courses possible."

Yes, I am glad that the love of God reaches men in prison. But would it not be better if men could find what their hearts are searching for before they get in trouble? I can only hang my head in shame when so many of the men say, "Chaplain, I have lived within sight of a church all my life and no one has ever talked to me about my soul!" I know that many of us will say, "Well, it was there for them so they are to blame." Suppose that Christ had taken that attitude toward us. Remember that He left His work

in our hands. We are to search out the lost and tell them about the love that sent Christ to the cross. Jesus gave us a new commandment of love. If we are to love our neighbor we will have to be concerned about his soul.

I would like to impress this fact upon Christians everywhere. When a man has served his sentence in prison, he has paid his debt to society. So let us give him every break that we can, in order for him to begin life again in a free society. I can feel for the man who comes to a church or a community and hears people whisper about his being "just out of prison." Remember: but for the grace of God, it could easily have been any of us.

## Prisoners Are Grateful for Bible Courses

A prisoner in the Texas Department of Corrections recently wrote Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, saying:

"I have finished the course, *Summary of the Old Testament*, and would appreciate it very much if you would send me another course. . . . I surely enjoyed those studies. God's Word is food for my soul, a light for me to live by, and a wonderful promise of eternal life.

"I do not know how I can thank you enough for what you have done for me, in the way of Bible studies; but God has an all-seeing eye, and He knows where to place His rewards. The Assemblies of God has surely helped me in the knowledge of God, and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much."

A prisoner in Indiana wrote recently:

"If at all possible please send me another course. I am deeply interested in these courses. I wish I could put in words how much they have helped me and brought me pleasure; but it's beyond my poor power of words to describe my feeling. I can only thank you that these courses are available. I am very grateful to all of you."

These letters are typical of many received in the National Home Missions

office weekly. All who write express gratitude for the *free* Bible study courses which they receive from the department upon request. Arvid Ohrnell has written five courses and now is preparing a sixth.

Many prisoners are now taking the advanced Bible courses from the Berean School of the Bible (Assemblies of God) after they have completed those supplied by the Home Missions Department. The department also pays for these advanced courses since the prisoners cannot pay themselves.

This rewarding ministry to prisoners is made possible only through the contributions of those interested in winning souls behind prison walls. Six books may be sent to prisoners for \$5; one book for \$1. Send your offering today for PRISON BIBLE COURSES directly to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

Satan selects his disciples when they are idle; but Christ chose His when they were busy at their work, either mending their nets, or casting them into the sea. If you are idle you are on the way to ruin, and there are few stopping places. It is rather a precipice than a road.

—Beecher

## Gayle F. Lewis and Carl Brumback To Address P.F.N.A. Convention

DES MOINES, Iowa—Two of the speakers at the annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, to be held in Des Moines, October 27 to 29, will be Assemblies of God ministers.

Gayle F. Lewis, Chairman of the P.F.N.A., will bring the Chairman's Address on Wednesday morning. Brother Lewis is an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Carl Brumback, well-known Assemblies of God evangelist and author, will speak at the 10 a.m. session on Tuesday on the subject, "The Trinity." Currently Brother Brumback is under contract to write a comprehensive history of the Assemblies of God. He has already authored three doctrinal books, entitled, "What Meaneth This?" "Accent on the Ascension," and "God in Three Persons."

Philippians 1:27 has been chosen as theme for the three-day convention—"Striving together for the faith of the gospel." Representatives of various Pentecostal groups will attend. Daytime services will be held in the First Church of the Open Bible, 19th and Crocker Streets. The evening services are scheduled to be in Hoyt Sherman Place, 15th and Woodland.

Missionary and youth services, as well as outstanding musical groups, will be featured. Missionary pictures will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday evenings prior to the regular services.

Howard P. Courtney, P.F.N.A. Secretary, has announced that the following ministers will be speaking during the convention: Theron A. Tousley (Open Bible Standard Churches), Walter Gravlin (International Pentecostal Assemblies), B. L. Box (Congregational Holiness Church), Charles L. Hollis (International Church of the Foursquare Gospel), J. Floyd Williams (Pentecostal Holiness Church), H. D. Williams (Church of God, with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.) Robert M. Argue (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada), Donald S. Aultman (Church of God), Chester M. Gretz (Elim Missionary Assemblies), and Lindsay T. Hayes (Pentecostal Church of Christ). A representative of the Church of God Mountain Assembly is scheduled to speak also, on the subject, "The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ." Each speaker will deal with a main section of the Statement of Faith.

Special features of the convention will include reports on the accomplishments of local chapters of Pentecostal Fellowship throughout the country. All of the services will be open to the public.

Inquiries concerning arrangements may be addressed to R. Bryant Mitchell, 851 19th Street, Des Moines 14, Iowa. The official convention hotel will be Hotel Savery, 4th and Locust.

**O**UT OF A BLOCK OF WOOD, some foam rubber, and a little cloth, a psychologist has created a "mother" that baby monkeys cuddle when they feel frightened or insecure. He thinks human babies might also learn to love such a substitute. Most parents, knowing the love, sacrifice, joy, and myriads of other ingredients of parenthood would hardly agree that an inanimate substitute parent could do the job.

All of us want to be good parents, but our task is not easy. We must be a combination of so many things—companion, doctor, nurse, teacher, psychologist, gardener, shepherd, provider—to mention a few. Certainly if we are going to succeed we must be mature persons ourselves.

Since we must be good examples in all things we cannot indulge in self-pity, blame others when things go wrong, or make excuses. When we do make mistakes we should neither berate ourselves nor refuse to admit the error. A child readily forgives if given opportunity.

There is a definite need for family unity in the home today. We can



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# Are You a Good Parent?

BY ADA E. TOMLINSON, BURTON, OHIO

achieve this through talking, reading, working, laughing, playing, singing, and praying *together*. We must get well acquainted with our children while they are young if we expect to have a happy relationship with them throughout life. Our children can and should be our best friends.

Most of us are concerned about the physical needs of our children. We recognize that nourishing food, comfortable clothing, sufficient rest, cleanliness, wholesome recreation, and exercise are necessary to build strong bodies. We know that good health habits should be formed while the children are young. However, if we only provide for their physical needs we fall short of accomplishing our God-given task.

A child needs to feel loved and wanted. Affection should not be merely

implied by the provision of the physical needs; we need to tell our children we love them and to respond to their need for affection. A child likes to feel close to his parents. When he leaves his toys and comes to climb upon your lap, he does so because he needs you. A mother of wood, foam rubber, and cloth would hardly suffice at such a time. This is the time to invite his confidences and to share in his experiences. By beginning when he is very young we may continue to share his interests and pleasures, to enjoy his achievements and successes as life unfolds for him. We can bolster his confidence by commending the favorable things he does, counselling with him, sharing his problems, answering his questions.

Day by day these things spell l-o-v-e to him. A pat, a hug, a clasp of the

hand, a smile, or a kiss will reassure a child for the moment, but more important is our consistency of attitude toward him.

Next to affection a child wants security. Setting bounds and limits will help him feel more secure, although there will surely be times when he will rebel. Insistence on obedience will start him on his way to righteousness. The respect he learns for authority in the home will stand him in good stead when he faces other life situations.

A dear minister friend of mine used to tell how he would take his children aside after some disobedience and explain to them how it hurt him to punish them, but how their willfulness grieved God even more. He would pray with them and then administer the punishment. All his children are serving the Lord today.



Circuit Court Judge Jacob M. Braude, Cook County, Ill., has had to pass judgment on more than 25,000 juveniles in trouble during the past twenty-five years. He stated recently in an article on delinquency in *Family Weekly* that there is a definite pattern common to all cases. He said, "If every parent and law enforcement officer recognized the pattern, knew the causes, and then did something about them, the number of young people in serious difficulties could be reduced by seventy-five per cent."

He mentioned the following factors in the pattern of delinquency besetting our young people today: Destructive toys and games, working mothers, fathers who hold two jobs, improper literature, gambling, automobiles, drugs and narcotics, movies, radio and television, alcohol, unsupervised group life, idleness and unemployment, lack of religious training, lack of discipline in the home and schools, lack of love and affection in the home.

Christian parents are in a good position to control many of these factors where their children are concerned. By giving our children a faith to live by, and by acquainting them with God and the Christian way of life, we provide an anchor that will hold when temptations come their way.

Monkeys may need only substitute mothers, but Jesus said, "*Man* shall not live by bread alone."

God expects parents to supply the physical and emotional needs of their children, but we can only succeed as Christian parents when we give them spiritual guidance as well.

## JUMBLED BIBLE ZOO

There are many animals in the Bible zoo, but the zookeeper got their names all jumbled up. Can you straighten them out for him?

1. NLOI (1 Samuel 17:34)
2. EBRSA (2 Kings 2:24)
3. HTAR (Psalm 42:1)
4. SAGTO (Matthew 25:32)
5. SGDO (Luke 16:21)
6. LMBA (Exodus 12:3)
7. VLOWSE (Luke 10:3)
8. TCLO (Mark 11:7)
9. DPLOERA (Isaiah 11:6)
10. ENIK (Genesis 41:2)

ANSWERS:

1—lion; 2—bears; 3—hart; 4—goats; 5—dogs; 6—lamb; 7—wolves; 8—colt; 9—leopard; 10—king.



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, September 21

**Read:** Psalm 42

**Learn:** "The Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life" (Psalm 42:8).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out: (1) the Psalmist's earnest desire for God, vv. 1, 2; (2) the strength we can have even in sorrow by remembering what God has done for us; (3) the fact that hope in God conquers discouragement, vv. 5-11; (4) that God is always with His own and will take care of them, v. 8. All this should cause us to praise God all the time, v. 11.

**Question Time:** To what does the Psalmist liken his desire for God? (v. 1) What conquers discouragement?

## Tuesday, September 22

**Read:** Psalm 43

**Learn:** "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles" (Psalm 43:3).

**For the Parent:** In this passage the Psalmist: (1) asks God to judge him and plead his cause, v. 1; (2) seeks deliverance from the deceitful and unjust, v. 1; (3) remembers that God is his strength; (4) asks to be led by God's light and truth; (5) remembers the joy of worshiping God in His house; (6) encourages himself to hope in God who is his all.

**Question Time:** To what places do God's light and truth lead us? (v. 3) How did the Psalmist go to God's altar? (v. 4)

## Wednesday, September 23

**Read:** Psalm 44:1-7, 17-26

**Learn:** "Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart" (Psalm 44:21).

**For the Parent:** It is good to hear about what God has done in the past, vv. 1-3; but we must know God personally, v. 4; and we must trust in Him for all victories, vv. 5, 6. Though times of testing come, v. 7, we must keep our faith in God, v. 17-20. God knows if we have forsaken Him, vv. 20, 21. In time of need we can be assured that God knows all about our troubles and will see us through them victoriously.

**Question Time:** What important truths do the first six verses of this psalm teach?

## Thursday, September 24

**Read:** Genesis 24:10-15, 51, 52, 58

**Learn:** "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Isaac and Rebekah" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Judged by twentieth century American standards of courtship, this story may seem strange. Yet it is a beautiful picture of God's guidance. It challenges us as Christians to trust God for help in every decision we make. Review the story, stressing the manner in which God guided. When we have God's will, we have the best possible in life.

**Question Time:** What important truth does this story portray? (See above)

## Friday, September 25

**Read:** Matthew 26:59-64; 27:17-21, 26-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men" (2 Timothy 2:24).

**For the Parent:** One of the real tests of our Christianity comes when we must suffer for some wrong we have not committed. These passages show how Jesus reacted to such situations—He was gentle, kind, forgiving. He is our example; we are to follow Him. Discuss situations children might face where they would be treated unjustly. Show how they can conquer these situations.

**Question Time:** What kind of witnesses accused Jesus? (26:60) How did Jesus react to them? (26:62-64)

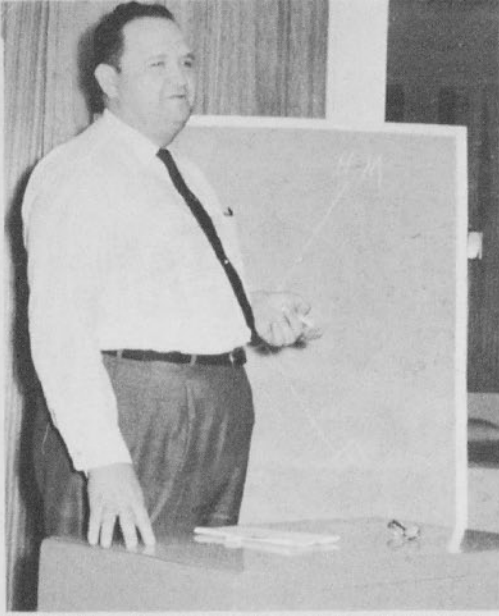
## Saturday, September 26

**Read:** Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-7 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "I will come again" (John 14:3).

**For the Parent:** The soon coming of Christ for those who are ready is one of the great hopes of the Christian. From this lesson point out: (1) Jesus said He would come again for us, John 14:3; (2) when Jesus went to heaven, the angels said He would come back again, Acts 1:9-11; (3) John had a vision of some of the things heaven holds for us, Revelation 21:1-8, and 22:1-7. Since Jesus is coming again, we must be sure to be ready to meet Him.

**Question Time:** How do we know Jesus is coming back for us? (See above) What must we do to be ready to meet Him?



Gayle Oler, Superintendent of the Boles Children's Home in Quinlan, Tex. gives practical help and information to the house parents at the National Children's Home during a recent training program



Department of Benevolences officials and institute speakers were guests at the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Ark. Left to right: Herbert Bruhn, Superintendent of the National Children's Home; Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director of the Department of Benevolences; Gayle Oler, guest speaker; C. W. Ringness, National Secretary of the Department of Benevolences

## "NOT BY BREAD ALONE"

HOUSE PARENTS AT THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME FIND THE BOYS AND GIRLS  
NEED MORE THAN SOUP, SOCKS, AND BED SHEETS. . . .

BY JEWELL READY

"**B**ROTHER BRUHN, WHY DID I have to be different? Why doesn't my family live together like other families? Why don't my parents want me?"

Herbert Bruhn, superintendent of the National Children's Home, sits across the desk from one after another of the nearly eighty children in his care and faces these and similar questions born of frustration. Unable to answer their questions completely, because he himself cannot understand the whys, he listens intently as the pent-up feelings pour out, sympathizes with the child, weeps with him, prays for him, and tries to comfort him.

The Assemblies of God constituency is doing a wonderful job providing food and clothing and shelter for these children. But neither men nor children live by bread alone. *Understanding cannot be wrapped in a package with socks, and nothing can replace a hand to hold or a shoulder to lean on.*

The youngsters in the National Children's Home are not orphans in the true sense of the word. Not more than half a dozen have lost their parents through death. They are orphaned through tragedy and heartache. Death is final; heartache is not. These youngsters have countless heartaches before them yet. For some they will come in the form of parents who promise faithfully to visit on a given date and

never show up; parents who give hope of a reunited home and never make it a reality; and many other problems.

The child's housemother knows that each promise has the potential of heartbreak; and so prepares herself to dry the tears if necessary and patch the little heart again. Somehow this must be done in a way which can preserve the child's loyalty to an undeserving parent.

Nancy (this is not her real name, of course) has had more tragedy in her short life than most of us feel we would be able to bear. The world was cruel to Nancy, and her memories terrify her yet.

"I never feel safe when I'm away from the Children's Home," she confided. "I'm scared until I'm back on the grounds—then I know nothing will happen to me."

It is wonderful, of course, to know that Nancy feels secure at the Home. But between now and the time she reaches maturity, Nancy must be given specialized help so that she will be able to adjust her thinking; lose her fears about the big world in which she must live; and be able to take her place as a part of society, a well-adjusted citizen.

Since it is evident that houseparents are in a very strategic position, only persons who are consecrated to God and have a real love for the children

can qualify. But in their burning desire to be everything which the child needs, even consecrated houseparents feel inadequate without special training to deal with the type of problems our children face.

For this reason we are beginning an inservice training program for our houseparents at the National Children's Home. The first step was a Houseparents' Institute held at the Home July 13-16. Here the houseparents received basic instruction in the various phases of their work, particularly concerning the emotional needs of inner frustrations of the children, and how to meet and deal with these needs.

The featured speaker each day was Gayle Oler, Superintendent of the Boles Children's Home in Quinlan, Texas. Other speakers were: E. F. Rucks, principal of Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, where our children attend public school; B. L. McCants, Probation Officer of Pulaski County, Little Rock; and Ed Weaver, staff member of the Department of Benevolences, who spoke on the importance of cottage group arrangements.

Requests for information concerning the National Children's Home, and offerings for this work, should be addressed to: Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

## The Cloud of His Presence

(Continued from page six)

Israelites who kept pace were never in darkness. And our safety lies in keeping pace with God's plan for us. This agrees with the scripture, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Follow the cloud. The guidance may appear strange at times, but it is always sure.

What need there was for patience! What a sanctifying effect it had upon those Israelites! And how we need to wait for God! The Levites watched the cloud and when it lifted they blew the trumpets, pulled up tent pegs, and moved on. Perhaps in the blowing of the trumpets and lifting of the cloud there is a reference to the agreement of the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The leading of the Holy Ghost will always harmonize with the Word of God.

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In conclusion, notice the blessings of those who followed the cloud of the Presence of God. Where the cloud was, the blood of the sacrifice was—at the brazen altar. Where the cloud was, there was the fellowship of the redeemed. The manna fell where the cloud was. If we want heavenly manna, let us stay where the cloud is. There it was that they drank from the Rock which followed them. Sometimes it was a subterranean stream beneath their blistering feet, but it was always there.

There was victory where the cloud was. "Let thine enemies be scattered," said Moses, as the cloud moved forward. The shout of a king was among them. The glory was with the cloud (Exodus 40:30-38). There was progress with the cloud, for every breaking of camp brought them that much nearer to Canaan.

Let us watch the cloud. Let us obey the cloud. Let us follow the cloud.

*"The Lord knows the way through the wilderness;*

*All I have to do is follow.*

*Strength for today is mine all the way,  
And all that I need for tomorrow;  
The Lord knows the way through the wilderness;*

*All I have to do is follow."*

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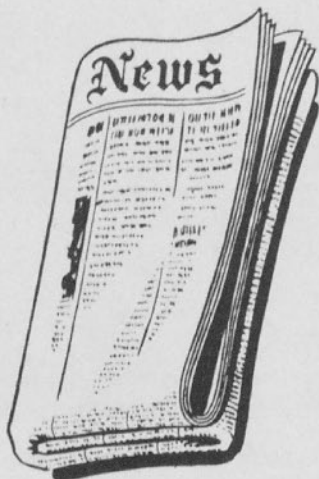


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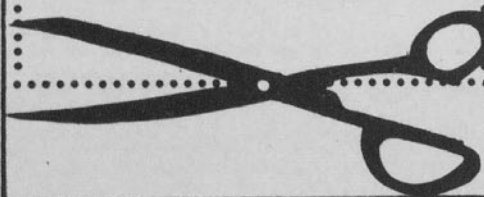
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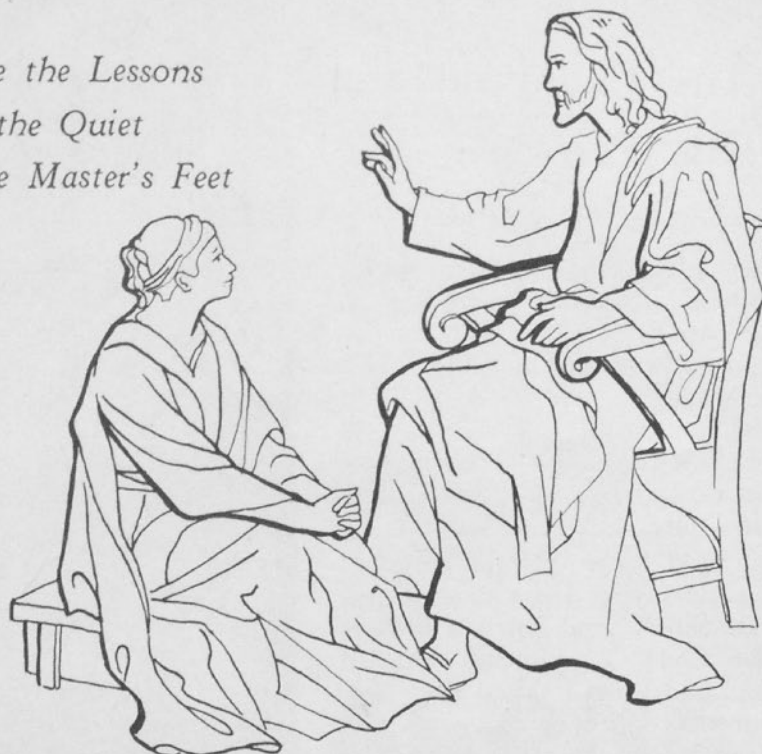
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## Sitting Before the Lord

BY ZELMA ARGUE  
*Santa Monica, California*

**M**ANY YEARS AGO I HEARD G. Campbell Morgan speak of Mary breaking her alabaster box and pouring the ointment upon the head of Christ. He suggested that as she poured it, some of the fragrant ointment probably ran down her wrists and arms. Being very costly it would cling and remain for some time.

Within perhaps two days, Jesus was on His way to Calvary, derided, spat upon, mocked. But once in a while He would catch the fragrance of Mary's costly gift, and it would comfort and refresh Him. People along the way as He passed by would smell that sweet perfume. Later, when Mary herself passed among some of the same people they would detect the familiar fragrance. And it would remind them of Jesus. They would naturally conclude that Mary had been with Jesus.

This rich aroma which comes from being with our Lord pervades the story of David's worship, as recorded in 2 Samuel 7:18-29. Sitting there reviewing the panorama of all God's mercies to him, from his boyhood days under open heavens when he sang sweet songs to the Lord to this day when God's covenant has been outlined to him, David is constrained to adoration. Ut-

terly overwhelmed with wonder, David begins to magnify the Lord. "Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee. . . . Let thy name be magnified forever" (Vv. 22, 26).

When our garments begin smelling too much like the world around us (its commerce, its competition) there is no substitute for going in and sitting before the Lord until, by contact with Him, we carry a fragrance away with us that every true lover of the Lord detects. Early morning hours, just before the day breaks, offer such an opportunity. Just to steal away and enter His sanctuary when there is no regular service in progress, just to sit before the Lord and review His boundless mercies, soon strips us of many non-essentials and clothes us in garments touched with His rich fragrance. It clothes us also with confidence and with power.

Moses sat before the Lord. When the battle hung in the balance and the conflict was too great for the young warrior Joshua, the veteran Moses sat before the Lord high on an overlooking mountain, hands upheld before the Lord. When he no longer could hold up his arms, Aaron and Hur sustained them, and "his hands were steady until the

going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." The victory came when one, no longer active in the fray, nevertheless sat confidently with hands uplifted to express unwavering faith in God. Possibly Moses was recalling God's great acts before Pharaoh, and at the crossing of the Red Sea, thus stirring his own heart to new confidence.

Ruth the Moabitess also sat before the Lord. She had expressed her unalterable decision to go all the way with Naomi and Naomi's God, and the two women had made their lonely journey back to Naomi's people. Naomi had counseled as best she could; then, out of all her sorrow and bereavement, she showed her abiding faith in her words to Ruth—"Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall." Little could either dream of all that hung in the balance as Ruth quietly, obediently, just sat still.

Christ Himself, being wearied, "sat thus on the well," and while sitting spoke of the water of life which one might drink and never thirst again. Again, in delivering the matchless Sermon on the Mount, Jesus sat. "And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them." Thus, in contemplation, He gave the Beatitudes.

Along the great Hollywood Freeway that pours its stream of traffic into downtown Los Angeles there is a point where one can see five highway levels. It is awe-inspiring, impressive, amazing, and sometimes bewildering to watch the vast, never-ending flow of vehicles on these various levels. The prophet Daniel foretold accurately that "many shall run to and fro." We do well to step aside occasionally from the rush of modern life, to leave the hurrying throng, and to sit still in the presence of God awhile.

Let us take up our position "before the Lord" both in action and in attitude. Certainly there are times for action. Elijah stood before the Lord (1 Kings 18:15). David danced before the Lord. But David also took time to sit before the Lord. May we follow His example.

*"Oh, steal away softly to Jesus,  
To Him let thy heart be outpoured,  
Thy Father who seeth in secret  
Shall give thee a gracious reward."*

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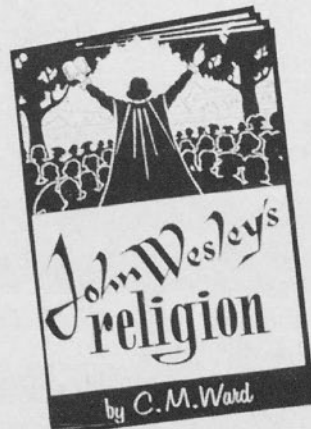
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# Sunday's Lesson

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## ISAAC AND REBEKAH

Sunday School Lesson for September 27, 1959

GENESIS 24:10-15, 51, 52, 58

For idyllic purity, romantic charm, and spiritual instruction, the story of how Abraham sent his servant to find a bride for his son Isaac cannot be excelled. The story has at least a three-fold value. Typically it is a picture of God the Father sending the Holy Spirit to prepare a bride for His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Historically the story forever taught the descendants of Abraham that they were not to intermarry with the Canaanites. Practically it teaches many lessons, among which the following stand out prominently: (1) How to carry on the work of the Lord; (2) How to receive the call of Christ.

### ABRAHAM'S SERVANT—A TYPE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. *He was sent to seek a bride for Isaac.* Abraham was determined that Isaac should marry one of his own race, one of God's covenant people. He must not marry an unbeliever. Thus Abraham sent his servant to Mesopotamia to find there a wife for Isaac from among Abraham's own relatives who still lived there. Similarly, God has sent the Holy Spirit in this dispensation for one great purpose; namely, to call out of the world a bride for Christ—the Church.

2. "All the goods of his master were in his hand." V. 10. Just as Abraham authorized his servant as custodian of all he possessed, so the Holy Spirit makes available to all who receive Him all the blessings and riches of God (Acts 1:8).

3. *The servant made an unusual and difficult demand upon Rebekah.* When he arrived in the city of Nahor, the servant rested his caravan beside a well and there sought further direction from God as to how to proceed. He would ask for a drink from one of the young women who came to the well for water and the one who should offer to water the camels as well would be God's choice. Watering camels would be quite a laborious task for a young lady! However, it may be observed that the leadings of the Spirit are often hard on the flesh and quite contrary to the will of the flesh (Galatians 5:17, 24).

4. *The servant adorned Rebekah with many gifts.* Both when she met the servant and on the trip home to Isaac, Rebekah received jewels of silver and gold. Similarly, the gifts and graces of the Spirit are given to those who will compose the bride of Christ for her development and edification and preparation for the day when she shall be presented to Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Ephesians 4:12; Galatians 5:22, 23.

5. *The servant devoted himself entirely to the matter of winning Rebekah for Isaac.* So also the Holy Spirit "testifies" of Christ to the believing heart and makes the things of Christ real. John 15:26; 16:14. So also is it the work of the believer as a witness to point others to Jesus! How

unfaithful the servant would have been had he sought to call Rebekah's attention to himself. Let us not make such a mistake!

6. *The servant was not satisfied until Rebekah had been presented to Isaac.* Likewise the faithful Holy Spirit constantly works to woo and win unbelievers to Jesus and then to guide, strengthen, and prepare believers for full spiritual maturity and for the final presentation to Christ when He shall appear and receive His bride into His home forever!

### HOW TO RECEIVE THE CALL OF CHRIST

A study of the conduct of Rebekah throughout the story is very enlightening. Her example is worth following! Just as she did—(1) We must open our hearts to Christ's invitation. V. 25. (2) We must bear witness to our friends and loved ones concerning God's call and what He expects. V. 28. (3) We must be willing to forsake all to respond to the call of Christ. Vv. 55-59.

### HOW TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE LORD

Abraham's servant was a model servant, completely devoted to his master and unreservedly dedicated to the accomplishing of his master's will. (1) Very prayerfully he sought God's guidance each step of the way. Vv. 12-14.

(2) He would not allow any delay or distraction from the work he had been called to do. Vv. 33, 54-56. (3) Repeatedly, throughout the story, he revealed his complete obedience to the word and wishes of his master. (4) Because of his faithfulness, he was eminently successful in the work he had been called to do! So shall it be with anyone who follows the Lord as faithfully as the servant of Abraham followed his master!

—J. Bashford Bishop

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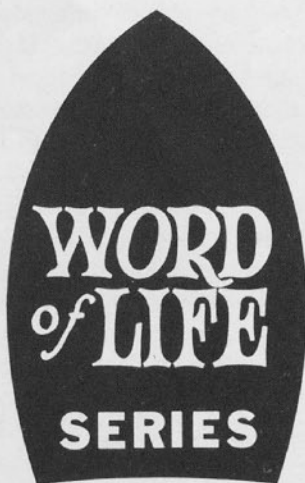




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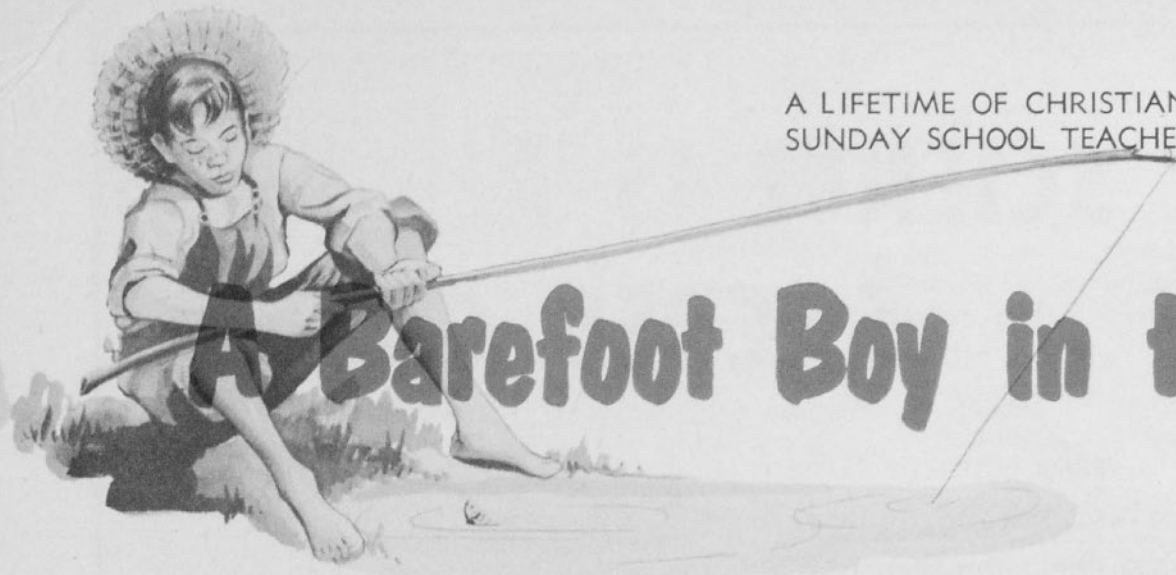


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A LIFETIME OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE GREW OUT OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S ENCOUNTER WITH...



# A Barefoot Boy in the Hills

—BY EMMETT MAUM

**A** BAREFOOT, SIX-YEAR-OLD COUNTRY boy in the hills near Whitesburg, Ky., visited a little church and attended a Sunday school which was to have a profound effect upon his entire life.

It all began because of a Sunday school teacher who showed a sincere interest in Corbitt. Every Sunday morning she stopped by his home to take him to Sunday school. Quickly the teacher began developing his interest in the Bible. She offered him an award if he would memorize Psalm 23, then another award for memorizing Psalm 1.

Little gifts followed for more Bible memory work, and the appreciative lad grew attached to the Sunday school teacher. He never wanted to miss a Sunday. If he did, however, he was sure to see his teacher at the doorstep of his farm home at some time during the week.

At the age of 12 the boy moved to Leslie, Ark. Four years later two ministers came to town, rented a hall, and started preaching the full gospel. Corbitt attended the meetings with his father, who was chief of police.

One night, in the course of the evangelistic meetings, the boy felt as if the speaker were preaching directly to him. Conviction for sin gripped his heart. At the close of the service the lad made his way to the altar and prayed through to heart-felt salvation.

Two hundred and seventy-four others were saved in the meetings, including the boy's father. Soon afterward an Assemblies of God minister and the superintendent of the Arkansas district organized this new group of believers into a church. In the meantime, God called young Corbitt to preach the gospel.

Some time after finding Christ as Saviour the young man received word that a friend had been involved in serious trouble and was confined to an institution. Corbitt went to visit his friend. While there he could not help but look in retrospect to those earlier days in the hills of Kentucky.

If that little Sunday school teacher had not drawn his interest to the Sunday school and to Christ, and if she had not been faithful to visit him and encourage him in every way possible, he might have been confined to the same institution at that very moment! He quietly praised the Lord for such a Sunday school teacher.

The young man of our story is now 44 years old and has been a minister of the Assemblies of God since 1932—one year after he was saved in Arkansas. He has pastored five churches and has served as district Sunday school director and Christ's Ambassador leader of Arkansas. For the past four

and one-half years, he has labored diligently and well as superintendent of the Tennessee district.

He is still thoroughly sold on Sunday school and personally knows the tremendous value of follow-up and visitation. Yes, Corbitt C. Crace owes much to a faithful Sunday school teacher.

—Sunday School Counsellor

## I Was Made Whole

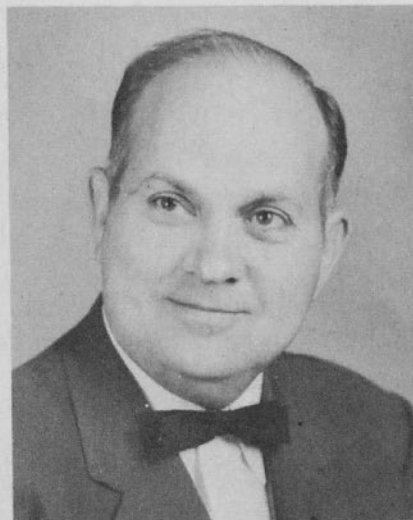
**I** PRAISE GOD FOR WORKING WHAT I consider a miracle in my life! It began when I was prayed for last year after many years of suffering.

As a child I began having violent migraine headaches. Through the years I was plagued with kidney, liver, and gall bladder disorders. Sinus infection and low blood pressure made me sick and dizzy. Systemic infection and arthritis came and went, bringing much pain and soreness. I had several breakdowns due to nervous exhaustion.

Doctors told me many times that I should have an operation for a female disorder, but I always refused. When a cyst developed, I was in constant pain, and the doctor insisted that an operation was urgent.

It was then that I grew desperate. I had been hospitalized eight times and did not want to face another operation. In February of 1958, during a revival at Full Gospel Tabernacle here in Denver, I asked for prayer. Pastor L. A. Duke and Evangelist Dwayne Madsen prayed for me.

The Lord so graciously met my need. I was set free—liberated in body, soul,



C. C. Crace

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and spirit. My healing was gradual but definite. My whole outlook and personality were changed. I was made perfectly whole!

A check up a few months later showed the cyst had withered and the infection had disappeared. The results of this healing are continuing today, praise God!—Mrs. H. E. Knuth, 1370 West Gill Place, Denver 23, Colo.

*Endorsed by Pastor L. A. Duke, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Denver, Colo.*

## Job's Comfort

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believe God for victory in the present trial. When we take time to consider the power God has manifested on our behalf on previous occasions, we find comfort and strength for the current difficulty.

And strangely enough, Job found comfort in the disciplines that had come into his life through the years prior to this trial. When the hailstones of sorrow upon sorrow rained into his life faster than he could comprehend them, we read that "Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped!"

He could worship in a time like that! Note the submission in his words, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:22). This was his reaction to the loss of his children and his material wealth. And even when Satan obtained permission to attack Job personally, afflicting him with sore boils "from the sole of his foot unto his crown," Job was still submissive.

When his wife suggested that he curse God and die, humility born of inner discipline dictated his answer: "What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

When did this happen? What was back of Job's integrity? What held him true in the face of trial? Why did God believe in Job's ability to come through this test victoriously? God would not put on exhibit before three worlds an untested, untried man. Back of this climactic testing must have been a series of smaller tests, unrecorded for us, but implied in the reaction of Job to the supreme trial. What but the inner discipline of the Spirit and the

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loving chastening of a Heavenly Father could have paved the way for the humility of Job in the face of the loss of loved ones, the destruction of property, and the painful affliction of his own body? "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

The unexpected comfort Job drew from previous chastening was the ability to humble himself in the hour of severe trial, and to believe in God's goodness even when he could not understand God's way.

Every source of comfort that was available to Job in his trials is also

open to us. And much more! For we have in Christ "a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that *he himself* hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:17, 18).

Human comforters who have not experienced our sorrows may misunderstand and fail to help us, but the God of all comfort "comforteth us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Corinthians 1:4).



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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►SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—The meetings conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kans. certainly were a time of refreshing and visitation from the Lord. Everyone enjoyed his sincere preaching and anointed singing. Over 100 came forward in response to the invitation for salvation, and a goodly number were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Elton G. Hill, Pastor

►INDIANHEAD, MD.—The church here was greatly built up during the meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham. The singing and preaching of the Higginbothams was in the old-fashioned Pentecostal style, and each night the altars were filled with hungry folk responding to the sincere, anointed ministry. A great contributing factor to the results of the meetings was the prayer chain that was formed during the meetings.

—Harold S. Bilotta, Pastor

►SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—One of the greatest revivals in recent years in the First Assembly of God was conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kans. Trained altar workers saw to it that everyone was dealt with personally and a card filled out for each one. Ninety-nine came forward for salvation and 43 to be reclaimed. Twenty-seven were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The attendance was very high and one or more were saved in every service. The consecrated singing and preaching of Brother Barnett was appreciated by all. Many high school and college young people were reached by the meetings and a number were saved. On Easter Sunday a record attendance of 825 was established, and for a four-week period the average was 650. —L. H. Hauff, Pastor



Some of the teen-agers attending Teenarama conducted by Evangelist Byron Lee Wright at the North Highland Assembly. Edgar Bethany is pastor.

►COLUMBUS, GA.—The North Highland Assembly here recently enjoyed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord during a three-week campaign called, "Teenarama," which was conducted by Evangelist Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers, musician. An aggregate of 2,000 teen-agers attended the meetings. Well over 100 knelt at the altar for salvation and more than 20 adults and youth were filled with the Holy Spirit. An organized visitation was conducted and more than 1,500 homes were visited in one afternoon by teen-agers in search of souls for the Master. This effort was abundantly rewarded by a near record attendance in Sunday school for a rainy, holiday weekend.

—Edgar Bethany, Pastor

►FORT WAYNE IND. — Exceptionally good crowds attended the revival services conducted recently by Evangelist Tommy Barnett. Some 50 decisions were made for Christ and a number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the two-week meetings. The evangelist is a musician of outstanding talent and ability and is particularly successful in giving an altar call and conducting altar services. The nightly attendance was strong. Many new families visited the church. During the meeting 17 were baptized in water and others are candidates. Water baptismal services are being held quite regularly.

—James C. Kofahl, Pastor



People attending the meeting conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett at First Assembly in San Bernardino, Calif. L. H. Hauff is pastor.

# EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

►JASONVILLE, IND.—Evangelist R. L. Covington of Edwardsville, Ill. recently ministered in two weeks of revival here. The entire church was blessed. One Sunday morning seven souls were saved. The revival spirit still pervades the church. To God be the praise forever.

—Walter Batman, Pastor

## NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE MOVING TO NEW CAMPUS

KIRKLAND, Washington—After operating in Seattle for twenty-five years, Northwest Bible College is moving to a completely new campus at Kirkland some nineteen miles from the former college site. Student registration at the new location will be September 28 and 29.

Extensive new facilities for the Bible college are being constructed. Buildings on the 35-acre campus which are complete or under construction will house the chapel, administration and faculty offices, and classrooms, besides a student union building. A library, six-plex apartment building, and food service building are expected to be available for the opening of the fall term. A dormitory building is to be ready after the first of the winter quarter.

The new development will accommodate 400 students and 22 faculty and staff members, with facilities to be enlarged as enrollment increases. Complete plans of construction will extend over a five-year period and exceed one million dollars.

To meet transportation needs for off-campus housing and employment, the college is planning a shuttle bus service with college-owned equipment and organization of student car pools. In addition, there is public bus service available between Kirkland, Seattle, and other east-side points.

Employment is expected to be plentiful to the students in a growing east-side industrial and residential area. N. B. C. is the only college located on the east side of Lake Washington in the Greater Seattle area.

Prospective students who desire to make application for the autumn term are urged to write for an application form and a free catalog to: Registrar, Northwest Bible College, 11102 N. E. 53rd St., Kirkland, Washington.

## WATSON ARGUE VISITING ASIA

On September 5 my wife and I plan to leave the U.S. for missionary evangelistic services in India and throughout the Orient. We have been invited to minister at a camp meeting in Australia in December, which is summertime in the land "down under." We also plan to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Brisbane, Australia. We expect the tour to take nine months.—Watson Argue, 934 Fifteenth St., Santa Monica, Calif.

## WITH CHRIST

ELLEN MARIE DEBOER, 69, Juneau, Alaska, went to be with Jesus on June 30, 1959. Mrs. DeBoer was ordained in 1947. She served as a pastor in the state of Washington before going to Alaska in 1957 to help in the gospel work there.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Eufaula	First A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Calvin Melton	Andrew J. Daniel	
	Mobile	First A/G	Sept. 13-27	W. O. Stephens & wife	W. L. Baker	
	Tuscaloosa	First A/G	Sept. 23-27	T. H. Spence	Robert Spence	
	Whistler	A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	Joel Palmer & wife	Daniel Mosier	
Calif.	Fortuna	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 22-27	Virgil & Ethel Warens	S. L. Sanders	
	Rio Dell	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 15-20	Virgil & Ethel Warens	E. L. Snyder	
	San Bernardino	First A/G	Sept. 13-27	Tommy Barnett	Louis H. Hauff	
	Santa Monica	Highland Temple	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	Douglas L. Hoke	H. C. Gotcher	
D. C.	Shafter	First A/G	Sept. 13—	Fisher-Cheek Team	A. B. Farmer	
	Whittier	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	Hildreth Ethridge	John Tinsman	
	Washington	Calvary Gospel	Sept. 22-27	S. P. MacPherson	Elmer P. Bilton	
	Fla.	Ft. Walton Beach	Wright Assem.	Vernon H. Thomas	Houston Miles	
Fla.	Panama City	Dirego Park	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Hance Evan. Team	Crawford Railey	
	Pensacola	Brentwood A/G	Sept. 6—	Jimmy Swaggart & wife	T. D. Rachels	
	St. Petersburg	Seminole A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	John Eller	A. Hollingsworth	
	Sanford	Pinecrest A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	Ernie Eskelin	H. M. Snow	
Ill.	Aurora	First A/G	Sept. 17—	B. D. Bennett	Loren Doss	
	East Alton	A/G	Sept. 16	Joe Ragsdale	Odis Cooper	
	Geneseo	A/G	Sept. 13-27	Jess & Judy Hammer	Harry Lee	
	Havana	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	Lolita Thompson	T. L. Bonniwar	
Ind.	Kankakee	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	Ruth Specter	James L. Watkins	
	Oak Park	Bethel Temple	Sept. 9-21	Vander Ploegs	L. R. Nowell	
	Shelburn	Shiloh A/G	Sept. 15-27	R. L. Covington	Melvin Wilkes	
	Iowa	Waterloo	First A/G	Sept. 23—	G. A. Snively & wife	R. Thompson
Kans.	Great Bend	First A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Billy Guthrie & wife	J. O. Rosenberg	
	Hiawatha	A/G	Sept. 13-27	Ivan Christoffersen	Sarah Pittman	
	Kinsley	A/G	Sept. 16-27	Bob McCutchen	S. N. Ediger	
	La.	Morgan City	A/G	Sept. 23—	Chas. Reed & wife	T. N. Crick
Mass.	West Monroe	First A/G	Sept. 23—	Donnell-Holler	Fred Wall	
	Fitchburg	Full Gospel	Sept. 20—	Calvin Rogers	E. R. Newhaus	
	Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 13-27	B. R. Minton	P. C. Lee
	Union City	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Garfield J. Unruh	Ben Dirks	
Minn.	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 22—	Neale Sheneman	Raymond Reine	
	Sleepy Eye	A/G Tab.	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	S. H. Buschow	C. Gruetzmacher	
	Miss.	Meridian	Highway A/G	Sept. 15-27	Forrest Whaley	P. F. Ramsey
	Mo.	Breckenridge	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Frank E. Martin	Gail Capple
Mont.	Maryville	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Jimmie Parrack & wife	Rex Anspaugh	
	Missoula	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Dick Stevens Family	Eugene Born	
	Nebr.	Chadron	A/G	Sept. 6-20	David J. Eide	Jerry Spain
	Hastings	A/G	Sept. 13—	Ed McClung	H. W. Lebsack	
N. Y.	Rome	A/G	Sept. 9-20	Paul J. Graban	E. Darling	
	N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Highland A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 4	Bill Newby	R. Northrop
	Ohio	Youngstown	Calvary A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	Max E. Applegate	Raymond Taber
	Okla.	Ada	First A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	John Everett	L. E. Staggs, Jr.
Enid		A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Oran Duncan	Earl W. Kelly	
Oklahoma City		Faith Tab.	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	Wallace S. Bragg	Sam Scott	
Wewoka		First A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 4	Jack Pruitt	R. S. Strange	
Oreg.	Lakeview	Full Gos. A/G	Sept. 13—	G. E. Strickland	Jimmie Gillham	
	Pa.	Chambersburg	Bethel A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	Stanley MacPherson	Samuel Weidler
	Hillsdale	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	The Roland Hasties	Frank Yarnel	
	Indiana	First A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Don George	William Keifer	
S. Dak.	Monroeville	A/G	Sept. 22—	Richard Owens	H. Paul Robinson	
	Scranton	Clarks Summit	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Ken George	D. Laquintano	
	Waynesboro	Calvary A/G	Sept. 16-27	Allen Swift	George Hatchner	
	Tex.	Rapid City	Beth. Tem. A/G	Sept. 22—	Wm. Ilnisky & wife	E. H. Harper
Athens		A/G	Sept. 23-27	The Tanner Team	C. E. Wilson	
Dallas		First A/G	Sept. 9-27	Warren Litzman	E. E. Krogstad	
Duncanville		First A/G	Sept. 16-20	Robert Watters	H. S. Cowart	
Va.	Houston	First A/G	Sept. 13—	Tommy Lofton & wife	C. C. Swaim	
	Lamesa	First A/G	Sept. 13-27	Willis Deerman	Nicholas Kovac	
	Waco	18th & Pine A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 2	James W. Van Meter	Sam O'Toole	
	Newport News	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 15-27	Frank G. Sharp	M. E. Boyce	
Wash.	Raven	First A/G	Sept. 13-27	Carl Walker, Jr.	W. W. Smith	
	Kalso	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 11	E. M. Johnson & wife	Burton W. Pierce	
	Renton	<sup>2</sup> Hazelwood Chap.	Sept. 13-27	Kenneth Lindgren	R. J. Carlson	
	Wis.	Milwaukee	<sup>1</sup> Grace A/G	Sept. 20-25	Bob Olson	Howard Lecher
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	H. B. Kelchner	H. J. Keener	
	Canada	Tillsonburg Ont.	Bethel Temple	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	C. S. Tubby	J. Pearson
	Vernon, B.C.	<sup>3</sup> Civic Arena	Sept. 11-30	Clifton O. Erickson	J. J. Beitel	

<sup>1</sup> Children's Revival

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# The Roseburg Disaster

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portunity for men to be saved, held out His loving arms once more to embrace a sinful world. And some yielded and decided for Christ that night.

There was a young man who came into the service for the first time, but who audibly refused to become a Christian. He said that maybe he would tomorrow. After the explosion we had a great concern for him since he lived in the part of the city where the fire started.

A young man, who had made a decision for Christ only the night before, went down and stayed all night, helping and comforting where he was able. His new-found experience spurred him on when his physical strength might have failed. His heart had nearly broken when he pulled from beneath a fire engine the bodies of two firemen who had been killed by the explosion. He told us that only the courage of a few men had saved the whole city from being burned down.

After being up all night, we lay down to get a little rest so that we could help clear the rubble and broken glass at the First Assemblies of God church, all the windows on one side having been blown in. As I lay there unable to sleep, I looked through the window and saw the first feeble light of day creep across the sky. A new day had dawned to light up the awful scene of devastation and chaos. Smoke still billowed into the air but at last they had managed to get the fire under control.

Psalms 127 says: "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Watching the flames leap high and the sky turn red as blood, and seeing the desolation left behind, many have said that this is the worst disaster in the history of Oregon which, sadly enough, celebrates its centennial just this year. It is estimated that from ten to twelve million dollars worth of damage has been done; that economically the city has been set back forty years. An unknown number have lost their lives; men are still searching for bodies in the ruins and at least fifty have been seriously injured. Many in addition have

lost their homes and minor damage has been done to almost every building in the city. The First Assemblies of God church had its large windows blown in, but otherwise the building was spared.

Going a day later right through the burned-out part of the city was a heart-breaking experience. One dare not imagine what suffering and loss it represents. One hour we were looking down on beautiful great structures: the next they were gone in the horror of fire.

Surely these things will make a man turn his eyes to God, for "except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." We are in His almighty hands. Man has failed God, rejected Him, blasphemed His holy name. Surely these things warn us to center our minds on eternal things, and make every Christian renew his consecration and determination to serve God better, more faithfully, than ever before.

So the night after the tragedy we came together for our service in the church. Everyone lifted his heart in prayer for the bereaved and suffering, and in thankfulness for deliverance. May we seek God's face as earnestly in days of prosperity and victory.

As the appeal was given that following night, several yielded to the Lord. Among them was that young man who the night before had rejected the voice

of the Saviour. God had reminded him of his need in a very real way. He was in bed just a matter of yards away from the scene of the explosion. He was lifted bodily, his bed with him, and thrown with tremendous force right through the doorway and into the hall of the house, yet miraculously he had not even sustained a scratch!

We heard many stories of God's miraculous preservation of His children who by any logical standards should have been blown to pieces. In some cases the fire, raging towards their properties, literally stopped at their doorsteps.

I should like to add a word here from Pastor Ross. He says: "It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank God for His miraculous protection for all the members of the Assembly of God church; though they were badly shaken and property damage was heavy, yet none were seriously injured. We pray that this will make the citizens of Roseburg God-conscious and will cause a spiritual awakening."

So, with aching hearts, we watch the clearing-up of the debris and the attempt to restore order out of the chaos of the city. We see the soldiers guarding every street, the boarded-up shops and businesses. We feel the awful emptiness and we pray with all our hearts that this disaster will bring revival to Roseburg that, by God's infinite grace and mercy, tragedy might become triumph. ◀◀

## Mid-Morning Miracle

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crying 'O God, make that preacher stop preaching and pray for me.'

At that moment Hilliard Griffin, minister on Calvary Temple's "Healing Hour Broadcast," felt a strange leading. He said, "I feel led to pray for someone who is in special need!"

Two hundred miles away the patient cried out, "I'm well, the Lord has healed me."

The nurse fainted! "I picked her up off the floor and called for help," said Smith.

Immediately the hospital authorities contacted his wife. After visiting and talking with her husband Mrs. Smith knew that he was well. It was only natural to get in touch with the minister of the Healing Hour. Mrs. Smith con-

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tacted Brother Griffin, who drove 200 miles to see the patient. He too was satisfied that Smith was normal. Mrs. Smith applied for the release of her husband. It had been an instantaneous healing. For Smith, December 5, 1954, is a landmark. He was released from the hospital that day and since then has enjoyed nearly five years of happy, healthy, normal living.

You'll find him at the Duval County jail from one to two o'clock every Sunday afternoon. The prisoners always give him good attention for he talks their language, understands their problems. Captain Street of the Salvation Army bears witness to the effectiveness of Smith's jail witnessing. He said that a condemned man, within 24 hours of the electric chair, said, "Many Christians have influenced me but the testimony of Ernest Smith impressed me most of all. He made me feel I had to give my life to God." The condemned man, with his own death in mind and with a thought for the souls of other men, said, "They are not killing me, they are sending me home. I'm going to the chair at eight in the morning—you may be called tonight."

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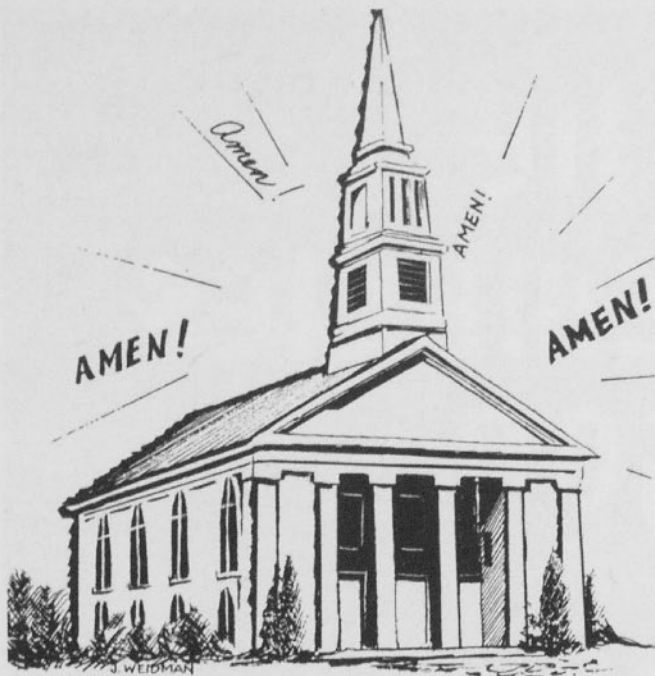
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# Say, "AMEN!"

BY EVANGELIST RUSSELL D. WELSCH

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**S**AY "AMEN!" THIS IS A REQUEST heard quite often in gospel meetings. The preacher, as he is ministering, comes to an important truth which he has strongly emphasized. To have the congregation recognize the great importance of that truth, he will ask his audience to "Say Amen!"

Nothing is wrong for the preacher to make such a request. In fact, it is needful today, yet this invitation should not be necessary. "Amen" should flow spontaneously from the lips of a Christian.

"Amen" means, "So be it—so it is—so shall it be," and is first recorded in Numbers 5. This portion of scripture deals with the sin of adultery. God instructed the priest to pronounce an oath of cursing upon the guilty individual. God also declared that the guilty shall say, "Amen, amen," thus agreeing to that which was spoken.

Again we notice the importance of this word in the 106th Psalm. The author recorded the past history of Israel. He told of God's mighty acts and mercy towards Israel, yet related how the people disbelieved and provoked God by their words and actions. The Psalm closes with a prayer of supplication, and then the Israelites are exhorted with these words, "And let all the people say, Amen," (Psalm 106:48). The people were to testify their approval of what had been spoken.

"Amen" is not merely an Old Testament word. According to Dr. D. D. Whedon, "Verily is the same in the original as our word Amen, and it

was a solemn *so let it be.*" The Master, at least seventy-seven times, began His teaching by using the word "verily." He thus emphasized and affirmed the great doctrines which God was directing Him to teach the people.

The apostle Paul and other New Testament writers paused at different places in their epistles, being divinely inspired to insert an "amen." Thus they signified the importance of the truth the Holy Spirit was directing them to write (Romans 1:25; Galatians 1:5; Revelation 22:20).

In many churches, the minister's sermon suffers as a martyr for a cause.



## Blazed Out for Thee

*Rutherford, shortly before passing away, exclaimed: "Now let me blaze out for God." Upon these words, one has written these lines:*

*When I am dying how glad I shall be  
That the lamp of my life has been blazed  
out for Thee.*

*I shall be glad in whatever I gave,  
Labor or money, one sinner to save:  
I shall not mind that the path has  
been rough,  
That Thy dear feet led the way is enough.*

*When I am dying how glad I shall be,  
That the lamp of my life has been blazed  
out for Thee.*



Many in the congregation have heard gospel sermons from childhood, and some listen without feeling. These individuals receive it as an old familiar sound. Yet, the Word of God is as important today as it was in the past. The Bible has not changed. It is still the power of God unto salvation, and a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our way. If, under the law, the people were commanded to affirm the spoken truth, how much more should we, who are under grace, affirm the truth as given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Sad to say, the "amen corner" has been vacated. The individual *amener* is seldom heard because he feels alone. There are those who try to excuse themselves from saying "amen." They nod their heads, and perhaps utter a weak word they think will be adequate. The faithful preacher is God's messenger to a sinful world. He needs your support. God directs him to speak the words which are for the edification, instruction and correction of the church. You should clothe those words with their solemn affirmation, adopting the truth which has been spoken with distinctive "amens."

Do not be ashamed to say "amen." Do not wait to be asked. Voice your approval when your spirit bears witness to a song, to a testimony, to a prayer, or to the preaching of the inspired Word. Declare unto God that your mind and soul convey a similar meaning.

Revive and bring back to the house of God the inspired "amen." ◀◀

# Instantly Healed of Severe Heart Trouble

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IT IS WITH THE SINCERE HOPE OF helping someone else to have faith for healing that I am giving my testimony. I am humbled and very grateful for what the Lord has done for me.

I was taken to the hospital on October 29, 1957, with a severe heart condition. After extensive tests and an electrocardiogram I was told that there was no hope for my recovery. One side of my heart was blocked off and the muscles were too weak to pump the blood through the clogged arteries.

I was sixty years of age. Being a Pentecostal Christian, I had no fear of death but it did seem that I should live longer. I was kept flat on my back because of congested lungs and liver. Dropsy had evidently set in also. After a month in the hospital I was allowed to come home but still had to stay flat in bed. Months went by with no apparent improvement. I finally got them to take me to church on Sunday mornings and then went back to bed.

A year rolled by and instead of improving I began to get worse. I started running a temperature and my blood count was so high the doctor said I should return to the hospital. I was very sick and, although I am ashamed to admit it, I began to feel discouraged. But (praise His holy name) that was when God met me!

I was to go to the hospital on Tuesday, December 16, 1958. Two days before this, following the Sunday morning service, our pastor, Robert L. Boulden, asked for any in need of definite prayer to come forward. I hesitated for several reasons. I had been prayed for so many times, and I was actually too sick and weak to make the effort to walk to the front of the church. I bowed my head and was about to stay in my seat when I felt convicted. I struggled to my feet and went forward.

Mrs. Ida Sande Boteler had preached to us that day, and she anointed each one and prayed for them. When she prayed for me she said, "Now raise

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your hands and praise the Lord." I was so weak that she took my arms and raised them for me and held them a second or two. Then the power of God came and He did a marvelous work in my body. Strength began to flow into me and praise began to roll out.

I was actually "lost in Him" in praise and adoration. I continued to praise Him all the way home and all afternoon. It was no effort: the praise just rolled out of my mouth from the depths of my heart, and still does every time I think of His wonderful goodness to me.

When I got home I cooked our Sunday dinner—the first meal I had cooked in many months. I could easily have washed the dishes as well, but my husband refused to let me do them. From that day forth I have continued to gain strength each day.

I have not taken one dose of medicine or even a vitamin tablet since my healing. I do all my own work, drive the car, attend all our church services, and have resumed teaching my Junior girls class. Surely God's ways are past finding out. We realize the salvation of a soul is of far more importance

than the salvaging of a body, but when our lovely Lord does them both—well, my gratitude is too much to be expressed in mere words.

God is no respecter of persons. His Word tells us that. If you are sick, look up, and hope in God!—Mrs. Ila F. Ranz, 8998 Kennedy Street, Riverside, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Robert L. Boulden, Pastor of Gospel Fellowship Assembly of God, Pedley, Calif.)*

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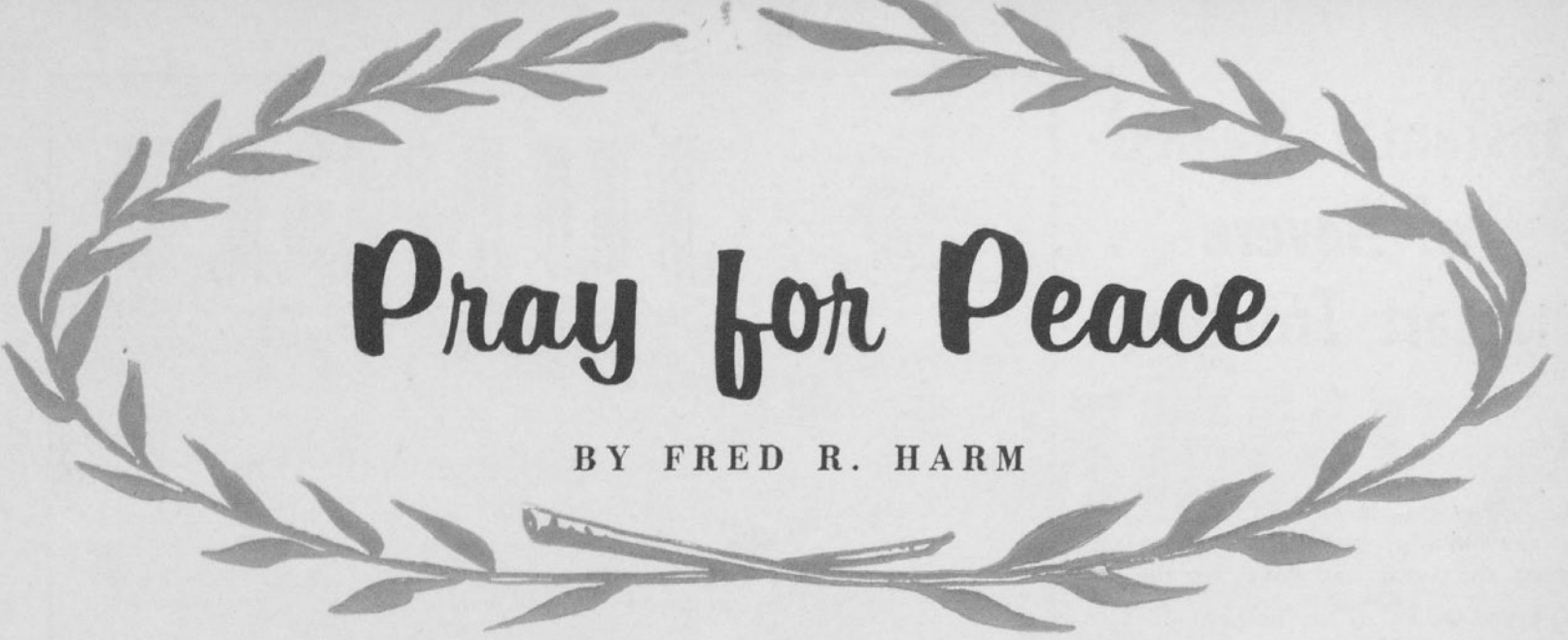
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# Pray for Peace

BY FRED R. HARM

**T**HE FAMILIAR SLOGAN, "PRAY FOR PEACE," IS ONE THAT strikes a responsive chord in every heart. All of us deeply desire peace. War, conflict, disagreement among nations or individuals are conditions loathed by everyone. And yet, is it not true that very often our lip-cry for peace is actually a heart-cry for "peace on our terms"?

Winston Churchill, in commenting on the failure of world disarmament negotiations some time ago, told a clever story. "Once upon a time," he said, "all the animals in the zoo decided they would disarm, so they held a conference. The rhinoceros said that the use of teeth in war was barbarous and horrible, and ought strictly to be prohibited by general consent. Horns, which were mainly defensive weapons, would of course have to be allowed. The buffalo, stag, and porcupine said they would vote with the rhino, but the lion and tiger took a different view. They defended teeth, and even claws, as honorable weapons. Then the bear spoke up. He proposed that both teeth and horns should be banned. It would be quite enough if animals would be allowed to give each other a good hug when they quarreled. No one could object to that! It was so fraternal, and would be a great step toward world peace. However, all the other animals were offended with the bear, and they fell into a perfect panic."

The parable would be very amusing if it were not very true! We all want peace, but we all wish to dictate the terms of the peace. Oh, for a voice of authority—a voice to silence the confusion of selfish, ostentatious cries for peace heard at every corner!

There is such a voice! It has spoken with authority! It is the voice of the living God. We hear it as we search the pages of His authoritative revelation of truth, the Holy Bible.

The Bible teaches us in definite terms that *personal* peace must precede national peace. In the Old Testament, God laid down fixed principles by which He dealt with His people. Among other things, He spoke of the possibility of national distresses. He knew that things would not go smoothly for His people, but assured them that if they would meet certain conditions when national calamity overtook them, then most assuredly He would intervene, and the national distress would be alleviated. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked

ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Here we find some important truths. Repentance on the part of the individual members of the nation is God's preliminary requirement. When this is done, God will hear and will forgive their sin. Then the healing of the national distress will take place. Individual peace *must* precede national peace.

How then does the individual find the peace he so desperately needs? The Bible plainly declares that the peace man needs *has already been provided*.

Through sin and self-will man has separated himself from God and is at cross-purposes with His plan. The New Testament word for peace literally means "to bind together." This is what Christ accomplished through His death on the cross. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us" (Ephesians 2:14).

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

It is as the individual receives Jesus Christ by faith as his Saviour that this glorious peace becomes a reality in his experience. Just as a thirsty man must *drink* the water in order to have his thirst quenched, so the penitent soul must by an act of his will actually *receive* Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The difference between the *provision* of salvation and peace through the death of Christ, and the *acceptance* of the provision made, is very well illustrated in the following incident.

In 1829, George Wilson was sentenced to be hanged for robbing the mails and for murder. President Andrew Jackson pardoned him, but Wilson refused the pardon. This posed a problem for those in charge of the prisoner. Should they hang him or not? Chief Justice John Marshall gave the following decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. If it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must be hanged." And he *was* hanged. No one was responsible for his death but the man himself.

Peace and pardon have been accomplished for you in Christ; God offers them as a free gift. It is yours to decide whether you will accept or reject the grace thus offered. What is *your* decision?

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