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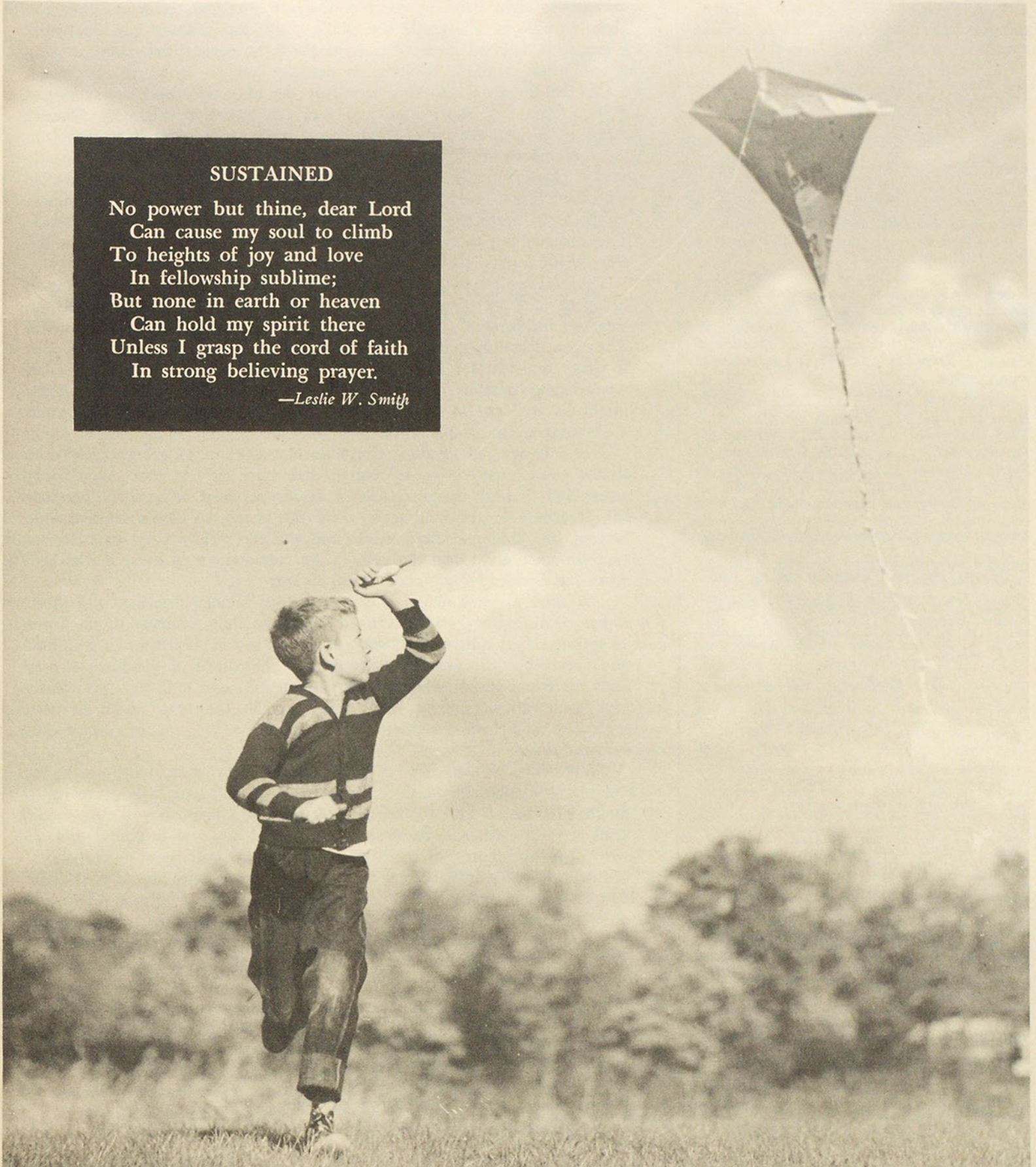
SAITH THE LORD

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No power but thine, dear Lord
Can cause my soul to climb
To heights of joy and love
In fellowship sublime;
But none in earth or heaven
Can hold my spirit there
Unless I grasp the cord of faith
In strong believing prayer.

—Leslie W. Smith



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Nothing But the Truth

It is amazing how some people will lie, even under oath. They will raise their right hand in court and swear that the testimony they are about to give is "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"—and then they will proceed to twist the facts, conceal the truth, or deny it completely without blinking an eye.

One of the most shocking facets of the national scandal over rigged quiz programs a short time ago was the assertion made by District Attorney Frank Hogan of New York that, of the 150 witnesses who testified before his grand jury, 100 lied under oath. As the apostle said, "There is no fear of God before their eyes," or they would not sin with their lips. The trouble is that people do not take the commandments of the Lord seriously these days. They do not care if *He* sees them. They are willing to risk eternal punishment if only they can escape the clutches of *human* law.

The country's best minds are alarmed over the general deterioration in public and private morality. They are amazed to find that cheating, stealing, and bribery (or "payola," as it is now called) are so widespread. They are demanding honesty in advertising. And well they might. But if they think stiffer laws are going to turn unregenerated men and women into persons of Christian character they are mistaken. They might as well try to change a tiger into a lamb, or attempt to build a skyscraper out of paper cartons.

The only way to produce Christian character is to get people "born again." Each person must receive that spiritual life that comes only from God through accepting Christ as his personal Saviour. Therefore the preachers of the land must warn the people of God's requirements and of the judgment that awaits the wicked. They must call sinners to repentance and when the sinners are converted they must teach them what the Scriptures say about right living.

The Bible is very plain on the subjects of lying, cheating, and other forms of dishonesty. It tells us to "provide things *honest* in the sight of all men." It calls us to "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and *honesty*." "*Lie not* one to another." The Word of the Lord classes liars with murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, and idolaters. It clearly says that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone," for God hates every form of deceit and untruthfulness.

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25). Love for God and man will cause us to avoid all pretense and subterfuge. A genuine Christian will deal fairly with his fellow man in business life, in social life, and in church life. If we will let the Holy Spirit search our hearts He will show us our shortcomings. "Small sins" become big when He deals with us. Let us take Christ for our example and the Scriptures for our textbook. There is no room for half truths, lies of expediency, or any other form of sin in a life that is filled with prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit.

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By Watson Argue

IN 2 KINGS 4 WE HAVE THE STORY of a woman who came to Elisha in desperate need. Her godly husband, one of the sons of the prophets, was dead. And even while she talked with Elisha, the creditor was at her home to take her two sons to be bondmen because of unpaid debts.

Elisha perceived that here was a woman of faith, and he met her on that basis. "What shall I do for thee?" he asked. "Tell me, what hast thou in the house?"

"Thine handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil."

How prophetic was Elisha's reply.



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Nothing But a Pot of Oil

"Go borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. . . . Pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full."

And the woman did as she was told. Behind a closed door she poured oil into the vessels which her sons brought to her until there was not another vessel available. Then the man of God instructed her, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."

In her complete extremity, it took "nothing but oil" to save her home and to save her boys.

Friends, the one thing we need above everything else is "oil." David as a boy had nothing but oil. Confidently he sang, "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." And that was enough. His needs were supplied. He ascended the throne. He left psalms of worship for all generations.

What a bountiful asset the oil of God represents. Concerning Christ we read in Hebrews 1:9, "God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Is the oil of gladness yours *today*? "I shall be anointed with fresh oil," the Psalm-

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ist declared, referring to the blessed Holy Spirit.

In the Upper Room they had nothing but oil, but they went out and "turned the world upside down." Stephen, addressing the Sanhedrin, was "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." He had nothing but oil, but "all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

What was it that projected revival around the world under the early ministry of the Salvation Army? It was the holiness meetings where they tarried before the Lord until mighty manifestations of the Spirit were granted, so that the public services that followed were well-anointed with oil.

What makes the Welsh revival of 1905 remembered to this day? It was the fact that young Evan Roberts, the miner, set himself with others to grasp every available moment after each hard day's work, to wait upon God until the anointing oil of the Spirit came upon them.

What was it that half a century ago rocked the complacency of the Christian world? It was simply that scattered groups of hungry people set out diligently to make the oil of the Holy Spirit the object of their quest. They tarried before God, waiting for the heavenly anointing. At camp meetings the song service and preaching always

led to this climax—the waiting upon God for oil. In the mission halls of the early days, all activities led to this pursuit—the waiting upon God for oil.

Without oil, the widow's sons would have been lost to her. Is there not a vital secret here for us? Ours has been known as a young people's movement. I find that the same oil of the Spirit that attracted the young people in the beginning will hold our young people today, and it will bless our neighbors. There is no substitute. We can try many other things for our young people, but nothing else will hold them because nothing but oil can satisfy.

In the beginning we did not have large churches, elaborate organization, or precision programs. What we did have was the oil of the blessed Holy Spirit of God. That was what attracted and held us. It is still true today that the church which has the anointing of the Spirit is the church which does not need to worry about perpetuating itself.

The biggest concern in some churches is fear that the youth will grow cold and drift away. But where the oil still flows into consecrated vessels and out to bless others this is no problem. A pot of oil solved all this poor widow's heartbreaking problems. And it can solve ours.

Do you have the oil? Are you still

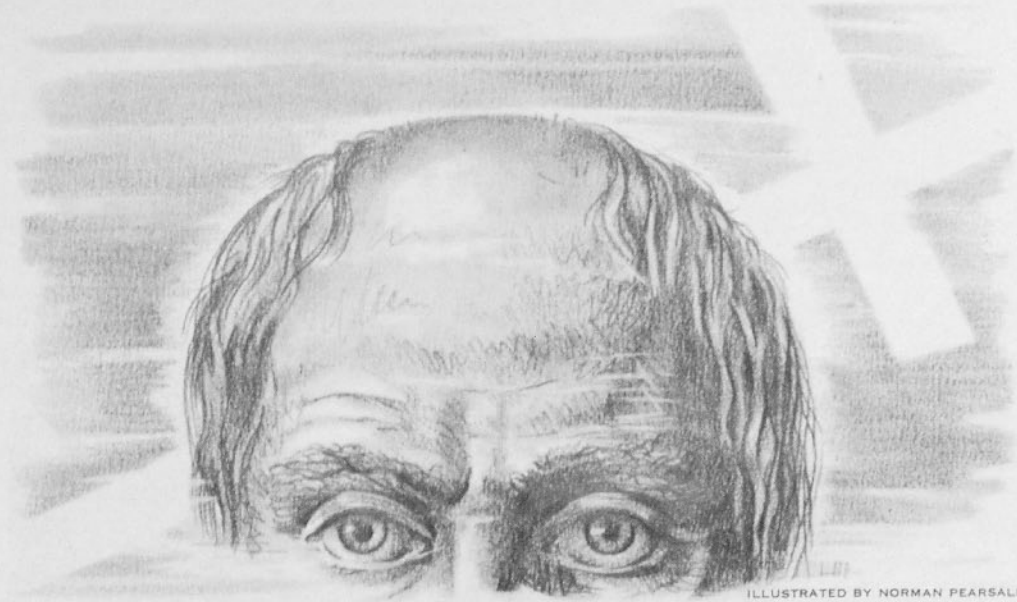
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Each one who enters the gateway of the blessed life, first beholds his *ego*, his inner self, as an undone, corrupt, hopeless, wretched creature. Some discern it faintly by a life of defeat during the early months of their conversion. No Christian, however, sees the positive hopelessness of building a Christlike life on the foundation of the *old ego* until he finds its description in the Scriptures. The "thus saith the Lord" settles the matter, and then he is potentially ready to turn away from self to the omnipotent, holy One, Jesus Christ.

Paul got a glimpse of his undone *self* in his conflict with sin, and confessed, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18). When he recognized this fact, victory was in his grasp. For other believers, he elsewhere in the Scriptures describes the wretchedness of the old ego (the old "I"). He told the Ephesians to "put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" (4:22). In writing to the Colossians, he says, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (3:9). The Lord Jesus Christ bade His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" (Matthew 16:24).

BRINGING UP ADAM

Much of the early conflict in an unenlightened Christian is the effort to bring forth grapes from thorns, a good life from a corrupt root. Every man inherited from Adam a fallen, depraved, and corrupting nature which can only bring forth the works described in Mark 7:20-23 and Galatians 5:19-21. This depraved nature is several times called by the apostle Paul, *the old man*, because it is the very same nature which has been handed down from generation to generation from our first forebear. It is no less corrupt today than when it fell in the Garden of Eden. It caused Cain to slay Abel and Absalom to commit adultery with his sister Tamar. It can never bring forth good for it is verily full of putrefaction. Paul says that it must be cast off; but how can one cast off a demoniacal leach which seems forever fixed to the core and center of human life? The secret is in the death of the leach; then one may brush it off readily if he recognizes its true impotence.



Paul's Secret

What was the secret of the apostle's life of complete victory in every circumstance? Was it not an implicit faith that his self life had been crucified and that he had been raised to a new life in Christ?

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IN 1883, HANNAH WHITAL SMITH wrote her now famous book, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life." This book has continued to have a wide sale since the turn of the century. The reason is clear. Many Christians, out of the bitterness of an up-and-down life of defeat, have cried out in anguish, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Such Christians are usually eager to learn Paul's secret of the triumphant life.

John Wesley, J. Hudson Taylor, A. B. Simpson, Charles G. Trumbull, Gordon Watt, and many others found and proclaimed Paul's scriptural secret, although each has presented it in a slightly different pattern. All were agreed, however, that it was an experience received by faith through the supernatural power of the indwelling Christ who manifested Himself through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Some of these writers, more than others, saw the relation of the Cross to this experience.

The several emphases of the writers are facets of the one Biblical message of victory through our Lord Jesus

Christ to all who will apprehend and appropriate it. The writer's purpose is to blend the several facets for the enrichment of the reader. They are wondrously integrated in Paul's emancipation passage in Romans 6 through 8.

IN HISTORY AND HAND

All Christians delight in the Cross as the way of atonement; few rejoice in the Cross as a way of life. All believers see the glory of the Cross in Christ's dying *for* them; few see the glory of the Cross in every believer's dying *with* Christ. All rejoice in the resurrection of Christ as the surety of their future resurrection, but few know the joy of the fact that they arose with Him.

All believers perceive with delight Christ's past work *for* them in bearing their sins at Calvary, but only occasionally does one find Christians who discern Christ's present work *in* them. They see the Christ of Galilee as the Omnipotent One with His apostles in the yesteryears; but today, because of their unbelief, they see Him but vaguely, and scarcely recognize His power and presence within them.

Most Christians in the midst of conflict try by dint of their own will power and natural strength to slay self little by little; first in this and then in that. To their amazement and despair, they find the corruptible ego to be a many-headed monster which, when they cut off one head, grows another in its place. Is there no deliverance? Must a believer wrestle forever against a force greater than his will power to conquer it? (Romans 7:18). By a revelation of the Spirit of God, Paul discovered the secret.

LIFE BEGINS IN DEATH

One begins a life of victory over sin and self when he perceives the truth that his *old man*, indeed, died in Christ at Calvary. Hear Paul describe it: "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be taken away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin" (Romans 6:6, R.V.). "Ye died and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3, R.V.). What a glorious proclamation of emancipation!

Immediately one retorts, "Well, I feel very much alive for all that." Indeed, one who has truly been born of the Spirit may without cause feel very defiled before God when Satan, the accuser, attacks him. There is a simple deliverance. *Look and live!* Such a one must get a fresh vision of Christ, the Lamb of God, bearing his sins upon the cursed tree. Then will his conscience be freshly cleansed, and the joy of salvation restored. It is not feeling but the fact of Calvary that brings a sense of cleansing to the one who puts his trust and confidence in that historical fact.

PERPETUAL RECKONING

The power of the *old ego*, the depraved self-life, "the old man," is nullified by faith, by a continual reckoning upon the fact of its crucifixion with Christ nearly two thousand years ago. Reckoning does not make the fact, but it appropriates the fact, in this case the fact of his depraved nature's death with Christ at Calvary. Freedom from the wretched life of the old man is not by self-achievement; it is made true by the reckoning of faith. It is received, not achieved. One does not attain this experience (as some suppose Paul to have attained his experience described in Galatians 2:20) by virtue of a superior will. One may say that such reckoning is a life of make-

believe; then it is the life of make-believe to count one's sins forgiven and his guilt wiped away because he trusts the Scripture which says, "The blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin."

Hannah Whitall Smith testified: "Whenever I, by faith, reckon myself to be dead, I find I am practically dead. In putting off the old man by faith, and putting on the new man (Ephesians 4:22-24), I find that one is actually put off and the other actually put on. My soul has entered into that interior rest or 'keeping of Sabbaths'.... Not that there are no conflicts. Ah, no! But the battle is no longer mine, but Christ's.... All the former period of my Christian course seems comparatively wasted.... But when this secret of faith was re-

vealed to me, I began to grow; and the dedication which was before impossible to me, became the very joy of my heart."

In speaking of this act of faith in respect to the old man, Paul states, "For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:10, 11). As one is healed by apprehending and acting by faith on the fact that one's sicknesses and pains have been borne by Christ, so is one delivered from the thralldom of the old man, and thus from sin's dominion, by acting on the fact that the old man was crucified with Christ in His death.

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Perhaps He Will Come Today

BY FAY KEEN

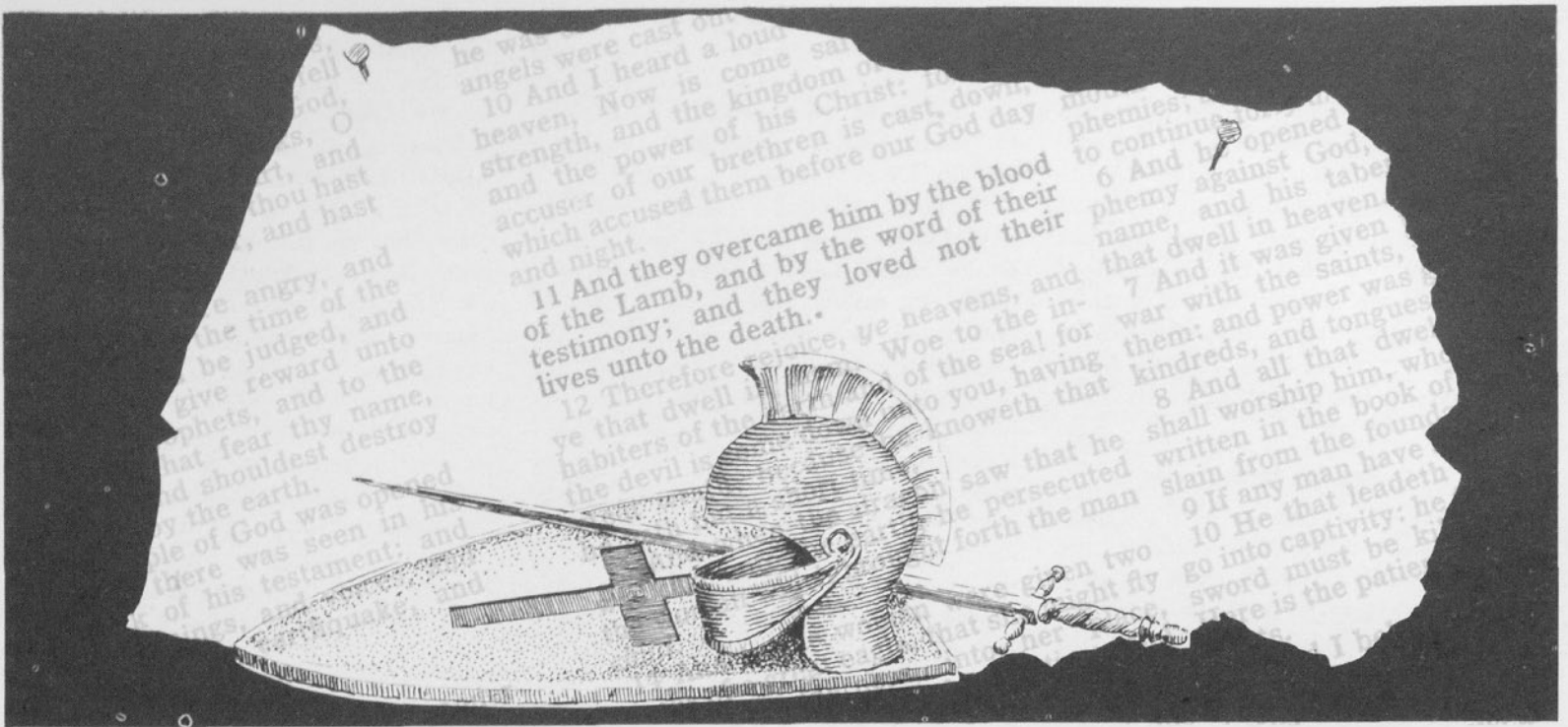
*As the captive longs for freedom,
The blind one longs for sight,
The exile sighs for his native land,
The caged bird pines for flight;
As the prisoner cries for loved ones,
For light in his dungeon dim;
The prodigal yearns for the Father's
house,
So yearns my soul for Him.
As a sparrow upon the housetop
I am ready to fly away;
He did not come last evening,
Perhaps He will come today.*

*As the thirsty pant for water,
For shade from the desert's heat;*

*As the sick child moans for ease from
pain,
The weary long for sleep;
So I long for His appearing
As those who wait for the dawn,
Oh, when will the night be over
The winter all past and gone?*

*Though it be not known to angels,
With each morning light I say,
"He did not come at the midnight;
Perhaps He will come today."
If He should delay His coming,
"Keep ready, my soul," I pray;
My Saviour will keep His promise,
Perhaps He will come today!*





THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD been delivered from the bondage of Egypt and now Canaan lay before them. It was their promised inheritance. But they considered it wise to appoint a commission to investigate and report on the land and its inhabitants.

The twelve-man commission brought back a unanimous report concerning the fruitfulness of the land and exhibited samples to prove it. The pomegranates, figs, and huge grapes of Eshcol must have been very impressive indeed to the people who had become accustomed to a barren wilderness. "Surely," the spies agreed, "it floweth with milk and honey."

But while all were agreed on the excellence of the country, the fertility of its soil, the abundance of its fruit, and its adaptability to their needs, there was a definite split in the commission.

The majority report, agreed on by ten men, was given first: "Nevertheless, the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there . . . and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." They ignored the promises of God in their conclusion, "We be *not* able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we."

The report actually amounted to this: "The land is what we believe it to be—literal, rich, blessed. But in our judgment the standard for entrance is impossible, and the difficulties insurmountable." Notice that this report

Overcomers

Inherit the Kingdom

BY D. M. PANTON

IT IS EVERY CHRISTIAN'S PRIVILEGE TO DRAW UPON THE POWER OF GOD IN LIFE'S DAILY BATTLES, BOTH THOSE THAT SATAN WAGES WITHOUT AND THOSE WITHIN.

never once mentions the possibility of God's help, or the fact that He had promised them the land.

Two members of the commission, Caleb and Joshua, then presented a minority report. Both men had burning convictions; both had mastered the facts of the situation; both were certain that all Israel could enter Canaan in spite of the obstacles. So Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

It is just as true in the spiritual realm that by the grace of God it is possible for any child of His to be an overcomer and to enter into the full glory and blessing of the coming Lord.

"The giants," Caleb exclaimed, "are bread for us" (Numbers 14:9). It is also true that giant difficulties strengthen us spiritually if we meet them with faith in God.

Furthermore, Caleb pointed out, "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land. . . . The Lord is with us: fear them not."

But abject defeatism and fear born of doubt had taken hold upon the people. When we refuse to put truth into action it begins to slip from our grasp, and we may even end as the Israelites did, by bitterly opposing it. In fact, they actually toyed with the idea of going back to Egypt. "Were it not better for us to return to Egypt?" they wondered.

So fierce became the opposition that only divine intervention saved the lives of Joshua and Caleb, for "all the congregation bade stone them with stones." But ere a stone was flung the people were confronted with the lightnings of God and they dropped the stones in terror.

Such a major crisis comes but once.

Israel's decision was made and God accepted it. They slammed the door to victory and God bolted it. The rejectors of His prophetic truth instantly forfeited their right to the kingdom God had promised them. "As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: . . . doubtless ye shall *not* come into the land" (Numbers 14:28, 30).

Even more solemn was the fate of those whose survey of the Promised Land resulted in a prediction of inevitable defeat should they try to enter. They were not only convinced themselves that they could not take the country but, what was worse, they persuaded all the people that it was an impossibility. "Those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord." It is a fearful thing when leaders doubt God's promises and plant that doubt in the hearts of others.

The apostle James points out the responsibility of leaders: "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the *greater* condemnation" (James 3:1).

God's description of Caleb is that of an overcomer: "But my servant Caleb, *because he had another spirit with him*, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land." Caleb's *other spirit* was a spirit of faith in God's ability to enable His people to overcome any obstacles they might encounter in possessing the land He had promised to them. It was a spirit of utter obedience. "He hath followed me *fully*."

Like Enoch, Caleb had an unswerving fidelity as he walked with God. Enoch is a type of translation as Caleb is a type of entrance into the Kingdom of God. Both the translation of Enoch and the entrance of Caleb into Canaan were based, not on their regeneration, but on their walk with God *after* regeneration.

Caleb's counsel is applicable to the lives of all God's people today who want to be overcomers, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

After drawing an exhaustive parallel between Israel and the Church, the writer to the Hebrews sums it up thus: "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any of us fall after the same example of unbelief" (Heb. 4:11).

Our Lord put it this way: "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over

the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron" (Revelation 2: 26, 27).

Joshua is a type of the Lord Himself, who leads all other overcomers into that land where Jesus says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:21). ◀◀

Wait for the Lord

An old warrior for the kingdom of God relates: "My work in the kingdom seemed so fruitless and unsuccessful that a dark cloud came upon my soul. Nowhere could I see any growth, or any advance. Anxiety and despair clutched at my heart, persuading me that I was living out my days in vain.

"One day in my confusion I decided to visit an old pastor in the neighboring town and lay the whole matter before him. It was a beautiful summer morning as we strolled in the garden behind his parsonage and talked. He stopped for a moment by a rosebush and tried to force open one of the young buds while he offered me his counsel and comfort.

"I stayed with him till late afternoon, and then as I was preparing to leave he brought me out to the rosebush again. How beautifully had many of the buds unfolded. But the one that he had struggled with hung down wilted and closed on the bramble. 'Brother,' he asked, 'do you understand this parable?' I did."

It is a precious thing to be patient and to wait upon the help of the Lord.



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The Edge of the World

I stood with God on the edge of the world, and my hand was in His hand. I looked down the road of the past, as it stretched away in the dim distance, till it was shrouded in the mists of time. And I knew it had no beginning, and a little chill wind of fear blew about my head.

God asked, "Are you afraid?"

And I said, "Yes, because I cannot understand how there can be no beginning."

So God said, "Let us turn and face the other way."

And I looked into glory, and my heart rejoiced with joy unspeakable. And then my mind went ahead, a billion, billion years, and I knew there would be no end, and again that little chill wind of fear began to blow.

And God asked me again, "Are you afraid?"

And I answered, "A little, because I cannot understand how there can be no end."

So God asked me tenderly, "Are you afraid now, today, with your hand in mine?"

And I looked up at Him and smiled and replied, "O my Father, no!"

And God said, "Every day in eternity will be today."

—Martha Snell Nicholson



What it Means To Be a Christian

THE FAITH THAT SAVES US IS MORE THAN A MENTAL BELIEF. IT IS AN ACTIVE FAITH THAT DEMONSTRATES REAL TRUST IN CHRIST.

BY DEAN FETTERHOFF

IF TODAY IN AMERICA ALL MEN AND women were asked the question, "Are you a Christian?" statisticians tell us that sixty-three per cent would give some sort of affirmative answer. More people belong to church today than ever before. We claim to have a Christian nation. Yet, in spite of these reports, we note that only twelve percent of our nation is in church on Sunday morning and only two per cent on Sunday night. Our national life seems to be far different than that of a "Christian" nation ought to be.

When asking individuals if they are Christian, I find an almost endless variety of answers. I often hear: "I belong to church," "I've been baptized," "I'm trying to be," or "I'm no heathen." What must a person do or be in order to be able to say: "Yes, I know I am"?

The first step in becoming a Christian is to realize that you are not a Christian. Being born in a so-called Christian nation does not make one a Christian; coming from a Christian family does not make one a Christian. The Bible says that in our own natural state we are born sinners—outside the

family of God. David said: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). Paul tells us that by nature we are not children of God but rather children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3). This is the state of all men naturally, regardless of what your reputation or character may be.

Because each of us has sinned, we stand condemned to eternal death. The Bible says: "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). You say: "But that penalty is too severe. I know I've done some things that are wrong, but I live a pretty good life. I'm as good as my neighbor." I want to remind you that it is not how deep into sin you have gone that matters, but the One against whom you have sinned. If you knocked me down today, it probably wouldn't make much difference as far as the punishment you received, but if you knocked down the President of the United States, it would make a lot of difference! You see, it depends upon the one against whom we have sinned. We have sinned against the eternal God of heaven, and sin

against an eternal God demands an eternal punishment. Therefore, you stand eternally condemned because of your sin.

If I had to stop right here, this would be a sad, sad story. There would be no hope for anyone. But, thank God, the story does not end here. One of my favorite verses has come to be Romans 5:8 which says: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." The word "commend" in this verse means to "demonstrate" or "show forth." God demonstrated His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to die in our place. We just pointed out that we deserve to die because of our sin, but God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die in our place. I used to wonder how Jesus could die for all men until I realized the value of the One who died. He was God manifest in the flesh, and it was only as God became man that the price of the sins of all men could be paid. He paid that price; He paid it for you.

Since Christ has paid the price of

your sin, there is one thing alone which you must do in order to become a child of God and thus become a Christian. We read about it in John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power [or authority] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." If you will believe on Jesus Christ as your Saviour and your Lord, receive Him by faith as the One who died for your sins, God will make you His son or daughter. You ask: "Is it that simple?" Yes; it is so simple that a child can understand it, but it is not something to be trifled with or treated lightly. Salvation is based solely upon the basis of faith in Christ as the One who died for your sins.

However, I want to point out what it means to "believe" in Christ. If I go out on the street and ask men if they believe Jesus died for them, nine out of ten will say Yes. Yet, everything about their lives may demonstrate that they know nothing of what it means to be a Christian. Bible belief is far more than that. I may say I believe a certain chair will hold me up and be perfectly honest about it. That is one kind of belief, but when I sit down in a chair and relax in it, I believe it in a far different sense. I commit myself to it and trust it to do what I said (at least subconsciously) that it would do. Bible belief is more than knowing that Jesus died for you. It is coming to Him, realizing your sinful, condemned condition, and committing yourself to him, trusting Him completely as the One who died for you personally. If you will take this step of faith, God will cleanse you from your sin and make you His child.

—Brethren Missionary Herald

There is no way of being delivered from this life of self but one: we must follow Christ, set our heart upon Him, listen to His teachings, give ourselves up every day that Christ may be all to us, and by the power of Christ the denial of self will be a blessed unceasing reality. Never for one hour do I expect the Christian to reach a stage at which he can say, "I have no self to deny." His fellowship with the cross of Christ will be an unceasing denial of self every hour.—Andrew Murray.



Quit Praying!

—BY ELMER A. FISCHER

QUIT PRAYING! DOES THIS SUGGESTION startle you? It must have startled Moses when his Lord spoke these strange words, "Wherefore criest thou unto me?" (Exodus 14:15)

Didn't he have a right to cry to God? He could almost feel the Egyptian army breathing down his neck. Before him lay an angry sea, behind him came the enraged Egyptians. What else could he do but cry to God? But God wanted more than praying! He wanted *action*. "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak...go forward...lift up thy rod...stretch out thine hand..." (Exodus 14:15, 16).

The Lord often says to you in plain language, *quit praying!*

QUIT PRAYING; SPEAK

There is a time when praying should give way to speaking. The Lord said to Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto me?...*Speak*..." Usually it is easy to enlist people to join you in praying, but have you ever tried enlisting Christians for a visitation program? Some will even gladly offer to do the *praying* while you *go and do the visiting*.

A pastor once related the story that at every prayer meeting requests were made for a lady in need of comfort. One prayer meeting night he asked, "How many of you have visited Mrs. R. this past week?" The silence was embarrassing! Prayed for her? Yes! Yet not one had spoken a word of comfort to her.

You say you have been praying and praying for your unsaved loved ones and neighbors? How about it? Have you ever spoken to them about Jesus Christ and what He has done for you? If you have not, quit praying—start speaking.

QUIT PRAYING; ACT

There is a time when praying should give place to action. The Lord said to Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto

me?...*go forward*...lift up thy rod...stretch out thine hand..."

You have not properly prayed until you have been willing to act. Moses was requested by the Lord to *quit praying* and *act*. The Lord has asked you to "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." But don't you dare to pray that way until you are willing to go yourself. When Jesus told the disciples to pray for laborers, it seemed as though the Lord said, "You have prayed for laborers; you are the laborers." For the Scriptures tell us that following this great plea He laid His hands on the disciples and sent them out to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 10).

Are you praying that your church will be a lighthouse in your community? Let me ask, do *you* take an active part in its work?

There was a scholar who was remarkable for reciting her lessons. One day her school pal inquired as to her remarkable success. "Prayer," replied the scholar. Her friend prayed and prayed with no apparent improvement. Again, she sought out her scholar friend.

"I have been praying and praying about my lessons but still I am failing."

"Well," said her friend, "have you been studying more?"

"No," she replied, "I have just been praying."

"You can't only pray, you must let your praying give way to more study."

Are you praying? Then let praying give way to action. If you do not, the Lord will say to you, *quit praying*, get going...stretch out your hand.

QUIT PRAYING; SANCTIFY YOURSELF

There is a time when praying should give way to confession and cleansing. When prayer becomes a cloak for covering sin, it betrays you. There are

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Legislation

OHIO HIGH COURT APPROVES LIQUOR NEAR CHURCH

The Ohio Supreme Court recently made a ruling that is expected to have far-reaching effects throughout the state. It reversed a ruling by the Ohio liquor director who had refused a liquor permit to an establishment within 500 feet of a church.

The permit application was from a restaurant owner who wished to open a night club near the First Church of the Nazarene in Fostoria, Ohio. The Nazarene minister claimed it would be a violation of state law but the Ohio Supreme Court said the case lacks "reliable probative and substantial evidence."

Ohio clergymen see two courses open to them: either to press for a more specific law, or to call for local option elections to outlaw the sale of alcoholic beverages in specified areas.

ARLINGTON CHURCHES EXEMPT FROM OFF-STREET PARKING ORDINANCE

After a heated eight-hour meeting, the Arlington County Board (Virginia) voted to exempt churches from requirements of a new off-street parking law. The board voted 3 to 2 to exempt churches entirely from the ordinance which will govern all new buildings erected in the 160,000-population suburb of Washington, D. C.

The ordinance, as originally proposed, would have required any new or remodeled religious edifice to provide one parking space for every three seats in church.

SUPERMARKET FINED \$20,500 FOR VIOLATING SUNDAY LAW

A shopping center in Hybla Valley, Va. (a suburb of Washington) was fined \$20,500 last month for violating the state's Sunday closing law. The judge said he based the fine on \$500 for each Sunday that the supermarket, Bargain City, U.S.A., had been open since last April when enforcement action first was taken.

Attorneys for the supermarket asked

the court to defer collection of the fine until the case can be appealed, stating that they intend to take it to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary. The judge agreed.

Europe

MALTA CELEBRATING PAUL'S SHIPWRECK

Postal authorities on the little Mediterranean island of Malta have issued a set of six postage stamps to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the arrival of the apostle Paul, in A.D. 60. In the shipwreck story, as narrates in Acts 28, the island is called Melita.

REDS TO COPY CATHOLIC CONFESSIONAL

In Warsaw, Poland, an official communist newspaper has proposed that the Central Committee set up a communist equivalent of the Roman Catholic confessional. The paper declared that even children of non-Christians go to church "for the sole purpose of discussing their personal problems in the confessional."

It went on to propose that official communist confessional sessions be conducted by psychiatrists and operate in public libraries, cultural centers, and other public places. Presumably the Reds would accomplish a threefold purpose: in addition to competing with the Catholic church they would gather much information in this way and also have an excellent opportunity to brainwash the Polish people.

SOVIET ZONE POLICE KEEP CLERGYMEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE

All district offices of the Soviet Zone "people's police" have been ordered by the East German Interior Ministry to set up special "clergymen's indexes" and dossiers, according to reports in the West Berlin press.

The records, it was stated, are to include the daily activities of the clergymen, their political stand, the trend of their sermons, and their utterances both private and public.

The order is the latest in a series of measures aimed at bringing the clergy of East Germany under strict surveillance of the Communist regime.

Asia

309,000 TRACTS DISTRIBUTED DURING HONG KONG EXHIBITION

More than 309,000 gospel tracts were distributed by 350 Christian workers from various churches to the million people who attended the 17th Exhibition of Hong Kong Products. Within a very few days more than 2,000 had written to request further help in the Word of God. The project and follow-up, according to Far East News Service, was directed by the Navigators soul-winning organization.

GOSPEL BANNED FROM THAILAND RADIO

Last November the Thailand government made an edict banning all non-Buddhist radio programs in the country. This terminated the radio ministry of the Christian and Missionary Alliance over numerous radio stations (all government-owned) which for about two years had been reaching the people through the almost one million radio sets in Thailand.

Oceania

MISSIONARY PILOT'S BODY FOUND IN NEW GUINEA

The body of a missionary pilot who crashed five years ago in the wilds of New Guinea has been found on a ten-thousand-foot mountain amid the wreckage of his plane. The pilot, Albert J. Lewis, vanished in April 1955 while flying supplies to a group of missionaries in the Bailen Valley, also known as Shangri-La, in Netherlands New Guinea.

Mr. Lewis, whose widow lives in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, was a missionary with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He crashed while flying over one of the most primitive parts of the world to the valley home of a barbaric stone-age tribe called Danimen. It is reported the crash occurred during cloudy weather and was due to a damaged altimeter. His \$200,000 seaplane was scattered all over the side of the mountain. The search party

found it impossible to bury his body, due to the fact there were only a few inches of soil over the rock, so they placed it in a metal drum and dropped it in one of the 100-foot-deep crevasses. They made a large cross on the ground so the spot can be seen from the air. They felt there was no use putting up a marker that could only be seen from the ground, as the area is entirely deserted and is practically inaccessible by foot.

The senior government official at Hollandia, New Guinea, accompanied the searching party to the spot where the wreckage had been sighted from the air. After a brief memorial service, the official unfurled the Dutch flag and, in the name of the Government of New Guinea, named the mountain "Lewis Top" after the deceased missionary pilot.

Miscellaneous

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH SURPASSES DIAMOND JUBILEE GOALS

Winding up its 75th anniversary year, the Evangelical Free Church of America announced it had surpassed most of its diamond jubilee goals. Its aim for the anniversary year was 75 new churches, 75 new missionaries, 7,500 new church members, and 7,500 new members in Sunday school. It ended the year with 114 new churches, 90 new missionaries, 12,797 new church members, and 16,856 new pupils in Sunday school.

TOMLINSON PROCLAIMS HIMSELF "KING OF JAPAN"

Sitting on a portable throne in front of the Japanese Diet building, Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson of the Church of God (Queens Village, N. Y.) proclaimed himself "King of Japan" recently. The 67-year-old bishop, in the course of his round-the-world tour as "King of the World for Peace," is crowning himself "king" of each country he visits.

(Tomlinson's leadership claims are not supported by the Church of God denomination which has its headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn., nor by the Pentecostal Movement in general.)

RUSSIA GETS NEW "SUNDAY SCHOOLS"

Sunday schools of a new variety have been started in Russia. The Moscow Radio says special "Sunday schools of atheistic knowledge" are being opened in various parts of the USSR, offering courses on religion and atheism, taught by leading scientists.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD will participate in the White House Conference on Children and Youth, which will be held at Washington, D. C., March 27 to April 2. Charles Denton, Secretary of our Sunday School Department, and Dick Fulmer, Secretary of our C. A. Department, will attend this important conference which is held once every ten years. The 7,000 key people who have been invited to participate will study a wide range of problems and possibilities related to the children and youth of our nation.

THE NEW \$190,000 RETIREMENT HOME at Lakeland, Florida, has been officially named the Bethany Retirement Home. Following dedication ceremonies in April it will provide facilities for fifty retired ministers and missionaries of the Assemblies of God.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has proclaimed Sunday, May 1, as Law Day with a suggestion that the nation study the moral and spiritual roots of its system of law. He called on churches and schools to help promote a wide observance of this day.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY of the Philippine Islands, where the population is 98 per cent Roman Catholic, several Protestant churchmen won in recent provincial and municipal elections. Two gubernatorial posts, two mayoralties, and eight councilor seats were won by Protestant candidates. Evangelicals hail this new trend toward more active Protestant participation in the Government.

PRESIDENT CARLOS P. GARCIA of the Philippines gave the main address at dedicatory services for the Far East Broadcasting Company's new 50,000-watt transmitter at Manila. The new transmitter will give this missionary radio station a mighty voice throughout Asia.

THE PROJECT TO DIVERT THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN for irrigation purposes is now 50 per cent complete. The Arab states adjoining Israel are complaining bitterly that the project will bring about "great economic difficulties for the Arabs" and will pose "a threat to the peace in the Middle East."

TWO U. S. FROGMEN WILL RESUME THEIR SEARCH for the Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah later this spring. They began their search last December, after flying over the area and spotting what appeared to be a long wall and ruins of buildings under the water, but when they attempted their search along the muddy floor of the Dead Sea they found visibility was too poor.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN reports a membership decline for the fifth successive year. The latest total is 733,658, a net decrease of 3,123 for the year in the land where Methodism began.

"SCIENCE AND RELIGION" is the name of a new journal that has appeared in Russia. According to Moscow Radio, the new mass circulation magazine will be published monthly. It is part of an intensified campaign against religion. Its avowed purpose is to "supply propaganda to draw worshipers, especially young people, away from the churches."



Does Your Church Have a "Narcissus" Personality?

BY PAUL B. HOFF
Wheaton, Illinois

ACCORDING TO GREEK MYTHOLOGY, Narcissus was a youth of surpassing beauty, but he suffered from vanity to the degree that he was incapable of experiencing affection toward others. Because the fair maiden, Echo, found no return for her love toward him, she pined away to a mere voice. The god known as Nemesis punished Narcissus for coldness of heart by causing him to fall in love with his own image reflected in the water, and he too pined away because of his insatiable passion for himself. Finally the gods transformed him into a flower which bears his name to this day.

Psychologists have seized upon this myth to provide a name for the type of personality which lavishes its affections on itself in a manner which leaves no room for an outgoing love to others.

Recently it was pointed out editorially in *Pulpit* magazine that churches, like individuals, have personalities. Some churches turn their interests and efforts wholly inward and they are self-absorbed. Instead of assuming an active ministry to their particular neighborhoods, engaging in a vigorous world missionary program, and expending part of themselves for the evangelization of outlying districts by establishing pio-

neer congregations, such churches are content merely to conduct services, improve their facilities, and care for their own people. The result bears scarcely any resemblance to what Christ intended His Church to be.

A church which fails to give an outlet to the impulse of the Spirit of Christ by reaching others soon loses the divine presence. By surrendering all cause for high and spiritual interest on the part of both its people and the community, the church inevitably discovers that its members turned on themselves in frustration and dissension. Christ's promise, "Lo I am with you always," is inseparably connected with obedience to His command, "Go ye." The loss sustained by being selfish is tragic. In saving itself, the church loses its own soul.

"Narcissus churches face the alternatives of revival or tragedy, a change of heart or a loss of heart, repentance or removal as candles in the Lord's lampstand."

On the other hand, churches which obey the spiritual principles set forth by the Great Commission find themselves singularly blessed. By giving themselves over to intensive and persistent evangelism, sacrificial missionary giving, and the sharing of their

human and material resources (to give birth to new churches in nearby areas) they have enjoyed vitality, Holy Ghost power, and actually an increase in size.

Perhaps the most flagrant trait of the Narcissus personality observable among some churches is the failure of congregations to assume their God-given responsibility of "mothering" new churches. Too many of our assemblies have a record of barrenness; they have not a single offspring to their credit. Unless this trend is reversed, our movement is headed for a stalemate. This can be disastrous in an hour when the American population is increasing at an unprecedented rate and new urban areas are mushrooming overnight. Planners are predicting the day in which a super city will stretch continuously from Sheboygan, Wis., to St. Louis, Mo.; from New York City to Eastern Iowa. Already 47 million people have "boiled" out of the cities into the suburbs, and it is estimated that this number will have increased to 85 million in fifteen years!

Dr. George Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, in an interview with the author, observed that the task of reaching these new suburban areas with churches is greater than the present capacity of all evangelical groups combined. Moreover, *all* of Protestantism is unequal to the challenge. In some areas, the National Council of Churches is inviting evangelicals to help in the task of planting new works, not because the Council particularly approves of evangelical doctrine, but rather because they cannot possibly meet the need of new areas alone.

Evangelism is more than preaching soul-winning sermons on Sunday evening or conducting special campaigns during the year. It is only accomplished when lost men are effectively con-



Evangelist Paul B. Hoff

fronted with the good news of Christ's redemption. Too frequently our so-called evangelistic services are attended by only the most devout saints, and the absence of unbelievers is conspicuous.

We must devise new means to contact men; we must reach into new areas. The apostle Paul did not evangelize merely to win converts but rather to raise up churches which would evangelize their neighborhoods and, in turn, start new assemblies in adjacent areas. His aim was not to build the biggest Sunday school or church in the Roman Empire, but rather to preach Christ where He was not already named; in short, to go "beyond" (Romans 15:20; 2 Corinthians 10:16). Paul was a tireless organizer of churches. Wesley caught this vision, and the early Methodists nearly possessed America for Christ during the lifetime of Bishop Asbury.

The day in which a couple can go singlehanded into a new area and found a church without outside assistance is almost past. Many things combine against a one-man endeavor, such as the need for an attractive building from the inception of a work in suburban areas, the high cost of living, and the competition of the world for the attention of men. To make a pioneer pastor support himself while attempting to gather a congregation is to dissipate his time and strength which should be used for prayer and visitation.

This situation needlessly prolongs the infancy of the church. A poor beginning frequently creates a permanently crippled assembly because the discouragement of facing the "day of small things" without help may kill the tiny congregation's faith for great things in the future. While some hardship is healthy, an overdose is often deadly.

It is high time for established assemblies to realize that they are responsible for the pioneering of neighboring districts. They should initiate new works and provide for the support of a worker, for the procurement of a building, and for the necessary nucleus of workers to make possible a coherent program. This is essentially the New Testament concept of the growth of the Body of Christ; the cells multiply by division. Only then "the body fitly joined together and compacted by that which each joint supplieth...maketh increase of the body" (Ephesians 4:16).

"But we will lose workers which will leave a gap in our ranks," is the usual complaint. Yes, and this is the best thing that could happen to many an ingrown and sluggish church. Pew warmers would be forced to accept responsibility and would grow. The church would be aroused to active evangelism in order to fill her ranks; and the pastor would have less saints to visit and more time to make new contacts. Furthermore, the thrill of the new project has a way of bringing fresh enthusiasm and a sense of world-conquering mission which will challenge adventurous souls to heroic effort.

Pastor R. A. Rieben, who led his assembly in mothering four new churches in Muskegon, Mich., reports that almost immediately after his congregation contributed a core of tithers and workers to start a new work, God would send in new people to take their places. In the final analysis, it is God who adds to the church "such as should be saved."

"But we have too many debts, and our program is already packed to capacity," are frequent objections. No church which is comfortably out of debt or has not an already "overloaded" program is of any spiritual disposition to launch an unselfish project. If we have genuine faith, some of these obstacles will be viewed as challenges to the greatness of God and to the ability of our people to sacrifice that others may live. There is an "inventiveness of love" which, when combined with God's immeasurable power, will find ways and means to scale walls, to move mountains, and to span seas.

The Southern Baptists have a goal of 30,000 new missions and churches to be established by 1964. Every large church is expected to sponsor at least one new work every five years. The small churches are organized into associations to pool their respective resources to establish churches in their areas. All Southern Baptist churches are expected to do their part. God will bless every denomination that gives priority to evangelism.

If our pastors and congregations catch the vision to found new light-houses in darkened areas, God will bless this obedience to the Great Commission.

What Assemblies of God churches do NOW will help to decide the spiritual future of America, as well as the destiny of our Movement. ◀◀



T.L.C.*

** tender loving care*

OF COURSE, OUR TEENS ARE BEYOND PABLUM AND BABY OIL AND CUDDLING BY DOTING RELATIVES . . .

But they are still very much the objects of our T.L.C. That's why we are all concerned about their college education. We want them to go to college—today's world demands it. But love demands that college must not destroy spiritual values.

WHERE WILL THEY GO TO COLLEGE? WHO WILL TEACH THEM?

Our nine Assemblies of God colleges and Bible institutes are the answer! Here is advanced training in spiritual surroundings. Common sense joins love for our youth in emphasizing the importance of every one of us supporting our schools. March 20 has been set aside as Double Dollar Day—a day for us to undergird our schools with much-needed financial support. Every one of our schools will benefit. You have (or your pastor has for you) a Double Dollar Day Cointainer. Fill it as an expression of *your* T.L.C. for our youth.



DURING THE GENERAL COUNCIL conducted in 1947, action was taken authorizing the establishing of the Department of Benevolences for the purpose of providing assistance to our aged ministers and missionaries no longer engaged in an active ministry; to establish homes for neglected children; and to provide retirement homes for our ministers and missionaries.

The department as such began to function in 1948 and has adhered to the plan outlined at the time of its authorization. Its program of assistance is divided into three phases of ministry, which definitely provides for groups who are completely dependent upon the financial contributions which are made from this department.

Hillcrest National Children's Home, located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a service arm of the Department of Benevolences which has provided for hundreds of homeless children during the fifteen years of its existence. These children who come from broken homes are, for the most part, placed in the home by the courts. Only eternity will

reveal the good that has been accomplished and the lives which have been salvaged through the influence of this home.

Six thousand dollars a month is disbursed by the Department of Benevolences in giving assistance to many of our aged ministers who are no longer able to provide for themselves. This monthly offering is not a pension program, but has been designed to make financial assistance available to our ministers and missionaries who otherwise would lack many of the bare necessities of life.

It is well to remember that with the passing of the years the problems of our aging population are increasing. In America alone, every day there are three thousand people who reach the age of sixty-five. Each day two thousand citizens about sixty-five die, leaving a net increase of one thousand per day. This means that every three years we have a net increase of one million people over sixty-five years of age.

According to the statistics submitted by the Census Bureau, there were six and a half million citizens over sixty-five in 1930. In 1959 this total had jumped to 15,400,000. By 1980 it is estimated that the population of the United States will include more than

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 We welcome requests for information concerning the Assemblies of God Retirement Home; and offerings for this project are gratefully received. Address: Assemblies of God Retirement Home, Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.  
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twenty-two million people who will have attained sixty-five years of age.

The problem of our aging population affects the church, as well as the nation. Already over one thousand ministers of the Assemblies of God have passed the age of sixty-five. The members of our churches are finding the years being added. If Jesus should tarry, the problem will be further accentuated, necessitating additional provision to be made to help care for the people of our fellowship.

The Pinellas Park Retirement Home, located in Pinellas Park, Florida, which has been in operation for the past ten years, has been a haven for scores of retired ministers and missionaries during their declining years. The average age of the residents who are presently living there is eighty years.

Recognizing our responsibility to the movement as a whole, the Department of Benevolences, with the authorization

"Forsake Me Not..."

BY CHARLES W. H. SCOTT

Executive Director, Department of Benevolence



of the General Presbytery, has erected a new and larger home at Lakeland, Florida, to provide for the increasing population of aging ministers, missionaries, and laymen who need such a facility. This new home, which is of masonry construction, is now being completed. Plans are being made for the dedicatory service to be held some time in April.

Included in the modern lake-front home will be approximately forty-two rooms, including accommodations for fifty persons, a fifteen-bed infirmary, nursing station, library, dining hall and kitchen, lounge, staff lounge, the superintendent's apartment, a terrace, and other utility and storage areas. It is located on five acres of land adjoining

the campus of South-Eastern Bible College and the Camp Grounds of the South Florida District.

In making provisions for these faithful pioneers of our movement, we are merely obeying the instruction of Scripture by "providing for our own..." The cost of this building can easily be met by an offering of \$20 from each of our churches. Sale of the Pinellas Park Home property and a mortgage loan left us with approximately \$40,000 to raise in cash. At this writing approximately \$12,000 has been received. This leaves the balance of \$28,000 which must be raised in order to properly discharge our obligations.

God help us to heed the voice of the aged minister who has toiled long and arduously through the heat of the day and has now grown faint and weary and is no longer able to carry on. He is entitled to the best our church can provide. He entreats us in the words of the Scripture, "Cast me not off in the time of old age. Forsake me not when my strength faileth."

The ancient Romans looked to the old men of the senate to guide the ship of state. The patriarchs, prophets, and judges of the Bible were venerated for their length of years and their words of wisdom.

The Grandmother's Prayer by Alice MacKenzie Swaim well expresses the need of these who look to us for help:

*A tiny room, a rocking chair,
Warmth for old bones, clean clothes to wear.
A reading lamp, a soft white bed,
A pillow for my weary head.
Sufficient good plain food to eat,
A little love, a friend to greet,
A shining faith, a useful task . . .
Dear Lord, is that too much to ask?*

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It is not enough to begin; continuance is necessary. Mere enrollment will not make a scholar; the pupil must continue in the school through all the long course, until he has mastered every branch. One who has observed the course of men for many years says that success in life depends upon staying power. The reason for failure in most cases is lack of perseverance. Men get tired and give up. There are thousands who begin to follow Christ, but who, when discouragement comes, faint and drop out.

—J. R. Miller

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Do 1 Peter 3:3 and 1 Timothy 2:9 forbid ordinary braiding of the hair?

I am confident that ordinary braiding of the hair is not meant, but rather putting the hair up in a pompous, vain manner.

How could Elijah, who had been translated, send a letter to King Jehoram rebuking him and telling him how he was to die? 2 Chronicles 21:12-15.

Several efforts have been made to explain this. Elijah had been translated about twelve years before Jehoram received this letter. Some have suggested that it should have been said that the letter was from Elisha, not Elijah; but I am told that all the ancient manuscripts say it was from Elijah, with no hint that it was from Elisha. Others have suggested that it was a letter from a later Elijah, not the Elijah who was translated. While perhaps no answer is conclusive, the explanation I think best is that Elijah had foreseen before his translation the failure of King Jehoram and how he would die, and had written a letter which was now delivered to the king. Where such a letter was kept, and why it had not been delivered sooner, we do not know.

In Exodus 6:3 the Lord said, "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them." Was Jehovah the name given to Jesus in the Old Testament?

Jehovah is the divine name from the beginning. Wherever you read the word LORD in the Bible (in capital letters) it refers to Jehovah. See Genesis 2:5, 8, 9, 15, 16. Myer Pearlman says, "The original and full significance of the name Jehovah seems lost, the Jews considering it too sacred to be used. It is generally believed to be 'The Existing One,' 'I am that I am.'"

I look upon the name Jehovah as identified with the fullness of God, while other terms (such as Elohim, the Creator (Genesis 1:1); El Elyon, "the most high God, possessor of the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 14:19); El Shaddai, "the Almighty God") define Him in relation to certain acts or promises. In Genesis 15:1, El Elyon is at the same time Jehovah, or LORD. In Genesis 17:1 it is The LORD, Jehovah, who appeared to Abram as El Shaddai, the Almighty God.

How do you understand the matter of messages in tongues during a church service? 1 Corinthians 14:27, 28.

I think Paul made his meaning clear. Let there be not more than two or three utterances in tongues in any one public service and, should a person speak and there be no interpretation, let there be no further utterances in tongues. I think, however, that we must look at this with reasoning. Paul did not purpose to put the church in a vise, but rather that the church might be built up. Suppose someone not moved upon by the Holy Spirit were to speak out of his ability in an unknown tongue. Interpretation of such ought not to be expected. But I can see where there might come a time later in the service when one might be moved by the Spirit to speak. I would not discourage such. We need at all times in our worship to keep our hearts open to the moving of the Spirit of God. As a rule, I do not approve of public outbreaks of speaking in the unknown tongue during preaching, which interrupt the ministry of the Word.

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).

Home Life at Its Best

BY P. S. JONES
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

IT WAS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST who gave to this world the wonderful truth of the Fatherhood of God. We interpret divine words in the light of human knowledge and spiritual experience. The idea of fatherhood must be closely knit with home truths, and thus we enjoy reading the words found in Ephesians 5:1, 2: "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us." "Dear children" necessitates a precious "Father," and one immediately comprehends that *love* is the sure foundation of home relationships.

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

The character of the father is reflected in his children. God's Word is very specific in setting forth the grandeur of Abraham, who ruled his house well and in such a way as to be worthy to be called "the father of the faithful." Children of such parentage are urged to follow their father's example, and thus the children of God are exhorted to glorify their eternal Father by obeying Him in their manner of living.

The family of God is to be the final fixed pattern of home life at its eternal best. The family on earth is expected to be the reflection of the heavenly home. The father is the head of the home; the mother is the heart of the home; the children are the treasures of parenthood. Home is one place on the earth where hearts may be sure of one another. It is the place where all camouflages melt away and where all masks are torn off. Suspicions disintegrate and no lie can live. It is the place where expressions of tenderness flow out without embarrassment, and where love demonstrates without affectation. No ridicule is thrown at the tender embrace and no cynicism de-

stroy the beauty of true companionship.

A real Christian home is where heart and eye may sun themselves in an atmosphere of love. In a happy family there is no pre-eminence, but each is important, from the smallest to the largest. The comforts of love dry the tears of sorrow, and friend holds fellowship with friend. The caresses of true affection bid sorrow flee, and make a work-a-day world to be forgotten.

*"Sweet are the joys of home,
And pure as sweet; for they,
Like dews of morning, come
To wake and close the day.*

*"The world hath its delights,
And its delusions too;
But home to calmer bliss invites,
More tranquil and more true."*

Into the home of a consecrated servant of God there came a new babe, but he was abnormal. His mind was to be always the mind of a child, and his growth would be impeded. The father and mother grieved because of the child's condition, but their hearts yearned over him with undying love. The

other children of that family loved the deformed brother and longed for some response. What a picture of some of God's dear children—so many are deformed, unresponsive, abnormal, and yet the Father's care is constant and the least of earth's creatures are the best of His care.

John Bunyan has Christian say of Talkative, "I have been in his family, and have observed him both at home and abroad; and I know what I say of him is truth. His house is as empty of religion as the white of an egg is of savor. There is neither prayer nor sign of repentance for sin; yea, the brute in his kind serves God far better than he. He is the very stain, reproach, and shame of religion to all that know him; it can hardly have a good word in all that end of the town where he dwells through him. Thus say the common people of him—'A saint abroad, and a devil at home.' His poor family find it so." What a picture of a godless home!

THE LAW OF LOVE

The government of the godly home is conducted under the law of love. There is no imprisonment in it, but there are choice gifts to those who obey. Parental government is genuine only as it bears rule for the same end that God Himself pursues in the spiritual order of the world. Without discipline any order becomes chaotic. Rule enforced is true love in action for it pushes everything toward the betterment of character. The Bible unfolds God's disposition toward His dear children, for in Hebrews 12:6, we read, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Surely such divine action can be passed on to every earthly

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Code Message...

For Junior Readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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(To check your answer, look up Colossians 3:23.)



The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS • DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION • MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

Monday, March 14

Read: Psalm 70

Learn: "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified" (Psalm 70:4).

For the Parent: The title of this psalm notes that its purpose is to "bring to remembrance." Discuss the things this psalm should help us remember: (1) that we must depend upon God for help, vv. 1, 5; (2) that those who oppose God's plans and His people will finally be destroyed, vv. 2, 3; (3) that those who seek God will be joyful, v. 4; (4) that we should praise God continually, v. 4.

Question Time: What are some things this psalm should help us remember? (See above) How often should we praise God? (v. 4)

Missionary Birthdays: Alvin R. Booher (Deaf), Ariz.; Marcella A. Dorff, Indonesia.

Tuesday, March 15

Read: Psalm 71:1-12

Learn: "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion" (Psalm 71:1).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. In the midst of trials, the Christian has a confidence in God and His ability to deliver. We should also seek to find the reason why the trial has come to us. This passage is a prayer to God for help and deliverance in time of trouble. Emphasize that God is always with us as long as we are with Him. He will see us safely through every difficulty of life. In these difficulties, we should seek to bring honor to His name.

Question Time: What are some things that the Psalmist mentions God is to him? (vv. 3, 5, 7)

Missionary Birthdays: Harley W. Vail, Mexico; William Stepp, Venezuela.

Wednesday, March 16

Read: Psalm 71:13-24

Learn: "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works" (Psalm 71:17).

For the Parent: In the first part of this psalm, the writer is seeking God for deliverance. In this part he is considering his relationship to God. Discuss this relationship, emphasizing: (1) hope, v. 14; (2) praises to God, vv. 14, 15; (3) strength from God, v. 16; (4) learning from God, v. 17; (5) recognition of God's righteousness, v. 19; (6) deliverance from

Found of God

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Saviour true,
No, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine
enfold,
I walked and sank not in the storm-vexed
sea;

'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of
love
Is but my answer, Lord, to Thee!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
Always Thou lovedst me!

—Selected

troubles, v. 20; (7) more praises to God and witnessing of His blessings, vv. 22-24.

Question Time: What are some of the elements of the Psalmist's relationship to God? (See above)

Thursday, March 17

Read: Luke 20:19-35

Learn: "Be of good cheer I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Christ and His Enemies" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The enemies of Jesus were continually trying to trip Him to find an excuse to bring judgment upon Him. Discuss the two attempts they made—recorded in this passage. Emphasize the manner in which Christ answered them in each instance. Christ is all-wise and has the right answer for every problem. Let us take our problems to Him.

Question Time: Why were the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trip Jesus? (See above) How did He answer their questions?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Howard C. Os-good, Malaya; Mrs. J. Edwin Rill, S. Africa.

Friday, March 18

Read: Daniel 3:14-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

For the Parent: Review the story of how the people of Judah had been taken captive. This passage shows how three Hebrew youths were faithful to God in spite of the overwhelming obstacles placed

in their path. It also emphasizes God's faithfulness to those who trust Him. Have the group review this familiar story. Ask each one to interpret the story, or a part of it, as to its meaning for Christians today.

Question Time: What did these three young men refuse to do? (v. 18) What happened to them? (vv. 20-23) How did God deliver them? What finally resulted? (vv. 24-30)

Saturday, March 19

Read: John 19:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

For the Parent: The purpose of this lesson is to impress upon members of the group some of the sufferings of Jesus in the behalf of each of us. Review the story of these sufferings, emphasizing that it was our sins that made Christ suffer. He bore our sins willingly so that we might have forgiveness and peace with God. If any members of the group are unsaved, this would be a good time to press for decisions.

Question Time: What physical pains did Jesus suffer? What did He do with our sins? Why did He suffer? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. J. E. Blount, Philippines; Mrs. Ruth Toczek (Jewish), Ill.; Mrs. C. C. Harris, Tanganyika; Harry K. Bartel, Colombia.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Melvin A. Grams, Liberia; Mrs. Paul D. Schoonmaker, N. India; Marguerite Shaw (Indian), Okla.; L. E. Grossnickle, Dominican Republic.

Special Prayer Requests

The National Home Missions Department requests prayer that more qualified workers for the Alaska Children's Homes will be found soon. Couples are especially needed.

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Four Bible schools are now operating under the auspices of the Spanish Eastern and Latin American Districts. Pray that the Lord will bless the young people in training and use them to win many to Christ.

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Pray that funds will be made available to erect the new missionary residence needed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, to house additional teachers.

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But when you turn to Christian literature—there just isn't any. Everybody seems either to have forgotten or ignored the backslider! He is like a "black sheep" in the family—just don't say too much about him. But that doesn't deal with the situation. *That doesn't get that man or woman back into victory—back into circulation.*

We've done something about it! We've put three broadcast sermons, their Bible references, and a personal word to the backslider into a pocket-size digest, with an attractive cover. These three special messages are:

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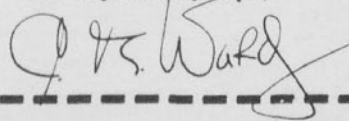
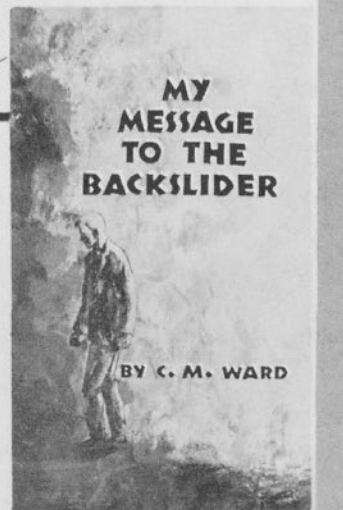
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EVERY CHILD OF GOD WANTS TO BE useful and to serve the Master in whatever capacity he can. But in order to give God our best, we need preparation and schooling which only He can provide.

Usually when God is preparing us for a greater degree of usefulness there is some suffering involved. Some like to think that a head knowledge of God's Word, coupled with an understanding of the latest methods, will guarantee success in God's work. How bewildered they become when God begins His personal training program for their lives.

One young woman, impatient with the circumstances in which she found herself, declared, "I wish I had never been made!" An older and wiser Christian pointed out gently, "But you are not made yet. You are only quarreling with the process."

God takes *time* to prepare us for service; but when we submit to the training period instead of rushing into His work unprepared, the results are much more satisfactory. "Bread corn is bruised" (Isaiah 28:28). God's process of preparing us for fruitful living and service is similar to the bread-making process.

First, the grain must be bruised or crushed until it is the right consistency for use. We must not think it strange, then, when we find ourselves in the midst of bruising, heart-breaking circumstances. It is a part of the preparation for usefulness. The sooner we yield and accept the dealings of our Lord, the sooner His desired work will be accomplished in us.

After the grain has been crushed to the right degree for use it is then *sifted*, mixed with other ingredients, and molded into dough. Many of God's dear children know what it is to be sifted; *and the sieve seems to be getting finer in these last days.* The

Corn Bruised

—BY ERNA BAILEY

chaff is being separated from the wheat. It is God's will that there be a complete separation from the flesh and self-life, and that we walk after the Spirit, living a Christ-honoring life. If Christian work is energized by the flesh and not by the Holy Spirit, there is self-glorification. God warns that He will not give His glory to another.

The next step in making bread is the *kneading of the dough*. The more thorough this process, the better the bread will be. And so God continues His process of preparation, even though the flesh resents such treatment. Occasionally we hear someone say, "I refuse to be treated that way, and I don't have to take it." They make every effort to defend themselves and, if possible, to change their circumstances. They take a stand for what they consider their "rights," forgetting that God's children do not have any rights in this world. *According to God's Word, we are pilgrims and strangers here.* Our citizenship is in heaven. The sooner we cease resisting and become pliable in our Master's hand, the sooner we will become vessels "meet for the Master's use."

BIBLE VERSE

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall

JN. 6:51



live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

After the dough has been thoroughly kneaded, it is placed in pans and *set aside*. Apparently no one pays any attention to it for hours. This is hard for us to take. To be set aside without a clue as to the reason is one of the most difficult things for the child of God to accept without questioning. We like to be busy. We do not like to wait. And that is where the enemy of our souls tries to discourage us. But we must believe God's promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." This is the time when we must walk by faith, realizing that whether we see or feel anything or not *this too is a part of God's plan*. God has promised, "I will make the darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." Of course, if we murmur and complain at such a time, instead of letting God work out His perfect will in our lives, we will not see the light. There will be no song, no glory—only defeat and frustration.

After being set aside for a while, the dough is then placed in a *hot oven*. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (1 Peter 4:12). If there were an easier way for God to prepare us for His use, to take away the dross from our lives and purify us, God would use it.

"He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver" (Malachi 3:3). God sits while refining our lives. He considers it a very important and particular work, and so He does not hurry. "The trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire."

After the required length of time in the oven, the bread is brought forth and *broken* to feed the hungry. This is the ultimate purpose for which the grain was harvested and processed in the first place. And God's purpose in saving and breaking and molding us is that He might use us to bless a hungry, needy world. Do not quarrel with the process. Be content to be "bread corn" that is surrendered completely, cheerfully, eternally to your wonderful Lord. You can rejoice when the bruising process comes to you. Be glad when God sifts and separates you unto Himself. Hold still in the kneading time. Let patience have its perfect work—and you will be bread to the hungry, and a delight to your Redeemer.



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* *tender loving care*

LOVE FOR CHILDREN TAKES MANY FORMS. HERE IS ONE . . .

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ALSO SEE PAGE 29



Arequipa Church and Mission House Destroyed by Earthquake

BY HENRY MOCK
Missionary to Peru

IT WAS 10:45 WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 13, that the disastrous earthquake struck Arequipa, the second largest city of Peru. Sister Mock and I were repairing a chair in the front room of our rented house when we felt the first shock.

We cried, "Earthquake!" and ran out the front door. A fourteen-year-old national lad, who was in our house at the time, ran out the rear door. Sister Mock and I reached the center of the street, turned, and watched our house shake and reel as the earthquake pulsed through the city. Huge cracks opened everywhere. Then I saw Reinaldo, who had escaped into the back patio. His way of escape to a street was blocked by a high fence. My wife describes the excitement of the next few minutes:

"I shall never forget the sight. Reinaldo came running down the drive beside the reeling house. He tried to climb the wire fence which separates the patio from the street. Brother Mock ran toward him, calling to the boy to get away from the house. The fence was swaying crazily. Just as Brother Mock reached over the fence, a large piece of cornice fell from the roof. For agonizingly long moments I watched the cornice fall toward my husband and the boy. I must have closed my eyes a second, because I didn't see the large stone hit the top of the gate, but I did see it hit the ground barely two feet from Reinaldo and Brother Mock. Chunks of stucco were falling everywhere."

Although we were safe, we became conscious of the screams and wails of people in the street. Reports from the heart of town were unbelievable. People tried to jump from balconies and roofs; whole families were caught under avalanches of debris from the falling houses; metal poles and electric wires

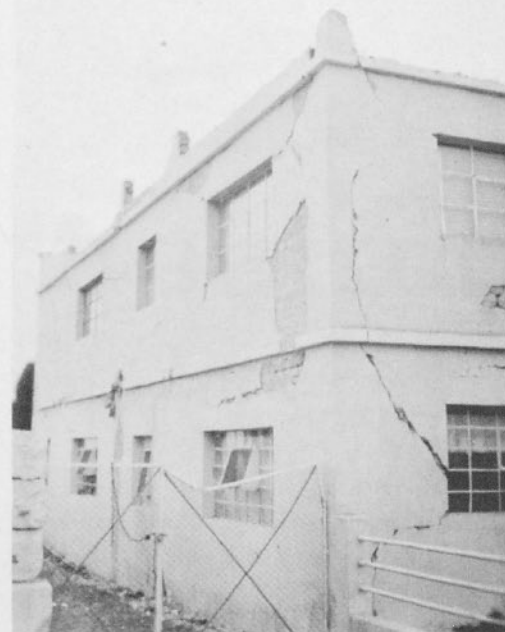
blocked the streets; "sillar" (white lava stone) walls smashed automobiles and barricaded the streets. The water line coming into Arequipa from the mountains had been broken in more than twenty places. Reports indicate that more than 20,000 people are homeless and living in gunny sack tents or cardboard shacks. Hardly a building in this city escaped damage. Sixty per cent have been condemned and must be demolished. The house that we have rented will have to be rebuilt. Every wall has two or more cracks that go clear through to the outside. The more than 100 earth tremors we have felt since the quake have continued to drop sand and plaster upon us.

The store we had rented in the center of town for services had to be evacuated and numerous benches were broken. We are presently meeting in an old building on the edge of town. It is in little better condition than the ones already condemned.

None of our thirty faithful believers



Missionary Henry Mock points to the bent steel gate at the mission house. The stone at his feet almost struck him as he helped a national boy to escape.



Arequipa mission house, heavily damaged by earthquake, must be replaced.

was injured, but many are sleeping in their open patios because of the weakened condition of their houses. We thank God that He brought our people through this ordeal with victory in their souls.

This is our first earthquake and we hope it is our last, but it probably will not be. The catastrophe seems to be doing a work in the hearts of Christians as well as sinners. However, the Roman Catholic priests are capitalizing on the situation and demanding penance to the "Virgin of Fatima." Their church has suffered a great loss in wealth and face. People were killed right in the courtyard of the main Catholic church here in Arequipa. They are appealing to the American Catholics for \$1,000,000 to repair and rebuild more than thirty churches here. The damage is so extensive that Arequipa is like a dead city. Yet, it may be the beginning of a new life for many if we can find a way to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We need to take advantage of this destruction and buy a choice lot for the erection of a new evangelistic center in this strategic city. For approximately \$4,000 we could secure a lot and start a building which would be adequate for our congregation and furnish an apartment for the national pastor. The nationals could complete the church if they had funds to launch the project.

If you should like to have a part in bringing an evangelistic center out of the rubble in Arequipa, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., designated: "Henry E. Mock—Arequipa Church."

Co-operative Efforts Enlarge Italian Assemblies

BY ALFRED PERNA
Missionary to Italy

WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR the co-operation of Pentecostal groups overseas which have promoted the Assemblies of God of Italy. The Italian Pentecostal churches of Canada and Italian Pentecostal churches of the Los Angeles area have contributed generously to the Bible school in Rome. The Christian churches of North America helped greatly in church buildings and in support of national workers. The Sunday School Teacher Training Squad, which proved to be such a tremendous blessing in building up the Sunday schools of Italy, was composed of three

workers from the Christian Churches of North America and three of our Italian workers. To sum it up, the blessings and progress of the Assemblies of God in Italy has been due to the co-operation of the above-mentioned groups and, of course, to the indefatigable and indomitable work and spirit of our brethren of Italy.

Share Your Books With a Minister- in-Training

Many students in our 66 overseas Bible schools have a reading knowledge of the English language. They urgently need good books in their libraries.

Have you a used book which you would like to share with an overseas Bible school? If so, send it to the Foreign Missions Department and we will serve as a clearing house to distribute all books received to the schools where they are most needed. Jamaica, Belgium, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, India, Malaya, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippine Islands, British Guiana—these are only some of the countries that are crying for good full-gospel books in the English language to increase the efficiency of the Bible school library.

What books are needed? Concordances, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopedias, Bible histories, church histories, missionary histories, sermon books, books of illustrations, doctrinal books, Bible content books, English dictionaries, and English grammars are some of the types of books needed.

Why not check through your book shelves NOW and share your library with eager ministers-in-training? Send your books to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

—R. T. Brock



Marie Johnsrud



Eva Radanovsky

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOINGS: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson, newly appointed missionaries, left for Jamaica on December 29.

On January 27 Miss Eva Radanovsky and Miss Marie Johnsrud returned to Voltaic Republic.

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APPROVED FOR APPOINTMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palsler have been approved for missionary service in British Guiana. They are now itinerating in Louisiana District.

Minnesota has approved Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Trask for missionary service in Indonesia.

Newly-approved missionaries to Venezuela are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Maser of the Northwest District.

The Southern California District has approved Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rediger for service in American Samoa and Miss Ellen Marie McCormick for Liberia, West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Arno are itinerating in South Florida in preparation for service in Nicaragua.

Mr. Paul Boyer (Southern California) has been given special appointment as field representative for the New Hope Town Leprosy Mission, Liberia, West Africa.



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ferguson and children

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Church Participation In Missionary Giving

November 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
New Jersey	98	95	97%
N. Dakota	49	47	96%
Nebraska	79	75	95%
Minnesota	146	132	90%
Montana	67	60	90%
S. Dakota	50	44	88%
S. California	382	336	88%
Kansas	164	144	88%
Ohio	172	151	88%
Potomac	172	151	88%
S. Idaho	57	50	88%
New York	154	135	88%
S. N. England	63	55	87%
N. Calif.-Nev.	337	294	87%
Northwest	276	237	86%
Rocky Mtn.	127	106	83%
W. Texas	132	110	83%
Oregon	199	165	83%
Illinois	209	171	82%
Mississippi	94	76	81%
Michigan	174	140	80%
Wis. N. Mich.	137	110	80%
S. Florida	161	129	80%
W. Central	221	177	80%
Arkansas	438	345	79%
Eastern	266	209	79%
Wyoming	37	29	78%
Oklahoma	489	372	76%
New Mexico	79	60	76%
W. Florida	143	106	74%
Tennessee	113	81	72%
N. Carolina	74	53	72%
Alabama	249	172	69%
N. N. England	57	39	68%
S. Texas	268	183	68%
S. Missouri	353	239	68%
Kentucky	63	42	67%
Indiana	162	106	65%
Louisiana	149	97	65%
Arizona	91	58	64%
Georgia	136	84	62%
S. Carolina	54	30	56%
Appalachian	73	40	55%
N. Texas	521	285	55%

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST AND HIS ENEMIES

Sunday School Lesson for March 20, 1960

LUKE 20:19-35

Are you encountering opposition and pressure because you are a Christian? "Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Hebrews 12:3). In our lesson we have an example of the constant pressure which Jesus faced. Yet how glorious was His victory! The same Spirit by which He overcame will cause us to triumph as well!

ENEMIES ORGANIZED (Luke 20:1-19)

An official delegation is sent out by the Sanhedrin for the express purpose of trying to use Christ's own words as a means of bringing accusations against Him which would lead to His death. See 19:47, 48; 20:1, 19, 20. This group surrounded Him as He taught in the temple. They asked Him questions which, they felt, He could not answer without throwing Himself open to charges which would bring Him into conflict with either Roman or Jewish authority.

"And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly." Here we have an example of: (1) *Unmitigated hypocrisy*. Evidently His enemies thought to throw Christ off guard by appealing to His ego. And many a man has been snared by such an appeal! (2) *Unwitting tribute*. Though they were insincere, they spoke the truth. Jesus was indeed impartial; He did "say and teach" rightly.

ENEMIES ATTACKING (Luke 20:22)

"Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?" This was a clever and well-planned question. The Jews resented paying taxes inflicted by Rome, particularly this personal tax. If Christ answered in the affirmative, the Pharisees would use His answer to undermine His influence with the Jews. "Imagine a Messiah paying tribute to a gentile!" they would say. If He gave a negative answer, they would report to Roman authority that He had been guilty of treason, in which case He would be promptly arrested.

In verses 27 to 33, the Sadducees from the group asked Christ a question designed to ridicule His teaching concerning the resurrection, hoping to confuse and discredit Him in the eyes of the people. They supposed a case in which a woman married and was widowed seven times, then asked whose wife she would be in the resurrection.

In both cases, Christ's wisdom was demonstrated in such a way that He completely silenced His enemies.

ENEMIES SILENCED

To the first question Christ replied, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." This principle settles a great many issues. There are those who believe that the state is supreme, that it has a right to claim loyalty above all

other powers. The result is totalitarianism. On the other extreme are those who belittle the importance of loyalty to civil and state authority. The result is lawlessness and hypocritical religion indeed. Again, there are those who believe one part of life belongs to God, another part to the state, and that the two do not mix. The result is great inconsistency.

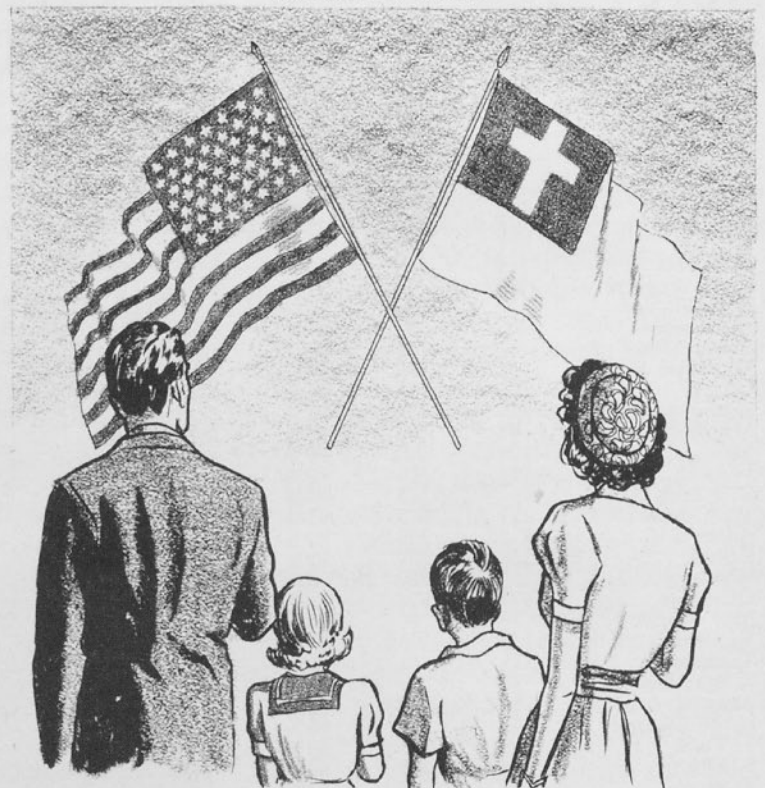
Jesus taught that (1) God is supreme, and loyalty to Him supersedes all other loyalties. (2) Nevertheless, a Christian should be more conscientious than all in obedience to civil authority, and in helping to make his nation's government truly a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." (3) The Christian is bound to recognize and obey rulership—parental, civil, and national—insofar as the laws of that rulership do not conflict with the rulership of God. (4) But in case of such conflict, the Christian "ought to obey God rather than man."

In reply to the second question concerning the resurrection (vv. 34-38), Jesus taught the following: (1) Life in the resurrection is of a different type than earthly life. It is a life comparable to that which angels enjoy—no death, no marriage, no earthly relationships. This is not to say that we will mean less to our loved ones than we do now. Rather, it is to say that though earthly distinctions may be no more, we shall all love everybody more than we do now and undoubtedly enjoy our heavenly relationship with them far more than we do on earth.

Finally, Jesus showed that Moses, whom the Sadducees respected, had believed in a resurrection. For Moses had spoken of God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and, since God is the God of the living, and had said, "I am" (not "I was") "the God of Abraham," then certainly these men were alive.

—J. Bashford Bishop

LOYAL TO BOTH



RENDER THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH BE CAESAR'S, AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS WHICH BE GOD'S.

LUKE 20:25



Somebody Knows

Katherine Bevis

In Mark Twain's unusual story, "The Terrible Catastrophe," the author seems purposely to get his characters into such unusual predicaments that it looks as though any move made by any one of them will destroy all the others. Finally when the famous humorist has reached a certain point in the story he finds the situation so complicated and hopeless that he concludes the narrative by stating: "I have these characters in such a fix that I cannot get them out. Anyone who thinks he can is welcome to try."

Nothing But a Pot of Oil

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pouring it out? The widow poured it out for the benefit of others and it multiplied. All her needs were met—and she did not lose her sons.

In Christ's great parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25) the interest centers around the necessity of oil at midnight. Those who suddenly found they were without oil came to those who had a supply and desired to obtain some from them.

Recent efforts of some of our "neighbors" to learn the secret of the growth and vigor of the Pentecostal movement have led at least a few of

Almost everyone has, at some time or other, reached a place where he has felt as Mark Twain did—that regardless of what he did or which way he turned, things seemed to get worse rather than better. How we wish at such a time that we could turn everything over to someone who could solve our complex problems.

The story is told of a group of tourists who were visiting Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Among those observing the wonders of the phenomenal underground labyrinth were a girl of twelve and her seven-year-old brother. When they had reached the deepest part of the caverns, as was customary, the guide turned off the lights for a moment's meditation and silence. The little boy became frightened and began to cry. And there in the pitch-black darkness and quietness of the cavern, many an adult received a moral lift from the clear whisper of the girl to her little brother, "Don't cry, sonny. Don't be afraid. There's someone here who knows where the lights are, and he can turn them on."

For many people there seems to be too much darkness in the world today. Too many plans go wrong; so many things need changing. There are so many heartaches, broken ambitions, problems. So much reaching out of empty arms, worry, discouragement. The world seems to despair. Yet, have you, my friend, stopped to think of this? "There is hope. *God knows where the lights are, and He can turn them on.*" ◀◀

them to admit that it is due to the emphasis we place upon the anointing and ministry of the Spirit.

As John Garrett, director of the World Council of Churches Information Department, said not long ago: "No explanation of their (Pentecostals') thriving all over the world is good enough if it leaves out their stress on the Holy Spirit and the coming of the Spirit upon the assembled disciples.

"Pentecostals are dynamic, missionary," he went on. "Just think for a moment of our conventional, steady ways... Perhaps the Pentecostals have understood better than some others. Is it possible they have a central truth of the Christian religion at the heart of their success story?... When whole congregations as conformist as Peter or as self-righteous as Paul become as revolutionary as they were,

established customs are in for a shock, and men will learn again that the Holy Spirit is not just light, but a fire that is hard to put out" (See *The Pentecostal Evangel*, April 19, 1959).

We dare not accept such statements about this precious Pentecostal movement with smug complacency; they call for heart-searching and humility. Nothing but oil, flowing continually out to bless our children and our neighbors, can sustain us and keep us ready for the midnight cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

Quit Praying

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occasions when our Lord must say to you, "Quit praying—*sanctify yourselves*. Go make your wrong right before you cry to me again." This is forcibly illustrated in Joshua 7:6-13. Note that the Lord said to Joshua, "Get thee up, wherefore liest thou thus on thy face? Israel hath sinned... Sanctify yourselves."

Have you an ill feeling against your brother, yet you piously pray at every prayer meeting? Quit praying, and give way first to confession. Are you living in secret sin, yet you pray publicly, thus giving the church the impression you are living a holy life? Quit praying and repent.

Pray? Yes! by all means. But be ready to speak. Pray? Certainly! But be prepared to act. Pray? Without ceasing! But never allow prayer to be a cloak for covering your sin. Sanctify yourself.

Praying that gives way to speaking, to acting, and to sanctifying of yourselves is praying that pleases the Lord. This kind of praying brings blessings.

—*The Standard*

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BY NORMAND J. THOMPSON
Porterville, California

HAVE YOU WONDERED WHICH IS THE most important commandment?

There is no reason for confusion. Jesus answered the inquiring scribe, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30).

"Thou shalt" is the language of law. In giving God's laws to Israel, Moses used the words which Christ quoted. Moses said, "These words, which I command thee this day, shalt be in thine heart" (Deuteronomy 6:6).

In this supreme commandment, God demands our affection. We must love Him or be outlaws and outcasts. His law requires that we love Him with the full surrender of heart, soul, mind, and strength.

He claims love from man's heart—true, zealous, sterling love; not hypocritical or divided allegiance.

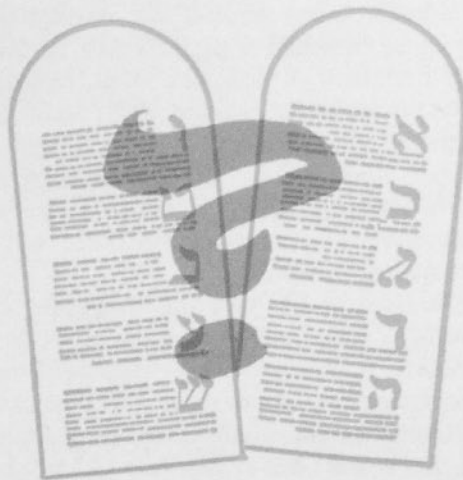
The soul is the emotional nature of man as distinct from the intellectual. Thus, to "love God with all thy soul" means, "Thou shalt infuse feeling and warmth into thy love."

The charge, "with all thy strength," claims our energy with all its intensity in devotion—the strength of heart, soul, and body according to Jamieson. And "with all thy mind" means we must put intelligence into our worship, and not offer God merely a blind adoration.

It is axiomatic that we cannot love the Lord until we know Him. Those who do love Him seek to know Him better. David cried, "Teach me thy ways, O God!" Paul, greatest theologian of all time, sadly wrote, "Now we know in part," and cried, "O that I may know Him!"

True love, being unselfish, delights in honoring the beloved. To the degree that we truly love God will we deny self and put God first. Daniel truly loved God. We note him fasting, praying, and standing true to God in the face of danger and death—so loving God that he was signally honored with revelations embracing millenniums of world history.

God is Lord of heaven and earth. He is also "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." He is life, love, truth, and holiness; and He longs to impart His life, love, truth, and holiness to us.



What Is The Chief Commandment?



His imperial hand spins a thousand billion worlds in orderly orbit, and controls the invisible molecules in each thimbleful of air. And yet that mighty, loving hand was nailed to the Cross for us.

He made the earth, which weighs six billion trillion tons; and earth is only a bubble on the infinite sea of space.

The sun has a diameter of almost a million miles; but the giant red star Omicron Ceti is so large that thirty million suns could be packed inside it. The awed astronomer admits that the number of stars is unknown, that far beyond his probing telescope lie countless myriads of galaxies. "He made the stars also," states the sacred record. He who made them knows how many He made. David exclaims, "He telleth the number of stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power" (Psalm 147:4). The heaven of heavens cannot contain God. He inhabits all eternity. His Spirit fills remotest space. Yet He says He finds room to dwell in a humble heart that loves Him. So why should not this mighty Monarch of the universe issue the brief, simple edict, "Love me!"

"God commendeth [exhibited,

proved] His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Such riches of divine love poured out upon fallen, degraded man! How puny at best is our love for God! How tragic is the spectacle of clever statesmen, educators, and scientists who are spiritually ignorant, not knowing God as Lord and Saviour and therefore not loving Him.

A spokesman for the World Federation of Mental Health recently announced, "For generations we have bowed our necks to the yoke of conviction of sin. We have swallowed all manner of poison fed us by parents, Sunday school teachers and priests. . . . The eradication of the concept of right and wrong, and the substitution of intelligent thinking for faith in the 'certainties' of old people—these are the objectives of all effective psychotherapy."

If this poor atheist should attain his objective, and God's standard of right and wrong no longer guide human conduct, the result would be unbridled lust, unchecked crime, and uncontrolled violence. The reason for the unprecedented lust, crime, and violence in our land today is apparent. We give only lip service to God's chief command.

What folly to resist Almighty God! What blessings we miss when we brush aside His claims. Ho, America, obey God! Love Him with all your heart and soul, with all your strength, and with your intellect. Do this, and the churches soon will be filled and the prisons emptied; and the bells of the land will ring in a new day of love, peace, and righteousness. ◀◀

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Home Life at Its Best

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home where Christ is head of the house.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Family worship is most essential to family unity and prosperity. God's Word must be the rule of every godly household, and familiarity with its precepts safeguards young and old. Prayer is essential to godliness for it links a man with his God. The Holy Spirit loves to bear witness in the Christian home as parents and children kneel together at God's altar. It would seem impossible for members of any family to live in victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil without uniting in worship and Bible study.

The Christian family can be likened to a nest where feathered folk rear their family. Everything is done by the bird parents to supply the needs of the young. Every protective precaution

is taken to care for the young as they grow quickly into maturity. Then comes the scattering; the fledglings go forth into the world to make a way for themselves. So it is with the children committed to our care. We have them for a little while, and then they must go out to face the responsibilities of life. Let us give them the advantages of a Christian home while we have the opportunity.

—The Pentecostal Testimony

All Wrapped Up?

While ironing an apron the other day I found a tightly crumpled handkerchief in the pocket. Though it had been through the wash, the hankie was not clean because the water had not been able to flow through it freely.

This little incident brought home a spiritual illustration to me. It is easy for us to become wrapped up in our own affairs. How quickly the mind can wander while the pastor is preaching—"What kind of salad should I have for dinner... Johnnie *must* have a nap today... I wonder if we'll have

company this afternoon... Oh, there is Mrs. Brown, how nice to see her in church..." "Let this mind be in you..." "Oh, yes, the sermon!"

Has it ever happened to you?

And, while we are singing, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere," perhaps our thoughts are miles away, not on a quest for souls, but at our favorite resort or picnic area.

What about personal or family devotions? Have you ever tried to pray when you were so sleepy that devotion-time became a rest period? Or, while reading the Word is the mind focused on the next household chore?

God desires to have the cleansing water of His Word flow through our hearts both in His sanctuary and at home when we are alone with Him, but if we, though "in the wash," are wrapped up in ourselves like that little hankie, the moments of blessing will fail to have the best possible effect in our lives. May God keep us from being wrapped up in the apron pocket of our own activities!—Mabel Olson.

God washes the eyes by tears, until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► CHILLICOTHE, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Payne of New Hampton, Mo., recently conducted three weeks of revival meeting here. A number of souls knelt at the altar seeking salvation or to be reclaimed. Some received physical healing.

—Orville Grace, Pastor

► STEELE, MO.—Evangelist John Standridge of Dexter, Mo., recently conducted an old-fashioned revival in the Denton Assembly of God. Some 15 came to the Lord for salvation and four were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—John M. Gooch, Pastor

► PEORIA, ILL.—Central Assembly here recently enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Ludwig of Plymouth, Ind. The musical numbers and sincere preaching of the Word were appreciated by all.

—R. L. Farquhar, Pastor

► SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.—The Assembly here just closed a very successful revival of one week's duration with Evangelist Archie Miller of Southern Calif. The church was greatly benefited by the anointed messages and the inspired music and singing.

—Don L. Landers, Pastor

► STEPHENVILLE, TEX.—The Assembly of God here experienced a glorious revival during Christmas week. The evangelist was G. H. Robinson. Three people prayed through to an experience of salvation, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church as a whole was refreshed and encouraged by the old-time preaching.

—Coyce Pollard, Pastor

► KATY, TEX.—The Assembly here has just recently closed a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Snow. Jimmy is the son of Hank Snow, the country music singer. Approximately 25 persons were saved and about 20 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many visitors from other churches were deeply stirred. The anointed singing of the Snows also added greatly to the services.

—Charles H. Cook, Pastor

► PARKSIDE, SASK., CANADA—Recently the church here was privileged to have Evangelist R. H. Bloomfield and family of Auckland, New Zealand, conduct special meetings for two weeks. God moved in a very blessed way, restoring backsliders, filling several with the Holy Ghost, and healing many of various ailments. The evangelist left and then at the insistence of the church came back for another week of meetings which was extended for two full weeks. The last weeks were the best of all. On the last night there was a general move to the altar without any

preaching whatsoever. As a result, five young men gave their hearts to the Lord and two were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The final Sunday was a climactic day. Backsliders were restored, confessions made, and the Holy Spirit baptized four believers. The morning service lasted until two o'clock in the afternoon, and it was an old-time Pentecostal meeting. This was indeed a Holy Ghost revival, and is continuing by the grace of God. Parkside has been stirred and will never be the same as a result of it.

—Ivar Roset, Pastor

► ZANESVILLE, OHIO—First Assembly just closed a two-week revival with Evangelist E. D. Penton of Robertsedale, Ala. Several souls were saved, and the saints were refreshed and deepened in God by the Spirit-anointed ministry. A number of sick folk received definite healing.

—Curtis A. Arnold, Pastor

► EL CAMPO, TEX.—The Assembly of God here just recently enjoyed a second revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Reed of Monroe, La. The anointed ministry of the Reeds, both in Word and song was indeed a blessing to the church. Their devotion to the work of the Lord is commendable.

—Roy B. Quillan, Pastor

► CENTRALIA, WASH.—For seven weeks the congregation of Calvary Tabernacle here enjoyed a fruitful revival under the ministry of Pat and Frank Evans, the Countryside Evangelists. Many souls were saved and reclaimed, and people were healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-anointed singing and preaching of the evangelists were enjoyed by all. A 24-hour prayer chain was in operation in the church during the meetings. The spiritual tide of the church is still rising.

—Orville Danielson, Pastor

► KERMIT, TEX.—For three wonderful weeks God graciously visited Bethel Temple here with a mighty Holy Ghost revival. The meetings were conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Abilene, Tex. At least 180 visitors attended, and the all-time Sunday School record was shattered. Night after night the waves of glory rolled over the congregation so that sinners were irresistibly drawn to God and the afflicted were often instantaneously healed by His power. A number testified to miraculous healings and the faith of individuals within the church was greatly strengthened. The outstanding musical talent of the evangelists was undoubtedly responsible for drawing many outsiders to the meetings. Pentecostal revival fires continue to burn brightly.

—Roy F. George, Pastor

► CHILLICOTHE, OHIO—A soul-stirring revival was recently held here with Evangelist Max Applegate of Antwerp, Ohio. Seven came forward for salvation during the revival. Eight different denominations were represented in the services. Brother Applegate has a message that will stir the hearts of the saints and also cause sinners to realize their need of salvation.

—James E. Rickman, Pastor

► TORONTO, CANADA—Evangelist Bill McPherson has just concluded a series of meetings in his home church, Evangel Temple. Every service was unique in the fact that definite results were visible. Some accepted Christ as Saviour, a number were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a good spirit of revival has prevailed since the close of the meetings.

—W. G. McPherson, Pastor

► ATMORE, ALA.—The Assembly of God here just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church. The services were conducted by Evangelist Bobby Jackson of Frisco City, Ala. It was a thrill to see people weeping their way to salvation and many receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were some very outstanding and miraculous healings. The all-time Sunday school record was broken on the last Sunday. The spirit of revival still prevails.

—Robert Rogers, Pastor

► JACKSONVILLE, TEX. — Evangelist and Mrs. Oren Paris of Fort Worth, Tex., recently conducted a splendid revival here at Pierce Chapel Assembly of God where eleven were saved and many were greatly strengthened and moved by the anointed scriptural preaching. The evangelistic team used the inspired songs and musical compositions of Brother Paris which have been published by INSPIRATION PUBLISHERS and are now appearing on the INSPIRAMA record label. Their ministry in music and song had a stirring influence upon the church. Revival blessings still continue.

—George R. Stotts, Pastor

► WAPATO, WASH.—The Assembly here has just experienced a marvelous series of meetings with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. Several were saved, definitely healed, and refilled with the Spirit of God. Every age group of the church was reached during the meetings. Outstanding musical numbers were delightful, but the main emphasis was placed upon the preaching of the Word. That preaching moved many toward God and transformed lives. Souls have continued to find Christ in the regular services since the meetings have come to a close.

—Martin Haack, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **PERRY, ARK.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Maxwell of Bellflower, Calif. recently conducted a wonderful revival in the Oppelo Assembly here. There were 16 souls saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. —*M. Odell Taylor, Pastor*

► **DENAIR, CALIF.**—Many backsliders came back to the Lord and several young people made new consecrations during the recent revival meeting here with Evangelist J. D. Smith. The congregation was greatly edified and God is still pouring out His Spirit upon the people. —*Jim Logan, Pastor*

► **KNOXVILLE, TENN.**—The Faith Assembly of God here has just concluded what many believe to be the most successful revival in the history of the church. The evangelists were Jimmie and Carol Snow of Nashville. At least 32 people personally testified to salvation. Ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and more than 500 attended the church for the first time. Twenty-one persons have joined the church as a result of the meetings. —*H. C. Campbell, Pastor*

► **FONTANA, CALIF.**—Evangelist Christian Hild recently held special meetings here at Bethel Assembly in which the theme was, "Begin the Year with God." The meetings were very good in spite of inclement weather. In addition to the excellent preaching, the evangelist took the congregation on a step by step trip through the Holy Land following the steps of Jesus all the way to Golgotha. Perhaps the most outstanding result of the meetings was the deliverance of a young man of 20 years of age from a hopelessly alcoholic condition. Through the evangelist and the prayers of the young man's mother, he was miraculously set free. The testimony of this victory was a real breaking point in the revival. —*Hiram Brooks, Pastor*

RESIGNS AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS

ROCKFORD, ILL.—After almost fourteen years as pastor of the First Assembly of God, E. L. Stalons has resigned due to ill health. The new pastor is E. A. Manley, former pastor at Battle Creek, Mich.

During Brother Stalons' ministry the church enjoyed a remarkable growth. A beautiful sanctuary was erected, with a large educational annex, and it is fully paid for. Additional property was purchased to provide for further expansion which the congregation confidently expects, should Jesus tarry.

Brother Stalons plans to remain in Rockford while regaining his health. He is accepting invitations to preach on Sundays at nearby points.

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Ark.	Helena	First	Mar. 12-27	A. G. Calaway & wife	Thomas Genung	
Calif.	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Mar. 13—	Byron L. Wright	S. E. Bowler	
	Cotati	A/G	Mar. 6—	Merel Thornton	Mack Lancaster	
	Fontana	First	Mar. 20-27	Louise Nankivell	Alton B. Todd	
	Garden Grove	First	Mar. 20-27	J. G. Hall & wife	R. G. Markey	
	Inglewood	Calvary FG	Mar. 13—	Gene Martin	Marcus Gaston	
	Oakland	Calvary Temple	Mar. 6-20	Bill McPherson	Oliver L. Foth	
	Richmond	Full Gospel Temp	Mar. 20—	Bill McPherson	J. Boyd Wolverton	
	Selma	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 16-27	Chas. L. Ogdon	Neil Parmer	
	Fla.	Punta Gorda	Beacon Chapel	Mar. 20-26	Bob Olson	Leslie Clevenger
		Tallahassee	Hayden Road	Mar. 17-27	Roger Wood	Ira Hartsfield
Tampa		* Sulphur Springs	Mar. 13-18	Bob Olson	J. R. Hardt	
Ill.	Carthage	A/G	Mar. 6—	Smith-Rasmussen Team	D. E. Skiles	
	Hartford	A/G	Feb. 28-Mar. 13	H. Cox-M. Brown Team	Roy Warner	
Ind.	E. Gary	A/G	Mar. 8—	J. Haskell Wooldridge	D. L. Baker	
Iowa	Seymour	A/G	Mar. 15-27	Jimmie Parrack & wife	Norris-Burggraaf	
	Truesdale	A/G	Mar. 8-20	Frank E. Martin	Maynard C. Fishel	
La.	Mer Rouge	Bonnie Idee	Mar. 15-27	Leon Morrow	Zack E. Gibson	
Mass.	Fitchburg	Full Gospel	Mar. 13-20	Mrs. Ralph Haines	Edward Neuhaus	
Mich.	Detroit	Bethel Missionary	Mar. 15-27	Calvin Melton	J. J. Traub	
	Ferndale	A/G	Mar. 13-27	Ruth Specter	E. Glenn Snook	
	Harrison	Highway GT	Mar. 8-20	Clenton Winford	Daniel Miller	
	Lincoln Park	Bethel	Mar. 14-27	J. B. Davis Party	Seth Balmer	
	Petroskey	A/G	Mar. 15-27	J. W. Beam & wife	Lawrence Malone	
Mo.	Conway	A/G	Mar. 20—	M. Willis-N. Ford	G. D. Zercher	
	Doe Run	A/G	Mar. 20—	Glenna Byard	Homer Smith	
N. J.	Trenton	First	Mar. 9-20	Martin Busse Team	John Paproski	
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Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

Pool was an evangelist in the Oklahoma District, where he was ordained in 1940. In recent years his activities had been curtailed because of poor eyesight, but he continued to minister whenever possible. His wife survives him.

JONATHAN H. EASON, 84, Thickett, Tex., went to be with the Lord on January 23, 1960. Brother Eason was ordained in 1927, and served in the South Texas District as a pastor and as an evangelist until he was superannuated in 1955. He built several rural churches, working to support his family at the same time.

TED C. PARKER, 56, Citrus Heights, Calif., passed to his reward on January 30, 1960. He was a member of the Northern California-Nevada District where he had ministered as a pastor for a number of years. He was pastor of the Citrus Heights Assembly of God at the time of his death which was due to a heart attack.

THOMAS HOLOVANCHUCK, 66, Bay-side, N. Y., went to be with the Lord on January 4, 1960. He had served both as pastor and evangelist in the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God since his ordination in 1939. Three children survive.

The Ministry of THE TOWEL

MENIAL WORK WAS NOT BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF
CHRIST. ARE WE BETTER THAN HE?

BY R. BRYANT MITCHELL

THERE IS NOTHING GLAMOROUS about a towel. It suffers more indignity than any article in the household. Nothing travels to the washtub oftener and takes a greater beating than the lowly towel.

Fancy, embroidered towels may decorate bathroom walls but most towels are just ordinary servants accustomed to the hard facts of life. They are the first thing grabbed when baby spills the milk on the carpet. They are well acquainted with the habits of little boys who dip grimy hands in the wash basin and wipe the rest off on the helpless towel. After so many years of valiant service, the towel is usually demoted to the rag bag and is used for shining windows, washing floors, or as a wiping cloth in the garage.

Jesus forever gave dignity and honor to the towel when He girded Himself with one to wash the disciples' feet. John 13:4, "He riseth from supper and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself." Of all times when Jesus was most deserving of tender care from His disciples, it was at this time when He was about to be betrayed. Yet instead of receiving love from them He demonstrated His love to them by washing their feet and drying them with a towel. In this one act, Jesus glorified humble service. He demonstrated to us "the ministry of the towel."

Menial work is never beneath the dignity of saints. It is in the trifles that we show our real character. The proof of love is the willingness to serve in the most ordinary way. Even the sun is most beautiful when bending low on the horizons of our toiling earth.

When Jesus carefully washed the disciples' feet in the basin and then dried

their feet in His ministering towel, He came close to His disciples' hearts. I wonder what went through the heart of traitorous Judas when Christ tenderly wiped his feet—the very feet which were soon to carry the betrayer to the high priest. One who ministers in love serves even the unworthy.

I was deeply moved upon at my first foot-washing service when a godly layman washed my feet. I have felt the tender touches of devotion upon my cheeks through a child's kiss. Little arms squeezing around my neck have told the story of love. The hearty slap on the shoulder from a good friend

has spoken of friendship, but the wiping of my feet after a bath is usually very unsentimental. At this foot-washing service I found out that love can be expressed by the washing of feet and the wiping of the towel. That dear brother blessed my soul through my feet. But don't wait for a ceremonial like this to serve your brother.

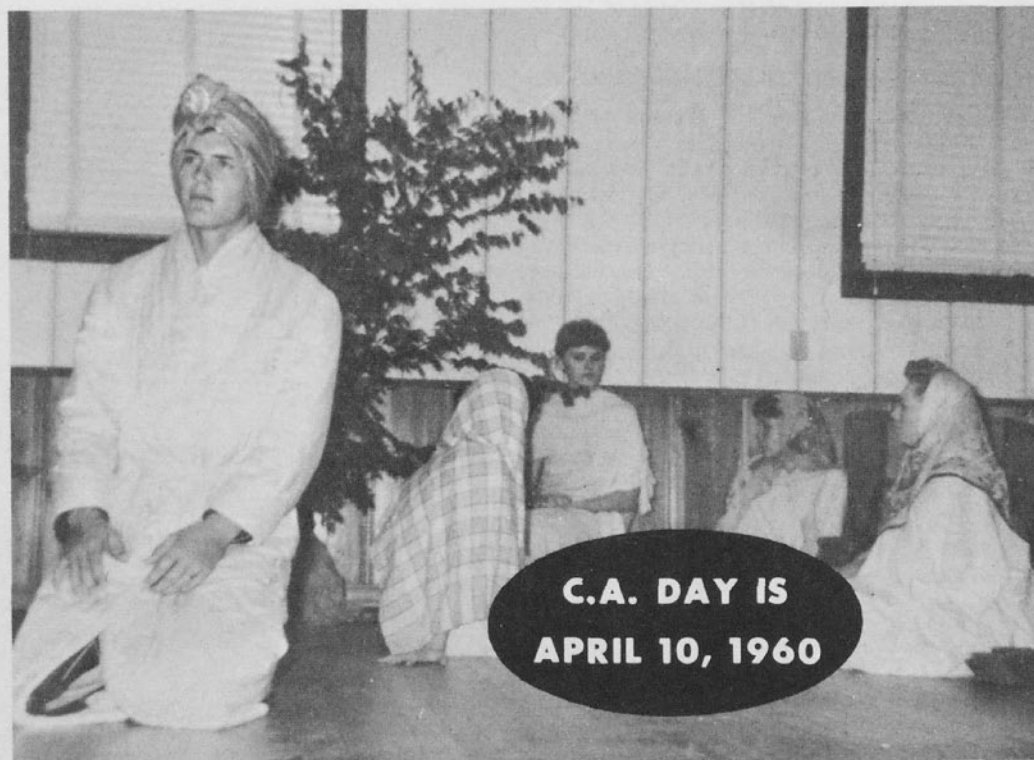
The home, above all else, is the place where we need to practice the ministry of the towel. Here in the ordinary affairs of life we may eloquently show Christian love.

Great pastors are seldom remembered for their brilliant sermons, but they are always remembered for the basket of food they brought, the sick call at midnight, and the patient understanding in the ups and downs of life.

Christ's example of the towel was given to all the children of God. Every minister and layman needs to be willing to lay aside his garments of selfish dignity to become a minister of the towel. Paul told us that by love we should serve one another.

He who sows service reaps friendship; he who plants kindness gathers love. There are times when the tongue may be silent, but the towel never loses its voice. It speaks continually of our whole-hearted devotion to Christ. Let us learn the ministry of the towel.

—Message of the Open Bible



PRESENT SKIT—An effective visual presentation of the theme of last year's C. A. Day (Follow Me) was given by C.A.'s of the College Heights Assembly, Bryan, Texas. The skit was based on the rich young ruler, portrayed here by Harold Nolan (left). Women at the well in the background are Grace Mason, Jessie Cox, Kathy Tauber, and Sharon Logan.

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Former Communist Says Religion Appeals to Russian Youth

Religion is making gains in the Soviet Union and is having an increasing influence on Russian youth. This is the report of a 27-year-old Soviet intelligence agent, Alexander Yurievich Kaznacheyev, whose defection from the Russian Embassy in Rangoon, Burma, last September made headlines across the world. Kaznacheyev, despite his youth, was the agent in charge of contact with local Communist groups throughout Burma.

He says the Russian Baptists are in the best position of any religious group to take advantage of the increased interest in religion, because their form of religion is more appealing. The old Orthodox Church, he says, offers only a ritual that youth cannot understand, although occasionally he went to an Orthodox church to hear the beautiful old music. He termed himself an "agnostic." He says he went to a Baptist church and the message from the minister stirred his soul. However, he did not return very often. He says it is dangerous for a young person to be seen in church very often. That is why the average tourist who visits a Baptist church in Russia comes away with the impression that most of the people are old. The young people stand in the rear or in adjoining rooms, where they cannot be seen so easily, and they leave quickly after the service, but often they outnumber the older folk who are seated in the main part of the sanctuary.

Going to church is one of the few real freedoms Russian people enjoy, Kaznacheyev says. Religious faith is not dead; that is why the Communists are working so hard to spread the doctrine of atheism.

"I WILL RESTORE"

(Joel 2:25)

Lord, let my faith be strong today—
Forgive past wrongs and fears;
Restore to me that which was lost
Because of wasted years.

Help me redeem the time, dear Lord,
To Thee be all the praise;
Redeemed, restored for service, Lord—
How marvelous Thy ways!

—Mildred Allen Jeffery



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TENDER LOVING CARE MAY BE EXPRESSED IN NEW WAYS, BUT IT DOES NOT DIMINISH . . .

That six-year-old with crayons in chubby hand is no less the object of your love than when he was a soft, cooing infant. You just express your love in new ways. Love doesn't stop, either, when we bid goodbye to our college-bound youngsters. We perhaps realize then how deep our love really is, and how much we are willing to sacrifice for their welfare.

WHERE WILL THEY GO TO COLLEGE? WHO WILL TEACH THEM?

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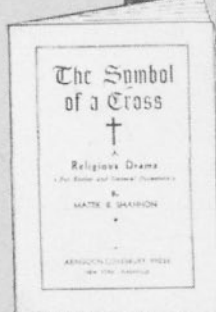
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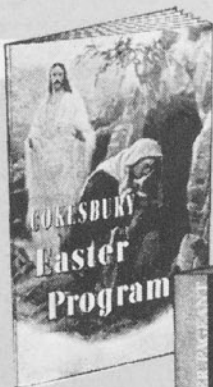


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The Danger of Duplicity

BY W. THEODORE LASKOWSKI

FROM CIVIL WAR DAYS COMES THE STORY OF A CERTAIN soldier, who, desiring to play it safe, decided to compromise. He dressed himself to be acceptable to either side, so he thought. But when he tiptoed out to the battlefield, he barely escaped being shot from both sides.

Such is the danger of duplicity, of compromise. While some compromise is necessary in certain spheres of life, and while it may be possible to blend two different elements, there can be no compromise of Christian character without dangerous consequences.

Underlying spiritual compromise there is always the root of duplicity. Two thoughts tenaciously held to can never free the soul for one alone. Two heart-loyalties without complete dedication to either one is the cause of the civil war of the soul, that conflict between the flesh and the Spirit in Galatians 5.

Many *crumbled plans* result from divine guidance infiltrated with self-will. The Christian who makes plans while he asks the Lord for His plan will find the whole structure tumbling down before long. For this reason Jesus warned, "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28)

A Bible school graduate, now serving in Africa, had made wonderful plans after his graduation—plans he thought to be in God's mind. But when his proposal to another missionary candidate was refused, he realized that God had not been in his plans. Weeping his tale of woe and asking for counsel, he revealed his duplicity of purpose: carry out his plans and ask God to guide. The whole structure—his "castle in the clouds"—came tumbling down at his feet.

Another danger sign pointing to duplicity is *restless running about*. The apostle James tells us that the believer who asks for wisdom but not in pure faith, is a double-minded man, "unstable in all his ways." Lacking true faith, he is like a wave of the "troubled sea, when it can-

not rest." His ups and downs and heres and theres, both in agonizing inner upheavals and outward instability of character, are all of his own doing. How much better to "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord!" He calms the Sea of Galilee, giving "peace . . . which passeth all understanding."

Farther down the ladder of duplicity appear those *grinding regrets*. We see Samson at the mill. Around and around he goes, grinding, grinding, grinding. He needs no blindfold like a mule, for the Philistines have pierced his eyes. His body is grinding grain, but his soul is grinding out regrets that should never have been his. If he had early decided to please God alone in fighting Israel's enemies instead of gratifying his desires, too, he would not have been deceived by Delilah and bound helplessly by the enemies he had once conquered. All he can do now is regret the past, "If only I hadn't. . . ." and wistfully hope for a better day. But the better day came only in death.

At the very bottom of this state of affairs is a *shameful end*. Judas had heard Jesus say, and perhaps repeated the words himself, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it." But he went on with two ideas: to follow Jesus and hang on to his business inclinations. When he mixed the two for three years, he deceived himself into thinking that he could continue thus indefinitely. Jesus had said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," but Judas would. Others hadn't been able to, but he could! Why, he would even outwit Jesus! He would betray Him into the high priests' hands and then watch Jesus escape as He had always been able to do, and Judas would walk off thirty pieces of silver to the better. But his bartering boomeranged, and he lost life's balance in shameful suicide.

From the annals of World War II comes a striking example of a French admiral who could have been the Liberator of France, but died, at the hands of assassins, in voluntary servitude to his enemies. Winston Churchill writes:

"Admiral Darlan had but to sail in any one of his ships to any port outside France to become the master of all French interests beyond German control. He would have carried with him outside the German reach the fourth Navy in the world, whose officers and men were personally devoted to him. Acting thus, Darlan would have become the chief of the French Resistance with a mighty weapon in his hand. The whole French Empire would have rallied to him. Nothing could have prevented him from being the Liberator of France. The fame and power which he so ardently desired were in his grasp. Instead, he went forward through two years of worrying and ignominious office to a violent death, a dishonored grave, and a name long to be execrated by the French Navy and the nation he had hitherto served so well."

Darlan's self-interest which he mixed with his service of the Navy caused him to compromise the French Navy into German hands. Desiring to save his life, he lost it. If he had chosen to serve the Free French cause, he would have been more famous than he ever dreamed he might be. Instead, he was killed ingloriously—taken to death by his own duplicity.

May we decide today, if ours is a case of divided devotion, to abandon forever our point of self-interest for the interests of the kingdom of Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords!

—*Gospel Herald*