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the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God, WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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Christ Will Return

Millions of people are going to receive a terrible surprise one of these days. They do not believe Christ will ever return to the world though the Bible plainly says He will do so. Over a third of the U. S. population are in this category, according to a recent Gallup Poll, and the awful shock they will get when Christ does appear and the great day of reckoning begins is too horrible to contemplate.

The poll was taken at Easter, 1960. The question put to a cross section of the American public was this: "Do you think Jesus Christ will ever return to the earth?" Fifty-eight percent of the women and 53 percent of the men said Yes. Thirty-one percent of the people said No. Fourteen percent of the public said they had no opinion as to whether He will return or not.

In a copyrighted report, the American Institute of Public Opinion had this to say:

"The expectation of the early Christians was that the return of Christ was close at hand.

"Since that day various interpretations have been made among religious groups as to when this would occur. Some maintain that Jesus has returned already—in the hearts of believers. Other groups have designated exact dates for the return of Christ in person.

"To determine what people in present-day America believe concerning the Second Coming, the Gallup Poll asked the following question of those who stated a belief in the Reappearance: 'When do you think this will happen?' Of those persons who selected a specific point in time, about one half expected the return of Christ to be within the next 100

We are not among those who would spiritualize the return of the Lord. Neither would we designate the exact time He will come, for the Bible says, "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32). Only God knows the exact time. But the Bible also tells us we should not be ignorant of "the times and the seasons" (1 Thessalonians 5:1). Jesus said, according to Matthew 16:3, there are "signs of the times" that we ought to discern. One of these is the rebirth of the little nation of Israel which recently celebrated its twelfth anniversary with an impressive parade of progress. Another is the rise of Russia, the prophesied "king of the north" (Daniel 11:6). Added to these are many other "signs of the times," including atomic power, man-made satellites, and numerous inventions which denote the amazing extent to which knowledge is increased.

The world's economic, social, and political conditions, when viewed in the light of Bible prophecies, also signify that Christ's return must be very near. Those who are wise will be sure they are saved, separated from all sin, filled with the Spirit, and occupied with those pursuits that are pleasing in His sight. God forbid that any who may read these lines should be unable to face Him with a clear conscience if He should come back today.

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A Change in Government

BY C. M. WARD

Does the Bible Predict the Setting up of a kingdom on earth with Jesus Christ as King?

Yes, it does! For nearly 2,000 years the Church has prayed, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). This is a God-given prayer, so it must be answered. The time will come when it will never have to be offered again. Man has had his day. Now it is God's turn. And there will be changes made!

1. The devil will be bound. No government of man has ever been able to accomplish this. Revelation 20:1-3 declares, "I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled."

There can be no millennium as long as the Devil is at liberty. So Jesus Christ intends to change that situation.

2. Justice will be established. It will be a fact, not fancy. Jeremiah 23:5 predicts, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

There will be law and order. Justice will be meted out without partiality.

3. Agricultural problems will be settled. The Bible says, "There shall be no more curse." That's something that

no bureau of man can change, but Jesus Christ can. Here are some glimpses into God's plan of rehabilitation. He says: "I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and dry lands springs of water. . . . I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together" (Isaiah 41:18-19). There you have a program of irrigation and reforestation accomplished.

Further, God states in Ezekiel 34: 26, 27, "I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessings. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase." Here is a program of even rain distribution and satisfactory flood control.

4. The brute creature shall be domesticated. Here is a glimpse into the world of tomorrow—a thousand years of paradise.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox" (Isaiah 11:6, 7). Only God can effect a change like that. That's a dream of a United Nations come true.

5. The problems of safety and security will be solved. "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4). "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 65:25).

6. The life expectancy will increase. Here is the Bible prediction: "There shall be no more...an infant of days,

nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old" (Isaiah 65:20).

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You'll be thought a child when you celebrate your hundredth birthday! This earth will be cleansed of contagion. No wonder Jesus taught His Church to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

7. War will be abolished. Nations have tried in vain to accomplish this, but God will succeed where man has failed. "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

Wouldn't you like to live in a world like that? Wouldn't you like to read a newspaper where not one story of violence, murder, or war appears on the front page? Then vote for Jesus! He alone can make it possible.

8. World evangelism will be accomplished. What missionary societies could not complete, Jesus will finish. Here is what the Bible says, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10, 11).

A remarkable prediction in Hebrews 8:11 says, "And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all men shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

What a day this will be when you can travel anywhere on earth without finding heathenism, moral darkness, or pagan superstition! Imagine a world like this.

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This address was delivered by Brother Ward on *Revivaltime*, the weekly Assemblies of God broadcast which is released regularly by the ABC radio network and many independent stations.

The Coming Counterfeit Trinity

RAYMOND COX

SUGGESTION THAT THERE should not be denominations in the Church of Jesus Christ is often set forth these days, but it is wishful thinking.

Men aspire to the creation of a single, united ecclesiastical organization. However, history punctures the bubble, for there were no denominations-only one church organization—during a period of over a thousand years. But that ecumenical era is called the "dark ages." Some historians refer to it as the "devil's Millennium." It was not wonderful when there was only one ecclesiastical authority.

However, Bible prophecy predicts a day when denominations will disappear and the whole world will worship the gods of hell in three persons. A counterfeit trinity is coming, promoted by Lucifer himself.

Satan has sought to usurp the worship due to the Almighty alone ever since his scheme to excel God was frustrated in the primeval eternity (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28). He will persist in this until the full embodiment of all the evil in the universe appears in an infernal travesty of the holy Trinity.

Some men deny the tri-unity of Deity, but Satan does not. The devils believe and tremble. Satan knows better than to deny the Trinity. He has had dealings with the three august Persons whom Christians adore as the one God. The Father cast him down from his pristine position as the "anointed cherub." The Son routed him with "It is written" and "Get thee behind me, Satan." The devil has difficulties with the Holy Spirit, too, for "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19). The devil knows that God exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And eventually he will counterfeit the eternal Godhead.

Revelation 13, a prophecy concerning the tribulation which will follow the rapture of the saints, pictures the

parade on earth of the gods of hell in three persons; namely, the beast from the sea-the Antichrist; the great dragon-Satan himself, according to Revelation 12:9; and the beast from the earth—the False Prophet.

Satan is, in a sense, a god. He is called a god in the Bible, "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). He is also a father. His paternity is as universal as ungodliness and iniquity. Jesus recognized Satan's paternity when He rebuked several belonging to the devil's brood by saying: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44).

Satan someday will send into the world the second person of the counterfeit trinity, his spurious son. The incarnation of the True Son will be simulated when Antichrist, Satan's son, emerges on the stage of history. As Christ's power came from God, so this beast from the sea secures his power from Satan. "The dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:2). Even the death and resurrection of Christ will be mocked. John the Revelator "saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 12:3).

The worship of this counterfeit mes-

Take heed that no

man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and

shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. MATT. 24:4, 5, 6

siah will be promoted by the third person of the fraudulent trinity, the beast from the earth (Revelation 13:11), who elsewhere is called "the false prophet" (Revelation 16:13). His close connection with Satan and the Antichrist is shown by the announcements that "he spake as a dragon, and he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him" (Revelation 13:11, 12).

This second beast is the executive of hell's godhead. Eight times it is written of him that "he causeth." The False Prophet proves himself a most efficient minister. He masterminds devilish miracles. The Holy Spirit \$ arrival on the day of Pentecost was accompanied by "cloven tongues like as of fire" (Acts 2:3). The false prophet "maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Revelation 13:13).

This second beast will be a personal manifestation of that diabolical "spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2). He will work in sinners as the Holy Spirit now works in saints. And his efforts will prove very effective. He "causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13: 12). "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life" (Revelation 13:8).

The False Prophet will merge all religions into one super world church to which almost everyone will belong. No one will legally transact business of any kind without the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:17). Moreover, "he causeth that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). Denominations will have disappeared and the whole world will worship the counterfeit trinity.

Some will wonder why the Almighty will permit His creatures to be swindled by such a mockery. Here is the reason from the Bible: "Because they received not the love of the truth that they

might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

During his earthly ministry Christ declared, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another come in his own name, him will (ye receive" (John 5:43). Because Christ, the Way, the *Truth*, and the Life, has been refused, the devilish delusion comes and is accepted.

The counterfeit trinity has not been unveiled as yet, but the anti-Christian spirit is already active in the world. However, the full malignity of the manifestation of hell's gods is being restrained by the Holy Spirit, working through the Blood-washed Church. "The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [restraineth] will let [restrain] until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked [one] be revealed" (2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8).

The time is nearing when the Holy Spirit will translate the Church to glory. Then among apostate religionists remaining on earth for the tribulation the counterfeit trinity will be accepted.

But the person who is not now a redeemed child of the heavenly Father is already a child of the devil. If Christ is not now a man's personal saviour, that man is allied already with Antichrist. If the Holy Spirit (of whom it is written, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God") is not leading your life, you are already being guided by the Satanic spirit which "now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

Have you received the love of the truth that you might be saved? Are you related to the true Trinity, to God the Father, who gave His only begotten Son to die for you, and who sends the Holy Spirit to draw you to Christ?

If so, you will never perish but have everlasting life. If not, you are in danger of becoming a victim of strong delusion as the counterfeit trinity begins its diabolical bid for conquest of the human race.





of the Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation, He is accorded the title, "Faithful and True" (Rev. 19:11). This emphasizes His clarity of purpose, solemn justice, unfailing dependability, and absolute truthfulness.

Evil men have called Jesus Christ an impostor and challenged His veracity, but to us who know and love Him, He was, is, and ever shall be the embodiment of truth. He says of Himself, "I am...the truth" (John 14:6), and John, the beloved disciple, declared that they "beheld his glory...full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Ever in His eyes must have glowed the radiant fire of honest purity. In every avenue of His being, every motion, every word, Jesus was all light with no darkness nor shadow of turning.

While here on earth, there was nothing vague, incoherent, or inaccurate in His thinking. His memory was perfect and His understanding complete. He knew the truth of every situation and comprehended the hidden secrets of the deepest recesses of human hearts and lives.

Because the fountain was crystal clear, every word that proceeded out of His mouth was true! Wherever He went, they exclaimed, "Never man spake like this man!" His teachings were

wholly pure and not one good word of His promises ever failed. Peter affirms that there was no guile in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22). Never can we associate double-talk, shaded-meanings, vain-imaginings, or evasions of truth with the speech of the Savior. He was not crassly offensive or rude, but He did speak the exact truth with honest frankness. He never flattered, nor did He resort to compromise or deal in exaggeration. Truly, the words which He spoke were "spirit and life."

Not only was Jesus truth-speaking,

Not only was Jesus truth-speaking, but He was also truth-acting. He lived and did the truth under all circumstances. His motives and purposes were not tainted by the ulterior and superficial, and to Him, hypocrisy was abhorrent and despicable. Always knowing what He would do, Jesus never idly frittered away time, or misspent His energies in useless efforts and non-essentials. He had come to manifest the truth, and was ever on the alert to fulfill His divine mission!

Because Jesus Christ is truth, there is a very practical impact on the lives of us who would be His followers. He said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). By the power of His Word, He destroys the bondages imposed by Satan, sin, and self. Saturated with truth, His doctrines shield and free minds from delusions, falsehood, and unbelief.

As a result of His dwelling within our hearts and directing our lives, there is a divine enablement to *speak* like Him, to *live* like Him, and to *act* like Him. Hence, avoiding all shadows of falseness, we must ever seek to exhibit truth in all our ways.

The Psalmist exclaimed, "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts" (Psalm 51:6), and the Savior prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). And down through the corridors of time, the challenge to be truth-thinking, truth-speaking, and truth-acting continues to make its claim on the souls of men. As we hear its call, let us accept it, honestly search our hearts, and in humble sincerity vow, "By Thy grace, to be like Thee, Lord Jesus, Thou Magnificent Truth!"

June 5 - National "Church Membership Sunday"

BY JAMES C. DODD

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A WISE MAN KNOWS WHEN TO SPEAK and when to be silent. Solomon says, "To everything there is a season, and a time...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7). Sometimes silence is appropriate and sometimes it is not. It is possible to fail God by saying nothing when circumstances call for an important utterance.

This is a day when God's servants must sound a clarion call to their fellow men.

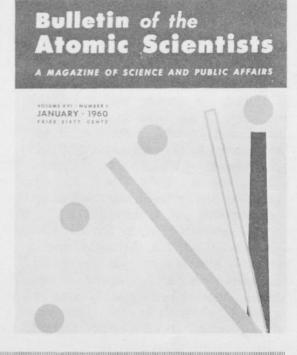
It is not an hour to keep silent, but a time to speak. Current developments in the world indicate the time is short. The night is far spent and the day is at hand. What we do, we must do quickly. Our alternative is simple in itself. If we will turn to God, He will spare us. If we refuse, there is nothing to expect except the judgment of the Almighty. We are living in hours in which tremendous events are transpiring and the nervous systems of the people are becoming overcharged. We read the newspapers and see pictures of the awful destruction of atomic blasts in remote parts of the world. Scientists are preparing even greater bombs for human destruction. They seem bent on developing new and more horrible weapons that defy description.

The A-bomb and the H-bomb now seem commonplace. The spectre of even worse weapons is now looming on the horizon, including the cobalt bomb. Reference is made to the Nitrogen bomb, but it is shrouded with mystery. Scientists say that it is within our grasp now. It is based on the use of nitrogen gas. One scientist said, "The Nitrogen bomb will solve all man's problems except 'where do we go from here?"

We have the C-bomb in production. A little less potent than the N-bomb, it will take just a little longer time to wipe out the human race. It is comparatively easy to develop. Several H-bombs are wrapped together in a coat of metal cobalt. When it explodes the pulverized radioactive cobalt spreads over the earth when driven by the winds. Those who know say that this pulverized cobalt will retain its power to kill for several thousand years.

In Denver, G-gas is now being manufactured. It is odorless, tasteless, and

GAINING TIME? For the first time the hand of the "clock of doom" on the cover of the bulletin of the Atomic Scientists was set back recently instead of forward. Since 1947 the cover of that magazine has carried the face of a clock with the hands nearing midnight. When it first appeared the hands pointed to eight minutes to twelve. Twice since then they were advanced-once when Russia exploded its first atomic bomb and again when it tested its first hydrogen bomb. Until the first of this year the clock was set at two minutes to midnight. Beginning with the January issue it shows the time as seven minutes to twelve. Perhaps the scientists feel that conditions have improved in the world and the danger of war has lessened. Bible students are a little more wary as they recall the words of the Scriptures, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." (1 Thess. 5:3)



It's Time to Speak Up!

invisible; yet it kills in thirty seconds. The astounding fact is that it is a product of common chemicals found on any drugstore shelf. It kills by contact to exposed skin, by breathing, or swallowing. One quart of this liquid will cause vast gas vapors to arise that will wipe out all life within a cubic mile of space.

Then there are the F-rays; and others that sound like a chapter out of a wild man's nightmares. All these are devices that men are producing to destroy the race!

Religious persecution is in full bloom in many countries of the world. Authenticated reports of atrocities keep coming from behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains and elsewhere. There is also the persecution of the true Church throughout the world. Protestants are consistently persecuted in Spain, Central and South America. Our own Assemblies of God missions have been burned and our ministers stoned, because they preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

When I was in Portugal some time ago we made our way through the winding streets of Lisbon to the back alleys of the city, and there we knocked on a warehouse door. In secrecy, the

Protestant people had gathered together to worship the Lord. I found them in that huge warehouse, with no ventilation and no windows. I went in and there they were on their knees: they had been there since early morning, praying and crying out to God. I ministered to those people in the afternoon. I went my way, and came back at night and preached again. There they were, still praying, still seeking God. Preachers, politicians, and just plain people must concede that the old cliche, "Evry day in every way the world is getting better and better," is far from true. Only the weapons of destruction are getting better and more potent. The perennial crisis that faces us has caused foundations of human trust to crumble, and instinctively man is now groping

The Christian need not fear. Thank God, we are secure in God's wonderful care. We have a great future pledged for us by the promise of the Almighty God. But we have a responsibility toward those who do tremble. We must serve as their leaders. We must show them the way.

It is time to speak to God and for God. We must bow our knees acknowledging our need of Divine power.

Society is rotten to the core. It is time to cry with Jeremiah, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"

Pentecostal people, let us cry for boldness to preach against sin in this day of compromise and concession. When the apostles were warned against preaching any more in the name of the Lord Jesus, they prayed, "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29). The answer to their prayer came hurriedly. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

This is a time to challenge Christians to greater faithfulness. There are so many burdens, so many heartaches, so many cares and misunderstandings. How we need one another. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest ye also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

It is time to speak to the sinner and backslider, saying, "Flee from the wrath that is to come!" Why will you die? This dispensation is fast closing. The era of grace will soon give way to the great tribulation period. Christ has been thrust aside for Antichrist and you had better seek God for His divine grace. If you are in God's bomb shelter you need not fear the A-bomb, the H-bomb, the N-bomb, the C-bomb, G-gas, F-rays, all of man's devices.

In every direction we see the havoc that sin has wrought—belching guns, dying men, and the tentacles of communism ever reaching outward. The works of the devil surround us! But the Lord above us offers all the power we need to witness to this end-time generation.

Look up and receive. Then look out at the whitened fields, and thrust in your sickle, and reap. The Master will soon be returning, bringing His reward with Him. He will not be coming on a rescue mission for a battered, bleeding, disheartened church. Instead, He will come to receive unto Himself a triumphant church, filled with the Spirit, accomplishing her purpose and aware of her destiny, winning the multitudes. This is the time to speak or lose our opportunity forever

Our Eternal Home

By D. M. Panton

M an is constantly perfecting new and more powerful devices for studying and recording the wonders of the heavens. How much more wonderful it is that God has put a telescope in our hands which shows us the Holy City that is to come down out of heaven from God! This telescope is the Word of God.

This same "telescope" shows us the simple qualification for entering that City. We must have our name in a certain book! And every man, woman, and child in the world may have his name enrolled. The whole unveiling of the City is immediately preceded by this description of its citizens: "They which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27).

No More Curse

Turning the telescope on the City, we see that one vast negative in it blots out all the past. "And there shall be no more curse" (Revelation 22:3). The Bible closes where it begins; and this statement embodies the whole volume of revelation between the two covers. A curse fell upon an individual, as Achan; upon a city, as Jericho; upon a tribe, as Dan; upon a nation, as Israel; upon a third of mankind, through Ham; upon all flesh, for broken law; and even on the very dust under our feet. The moment the first curse fell, "He drove out the man." But no man will ever be driven from the Paradise above, for no curse will ever enter it. And all results of the curse disappear: disease, death, sorrow, heartbreak, destitution, starvation, estrangements, broken friendships, sobs. There will be no curse any more forever, for God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

THE THRONE

The one great fundamental problem—sin—having thus been solved, the next great practical problem—government—is met, and one vast positive dominates the world to come. "But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it." It is a single throne, the seat and center of all power throughout the universe. This rules out forever all anarchy, wicked dictatorships, lawless democracy, and savage militarism. No statement could express the Godhead of Christ more absolutely.

Not two thrones, but one, and the Lamb its equal occupant. Not two Gods, but one—"His servants shall serve him." On the other hand, two luminaries—"the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof"—but one light—"The Lord God shall give them light." Two occupants of the throne, but one Deity—"They shall see his face"—one face. Thus the mighty throne of the universe is set forever in this metropolis of God.

THE CITIZENS

Now we reach the living citizens that crowd the City, and we are immediately startled to find not an angel named. "And his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads." The picture, so simply worded, is unusually suggestive. Seven times, death for the believer is described in Scripture as "entering into rest." But in the resurrection life, with a flawless body, work and not rest will be our joy; and this passage reveals mighty activities and the responsibility of princes. Then the vision of God will be the alchemy of man. "We shall be like him, for we shall see him" (1 John 3:2). "Beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, we shall be changed into the same image from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

They shall see Him literally and physically, with their risen bodies, actually looking into the face of God. Mentally and spiritually their vision will be so enlarged that they will look into the soul and life of Christ so as to understand His work, His love, Himself as never before. And the glory

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PRESENT WORLD

Korea

MINISTERS ESCAPE MOB IN KOREA

Five Assemblies of God ministers narrowly escaped injury during the recent rioting in Korea. They were trapped in the middle of a withering crossfire in the heart of Seoul during the uprising which, according to the newspapers, resulted in 147 being killed and 1,000 wounded.

The five were: John Stetz, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Korea; Mrs. Stetz; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue of Santa Monica, Calif.; and Harry Petersen of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Argues were on the last leg of an eight-month evangelistic tour which took them to nine countries. They had planned to hold a two-week evangelistic campaign in Korea in a tent but were obliged to cancel it and came home to California instead.

Mrs. Argue was nearly trampled by a mob of 30,000 demonstrating students in a clash with police over demands for a new presidential election in Korea. "It was like a cattle stampede," she said. "I had to back up against a wall in the central square to escape being trampled. It was frightening."

Watson Argue survived a rain of rocks thrown at police by the students. "Bricks and stones shot over my head and smashed into glass windows," he said. All were thankful when they escaped unhurt from the surging mob.

Bible

CARDINAL ACCEPTS NEW PORTUGUESE BIBLES FOR HIMSELF AND THE POPE

The photograph shows the secretary of the Brazil Bible Society, Ewaldo Alves, presenting two copies of the newly revised Portuguese Bible to Cardinal Carlos Carmelo de Vasconcelos Mota, Archbishop of Sao Paulo. One copy was for the cardinal and the other for his friend, Pope John XXIII, in whose name he thanked the donors.

Shown in the center is Pastor Jorge Bertolazzo Stela, of the Independent Presbyterian Church.

This modern Bible version in Portuguese is the result of seventeen years' work by some thirty scholars representing various evangelical church

bodies. Among those was our Pentecostal brother, Emilio Conde. The new version is the first major revision of the Scriptures in Portuguese in two hundred years.

The photograph was mailed to us by N. Lawrence Olson, Assemblies of God missionary to Brazil. He writes: "This picture, appearing in secular papers in Brazil, has caused many to ponder why Roman Catholic priests hitherto have insisted there was a great difference between the Catholic and Protestant Bibles and why, so many times, they have told their people to burn any Bibles acquired from evangelicals. The people are coming to see that the Bible originally is one book; the idea that Catholics have one Bible and the Protestants another is absurd. This is just another step toward making the Bible more widely distributed and more widely read."

Russia

RUSSIANS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS

Jews in many cities throughout the U.S.S.R. were unable to observe the annual Passover ceremony this year, due to government restrictions which prevented them from baking *Matzohs* (unleavened bread). Only in Moscow and certain other cities where tourists often visit were the Jews allowed to bake their *Matzohs*. Observers view the development as another step in an intensifying Soviet campaign against Judaism. In recent months, synagogues have been closed in some cities. In other places Jewish prayer meetings in private homes have been forbidden.

KHRUSHCHEV KEEPS A PROMISE— TO PRIEST

An aged mother is going to be permitted to leave Lithuania and join her children in Chicago—but it took the personal intervention of the Premier of the U.S.S.R. to arrange it. So small is the degree of personal liberty behind the Iron Curtain.

73-year-old Mrs. Anna G. Prunskis of Kaunas has long dreamed of the day when she might travel to America to join her family, but all her requests



Cardinal receives Bibles from secretary of Brazil Bible Society as Pastor Jorge Bertolazzo Stela (center) of the Independent Presbyterian Church looks on.

for an exit visa were denied. For years she waited patiently. Then Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev visited the United States and spoke at a National Press Club conference in Washington which was attended by her son, Father Joseph Prunskis of Chicago. The priest approached the Russian premier after his speech and addressed him in Russian. He handed him an envelope containing a request that he permit his mother to come to the United States. "I will do that," Mr. Khrushchev promised. And now, Mrs. Prunskis has the coveted visa. Soon she will be with her son, who edits a Luthuanian daily paper in Chicago, and her other three children who live in America.

RED NETWORKS PLANNING ALL-OUT ANTI-RELIGION CAMPAIGN

An all-out drive for the atheistic education of youth was foreshadowed in Communist-controlled countries following a conference at Warsaw, Poland, attended by representatives of radio stations behind the Iron Curtain. The delegates agreed that all the Red networks should prepare a series of broadcasts aimed at the non-religious upbringing of children and youth. In addition, it was urged that networks in the various Communist countries should collaborate in an exchange of programs so that there should be no lag in the anti-religion campaign.

Miscellany

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN IN GERMANY FACE LIFE AT A DISADVANTAGE

Some 1,500 illegitimate children of German mothers and Negro fathers from U. S. occupation forces will leave school this summer at the age of 14.

These 1946-born youngsters constitute the first and largest group of so-called "colored occupation children" to reach working age. There is a total of about 72,000 West German children fathered by foreign occupation troops, including some 6,000 by Negro soldiers.

It will not be easy for these children to gain a place in business or industry and to win the esteem of their fellow countrymen. They have two strikes against them; not only do they have mixed blood but they bear a mortal stigma through illegitimacy, though they are not to blame. Church groups in West Germany are urging the public to show compassion and give these unfortunate young people the opportunity they deserve. Americans should be humbled and moved to prayer by their plight.



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Which is the Bride of Christ, the Jews or the Church?

The Bride of Christ is the Church, consisting of saved Jews and Gentiles. "Give no offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Corinthians 10:32).

Are the false Christs and false prophets spoken of by Jesus present in our day? Matthew 24:24.

There have been false Christs and false prophets all through the Church age, but we may believe such to be manifest with greater deceptive skill as the age nears its end, culmunating in the Beast and false prophet of Revelation 13.

Is Jesus our King or is He the King of the Jews?

I do not object to speaking of Jesus as our King, but it is better to speak of Him as Lord. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. He will come as King when He comes to reign, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16).

In my younger days we heard much about the soon coming of Christ, many believed He would come in their day, but He has not come yet. Is it not a mistake to teach that Christ may come in our time?

The Bible teaches that we should live in constant expectancy, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). "Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh . . . lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping" (Mark 13:35, 36).

Will the wedding supper take place in heaven or on the earth? I have heard it explained both ways (Revelation 19:7-9).

I am of the opinion that the marriage supper of the Lamb will take place in heaven. The Church will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, before the marriage supper. Following the marriage supper Jesus will come to earth, "King of kings and Lord of lords" to overcome the Beast and the false prophet and cast them into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:11-20).

The marriage feast spoken of in Matthew 22:1-14, I believe to be the present invitation to the Gospel. The feast itself will take place when the Church has been caught away. The man without the wedding garment represents any who think themselves good enough in their own righteousness, who fail to avail themselves of the wedding garment, the righteousness of Christ.

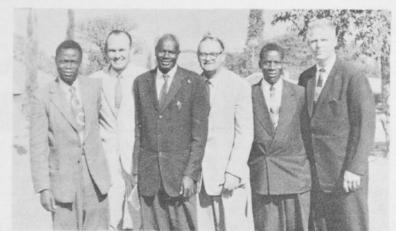
Please explain how the man got into the marriage feast without the wedding garment? Matthew 22:11-13.

In a parable there is a central lesson. The purpose of a parable may be destroyed by seeking to run every detail down. The parable in Matthew 22 sets forth the invitation of the gospel. The one who got in without the wedding garment is one who thought he could get in on the basis of profession without possession. As I understand it, when an oriental invited guests to a marriage feast, he provided wedding garments for them. This person ignored the need of a wedding garment—the garment of salvation—thinking himself good enough in his own right-eousness. He was cast out because He was not clothed with the right-eousness of Christ.

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



Nyasaland Executive Committee: Brothers Garlock, Wilfred, Wright, Gideon, Williams, and Scott



Tanganyika Executive Committee: Brothers Mose, Hasch, Mpayo, Vandermerwe, Ramsey, and Bruton

Nationalism and African Missions

BY EVERETT L. PHILLIPS
Field Secretary for Africa

Since World War II, Africa has been swept by change that has accelerated notably in the last four years. Map makers have been having a time with Africa, and their job will become no easier during 1960!

In the past four years seven new nations have emerged, and between April and October there will be at least three more. Daily the newspapers report social and political disturbance in different countries of Africa. These are the birth pangs of new African nations.

Strange as it may seem, God is pouring out His Spirit in spite of the unpromising national conditions. Instead of hindering the work of God, the new spirit of nationalism in Africa seems to add emphasis and impetus to the growth of the national church. Properties have been destroyed—even one of our mission stations—and the lives of some of our missionaries have been endangered; yet, today our work prospers and grows daily.

Our field of East Africa, composed of Tanganyika and Nyasaland, is one of the newest fields entered by our foreign missionaries. During the years of political disturbance in these countries our Bible schools have been sending out a stream of Spirit-filled national leaders who have done exploits for God.

Three years ago plans were made to separate these two countries since the work in each country was becoming more and more self-sufficient. These plans were fully realized recently and both countries organized as self-sup-

porting and self-governing entities. Elections were held in each country. Stephen Vandermerwe was elected superintendent for Tanganyika and H. B. Garlock was elected superintendent for Nyasaland. Other nationals and missionaries were elected to executive offices. These nationals and missionaries are working together, combining their efforts in reaping a harvest of souls and establishing new churches.

AFRICAN ECONOMICS

Things of value are not achieved by sitting at home.

These days are very cold, especially in the morning. I would like very much to have two sweaters to put on, but they cost money. So, early in the morning the other day, while it was still very dark and cold, I started out with my bow and arrows for the damp,

dark jungle. What was I going for: To get some monkeys to sell so I could buy myself another sweater. Just consider the trouble I had to take. I didn't get back home until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and I hadn't had anything to eat. But I got my monkey; in fact, two of them. I sold one for 100 francs (\$2).

Anything worthwhile in this life is worth the effort of suffering and sacrifice to obtain. Do you think you will attain the riches of Christ by sitting around doing nothing? What wealth eternal there is in Him! And it costs something!

—By a Congo Pastor

Love of gratitude looks up. Love of compassion looks down. Love of gratitude shows itself toward the brethren; compassion towards those who are without.—Drummond

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



The James Bellmore family

COMINGS: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pennington have returned from Nigeria. They are living at 1101 Thirteenth Avenue, Fargo, N. Dak.

The **Bill Sakwitz** family has returned from Japan and may be reached at 44 Forty-third St. S.W., Grand Rapids 8, Mich.

GOINGS: The **James Bellmores**, new missionaries to Tanganyika, left for the field April 2.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petersen (Korea) have adopted a baby girl. Patricia Marie was born March 17.



Sunday school at the new Evangelistic Center in Petionville, Haiti

Haiti Bible School and Evangelistic Center Dedicated

BY D. V. ALDERMAN Riverside, California

THE TURNBULL MEMORIAL BIBLE School in Petionville, Haiti, was dedicated recently. Arne Vick, Pastor of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, delivered the dedicatory address. The services were conducted in French by two missionaries, Robert Turnbull and Homer Specter.

Two years ago the Foreign Missions Department rented this four-story building in Petionville as an evangelistic center and launched plans to open a Bible school for the training of national pastors. It is the largest building in Petionville, containing 11,000 square feet of floor space, living quarters for a missionary family, a floor for the Bible school, besides leaving the street floor for the church auditorium. The building is located at an intersection in Petionville, a city only six miles from the capital city of Port-au-Prince. The building, erected a few years ago for \$40,000, was secured for \$26,000.

A portion of the down payment of \$8,000 was given by Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, for the Turnbull Memo-

rial (in honor of the late Louis and Josephine Turnbull, who pastored Bethel Temple for so many years). A suitable bronze tablet has been placed on the wall of the building. Other groups and individuals provided the



Missionary Homer Specter, Pastor Arne Vick, and Missionary Robert Turnbull display the memorial plaque for "Turnbull Memorial Bible School"

Church Participation In Missionary Giving

January 1960

District	Total Churches	ing	Participat- tion Percentage
Montana	63	58	92%
N. Dakota	48	44	92%
Nebraska	78	68	87%
S. N. England	64	53	83%
S. Idaho	57	47	82%
Northwest	267	219	82%
New Jersey	103	84	82%
Kansas	165	134	81%
Ohio	164	132	80%
New York	153	123	80%
Eastern	249	197	79%
Rocky Mtn.	123	95	77%
Wyoming	34	26	76%
Minnesota	148	113	76%
Michigan	175	132	75%
S. Dakota	52	39	75%
Potomac	178	132	74%
New Mexico	81	60	74%
	202	147	73%
Oregon N. N. England	52	37	71%
WisN. Mich.	142	101	71%
W. Central	221	156	71%
Illinois	207	145	70%
S. California	385	269	70%
S. Florida	174	116	67%
N. CalifNev.	336	218	65%
	158	98	62%
Indiana	63	39	62%
Kentucky	110		62%
Tennessee	98	68 60	61%
Mississippi	349	213	61%
S. Missouri	271	162	60%
S. Texas			58%
Oklahoma	488	284	58%
W. Florida	144	83	58%
Alabama	262	151	57%
Arizona	91	52	55%
N. Carolina	85	47	2270
W. Texas	134	74	55%
Louisiana	156	84	54%
N. Texas	532	253	48%
Appalachian	69	32	46%
Arkansas	435	190	44%
Georgia	131	56	43%
S. Carolina	56	22	39%

balance of the first payment. Donors are urgently needed to provide the monthly payments of \$300 on the property.

A capacity crowd filled the auditorium for the dedication including many country people who walked miles to be present. Missionaries from various denominations in Port-au-Prince were present.

A large neon sign in three colors reading "JESUS—La Lumiere Du Monde" (Jesus—Light of the World) has just been erected on top of the building, testifying to the crowds going to and from the markets. This was made possible by funds provided by David Flower, pastor in Springfield, Massachusetts, who visited Haiti recently.

If you should like to help complete payment on this Bible school and evangelistic center, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. Designation: "Haiti Building Account—Bible School." Too soon our most precious responsibilities slip beyond us . . .

"I Was Busy— and He Was Gone"

BY DON MALLOUGH

Many a sinner has lost his soul through his own neglect, but some are lost because of the neglect of Christians. A barbed reminder of such a possibility is given in the climactic sentence of a minor Old Testament parable. In the midst of battle an officer entrusted a prisoner to one of his soldiers. When the time came for a report on his stewardship the soldier made a candid confession by saying, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone" (1 Kings 20:40).

The chief responsibility of the soldier was to look after the prisoner of war. Those were the orders of his superior and that task should have superseded all others. He lost sight of that major role and became engrossed in a multiplicity of minor things. He was zealously busy about many legitimate tasks but through it all he lost the one who was entrusted to his care.

As we journey through life God charges certain individuals to our keeping. Whether or not those persons are aware of our official orders, we should be. When our lives run parallel to another for a long or brief span it happens in the providence of God so that we can influence that life and be a saving influence.

THE CHARGE TO PARENTS

In a more specific way than any other, God makes parents responsible for the lives and souls of their off-spring. They have an obligation to provide not only for physical and intellectual needs, but for the spiritual as well. Nature demands that they take care of the first two but the latter can be easily neglected.

A sadder sound is seldom heard than the plaintive cry of a parent who has been "busy here and there" and suddenly his son or daughter is gone. The years sped by so rapidly. The formative period is in the past and the golden door of opportunity has closed. That father still has a child but he lives at a distance and is far removed from the God of his parents. A heart yearns to tell him of spiritual things but there is not the opportunity there was when the lad bounced on his knee. That parent prepared the child for life but not for eternity.

Oh, that we could fully realize how brief is the time we have with our children. At best we are together very little. They are really ours to influence for God far fewer years than they spend in the old homestead. Some have slipped from both us and God even before they leave to set up homes of their own. Then the parents must lament, "I was busy...and they were gone." Some children are lost because of their own neglect but others perish because of the early neglect of their parents.

THE CHARGE TO TEACHERS

Every Sunday school teacher is weighted with a heavy responsibility for the souls of his pupils. His time to influence each life is far more limited than that of the parent. Hence he must make those fleeting weeks and months count. He may teach the same class for years but the pupils come and go through growth and promotion.

The work of a teacher is more than thoroughly studying a lesson, making an interesting presentation, keeping discipline or doing a necessary job. Teaching the lesson is not an end in itself but a means toward the conversion of the pupil and establishing him in the way of God.

The teacher who used the class session to tell me interesting biographical sketches about leaders in art, science, music and other related fields missed a valuable opportunity to mold my life in its formative years. He did nothing to contribute to my soul's salvation. He was busy with minor matters and soon I was gone from his influence. That I am saved today is only through God's grace and the faithfulness of others.

Another teacher who misuses valuable time is the one who is trapped into talking about interesting, but valueless subjects. The alert minds of youngsters often conjure up questions that lead far from scriptural truth and the teacher steps into the snare and follows them afield. Nothing harmful is said but valuable time is lost wandering "here and there."

The brief months and years have gone. The boy has grown to a manhood that is anything but glorifying to God. His Sunday school teacher, like the soldier in the parable, excuses himself by saying, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone."

THE CHARGE TO NEIGHBORS

Even the person that is neither a parent nor a Sunday school teacher should be aware of his responsibility

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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.

CODE

26-A; 25-B; 24-C; 23-D; 22-E; 21-F; 20-G; 19-H; 18:I; 17-J; 16-K; 15-L; 14-M; 13-N; 12-O; 11-P; 10-Q; 9-R; 8-S; 7-T; 6-U; 5-V; 4-W; 3-X; 2-Y; 1-Z.

CODE MESSAGE

(To check your answer, look up 1 Samuel 16:7.)

Monday, May 23

Read: Philippians 4:1-7

Learn: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) Paul's intense love for the believers of this church, v. 1; (2) his plea for unity, v. 2; (3) his remembrance of those who helped him, v. 3; (4) his admonitions to the entire church, vv. 4-6—discuss these individually; (5) his promise that God's peace would be theirs, v. 7. Paul also reminded this church that Jesus is coming soon, v. 5. This fact helps us fulfill the other admonitions.

Question Time: What admonitions did Paul have for the Philippian church? How can they be applied to us?

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. L. S. Kenney, Philippines.

Tuesday, May 24

Read: Philippians 4:8-13

Learn: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4: 13)

For the Parent: Paul stresses the importance of correct thoughts in verse 8. As time permits deal with his qualifications of correct thoughts, showing their importance in life. Stress also the value of a good example, v. 9. In this passage Paul also emphasizes something he had learned—and what each Christian needs to know: how to meet the different situations of life with grace and peace, vv. 10-12. The key to success is found in verse 13—receiving enabling strength for each task from our Lord.

Question Time: Why do you think Paul emphasized correct thoughts? How can we successfully meet life? (v. 13)

Missionary Birthdays: Alfred J. Perna, Italy; Mrs. L. P. Furman, Belgian Congo.

Wednesday, May 25

Read: Philippians 4:14-23

Learn: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

For the Parent: In this passage Paul emphasizes the importance of giving to the Lord's work. Stress: (1) Paul's commendation of their generosity and love, vv. 14-16; (2) the purpose of giving, v. 17; (3) sacrificial giving is pleasing to God, v. 18; (4) when we give, God has promised to meet all of our needs according to His unlimited riches, v. 19. The

epistle closes with Paul's greetings and prayer for the members of this church.

Question Time: Why did Paul want the Philippians to give to God's work? (v. 17) When we give, what promise do we have from the Lord? (v. 19)

Missionary Birthday: Ralph R. Volpe (Deaf), Pennsylvania.

Thursday, May 26

Read: Matthew 15:7-9; 21:28-32

Learn: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Two Very Different Sons" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The primary lesson of these passages is that obedience is shown more by actions than by words. Stress the importance of drawing near to God in our hearts, our thoughts, our minds as well as in our words. Review the story of the two sons, showing the request of the father, the answers of each son, and the actions of each. Discuss which did his father's will, and why.

Question Time: What is the primary lesson of these passages? How can this be applied to our lives today?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Josiah Winklepleck, Alaska; Ernest P. Sjoberg, Philippines; Mrs. D. H. Tarr, Switzerland; Mrs. G. E. McCollister, Hawaii; Mrs. D. E. Fullerton, Mexico.

Friday, May 27

Read: Mark 9:14-29 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

For the Parent: Review the background of this lesson (Mark 9:1-13). From a great spiritual blessing Jesus came back to meet the needs of the multitude—and one boy specifically. Review the story of how Jesus healed this boy. Stress the compas-

sion of the Lord toward the sick, emphasizing that He is willing and able to heal. Also show how times of blessing that come to us equip us to be a blessing to others by pointing them to Jesus and showing them His power.

Question Time: What are some important lessons from this story? (See above) Can Jesus heal the sick today?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. E. G. Chastagner (superannuated), California; Kenneth H. Andrus, Alaskæ; Charles R. McClure (Indian), New York.

Saturday, May 28

Read: Genesis 45:1-21 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

For the Parent: Review the story of Joseph as studied thus far. After Joseph became a ruler in Egypt, he stored food for the predicted famine. When the famine came, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food. As time permits, discuss his dealings with them (chapters 42-44) and how he revealed himself to them (chapter 45). Stress Joseph's forgiving spirit and his consciousness of God's direction (45: 4-8).

Question Time: How did Joseph illustrate true forgiveness? (vv. 4-8) What does this passage teach us about God's will? (vv. 4-8)

Missionary Birthdays: Eldeth Adkins, Minnesota: Josiah Winklepleck, Alaska; Mrs. L. H. Elliott, N. India; W. Franklin McCorkle, W. Africa; Mrs. W. K. McIntyre, Spain; Mrs. E. L Phillips, Missouri; Rosslyn A. Robinson, India.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Mrs. S. S. Bryant, India; Robert B. Turnbull, Haiti; Derrell G. Surface (Indian), Texas; Adeline Wichman, W. Africa.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Eighth Alaska Biennial Convention which will convene June 21-26.

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Pray that the missionaries at Albuquerque, N. Mex., will be able to establish a permanent church in the Pueblo village near Albuquerque.

Pray for the work of David Wilkerson, newly-appointed home missionary who works among the teen-age gangs in New York City. This ministry is now under the supervision of the Prison Division of the National Home Missions Department.

Pray for more adequate church buildings for the American Indians. Indian cogregations are growing in many places, but lack of finances have made new buildings impossible. Some missionaries have experienced difficulty in getting land grants, especially on the Hopi and Navajo reservations.

Be a Good Neighbor

BY N. LAWRENCE OLSON

Missionary to Brazil

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S RECENT dramatic visit to South America focused the whole world's attention on our genial Latin neighbors, who by the millions acclaimed him. In his radio and TV speech to the United States, he mentioned that in those countries taxi drivers, students, businessmen politicians, and others by hundreds of thousands speak English fluently, and urged our people to reciprocate by studying Spanish or Portuguese.

It is this growing knowledge of the English language on the part of Brazilians and the many thousands of United States citizens living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, that warranted Revivaltime's recent action in securing a release in this cosmopolitan city of over three million people. Here thousands of Americans far from home earn their living as employees of American firms, or in the diplomatic service or armed forces, or as entertainers. Others are tourists along the famous Copacabana beach. They all need the gospel as much as anyone at home, and Revivaltime is the only English-language gospel broadcast in Brazil.

Radio Copacabana, which also broadcasts a variety of gospel programs in the Portuguese language, was chosen by *Revivaltime* to bring C. M. Ward's timely messages to his Brazilian audiences. (By long and short wave radio (59 meters) Brazil's densest population area is now within the range of this vital, soul-stirring message heard each Sunday evening from 9:00 to 9:30.

Brother Ward's picture appears three days a week in Brazil Herald, Brazil's only English-language newspaper, reminding its readers to tune in the broadcast. In a telephone canvass an American told us he was a regular listener to Revivaltime when he lived in the States and promised to listen in Brazil. An English lady, neighbor to missionary O. S. Boyer in Rio, has been a most ardent and enthusiastic listener and is under deep conviction for sin through hearing Brother Ward. A schoolteacher in Niteroi, across the bay, enjoys the broadcast and recommends it to all his friends.

The station people consider Revivaltime tops in quality. In fact, Dr. Pedro Moacyr Barbosa, the original owner of Radio Copacabana, who is now operating another new station in the city, considers Revivaltime a model for religious broadcasting. He commented especially upon the fine choir singing.

The missionaries themselves are enthused with *Revivaltime* and find Brother Ward's messages very timely and refreshing after months of being out of touch with the homeland. It brings a camp-meeting spirit right to their mission stations.

Results from this ministry are channeled to our resident missionaries in the Rio area and as much as possible are tied in with the national Assemblies of God work there.

This very important ministry of reaching Rio's millions with the gospel through *Revivaltime* costs us only \$75 per month. The Radio Department has no funds available to subsidize this release any further and the radio committee has been forced to cancel its release. They cannot divert any funds now being received to this cause.

As your missionaries, we appeal to you friends to contribute. This is urgent! Brother Ward must continue his soul-saving ministry in that big metropolis! We must hear from you on or before June 30. Your response will determine the future of this missionary outlet. Send your offering today and state your wish that it be used for this release.

Be a good neighbor! Keep Revivaltime on the air in Rio!

Our Eternal Hope

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will be graded according to the fidelity of the earthly service, for superiority in glory will remain over from the millennial epoch. "One star differeth from another star in glory," though all shine: "so also is the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:41). And then the royal insignia will be ours: "His name shall be in their foreheads."

THE ILLUMINATION

The regenerate physique in a regenerate world is next unfolded. "There shall be no night there"—that is, within the City—for day and night will remain on the new earth. "And they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." Because of the City's immense

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height and blazing glory, the pilgrim nations, assembling at stated periods, travel by the light of it and are received within its gates. But when night falls upon the earth, the City's gates are closed. The radiance of our Lord in the Transfiguration is permanent in the City, as Paul saw it on the road to Damascus. What a revelation of power!

These citizens are the immortals—they "serve him day and night in his temple" (Revelation 7:15). With exhaustless energies and abounding life that needs no sleep and knows no sunset, they are as superior to the nations as the resurrection frame is to flesh and blood. Outside the City there is no death, but inside the City there is not even sleep. Without weakness, without weariness, without distraction, without interruption, without defect, and without sin, they serve Him day and night in His temple.

So here is our eternal home. No curse—perfect sinlessness; the Throne —perfect government; service—perfect power; vision—perfect joy; stamped foreheads—perfect security; light—perfect knowledge; royalty—perfect rule.

THE LAMB

Now see the final enormous sequence of a single phrase. The Lamb—the offered sacrifice—is on the Throne of Deity. Therefore, how certainly we can be totally saved! For if the Lamb is God, He could bear the sins of the entire race. If the Lamb is God, the sacrifice on Calvary was an infinite one, and therefore totally efficacious. If the Lamb is God, death could not hold Him—He is risen. If the Lamb is God, God's love to a sinning world stands proven forever.

Fittingly, then, J. A. Seiss asks, "Shall we throw away our chance of such an eternal home? Shall we slight the offers and opportunities of blessedness like this? Let fortunes pass; let friendships be forfeited; let earthly comforts go unnoticed; cast honors, titles, crowns, to the wolves; but let not the privilege go by of becoming an immortal king with the Lamb in the Golden City."

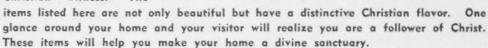
How happy the people who dwell Secure in the city above!
No pain the inhabitants feel,
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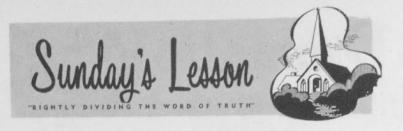


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Sunday School Lesson for May 29, 1960 MATTHEW 15:7-9: 21:28-32

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." These words, spoken to the scribes, Pharisees, and religious leaders, and illustrated in the parable of our text, are a warning to us all. For it is possible for real Christians to be guilty of specific kinds of Phariseeism against which Jesus spoke.

THE PARABLE

God's command. "Son, go work today in my vineyard." God is the Father in the parable. The "two sons" represent two classes of people. His command is the same to each. All men are called to become sons of the kingdom by the new birth and to live a life of righteousness and service.

The first son's answer. "I will not," he said, but after-

wards he repented and went.

The second son's answer. "I go, sir," he said, but he went not.

The Lord's pointed question. "Whether of the twain did the will of his father?" There is a world of emphasis on the word "did." The point of the parable is clear. Spirituality, true religion, is determined not so much by correctness of creed as by correctness of conduct.

"Publicans and harlots go into the kingdom of God before you," said Jesus to His very religious audience!

The first son represents the "publicans and harlots"; that is, the worst of sinners, the outcasts of society. The scribes and Pharisees represent what we might call "good church people," the sadly deceived millions today who think that ritual is a substitute for righteousness.

The second son was polite, but his refinement could not atone for his insincerity and hypocrisy. He said better than he did; he promised better than he proved; his profession was better than his practice. He said, "Lord, Lord," but refused to do his Lord's will (Matthew 7:21-23).

The first son was curt and insolent; but his conscience was awakened and he repented and obeyed. Jesus does not hold up the first son's words, for insolence is not praiseworthy. Neither is there any value for a man to admit he is a sinner. Confessed badness is not made goodness by being confessed. But the point is that God is more interested in our obedience than in our origin. A glorious destiny may be carved out of an unspeakably low origin, by the grace of God, if a man obeys the gospel of God!

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE

1. Good intentions substituted for good actions are futile. A famous writer of comedies died, disillusioned with life, and directed that the following inscription be placed on his tombstone-"I reveled underneath the moon; I slept beneath the sun; I lived a life of going-to-do. And died with nothing done!" We do not get saved, build churches and Sunday schools, win souls, by merely intending to do so, but by determined and Spirit-inspired activity!

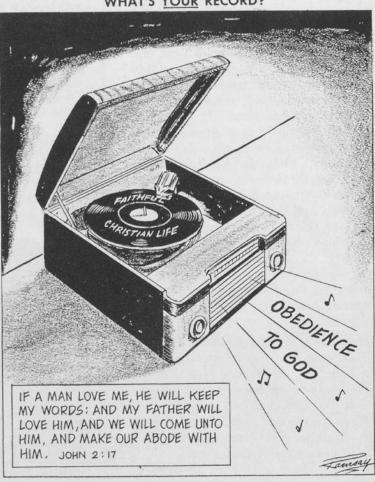
2. Profession without action-a Pentecostal danger. Picture, in a modern setting, the son who said, "I go, Sir," but went not. He stands in a song service with tears running down his cheeks singing, "I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord"; but a few hours later, when the opportunity presents itself to go across town to witness to an unsaved soul, he has a good excuse for not going.

Another modern version of this son is found in the individual who sings and shouts and enjoys emotional stirring as the result of preaching and singing, but who a few hours later is busily engaged in gossip or questionable conduct. It must be remembered that emotions which may well be kindled by the Spirit of God must be translated into godly living or they will become a corrupting influence in one's life. In 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Paul mentions gross immorality in close connection with sanctification. Why is this? Because he knew that every godly emotion which is not carried out on that level will react on a wrong level secretly. This explains why some individuals whose private lives are exceedingly wrong often show an amazing liking for devotional and religious books and worship.

Says one writer, in summing up the parable: "Do what you know to be right, and ampler truth will dawn upon you as you walk. Carry your reason into sanctified energy. Fulfill your emotion in transfigured conduct. Let worship and neighborliness be the divine alternative of your life. Thus you will gain the kingdom as you help others to gain it. Thus you prove your sonship in the test of deeds." —J. Bashford Bishop

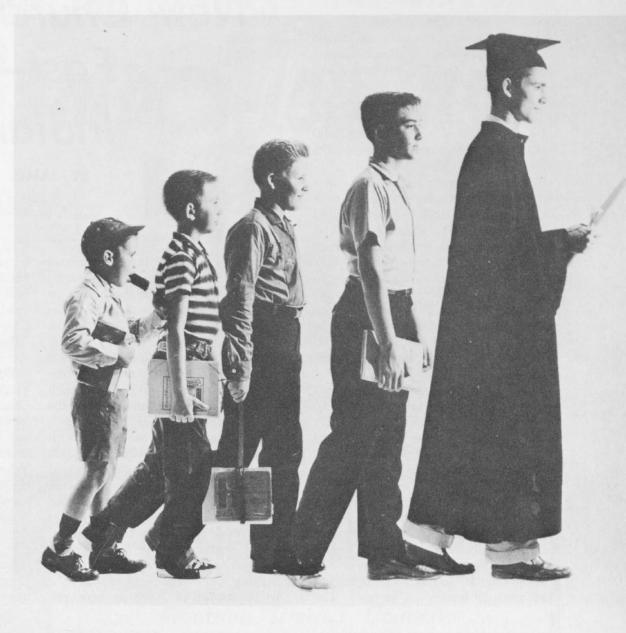
Some men tell me that they do not have time to pray; but if any man has God's work lying deep in his heart, he will have time to pray.-D. L. Moody.

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proposed two-building plant.

The city of Beech Grove, Ind., is a thriving, fast-growing city of over 10,000 people, ideally located eight miles southeast of Indianapolis. It is the outgrowth of a small settlement of railroad workers who moved there years ago to be near a newly constructed New York Central roundhouse where they worked. Several attempts had been made to establish a full-gospel work in this area, but all failed. It appeared that Pentecost was not wanted in Beech Grove!

But God had other plans. Eight years ago He directed me into that area to establish residence. In October of 1957, I was impressed by the Holy Spirit to place a small ad in the local paper requesting all who were interested in starting a Pentecostal Church in Beech Grove to notify me. Only two people responded. Three months later I was approached by two men who were anxious to establish a full-gospel work in their fast-growing community.

After much prayer, arrangements were made to launch out in faith. The

New Church for Fast—Growing Indiana City

BY JAMES P. MONSON

Pastor of Faith Assembly, Beech Grove, Indiana

first service was held in the basement of the public library on Sunday night, February 16, 1958. For the next four weeks the services were held on Sunday morning in the city hall. This was the beginning of the Sunday school.

Plans to purchase the Beech Grove theatre were foiled when the local businessmen's association exerted too much pressure on the city council. With the option on the city hall running out, this small group was confronted with the serious problem of locating a place of worship. Once again the Lord moved on our behalf. Arrangements were made to worship in the First Christian Church. Sunday school and worship services were changed to the afternoon, Sunday evening service was inaugurated, and we were given the privilege of having one week-night service.

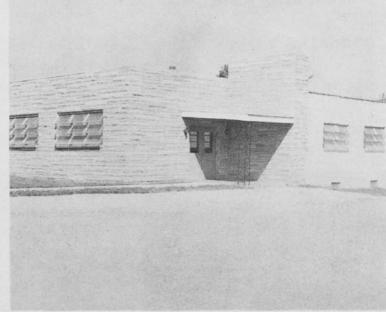
In September of 1958, an acre and

a quarter was purchased in a lovely residential area of Beech Grove and an official ground-breaking service was conducted. The blueprint plan, The Gleaner, offered by the National Home Missions Department, was chosen for the building.

On Easter day, 1959, the excited congregation moved into the new church. One hundred and nineteen people were in attendance that morning! Since that day the Sunday school average has increased every month until it is now 120. When we celebrated our second anniversary last February, 196 attended Sunday school.

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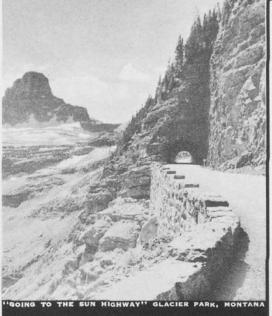
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ROBERT COOLEY

CBI Professor Accompanies Archaeological Expedition at Ancient Dothan

BY F. WILDON COLBAUGH

Springfield, Mo.—Robert Cooley, professor of archaeology and dean of students at Central Bible Institute, left the U. S. by plane on March 26 to begin his second season of excavating the ancient city of Dothan in the Holy Land.

As an area supervisor and draftsman for the Wheaton Archaeological Expedition, Dean Cooley is assisting Dr. Joseph P. Free, director, in further research into the ruins of the city of Dothan located sixty miles north of Jerusalem in Jordan.

Following up last season's discovery of a tomb cut in the native rock, the expedition will reopen the tomb and dig deeper into its mysterious recesses. Last year they found on the western slope of the mound the remains of a demolished wall and beneath this a circular formation of stones which led to the discovery of the tomb. The limestone ceiling had fallen on the contents, but careful digging uncovered a quantity of pottery vessels which date from the period of the Biblical Kings, 1,000 to 700 B.C. The question as to what additional artifacts lie buried in the tomb will be answered by this year's excavations.

A further objective of the expedition is the complete uncovering of the government building which dates from the Solomonic period 950 B.C. Last season's work revealed that the building had heavy walls nearly four feet thick surrounding it and still surviving to a height of three or four feet.

In some of the buildings on the Dothan site, floors in the rooms still have the pottery vessels and fireplaces preserved as they were 3,000 years ago. Large quantities of charred wheat still lie beneath the pottery containers. Nearby are grindstones which would have ground the wheat to flour, but the invasion almost 3,000 years ago destroyed this city of Dothan before the wheat could be processed.

Previous diggings by the Wheaton expedition have shown that the buried city of Dothan dates from 3,000 B.C., well before the time of Joseph, when it was first mentioned in the Old Testament (Genesis 37:17). It is also referred to in 1 Kings 6:13 as the abode of Elisha.

An unusual discovery of a pottery burial jar was made last season in the cornerstone of a home. It contained the skeleton of a small girl, who apparently was ritually slaughtered to dedicate the house. This indicated that some Israelites adopted the Canaanites' custom of human sacrifice.

Such archaeological findings by Christian researchers and other expeditions are confirming and explaining many of the difficult Bible passages. Since greater im-

portance is being attached to the work of the archaeologist in his search into the remains of the past in the Holy Land, Robert Cooley will complete plans while abroad for a C. B. I. Bible Lands Tour to begin in April 1961 for ministers, teachers, students, and laymen. Actual work and findings of the archaeologists will be observed on this tour.

On completion of his work in Dothan about June 1, 1960, Brother Cooley will visit the sites of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. He will spend four days in Naples and will make a study of the ruins of Pompeii. Also, he will visit the Pentecostal churches in that area. From Naples he will sail for home on June 21. Upon return to the States he will be speaking at a number of Assemblies of God youth camps during the summer months, and will instruct in archaeology at the second session of summer school at Central Bible Institute.



ALL

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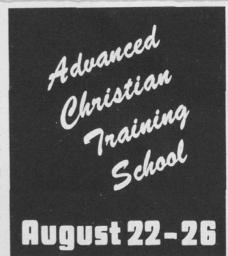
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to those with whom he daily associates. Perhaps we do not influence fellow adults as much as children but still there are words to speak and examples to set. Did vou ever consider yourself as a missionary to your place of employment? It may be amidst surroundings of blasphemy, smutty stories and vile conversation, but God has put you there to be a witness where it is badly needed. He has sent you forth as "sheep among wolves." For months and years you have greeted a fellow commuter, worked next to someone in a factory, waited on a certain customer or talked to a neighbor over the backyard fence. You have conversed about incidentals but said little about the things of God. Perhaps you plan to do so some day and have assumed that your association will go on forever. Such contacts break much quicker than family ties or church friendships. Suddenly that man will not be on the bus each morning, the neighbor may move away or the obituary column may carry the news of the passing of the one to whom you had planned to bear wit-

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One of the major assets of life is the ability to determine what things are important and to emphasize them. Just being busy is not enough. Anyone can keep active but it takes a discerning individual to budget his tasks and make his energies count.

The soldier in the parable was busy in a frenzied, desultory activity. He was doing many things and no one could accuse him of being idle. He did everything but his duty. While involved in nonessential tasks he failed in his major assignment and the person



who was entrusted to his care slipped from his grasp.

The haunting lament out of the past should goad us to concern for the present and the future.

"I was busy...and he was gone."

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	Fillmore	Pentecostal		2 Benny H. Sapp & wife
	Orangevale	* First	May 24-29	Virgil & Edythe Waren
	South Gate	Firestone	May 24-June 5	
	Wilmington	First	May 24-June 5	
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Ill.	Rockford	Westside	May 25-June 5	
Ind.	Dugger	Calvary	May 29—	Merle W. Roll
	Terre Haute	First	May 15—	W. T. & Inez Scott
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Kans.	Trov	A/G	May 24-June 5	
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	Wells	A/G	May 25-29	John French
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	Kansas City	Evangel Temple		W. T. & Inez Scott
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Change in Government

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9. Christians will be in government. Daniel says, "The time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." Christ's followers will have their inning.

Paul reminds the early Christians in 1 Corinthians 6:2, "Do ye not know that saints shall judge the world?...the world shall be judged by you."

This is the promise of Christ, "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). There is nothing obscure about this fact. It's Bible doctrine. Christians will rule the world,

10. The Jewish question will be settled. In fact, events occurring in Israel right now indicate how quickly we are nearing this day when Jesus shall govern in righteousness.

Here are Bible headlines in the light of today's course of events: "I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers" (Jeremiah 16:15). "He that scattered Israel will gather him" (Jeremiah 31:10). "I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel" (Ezekiel 11:17). "When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, ... they shall dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob" (Ezekiel 28:25).

This is the unerring sign by which God is indicating that it is about time for His Son to return. This is the forerunner to His millennial plan. As surely as Israel is being revived as a nation, just as surely will these other prophecies be fulfilled. God's program of restoration is on its way!

11. The city of Jerusalem will be the nerve-center of this world. The prophet Zechariah made an amazing statement. He said, "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts... And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain" (Zechariah 14: 16, 17).

That gives you a little peek into the

world of tomorrow—God's world. Don't forget that the future belongs to God

12. Jesus Christ Himself will reign literally and personally upon this earth. This is not a dream—it's the Bible. Isaiah says, "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." Zechariah says, "His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

Daniel says, "And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed...and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Acts 2:30 states, "God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne." If these promises are not fulfilled, then the Word of God is false. Unless Jesus of Nazareth literally occupies the throne of His father David [He is of the seed of David, with legal rights from both Mary and Joseph]

the covenant made with David is of no effect. God must keep that contract.

13. There will be universal joy and happiness. Isaiah says, "Sorrow and mourning shall flee away." And again he states, "The voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying." Zephaniah says, "Thou shalt not see evil any more." This is a picture of Christ and His millennial glory. I long for His coming, don't you?

Thirteen changes have been pointed out which will take place when Jesus returns to earth. But He waits to change your life. This same living Christ, who tomorrow will change deserts into gardens and death-traps into safety-guarantees, can today transform you. He can forgive your past and change your future. He who tomorrow will tame the bear and abolish war, offers you His free salvation. Tomorrow His rule will be universal. Today it is personal. Tomorrow He will cleanse the earth. Today He waits to cleanse you. He offers to free you from the power of the Devil and clothe you with His righteousness. Accept His offer!

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The Message of Life on a Tombstone

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Y EARS AGO A WELL-KNOWN ENGLISH SCHOLAR WROTE a verse of four lines expressing the desire of his heart—
"In peace let me resign my breath,

And Thy salvation see;
My sins deserved eternal death,
But Jesus died for me."

He gave a copy of it to an author friend, who in turn gave it to Lord Roden, who was so impressed with the words that he fastened the paper over the mantelpiece in his study. There, yellow with age, the paper hung for years, a lasting memorial of his friend.

Some time later an old friend, General Taylor, came to visit him, and Lord Roden noticed that the eyes of the old veteran frequently fixed for a few moments on the motto over the mantelpiece. "Why, General," said Mr. Roden, "you will soon know those lines by heart."

"I know them now by heart already," replied the general with feeling. And those simple words were the means of bringing him to know the way of salvation. Some two years afterward a physician, who had been with General Taylor while he lay dying, wrote to Lord Roden to say that his friend had departed in peace, and the last words which fell from his lips were these lines he had learned to love.

Years later, at the house of a neighbor, Lord Roden happened to tell the story of the old General and these lines, and among those who heard it was a young officer of the British army who had recently returned from the Crimea. He listened rather carelessly; no impression seemed to be made at the time.

A few months later, however, Lord Roden was told that the young officer wanted to see him, as his health was failing rapidly. As Roden entered the sick room the dying officer extended both his hands to welcome him, repeating the lines, "In peace let me resign my breath, and Thy salvation see; my sins deserved eternal death, but Jesus died for me."

And then he added, "Those simple words have been God's message of peace and comfort to my heart in this illness, and they have been clearly brought to my memory by the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, after days of darkness and distress."

One Sunday evening, when I was the pastor of a church in Canada, I was using this story as an illustration in my

sermon. I noticed that an old gentleman, who was sitting in a pew not far from the pulpit, was being overcome with extraordinary emotion. His whole frame seemed to quiver, and his eyes looked bright with a strange light. When I came to the part about the Crimean officer I thought the old gentleman would cry out, so deeply was he moved.

At the conclusion of the service I had scarcely gone into the vestry when I heard a knock on the door. It was the old gentleman, with emotion still evident. He said, "Where did you get that story?" I told him I had read it in the work of a widely-read modern author.

He said, "I do not know whether you noticed or not but I was very much touched by it; it almost overcame me." And then, with tears streaming from his eyes, he told me this story:

When he was a younger man, careless and indifferent in spiritual matters, he sauntered one day into an old church-yard in Nova Scotia. Seeing a fallen gravestone he overturned it out of pure curiosity. And there he read at the foot, engraved in the stone, those very four lines that took such hold of him. They so clearly explained to him the way of salvation that they were the means of his conversion!

Not long after that I was sent to visit this old gentleman in a sickness which gradually grew more serious. One of the last things he did before he died was to take my hand affectionately and ask me that at his funeral I would tell the full story of those same lines, and say that it was the hope and prayer of a dying man that they might be a blessing to many more souls.

His funeral was attended by some very distinguished citizens. Over his coffin I told the story of the lines that had transformed so many lives. Each person present received a beautiful card with the name and age and burial date of that old saint of God, and on the other side were the never-to-be-forgotten words,

"In peace let me resign my breath, And Thy salvation see; My sins deserved eternal death, But Jesus died for me."

This simple verse has brought eternal life, peace, and joy to many people. You can be included in that number if you will believe this simple gospel message and accept Jesus as your personal Saviour.

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