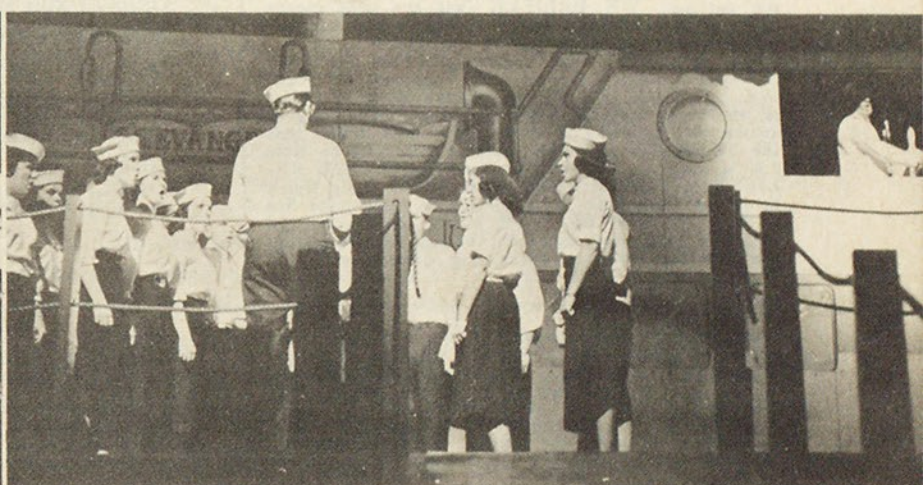
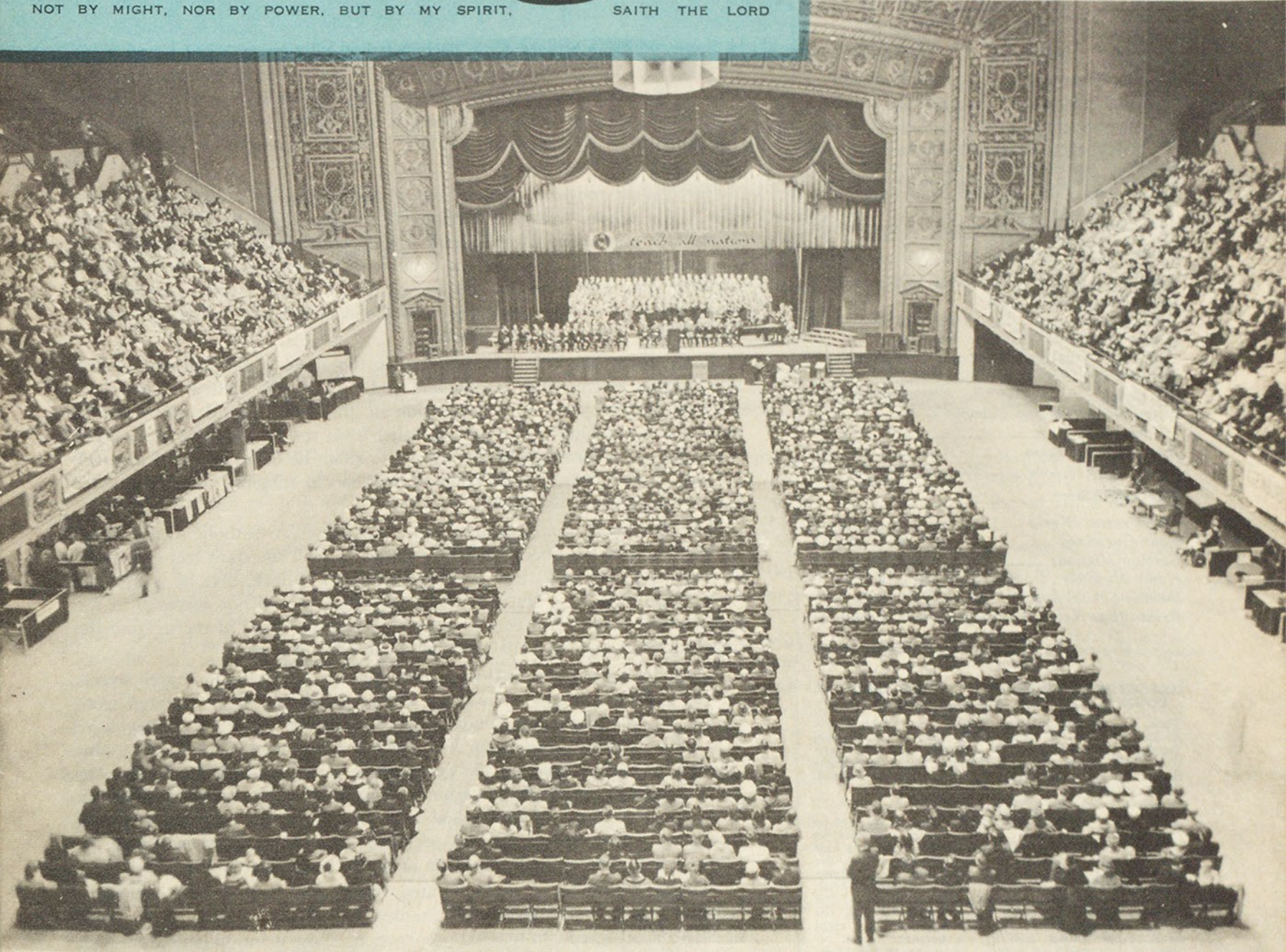


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**Dead—or Dormant?**

Some political leaders have declared that religion will not be an issue in the forthcoming Presidential election. They contend that the victories won in the state primaries by Senator Kennedy, who is a devout Roman Catholic, have proved that Protestants are willing to vote for a Catholic President if he is otherwise qualified for such a position. "The religious issue is dead," they say.

Perhaps the religious issue is somewhat dormant but it is far from being dead. We believe that if a Catholic is nominated for the Presidency the Protestant population of this country will be aroused to a degree that will astound politicians. It is not the candidate's personal faith that will be in question, nor will it be his political party. It is the conflict between the principles of American democracy and the teachings of the Roman Catholic church that will cause the concern.

There never has been any doubt as to the stand of the Catholic church on relations between the church and state. The very nature of its ecclesiastical system prevents a separation of the two. The Roman Catholic church is a monolithic dictatorship ruled from the top down with military precision. It is inconsistent for anyone to claim he believes that democracy is good in government if he believes it is bad in religion. Sooner or later the two loyalties must clash.

As *Christianity Today* pointed out editorially: "A Catholic in the Presidency would be torn between two loyalties as no Protestant has ever been. A candidate may announce, and even sincerely believe, that he is immune to Vatican pressure; but can we be sure that he will not succumb in the confessional booth to threats of purgatory and promises of merit from the organization which he believes to hold the keys of heaven?"

The growing political influence that the Roman Catholic church exerts on our government and our society will keep millions of Protestants from voting for any Catholic candidate lest they hasten the trend. They have seen what Roman Catholicism has done in other lands where Protestant churches remain closed by the government because of an agreement between Catholicism and the government. They know that when Catholicism holds sway neither the individual nor the nation has any guarantee of freedom. Any freedom that is permitted comes to an abrupt end the moment it interferes with the plans and policies of the church.

"Roman Catholicism in the United States has come a long way in a century and a half," writes C. Stanley Lowell. "At first as a feeble minority it accepted Church-state separation. Now it intimidates Congress, censors and silences opposition, collects vast sums from the public treasury, and drives toward official recognition and establishment. If the Protestants do not unite in determined opposition this drive will, in another decade, see the end of Church-state separation here. We shall have, to all practical effect, a religious establishment in a country whose Constitution forbids it."

Will Protestants awake to the danger before it is too late?—R.C.C.

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# The Crowd at the Cross

By David A. Womack  
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**T**HE CROSS OF CALVARY WAS THE TURNING POINT OF history. Jesus Christ was condemned to die because a sinful world could not contain the Son of God and retain its basic sinfulness.

The money-changers could not operate successfully in the temple; the publicans could not continue to gather their illegal taxes; the religious leaders could not hold to their traditional doctrines. Either the world had to change or Jesus Christ had to die. When man was faced with Jesus Christ he was faced with a decision. And it was that decision which placed our Lord on the cross.

Around the cross that day were several different groups of people. Each could be recognized by its actions and attitude toward "the King of the Jews" who was being crucified there. Men always group themselves together for such events. There is in man a basic fear of death that requires the security of the mob when he resorts to violence.

In the three groups that made up the crowd at the cross can be seen the three main reactions to the message of the cross down through the centuries.

## I

One of the groups which made up the crowd at the cross was that of the soldiers who parted His garments. These were the **INDIFFERENT**. They had witnessed many such occasions. In the first century public executions were common in the Roman Empire for it was a period of tyranny and harsh rule. The "Pax Augustae" was a very unsettled peace, existing by the power of the Roman sword. Whenever the sword becomes the symbol of peace, that peace can be maintained only by the sword's constant use. To these men, then, this was just another execution.

While the greatest miracle in the history of mankind was taking place on the cross above them, the men gambled for the clothing of the condemned.

What a large portion of today's world can be seen in these men! How easy it is to be near the message of the cross without really becoming a part of it—to claim to be Christian without knowing Christ. In a world of great

## O BLESSED CROSS

O cross of Christ, I turn to thee  
For the rich gift thou hast for me,  
When pardoning grace for sin came forth  
To bless all creatures of the earth.

The hills of vales are now made bright  
Because of thine eternal Light;  
And from thy rugged beam there flows  
A balm for all our griefs and woes.

Thou blessed cross, with arms flung wide,  
To bid the whole world to thy side:  
In Christ who hung upon thy breast  
I find sublime and perfect rest.

—MABEL BACON

material progress it is so easy to set our goals on the petty division of worldly goods and then to be indifferent to the real purpose of life—to be saved by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and live for the glory of God.

There is no blindness so dark as the inability to see past the material world. When we live only to seek material progress; when we hang the fate of the world on a satellite, or base our peace on a hydrogen bomb; when we live so close to the world that we can see nothing else, then the cross becomes just an ancient monument to a lost religion. It is time for men to see that our modern progress is not the result of modern minds alone, but it is based upon centuries of Christian influence made possible by the cross.

It is impossible for an indifferent person to be saved, so long as his indifference continues. Yet, among the indifferent soldiers at the cross there was one who looked to heaven saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

## II

Another of the groups that made up the crowd was composed of those who mocked the Lord. These were the **ANTAGONISTIC**. Upon this group was the real guilt of the crucifixion. As a violent mob they had shouted, "Crucify him!" before Pontius Pilate. They had surrounded Jesus with wicked laughter and shouts of mockery as He was led up the hill. They had cried in triumph as the nails had been pounded into His tense hands and feet. Their mockery was complete when they had raised the cross to its position and dared the Son of God to come down.

Some of these men had been among the religious leaders who had planned Christ's death; but for the most part they were blind, ignorant people who were moved to violence by the mob. Many of them may have been in the same crowd that had waved palm branches and had shouted "Hosanna!" only a few days before. It would not be many days until they would be moved to action again by the preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost. As always in violence, the really antagonistic were only a small minor-

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# Epaphroditus, the Lord's Desperado



BY JAMES A. STEWART

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**R**ECKLESS SACRIFICIAL LIVING IS THE need of the hour. One rash but heroic Luther is worth a thousand men of the Erasmus type who are unspeakably wise but passionless and time-serving.

The men who leave their mark on the world, and the men who really extend the empires of Christ's kingdom, are not the men who are carefully calculating and coldly professional, but rather the men who "regard not their lives."

D. L. Moody said concerning the Italian patriot Garibaldi, "Though I do not admire his ideas, I do admire the enthusiasm of that man. It is reported that when he marched towards Rome in 1867, they took him up and threw him into prison. He wrote to his comrades, 'If fifty Garibaldis are thrown into prison, let Rome be free.' A good many people are complaining all the time about themselves and crying out, 'My leanness, my leanness,' when they ought rather to say, 'My laziness, my laziness!'"

The Scriptures tell us that Epaphroditus hazarded his life for Christ. All we know about him is derived from two passages in the letter he carried from Rome to Philippi. He is a brave soul who was brought from the depths of obscurity in connection with the imprisonment of Paul. For a fleeting moment he passes across the stage of apostolic history and leaves his name forever enshrined in that mighty roll of men and women who risked their lives for the sake of the gospel.

The name of Epaphroditus appears in sacred Scriptures as that of a courier of the church of Philippi to the apostle Paul in his prison house in Rome. A deep intimate communion existed between the Philippian church, born in persecution, and the blessed man who brought them the gospel. From the very beginning of this assembly they had followed breathlessly the missionary journeys of their father in Christ, and again and again they had ministered to his necessities. The apostle had last visited them in A.D. 58 when he spent the Paschal week with them at the close of his third missionary journey. Very soon afterwards he was arrested and imprisoned. Now they were in the depths of frustration because they could no longer minister in

an ordinary way to the needs of their friend. Burdened to render service and alleviate the sufferings of the aged warrior, they delegated Epaphroditus to carry food, clothing, and money in the name of the assembly right into the very prison of this dear man of God. So great was their concern that they would not trust their offerings to any strange traveler who happened to be going to Rome.

How gladly Epaphroditus sped on his errand of love, and with what noble self-abandonment he executed his task, is seen in Paul's letter to the Philippians. The apostle uses one of his bold metaphors to express the service and spirit of his friend. He wrote:

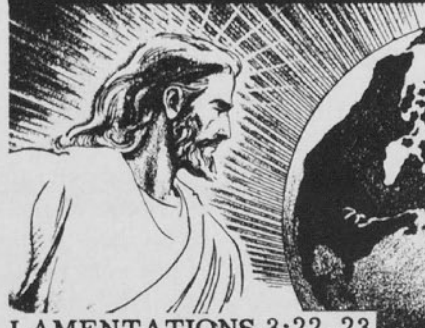
"He hazarded his life" (Weymouth).

"He set his own life at stake in his single-handed efforts" (Way).

The Greek word from which these expressions come (translated "not regarding his life" in A.V.) means "to take a risk," "to gamble." Paul, who was constantly with the Roman soldiers, was familiar with their constant gambling habits, and therefore came by this expression naturally. The Roman soldier was an inveterate gambler. The apostle must have been tried sorely at times as he listened constantly to tales of gains and losses recounted by his guards and even was forced to witness their games. The Roman soldier gambled on anything and everything. Whatever he might discard, it would not be his dice.

One thing that helps to make the

## BIBLE VERSE



LAMENTATIONS 3:22, 23

*It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

story of the Crucifixion so realistic is the account of the soldiers gambling at the very foot of the cross. One artist, in portraying the scene at Calvary, has cleverly sketched a helmet in the hands of the soldiers, ready for throwing the dice. This is a bit of the Roman army; wherever the soldier went, his dice went!

The traveled veteran Roman soldier adopted the custom of the Greek soldiers who shouted when they won high stakes, "By Aphrodite!" (Among the Greeks, Aphrodite was the goddess of gambling.) In Greek the expression would be *Epaphroditos*. Surely this expression was dinned into the ears of Paul day and night in connection with the gambling which went on around him. Now when he would write about his friend, he coins the expression from the barrack room and exclaims, "Epaphroditus, the gambler for the Lord." Or, as in the more ancient Latin version, the Greek is transliterated, "He played desperado with his life." Thank God for a man with such a spirit, who staked his life recklessly in the service of his Master!

It is not difficult to imagine the ways in which this "desperado" risked his life. There was the long, tedious, dangerous journey from Philippi to Rome. There was the day-and-night ministering to Paul's needs as he became proxy for the whole assembly in Philippi. In a thousand and one ways he eased the chafing of the aching wrists and made the apostle's chains less painful to bear. It may be he lost his health in his constant labors to win souls for Christ in the great metropolis. Possibly he contracted that painful disease, malarial fever, from which many suffered in that day. Whatever it was, Paul says, "he was nigh unto death," and it was because of his reckless devotion to Christ.

*Many sit at Jesus' table,  
Few will fast with Him,  
When the sorrow-cup of anguish  
Trembles at the brim.  
Few watch with Him in the garden  
Who have sung the hymn.  
But the souls who love supremely—  
Let woe come, or bliss—  
These will count their dearest hearts'  
blood  
Not their own but His.  
Saviour, Thou who thus hath loved  
me  
Give me love like this!*

Oh, for a host of Epaphrodituses

today! Unless we repent of our easy-going religious routine, this man will rise up against us in the day of judgment. The soft, flabby, hypocritical Church, so far removed from the fellowship of the Lord's sufferings, likes the dead-level of mediocrity in the things of God.

A disciple who is extravagant in his devotion to the things of Christ, and who recklessly stakes his all to evangelize a lost and dying world, is counted dangerous and one to be avoided. When one breaks his alabaster box of precious ointment in allegiance to the dear Saviour, a cold calculating Church rises up in protest: "To what purpose is this waste?" "It is all very romantic and sentimental, but is it really necessary?"

Our God has said, "One of you shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight!" That is heaven's arithmetic. God would rather have one utterly abandoned man or woman than a thousand who are half-hearted in service. Oh, for the spirit of a Henry Martyn! Oh, for the spirit of a David Brainerd!

Henry Martyn, with the honors of Cambridge University at his feet, turned his back upon fame and fortune and all that was dear to him, and blazed a trail for God in heathen lands. His was the cry, "Now let me burn out for God." At the age of thirty-one he was taken home a worn-out old man, having

contracted a fever during his last journey. Having laid all on the altar, he literally laid down his life for Christ.

David Brainerd, the missionary to the North American Indians, wrote: "Here I am, Lord, send me. Send me to the ends of the earth. Send me to the rough savage pagans in the wilderness. Send me from all that is called comfort on earth. Send me even to death itself, if it be in Thy service and to promote Thy kingdom."

The hazarding of his life in such a gamble for God seems all the more sacred when we realize under what circumstances the words were written. This young missionary had labored for several years among the Indians, sleeping on bits of straw, suffering extreme loneliness, eating foods almost unpalatable. His labors had been rewarded greatly in the salvation of souls, and now he had been blessed with the love and friendship of the godly daughter of that mighty Puritan revivalist, Jonathan Edwards. Under these circumstances, he felt that a settled abode was at last possible for him. At this point, however, he received a doctor's verdict that the disease with which he had been battling for years would soon end his life.

Mounting his horse, Brainerd once again faced the roving uncertain life of the wilderness to spend his few remaining days among the souls he longed

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THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER.—1 PET 1:25

Remember, Dad—

# You Are the Priest of Your Household

BY DON MALLOUGH

**T**O YOU, FATHERS, WE PAY TRIBUTE on this your special day. Father's Day has been designated to honor the head of the family and to express appreciation for him and for all he does throughout the year. You are deserving of the accolades you have received from your family and others today.

This special day is a time of joy in relationship and appreciation for family leadership. It can and should be also a time of heart-searching to see if that leadership measures up to accepted standards. You have been a good provider, a pillar in time of adversity, considerate when listening to problems, a pal to the children in time of play, and generally a leader for the family. Has the spiritual leadership been as vigorous as that you have exemplified in other areas?

When tribute is paid to you for family leadership, has your spiritual role ranked with the rest?

You are the priest of your household. You must recognize that position and strive to live up to it more than any of your other responsibilities. The tenor of spirituality within the family is set by you. Whether spiritual matters play a major or minor part in the family is determined by your example and leadership. You hold the key position, being the head of the house, and this calls for a vigorous spiritual leadership.

The Bible cites many examples of such leadership. In the patriarchal age the priestly functions were exercised by the head of the family. Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice (Genesis 8:20). Abraham did likewise and

sacrificed in behalf of his son (Genesis 22:13; 26:25). He also interceded for his relatives and, because of his prayers, they were saved (Genesis 19:29). Others who performed priestly acts as the head of the family were Adam, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Job, Samuel and Elijah.

In the era of the law a special group, the sons of Aaron, were designated as priests. Now that the law is swallowed up in the fullness of the dispensation of grace, the priesthood rests with all men. The Scriptures say, "Ye also...are...an holy priesthood" and "Ye are...a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5, 9). Again it is written, "(He) hath made us kings and priests unto

God" (Revelation 1:6). The universal priesthood of the believer is a cornerstone of our Christian faith. If you are a son of God you have a function to serve as a priest before God.

The word *priest* may seem a strange one to use in this capacity but it actually depicts aspects of spiritual leadership that should be found in the head of every family. All the prerogatives of the Levitical priests in a past dispensation are not bestowed upon believer-priests today, because Christ has fulfilled many of those rituals. There are, however, four basic principles of a Biblical priesthood that should prevail in your life and mine. As the priest of your household you can boldly claim them.















### *A Priest Is Called by God*

To be called is an explicit experience and the Bible declares it to be a necessity for the priesthood. "And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron" (Hebrews 5:4). A call is not limited to those who serve in a public capacity or who minister from a pulpit. In the providence of God you have been chosen for the strategic role as the head of a family. As a minister has a large congregation under his supervision and direction, so you have one of smaller size, but no less important. To sense your call and realize your responsibility helps to fulfill your position in the priesthood.

### *A Priest Is Separated unto God*

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# The Family Altar



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

## Monday, June 20

**Read:** Romans 1:1-12

**Learn:** "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Romans 1:8).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out: (1) the writer of this epistle, v. 1; (2) Paul's credentials, v. 1; (3) the gospel revolves around the truth that Jesus Christ is God's Son—proved by His power, resurrection, and holiness, vv. 2-5; (4) through Christ we have received sonship, vv. 5-7; (5) the importance of having faith that is an inspiration to others, v. 8; (6) Paul's great desire to see and help the brethren of the church at Rome, vv. 9-12.

**Question Time:** Who wrote this epistle? (v. 1) What truth is central to the gospel? (vv. 2-5)

**Missionary Birthday:** Richard D. McGee, Nicaragua.

## Tuesday, June 21

**Read:** Romans 1:13-23

**Learn:** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

**For the Parent:** Review the material studied yesterday. From this passage point out: (1) Paul's reiteration of his desire to see these Christians, v. 13; (2) his consciousness of the help he received from others, v. 14; (3) his determination to fulfill God's will, regardless of the consequences, v. 15; (4) his statement of what the gospel is—and his purpose in writing this epistle, vv. 16, 17; (5) why God's judgments will be poured out upon the unsaved, vv. 18-23.

**Question Time:** What is the gospel? (v. 16) What does it reveal? (v. 17) How can we live in it? (v. 17)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. M. I. Lund, South Africa; Winslow Edward Anderson (Indian), Washington.

## Wednesday, June 22

**Read:** Romans 1:24-32

**Learn:** "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18).

**For the Parent:** Review the material studied on the first part of this chapter. Then discuss more fully the forms which man's rejection of God takes: idolatry, immorality, etc. Discuss also some of the specific types of unrighteousness mentioned in verses 29-31. Verse 32 gives God's indictment of these people and their wicked-

ness. Thus Paul shows the natural inclination of men, their wickedness, and the reasons why God must punish them.

**Question Time:** In what ways do men demonstrate their rejection of God? (See above) Why must God judge the wicked?

**Missionary Birthday:** Arthur E. Lindvall, El Salvador.

## Thursday, June 23

**Read:** Matthew 25:14-27

**Learn:** "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "The Possessors of Talents" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this parable point out: (1) the test devised by the master, vv. 14, 15; (2) the basis on which he divided the talents, v. 15; (3) the actions of the three servants—what each did with his talents, vv. 16-18; (4) the day of reckoning and what had been accomplished, vv. 19-27; (5) the rewards and judgments, vv. 21, 23, 26, 27.

**Question Time:** On what basis did the master divide the talents? (v. 15) What did each servant do with the talents entrusted to him? How does this apply to us?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. V. D. Pettenger, South Africa; Mrs. K. L. Godbey, Nigeria.

## Friday, June 24

**Read:** John 21:1-14; Mark 6:31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "We...do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

**For the Parent:** During the past few weeks Juniors have learned that to be a

friend to Jesus we must take time to be with Him and we must be loyal. This lesson emphasizes still another truth: we must also please Him—do the things He wants us to do. Show how this story illustrates that truth—and the blessing that obedience brought to the disciples. Let the group discuss other ways in which we can please the Lord.

**Question Time:** What does this lesson teach us about being a friend to Jesus? What blessings did the disciples receive because of their obedience?

**Missionary Birthday:** Edward H. Brothers (Indian), Washington.

## Saturday, June 25

**Read:** Exodus 12:3-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

**For the Parent:** Review the material studied about Moses' contest with Pharaoh and the stubbornness of the Egyptian king. Review also the plagues which God had sent upon the Egyptians. Finally, it became necessary for God to send one last plague: the death of the first-born son of man and beast. This passage discusses the provision God made to spare Israel the sorrow which would come to the Egyptians. Discuss this provision, showing how it points toward Jesus who, by His death, has saved us from eternal death.

**Question Time:** What was the final plague God sent upon Egypt? (See above) How could Israel be spared? What does this typify?

**Missionary Birthdays:** DeForrest L. Hasch, Tanganyika; Mrs. Hubert C. Dew, West Africa.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the story hour groups of the various Alaska churches. Through this work among the children, souls have been won to Christ.

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Pray for the Casa Blanca Church on the Gila River Reservation and for Marcia McCorkle, missionary to the Pima Indians. A number of obstacles have made ministry here difficult.

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Missionary Melvin Grams (Liberia) is suffering from chronic tonsillitis. Please pray that the Lord will undertake so that he may be restored to active ministry.

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Pray for the new Jewish work at Spokane, Wash., where the newly-ap-

pointed home missionaries, the James W. Pulvers, minister. They have found several Jewish people, influential in their own circles, to be very interested in their Bible study.

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Continue to pray for Juan C. Orozo, superintendent of our work in Mexico. He has improved but is still in need of complete physical healing.

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Pray for the Indian camp meetings which will be conducted in different parts of the United States this summer. Past camp meetings have proved to be very beneficial spiritually to the Christian Indians and many others have been saved at the camps.

# Our Faithful Father in Heaven

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER  
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

**I**N THE MIDST OF SOME OF HIS MOST bitter lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah cried out, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

As we read the Scriptures, we marvel again and again at God's faithfulness to Israel in spite of their often backslidings. Indeed, up to the present hour, He has not suffered His faithfulness to them to fail nor has He broken His covenant nor altered one utterance that has passed His lips. (Psalm 89:33, 34). And His future faithfulness to Israel is as sure as His past. His covenant made with Abraham will stand forever and all His promises to His chosen people will come to pass in due time.

No less faithful is God to all who fly to Him for refuge. Their "strong consolation" is that God cannot lie and will keep His promises. That hope is an anchor to the soul "both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil" (Hebrews 6:17-19).

Nothing in heaven or earth is more sure than the Word of God. He has magnified it above all His name. Psalm 138:2. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

Great is God's faithfulness to each of us individually. Let us feed on His faithfulness. "God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24). "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you and keep you from evil" (2 Thessalonians 3:3). "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to

cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

This last is one of the most comforting of all God's promises. Satan tries hard to make us doubt this. He brings back our confessed sins and whips us with them. He uses them to accuse us before God day and night and to condemn us when we pray. God would be neither faithful nor just if He did not forgive our sins when we confess them. He would not be faithful, for He has promised to forgive them. He would not be just because of His righteousness (Romans 3:24-26).



Guide gently, father! In your hands you hold  
A character unformed, a substance rare;  
Pure, shining, mobile—it is yours to mold  
The bright beginnings of a structure fair.

Pray daily, father! Hour by precious hour,  
Your building shapes into a man-to-be;  
You need that stronger Hand, that higher  
Power  
To help you build a soul successfully!

Have patience, father, every day will bring  
Its problems, and the need for judgment  
mild.  
You failed today? Tomorrow you may sing;  
Your Father also pitieth His child.

Walk softly, father, let the life unfold  
According to the all-wise Father's plan.  
Redeem the time; today is purest gold;  
Tomorrow this small son will be a man!

—Kathryn Blackburn Peck

Some of us may not be so tempted about our past sins as about our failures or perhaps our lack of success in the work of our Lord. Have you ever considered that Jesus too was tempted to feel that His work had been in vain? What a flood of light the Old Testament prophets throw on the life of our Lord! We would not know by reading the gospels that our Lord was so tempted. But Isaiah says, "Then I said, I have labored in vain. I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord and my work with my God" (Isaiah 49:4). The context of this verse indicates it was our Lord Himself speaking, although He is addressed here, as in some other places, as Israel.

What a comfort is this to missionaries working in difficult fields and to home workers also, who, in spite of their faithfulness may have seen little result for their labor. Do we wonder that He cried out in these foregoing words? He had come to His people and they had not received Him. He had spoken to them as "never man spoke" but they had not heeded His words. He had healed their sick and raised their dead but they had not believed He was sent of God. He had appealed to the nation but they had not responded. Alone, He prayed in Gethsemane; alone, He stood before Pilate; alone, He suffered on Calvary. He was comforted, however, by the fact that His judgment was with the Lord and His work with His God. This alone is the comfort of those so tempted by apparent failure.

Oh how it encourages us to know that He was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). But and if our lack of success be our unfaithfulness, our slothfulness, our lack of wisdom or faith, God is faithful to forgive us, if we confess our sin. He will not restore to us the lost opportunities or fruit but He will forgive. Some may feel that they have missed God's plan for their lives through disobedience and there is no longer hope for them. To do so is indeed something to be sorely regretted but He will for-



give. Our vessel may have been marred in the hands of the Potter. But He will not throw away the clay; instead He will remove the sand or pebble that caused the marring and make it another vessel as it pleases Him. Not the vessel He had first planned to make but one of some other use to Him (Jeremiah 18:4). Whatever the past, God is faithful to forgive if we confess.

Again our failure may not be all that Satan pictures it to be. It is written in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that God requires faithfulness, not necessarily success, of His stewards. Let us refuse the assaults of the devil and not go through life like a whipped dog.

Another marvelous thing about the faithfulness of God is that He is faithful even though we believe not (2 Timothy 2:13). He has been faithful to His chosen people through all the years of their unbelief, because of His covenant with Abraham.

I learned this lesson some years ago. I had prayed about a certain matter of great importance to me. God had given me some definite promises concerning it and, on several occasions, had filled my soul with singing in anticipation that it would come to pass.

The time drew near for the answer and new circumstances arose that made it impossible. I began to waver and fear that according to James 1:6, 7, I could now receive nothing from the Lord. I cried out, "Lord I am wavering again, just as I always do when my faith is tried. I am sorry Lord. Now I can receive nothing from Thee. Forgive me Lord."

The enemy whispered, "A lot of good your praying, singing and tears have been! You have spoiled everything by your unbelief. God can do nothing for you now."

Then God, in His infinite faithfulness, whispered to me. "Child of mine, I keep my promises not because of your faithfulness but because of my own." "Oh, do you Lord?" I cried, "I know you are faithful. You cannot lie and you will answer my prayer." The faith for obtaining sprang up in my heart and within one week the impossible thing was done.

How faithful is our God! Instead of condemning me for my unbelief, He spoke the word that produced faith in my heart, and is not this the way faith comes, by hearing the Word of God? (Romans 10:17).

I have learned a new definition of

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Bible

### BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS NEW RECORD IN SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

The American Bible Society distributed 17,650,917 volumes of Scriptures during 1959. This was the most distributed in any year since the society was founded in 1816.

These Scriptures included over a million whole Bibles, nearly two million New Testaments, and over fourteen million smaller portions, printed in 296 languages. About sixty per cent of the volumes were distributed in the United States, including over a million copies given to military personnel.

At the 144th annual meeting of the Bible society, held in New York City, it was announced that last year, for the first time, it placed Scriptures in submarines of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. A record quantity of Braille Bibles and Talking Book records for the Blind was distributed also.

During the annual meeting the Bible Society honored Miss Helen Keller, who will be 80 next month, for the work she has done in providing spiritual

help for the Blind even though she herself has been both blind and deaf since she was nineteen months old. A plaque was presented to Miss Keller, on which the following words were inscribed: "Insight comes not by the eye, nor wisdom by hearing. But from a heart of faith inspired by the Word of God rise truth and love to bless all mankind."

In its annual report the Bible society said, "A way must be found to increase the supply of Scriptures to the world during the next ten years, which may be one of the most significant decades of the twentieth century."

### SENATOR GIVES A SERMONETTE

Recently Senator Robert C. Byrd (D.-W. Va.) commended the Bible to the consideration of the nation during a speech before the United States Senate. He pointed out that "the Bible is an astonishing miracle" and quoted Psalm 19 in its entirety.

"Written fragment by fragment," he said, "over the course of many centuries, under different states of society and in different languages, by persons of the most diverse temperaments, talents, and under differing conditions,

we can only marvel at the harmony of the whole sublime and momentous work. Lawyer and merchant, physician and diplomat, statesman and soldier, rich and poor—all may derive from it alike measureless treasures. . . . It was divinely inspired and it reveals God's wondrous plan of salvation for erring mankind."

## Evangelism

### CLEVELAND STREET PREACHING BAN RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

A local ordinance which banned street preaching in Cleveland, Ohio, was ruled unconstitutional by a three-judge court. The ruling was a victory for Fulton H. Baker, Baptist lay preacher, who was arrested last August while preaching in front of the Terminal Tower on Cleveland's public square.

The ordinance banned the congregating of persons in front of structures, unless they had occupations or business at the places. The judges said that in its present form the ordinance could "permit the arrest of two or more friends found conversing on the sidewalk before or after church," which would be reposterous.

### WORSHIP SERVICE CONDUCTED DURING SUBMARINE'S RECORD-BREAKING VOYAGE

There was no chaplain aboard the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton during its historic underwater trip around the world this spring. Nevertheless worship services were conducted every Sunday. The ship's captain, Edward L. Beach (left foreground) is shown worshipping with other Protestant crew members as a seaman leads a service.

During the 41,500-mile voyage, which lasted 84 days, the skipper took his turn as worship leader, conducting three of the weekly services.

Protestant and Catholic services were held separately in the crew's messroom, which seats 46. (Photo by Religious News Service)



## Foreign

### MOVES TO MAKE BUDDHISM BURMA'S STATE RELIGION

Prime Minister U Nu of the Union of Burma, in a step to fulfill a campaign promise made before his recent election, has appointed an Advisory Commission for making Buddhism the state religion. Purpose of the Advisory Commission, he said, would be to protect the rights of minority religious groups.

Of Burma's 20,250,000 people, about 80 per cent are said to be Buddhist. Others are Hindus or Mohammedans. There are some 600,000 Protestant Christians and over 177,000 Roman Catholics.

During a century and a quarter of British rule, Buddhism lost prestige, but since Burma achieved independence in 1948 there has been a general revival of Buddhist strength.

### MISSIONARIES MEET OPPOSITION IN MEXICO

An airplane belonging to Southern Presbyterian missionaries in Mexico was dynamited at Easter. A charge of dynamite was exploded under the engine of the year-old plane, "Wings of Truth," but no one was injured.

Pilot of the plane was John B. Wood, stationed in Ometepac. He said he and his co-workers used the plane in visiting fifteen Mexican villages on the Pacific coast and in the foothills of Mexico, 150 miles south of Acapulco. They had been opposed by "religious fanatics" in two of the villages, he reported. A Mexican Bible worker was held up in this area a few months ago. More recently, he said, two American members of the Wycliffe Bible Translators had been held up and threatened.

Responsibility for the dynamiting is being investigated by Mexican authorities.

### PRINT SHOP RAIDED IN SPAIN

On April 15 (Good Friday) Spanish police raided a Protestant print shop and confiscated some two thousand dollars' worth of printing plates, type, engravings, and gospel literature. Two men who published and printed the literature were arrested.

Ironically, this happened on the very day the Primate of the Catholic Church in Spain issued a circular calling on Spanish Catholics to pray for "the persecuted Church" (referring, of course, to the Catholic Church in Communist lands).

June 19, 1960

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

#### Can Satan read our minds?

I do not know, but it is remarkable how some who seem under demon power are able to discern thoughts.

#### Is there a scripture which says, "Weep at a birth and rejoice at a death"?

I know of no such scripture. The nearest like it is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 17. There is "a time to every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die... a time to weep, and a time to laugh."

#### Did Jesus receive the Holy Spirit at His baptism as we do (Matthew 3:16)?

Jesus had the Holy Spirit from His birth. At Jordan He was anointed for His ministry. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38). The degree in which Jesus was filled for this ministry was undoubtedly greater than we have as yet received, "for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" (John 3:34), while to us the Spirit is "the earnest of our inheritance" (Ephesians 1:13, 14). We do not read that Jesus had to receive further infillings of the Spirit, but further infillings are needed by us (Acts 4:29-31).

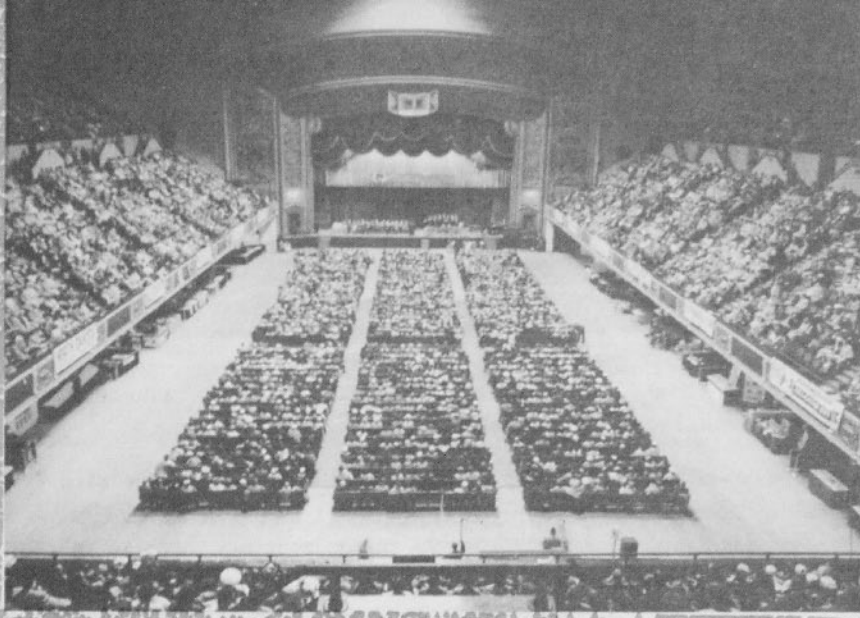
#### Who were the Cherethites and Pelethites who, with Zadok and Benaiah, made Solomon king (1 Kings 1:28, 39, 44)?

There are scriptures which indicate that they were bodyguards of David. It is probable that they were gentiles, since it was their land that David invaded when he was in exile (1 Samuel 30:14). There are those who believe the term Cherethite was a different term for Philistia, just as Britain is often used as equivalent to England. (See Zephaniah 2:5.) This guard was under the command of Benaiah (2 Samuel 8:18; 1 Kings 1:38, 44). They went before David when he fled from Absalom (2 Samuel 5:18). Some believe the Cherethites did most of the guarding while the Pelethites carried messages for the king. While this is not the only explanation, it seems best supported by Scripture.

#### Is it true that tithing was only for those under the law and that it is not now necessary?

The system under which the eleven tribes of Israel brought the tithes into the storehouse for support of the tribe of Levi, which served the tabernacle, is done away. But I cannot see where tithing has been abolished. Abraham tithed to Melchizedek before the law was given, and Melchizedek was a type of Christ (Genesis 14:18; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20). We cannot tithe directly to Christ but we do so "through his body the church." Jacob tithed before the law was given (Genesis 28:22). Jesus put His approval on tithing (Luke 11:42) and Paul used support of the Levitical priesthood as an example of how the Christian ministry should be supported (1 Corinthians 9). If the church is made the storehouse for support of the pastor, and for local church work, and for furthering the gospel to the ends of the earth, I believe it is well to bring the tithes into the local church, not as a legal duty, but as a Christian grace.

*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).*



Evening crowd at International Sunday School Convention in Minneapolis

# International Sunday School Convention

**D**URING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY delegates from practically every continent converged on Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the International Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God. They traveled by car, bus, train, plane and boat—with the one purpose of being challenged to work more effectively for the Lord.

The corridors of the Municipal Auditorium reverberated with joyous greetings as old friends met and new acquaintances were made. It had been six years since there had been a National Sunday School Convention and there was added interest to this one due to the international flavor. Mingling among the jostling crowds of Americans and Canadians were both missionaries and nationals from such far-away points as India, South Africa, Germany, Colombia, Nigeria, Honduras, Egypt, and the Philippines. In one service there was a missionary parade made up of those who had journeyed from afar to the convention.

It is conservatively estimated that 8,500 people were in attendance and the official total of those who registered came to 5,220. Of that number 120 delegates were from points beyond the North American continent. Aside from the plenary sessions, held both morning and evening, some 37

different conferences were conducted, dealing with varied aspects of Sunday school and church endeavor. A total of 98 colorful booths and exhibits in the auditorium and adjacent corridors presented literature, materials and supplies to those who were seeking better ways to carry on the Lord's work.

Missionary Billie Davis of Costa Rica was speaker on the first night. Using the theme of the convention, "Teach All Nations," as her subject she emphasized the tremendous importance of carrying out the great commission of our Lord.

Pastor Victor Trimmer of the Central Assembly of God in Wichita, Kansas, brought a thought-provoking message on the second night. He indicted himself and his hearers by saying, "We have been more concerned with building Sunday schools than with building Christian lives. We have been more interested in crowds than conversions, programming than preparation, and entertaining than instructing."

The final message of the convention was delivered by Percy S. Brewster, pastor of City Temple in Cardiff, Wales. His was an earnest appeal for zeal in God's work like that of Christ. He said this zeal veritably consumed our Lord and should do the same for us.

Speakers in the day sessions were R. L. Brandt, William E. Kirschke, George Davis, and Charles W. Denton. Each evening hundreds of children assembled in an adjacent auditorium to hear J. Raymond Ton and "Willie."

A traditional part of all Sunday school conventions is the visual presentations and these were not missing at Minneapolis. The first was entitled, "The Lost Stone," and brought home a forcible truth. The concluding presentation was a repeat of the great visual that was presented in the eighth National Sunday School Convention in Springfield, Missouri, several years ago, "The Good Ship Sunday School Evangelism." The impact of the final scene sent the delegates away with a greater determination to win souls everywhere.

Encouraging reports were brought from the foreign field. The Assemblies in Italy are now publishing five Sunday school quarterlies. The brethren in Germany are enlarging their program, breaking with tradition and planning for adults in their Sunday schools as well as children. In Nigeria there are at least six Sunday schools that averaged over a thousand in attendance during the last enlargement campaign. South Africa has a successful workers training program and over one thousand certificates were issued this year. All of these accomplishments urge us on to greater progress here in the U.S.

Special awards were made for churches and districts with the largest delegations in attendance. Two local congregations had the most people present. First place went to the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle and second to Fremont Tabernacle of the same city. First place for the largest delegation traveling the greatest distance was taken by the First Assembly of God of Eugene, Oregon, and the second-place award went to Central Assembly of God of Richmond, California. The church from Canada with the largest delegation present was Calvary Temple of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and second-place honors went to Elim Pentecostal Church, Port Arthur, Ontario. In the awards to the districts Minnesota placed first and New York second.

To the thousands who were privileged to attend it was a great convention. The coming of the Lord will be hastened because all were challenged and have gone forth to "Teach all Nations." ◀◀



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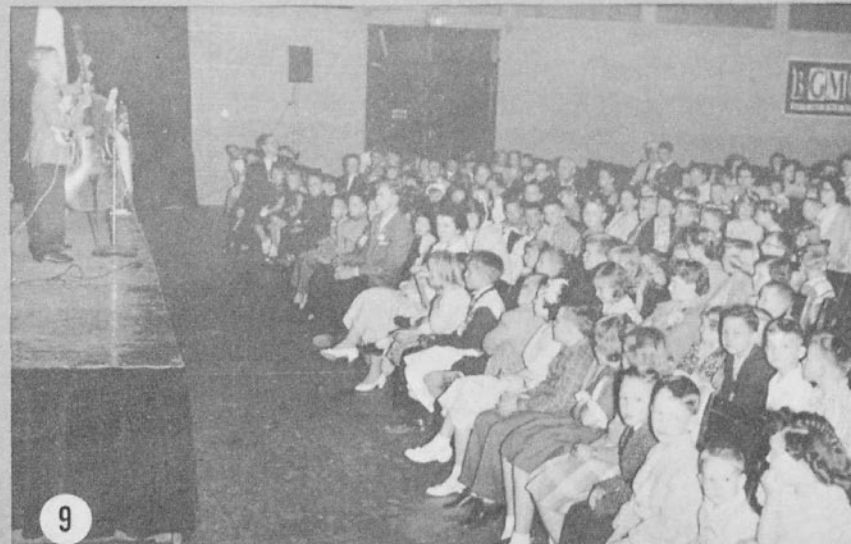
1. Delegates registering
2. One of the 36 colorful exhibits
3. Practical work in the crafts conference
4. Maxine Strobbridge interprets for the Deaf
5. The Men's Fellowship breakfast
6. Colorful representation from the Far East
7. The children hear Billie Davis
8. A part of the missionary parade
9. Consecrated talent in the Children's sessions



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# Twenty-five Miles from Freedom's Frontier

BY RICHARD L. JOHNSTON

WHY ARE YOU REGISTERING TO ENTER Bible school, Brother Choi?"

"I've got to—I don't belong to me! I belong to Jesus!" came the shy but clear-cut answer from Brother Choi. He spoke in broken English in response to questioning by the board of directors during his entrance examination into our Assemblies of God Bible school in Seoul, Korea. The same question receives similar answers again and again as student after student applies for entrance.

One of the greatest thrills we know as missionaries is to see young men, some of whom seem to offer the least possibilities at first, begin to respond to full-gospel teaching, and become filled with the Spirit, and blossom into effective, Spirit-filled messengers of the gospel. Truly this is the supreme challenge of our mission field.

For the past six years the Korea Bible school has operated under extremely difficult conditions with cramped dormitories and one classroom. We thank God for the past, for all that has been accomplished, and for each young pastor who is out doing a work for God; but we believe God wants us now to enlarge, and move forward.

Two years ago God led John Stetz and me to purchase land just four miles north of Seoul. It was a long process to deal with eighteen farmers and attend to endless red tape. Little did we know then how valuable this property would become. We paid \$6,000. Today the new Bible School property is valued at \$60,000! We are right in the heart of an entirely new city which is part of the suburbs of Seoul.

Already, we have hauled the sand and are making cement blocks. We are now ready to start construction. The whole project of school, dormitories, church, and teachers' houses will require a minimum of \$20,000. Pastor Ralph Byrd of Atlanta, Georgia, has already sent \$2,300. Other offerings received make a total of \$3,500. With these funds we have started and will be able to make and lay the cement blocks up to the roof line on a 40 by 100 foot two-story school building. We need your help now to enable us speedily to complete our priority project in this critical position—only twenty-five miles from freedom's frontier.

If you should like to have a part in building the Korea Bible School, send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. Designation: KOREA—BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING.

## MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

March, 1960

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,575.21	Northwest .....	26,419.61
Appalachian ..	764.48	Ohio .....	11,762.72
Arizona .....	4,344.88	Oklahoma .....	23,892.54
Arkansas .....	4,097.27	Oregon .....	11,503.45
Eastern .....	15,313.31	Polish Br. ....	46.00
Georgia .....	1,913.17	Potomac .....	12,807.67
German Br. ...	785.21	Rocky Mtn. ...	7,683.79
Greek Br. ....	53.22	S. Carolina ...	1,491.89
Hungarian Br. .	90.00	S. Dakota .....	3,056.68
Illinois .....	1,715.68	S. Florida .....	6,759.99
Indiana .....	5,002.99	S. California ..	41,103.24
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Kentucky .....	626.17	S. Idaho .....	2,454.16
Lat. Am. Br. ...	39.59	S. Missouri .....	9,356.37
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Michigan .....	12,618.41	Tennessee .....	6,216.66
Minnesota .....	13,470.14	Ukrainian Br. .	137.28
Mississippi .....	2,171.87	W. Central .....	6,517.83
Montana .....	3,349.41	W. Florida .....	2,406.52
Nebraska .....	3,830.68	W. Texas .....	3,480.18
New Jersey .....	5,629.61	Wis.-N. Mich. .	9,138.95
New Mexico .....	2,071.17	Wyoming .....	972.28
New York .....	15,092.24	Alaska .....	286.94
N. Carolina ..	3,664.40	Canada .....	691.24
N. Dakota .....	2,995.42	Hawaii .....	393.25
N. N. England ..	914.65	Foreign .....	79.76
N. Calif.-Nev. .	24,677.43	Miscellaneous ..	258.50
North Texas ..	17,600.62		
Total Amount Reported .....			\$374,689.06
District Funds .....	\$13,518.61		
National Home Missions .....	3,238.23		
Office Expense .....	4,368.38		
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	1,432.27	22,557.49	

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$352,131.57
Received for non-Council Missionaries ..	4,790.27
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State .....	8,261.18
Total Receipts .....	365,183.02

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$167,026.53
Missionary Equipment .....	48,612.87
Missionary Work .....	87,605.43
National Workers Abroad .....	8,735.17
Deputational Returns .....	1,076.45
Buildings in Foreign Lands .....	43,667.61
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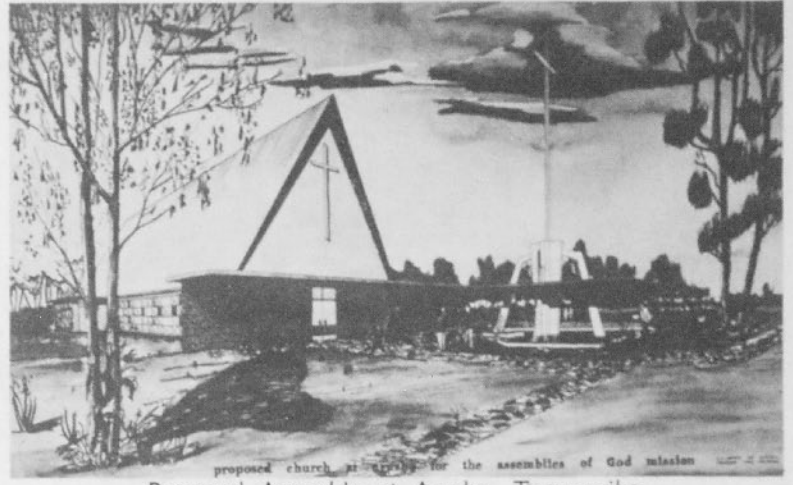
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New site of the Korea Bible School to be relocated in the outskirts of Seoul



Northern Tanganyika Bible School campus



Proposed Assembly at Arusha, Tanganyika

# Revival Brings Urgent Need in North Tanganyika

BY J. PAUL BRUTON  
*Missionary to Tanganyika*

THE ARUSHA-MOSHI AREA OF TANGANYIKA has been visited with a great revival. Two years ago we came to this area, where not one evangelical voice was to be found, to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ and to establish an Assemblies of God mission. Since then more than 6,000 people have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Hundreds have already been indoctrinated and baptized in water. Scores have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The old woman pictured on this page is from the Maisai tribe near Arusha. In her face is mirrored the hopelessness of Africa's darkness.

I said to her, "Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?"

She answered, "Bwana, I have never been more than five miles from my house in my life. I have never met any white man."

The key to revival in Tanganyika has been the establishing of the Northern Tanganyika Bible school. Thirty-seven men are now enrolled in its second year of operation. The students

have established twelve churches and distributed more than 500,000 pieces of literature in the Ki-Swalihi language. This language is spoken by at least thirty million people of East Africa. Thousands have heard and read the message of Life for the first time.

The use of a 50 by 80-foot gospel tent in many places has been one of the contributing factors to the conver-

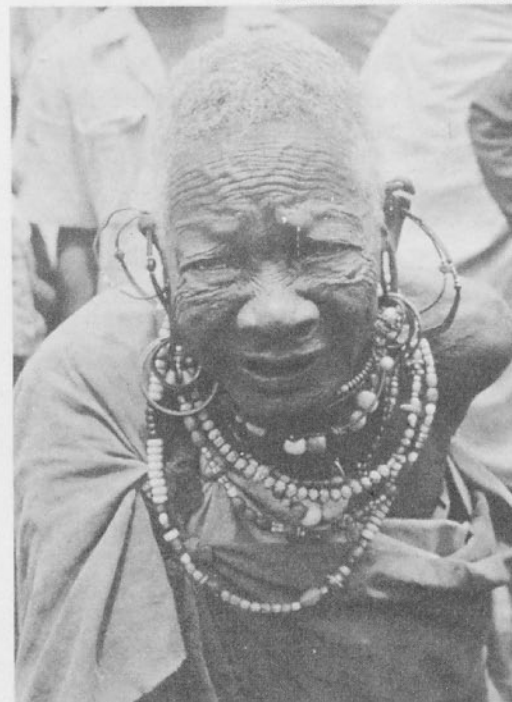
sion of so many. Basically, however, we attribute the over-all spectacular response to two things: (1) the training of national pastors and workers, and (2) the extensive literature program.

The Northern Tanganyika Bible school is crowded beyond its capacity. This school year we turned away 60 qualified applicants because we did not have the room nor the \$8.20 per month necessary to support them while in school.

Our most urgent need at this time is for funds to finish our large central "mother" church in Arusha. This building, seating 550, has had to be built under the most expensive and stringent building code of our missionary career. The total cost has been contracted for \$16,000. Eight thousand dollars must be raised and paid no later than July 1 of this year when the building will be completed. From this church, especially, come our qualified students for Bible school—the future means of evangelizing the 600,000 people who wait in darkness in this northern province.

Another pressing need is for native-type church buildings. We have found by experience in this area that, with the people doing all the labor, it costs about \$250 to furnish a permanent roof, doors, and shutters for the windows of a new native church. As our students graduate from the Bible school, this need will multiply. We now have at least ten places where congregations are meeting under the trees in all kinds of weather because they have no church building.

If you should like to help in expanding the work in the Arusha-Moshi area of Tanganyika, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designate the offering to PAUL BRUTON and state whether it is for the Northern Tanganyika Bible School, or the Arusha church, or native churches.



Maisai woman who reflects the hopelessness of Africa's darkness

PHOTOS BY PAUL BRUTON

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Ministers and delegates at 1960 Deaf Convention make the sign for the word "Jesus."

*A report of the 1960  
Biennial Deaf Convention*

## Ministry to the Deaf Advances

BY MAXINE STROBRIDGE

**E**NCOURAGING REPORTS OF SUCCESSFUL ministry among the Deaf were given by the workers present at the 1960 Convention for the Deaf conducted in Springfield, Mo., May 12-15. More than 125 ministers to the Deaf and delegates gathered to discuss the work of the Assemblies of God Deaf Fellowship.

Many were stirred to consecrate their lives anew to the service of the Lord.

Assemblies of God ministry among the Deaf has sprung from small beginnings. With the exception of a few pioneer works, little was done until 1948. In that year a sign language class was begun at Central Bible Institute. At the present time there are 41 appointed home missionaries and 28 lay members ministering to the more than half a million deaf people in the United States. Although this neglected group cannot hear with their physical ears, they long to hear the gospel with their spiritual ears. Special conferences

were conducted at the convention to discuss how to expand this good work.

The convention merged with the Central Bible Institute students in the chapel services on Friday morning and evening. Croft Pentz, minister to the Deaf in New York and New Jersey, was the speaker. The language of signs, with simultaneous use of voice, was employed throughout the convention. The testimonies and silent singing of the Deaf were sources of inspiration and blessing. The specific purpose of all activities was to fan the passion for lost deaf souls into a flame of evangelism.

In the Saturday morning service a letter was read from Betty Haney who is a government employee in Seoul, Korea. She learned the sign language at Central Bible Institute and now conducts a Bible class each Saturday for approximately two hundred Korean boys and girls in the Seoul School for the Deaf. Although many of the students were Buddhists, they are now finding Jesus as Saviour. At recent week-end services for deaf adults in Pusan, Korea, thirty-five were saved.

The crowning service of the convention was the Sunday morning worship hour in which the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit was so real. Communion was served to the missionaries, delegates, and visitors at the close of the service.

The theme verse of the convention was, "Be thou faithful unto death, and



The Robert Nathans (left), ministers to the Deaf in Michigan, discuss their work with Maxine Strobridge, national representative for the Deaf and Blind ministries, and R. L. Brandt, national home missions secretary

I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Those who attended left with a determination to be faithful in carrying the full gospel to the Deaf until Jesus comes.

## There Is a Way

BY R. L. BRANDT  
National Home Missions Secretary

WHY DON'T YOU ASSEMBLIES OF God people come out and help us? There are areas near me which have absolutely no churches. If the Jehovah's Witnesses were to start a Sunday school, many of the people of these areas would send their children." So spoke a Baptist pastor in Chicago to one of our Assemblies of God ministers.

When I heard about this minister's request, I began to consider how the Assemblies could meet the challenge. Earlier, I had examined a survey of a hundred Assemblies of God churches to learn how they were started. I discovered that only one per cent were begun through branch Sunday schools. Thus, I was of the opinion this was not for us! But after further study and careful consideration of the matter I changed my mind. I think it is unfortunate that the opening of branch Sunday schools—one of the simplest and yet most productive means of starting new churches—has been overlooked by most Assemblies of God churches in America.



I finally arrived at the following six conclusions.

*The fact that few Assemblies of God churches began as branch schools does not mean the idea will not work for us.* Actually, for the most part, we have never tried it. No plan will work unless we work it. Plans, methods, ways, and means are inanimate. Only as living men employ them will they produce. Many people have plans and blueprints for new homes tucked away. But they will never have new homes until the plans are used. So it is with the branch Sunday school idea.

*The fact that other evangelical groups have used the branch Sunday school idea with great success should awaken us.* We are too often like a lady who came to a store to buy peas. The salesman said, "Here are some good peas. This is a good buy. Many of our customers are buying these."

She fired back, "If everybody else is buying them, I don't want them," and stormed out.

We Assemblies of God people sometimes feel that if a thing is not original with us, it is not worthy of our consideration. The "wisdom will die with us" attitude is deadly. In this area, "the children of this world are wiser . . . than the children of light." They are on the alert for every workable idea, while we sleep in our rut.

*The fact that 130,000,000 in the United States are untouched by the Sunday school and are thus untouched by the Word of Life should challenge us deeply.* We must face the facts and look upon the whitened harvest field before it is forever too late! According to A. S. London, National Sunday School Director of the Nazarene denomination, 63 per cent of the children, 76 per cent of the youth, and 86 per cent of adults in the United States and Canada are not in Sunday school. According to the Year Book of American Churches for 1960, there are 27,560,489 children ranging from one to eleven years of age, and 22,083,509 youth twelve through twenty-three years old who are not in Sunday school.

*The fact that branch Sunday schools are among the most fruitful means for opening new churches should merit our serious attention.* The Southern Baptists are opening more new churches every month than any other group. They have learned by experience that the branch Sunday school is one of the most effective methods for church extension.

*Existing Assemblies of God churches cannot possibly do a satisfactory job of reaching and teaching the ever-increasing multitude on the American scene.* As of January 1, 1960, there were 8,107 Assemblies of God churches in the United States. Based on the estimated population of 180,000,000, there is at this time one Assemblies of God church for every 22,000 people. In some areas the situation is more acute than in others. One district in eastern United States has less than one church for every 100,000 people.

To accentuate the problem, the birth rate in America has increased substantially in recent years. It is estimated that 12,000 babies are born daily in this country, making a total of over 4,000,000 annually—which is double the birth rate prior to World War II.

While we, as only one evangelical force among many on the American scene, cannot expect to reach the entire population, certainly it is our God-given responsibility to reach our fair share of it. A national goal of one Assemblies of God church for every 10,000 people has been established. To attain this objective, based on the present population, will require two new churches every day for the ensuing ten-year period. An additional church every day will be required to keep pace with the population increase.

Every Assemblies of God church is faced with this challenge, and particularly those in our cities. Paul B. Hoff says: "The population trend is almost totally cityward. Rural people now make up only 13.5 per cent of America. By 1975 they will decline to an estimated 6.8 per cent. The most startling development is the mushrooming of suburbs around great metropolitan areas. . . . These are the areas of future America where the population, wealth, and talents largely will lie. What we do now about reaching these areas will determine the future of the Assemblies of God! Tomorrow will be too late."

*Where churches have caught the branch Sunday school vision, most gratifying results have often followed.* For example, the Cicero Bible Church, an Independent Fundamental Churches of America congregation in the greater Chicago area, has established twenty-three outposts of gospel testimony in the half century of its existence. An imposing number of these had their beginnings as branch Sunday schools.

Also, the branch Sunday school method has been very effective in various

# facts

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mission fields. E. L. Phillips, Assemblies of God Field Secretary for Africa, tells us: "Hundreds of our churches in Africa have been started through the efforts of 'mother' churches which opened branch Sunday schools. To me, starting a church by this method is ideal. A building is not necessary—just a room, or a veranda, or even a shady spot under a tree will do. *Since branch Sunday schools are churches in embryo, we could well start thousands of them.*"

We should take this idea and, by the help of the Holy Spirit, use it. Let us remember that one of the first branch Sunday schools was conducted on the Gaza strip. There was only one classroom—a chariot; only one pupil—the Ethiopian eunuch; only one teacher—Philip; only one textbook—the Bible; only one session which included (1) the lesson, (2) a conversion, and (3) a baptism. Only one soul was saved; but eternal results followed.



## THE POSSESSORS OF TALENTS

Sunday School Lesson for June 26, 1960

MATTHEW 25:14-27

The Parable of the Virgins says, "Watch for the coming of Jesus, and keep yourself spiritually prepared." The Parable of the Talents balances this truth and says, "Work for Jesus while you are watching, and keep busy in using your God-given abilities in His work."

1. *The Distribution of the Talents.* Observe: (1) To what the talents refer. It may safely be said that the talents refer to whatever natural ability one is endowed with, as well as to spiritual gifts and endowments. (2) That talents were given to all. All did not receive the same number of talents, but all *did* receive. No person can truthfully say, "I have no talent." It is quite true that some people by nature are more talented than others. But God has given each of us talents for which we are accountable.

2. *The Employment of the Talents.* Vv. 16-18. Two of the three servants faithfully invested their talents and brought in returns in proportion to the talents they had. One gained more than the other, but both were equally faithful. The third man "hid his lord's money." His sin was the sin of doing nothing! Every Christian is saved and equipped to serve and bear fruit. Strong words are directed toward those who fail to be useful and fruitful (John 15:2, 8, 16)!

3. *The Rewarding of the Faithful.* Vv. 19-23. "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them." So, too, Christ will return one day and reckon with all Christians. See 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:8. It is encouraging to note that each of the first two servants were rewarded alike! The concern of Christ is not, "How much have you earned?" but rather, "How much compared with what has been entrusted to you?"

4. *The Fate of the Unfaithful.* Here we have the most practical part of our lesson, for the one-talent servant erred in ways wherein a good many of us are endangered.

(1) *He had a wrong estimate of God's character,* for he said, "I knew thee that thou art a hard man." Whether we realize it or not, a good many wrong attitudes arise from our failure to think rightly of God's character. God is not unreasonable, demanding, or unjust. He has provided for each of us that which is necessary to a life of godliness and usefulness. (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:19).

(2) *He blamed God for his failure.* Like Adam who tried to excuse his own sin by saying, "The woman Thou gavest me, she gave me of the tree," this man tried to blame his negligence upon God. Instead of yielding to the very human tendency to blame others for our failures, let us blame ourselves!

(3) *He failed to realize that his talent was needed.* The action of his lord teaches us that every talent is needed in the kingdom of God. Every member of the

body of Christ has a specific function. We should not distinguish between "great" and "small" talents.

(4) *He belittled his talent.* This is the special snare of one-talent people—and after all, a good many of us fall into that category. Because they cannot do so-called "great" things for God, many Christians overlook the opportunity of doing the "little" things, forgetting that little deeds done in the name of Jesus may have a profound and far-reaching influence and will certainly be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). If I am a one-talent Christian, I should be all the more faithful in the development and use of that talent for the glory of the Lord!

(5) *He was fearful.* "I was afraid." Wrong estimation of God's character produced fear, whereas love and trust will cast out fear! Fear has a paralyzing effect. It prevents testimony; it keeps people from those ventures of faith by which the power of God is brought into play, both in their own lives and in the lives of others.

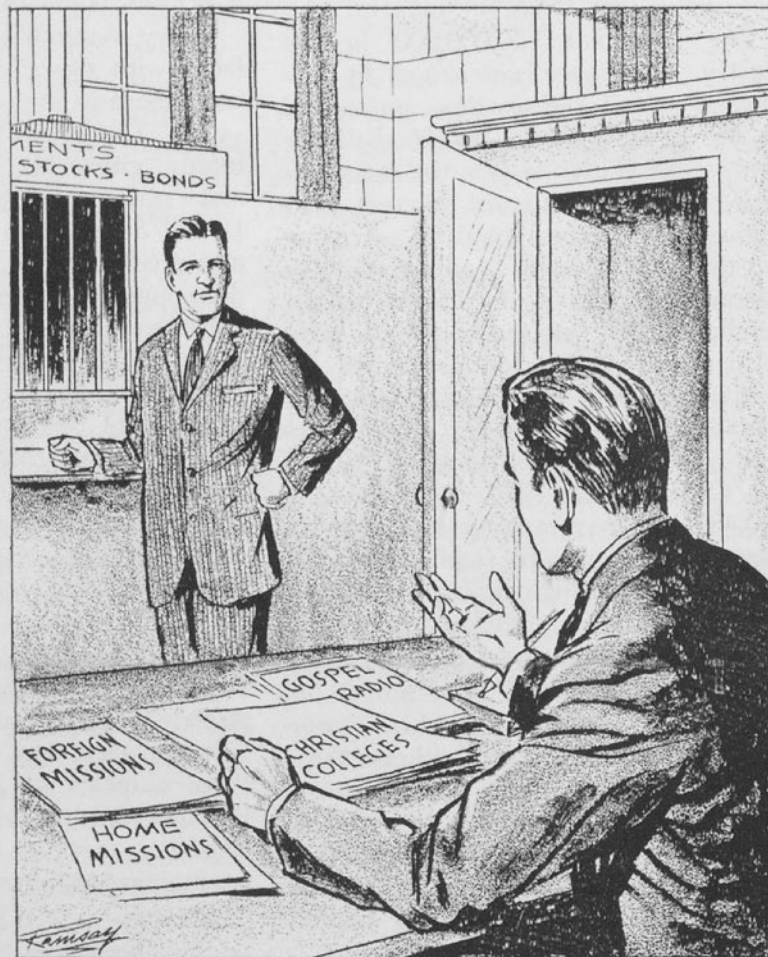
(6) *His talent was taken from him.* V. 28 What we do not use we lose. If we do not use our muscles, they become flabby and weak and deteriorate. Some years ago a best seller was entitled, *Wake Up and Live*. The author stated that very few people are realizing more than a very small percentage of their potentialities. Let us present our faculties to God so that by His Spirit they may be quickened, developed, and used to produce results beyond our present hopes!

—J. Bashford Bishop

Things to remember: the value of time; the success of perseverance; the pleasure of working; the worth of character; the power of kindness; the influence of example; the obligation of duty; the wisdom of economy; the virtue of patience; the sound of laughter; the joy of originating; the thrill of accomplishing.

—D. Carl Yoder

### MORE PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS



# The Crowd at the Cross

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ity of the crowd. While the greatest event of the ages was taking place, they openly defied God.

In the centuries since the crucifixion the world has seen many false teachers and leaders antagonistic to the gospel. These have nearly always had a following of poor, ignorant people who have been attracted by the noise that has been made. But they are to be pitied and not despised. In most cases the antagonistic are so bound to their own traditions and ways of life that they are unwilling to accept the truth. They recognize the truth but are unwilling to pay its price. So they turn against it to try to prove they are right.

How many there are who easily are moved against God by an antagonist. Weak in spirit and in mind, they run to and fro wherever the crowd goes, not knowing that Christ can give them a solid foundation that will not be moved by every passing wind. How wonderful it is that Jesus takes pity on us and gives us His strength. The Lord in His mercy and love looked down from the cross and prayed for His antagonists, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

### III

Finally, there were those in the crowd who ministered to Jesus. These were the SYMPATHETIC. Some of them were the Lord's own disciples who had been with Him during His ministry; some were faithful followers who had believed in Him; others were those who were just beginning to realize who Jesus was. As Jesus hung there on the cross, the hearts in this group were breaking with grief over His suffering. Among the crowd they were the only ones who really knew the tragedy of the scene. They did not understand the full meaning of the cross at that time, yet they did know that the one dying there was the Son of God. They saw the darkness close upon the scene, and watched Him die.

That experience, together with the resurrection and Pentecost, set them on fire with a message that conquered the empire and established Christianity for-

ever. They moved across the land with a determination and zeal that no further crucifixions nor any other persecutions could put out. While heaven's sacrifice was being offered, they found the answer to the needs of the world.

God is looking for men and women today who will accept the challenge of the cross. Before we can take the gospel to the world we must be stirred by the crucifixion. When the cross takes second place to anything else, the true message of Christianity is lost. But when the cross becomes the center of our message, then we have the answer to all of the needs, both physical and spiritual, of the world.

What is needed most in our day is to have more men and women filled with the zeal and determination that marked the Church in the first years of its expansion. We must take the cross to the world we live in regardless of the difficulties—even through persecution and death. Half-hearted Christianity has never been able to accomplish God's work among men. Only a soul burning with the zeal of the cross can win souls. At the foot of the cross those who were sympathetic to His cause found a salvation that

would lead them to heaven, and only there can men find it today.

When man is faced with Jesus Christ he is faced with a decision. There are three basic reactions to the cross. You will fit into one of the groups, and while you may side-step the issue for a time you will be compelled to a decision. You may decide against Jesus Christ and be antagonistic toward Him, but that choice leads to destruction. Or, you may accept the Christ of the cross and be saved by His blood—this decision will lead you home to God. The crowd at the cross was faced with Jesus Christ, and so is every man in our day. Which group will you be in?

### ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 20-22, at Moody Convention Center, Galveston, Tex. Jesse E. Smith, superintendent of Georgia District, speaker.—by W. E. Berry, district secretary.

### WITH THE LORD

Mearle M. Mitchell, 71, of Provo, Utah, was summoned to his eternal reward April 29, 1960. Ordained in 1941, he built new churches and evangelized in the home mission fields, mostly in the Rocky Mountain area. His two sons who survive, William and Leon, are Assemblies of God pastors.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	First	June 26-July 10	Bob & Mrs. Swaim	O. B. Hunnicut
Ark.	Camden	* Camark	June 12-19 a.m.	Bob & Mrs. Swaim	James Walker
	Camden	* Warner Spur	June 13-19 p.m.	Bob & Mrs. Swaim	J. W. Bobo
Calif.	Ventura	* First	June 21-26	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Paul Keeth
Ill.	Litchfield	First	June 12-26	Oren Paris	L. Calvin Bacon
	Rockford	** A/G	June 16-26	Morris Cerullo	E. A. Manley, Ch.
Ind.	Bedford	First	June 19-July 3	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Walter H. Solmes
	Kokomo	* First	June 20-24	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Cecil J. Enochs
Iowa	Sioux City	Central	June 15-July 3	Frank & Mrs. Martin	James E. Smith
Kans.	Kansas City	First	June 14-22	Ernie Eskelin	U. S. Grant
Ky.	Frankfort	First	June 12—	James R. Odem	J. C. Ellis
Md.	Glen Burnie	A/G	June 14-26	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	R. A. Hallquist
	Hagerstown	West End	June 12-26	R. J. Baggs	William Helms
Mich.	Lincoln Park	* First	June 19-26	Kathleen Jennings	Seth Balmer
Miss.	Glen Allan	Sharon Chapel	June 19—	William A. Johnson	Sime Morris, Jr.
Mo.	Plattsburg	A/G	June 5—	Jim Tinney	Herman McFarland
	Springfield	Eastside	June 12-26	Jimmie & Mrs. Snow	Albert D. Pyle
Mont.	Bozeman	First	June 19-July 3	Dan & Mrs. Jackson	W. A. Redmond
	Glasgow	A/G	June 26-July 1	Bob Olson	A. A. Kirkpatrick
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Highland	June 5-19	James Burkett	Robert Northrop
	Grants	First	June 20-July 3	James Burkett	Albert Snell
N. Y.	Buffalo	South Buffalo	June 19—	Paul & Mrs. Clark	Jack Risner
N. Dak.	Garrison	Garrison Bible	June 7—	Oliver & Mrs. Johnson	William Amundson
	Mott	A/G	June 19—	Oliver & Mrs. Johnson	Norman Shawchuck
Ohio	Defiance	A/G	June 20-26	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Mrs. A. W. Lawrence
	E. Liverpool	First	June 14-26	Bob & Mrs. Ludwig	James Millsaps
	Findlay	* First	June 12-17	Kathleen Jennings	Carl Malz
	Grafton	Midview	June 27-July 3	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Chester F. Roig
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Southside Faith	June 22-July 3	The Musical Rogers	W. A. McCann
Pa.	Philadelphia	Calvary	June 21-July 3	Arthur & Anna Berg	James Greipp
Tex.	Hillcrest	Hillcrest	June 13-19	Warren Litzman	C. M. Barnes
	Caldwell	Second Creek	June 26-July 10	Robert & Mrs. Salter	Henry Vincent
	Dallas	Grace	June 26-July 10	Chas. H. E. Duncombe	Fred Davis
	El Paso	Valley	June 26-July 3	Carl Walker, Jr.	Wesley J. Lange
	Waco	18th and Pine	June 26—	Glen & Faith Shinn	Sam O'Toole
Wash.	Wenatchee	* Eastmount	June 19-26	Edgar C. Rasmussen	G. A. Weden
Wyo.	Laramie	First	June 19-July 3	Burdette & Mrs. Wiles	Currell Muirhead
Nova Scotia	Glace Bay	Pent. Tab.	June 22-July 3	Robert Watters	William E. Donovan

\* Children's Revival

\*\* City-Wide Tent Meeting

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# REVIVALTIME— a “Beachhead” for Our Pioneer Assembly

BY VERNON BOYER

**I**T IS NOT AN EASY TASK TO “pioneer” a church in a small town of 4,000 population with eleven established congregations, but with the help of the Lord and of *Revivaltime* we are making progress.

The Lord called us to Brookville, Pennsylvania, in September of 1952. We conducted our first service with an attendance of two persons plus the pastor’s family on the third floor of the I.O.O.F. Hall—our meeting place for the four years that followed.

Since we did not know anyone in the town, we felt *Revivaltime* would be the key to establishing a “beachhead” in the area. We at once placed the broadcast on the local station where it has remained a weekly release to the present time.

A most important question arose. Who would finance the program? Sister Boyer was willing to work while I canvassed the area, so we decided to sacrifice and personally underwrite the broadcast ourselves. We did this for a number of years, feeling that *Revivaltime’s* great potential would bring lasting results.

These results speak for themselves. *We have reached no less than 26 families directly through Revivaltime.* These have been placed on our mailing list. Several of them attend our services. A gentleman, presently a member of the official board and formerly our Sunday school superintendent, came into the church as a result of the broadcast. The radio station manager, businessmen, and denominational ministers

have praised Brother Ward’s ministry and the quality of *Revivaltime*. Prejudice and misunderstanding have been broken through this ministry.

It was a pleasant surprise and a thrill to have Brother Ward consent to make room in his busy schedule for Brookville, conducting a one-night *Revivaltime* Rally during our sixth anniversary week in September, 1958. The rally was conducted in our newly-purchased church building located in the heart of the city. Approximately 340 persons attended the rally, the majority of whom were *Revivaltime* listeners from the immediate vicinity.

But *Revivaltime’s* ministry for us has not stopped with the broadcast and rally.

We have distributed literally thousands of Brother Ward’s booklets, tracts, and sermons, via our mailing list, the street corner, and tract racks in the church building. Thirty minutes before every revival service, we play the long-playing *Revivaltime* choir record over the loud speakers on the roof of the building. We also use the record regularly on the local ministerial program when it is our turn to be on the air.

Needless to say, Sister Boyer and I are *Revivaltime* enthusiasts! More than 160 individuals are now attending First Assembly faithfully. We have just purchased a 48-passenger Sunday school bus, and an advertisement for the broadcast will be painted on the back of it. We know the program has played a very significant role in the establishment of a full gospel “lighthouse” in this city.

Only the Lord knows what would be accomplished if every one of our Assemblies would pledge to back *Revivaltime* wholeheartedly!

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Relating the tremendous benefits his work has reaped through *Revivaltime*, Pastor Boyer remarked, “Our churches who do not support *Revivaltime* are certainly ‘missing the boat.’” Other pioneer pastors who have used the broadcast across the country likewise have reported lasting and significant results from this ministry.

Why not take advantage of this great ministry in your church? For information on how to get *Revivaltime* released in your community, write to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.



First Assembly of God, Brookville, Pa. (Vernon Boyer is pastor)

## Epaphroditus

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to save. He continues in his diary:

"At that time I had as quick and lively a sense of the value of worldly comforts as I ever had, but only saw them infinitely over-matched by the worth of Christ's kingdom and the propagation of His blessed gospel. A quiet settled life, a certain place of abode, the tender friendships of life appeared as valuable to me, when considered within themselves, as ever before; but when considered comparatively, they appeared as nothing. Compared with the value and preciousness of an enlargement of Christ's kingdom, they vanished as stars before the rising sun. Although the comforts of life appeared valuable and dear to me, yet I did surrender and resign myself, soul and body, to the service of God, though it should mean the loss of them all.

"I could not do any other, because I could not will or choose any other. I was constrained—and yet chose—to say, 'Farewell, friends and earthly comforts, the dearest of them all, the very dearest, if the Lord calls for it.'

"Adieu, adieu. I will spend my life to my latest moments in the caves and dens of the earth, if the kingdom of Christ may thereby be advanced."

Alexander Smellie has said, "If I really love Him, my innate and persistent selfishness will have received a deathblow."

God is calling for spiritual desperados in this crisis hour when there are 400 million more unevangelized souls in the world than a generation ago. Full dedication is the deathblow to all our selfish living and thought life.

Oh, for men and women who will measure their lives by what they lose, and not by what they gain. The Saviour tells us that he who would seek

to save his life will lose it. The King of kings is calling for soldiers who recklessly will hazard all for Him.

*Measure thy life by loss, and not by gain,*

*Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine poured forth;*

*For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,*

*And he who suffers most has most to give.*

## You Are the Priest

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virtue, only as it is a means to an end. All who are "called out" by God are bidden to live apart from the entanglements of the world and its allurements. Such a call to holiness is to enable the individual to serve effectively God's purpose, without distraction. As surely as the ancient priests were a dedicated, separated people, so surely should that be true of all who claim a priestly position.

### *A Priest Directs Spiritual Activities*

The word *priest* is actually derived from one meaning *to preside*. He who bears the office of priest presides over spiritual matters. He is God's agent, one who acts for God in behalf of others. He assumes the role of leadership in spiritual affairs and is respected as such a leader. As the priest of your household you are God's agent toward your family.

### *A Priest Intercedes for Others*

The Levitical priests prayed for those who did not have access to Jehovah themselves. That situation no longer exists in our day. Every believer can contact God through the access provided by Jesus Christ. All can pray now, but many do not do so. He who fills a priestly position will be an intercessor. He will pray for those within his own circle of influence. Lot was saved, not because of his own merits, but through the prayers of his uncle, Abraham (Genesis 19:29). Such a deliverance has been duplicated many times although it is not always known to the public.

These characteristics of a priest should prevail in your life, Dad. The call of God, a separated life, leadership in spiritual matters, and a prayerful concern for others should be predominant at all times. The spiritual atmosphere of your home, the regularity of family worship, the depth of sacrificial giving, and a compassionate

spirit will all be determined by the example you set.

*You are the priest of your household!* What does that speak for your family? ◀◀

## Our Faithful Father

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faith. "Faith is just standing on God's faithfulness to His Word." In the Scriptures the record says that Sarah, who had at first laughed at the angel's words, "received strength to conceive and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised." In Hebrews 10:23, we are admonished, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." Faith is not obtained by struggling but in counting Him faithful that promised.

"He cannot fail, for He is God,  
He cannot fail—He's pledged His Word;

He cannot fail—He'll see us through,  
'Tis God with whom we have to do"

## Clay in the Potter's Hand

An evangelist visited a man in a pottery district who, in his younger days, had been an infidel. The visitor gazed upon two magnificent vases contained in a glass case. "What lovely vases!" he remarked. "I suppose they are very valuable?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"How much would you sell them for?"

With a shake of the head, the man turned to his questioner. "All the money in the world wouldn't tempt me to part with either of them," he answered.

"Years ago I was a drunkard, a gambler—one who sold his soul to the devil. One day I was persuaded to attend a revival meeting. I did so, and on going home I passed a rubbish heap. I saw there a piece of clay. Evidently someone had thrown it away as being useless. I picked it up, took it home, kneaded it and moulded it. Then I went to the wheel, and out of that worthless piece of clay I made those two vases. I thought to myself that if I could do such a thing as that, then God could do so with me. And thereafter I placed myself into His hands, and He has made me a new man."

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# He Carries a Vision



Paul H. Coxe

**P**AUL H. COXE, PRESIDENT OF THE alumni association of Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pennsylvania, is an example of the outstanding students who have graduated from this Assemblies of God institution.

Both Brother Coxe and his wife completed the prescribed course of training at EBI in 1942. From there God has led them in varied and fruitful service.

The Coxe's began their ministry as assistants to Ben Mahan at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Washington, D.C. They remained in the nation's Capital for over a year and then accepted an invitation to do evangelistic work in Texas. There they fulfilled a number of invitations before accepting a position as assistant to Pastor E. R. Foster at First Assembly, Amarillo, Texas.

These positions of service were also profitable training. Of them Brother Coxe says, "The lessons we learned from these men of God were invaluable to us in our future ministry."

From Amarillo the Coxe's moved to Midland, Texas, becoming pastors of the Assembly of God there. God blessed their three years of service at that church.

Upon re-entering the evangelistic field the Coxe's traveled through the East and Midwest for four years. Then they served as pastors of the Gospel Tabernacle, Hammond, Indiana. The blessings of God were very evident upon their work. Sunday school attendance climbed past the 400-mark. Under the guidance of Pastor Coxe the assembly became a "mother church," helping to establish a new work which has since become a thriving assembly.

The Coxe's again became evangelists, ministering extensively in Canada and in youth camps and conventions both in that country and in the U.S. Their work also included a four-month missionary trip to Hawaii.

Allan Swift, pastor of Trinity Assembly, Elizabeth, New Jersey, called them to be his associates. They served with Brother Swift for a year and a half. When he resigned, the church asked the Coxe's to remain as their

pastors—the position they currently hold. God is blessing their ministry at Elizabeth.

Brother Coxe's vision for youth has been noted in many ways in his ministry. He has held various Christ's Ambassadors and Sunday school offices. Presently he is serving as promotional director for Teen-Age Evangelism, U.S.A.—a program geared to reach teen-agers including members of gangs of the metropolitan New York area.

Both Paul Coxe and his wife feel that the training they received at Eastern Bible Institute was important preparation for their varied ministry. As president of EBI's alumni association, he is carrying the tradition, vision, and spirit of his alma mater to other young people in the eastern part of the country. ◀◀

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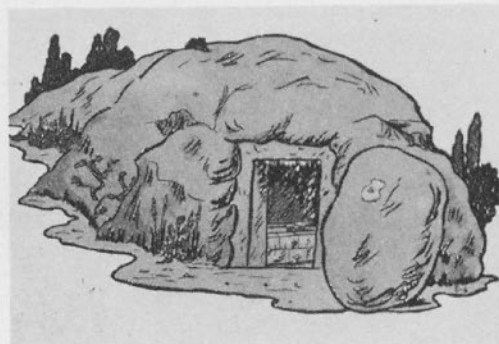
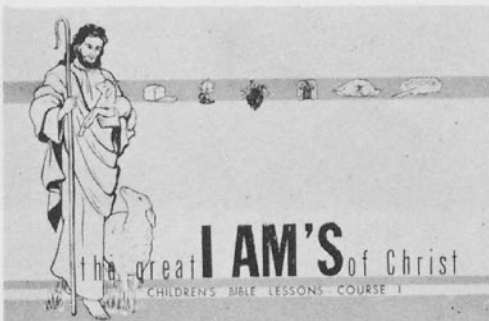
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## Three Days to Live!

BY ROY W. GUSTAFSON

**H**OW ABOUT GOING WITH ME TO THE SPANISH TOWN Prison?" a friend asked, when I was in Jamaica, British West Indies. "We have permission to speak to the prisoners this afternoon."

We met according to appointment, and after jogging alone in a little English Austin arrived at the prison, where a thousand or more men were incarcerated. The prisoners filed into the large building, similar to one of our warehouses. Most of them sat on the floor; some on crude benches. After setting up our public address system I sang, played the trumpet, and then preached the gospel.

As the men were returning to their cells, a guard stepped

up and asked me if I would like to talk to the fourteen men who were condemned to die on the gallows. This was a great surprise, for when a man is doomed to die in Jamaica, not even his wife or mother is allowed to see him. But the guard had permission, and led me into the section where three of the fourteen were imprisoned.

It was time to start, but I didn't know how! I realized that I was looking into the faces of men who would never again hear the gospel; this was their last chance to hear that Jesus Christ offered them eternal life.

Slowly I reached into my case, took my songbook and sang Norman Clayton's beautiful hymn, "Now I Belong to Jesus," then gave a word of personal testimony, telling how I had turned my life over to God when I was eighteen.

Crouched in his cell before me, looking more like a wild beast than a man, was a 52-year-old murderer. He squinted and said, "I'm going to die on Tuesday morning, Sir. Can I be saved?"

"Indeed you can," I told him. "You must die for the crime you committed, but Jesus Christ died to forgive you of your sins against God. Read this!" And I showed him Romans 10:13 in my Bible: "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

"But I can't read," he answered pathetically. So I read it for him, along with other simple verses that show that salvation is God's work and not man's. I'll never forget that experience. He put his face right on that dirty floor, sobbed and cried, as he called upon the Name of the Lord. After a moment or so he turned and was smiling through his tears.

"Sing it again!" he asked.

"Sing what?" was my answer.

"What you just sang." So I started to sing once more,

*"Now I belong to Jesus,  
Jesus belongs to me  
Not for the years of time alone,  
But for eternity."*

He tried to sing it with me, but when he got to the third line he was silent. He didn't have "years of time"; only three days.

I left him with a friend, who gave him some further words of assurance, and I went to visit an eighteen-year-old murderer, who also confessed Christ that afternoon. When I came back, the three of us stood and sang, "Now I Belong to Jesus."

It was time to go, and as the guard led us to the huge gate and turned the key, we looked back. There he was, arms waving out through the bars, while he sang, "Now I Belong to Jesus." That was the last we saw of him, but we heard that on Tuesday morning he went gallantly to the gallows singing as he was ushered into the presence of Christ. They didn't tell us what he was singing, but I think I know!

Do you have the assurance of belonging to Jesus? If not, do what this man did. Ask God to forgive your sins. "There is no man that sinneth not" (1 Kings 8:46). Accept His remedy for "as many as received him (Jesus Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

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