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

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Sleepless Nights

Most of us, if not all, have had nights when we tossed about and could not get to sleep. We were tired out in body but our minds refused to slumber. We were wide awake while others slept, and in the stillness we counted the chimes as the clock struck one dreary hour after another. What an exhausting experience it can be, in the physical!

But what an enriching experience it can be, in the spiritual, if we turn those wakeful moments into a season of communion with our Lord! Have you tried it?

We are busy people. Maybe the Lord has something to say to us and the only time He can get our undivided attention is after we go to bed. Next time sleep eludes you, talk to God about it. Remember the story of Samuel. It was after he had gone to bed that he heard a voice from heaven. We may not hear an audible voice, yet the words of the Lord may come to us none the less forcibly. Let us learn to lift our hearts heavenward on sleepless nights and say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Of course, it may be that worry is keeping us awake. If that is true, we need to repent and put our trust in the Lord. We should bring the troublesome matter into God's presence and commit it to Him by a deliberate act of faith. The 127th Psalm teaches us that the Lord can do a much better job of managing our affairs while we sleep than we can do by staying awake and worrying. And it adds these wonderful words of promise, "He giveth his beloved sleep."

Learn to say with the Psalmist, "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

But if sleep does not come, ask the Lord why. Maybe you have fallen behind in your praying, or in your praising, and God is giving you an opportunity to get caught up! You need to say with Edward Caswall, the hymn writer, "When sleep her balm denies, My silent spirit sighs, May Jesus Christ be praised." The apostle has bidden us to speak to ourselves "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19). There is no better time to do this than when we lie awake at night and all around is still.

The Psalmist must have been troubled with insomnia quite often for he made many references to communing with God at night. "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel," he said: "my reins also instruct me in the night seasons" (Psalm 16:7). "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: when I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches" (Psalm 63:5, 6).

Sleep is a great blessing but there are times when God would keep us awake to give us something better. He would teach us precious secrets in the stillness of the night. He would give us light in the darkness. He would show us His glory. Wise is the person who turns sleepless nights into seasons of communion with his Lord. Pity the folk who reach for the sleeping pills and deprive themselves of rich spiritual blessings.

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FORWARD with CHRIST

THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS A PERPETUAL APPOINTMENT BETWEEN CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES—AS WIDE AS THE WORLD, AS LONG AS THE AGES. IF WE OBEY CHRIST BY GOING INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH THE GOOD NEWS, WE'LL FIND HIM THERE, KEEPING HIS PART OF THE BIG APPOINTMENT.

BY R.M. RIGGS

VERY CONVENIENTLY THE THEME OF the message for tonight, "Forward with Christ," is written above the platform where everyone can see it.

My supporting scripture is a very familiar one—the last five verses of Matthew 28: "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The first two verses of this passage refer to what I am going to call "the Galilee tryst." That tryst, as such, is basic to what follows. It presents Jesus' "pilot plan." It provided a method for testing those disciples. Not too long before this occasion Jesus announced that plan. After the Last Supper, Jesus went with His disciples into the Mount of Olives and He told them, "After that I am risen, I will go before you *into Galilee*." (Mark 14:28)

In the morning of the resurrection, the women came to the sepulcher and the angel said, "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: . . . but go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you *into Galilee*: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Jesus was careful to confirm that appointment that He had with them.

This was the keynote address given by the General Superintendent at the 28th biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God.

The announcement had been, "After I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee." You see, it had two parts. On the resurrection day He did arise, and time after time—to Mary and the women, to the disciples on the way to Emmaus, and to the others in the room where they had gathered together—He showed Himself alive. He demonstrated that He had risen.

He kept this part of His appointment and He kept the second part too. He went before them into Galilee. The disciples saw that He had risen, and, remembering what He had told them, they went to Galilee to meet Him. They kept their appointment; they talked with Him; they worshiped; they marveled. His meeting them there demonstrated His faithfulness to keep His Word.

This pilot plan was a pattern of that which was to follow. The Great Commission, as we know it, was a projection of this plan. An appointment was made; He kept the appointment; they were there. *Here is the world evangelization story in a nutshell.*

I am not going to refer to those last verses any more as a Great Commission; I am going to call them the *Big Appointment*. The appointment He was about to make was as wide as the world, as long as the ages, so He had tested them in that simple little appointment in Galilee to find out who would be worthy, who believed Him.

"All power is given unto me." There is His introduction. ALL POWER. "And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Holy Spirit is the personification of power.

Now another selection of two little words: "*is given*." What a beautiful example of humility Christ has given

us in this little expression! He is saying, "I have been honored. My father has given me all power! And I will be the source of your strength. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

You see, this Big Appointment starts off with "unto me," and it ends with, "Lo, I." He is the Alpha and the Omega, the author and the finisher of our faith.

Now, He says, "Go ye therefore." Did you ever stumble at the use of "therefore" from the standpoint of logic? He had just said, "All power is given unto me," and now He says, "Go ye therefore." We would say, "All power is given unto me, therefore, I will be able to overcome every obstacle." But He is saying, "Because all power is *mine*, therefore it is *yours*."

Don't overlook the little verb, *go*. We are happy to be a part of the Pentecostal *movement*. May it always be a *movement*. *Going* is the essence of this Big Appointment. It involves a lot of traveling, brother, a lot of *go*.

The previous appointment was at Galilee; this appointment is pinpointed to every nation in the world. We're evangelizing in about seventy of them already, but He said, *all nations*. That's the rendezvous; that's where we are to meet Him. When you get there, there's a job for you to perform. First of all, make disciples. Don't hurry through and blow a bugle and say, "This is the gospel; this is your chance; now or never. If you don't take it today, I'll be gone tomorrow. I've done my duty."

Stay there long enough to get a job done. Make disciples; that involves building churches. Baptize them; public commitment of faith is a part of

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P. E. Rhodes

As this owner and manager of a prosperous supermarket sees it, partnership with God is a two-way affair. God works with him in his business, and he serves God in His Church. For twelve years he has been driving the church bus.

GOD Is My Partner

By P. E. RHODES
Beckley, W. Va.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT NO BUSINESS, however large or small, should be operated without God as Partner. In wisdom and knowledge He is infinite; in honesty, supreme. He can attract more business than all the advertising media combined. He stands without equal in handling personnel problems which at

times can become most perplexing without such a diplomatic Executive.

God's advice in the purchasing department is of great value. He not only knows today's market, but He knows the market of tomorrow and is thereby able to advise correctly. I consult Him concerning every purchase, and through His advice have turned down many apparent bargains, only to learn later that they had not really been bargains at all. On occasions, however, I have followed my own judgment in purchasing and have suffered the consequences.

There is little that could be said about my business before I accepted God as my partner. I started the Carolina Super Market in 1935 in a remodeled two-car garage. Much of my profit was spent in defending myself in lawsuits and getting myself out of trouble the devil got me into.

I knew nothing about God or the Bible. Tithing and stewardship were words that I had never understood. I did not know that as a Christian tither I could make God my business Partner and reap both spiritual and material blessings.

In 1942 I was called into the army. One day I was listening to a religious radio program in my tent. A Christian soldier joined me and began talking to me about the Lord. Later, he led me to the Lord in a prayer meeting. Because of the life I had lived I was almost convinced that God would not forgive me for all the sinful things I had done. I had no idea of how to pray. It was through this experience that I came to realize the value and help of a personal worker. I am thankful there was someone there to help me.

After my conversion, another soldier spoke to me about tithing. He gave

me all the advice he could, and when I had opportunity I talked to my Assemblies of God pastor. He explained it from the standpoint of Scripture and told me what it had done for others.

In 1944 I began tithing. My volume of business at that time was less than \$300,000 per year. From the moment I made this consecration, my business began to increase. I increased my giving to fifteen per cent and my business continued to grow. I increased it to nineteen per cent. Customers began literally to "pour in." By this time I had no doubt as to what giving to God could mean to a business.

I increased my giving to twenty-one per cent. My business began breaking all previous records. In the face of a great depression in this area, I went from giving twenty-one per cent to twenty-six per cent, and my business still broke all-time records. This increase in business can be attributed only to God, because almost every other business in this area was receding.

With this depression still on, we increased our giving to thirty per cent, and God made the year 1958 the greatest in the history of the Carolina Super Market.

Our business has grown from a converted garage and an \$80 investment to West Virginia's largest and most modern independent super market. The volume of business has increased over a million dollars since God became my partner! Net profits have increased to 608 per cent.

It has also been my pleasure to witness what tithing has done for a number of our employees. The young man who manages our produce department made a failure in that department until he became a Christian and a tither.



Supermarket owned and managed by Brother Rhodes

From the moment he began tithing, his department began to prosper, and some months he has made over \$700.

In one of our weekly chapel services a few employees were invited to speak about tithing. My assistant, who is a minister, was not a tither, but he became convicted as a result of these testimonies. Later, while he was ill, he promised the Lord that if He would heal him he would begin paying tithes. The Lord raised him up and he began paying tithes. His commission began to increase phenomenally.

I testified to my secretary about tithing. She started paying tithes without my knowledge. Very shortly afterward I felt led of the Lord to increase her salary, making her the highest paid girl on our staff.

But the Lord required of me a consecration other than tithing. This involved even more than tithing. The Lord impressed me to take tobacco out of the store. Most of our customers used tobacco and I wondered if this move would completely ruin my business. However, my wife and I felt that we must obey the Lord.

In December 1945 we took tobacco out of the store. One year from that date we found that we had done a record volume of business—it involved an increase of over \$150,000. It pays to obey God, no matter what His request may be.

Not only has the Lord called me to be a steward of material things, but He has called me to drive our church bus. Some men are called to teach, preach, or do personal work. But I am fulfilling the will of God for my life by driving a church bus and it brings me great joy. I have driven the bus continuously for twelve years and have seen literally hundreds saved by having this transportation provided for them.

Our present produce manager was saved as a result of riding the bus to church, and he influenced seventeen others *the same night* to accept Christ. Three members of our present staff of workers were saved because they had this means of transportation to attend First Assembly of God here in Beckley.

Let me close my testimony by recommending to every reader that you be found faithful in stewardship and in fulfilling whatever call God has placed upon your life. In doing so you will receive great spiritual and material blessings. ◀◀



LIGHT for the LOST

MF Adopts New Missionary Gospel Literature Program

By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT

Executive Director of Men's Fellowship

AT THE REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT directors for a national missionary literature program for Men's Fellowship, the Executive Presbytery has authorized the launching of "Light for the Lost" as a national MF project. The objective of the program is to raise funds to purchase gospel literature to be used by our foreign missionaries.

This new project is the outgrowth of work begun by the Missionary Gospel Society of California which was organized five years ago for this identical purpose. The Society consisted of a group of Assemblies of God laymen under the leadership of Sam Cochran, an insurance executive of Costa Mesa, and Everett James, an Assemblies of God minister. It has been successful in raising over \$30,000 for literature.

The new program is scheduled to be presented in the various districts of our constituency under the supervision of the National Department of Men's Fellowship.



Sam Cochran

Sam Cochran, who will retain his business affiliations, has accepted the office of national administrator. Everett James, who will serve as national secretary of Light for the Lost, is available to launch the program in the various districts—immediately.

This new literature project of our Men's Fellowship ties in with the Global Conquest goal of reaching the world for Christ with the aid of gospel literature. *There are one million new literates each week!* These must be provided with gospel literature. Through Light for the Lost, the men of our churches accept the challenge to do their part in world evangelization by providing gospel literature for the newly literate to read.

Our message must never change. Our method of spreading it must include an adequate literature program or we will doom 1,500 million souls who have never heard of Christ!

For further information regarding this new program, write to Department of Men's Fellowship, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1. Mo. ◀◀



Everett James



*There is a place for every one
of us within some local church.
If we do not fill that place
we ourselves will be the losers.*

You and Your Church

BY GEORGE HOLMES

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL HAS A vast membership and includes all who have been born again of the Spirit of God. This company is the "general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). At the second coming of Christ, the many denominational labels will disappear and the unity of all true Christians be apparent to the glory of God.

Until that time, there is a place for every one of us within some local church. The New Testament makes it plain that from the earliest day of Christianity the believers in any given area gathered together and were constituted as a local church or assembly. Paul wrote to "all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1). Here is indication of a recognized and governed gathering of Christian people in one community. He gave instructions that his letter "to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse" should be read "also in the church of the Laodiceans" (Colossians 4:16). The local church was a recognized group of Christians meeting regularly and with proper leadership. By such a group one could be "received" (Romans 14:1), even though weak in faith; and from such a group

a seriously offending brother could be "put away" (1 Corinthians 5:13). Disciplinary action such as described here could have had little or no meaning without recognized local church membership.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Corinthians 14:33). All His works, including that of sanctification, bear evidence of order and design. Christian people who will not settle at a local church, but who go from one assembly to another according to personal whim or notion, are manifesting a disorderliness that discredits the holy Name they bear. The darkest time of Israel's history and the period of its greatest defects was when an independent spirit of self-pleasing went unrestrained, "and every man did that which was right in his own eyes." At the glorious beginning of that nation it was not so. There was order, "And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards (Numbers 2:34). Even the position of the standards was selected by God.

Wandering Christians are weak Christians. Their attempts at *confirming* the churches often result in their *confusing* the churches.

Membership in a local church is not only scriptural, but logical as well. Suppose for a moment that every believer went about from one assembly to another—what progress would be made in evangelism and testimony in any community? Most people would not care to have a different pastor each month or so, and most pastors would prefer not to have a fluctuating congregation. It was the Great Shepherd Himself who said, "I know my sheep and am known of mine." The under-shepherd who watches for your soul earnestly desires a similar acquaintance.

Moreover, a pastor seeks to assess the potential in the church he serves. There are always some uncommitted Christians in an assembly, but faithful service and support are expected of the members. The local assembly is a testing ground for future pastors, evangelists, elders, and deacons. Before any such men are set apart for office they are to be proven in the church (1 Timothy 3:10). An assembly that appoints a man to office without proof of his character, conduct, and ability is asking for trouble and will probably get it. This proof of a man's character is obtained through years of consistent church membership.

The spirit of this age drives men

and women to search constantly for the new, the spectacular, and the glamorous. Designers decree that dress fashions shall change—and they change. A new type of song becomes popular, and very shortly everyone must sing it or write another like it. The breeze of public opinion is fickle and can change direction overnight. This spirit of instability is contrary to the New Testament standard for the Christian. We are to be “stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

A pastor who sincerely gives himself to the ministry of God’s Word will prayerfully consider each message in the light of the local situation. What takes only thirty minutes to preach may be the result of ten or twenty years of indirect preparation. His ministry is drawn forth according to the need of his flock. The regular attendants at the church, therefore, profit over a period of time by an outflowing of ministry that springs from the shepherd’s intimate knowledge of the sheep.

The spiritual nomad, who wanders about tasting sermons and sampling the spiritual climate of various assemblies, misses all this. And the tragedy is that the longer he travels from church to church, the harder he finds it to settle down and become a participant instead of a spectator. Worse yet, he is spiritually starving while deluding himself into thinking the reason he is not fed is that he is more spiritual than the average.

Millions of people in our nation change residence every year. Thousands of these have been faithful to one church before, but fail to seek a church home in their new location. Some begin wandering about from church to church. In this case, the church loses a family (at least temporarily) which might have been a tremendous blessing in the work of God, and the family may lose some of its own members from the household of faith as a result of failure to provide for a stable church life.

All honor to those discerning Christians who, having received the right hand of fellowship into the local church, and understanding their privileges and responsibilities, attend, support, and pray for their church and minister. They reap priceless benefits themselves when they accept God’s plan for the Church, and at the same time prepare for a greater vocation in the world to come. ◀◀



Our College Students— Will They Be Lost?

With more than ten thousand Assemblies of God young people in college, many of whom are away from the influence of home and church, it is imperative that effort be made to maintain contact with them. In the past, many students have been lost to the Lord and to the church simply through neglect. The National C. A. Department is seeking to strengthen spiritual ties with students away from home in three ways:

1) *CAMPUS AMBASSADOR*. As a service of the National C. A. Department, the college-slanted magazine *Campus Ambassador* is sent free of charge to students attending non-Assemblies of God colleges, universities, and nursing schools. (The regular subscription price is \$1.00 per year.) If you have a relative or friend who should be on the *Campus Ambassador* mailing list, send his or her name and college address at once to the National C. A. Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

2) *CHI ALPHA*. On campuses where there are at least six Pentecostal young people, the National C. A. Department is encouraging the establishment of a campus counterpart to the local C. A. chapter. This campus fellowship group is known as the “Chi Alpha” program. Last school year 26 campus groups reported. Already this fall, inquiries have been received from more than a dozen new localities.

3) *PASTORAL CONTACT*. This year, an additional service is being offered. From the *Campus Ambassador* directory a list of students attending college in his community will be furnished any pastor who requests this information.

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“Take Me To Church”

BY DENNIS W. FOREMAN

JUDY LIVED TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF THE CHURCH. By the time she was four years old she had attended every service and function of the church that a child could attend. She knew the minister. She knew where the church was located and how to get there. Her parents had seen to it that Judy was in Sunday school each Sunday, and she enjoyed the worship service as a part of the family unit.

One day Judy meandered north from her home instead of south, and promptly got lost. She began to cry and a sympathetic lady tried to help.

“What’s your trouble, little girl?” she asked.

“I’m lost,” sobbed Judy.

“What’s your name?”

“Judy.”

“Judy what?”

“Just Judy.”

“Where do you live?”

“I don’t know.”

“Which direction is your house from here?”

“I don’t know.”

The would-be helper was almost ready to call for the police, but while she toyed with the idea Judy thought of a solution. Her eyes brightened as she said to the woman, “If you will take me to the church, I can find my way home from there.” It worked.

The child had become so accustomed to attending church

and going home from church that she could have found her way home easily, day or night. The church had become a central influence in her life.

And in a larger sense, the Church helps us all to find our way Home. It helps us to get our bearings when we are away from home. Many of us could testify that the strongest stabilizing influence upon our lives has been the influence of the church.

Take the child to church, and the church will help him to find his way through life’s difficulties. It is less likely that any boy or girl will become lost in the first place if he is regularly in church.

Take the child to church and you will put him in the right kind of company. I have known many people to find their life companion in church. There is no better place to find a mate.

It isn’t enough to *send* the child to church. If we are to fulfill our parental responsibilities, we will *take* our children to church. I have seen lines of cars extending for two or three blocks near certain churches at time for services to close. In them were husbands who had not attended service, waiting to take wives and children home, or even both parents waiting for the children. Actually, we have done nothing in the way of keeping our vows, or in the way of religious training for our children, when we have only *sent* them to church.

To send a child instead of taking him to church is equivalent to saying to him, “Go on to church. It is something for children. When you grow up you may quit as I did.” But the truth is, the adult needs the church even more than the child.

We may never hear it literally, but every child, if he knew the pitfalls of life ahead, would say to his parents, “Take me to church. I need to go. Even when I rebel and refuse in the manner of my adult friends, I need to go. Take me. Don’t just send me to get me out of the way so you can sleep the rest of the morning, or fish, or play golf. Take me and stay with me so that I can believe that God is real and that He is important to you who are the most important persons in my young life.

“Take me to church whether I want to go or not: just as you see to it that I go to school, that I eat wholesome food, that I go to bed at a reasonable hour.

“Take me to church—and I’ll find my way HOME.”

—*Telescope-Messenger*

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

BIBLE BOOKS

How well do you know the books of the Bible? Put an “X” in front of the names which you think are books of the Bible. Put an “O” before those which are not books of the Bible.

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| — 1. DANIEL | — 9. MOSES |
| — 2. JONAH | — 10. JUDE |
| — 3. HEZEKIAH | — 11. PHILEMON |
| — 4. MATTHEW | — 12. RUTH |
| — 5. SOLOMON | — 13. MICAIAH |
| — 6. JOSIAH | — 14. NEHEMIAH |
| — 7. ISAIAH | — 15. METHUSALAH |
| — 8. HAGGAI | — 16. MORDECAI |

ANSWERS:

1—X; 2—X; 3—O; 4—X; 5—O; 6—O; 7—X; 8—X; 9—O; 10—X; 11—X; 12—X; 13—O; 14—X; 15—O; 16—O.



The Family Altar



DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R.G. CHAMPION

PRAYER REQUESTS - MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

Monday, November 2

Read: Psalm 51

Learn: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

For the Parent: (Background material for this psalm is found in 2 Samuel 11 and 12.) King David had sinned greatly. God sent the prophet Nathan to tell David that God was displeased. This psalm is David's prayer of repentance. Discuss it. Then emphasize that we can be assured that God will forgive our sins if we repent and forsake them. Show the importance of keeping right with God.

Question Time: What had happened that caused David to write this psalm? (See above) What is he asking God to do? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Alice Wood, Argentina; Mrs. Mary L. Meador (Deaf) Okla.

Tuesday, November 3

Read: Psalm 52

Learn: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

For the Parent: The theme of this psalm is the fate of the wicked. Discuss his works as they are outlined here: (1) boastful, v. 1; (2) sharp-tongued, v. 2; (3) deceitful, v. 2; (4) evil, v. 3; (5) selfish, v. 7. The fate of the wicked is mentioned in verse 5. By contrast, the fate of the righteous is mentioned in verses 8, 9.

Question Time: What are some of the works of the wicked? (See above) What will be the fate of the wicked? (v. 5) of the righteous? (vv. 8, 9)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. D. C. Kingsriter, E. Africa; Mrs. Roy P. Nylin, Cuba; Ida C. Piper, Alaska; Mrs. C. C. Personeus, Alaska; Mrs. I. G. Shakley, Sierra Leone.

Wednesday, November 4

Read: Psalm 53

Learn: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 53:1).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. It dealt with the deeds of the wicked. This psalm deals more with their attitudes and motives. Denying the existence of God (v. 1), they become corrupt (v. 1), filthy (v. 3), workers of iniquity (v. 4). But God will scatter them and put them to shame (v. 5). The psalm ends with a plea to God for deliverance from these workers of iniquity (v. 6).

Question Time: How does this psalm

describe the wicked? (See above) What is behind their wickedness? (v. 1) Why is it foolish to deny God's existence?

Missionary Birthday: Carol Jean Dyer, Alaska.

Thursday, November 5

Read: Genesis 33:1-11

Learn: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:7).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Jacob and Esau Reconciled" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The thing that Jacob feared most about returning home was meeting his brother Esau. Review the things that Jacob had done to Esau (Genesis 25-27). Then discuss this story, showing how God softened Esau's heart. Emphasize that as we do God's will, our relationships with others will improve.

Question Time: How had Jacob wronged Esau? (Genesis 25-27) How did Esau receive Jacob? (33:4)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. G. E. Benintendi, Formosa; J. E. Blount, Philippines; Mrs. Paul Epler, Hawaii; Mrs. John Kennedy, Sierra Leone; Wesley Hansen, Alaska; Blanche Marie Phillips, N. India; J. W. Nilsen, Belgian Congo; Mrs. L. E. Grossnickle, Dominican Republic; J. W. Tucker, Belgian Congo.

Friday, November 6

Read: Matthew 5:9; Genesis 13:5-11; 1 Samuel 19:4-7; Genesis 26:13-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil; but to the counselors of peace is joy" (Proverbs 12:20).

For the Parent: From the stories of

Abram, Jonathan, and Isaac illustrate how each man acted as a peacemaker. Have the group discuss the importance and value of such action. Also discuss ways in which Christians can act as peacemakers today, both in situations in which they are personally involved and in others where they have opportunity to help.

Question Time: What do you think is the importance and value of being a peacemaker?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Harry Bartel, Colombia; Perry E. Dymond, Honduras; Mrs. Jay Ruth, Venezuela.

Saturday, November 7

Read: Genesis 9:1-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13).

For the Parent: The earth had been purged by the great Flood. Only Noah and his family, together with the animals he took into the ark, remained alive. Noah thanked God for this salvation (8:20-22), and God made a covenant never again to destroy the whole earth by a flood (9:11). As a sign of this covenant, He gave us the rainbow (9:13).

Question Time: Of what is the rainbow a sign? (v. 13) What covenant did God make with the earth? (v. 11)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Anthony Giordano, Uruguay; Mrs. A. H. Bauer, Peru; John Burnham, Alaska; Mrs. Carl Glick, Alaska; Eva J. Radanovsky, Voltaic Republic; Mrs. Odell Roberts, Philippines; John S. Richards, S. Africa. (No missionary birthdays on Sunday)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

The rainy season is subsiding now in Sierra Leone and our missionaries are starting revivals in the strategic centers of this West African country. Pray for the success of these meetings.

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Our home missionaries in South Dakota request prayer that a restriction will be placed upon the consumption of liquor by the Indians on South Dakota reservations. The drinking problem is acute.

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The number of Assemblies of God Bible schools on foreign soil is increasing. Pray for funds to be forthcoming for the school now being built in Dominican Republic.

Pray for the Bible school in Belgian Congo. A number of fine national workers have enrolled for another year of training for the ministry.

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In foreign areas where *Revivaltime* is heard, many of our missionaries could distribute books by C. M. Ward to good advantage. The books are available, but funds are not on hand to supply them to the missionaries. Pray for this need.

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Pray for the literature saturation campaign now under way in the Philippine Islands. Evangel Press is producing full-gospel literature in all the major languages of the Islands.

Out of the Debris of Nagoya

By NETTIE JUERGENSEN
Missionary to Japan



Speed-the-Light station wagon carries the tent for evangelistic meetings; it is also used for street meetings and Sunday school.

EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS AGO I returned to Japan to resume my missionary work which had been interrupted by the war. My work was to be in Nagoya, the third largest city in Japan, where my husband and I labored together for nine years before the war. This once progressive, industrial city had been eighty per cent destroyed by the bombings. Much of the debris had been cleared away and new buildings had been erected, but some of the ruins still remained. People were living in unbelievable "lean-to" shacks and calling them home.

To this war-torn city I came to find a home and a building for a church. Everywhere I went, I met with the same answer, "There are no buildings for rent or for sale; if you want to live and work in our city you must build your own house." This seemed to me an impossibility as there were

no funds with which to build.

Finally, after several trips down from Tokyo to look for a building, my attention was called to a fine pre-war church building which had somehow escaped the bombings and was now for sale. Though the price was unbelievably reasonable it seemed impossible to buy as their terms were cash and I didn't have it. But God knows no impossibilities! In three weeks from the time we first looked at it, the building was in our possession! Within six months the Lord enabled us to clear all the indebtedness and obtain a clear title to the building.

Five years ago God sent us a national pastor, a graduate from our Bible school in Tokyo. He and his good wife are still with us and doing a fine job. We now have about seventy members as well as a large group of non-baptized believers. Two of our Chris-

tians have graduated from Bible school and are in the ministry; two more will be graduating next spring. We have a fine group of C.A.'s who are faithful in Sunday school work, street meetings, etc. We also have a very active WMC group. The church is now indigenous and has been for about two and a half years.

In connection with our Amatsuka church we have an outstation in one of our Christian's homes. We go there every week for services and Sunday school and have an attendance of about forty. In another home we have services once a month. We also have services in one of the TB sanatoriums. About eight months ago the son of one of our deacons was a patient there and asked us to come for services. In the beginning only two patients attended, but as we continued to go each week others began to come and now we have about twelve who attend regularly.

When I returned from furlough in the spring of 1958 I found to my joy that I was no longer needed in the Amatsuka church, since it was self-supporting and getting along nicely without me. I began to look for a new location for a church. Though there were many needy places, there didn't seem to be any building for rent or sale. After much prayer and looking, I found a most needy area within the city limits of Nagoya. There is an estimated population of 200,000 in this area and only one other Protestant church. A small store building was rented. In our opening meetings of three nights we had fourteen decisions—seven men and seven women. Among them were three young couples. It is thrilling to see the young couples coming to church together and to hear their



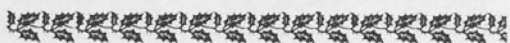
Five Japanese Christians were baptized in water at Nagoya in July, 1959

testimonies of how God is helping them in their many problems.

There is a real need in this area for a church building. The rented building is small, inadequate, and expensive. We have found many in this area who have been church members elsewhere but because they had no church to attend they grew cold and indifferent in their experience. They have welcomed the church in the community. One old lady who came to the tent meetings told us that before the war she had gone to church and had enjoyed serving the Lord, but since the war there never had been a church near enough where she could attend. She bowed and bowed in Japanese fashion and with tears in her eyes said, "I'm so glad that you have come to my neighborhood with a church; I will be happy to attend." There are many others like her. Surely there is a need in this area for a permanent church.

As we face the prospect of building it seems an insurmountable task as everything has soared in price in recent months. The land in this particular area has tripled in price in the last twelve months, and the trend continues. Large apartment houses and housing projects are mushrooming in the area. Surely this is a challenge to us to enter this field with the gospel. Will you pray with us that funds will be forthcoming with which to take advantage of this opportunity? Land at the present prices will cost about \$4,000 and a building approximately \$5,000.

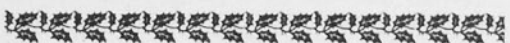
I cannot close this article without a word of thanks for my faithful Speed-the-Light *Toyopet*. It hauls the tent for tent meetings, the organ and drum to street meetings, the children to boys and girls camp, besides numberless other things. It has surely played a big part in the evangelistic work. God bless all who have participated in our wonderful Speed-the-Light program.



IT WON'T BE LONG—

Christmas is just around the corner. Remember your missionaries with a generous special offering at Christmas time. Offerings must be received in Springfield by November 15 in order to be included in the December remittance to the missionaries.

Send your offering today to the Foreign Missions Department designated "Christmas Gift" so that our missionaries around the world will remember this as a "Merry Christmas."



November 1, 1959

Abigail Slager Called Home



Mrs. Abigail Chant Slager, wife of George Slager, went to her eternal reward on September 7. She was born January 9, 1889, in Toronto, Canada, and first sailed with her husband as a missionary to China in October, 1910.

From 1910 to 1914 the Slagers ministered in Mongolia and North China. They labored in Shanghai and Ningpo until their first furlough in 1917. Their second term, 1919-1927, was spent in Chuchowful where they established the second Pentecostal church in Chekiang Province.

In 1930 the Slagers returned to China and ministered in Tsingtao until 1937. After their regular furlough, they returned to China in 1939 and labored at Tsingtao until 1941 when they were interned by the Japanese as prisoners of war. Brother and Sister Slager spent over three years (1942-1945) in a Japanese prison camp. The Swiss Consul General of Shanghai, acting as a representative of the Red Cross, negotiated their release and assisted in their return to the United States in 1946.

Before their retirement, Brother and Sister Slager assisted at our missionary home in Seattle, Wash. Since 1950 they have been living in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

In her last letter to the Foreign Missions Department, Sister Slager's desire was: "We pray that we may faithfully occupy till He comes as our Bridegroom and King." Hers was a life well lived, and a job well done. Rich will be her reward for faithful service in China and the homeland.

—R. T. Brock

Church Participation In Missionary Giving

June 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. N. Dakota	49	45	92%
2. Nebraska	79	69	87%
3. New Jersey	98	83	85%
4. S. Dakota	50	41	82%
5. Kansas	164	133	81%
6. S. Idaho	57	46	81%
7. Minnesota	146	117	80%
8. Northwest	276	221	80%
9. Oregon	199	159	80%
10. Ohio	172	137	80%
11. New York	154	122	79%
12. Montana	67	53	79%
13. Wis.-N. Mich.	137	107	78%
14. Michigan	174	135	78%
15. Potomac	172	133	77%
16. Eastern	266	202	76%
17. Rocky Mtn.	127	94	74%
18. W. Central	221	163	74%
19. N. N. England	57	42	74%
20. S. Calif.	382	281	74%
21. Illinois	209	153	73%
22. S. Missouri	353	253	72%
23. N. Calif.-Nev.	337	241	72%
24. S. Florida	161	115	71%
25. N. Carolina	74	50	68%
26. Wyoming	37	25	68%
27. W. Florida	143	96	67%
28. S. N. England	63	42	67%
29. Tennessee	113	75	66%
30. Louisiana	149	94	63%
31. W. Texas	132	83	63%
32. Mississippi	94	59	63%
33. New Mexico	79	49	62%
34. Oklahoma	489	301	62%
35. S. Texas	268	159	59%
36. Indiana	162	96	59%
37. Kentucky	63	37	59%
38. Arizona	91	53	58%
39. Appalachian	73	42	58%
40. Alabama	249	136	55%
41. Arkansas	438	224	51%
42. N. Texas	521	263	50%
43. S. Carolina	54	25	46%
44. Georgia	136	58	43%

MISSIONARY News Notes



TO THE FIELD: Mr. and Mrs. Del Tarr and children, new appointees to Upper Volta, West Africa, sailed on August 6 for language study in Europe.

HOME AGAIN: Mrs. Elsie Isensee and children arrived home from Peru on July 26. They are living at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

On July 31 the **Harold Carlbloms** returned from Indonesia. Their address is 4000 S. 20 Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Pedro Torres is home from Cuba. His mailing address is Box 4, Gill, Colo.

After a harrowing term in East Africa during which their mission station was destroyed in a national uprising, the **Ragnar Udds** have returned on furlough. They are at W. 1027 Montgomery Ave., Spokane 17, Wash.

The **Paul Goodwin** family has returned from Jamaica. Until they go back to the

field in January their address will be 4270 Grant St., Gary, Ind.

MISSIONARY NEEDED: Teachers with certificates are needed for Woodstock School the mountains of North India. This school is maintained for the education of missionaries' children. The urgent need is for a teacher of instrumental music and physics. In June, 1960, there will be a need for a kindergarten teacher and a teacher of French and German, industrial arts, physical education, and orchestra. If you are qualified and interested in teaching at Woodstock, contact the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.



The Del Tarrs



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Liquor

QUAKERS TOLD TO BOYCOTT MEDIA CARRYING LIQUOR ADS

Quakers throughout North Carolina were urged to use boycott tactics to oppose advertising of alcoholic beverages in magazines, newspapers, and radio or TV programs.

A report presented at the annual session of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, Guilford College, N. C., labelled social drinking "one of the greatest menaces of our society."

It said "the reticence of some of our Christian leaders on this topic is as amazing as it is disappointing." It urged Quakers "to keep sober and use their influence in every way possible to reduce not only the use but also the distribution of beverage alcohol."

CANADIANS PROTEST LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Liquor advertising which finds its way north of the border was the topic of a meeting between American and Canadian churchmen and brewery officials at Buffalo, N. Y., recently.

Representatives at the meeting agreed that a code of "international ethics" should be adopted. Their prime concern was U. S. television and radio advertising which is beamed to Canada, where liquor advertising is prohibited. Liquor advertising in American magazines which circulate in Canada is another problem.

U.S. PRODUCING 1,200 ALCOHOLICS A DAY

Alcoholics are being produced in the United States at the rate of more than 1,200 a day—over fifty an hour, around the clock—a noted authority on alcoholism warned at Washington, D. C. Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chairman of the department of clinical sciences at the University of Illinois, told the fourth annual Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism that "alcoholism is now the nation's number three health problem from the standpoint of incidence, lives lost, and people disabled." He said it ranks im-

mediately behind heart disease and cancer in its toll on American society.

Dr. Ivy said that nearly half a million persons a year are becoming victims of alcoholism and that the life expectancy of alcoholics is twenty years less than the national average. He stated that 350,000 alcoholics die each year, with an average life span of fifty-one years.

More than 8,000,000 Americans are affected with alcoholism, he said, of whom 5,000,000 are outright alcoholics and 3,000,000 are "pre-alcoholic problem drinkers." After a person has become an alcoholic, he can expect to live an average of sixteen years, according to Dr. Ivy's studies of medical records and life insurance company statistics.

Dr. Ivy reported, however, that gains are being made in the fight against alcoholism. He said there has been a thirteen per cent decrease in adult drinkers in the past twelve years. He attributed most of the decline to women. "Increasingly women are deciding it's not worth the price to keep up with the hard-pouring Joneses," he commented.

Government

CHURCH GETS FEDERAL LOAN

The Small Business Administration at Washington, D. C. announced approval of a disaster loan of \$3,000 to Shiloh Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to help the congregation repair damage to its edifice in last spring's river flood.

PETER MARSHALL'S PRAYERS CONTINUE AMONG BEST SELLERS

A spokesman for the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., said that public interest in Dr. Peter Marshall's Senate prayers seems to be higher than at any time since he died ten years ago.

The short and colorful prayers offered by Dr. Marshall while he was chaplain of the U. S. Senate were published by the Government Printing Office. A new edition of the 97-page

book has just appeared and may be ordered for 45 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C.

NEW CRIME RECORD SET IN '58

The F.B.I. reports that the U. S. crime rate in 1958 was the highest in history. A total of 1,553,000 offenses were reported to police. This was an increase of 131,000 or 9.1 per cent more than the previous record set in 1957.

The F.B.I. said there were 8,182 murders committed in the U. S. in 1958, while rapes numbered 14,563 and other assaults 113,569. A total of 75,347 robberies were committed, 679,878 burglaries, 270,965 cars were stolen, and there were 391,560 other thefts.

It seems that while there are more people in church on Sunday morning than ever before, there is more crime and sin on Saturday night.

Laymen

LAYMEN TOLD TO FIGHT FOR GOD

Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore told a laymen's gathering at Lake Junaluska, N. C., that America is in danger of becoming "a nation that forgot God." As proof, he said "the Sabbath is now more of a holiday than a holy day."

He urged the laymen to "roll up your sleeves and fight for God." "Sin may be an old-fashioned word," the bishop said, "but we need more plain talk about God, the Bible, and Christian conviction."

"LAYMAN" IS CALLED A "BAD WORD"

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, noted Quaker philosopher and former Chief of Religious Information for the U. S. Information Agency, said the term "layman" is a "bad word" that should be eliminated from our religious vocabulary.

"Toss out the commonly-held distinction between Christian ministers and lay people," he said, in addressing a Methodist Laymen's Retreat at Des Plaines, Illinois. "Insofar as you are recruits for Christ's cause, you are in the ministry," he told the audience.

"All Christians have different gifts," said Dr. Trueblood. "We need all the parts, and the combination of the parts makes up the body of Christ. We ought to give up this world 'layman.' It's a bad word."

Foreign

DANCE HELD AT BISHOP'S PALACE

For the first time since the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in the sixteenth century, the palace of the Bishop of London at Fulham was the scene of a dancing party for the purpose of raising money for the Church of England building program.

The crowd was so large and the noise so loud that the Bishop left his palace and went into the city to sleep at his club. The evening ended with a cabaret performance, with members of the Players Theatre featured in old Music Hall acts.

STALINGRAD CHURCH HARD TO FIND

When Paul Geren, director of the Dallas (Texas) Council on World Affairs, visited Stalingrad, Russia, he found there is only one small Baptist church in the great metropolis. He said it is "a one-room house, seating seventy-five, made of rough-hewn lumber, and standing on an out-of-the-way street."

He asked at least twenty-five people, including official guides, taxicab drivers, and policemen before he found anyone who could tell him the location of the church. He was appalled at the religious ignorance and indifference of the people he questioned on the streets and in the hotels in Stalingrad.

JEWS COMPLAIN OF RUSSIAN RESTRICTIONS

In a report on Jewish life in Russia since World War Two, the American Jewish Committee at New York said that there are only about sixty rabbis in Russia, all of them old. With more than three million Jews in the country that is one rabbi for every 50,000 Jews. Furthermore, most of these rabbis officiate in rented rooms which substitute for synagogues.

Not a single synagogue has been built or returned to a Jewish congregation since the war. The Committee noted that the training of rabbis was prohibited for forty years in Russia, until 1957, when permission was granted for the opening of a seminary in Moscow for twenty students.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Why is unleavened bread used at the Communion service? It was leavened bread that was offered at the Pentecostal feast (Leviticus 23:17).

The bread served at the feast of Pentecost typified the Church, showing that it would possess imperfections. The bread used at the Lord's Supper typifies our Lord Jesus in whom are no imperfections. (See Leviticus 2, where the meal-offering typifies Christ.)

How would you explain the rejection of those who have wrought miracles in the name of Christ, to whom He will say, "I never knew you"?

I think the answer is more practical than theological. There are some groups of people who claim to perform wonderful works through identification with the Spirit of Christ, but who deny the atonement. They are obviously in error. However, a man might preach sound doctrine with the result that others would be benefited thereby, and still he might be rejected because of insincerity. If he is a hypocrite, covering sin, he only fools himself if he judges that because others are helped through his ministry he will be excused.

Please give me your opinion concerning necklaces and earrings, tinting the hair, permanents, use of nail polish and lipstick.

People ought not to be guided by my opinion, but by their conscience in the light of the Scriptures. The Christian is not to be "conformed to this world." Christian women are to "clothe themselves in suitable apparel . . . with reverence and self-restraint" (1 Timothy 2:9, Cent.). See also 1 Peter 3:3, 4. It might be well for all Christians to consider the source of their adornment. Are these things manifestly of God, or are they manifestly of the world with which we are not to be conformed?

Please explain the doctrine concerning the "manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19-23).

The whole creation, including man and beast, has been groaning ever since the fall of man. Christian believers "who have the first fruits of the Spirit" are a part of this groaning creation. All are waiting for the manifestation or unveiling of the sons of God. This will take place when Jesus returns, Satan is bound, and "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ" (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; Revelation 20:1-4; 11:15).

How long did the disciples tarry before the Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost?

Pentecost came fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The types referring to this are found in Leviticus 23. The offering of the wavesheaf, which was a type of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, was "on the morrow after the sabbath [the first day of the week]" (Leviticus 23:10, 11). They were then to number seven Sabbaths, or forty-nine days. Then on the morrow after the seventh Sabbath, the first day of the week, came the feast of Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15-21). Jesus "was seen of them [the disciples]" forty days between His resurrection and final ascension (Acts 1:3). This would give ten days between the time of His ascension and the Day of Pentecost.

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).



Sunset and Sunrise

By J. NARVER GORTNER

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THESE ARE DAYS OF WORLD-SHAKING events, foreseen and foretold by our Lord. His description of these days is found in Luke 21:25-28.

In the very last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament we read, "Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Malachi 4:1, 2).

Yes, these are tremendous days. In the political world, the industrial world, the social world, and the scientific world we see the "signs of the times" in evidence as never before. It seems there are always three crises that are engaging man's attention. One has just passed, one is now here, and one is looming on the horizon.

David Kohen, a newspaper reporter and world traveler, has written, "God is dethroned from His central place in the universe. Whole nations are disposed to walk directionless upon the cold crust of a cold earth. Two global wars have brought men, not to their senses, but to the brink of penultimate disaster. All of the parts of the world are simultaneously out of joint." Observers of world conditions must concede, if they are honest, that what he has written is truth.

Penultimate disaster! What does

that mean? A simple definition of *penultimate* is "next to the last." The last disaster will be the fulfillment of the prophecy of Peter, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). What will the *penultimate* disaster be? God has told us. Read the book of Revelation.

There is no book of the Bible that is more completely up to date than Revelation. In this book we read of seven seals, seven trumpets and seven vials. In my book *Studies in Revelation* (published by the Gospel Publishing House) I point out the facts that under the first six seals we have an epitome or outline of Daniel's seventieth week (Daniel 9:24-27), the last seven-year period of "the times of the Gentiles," or Gentile dominion; and that under the seventh seal we have in greater detail what under the first six seals we simply have an outline of; and that the seventh seal includes or consists of the seven trumpets; and that the seventh trumpet includes or consists of the seven vials. So, if we would know what the *penultimate* disaster will be we should read what God has told us concerning the sixth seal, the sixth trumpet, and the sixth vial. There is not space to quote the verses here; I will only give the references. Look them up and read them. And remember that here we have an important part of God's message to humanity

in these days when God is about to close His books that He may open them in the day of final reckoning. Revelation 6:12-17; 14:14-20; 16:17-21; 19:11-21.

Away back in 1869, five years before I was born, a group of scientists were having a conference in Germany, and it was there stated that within a century man would be able to explore the inside of the atom and release the energy there stored. "Then," it was said, "man will be able to create life synthetically, in competition with God." "We have a conviction," a periodical of that day stated, "that when that time comes, God will come down from heaven swinging His bunch of keys and will say to humanity what the boss says at five o'clock in the evening, 'Closing time, gentlemen.'"

What climactic days are these! Russian communists have succeeded in sending a guided rocket to the moon. Is it not significant that they aimed it at the area surrounded by the Sea of Tranquility, the Sea of Serenity, and the Sea of Vapors? It looks as though they are saying to the world, "What little tranquility and serenity remain in the world we are determined to reduce to vapors."

The communists have been congratulated upon their achievement. But the Bible says, "What hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?" The communists simply discovered how to use one of God's laws by means of which they were able to guide their rocket to its target. The law had been there since creation, waiting for someone to discover it. Would that they might realize there are other laws of God to which man must conform himself in order to fulfill the will of God and reach the highest goal. Would that they might hear the admonition that has been sounding down through the centuries, "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little" (Psalm 2:12).

Yes, the world appears to be upon the brink of penultimate disaster.

But there is a brighter side. While the political, industrial, social, and scientific world is reeling and rocking under the impact of the persistent assaults of a desperate and determined enemy, the religious world is being rocked as perhaps never before in its history under the impact of a mighty Pentecostal revival. This revival started

half a century ago, and many said it would soon spend its force and pass away. Instead the revival has increased and gathered momentum as it has spread, until today it has reached the utmost corners of the earth. There is not a nation and hardly a tribe of considerable size that has not felt the impact of its power and progress. In many parts of the world, literally tens of thousands have assembled to hear the gripping message of salvation from sin through the shed blood of a risen and living Lord, and perhaps as never before in the history of mankind has it been demonstrated that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This revival accompanied by "signs following," has compelled its enemies to stop and take notice. Many have stopped long enough to take inventory and discover that in their opposition to this Pentecostal outpouring they have been motivated quite largely by prejudice, and that the program they have opposed was God's program. The result has been that many among them have become our staunch friends and supporters; and some who, like Saul of Tarsus, were once our persecutors, are now earnestly propagating this same gospel. The Pentecostal revival, surmounting every racial, national or ecclesiastical barrier, has swept on and on, despite the apostasy of some and the indifference and lethargy and lack of cooperation on the part of a host of others. And if I read and interpret prophecy aright, it will continue to roll on like a mighty tidal wave until it shall have reached its zenith and Christ shall come and the kingdom of the Son of man shall have been set up on the earth, and the last vestige of sin shall have been extirpated by David's greater son, the Prince of Peace.

It looks as though the communists are ahead of us in the race to outer space. But there is another race—and it too is a race to outer space—that they have not yet begun to run, and that is the Christian race, "the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Before they can even begin to run it they must give up their atheism and receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, for "he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6), and our Lord said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

What do the chaotic conditions that

exist in the world and the mighty upheavals of Pentecostal power and fullness add up to? When I was a boy and had a difficult problem in mathematics to solve and I wanted to know the answer before solving the problem, I sometimes turned to the back of the book where all the answers were. So I turn to the Book, the only book that contains all the answers to life's problems. There I read in Obadiah (verses 15, 16) the passage *Evangel* readers may remember God gave me when in a notable dream I was in the heart of the communist world. In my dream I had my Bible with me and I was instructed to mark this passage and then leave my Bible in a communist home. (See article, "The Day of the Lord Is Near," in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, September 7, 1958.)

Yes, I hear the Old Testament warning, "The day of the Lord is near upon all the nations," and I hear this New Testament admonition also, "The end of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer" (1 Peter 4:7).

We are drawing near to the sunset of this dispensation. But this sunset

will be followed, after a period of unprecedented darkness, by the sunrise of a new dispensation, when "the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings." And I am sure that somehow the Lord, despite the sinister shadow that is now threatening to blight or blast all the nations of the earth, will keep this old world from going completely to pieces "until the day dawn and the day star arise" (2 Peter 1:19).

When Moody, that mighty evangelist, lay dying, he said, "Earth is receding, heaven is advancing." It is indeed true that as the child of God draws near to the portals of the heavenly city, "the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," earth and all its material treasures grow dimmer, and heaven and the things that God has prepared for them that love Him grow brighter, as the Scripture teaches when it says, "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

I have been very ill. It looked as though I was standing upon the very

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NEW HAVEN CHILDREN'S CHURCH—FIRST IN THE NATION

Just five, six or ten years old and already thinking about college! The boys and girls of the Gospel Tabernacle (Assemblies of God) children's church, New Haven, Conn., are a bit too young to enter *Evangel* College themselves but they are helping others to attend. Hearing of *Evangel*'s need for finances, they made a pledge of \$24. Less than a year later they had finished paying the pledge.

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The youth of the New Haven Gospel Tabernacle enjoy the distinction of being the first children's church to make a pledge to *Evangel* College. Pastor and Mrs. Charles H. Miller may well be proud of them.

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משרד ראש הממשלה
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

June 24, 1959

Mr. Gayle F. Lewis
Chairman
The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Lewis,

It was a great pleasure to have met you during your recent visit to Jerusalem with Dr. Courtney, and I was very happy to learn that your Advisory Committee had voted to hold your 1961 Convention in Jerusalem.

I am sure you have done well to have chosen Jerusalem as the site of your Conference. As I mentioned in my letter of invitation, you can count on our full assistance in your arrangements here.

It is our fervent belief that the ancient glory is destined to return to Jerusalem: "For out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." It is good that Jerusalem shall become an international meeting place from where groups like yours may pronounce their faith to their followers. This is why we attach so much importance to your Convention here and why we are most anxious to be of help.

Please do not hesitate to write to us whenever you feel we can be helpful.

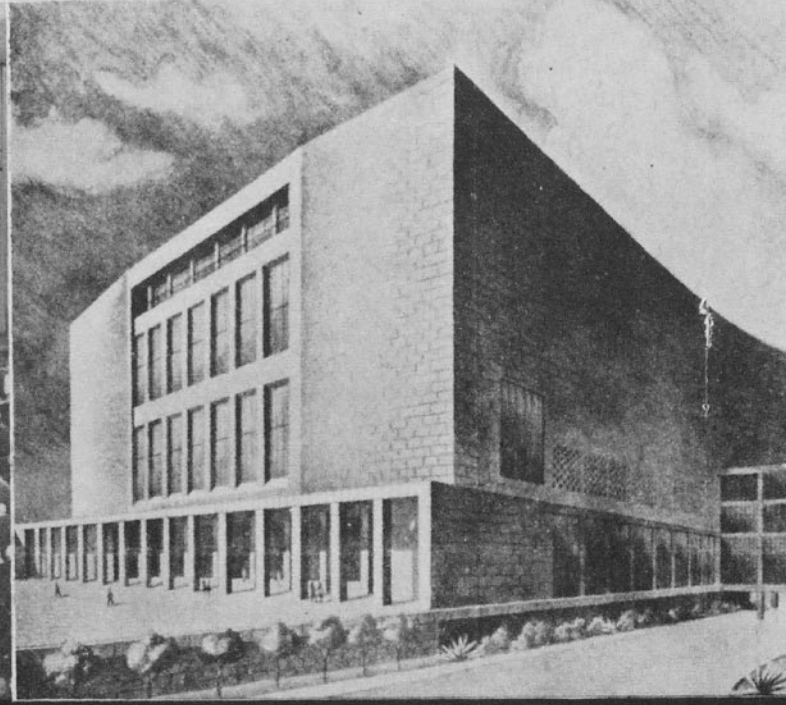
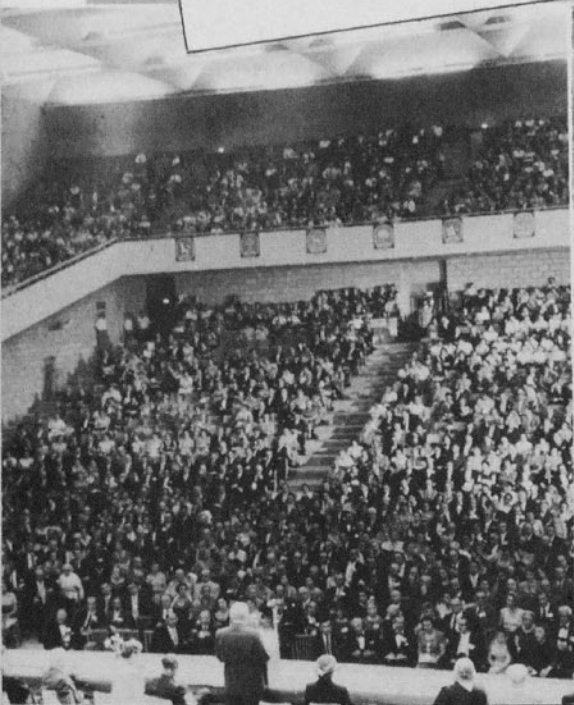
Sincerely yours,

T. Kellek
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Members of the Advisory Committee appointed for the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches. Front row, left to right: Donald Gee, England; Lewi Pethrus, Sweden; Donald Gee, U.S.A.; S. M. Crouch, U.S.A. Back row, left to right: E. Courtney, Brazil; Francesco Toppi, Italy; E. Courtney, U.S.A.; Leonard Steiner, Switzerland. Members of the committee were absent when they were in South Africa; and Nicholas Bhengu, South Africa.



INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR VIEWS OF THE CONVENTION CENTER, JERUSALEM

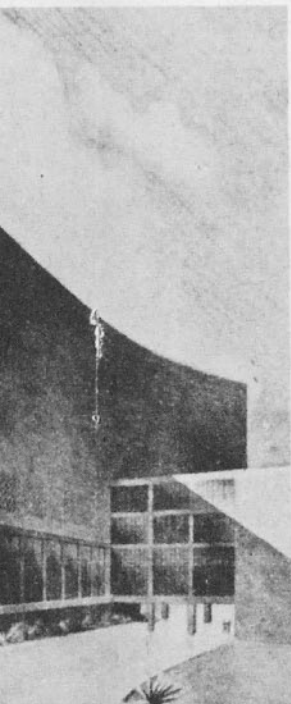
COSTAL CONFERENCE

ALEM - MAY 18 TO 21, 1961

(ON PENTECOST SUNDAY)



Committee appointed to make arrangements for the 1961 Pentecostal Churches. Front row, left to right: John Carter, England; Donald Gee, England; W. E. McAlister, Canada; Howard P. Courtney, Switzerland; Gayle F. Lewis, U.S.A. (Two members absent when the picture was made: G. R. Wessels, South Africa.)



Jerusalem's beautiful new Convention Center will be the meeting place for thousands of Pentecostal people during the 1961 World Conference. Theodore Kolleck, Israel's Director General in the Prime Minister's Office, has extended a most cordial invitation on behalf of the Government and people of Israel. He has pledged every courtesy and assistance to all who attend the convention.

JERUSALEM

Pentecost in Jerusalem — 1961

BY DONALD GEE

BEFORE THE THOUSANDS OF PENTECOSTAL PEOPLE SEPARATED WHO gathered in the great World Conference in Toronto in 1958, a strong desire was expressed that if it were possible the next triennial Conference might be held in Jerusalem.

The Advisory Committee charged with the responsibility of making all necessary arrangements were very conscious of the difficult questions this might involve. Accordingly the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, Howard P. Courtney and Gayle F. Lewis, respectively, made a special journey to Jerusalem to conduct exhaustive inquiries on the spot. They reported to a full meeting at Rome of all such members of the Committee as could attend on May 12 and 13, 1959. As a result, after long, careful and, above all, prayerful consideration the brethren present unanimously felt that they could come to no other decision than to arrange for the Sixth Pentecostal World Conference to be held in Jerusalem, if the Lord will, over Whitsuntide (Pentecost), 1961, the dates to be from Thursday evening, May 18, over Pentecost Sunday, May 21.

The actual days for the Conference itself will be fewer than on previous occasions. This will allow ample time both before and after for visiting the many sites of deep interest in the Holy Land, but it is hoped and expected that those who make the journey to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost in 1961, if our Lord tarry, will spend the three full Conference days in unbroken fellowship together with one accord in one place. There will be ministry of the Word from carefully chosen speakers, and there also will be special opportunity for united waiting upon God.

We are under no illusion that merely sentimental associations with time or place guarantee a special blessing from God, but we do believe that there cannot but be a unique effect upon the hearts and minds of those who gather at such a time and in such a place as they reverently recall the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit given there from the Lord of glory.

It is written, "He hastened, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16). Surely it cannot have been for nothing that Paul hastened, in the midst of his apostolic labors, to be in Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost. We have an impressive precedent for our call to "Pentecost in Jerusalem in 1961."

The eyes of all sections of the Christian Church are being focused more and more upon this world-wide Pentecostal Revival of the twentieth century. There is an increasing realization in the churches that they are not sufficiently stressing the place and power of the Holy Spirit, and an official message released by the World Council of Churches admits that "it is possible that they (The Pentecostalists) have a central truth of the Christian religion at the heart of their success story." We do believe just that. The impact of the mere fact that the Pentecostal people plan to gather for such a conference in Jerusalem at such a time cannot but make a deep impression. We should appreciate its significance.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1961 WORLD CONFERENCE WRITE:

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Alaska...

LAND OF THE PROSPECTOR

By R. L. BRANDT

National Home Missions Secretary

ALASKA AND PROSPECTING FOR GOLD are almost synonymous. Although the gold-rush days are long since past, an almost strange prospecting fever seems to linger in the atmosphere. More than once during my recent trip to Alaska I talked with men who had it "in their bones." Most of them were making a good living, but in conversation they betrayed a smoldering passion to go into the lonely wilds in search of hidden treasures.

I learned it was not always a lust for gold that spurred the prospector on. Perhaps no one has been better able to describe this mysterious drive than Robert Surface, the Klondike poet. Standing near the center of historic old Sitka is a giant statue of an aged prospector with his equipment. At the statue's base, engraved on a metal plaque, is this poem written by Surface, entitled "The Prospector."

*"There's gold and it's haunting and
haunting;
It's driving me on as of old.
Yet it isn't the gold I am wanting
so much,
As just finding the gold.*

*It's the great big broad land way
up yonder;
It's the forest where silence has lease.
It's the beauty that fills one with
wonder;
It's the stillness that fills one with
peace."*

There are many things about Alaska that make it a prospector's paradise. Surface was correct when he described it as "the great big broad land way up yonder." Alaska is one-fifth the size of the United States, but the great-

er part of it is untouched by man, being held in the relentless grip of vast mountain ranges and unlimited forests.

But such a land as this is always beckoning the prospector on; and not all the prospectors are after gold. Some are in search of rich farm lands which they feel lie hidden in the broad valleys. As is usually the case with prospecting, there are those who stumble onto the desired treasure, but others are deeply disappointed.

Gigantic obstacles face the would-be pioneer farmer. In the first place, land suitable for agriculture is not easily found. Claims have already been staked in the areas easily accessible. Beyond these claims there is yet a great deal of land, but lack of roads makes it almost unobtainable. Nor is that the only problem. Much of the land is covered with a heavy growth of trees which must be cleared before one can even think of raising a crop. The cost of this operation alone, if one hires it done with large machines, runs almost \$20 per acre.

Once the land is cleared, additional problems face the farmer-prospector. He must allow time for the perma-frost to thaw. No doubt it has been there for centuries, and only after the cushion of moss and debris has been removed can the sun melt the perma-frost deeply enough to allow cultivation.

Then, after all of that, only a very limited variety of products can be raised because the growing season is so short. Yet it must be admitted that many are making a "go" of developing fine farms in the face of these obstacles. Surely it must be the adventure of finding and establishing, rather than the mere pleasure of having, that has motivated these brave pioneers.

The Alaskan prospector has not come only from the other forty-nine states. He has come from everywhere on the face of the earth. To cite one example, the Japanese prospector for pulpwood has been lured by Alaska's untouched coastal forests. There he has found his hidden treasure.

There is another hidden treasure in Alaska which has caught the attention of an entirely different type of prospector. It is the eternal soul of man.

Prospecting for souls in Alaska is not merely the result of man's adventuresome nature. It springs from the very heart of God. The Assemblies of God missionary is there, not because he admires the country's majestic beauty, nor because he loves the solitude it affords; nor is he there in an effort to escape some sordid past, but because he is under divine appointment.

Over forty years ago God issued His directive to a young couple Brother and Sister Charles Personcus, to go "prospecting" for Him in the Land of the Midnight Sun. They were the first Assemblies of God missionaries to arrive on the scene. Since then, many others have heard and responded to a similar call. One cannot associate with these splendid people long without realizing that in the depths of their beings burns the "prospector's fever" for the souls of men. It has taken them to practically every human habitation in Alaska, from Ketchikan at the southeastern tip to Point Barrow on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, and from Nome on the Bering Sea to Fort Yukon in northeastern Alaska.

It has made them willing to forego the comforts, pleasures, and luxuries of the homeland, and instead to live

in lonely, secluded villages, without modern conveniences, and even in some instances without the fellowship of other white men for long periods. It has kept them on the job in spite of almost unbearable cold, months of darkness, "cabin fever," and a score of other unpleasant things.

Yet, it has paid off. I had the joy of seeing the results with my own eyes. While in Skagway, I visited Kirmse's Curio Store and was allowed to hold in my hand a chain of gold nuggets valued at over \$10,000; but that experience could not be compared with the thrill of seeing some of the precious jewels gathered by our missionaries, Brother and Sister John Phillips, in the same little village.

One family in particular comes to my mind. I was invited into their home for dinner on a Sunday evening. Through the years they had spent themselves in ungodliness and sin; but the missionary had searched them out. Now they have been wonderfully saved. Their lives are completely transformed and they have become spiritual jewels indwelt by the Spirit of God. Today they are teaching Sunday school, while at the same time prospecting for other "hidden treasures" in the community.

What is true in this one instance has been repeated all over Alaska. The missionary has gone forth with the diligence and determination of the prospector, and he has not sacrificed in vain. In nearly every city and village he has found and won men for God. Where spiritual darkness once reigned supreme, now the "gates of hell" have been cast down and the glorious Light shines forth bringing peace and pardon to lost men.

Prospecting in Alaska has not ended. With the ushering in of statehood, an army of new prospectors is invading the land. They continue to look for hidden treasures. Some look for oil and some for soil. Others are in quest of better business opportunities, and perhaps some still hope to find gold. With few exceptions it is earthly treasures which lure them on.

But whether he has just arrived in Alaska or whether he has been there for years, every man has a soul which must be reached. Therefore the work of the missionary must continue. We now have thirty-four churches, several outstations, three children's homes, and over ninety appointed missionaries in Alaska and the prospects for the future are greater than ever. ◀◀



Gifts for the Children of Juneau Children's Home piled around the tree last Christmas

What Will Christmas Bring?

BY RUTH LYON

THE QUESTION, "WHAT WILL Christmas bring?" will be asked over and over in the next few weeks by the little tots in our three Alaska children's Homes. The seventy-two children living in these Assemblies of God Homes were not disappointed last year, for interested individuals, churches, and WMC groups provided gifts for children and missionaries alike.

Christmas was a day to be remembered, a day that brought joy to each child. Also, because of your contributions the National Home Missions Department was able to send each Home \$200 as a special gift so that they could purchase one gift all might enjoy.

Let's take a look at Christmas day last year in one of the Homes. The supervisor described it this way:

"December 25, 1958, was certainly a wonderful day for us. As usual, the children were so excited that they could hardly contain themselves. Many of them had spent an almost sleepless night before, and they were walking the floor early on Christmas day. With pleasure we watched them run to gaze upon the gifts piled under the tree. By the time 'Uncle Bill' had returned from his daily milk route to town, breakfast and dish-washing were over and the house was cleaned. We certainly had a lot of willing workers that morning!

"Before opening our gifts, we took time to be thankful for the greatest gift of all—our Saviour. Our hearts were full as we read again the won-

derful Christmas story and reminded each other of Christ's goodness to us. We humbly gave praise to Him for all that had been done for us.

"It is hard to express our appreciation for all that the churches and WMC groups sent to us. There are some from whom we received gifts whose names we recognize with deep thankfulness and joy from year to year. And there are hosts of new friends each year to help make our Christmas happy. Every child had several gifts—some of them clothing. We were in great need of clothing for the children and we appreciated it as much as they did.

"A wonderful Christmas dinner followed all this excitement. Several of our friends had contributed cash gifts for our Christmas which made this special meal possible.

"The spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ—love, joy, and peace. We all felt drawn so much closer together, and our deepest wish is that these ties may be continually strengthened and most of all that we shall draw closer to the Lord."

Yes, if you could have observed the happiness registered on the face of one child for whom you had provided, you would have felt a thousand times repaid. And what we do for others in the name of the Lord will not go unrewarded in that day when we are called into account before Him. Even here on earth we find Markham's poem quite true:

*There is a destiny that makes us
brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of
others
Comes back into our own.*

What will Christmas bring this year for these whom the Lord has entrusted to our care? The answer lies with you. Your offerings may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Missouri, clearly designated for CHILDREN OF ALASKA CHRISTMAS FUND. (Children's and missionaries' clothing sizes may be obtained from the National WMC Department at the same address.) ◀◀

**NEXT SUNDAY IS
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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



JACOB AND ESAU RECONCILED

Sunday School Lesson for November 8, 1959

GENESIS 33:1-11

Having met God at Peniel, Jacob testified, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Three thousand years and more have passed since then, but meeting with God is still the best preparation for facing the trials, dangers, and vicissitudes of life!

The Preparation. Vv. 1, 2. In anticipation of his meeting with Esau, Jacob rearranged his family, placing himself at the head of the procession, and the rest of his family in such order that the best-loved were last. How are we to interpret his action? Did it indicate that he was still fearful in spite of his experience with God? Or was it simply a wise and loving precautionary measure which proved his deep love for his family? Is it possible that he was simply demonstrating a faith and peace in God in spite of the knowledge that Esau might yet wish to do harm to him and his own? One thing is certain, a fresh revelation of God may not mean that God will remove the trial or the danger; but it does mean He will give peace, serenity, and poise in spite of the danger—and that, after all, is victory!

The Meeting. Vv. 3-11. "And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept." How beautifully did Esau, a worldly man, illustrate the spirit of Christ-like forgiveness which should certainly always characterize a child of God. In an instant, all of Jacob's fears proved groundless. Had Esau started out with murder in his heart, only to break down into a spirit of forgiveness upon seeing his brother? Or had God already removed from his heart the hatred, bitterness, and desire for revenge? Or are we to see here how the power of kindness and politeness succeeds in disarming enmity and opposition? God, indeed, apart from human help, and in answer to believing prayer, has changed the hearts of many people. At the same time, sincere acts of kindness, performed in the name of the Lord, may also soften a heart of hate and open it for the inflow of divine love.

Esau, upon hearing Jacob explain the meaning of all the gifts he had sent his brother, tried to refuse them. Jacob, in turn, pressed them upon him as an evidence and thank offering for the goodness and blessing of God upon him. Some authorities have felt that Jacob's action here was simply a desire to further secure the good will of his brother, and an evidence of the old carnal fear and diplomacy. It would be more charitable to put the best possible construction upon Jacob's action.

The Offer. Vv. 12-15. Esau's next move was to further prove the sincerity of his forgiveness by suggesting that the two brothers travel together. Jacob thanked him graciously but begged to follow Esau separately, giving as an excuse that his young children (Joseph being only about six at the time) would have difficulty in keeping up with

Esau. Never did Esau show up as well as upon this occasion. Though Jacob seemed not to want to travel with him, Esau demonstrated warmth, generosity, and a real desire to help, by offering to leave some of his men to escort Jacob in his journey. Again Jacob declined, professing a desire to trust in God alone for protection.

Here again, it is not possible to be sure of our interpretation. Did Jacob still basically mistrust and fear his brother? Were his real feelings for his brother more shallow than those of Esau? Or was he simply evidencing common sense by realizing that due to the vast differences in their temperaments it would prove unwise, in the long run, for them to travel together?

While we may not answer these questions, we may at least make practical observations: (1) There are times when worldly people show up better in practical living than do children of God. (2) Attractive human traits such as Esau exhibited are not, however, to be confused with those graces which are truly the fruit of the Spirit. In other words, ethical religion without the new birth will never qualify men for the kingdom of God—and our world today is full of such religion!

Worldly companionship tempts Christians (1) by the plea that there is no harm in this or that; (2) by the display of attractive qualities of character as being equal to Christian graces; and (3) by familiarizing the Christian with worldly aims and projects and views which in turn dull spiritual aspirations. A Christian is certainly not to hold himself aloof from other men altogether, but he ought always to carry with him the consciousness of his relationship to God, and the awareness of the fact that he has a work to do for God with which nothing must interfere!

—J. Bashford Bishop

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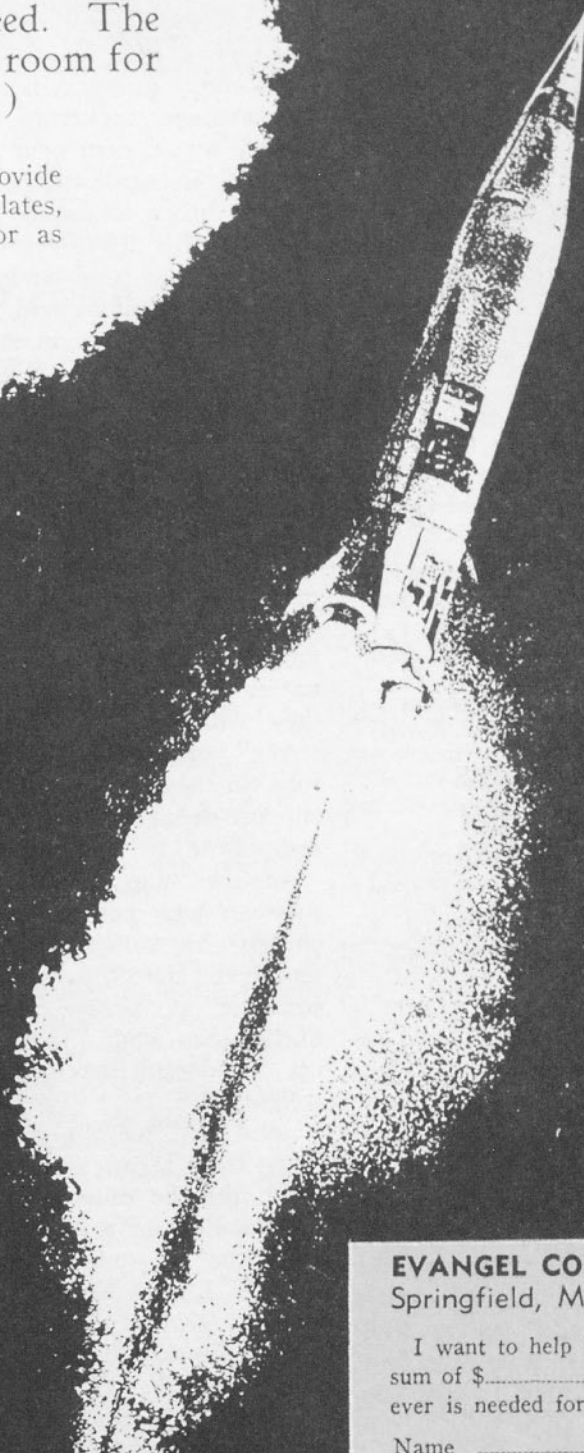
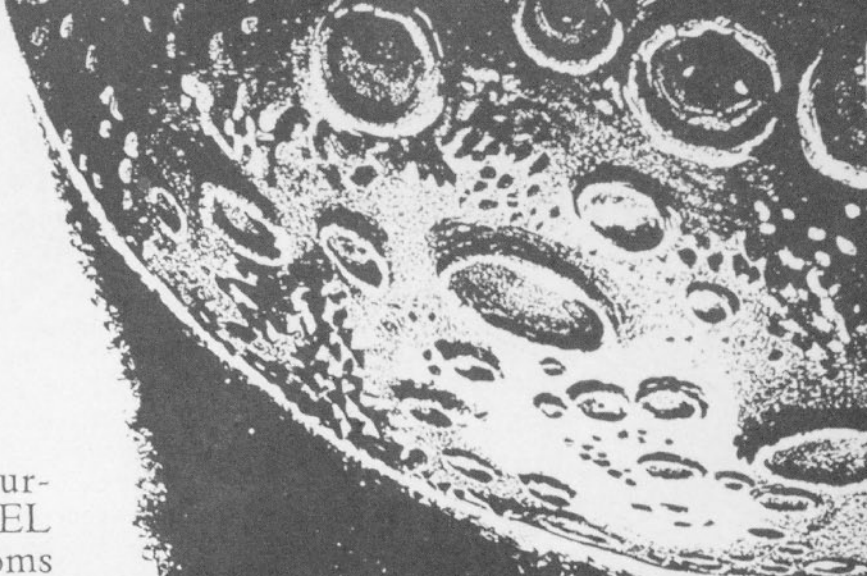
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Are ministers overpaid? Read what a layman has to say on this controversial subject.



Elijah and the widow

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The First CAKE

By JAMES E. ADAMS

TWO OUT OF THREE PROTESTANT ministers are in debt. Frequently, pastors have been forced to make great sacrifices in order to continue their ministry. The wives of many have been compelled to take jobs to make ends meet.

This may come as a surprise to some people who see only affluence in ministers because they are usually well dressed and drive dependable cars. But suppose our pastors came to visit us

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clothed in sport shirts and faded blue denims. Or suppose we were sick and called them, only to hear this reply, "Sorry, I can't come now. I couldn't get my car started this morning." You see, whether a minister has money or not, his calling (and you and I) makes certain demands of him.

Read on. Fewer than one per cent of Protestant ministers receive annual salaries of \$10,000 or more, and one per cent receive less than \$1,800. But their average salary is \$4,432 a year for a sixty- to eighty-hour work week. The average worker in an automobile factory would earn over \$8,500 a year for a sixty-hour week, and he doesn't have to invest thousands of dollars and years of his life in training for his vocation. One minister in summarizing his economic plight said, "People want the preacher to live on earth and board in heaven."

This report, based on a survey of 2,200 ministers of nine large denominations, lends credence to our contention that money is not the incentive which draws men into the ministry. Rather, the ministry is—and should always be—the calling of God.

Perhaps most amazing of all is the fact that many young people still volunteer for the ministry. They know they will have to "start on a shoe string" and probably hold down two jobs till they serve a church which can support them. There has to be an inner compulsion to demand such sacrifice.

In the shop where I work is a foreman who pastors a small country church. He cannot live on the \$60 a month the church pays him, so he must continue his secular occupation. One of his men said, "John can't keep it up. He doesn't look good. He's losing weight."

John told me, "My people deserve more than I can give them. I've noticed that the times they show special appreciation for a sermon is when I've had time to study, pray, and be fed myself. I must be fed of the Lord to feed my people!" He is not concerned about himself—it is his people and their needs.

Then, the minister in his waning years has problems. Some congregations do not want an elderly pastor. Sometimes he ministers to a small

country church which cannot support him. If he has not been able to save some money in his prime, he will have a "rough row to hoe" in his declining years.

I visited a minister 76 years of age who pastors two small country churches. He owns his home, and his married daughter and her family live with him. During a very pleasant conversation I said, "I'm going to ask you a rather blunt question, but I think you have the answer—why don't you retire?"

He did have the answer: "How can I when people need me?" At times when writing out his notes the pains of arthritis make the pen drop from his fingers. But he just won't quit!

What do we owe to our youth preparing for the ministry, and to men like these? Our answer is illustrated in the life of Elijah. During the great drought in Israel, God told him to go to Zarephath where He had commanded a widow woman to sustain him. When Elijah met the woman, she was gathering firewood to bake a cake with the last of her meal and the last of her oil. She intended to share it with her son and then starve to death. But Elijah said, "Make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days" (1 Kings 17:13-15). The widow could have thought Elijah was very selfish. She could have demanded to see more meal in the barrel first. But she believed and obeyed, and God provided.

This passage of Scripture contains a principle which God requires to this day. And, as with all of God's requirements, it is not grievous but blessed to the obedient. Our pastors should have "the first cake." God, who called Elijah, called them. God, who sent Elijah to the widow, sent our pastors to our churches. If we take care of our pastors, God will take care of us. The apostle Paul said, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of

double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward" (1 Timothy 5:17, 18).

Now God does not expect two types of consecration: one for ministers and another for us who are laymen. He wants complete dedication regardless of our position in life. So, if one sacrifices, all should sacrifice. We can give five, ten, or twenty dollars now and then to that young man or woman from our church who is attending Bible school. When our pastors tell us the provisions our church makes for its aged ministers, we can back the program with our support. And of course, we can lend our voices and support to the end that our own pastors' needs are supplied. I don't like to live "from hand to mouth." Why shouldn't my pastor be able to save some money, too?

If we give our pastors the first cake, it is like casting bread upon the waters: we will find it after many days. When we give as unto the Lord, we can't lose. For it is written, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). A wonderful promise! But the apostle Paul wrote those words immediately after commending and thanking the Philippians for the offering they sent him! ◀◀

Sunset and Sunrise

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threshold of that house that Jesus spoke of when He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." I was unable to turn over in bed or to feed myself. Thank God for dear ones who were willing to minister to me and be channels through whom God could supply my physical needs. God will reward them. Several weeks passed by that to me are now almost entirely a blank. For some reason God deemed it the part of wisdom and grace to prolong my life, I know not why. Maybe, that I might write this article. Anyhow, I am still here although I have to be in bed or in a wheel chair all the time; and a thought that has impressed itself with renewed emphasis upon my mind during these months of sickness and physical disability is the



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thought that I have endeavored to express in the following verses:

THE COMING SUNRISE

It is sunset somewhere all the time,
It is sunrise somewhere, too,
And above the clouds on a cloudy day
The skies are always blue.
If 'tis midnight here, on the other side
Of this old world 'tis noon,
And if I wait, God will swing the gate
Of the morning open soon.

The world is always whirling round,
The seasons change each year;
When the frosty season of winter comes
The springtime is always near.
If I'm sick today, I shall soon be well,
For sickness cannot last,
And I soon shall say, "I am well today,"
For the sickness will be past.

Oh, yes, I'm sure that the world is sick,
But the world will soon be well,
For the King will come and the King will reign,
As the Scriptures plainly tell.
And here where the fallen sons of men
Are guilty of fratricide,
The wars will cease and the Prince of Peace
Will reign and His peace abide.

So why should my heart be faint or fail,
And why should my faith be weak?
It is better far in the time of trial
The face of my Lord to seek.

The world may plunge in its wild course on,
And its cup of iniquity fill,
But in heaven above is a God of love,
Who in power is reigning still.

The raging conflict on earth will cease
Though atomic bombs may burst,
And thorns and thistles may grow for awhile
On the ground that God has cursed.
But the end is near and the dawning light
Shall soon on this old world break;
It will end the fright, and dispel the night,
And a heaven on earth will make.

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Peace With God

By ELVA JOHNSON

THERE WAS SOMETHING JAUNTY—and something sad—about the weather-beaten old man who took a seat across the aisle from me. As soon as the bus started up, he turned to his seat mate and began a conversation. I heard him say, "... Peace? Why, man, you can't have peace. Look at me. I'm old now. I've traveled the world over in search of peace. I've sailed the seas. I've searched in the mountains. I've searched

in the cities. I've looked for peace among all kinds of people, but now I know—*there is no peace.*"

He paused and then went on resolutely, "I'm too old to travel any longer. I'm going home to die."

All his life this man had searched in vain for peace, and he had missed it because he had searched in the wrong places. Peace is not a matter of cir-

cumstances or of surroundings, but of the heart.

The emptiness, the restlessness, the dissatisfaction, the discord that is native to the human heart cannot be shrugged off or ignored. That worldly success and material gain cannot smother the longing for peace with God is a fact that has been confessed by many who have reached these goals. In fact, it has become increasingly popular among present-day autobiographers to underscore the haunting restlessness that motivates their climb up the ladder of success. Some are honest enough to confess that although they have reached what the world considers the "top," they are yet without peace.

The disillusioned old man on the bus who said, "There is no peace," was actually quoting from the Bible without knowing it. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isaiah 48:22).

It is sin that separates man from God. Until the sin question is settled there is no peace. God did His part to restore peace to us when He sent His Son to die for our sins. What

THIS WEEK'S COVER

New Jersey Church Dedicated

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS FALL CHARLES Scrimale, a young Eastern Bible Institute graduate, and his wife went to Mount Holly, N. J., convinced that God wanted them to start an Assemblies of God church there. The lovely new church on this week's *Evangel* cover is the result.

What happened during the past five years in Mount Holly is a story of faith and vision and sacrifice. The first services were held in a tent; then Mrs. Olive Haines, whom the Lord saved and healed when the Scrimales visited her, opened her home for Sunday school.

Tent meetings during the following two summers resulted in such growth that property was purchased on which to build, and the building program be-

gan in March, 1957. God wonderfully supplied the finances, and about half the labor was donated. At one time, when the congregation had given all it could and the construction work had stopped for lack of funds, a lady called and asked the reason. When the pastor told her, she gave \$500 to the church and work was resumed. There were other such incidents.

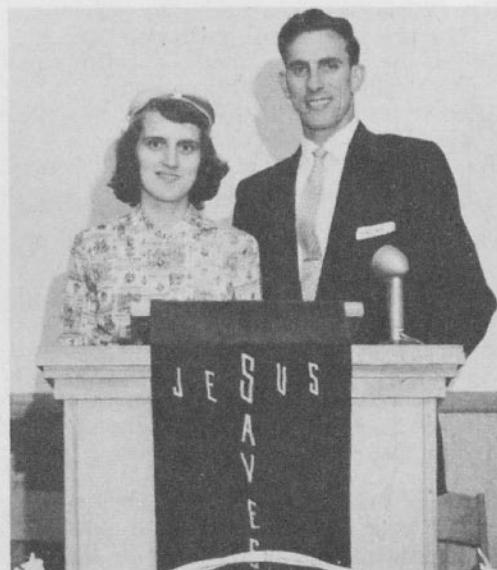
The neat 32-by-70 foot building with basement, valued at \$40,000, was dedicated by District Superintendent R. J. Bergstrom in special services September

13, 1959. Sunday school enrollment has reached 92, with a record attendance of 101. Pastor Scrimale says the Assembly is enjoying a spirit of revival; the Lord is confirming the Word with signs following. ◀◀

By Faith Alone

Dr. A. J. Gordon, while traveling on a train, engaged in a spirited conversation with a fellow passenger on the subject of faith. "I differ with you," said the man, "in that any person is admitted to heaven because of a little bit of theological scrip called 'faith.' I believe that when God receives one into heaven He makes a searching inquiry as to his character rather than inspection of his faith."

Presently the conductor came along and examined the tickets. When he had passed, Dr. Gordon said: "Did you ever notice how a conductor always looks at the ticket and takes no pains to inspect the passenger? A railway ticket, if genuine, certifies that the person presenting it has complied with the company's conditions and is entitled to transportation. So faith alone, my friend, entitles one to that saving grace which produces a character well-pleasing to God."



Pastor and Mrs. Charles Scrimale

more could He do? "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "He is our peace."

Shortly before Jesus was crucified, He gave the disciples a legacy of peace. Since it is based on His death for all of us, we all have a right to this peace if we will accept it. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace with God. Here is the peace we seek. Here is the end of our search. This peace is not a soul-deadening tranquilizer but a harmonious relationship with God, a fellowship with the Creator that provides a reason for living, an outlet for service, a hope for dying, a faith for eternity.

Is this peace yours? It has been purchased for you at Calvary. Let Jesus come into your heart right now by trusting in His sacrifice for your sins. The Bible says, "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have *peace with God* through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Forward with Christ

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the great appointment. And then teach them; set up schools and teach them "all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Observe that this is a *perpetual* appointment. They were to teach their converts the things He had commanded them. It was a physical impossibility for eleven disciples to go into all the nations to the end of the age. It required a perpetuation of this appointment in succeeding generations to make it workable. Now, a final confirmation is found in John 17:20—"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." It is obvious that the appointment is to us also.

How did those early disciples cooperate with Jesus in the matter of the appointment? How did they behave after He went up into heaven? They tarried in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. Earlier He had said, "Galilee," and they found Him in Galilee. Now He said, "Jerusalem," and they stayed in Jerusalem until they received power

from on high. They carried out the instructions.

Mark summarizes the whole story by saying, "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Now let us pick up the story individually and see how it works. Stephen, the first martyr, preached and performed miracles in the power of the Holy Ghost. And when they stoned Stephen for his witness, he looked up and saw Jesus. He was there as He had said He would be, so near that Stephen *saw* Him.

When Jesus met Saul, He said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Christ had kept His appointment with those unnamed Christians Saul was persecuting. Then there was a *named* disciple in Damascus—Ananias. The Lord said to him, "Arise, and go into a street which is called Straight." And when Ananias obeyed, he became the Lord's instrument in making an appointment with Saul.

We notice in our Lord's appearances to Saul and to Ananias two motifs or patterns. He said to each of them at different times, "Arise and go." When Saul was at Jerusalem, it was, "Make haste and get thee out." On two other occasions He said to Paul, "Be not afraid, be of good cheer." That's about all He said when He appeared to them, but that was enough.

When the disciples were pondering over whether or not to go into Galilee the angels appeared and confirmed the appointment.

In Philip's case an angel said to him, "Arise and go toward the south..."

When Paul was shipwrecked in the Mediterranean, an angel stood by him and said, "Fear not, Paul." The angels didn't have any bigger message than Jesus did. They merely echoed His words.

Jesus was with those disciples collectively as well as individually. He guided them in the matter of creating the order of the deacons, and that office was codified over in 1 Timothy 3, where we are given the qualifications of deacons for all succeeding generations.

God led His disciples collectively at the first big General Council in Jerusalem, described in Acts 15. As a result their discussions ended in perfect unanimity. They could say, "It seemeth good to the Holy Ghost, and to us..."

The Big Appointment was kept with the result that those early Christians turned the world "upside down," to use the words of their enemies. That's what happens when earnest Christians keep their appointment with Christ. They find Him out there, with all power.

The early Christians kept their appointment with the Master. Are *we* keeping the Big Appointment? I want to bring into focus the name of a revered pioneer of this movement, Charles Parham. He was principal of the Bible school at Topeka, Kans., where the Holy Spirit was poured out. When the students of that school were filled with the Spirit, Brother Parham also sought the Baptism and was filled. Later he pioneered in Lawrence and Galena, Kans., and in several places in Missouri and Texas. Was the Lord with this individual believer? Sure He was! Was He with E. N. Bell, the first general superintendent of the General Council? Was He with J. R. Flower, first secretary? Yes! These individuals found Christ faithful. They and many others in the early days of this movement had an appointment with Christ, and they met it and did wonderful things for God.

Christ had an appointment with each of us. And we have kept the appointment and He has met us, hasn't He? The present generation, old and young, are also on the trail—keeping their appointment with Christ.

The Lord blessed them individually back there, and He blessed them col-

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lectively. He was with us in that first General Council in Hot Springs in 1914. He has been with us as we have moved on in succeeding Councils, fulfilling our part of the Big Appointment.

He was with us as we established our Sunday schools, for He said, "Teach." We teach collectively as well as individually. Jesus taught His disciples collectively more than He taught them individually. He had a little group around Him. And if we have a little group, a little class to teach, it is according to the pattern. And when we teach in our Bible schools, Jesus is there, for He said, "Go and teach."

We are like soldiers. They set up a bivouac overnight. They have their boot camps for training; they have their encampments; they have their refresher courses for reserves. They have quartermaster depots and stock piles and motor pools. Some of them study the science of logistics and they are experts in reconnaissance. It is all a part of the great program, but *the battle is the pay-off*. All these are just contributing factors to success and victory in the battle.

That is similar to our situation. We

make our adjustments; we have our schools and our organizations and our churches. But they are simply means to an end. *The forward march with God is the pay-off*; the going into all the world—to all nations.

The Lord gives us a little warning as we go into the battle for Him. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." This is in the Book, our manual of arms. Soldiers have to study their manuals.

Here's something else, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing." "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Jesus also warned of booby traps. Here are some of them: The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches which would choke the Word and make it unfruitful. "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

"And be not conformed to this world:

but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Beware of modern adjustments to the world and its fashion. Now that's dangerous, but there is a worse trap yet on this list. It is *internal strife and contention*. Christ commended the Ephesian church in Revelation 2 because they could not bear that which was evil. But He warned them that they had left their first love, and that He would remove their candlestick out of its place unless they repented. This lack of love for the Master leads to bickering over other things.

Paul wrote to this same Ephesian church, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."

Jesus said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." He meant exactly what He said. If we forgive not men their trespasses we will arrive at heaven's portals to find all our sins remembered against us and that we are knocking on the wrong door.

Jesus pronounced the eternal, spiritual death penalty on all those who quarrel with their fellow soldiers. The Bible says it is a dangerous thing. We must keep pure and clean, full of humility and tenderness and love for our brothers, our neighbors, our enemies, and for all men everywhere. We must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

But our situation is not defensive only, against the attacks of the devil, against these internal things that will eat the very life out of us. No! We have a great program. There is much land ahead to be possessed. There are yet brands to be plucked from the burning. There are parts of the known world where we have not yet met the Master. There is still room to go. He loves this generation too; He is out there waiting for us.

We will find Him out there in our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria, and in the uttermost part of the earth. We dare not sit down. Let us not take too much time entrenching ourselves in our modern churches. We may establish our various field headquarters, but we must sally forth and send raiding expeditions and make grand assaults on the enemy.

There are still souls to be saved; the Father's work is yet to be done; the

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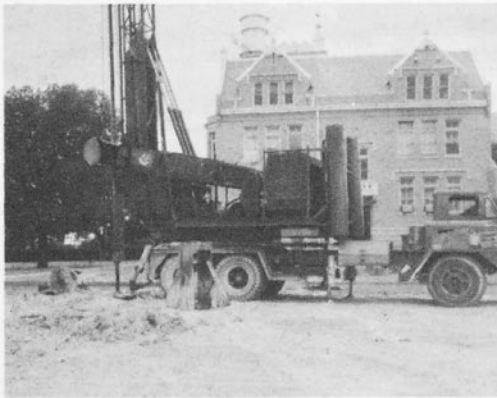
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night is coming. Our Christ is on the move throughout the whole world. When He called Peter, the first disciple, He said, "Follow me." And to that same disciple, after the resurrection, Jesus said, "Follow thou me." First and last to each of us He says, "Follow me."

He is on the march forward. "Go ye," He says, "and meet me in all nations." What is there for us to do, all of us, but to arise, cast away all fear, and go forward with Christ!



New Library Building Under Construction

WAXAHACHIE, Texas—Work has begun on a modern fireproof two-story library building at Southwestern Bible Institute. The 20,000 square feet of floor space will be centrally heated and cooled.

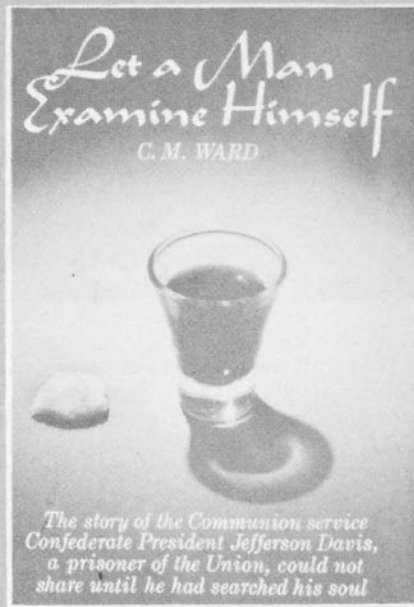
More than 26,000 volumes will be conveniently arranged in open stacks surrounded with adequate reading areas, consisting of tables in large areas and small private booths.

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Most of the gifts to erect this building are coming from individuals. When the building is complete it will represent a cost of \$250,000.

Joy is love exulting; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love on trial; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love at school; and temperance is love in training.

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By C. M. WARD

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► MIRA LOMA, CALIF.—The Assembly here just closed a very successful meeting with the Stenhouse-Miller Evangelistic Team. Their ministry blessed the church and reached the lost.

—George Stenhouse, Pastor

► PRESTON, MISS.—A most successful revival was recently held at Coye Assembly with Evangelist Frank Thomas of Meridian, Miss. Twelve were saved. There was a great manifestation of the Holy Ghost in each service.

—Henry Thomas, Pastor

► CANTON, OHIO—Christian Assembly recently concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist John W. Higginbotham. Each night, following a stirring message from God's Word, the altars were filled with earnest seekers. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and consecrations were made.

—C. R. Mills, Pastor

► BOUTTE, LA.—Luling Assembly of God has just concluded one of its most successful revivals. D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. was the evangelist. The services were unusually well-attended by first-time visitors, many of whom were moved upon by the Holy Spirit to seek God for salvation.

—Carl Davis, Pastor

► KINGSTON, JAMAICA—A two-week revival was recently held at Evangelistic Centre by Evangelists B. R. Minton and W. A. Gardner, both of the United States. Over 100 came forward for salvation during these services. Every night Brother Minton preached from his great hand-painted chart and Brother Gardner ministered in song. Attendance was very good throughout the campaign. The messages by Brother Minton were very timely.

—Cyril Huckerby, Pastor

► CHEYENNE, WYO.—First Assembly recently had the Sunshine Party for a four-week revival with Chief Thum as the Evangelist. Many were saved and healed. Only eternity can tell of the wonderful work accomplished for God during these special meetings. The music presented each night by the party on their 20 musical instruments was enjoyed by all, along with the evangelist's anointed preaching. One of the highlights of the campaign was the illustrated sermons which drew capacity crowds.

—H. J. Keener, Pastor

► MATEWAN, W. VA.—A very profitable and successful two-week revival crusade was held here at First Assembly with Evangelist Jean C. Hale of West Prestonsburg, Ky. The convicting power of the Holy Ghost was prevalent in every serv-

ice. Several were saved, one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some were healed. Many attended the church for the first time. The Sunday school had a record attendance of 120 (the largest in the new church). It was truly a time of reviving as the church was stirred afresh by the anointed ministry of the evangelist.

—William Tate, Associate Pastor

► QUINCY, ILL.—A six-night meeting with Evangelist Warren Litzman was just concluded at Bethel Assembly. Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit on the first night, which was the keynote of the entire meeting. Each night some were saved, reclaimed, or filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed and encouraged. On Sunday morning an entire family knelt at the altar and accepted Christ. The evangelist preached some sermons that will affect the people of the church for good until Jesus comes.

—E. M. Clark, Pastor

► EVENING SHADE, ARK.—The Assembly here has just closed a very successful revival with Evangelists Ethel Herring and Claudell Wren of Santa Paula, Calif. Eight were saved, four baptized in water, and several were healed. A Sunday school teacher who had had to give up her class several months previously because of a stroke she had suffered, is now giving God glory for restoring her health.

—Lizzie Bullard, Pastor

► PARMA, OHIO—God's presence was strongly felt in the six days of revival meetings here with the Eskelin Family. Almost every night there were souls at the altar seeking God for salvation or for a closer walk. Sunday morning saw the building packed beyond capacity and a new Sunday school record was established with 412 in attendance. Many new contacts were made, souls were saved, and there are lasting results in that newcomers are still attending the services.

—Louis R. Davidson, Pastor

► OZARK, MO.—The Lord graciously moved upon the Assembly here with an old-time Pentecostal revival under the ministry of Evangelist Harold Cobb and family of Taloga, Okla. Some 23 gave their hearts to the Lord and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A Sunday school record of several years was broken with 128 in attendance. Fourteen were baptized in water and 18 new members were received into the church. God be praised for the high tide of revival spirit that has been manifested in the church for several months.

—Duard Baldwin, Pastor

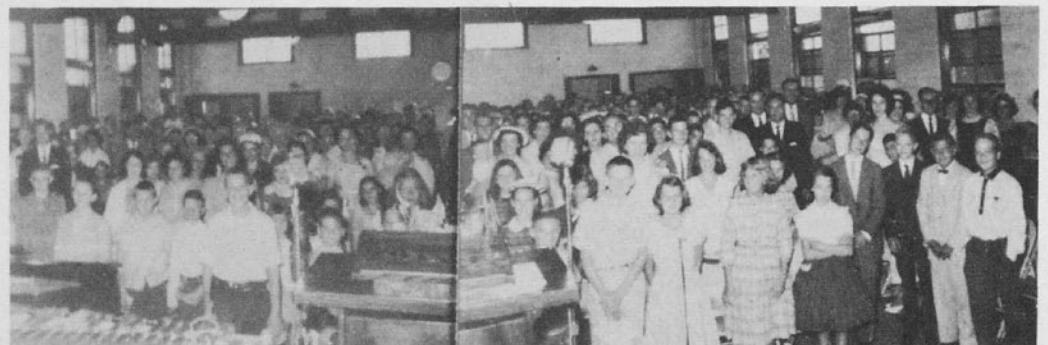
► FARMINGTON, NEW MEX.—A very profitable spiritual revival was recently held at Faith Tabernacle with Evangelists L. C. and Oleta Eldridge. Their ministry of the Word was faith-building. The Lord met the people as they responded for salvation and healing. Several were filled and refilled with the Spirit.

—Melvin Sasse, Pastor

► BANNING, CALIF.—The Assembly here just concluded a revival meeting that brought the greatest revival stir among the congregation in more than 14 years. Evangelist Everett Stenhouse of the Stenhouse-Miller Evangelistic Team preached heart-stirring messages that resulted in a large number of unsaved coming to the Saviour. The attendance was outstanding and God's presence was felt from night to night. There were two outstanding healings, besides other miraculous answers to prayer.

—James F. Walls, Pastor

► SHERIDAN, WYO.—First Assembly just closed 22 nights of tent revival with the Wilber Ogilvie Evangelistic Party. The meetings were jointly sponsored by four Pentecostal churches and a sweet spirit of harmony prevailed. Every phase of the campaign testified to the leading of God in sending this party to the city. God gave a fine site for the large tent right on Main St., plus willing workers and



Crowd at evangelistic meetings conducted by the Eskelin Family in Parma, Ohio

good crowds. There were a number saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, or healed. The churches rejoice in the powerful moving of the Holy Spirit throughout the campaign. The Pentecostal fires have been rekindled and souls added to the churches as a result of this campaign.

—Edward Glasgow, Chairman

► SUTHERLIN, OREG.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a wonderful two-week revival under the ministry of Evangelists David and Doris Godwin of Dallas, Tex. People were saved and reclaimed, and the church as a whole was greatly moved by the soul-stirring preaching.

—Donald Trimmer, Pastor

► INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The Parkway Assembly just closed a second evangelistic campaign with the Musical Eskelin Family. Many "first-nighters" were in attendance every night of the campaign. On the closing Sunday of the meeting the Sunday school almost doubled. On that particular Sunday 18 came forward. The evangelist presented a Bible plan for the Sunday school that was exceptional. On Monday night a Sacred Musical Concert filled the church.

—William L. Thornton, Pastor

► JONESBORO, ARK.—Evangelist Jack Branscum of Dallas, Tex. and Louis Shultz of Blytheville, Ark. recently conducted a great revival here. The meetings were sponsored by several churches in the area. There were approximately 100 conversions and 50 received the Holy Spirit. Many wonderful healings took place. Each of the sponsoring churches was blessed and appreciated the soul-winning efforts of the evangelists.

—Charles E. Northcutt, Chairman

► VIOLA, ARK.—Two evangelists recently ministered here in five weeks of meetings in which at least 15 were saved and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Effie Barker preached the first two weeks and Evangelist Glenna Byard continued for three more weeks. Among those saved was an 87-year-old man who was blind. Although God moved among the children, the majority of those saved were over fifteen years of age. One broken home was reunited as both the husband and wife were saved and later baptized in the Holy Ghost.

—Ray Shelton, Pastor

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The music Division of the Gospel Publishing House has also published several song-

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	1st	Nov. 3-15	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	James Standifer
	Huntsville	1st	Nov. 3-15	Joel Palmer & wife	Melvin Byron
Calif.	Bakersfield	Panama Lane	Nov. 1-15	O. D. Burkett	Don Hallford
	Eureka	Ridgewood	Nov. 3-22	Oren Paris	Paul E. Jones
	Richmond	Full Gosp. Temp.	Nov. 8-22	Tommy Barnett	Boyd Wolverton
	Riverside	Union	Nov. 3-15	Stenhouse-Miller	D. V. Alderman
	Rohnerville	* A/G	Nov. 3-8	Virgil & Edythé Warens	Joseph Murray
	San Diego	Linda Vista	Nov. 3-15	Linfield Crowder	George Gregg
	Stockton	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 8—	Donnell & Holler	Leonard Rogers
Ga.	Macon	Houston Ave.	Nov. 4—	Joe Ragsdale	Earl Crawford
Ill.	Des Plaines	Northwest	Nov. 2-8	Garfield Unruh	DeVore Walterman
	Jerseyville	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 8	C. M. Smitley	J. Dan Moore
Ind.	Quincy	Bethel	Oct. 28-Nov. 8	Robert Watters	E. M. Clark
	Indianapolis	Grace	Nov. 3-15	Ronald Ripley	Howard Skinner
	Jasonville	1st	Nov. 3-15	Lolita Thompson	Walter Batman
Iowa	Michigan City	A/G	Oct. 18—	Richard Vinyard	Stewart Robinson
	Terre Haute	Chamberlain	Nov. 3-15	R. L. Covington	Wilson Shabaz
Kans.	Eldora	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Frank E. Martin	Leroy Whiteman
	Leavenworth	A/G	Nov. 4-22	Bob McCutchen	Howard Shelton
Ky.	Topeka	Highland Park	Nov. 3-15	Smith-Rasmussen	A. M. Selness
	Woodston	1st	Oct. 21—	Lula M. Ware	M. D. Markland
	Lexington	Calvary	Nov. 1—	Earl E. Blythe	Cecil E. Drake
Mass.	Brockton	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 8	Allan A. Swift	Arne Thomassen
Mich.	Albion	1st	Nov. 3-15	B. R. Minton	Harris Janson
	Detroit	Southfield	Nov. 3-15	A. F. DiMusto & Party	Robert L. Clark
Minn.	Ludington	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Gene Allen	Albert Dimbat
	Muskegon	A/G	Nov. 8—	Glenna Byard	E. E. Froats
Miss.	Mahnomen	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Musical Mathans	Don L. Shoff
	St. Paul	Summit Ave.	Nov. 3-15	Hance Team	W. E. Weides
Mo.	Columbia	1st	Nov. 8-22	Carl Walker, Jr.	R. G. Hardy
	Jackson	1st	Oct. 25-Nov. 1	Danny Lane	J. O. Yeatts
Nebr.	Albany	A/G	Oct. 20—	David Ward	Larry Allbaugh
	Poplar Bluff	1st	Oct. 18—	Delbert Bucher & wife	K. H. Lawson
	Sumner	A/G	Nov. 4-15	Bonnie M. Ruble	Lester Norris
N. H.	Chappell	A/G	Nov. 8-22	Harry Hampel	Floyd Garrett
	Red Cloud	A/G	Nov. 8-29	Ivan Christoffersen	Earl Fread
N. J.	Concord	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 8	John & Olive Kellner	Albert Earle
	Salem	1st	Nov. 1-15	Sid Regnier Party	R. J. Lundstrom
N. Mex.	Hobbs	Glad Tidings	Nov. 8—	Chambers Party	O. W. Newman
N. Y.	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem	Oct. 27-Nov. 8	Harold May, Jr.	Wm. J. Behr
	Rochester	Bethel Full Gospel	Nov. 8-22	Danny Hope	Phil Wannemacher
Ohio	Carrollton	1st	Nov. 3-15	J. Earl Douglass	Frank Kelley
	Fostoria	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Joseph Ferrante
Okla.	Don George	Lighthouse	Oct. 27—	Don George	Leslie Moore
	Ardmore	Capitol Hill	Nov. 1-15	Evelyn Hurst	M. D. Hartz
	Tulsa	Sheridan	Nov. 1-15	Hildreth Ethridge	Glenn Millard
Pa.	Central City	Pent. A/G	Nov. 2-6	David Berquist	Ed. Neidermeier
	Huntingdon	A/G	Oct. 22—	Musical Vanns	Edward Berkey
Tenn.	Lewistown	1st	Nov. 8—	H. A. Christopher	Albert Skyrer
	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 3-15	W. Clifford Nelson	C. A. Davenport
	Pittsburgh	Wilksburg	Nov. 3-8	Stanley MacPherson	B. H. Conant
	Shippensburg	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 8	Ralph Creider	Earl Ford
	Trafford	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Leon Morrow	William Schell
	York	Faith Temple	Oct. 25-Nov. 8	Paul Graban	H. E. Hardt
	Milan	1st	Nov. 4—	Raymond Schaeffer	Gene Jackson
	Nashville	1st	Nov. 8—	M. Inez Smith	J. L. Schaffer
	Ripley	Central	Nov. 9-22	Bob Swain & wife	Gaylon Echols
	El Paso	1st	Oct. 23—	W. V. Grant	Wm. Hageman
Tex.	Ft. Worth	1st	Nov. 4-15	James Van Meter	T. Hollingsworth
	Ft. Worth	Richland Hills	Nov. 4—	L. C. Eldridge	James Barnes
Va.	Lancaster	1st	Nov. 8—	J. W. Farmer	H. L. Corpany
	Liberty	1st	Nov. 2-15	Leon Bayless	El Roy Henson
Wash.	Pineland	A/G	Oct. 27—	Charles Reed & wife	O. C. Hicks
	Snyder	1st	Nov. 3—	Ken & Patsy George	Robert Owens
Wyo.	Wylie	1st	Nov. 3—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	R. D. Nance
	Salem	A/G	Nov. 3-15	Calvin Melton	G. E. Strickland
Canada	Tacoma	Evang. Tab.	Nov. 2-8	John French	D. R. Rogne
	Douglas	* A/G	Nov. 3-13	Bob Olson	Paul Marler
Alta.	Torrington	A/G	Nov. 1—	R. J. Teeter	E. J. Benintendi
	Lethbridge	Pent. Tab.	Oct. 27-Nov. 8	Peter Jepsen	J. H. Hazlett

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HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION of new educational annex, Nov. 1 at Assembly of God, Luling, Tex. Former pastor, W. S. Graham of Baytown, Tex., speaking at 11 a.m. P. A. Lewis, district superintendent of North Texas, bringing the dedicatorial message in the afternoon.—by B. J. Mikulek, pastor.

HOMECOMING and 47th Anniversary, First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Dallas, Tex., Nov. 1. Ira Stanphill, guest speaker. Services 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. Noon luncheon served. All former members and friends invited.—by Elsworth Krogstad, pastor.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—Nov. 15-22 at Assembly of God, Thayer, Mo. Former pastors will be speaking.—by W. L. Rains, pastor.

SECOND ANNUAL HOMECOMING—Nov. 8 at First Assembly of God, Dinuba, Calif. The Hobbs family will be singing. Former members and friends invited.—by Lloyd J. Cagle, pastor.

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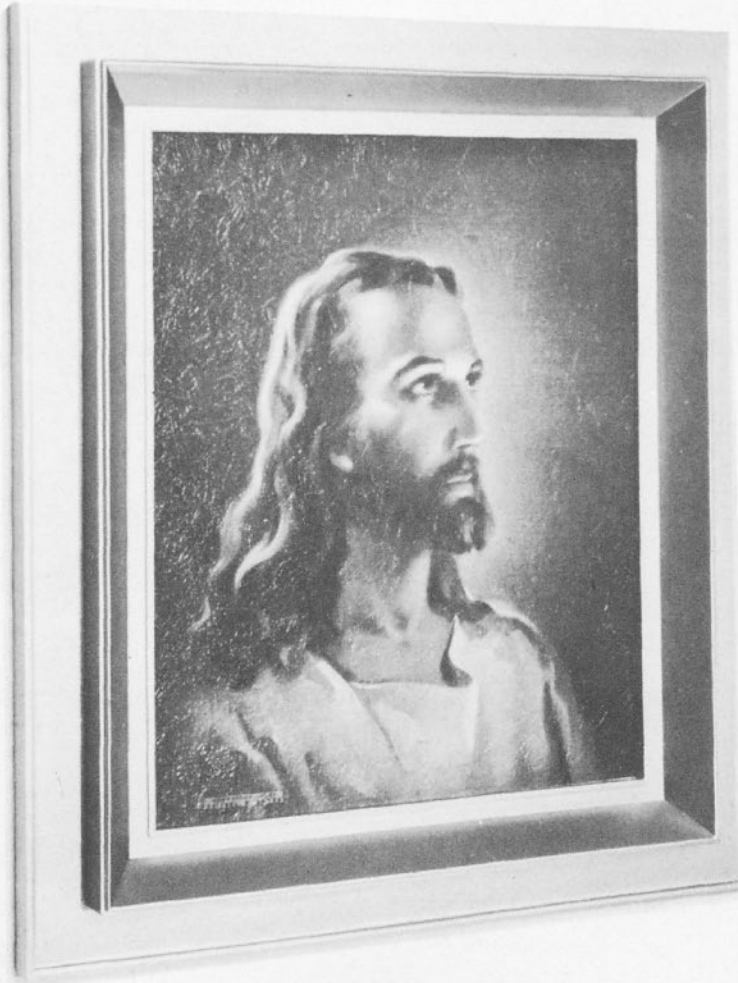
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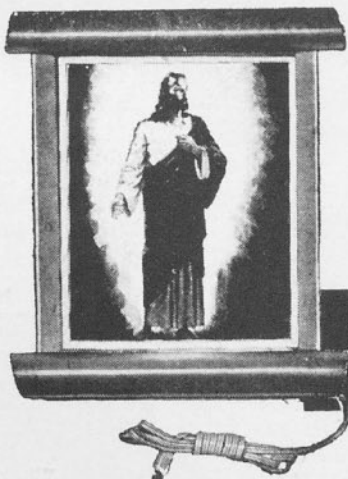
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WANTED- Ordinary People

By E. S. WILLIAMS

WANTED—ORDINARY PEOPLE! YES, PEOPLE WHO TEND to say, "I can't," and those who shrink from responsibility because they lack confidence in themselves. If you are among that number, then you are wanted.

Recently I read an interesting article on the subject of the inferiority complex—the lack of self-confidence or the feeling of inability. The desire to do is there, but it is kept from expression. The one who possesses the desire suffers because he does not give it expression. Many in the church are unhappy merely because they suppress their desire to serve, while they might be happy were they to give and do.

The article to which I have referred tells of Socrates and others who were very ugly of face. Because of this, they might have withdrawn into themselves, becoming lifetime victims of a handicap. They were conscious of this inferiority but refused to be thwarted by it and pushed forward to become men of renown. It is said that Alexander the Great and Napoleon were ambitious to become leaders but suffered keen feelings of inferiority because they were so short of stature. It was their drive to overcome this handicap that made them the leaders that they were. May this be an example to us.

All men suffer feelings of inferiority. The more deeply they feel, the more vigorously they must apply themselves to overcoming the feeling. But this struggle is often just the thing which makes them succeed. Those who shrink into themselves, permitting their feeling of inferiority to triumph, fail when they might have enjoyed success. Better it is to feel the lack of ability than to be overconfident, thinking oneself able without effort.

We are what we are. We can make full use of what we have and succeed, or we can stymie what we have

and fail. He succeeds who says, "I will give my best." He becomes a failure who says, "I will not try lest I fail."

It was men with the "inferiority complex" who became the heroes of the Bible. When called to deliver Israel, Moses said, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?" He felt deeply inferior. To this the Lord said, "Certainly I will be with thee." If he would trust and obey, God would bestow upon him divine superiority.

When Gideon was called to deliver his people, he said, "Wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am least in my father's house." He had everything to make him feel inferior. There was no prestige from family, no ability in himself. But the Lord said, "Go in this thy might... have not I sent thee?" If he was willing to go, God would bestow upon him His sufficiency.

Solomon was chosen to be king in Israel. His deep sense of inferiority is seen in his words, "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." Depending wholly upon God, he received from the Lord unlimited wisdom.

The apostles were ordinary men, short in culture and unlearned. But they were chosen by Jesus to carry on His work.

God uses consecrated lives, people who lack confidence in themselves, people who will depend on the Lord for strength for service. When Moses was called, he was a poor speaker, but God said, "Who hath made man's mouth?" A person who learns that he is not able has found a pearl of great price; but he makes poor use of that pearl if he refuses to let Jesus see what He can do with what he has.

When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he wrote to a congregation in which many members were distressed through feelings of inferiority. He reminded them that no one was unimportant; all were saved to serve. "Those members of the body, which seemed to be more feeble, are necessary." I like the words, "which seem to be more feeble." Our disabilities are more "seemed" than real. We feel that we are unnecessary or unable, but God says all are "necessary." Some at Corinth looked upon themselves as of value only as feet. They felt they had no gifts which would qualify them as hands. There was lament: "Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body." Those so suffering were being eaten up by their inferiority complex. The apostle would say, "This is a great mistake, for God gives more abundant honor to that part which lacks." To shrink into ourselves is to put our lamps under a bushel, to hide our talent in a napkin.

Let those who think they have lesser talents be willing to serve, to pray, and to prepare. He who broke the loaves and fishes and fed the multitude will break and use the talents which we offer in loving devotion and service. Will you who read volunteer what you have for the Lord? God who used the rod of Moses will use any consecrated lives that children, youth, and those of older age may be guided and instructed. He will make the consecrated souls lights to shine in the midst of earth's spiritual darkness. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

—Sunday School Counselor

