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a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of
both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

## A Very Old Question

One of the oldest questions ever to enter the hearts of men is that which was voiced by a jail-keeper at Philippi nineteen centuries ago. "What must I do to be saved?" he asked.

Paul and Silas gave a very simple answer. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," they said, "and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). The apostles explained to him and to the various members of his househlod what this meant. The jail-keeper and his family accepted the gospel and the apostles baptized them that very same night.

The full sermon that the apostles preached on this occasion is not recorded, but we have sufficient writings of Paul to know what he preached and taught. He wrote: "By faith are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves : it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Faith means accepting salvation from Christ as a gift. It is impossible to work for a gift. You cannot earn it or it ceases to be a gift. All you can do to get a gift is to accept it. Faith means coming to Christ as a pauper and trusting Him as your benefactor.

If you were drowning, you would not ignore a lifebelt thrown to you. You would trust it. That is how you must trust the Saviour.
Do not look for something in yourself that might be good enough to bring you salvation. You must rely on the goodness of Another. You must believe Christ is good enough and strong enough to save you. Did you ever hear of a ship's captain trying to find anchorage by fastening the anchor inside the vessel? Never. Always outside. You must anchor your hopes in Christ. It is the outward look that brings the inner peace. Quit gazing dejectedly at your own dark shadow. Turn around. Look at Christ, and He will give you light. And when you face the Sun your shadow falls behind you!

The jail-keeper was not saved by being baptized. He was saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said it is "not of works, lest any man should boast." Neither your work for the church nor the church's work for you can save you. Salvation cannot come through being baptized, or by being confirmed, or by joining a church. Salvation depends on what Christ has done for us and what He can do in us. We are saved by believing in His perfect Sacrifice on Calvary's cross and by trusting in His saving power.

You must look to Jesus Christ as the only one who can save you. It is written, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." "Neither is there salvation in any other." Turning over a new leaf cannot save you. A good reputation never saved anyone. There is only one way into heaven, and that is by admitting your sinfulness and asking God for mercy. Jesus Christ, God's Son, did not die for good people. He died for sinners. You must confess that you are a sinner; otherwise His death and resurrection will have brought you no benefit whatsoever.

This, then, is saving faith : to repent of your sins, to refuse to continue in your sins, and to receive Christ as the One who saves you from your sins. Have you believed on Him in this way?-R.C.C.

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# Focus on Eternity 

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#### Abstract

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of $\sin$ for a season; esteeming the refroach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:24-27).




There are three scenes from the life of Moses that I would like to sketch for you briefly. The first is that of a small boy at his mother's knee, the lone survivor of a cruel infanticidal decree.
It was at this time that his mother, Jochebed, related to her son the great experiences of his forefathers and the covenants and promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. She taught him about the one true God and the prophetic destiny of His chosen people, Israel. Undoubtedly the lad's face was rapt in deepest attention. Now and then he asked a question, revealing the impression these truths were making on his tender heart and mind. And in his soul began to echo the cry of captive Israel: "O God, send us a deliverer."
The next scene in the life of Moses is quite different. He is now a handsome and gallant young man. Pharaoh's daughter, who had adopted him, enrolled him in the great university at Heiropolos. There he contacted the pantheistic ideas of Egypt in their most glamorous setting. His mind was filled with the many teachings of the great masters of his day in matters of government, military prowess, philosophy, and religion. At length he stood as the finished product of the learning of his time. His life before him could lead to military conquests and great victories under Pharaoh. But none of these things was able to displace the training received at his mother's knee, nor could they dim his vision of Is-
rael's liberation and promised glory!
In the third scene we notice a wellbuilt, well-carried, and well-dressed young man. Everything about him spoke of careful grooming and training. At evening, as he strolled about the palace grounds, he noticed the grandeur of it all. The palace and the realm it signified would be his in a few more years; this was the inheritance for which he was being prepared. His foster parent would elevate him from a bulrush basket to the gold and ivory throne of her father. That could well be the dream of a peasant boy come true.
But Moses merely paused briefly before this lavish display with its gigantic inferences and quickened his stride as he passed through the gates. His steps took him toward Goshen, the place of his humble birth, and then through and beyond it to a little hillside. There, sitting in the twilight, he contemplated the scene before him. The cattle of the Israelites were softly lowing. Candles cast their weak, yellow light through the open doors of the slavepeople's huts. The night was filled with muted sounds as the elders offered prayers to God for deliverance from tyrannical oppression; and then a little baby-a little Israelitish girl-cried for want of nourishment.
Moses had a decision to make. That decision would affect his life and the lives of those poor suffering people -his people! Should he continue in his role as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, or should he renounce his claim
to the throne and side in with his people?
Perhaps if he ascended to Pharaoh's throne, he could then fill the place of the deliverer that God had promised Israel. Perhaps this was God's way, after all. At least, from that lofty position he could do much to alleviate their sufferings.

But no; Moses renounced all of Egypt and chose "to suffer affliction with the people of God."

Wasn't this an impractical decision? Wasn't his former reasoning correct? No, Moses had estimated life from God's own viewpoint-eternity! He knew that God was against the Egyptian system of pantheism and oppression. He knew that it was God who would be the true Deliverer of Israel, not a mere man on a throne. Therefore he must identify himself with God's chosen people if he were to share their blessings. The seeming advantages of pleasure, position, and power were at best only temporary things and not to be compared with God's glory. That future glory would abundantly repay any reproach he must now endure.
Certainly Moses' estimate of life was akin to God's. Time and its thrills were as nothing to him; eternity was all that really mattered.

O friend, may we follow Moses' example. May we, too, focus our attention on eternal things and estimate life from God's own viewpoint. This concept will guide us aright through all of the vicissitudes of life.
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By Leonard Ravenhill

WHEN A MAN WHO HAS CREPT along for years in conventional Christianity suddenly zooms into spiritual alertness, becomes aggressive in the battle of the Lord, and has a quenchless zeal for the lost, there is a reason for it. (But we are so subnormal these days that the normal New Testament experience seems abnormal.) The secret of this "jet-propelled fellow" we have just mentioned is that somewhere he has had Jacob-like wrestlings with God and has come out stripped, but also "strengthened in the Holy Ghost!"

There are two indispensable factors to successful Christian living. They are vision and passion. Men battle mountainous seas of human, carnal criticism and storm the flinty heights of devilish opposition to plant the cross of Christ amidst the habitations of cruelty. Why? Because they have caught a vision and contracted a passion.

Someone now warns us lest we become so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly use. Brother, this generation of believers is not, by and large, suffering from such a complex! The brutal, soul-shaking truth is that we are so earthly minded we are of no heavenly use.

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# Unction in the PulpitAction in the Pew 

Friend, if you were as good at soulcultivation as you are in developing your business, you would be a menace to the devil; but if you were as poor in business matters as you are in soul, you would be begging for bread.

George Deakin drummed into my mind many years ago this fine bit of spiritual reasoning: A vision without a task makes a visionary; a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision with a task makes a missionary. Well said! Isaiah had a vision when Uzziah died! Maybe there is some person in your way blotting out the full vision of the Lord. Spiritual expansion is expensive and at times excruciating. Are you prepared for vision at this top-price demand-the loss of a friend or a career? There are no reduced rates for a revolution of the soul. If you only want to be saved, sanctified, and satisfied, then the Lord's battle hath no need of thee.

Isaiah had a vision in three dimensions. Note verses one to nine in the sixth chapter of Isaiah. Verse five, WOE, a word of confession; verse seven, LO, a word of cleansing; verse nine, GO, a word of commission.

It was an upward vision-he saw the Lord; an inward vision-he saw himself, and an outward vision-he saw the world.

It was a vision of height-he saw the Lord high and lifted up. A vision of depth-he saw the recesses of his own heart. And a vision of breadthhe saw the world.

A vision of holiness. Oh, beloved! How this generation of believers needs the vision of God in all His holiness! A vision of hellishness-"I am undone . . . unclean!" And a vision of hopelessness-implied by the words "Who will go for us?"

In this hour-when the average church knows more about promotion than prayer, has forgotten consecration
by fostering competition, and has substituted propaganda for propagationthis threefold vision is imperative.
"Where there is no vision the people perish." Where there is no passion the church perishes, even though it be full to the doors.

A world-famed preacher, who has been mightily used of God in the past few years in real revival (distinct and very different from mass evangelism), told the writer that he had a similar threefold vision. I can still see the solemn dread on that face as he spoke of hardly knowing whether he was having a dream or seeing a vision, not knowing whether he was in the body or transported; yet he could see a multitude that no man could number in a large abyss-surrounded by fire -locked in the "madhouse of the universe," HELL. This preacher has never been the same since. How could he be?

Could God entrust us with such a heart-breaking revelation? Have we graduated in the secret place of prayer and in the school of suffering so that our spirits are tempered to bear such a soul-sickening sight? Blessed is the man to whom the Lord can impart such a vision!

Maybe-who knows?-God is more wroth with America and England than He is with Russia! Is that shocking? Then consider soberly that millions in Russia have never heard a gospel message, never had a Bible, and never listened to a spiritual broadcast. They would go to a church if they could.
The repeated prayer that the sinner might have a vision of hell may be entirely wrong. On the contrary, he probably needs a vision of Calvary, with a suffering Saviour pleading with him to repent; for after Calvary, why should he die? William Booth of the Salvation Army is quoted as saying that if he could do it, he would have
finalized the training of his soldiers with twenty-four hours hanging over hell, to see its eternal torment. Fundamentalism needs this awe-striking vision again. The gusty, grandiloquent evangelist needs it most!

Charlie Peace was a criminal. Laws of God or man curbed him not. Finally the law caught up with him, and he was condemned to death. On the fatal morning in Armley Jail, Leeds, England, he was taken on the deathwalk. Before him went the prison chaplain, routinely and sleepily reading some Bible verses. The criminal touched the preacher and asked what he was reading. "The Consolations of Religion," was the reply. Charlie Peace was shocked at the way he professionally read about hell. Could a man be so unmoved under the very shadow of the scaffold as to lead a fellow human there and yet, dry-eyed, read of a pit that has no bottom into which this fellow must fall? Could this preacher believe the words that there is an eternal fire that never consumes its victims, and yet slide over the phrase without a tremor? Is a man human at all who can say with no tears, "You will be eternally dying and yet never know the relief that death brings"? All this was too much for Charlie Peace. So he preached. Listen to his on-the-eve-of-hell sermon.
"Sir," addressing the preacher, "if I believed what you and the church of God say that you believe, even if England were covered with broken glass from coast to coast, I would walk over it, if need be, on hands and knees and think it worth while living, just to save one soul from an eternal hell like that!"

My reader, because the Church has lost Holy Ghost fire, men go to hellfire! We need a vision of a holy God. God is essentially holy. The cherubim and seraphim were not crying, "Omnipotent! Omnipotent is the Lord!" nor "Omnipresent! and Omniscient! is the Lord," but "Holy! Holy! Holy!" This vast Hebrew concept needs to penetrate our souls again. If I make my bed in hell, if I take the wings of the morning-yet He is there. God compasses us in time; God, the inescapable God, awaits us in eternity. We had better be at peace with Him here, and be in the center of His will now!

To wait tremblingly before this thriceholy One before we leave home for the day's work would be a mighty soulstimulant. He who fears God fears no

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man. He who kneels before God will stand in any situation. A daily glimpse at the Holy One would find us subdued by His omnipresence, staggered by His omnipotence, silenced by His omniscience, and solemnized by His holiness. His holiness would become our holiness. Holiness-teaching contradicted by unholy living is the bane of this hour! "A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hands of God." So said Robert Murray McCheyne.

Before the experiences of the sixth chapter, Isaiah has a lot of woes for a lot of people. Now he sees himself and cries, "Woe is me!" "It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer!" How true! Are there chambers of the mind with unclean pictures hanging in them? Have we skeletons in the cupboards of our hearts? Can the Holy Ghost be invited to take us by the hand down the corridors of our souls? Are there not secret springs, and secret motives that control, and secret chambers where polluted things hold empire over the soul? There are three persons living in each of us: the one we think we are, the one other people think we are, and the one God knows we are.

Unless we are desperate to get into real victory, we are so easy on ourselves and so hard on others! Self loves self, though it was said of Gerard Majella that by grace "he loved all men except Gerard Majella." Great possibility! But too often we hide ourselves from ourselves lest the sight of
ourselves should sicken ourselves. Let us invite the searching eye of God to locate this corrupted, spotted, stinking self in us. Let it be torn from us and "crucified with Him, (so) that henceforth we no longer serve sin" (Romans 6:6).
It will not do to call sin by some other name, saying, "The other fellow has a devilish temper; mine is just righteous indignation! She is touchy; my irritability is just 'a case of nerves.' He is covetous; I am expanding my business. He is stubborn; I have convictions. She is proud; I have superior tastes." There is a cover-up for anything if you want it that way.

But the Spirit will neither spare us nor cheat us if we will expose ourselves to His infallible scrutiny. Jesus said unto (the blind man), "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? (He) said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight" (Mark 10:51). Let us, too, pray for sight-upward, inward, and outward! Then like Isaiah, as we look upward, we will see the Lord in all His holiness; as we look inward, we will see ourselves and our need for cleansing and power; and as we look outward, we will see a world that is perishing and in need of a Saviour! "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, $24)$. Then only will there be unction in the pulpit and action in the pew!



BY C. C. WILCOX

As Told to

David A. Womack

The purpose of the Tabernacle was that God might dwell in the midst of His people. In order to do this He first had to teach them obedience to order by directing each tribe to camp in its special place. With the Israelites thus surrounding the Tabernacle, the shekinah glory of God filled the holy of holies and Jehovah dwelt in His proper, central place.
In Part One of this series we learned of the purpose of the Tabernacle and the various names that were applied to it. We turn now to our step-bystep examination of its many parts. The Outer Court

The first thing that one noticed on approaching the Tabernacle would have been the outer court-a white, heavy curtain of fine twined linen that surrounded the holy area. It rightly has been called the great barrier between God and man, for its main purpose was to keep all strangers out and to let only the proper persons through the gate. As a barrier it served well. It was too high to see over (five cubits, or about seven and one-half feet) ; it was too fine to see through; and there was a death penalty for going under. It kept man from entering indiscriminately into that which pertained to God.

The outer court was not a type of man's $\sin$, but of his lack of righteousness. The white, fine twined linen typified a righteous standard of holiness "without which no man shall see the Lord." Revelation 19:8 declares that the Bride of Christ will "be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness
of saints." No man can attain in himself to the righteousness which is necessary for entrance into eternal life. The Negro spiritual is indeed correct in saying, "It's so high, you can't get over it; so low, you can't get under it ; so wide, you can't get around it. You gotta come in at the door."
From the outside all that could be seen besides the curtain was the silverplated chapiters on the tops of the pillars and the brazen sockets in which the pillars rested. When one got on the inside he discovered that the pillars were just plain, unfinished posts of acacia (shittim) wood. The tops were capped with the silver chapiters and the bases rested in sockets of brass. So, the Christian may wear the helmet of salvation and stand on the judgment of Calvary, holding up the righteousness of Christ. Yet, he is just a plain sinner saved by grace.

Brass in the Scriptures usually signifies the present judgment-a judgment from which there is an escape. It is a judging of ourselves by the standards of God. As with the serpent of brass in the wilderness, if we accept the judgment and look on Christ we may go free. Silver often typifies redemption, for the silver chapiters were made with the redemption money. We have to pay a price to stand for righteousness, but the cost is so small compared to the benefits as to be almost nothing. The Israelites each gave a half shekel (about thirty cents) compared to the almost two-million-dollar value of the Tabernacle.

Between the pillars there were silver fillets, or rods, which connected the pillars and held the curtain at a uniform height. These remind us that righteousness does not fluctuate up and down. The righteous standards of God are as unchangeable as He is.

The diminsions of the outer court were one hundred cubits by fifty cubits, or about one hundred fifty feet
by seventy-five feet. The shorter sides faced east and west, and the longer faced north and south. The gate was on the eastern side. The Tabernacle was always placed in this position when it was erected. Being twice as long as it was wide, the area within the outer court formed two perfect squares. If an imaginary line were drawn across the outer court so as to form such squares, a sharp division could be seen between heavenly and earthly things. All that was in the front square would be earthly (the brazen altar and the laver) ; and all in the rear would be heavenly (the table of shewbread, the lampstand, the altar of incense, the veil, the mercy seat, and the ark). It is probable that the brazen altar was in the center of the forward square and that the ark of the covenant was in the center of the rear. Calvary is the center of earthly life and the presence of God is the center of heaven. The gate was not the entrance into heavenly things, as some have thought, but into the earthly things of salvation and cleansing from sin.

It is significant that there was only one gate. Matthew 7:14 is an appropriate text for Tabernacle studies: "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life...." The progress from the gate of the outer court to the altar, to the laver, to the holy place, and into the holy of holies is similar to the way that leads unto life. A person may progress in Christianity from an entrance, due to religious interest, to one spiritual experience after another: salvation, a Spirit-filled life, a deep inner life of holiness, and on into the place of the perfect presence of God.

## The Gate

The outer court represented a standard of righteousness that could not be met by man. But, on the eastern end was the gate through which men could enter. Some folk demonstrate a right-

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eous life, but never tell anyone how to enter into salvation; while others can tell you all about the way, but fail to live a holy life. The latter make all of the outer court into a gate, while the former leave no gate at all. Both a righteous life and a spoken testimony are necessary. The gate is a type of Christ, who said, "I am the way... no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

If you were to remove the curtain from one fifteenth of the outer court and replace it over four pillars with a beautiful tapestry of blue, purple, scarlet, and white, you would have an accurate idea of the gate. The opening was twenty cubits wide (thirty feet), leaving four pillars to be covered by the tapestry. It was wide enough so that anyone could find the way to God. Christ also is accessible to all who seek Him.

The four pillars of the gate have been likened to the four writers of the Gospels. As these pillars were no different from those of the rest of the outer court, so Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were ordinary men inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The material of the gate was similar to that of the doorway to the holy place. The blue represents the heavenly nature of the incarnate Christ; the purple speaks to us of His royalty, for He is King of kings and Lord of lords; the scarlet typifies the shed blood of the crucified Christ; and the white refers to His righteousness. Tradition tells us that there was the same amount of each color in the gate. This may indicate that God desires a balance between holiness and the Blood, and between the Incarnation and the royalty of Christ.

Although the area within the outer
court was large (about 11,250 square feet), it probably was not intended to contain large crowds. The father in each family was recognized as the religious leader, and it was he who made the family sacrifices. Larger groups, such as the tribes, were represented by their leaders.

The gate was large enough and wide enough for anyone who wished to make a sacrifice. Through the gate came a continual flow of worshipers with their sacrifices to offer. The perpetual fire on the altar was always ready to meet their needs. The gateway of Christ stands open to all to enter into a place of worship, for He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

We have discussed the outer court and the gate of the Tabernacle. In the next section, Part Three of this series, we will examine the brazen altar and the laver. Having entered the way that leads unto life, we must go past the place of sacrifice and cleansing.

Live the Christian life! Men will admire you, women will respect you, little children will love you and God will crown your life with success. And when the twilight of your life mingles with the purpling dawn of eternity, men will speak your name with honor and baptize your grave with tears, as God attunes for you the evening chimes.
-Billy Sunday



# The Secret of POWER 

BY S. L. BRENGLE

On June 1, 1960, The Salvation Army celebrated the centenary of the birth of one of its foremost Bible teachers, Samuel Logan Brengle. Commissioner Brengle's writings have helped millions of people into a life of spiritual victory.

II were given the privilege of delivering a single exhortation to all the Christians in the world, and that message had to be condensed into three words, I would say, "Wait on God."
Everywhere I go I find backsliders by the thousands, until my heart aches as I think of the great army of discouraged souls, of the way in which the Holy Spirit has been grieved, and of the way in which Jesus has been treated.
If these backsliders were asked the cause for their present condition many different reasons would be given, but after all, there is but one-they did not wait on God. If they had waited on him when the fierce assault was made that overthrew their faith, robbed them of their courage, and bankrupted their love, they would have renewed their strength, and mounted over all obstacles as though on eagles' wings.
Waiting on God means more than a prayer of thirty seconds on getting up in the morning and going to bed at night. It may mean one prayer that gets hold of God and comes away with the blessing, or it may mean a dozen prayers that knock and persist and will not be put off until God arises and makes bare his arm in behalf of the pleading soul.
There is a drawing nigh unto God, a knocking at heaven's door, a pleading of the promises, a reasoning with Jesus, a forgetfulness of self, a turning from all earthly concerns, a holding
on with determination to never let go, that puts all the wealth of wisdom and power and love at the disposal of a little man.

It is in the heat of just such seasons of waiting on God that every great soul gets the wisdom and strength that make it an astonishment to other men. They, too, might be "great in the sight of the Lord" if they would wait on God and be true, instead of getting excited and rumning to this man and that for help when the testing times come.
The Psalmist had been in great trouble, and this is what he says of his deliverance: "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

One time I went to a poor little church where about everything had been going wrong. Many were cold and discouraged, but I found one sister with a wondrous glory in her face and glad, sweet praises in her mouth. She told me how she had looked at others falling around her, had seen the carelessness of many, and noted the decline of vital piety in the church until her heart ached and her feet almost slipped. But she went to God and got down low before Him and prayed and waited until He drew near her and showed her the awful precipice on which she herself was standing, showed her that her one business was to follow Jesus, to walk before Him with a perfect heart, and to cleave to Him though the whole church backslid. Then she confessed all that God showed her, con-
fessed how near she had come to joining the great army of backsliders herself through looking on others, humbled herself before Him, and renewed her covenąnt until an unutterable joy came to her heart and God put His fear in her soul, and filled her with the glory of His presence. She told me further that the next day she fairly trembled to think of the awful danger she had been in, and declared that that time of waiting on God in the silence of the night saved her.
David said, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." Again he declares, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." Then he sends out a ringing note of encouragement to you and me, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

The secret of all failures and of all true success is hidden in the attitude of the soul in its private walk with God. The man who continually waits on God is bound to succeed. He cannot fail. To other men he may appear for the present to fail, but in the end they will see what he knew all the time, that God was with him, making him, contrary to all appearances, "a prosperous man."
Jesus put the secret in these words: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."
Know, then, that all failure has its beginning in neglecting to wait on God until we are filled with wisdom, clothed with power, and all on fire with love.

# The Barrenness of Busyness 

By Nathanael Olson

Beware of the barrenness of busyness! So warns a motto in the men's dormitory of Central Bible Institute. These six words faithfully remind hundreds of would-be ministers that Christian work often robs Christian worship. A busy life is often a barren life as far as real fruitfulness is concerned.
Dr. Don Hillis says: "Our present danger is to become so busy for God that we have no time with God. Ultimately we know that there is no substitute for communion with the Lord. May He daily enable us to put first things first."
No substitute for communion. How true! God's plan is worship first, work second. Reverse this law and our labors become merely "the energy of the flesh" rather than "the power of the Spirit." Efforts may be many but lasting results will be few. Mere busyness produces barrenness!
Christian friend, take a spiritual check-up. How much time do you spend with God each day? Compare it with the hours you spend working for God. The results may shock you. Perhaps by simple arithmetic, you will discover a reason for the lack of both victory and fruitfulness.

The Bible commands: "Be still and know that I am God . . ." (Psalms 46:10). And God promises: " . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . ." (Isaiah $40: 31$ ). Here is the cure for your nerves, for your weakness, for your problems: -waiting on the Lord.
Be honest, friend. How long is your "quiet time" each day? Is "Sweet Hour of Prayer" a song you sing or a reality you experience? Has this jet-age robbed you of what Martin Luther, John Wesley, Charles Finney, D. L. Moody and other Spiritual giants reveled in-unhurried communion with God?

Remember, "if you're too busy to pray, you're just too busy !" No amount of Christian service will satisfy the Lord's heart if you neglect to give Him your love, your time, and yourself in daily prayer. The busyness of the Martha of the Bible did not satisfy Jesus but the devotion of her sister, Mary, did. Are you a busy Martha or a loving Mary? Are you giving your Saviour what He wants-time with you?

Susanah Wesley, who gave birth to 19 children, took time out each afternoon for an hour of prayer. She didn't have the time. She took the time. And God rewarded her devotion by using her sons, John and Charles, as the greatest revivalists of their day. A college student made this a rule in his life:
no Bible-no breakfast!
no devotions-no dinner!
no Scriptures-no supper!
He fed his soul as often as he fed his body. And the spiritual calories gave his soul strength for spiritual fruitfulness.
A minister in Chicago has an hour set apart each morning for the Bible and prayer. He refuses to let anyone or anything interfere with his quiet time. If someone calls him during this hour, his wife answers the telephone. "My husband is busy now with an appointment," she says sweetly. "Could you call again in about an hour ?" Kindly but firmly, this couple guards the quiet time for what it is-a family treasure!

Have you learned this vital lesson, too? In this telephone-ringing, television-blaring decade, you can, you must take time out for God! Don't let "the barrenness of busyness" ruin your Christian life.

Decide right now to spend much time with the Lover of your soul-Jesus Christ. Then your life will be fruitful. Your heart will be joyful. And best of all, the Lord will be satisfied with YOU!


# THIS PRESENT WORLD 

## Catholics

FOUR KILLED WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES CRUCIFIX
During a religious ceremony atop the Costarossa Mountain in northern Italy two Roman Catholic priests, a student and a 10 -year-old child were killed and 20 persons injured when lightning struck a huge crucifix.

The tragedy occurred after thousands of pilgrims had climbed the nearly 8,000 -foot peak to assist at a Mass to mark the inauguration of the crucifix. The 40 -foot cross was erected to replace one which had been destroyed by vandals.

After the Mass heavy rain began to fall and some of the worshipers took shelter near the crucifix, which minutes later was struck by lightning following a series of thunderclaps and blinding flashes.

Stretcher-bearers who carried the dead victims down the mountain slopes reported that their bodies were still smouldering when they reached the scene, and parts of the crucifix had been melted away.

## BISHOP PACKS A PISTOL

From San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Evangelical Press reports that Roman Catholic Bishop James E. McManus of Ponce has been given a permit to carry a pistol throughout his parish. (Neither the 59 -year-old bishop nor the police superintendent who signed the permit would say when or why the churchman would carry the gun.)

## PRELATES URGE RECRUITING DRIVE FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Mexico's two leading prelates joined in sounding the necessity for a major recruiting drive for religious vocations to relieve the shortage of priests in that country.

With the population nearing $37 \mathrm{mil}-$ lion, church officials are concerned about the scarcity of priests, now numbering 5,000 . A century ago, Mexico had some six and a half million people and at that time the number of priests was the same as now.

## DUTCH PRELATE ADVOCATES BIBLE RETREATS

A new spiritual retreat method based on Bible reading and meditation was recommended at Amersfoort, Netherlands, by Bernard Cardinal Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht.

In the new form of retreat, which is already being practiced in some Dutch retreat centers, the cardinal explained, the Bible takes the place of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola as a source of meditation and prayer.

The cardinal said "Bible retreats" were intended to bring about a "spirit of surrender to God by meeting God in the Bible."

He stressed that since personal meditation on God's Word is of "the utmost importance" in such retreats, sermons to encourage and guide Bible reading are utilized rather than elaborate conferences.

## Music

ACKLEY, NOTED SACRED COMPOSER, DIES
One of the best-known hymnologists of the century, Alfred Henry Ackley, died in Whittier, California, July 3 at the age of 73 .

Ackley, who had teamed with his late brother, B.D., in writing more than 5,000 hymns, was best known for "He Lives," "Heartaches," "God's Tomorrow," "Song of the Soul Set Free," and "At the End of the Road."

In the early 1900's, he and his brother wrote "Jesus, I'm Coming Home" for a Billy Sunday revival. For more than half a century thereafter he penned hymns, gospel songs and children's choruses-producing, in collaboration with numerous other writers, messages in music that have touched thousands of hearts through the years.

## Building <br> CHURCH CONSTRUCTION INCREASES AGAIN

Church construction during the first six months of 1960 reached $\$ 463,000$,000 , an increase of eight per cent over
the same period last year, the Census Bureau reported.

The boom in construction of social and recreational facilities by religious and other non-profit groups continued, with $\$ 291,000,000$ total during the first half of 1960, an increase of 28 per cent over the same period of 1959.

## Driving

## DRINKERS INVOLVED IN HALF OF <br> FATAL HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

A special committee of the American Medical Association estimates that alcohol was involved in 50 per cent of the fatal highway accidents last year.

The National Safety Council has estimated that 17 per cent of drivers and 25 per cent of adult pedestrians involved had been drinking. State police across the country obtained 85,000 convictions in 1958 on drinking-and-driving charges.

## NEGLIGENT CATHOLIC DRIVERS DENIED CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Roman Catholic Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette, La., has issued an edict refusing "Christian burial" to Roman Catholics declared criminally negligent in fatal automobile accidents as a "deterrent for those alive."

His action was prompted by a recent four-car collision near Lafayette which killed nine persons.

Bishop Schexnayder said the accident was caused by drag racing in which Catholics participated and noted that other members of one family involved had been killed in an earlier accident.

Denial of Christian burial, according to Catholic teaching, means that no Mass can be said at the victim's funeral, but it does not necessarily deny him salvation.

## Government

## PROTESTANT ELECTED DUBLIN LORD MAYOR

Maurice E. Dockrell became the first Protestant Lord Mayor elected by the Dublin Corporation in 60 years. Ex-
cept for Mr. Dockrell and Robert Briscoe, a Jew and former Lord Mayor, all the 45 members of the corporation are Roman Catholics.

## BELIEF IN GOD UPHELD <br> AS PUBLIC OFFICE REQUIREMENT

Belief in God is a valid requirement for public office in Maryland, the State Court of Appeals in Maryland ruled recently.

Maryland Constitution provides for a "declaration of belief in the existence of God" as a qualification for public office. In a ruling against Roy R. Torcaso, avowed atheist, the court held that "it seems clear under our Constitution that disbelief in a Supreme Being, and the denial of any moral accountability for conduct, not only renders a person incompetent to hold public office, but to give testimony, or serve as a juror."

The court thus sustained a Montgomery County Circuit Court decision which upheld the denial of a notary's commission to Mr. Torcaso when he refused to take an oath affirming his belief in God.
Noting Mr. Torcaso's petition for a notary's commission, the court pointed out that "it would appear to be somewhat paradoxical if a notary public, who is given the power to administer oaths and certify thereto, might qualify for the office if he disavowed belief in God and in the sanctity of the very oaths he administered."

## Discoveries

## archaeologists uncover

new testament paintings
A series of paintings uncovered by archaeologists in the region of the Catacombs of Commodilla, on the road of the Seven Churches in Rome, have been hailed by experts as marking the first time that depictions of scenes from the New Testament have been found in the city's ancient subterranean passages.

They were discovered in a small sepulchral cell belonging to a cemetery located on land donated by the Roman matron Commodilla to the Christian community of Rome at the end of the fourth century.
A painting which experts regard as absolutely unique shows the Redeemer, dressed in a tunic, making a declamatory gesture with the right hand and holding an open book in the left, and two saints at His side. The painting is interpreted as depicting Jesus announcing His gospel, while the two saints acclaim the announcement.

## Your Questions

## ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

## Does the soul enter the body at conception or at birth?

The soul develops with the body from the time of conception. It is a vital part of the man.
Three months ago I was saved, but I have not been baptized in water. A baptismal service is planned for next summer when our new church is finished. Were Jesus to come before then would He accept me since I have not been "born of water"?

Since you are willing to be baptized I am sure that, were Jesus to come, He would not leave you behind. I believe, however, that we are too careless concerning baptism. The Bible teaches that baptism should immediately follow taking Christ as our Saviour. "Repent ye and be baptized." In baptism a person confesses his faith in Christ as his Saviour and testifies to Him as his Lord. Acts $2: 38 ; 8: 36-39 ; 16: 30-33$.

Will you please explain the source of the doctrine of limbo, and what is limbo?
When the Catholic Church adopted the doctrine of Augustine that infants were guilty of Adam's sin, therefore unbaptized babies go to hell if they die, thinkers among the Catholic divines felt this was too severe a punishment so it was decided that, instead of unbaptized infants going to hell, they went to limbo, "a region supposed to lie on the edge of hell; a place or condition of restraint or confinement, or a condition of neglect or oblivion." Instead of teaching this Jesus said of the little children "for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
Why do we call the Scriptures the Bible, when the term "Bible" is not found anywhere in the Scriptures?

The word "Scriptures" comes from the Latin word scriptum, meaning something written. The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word biblos, meaning a book. The Bible, then, is a book made up of the Old Testament Scriptures and the New Testament Scriptures. An interesting fact is that the Scriptures originally were written on the inner bark of the papyrus plant, and this substance itself came to be known as biblos because of the common use to which it was put.

Our daughter has been expelled from school until we are willing for her to have polio shots. God has promised to answer prayer and said "If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it." Our daughter needs her schooling, but we do not want to fail the Lord. What do you advise that we do?
I am sorry, but I do not feel in a position to tell you what you should do. I can, however, lay before you some thoughts which you may consider.
We know God is able to do everything and that God honors faith. But may we take Jesus as an example? Had Jesus jumped from the pinnacle of the temple, He had the promise that God would give the angels charge over Him to protect Him (Psa. 91). But Jesus would not jump from the pinnacle of the temple, believing it would be tempting God, since He was able to descend in an orderly way.
The Lord can protect your daughter and I am not telling you what you should do. I just lay this thought before you for your consideration. Since polio shots are provided, would it be wrong for you to make use of such, telling the Lord, "We refuse to rely on the means provided, you must protect us" ?

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ne year ago, at General Council, GLOBAL CONQUEST was presented formally to our people. Since that time the program has gone into orbit and is achieving tremendous results in world evangelism.

In Latin America, for instance, GLOBAL CONQUEST has made it possible for the Bible schools in Paraguay and Costa Rica to enlarge their facilities. Cuba is now the scene of GLOBAL CONQUEST revivals which are being sponsored by the Cuban Assemblies under their national program "Conquista Evangelica Cubana" (Evangelical Conquest of Cuba). As a result, Sagua La Grande, where there has been no previous Pentecostal witness, is now experiencing a mighty revival and a new Assembly is being formed.

As Brother Greisen reports in this issue of the Evangel, GLOBAL CONQUEST is helping open a new Bible school for the training of workers in the Netherlands. It was the existence of GLOBAL CONQUEST funds that permitted us to take advantage of this unique opportunity for ministry in Europe.

Both North and South India are being blessed because of GLOBAL CONQUEST. A new Marathi-speaking church is being established in the

# One Year of GLOBAL CONQUEST 

BY RAYMOND BROCK

city of Bombay and a group of evangelistic teams, consisting of both missionaries and nationals, are opening evangelistic campaigns in the major industrial cities of North India.

GLOBAL CONQUEST has assisted in the expansion of evangelistic ministries in Nyasaland, Tanganyika, and the Republic of Upper Volta. Funds have also been made available to stepup the distribution of Full Gospel literature in South Africa, and the Nigeria Central Bible Institute has been enlarged to accommodate new minis-ters-in-training.

Japan and the Philippine Islands have had their Bible school facilities augmented through GLOBAL CONQUEST funds and the new Bible school in Malaya has received help in erecting its new campus. Evangelistic ministry in Hong Kong and Formosa have been enlarged and the literature ministry in Samoa has been broadened through GLOBAL CONQUEST funds.

One mission field was selected for the "pilot project" of GLOBAL CONQUEST. The Republic of Korea is the site of a three-pronged missionary advance. Literature has been prepared in the Korean language, ministers have been trained in the Korea Bible school,
and now it is time to open the Seoul Evangelistic Center. Missionaries and nationals have worked and prayed for months to prepare for the launching of this "crash" program. Political events point to one fact: this is the hour for the evangelization of Korea. GLOBAL CONQUEST has made it possible for us to be ready to reap in this whitened harvest. Evangelist Sam Todd has already gone to Korea to open the initial evangelistic crusade in this GLOBAL CONQUEST advance.

Missionaries, interpreters, evangelists, personal workers, not only in Korea, but around the world are looking to America for prayer support. That is why August 21 has been designated as GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY OF PRAYER. On this day we urge our Christians across the nation to pray earnestly for GLOBAL CONQUEST and its many ministries around the world. Prepare your heart this week to be part of our nationwide prayer circle next Sunday. The success of GLOBAL CONQUEST depends on one power-the power of intercessory prayer. Will you join us in observing GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY OF PRAYER? If so, the missionary advance during the second year of GLOBAL CONQUEST will be more remarkable than this initial year.


Audience at the first "Conquista Evangelica Cubana" sponsored by Global Conquest in Cuba

V. G. Greisen greets members of the new Holland Bible School administration. Left to right: H. M. van Ameron, pastor in Groningen; E. A. Graf, principal; V. G. Greisen; P. van der Voude, pastor in Rotterdam; P. Klaver, retired missionary to China.

IT IS MOST REMARKABLE WHAT CAN be done when God's people work together in prayerful and humble spirit. We contribute the success of the new Bible school in Holland to the working of love and fellowship with the brethren from Holland and Germany-together with our Foreign Missions Board, the Missions Department, the Women's Missionary Council, the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and Global Conquest.

Our Dutch brethren saw the need of consolidating the Pentecostal work in Holland. They esteemed the work of the General Council and observed the fruitful result of our Assemblies of God Bible schools in Europe. They decided to unite in prayer for the leadings of the Lord, with the result that they felt in their hearts that a Bible school should be established to train the God-called, anointed youth of Holland to become pastors and evangelists. God honored their desires and request, opening the door to purchase a small property in Groningen. The property is sufficient to care for from twelve to twenty students.

The Dutch brethren then decided to ask our Foreign Missions Department to help them, as they hardly felt able to undertake such a program without some experienced help. They contacted John Kolenda, our missionary in Erzhausen, Germany, who made a trip to Holland in order to counsel with the Dutch brethren. Brother Kolenda encouraged them to get in touch with the Field Secretary for Europe when he

# Global Conquest Helps Open Holland Bible School 

BY V. G. GREISEN<br>Field Secretary for Europe and Southern Asia

visited Erzhausen. The Dutch brethren made a trip to Erzhausen to attend the German Conference and presented their project. I had not planned to visit Holland, but when the Dutch brethren pressed me I changed my plans. On June 1, I met with twentyfive Dutch ministers in Dreibergen and explained the involvement of a Bible school, as well as the necessity for a healthy, united growth for the Assemblies of God in Holland. The Dutch brethren unitedly voted in favor of a full time Assemblies of God Bible school to begin October 17, 1960.

Brother Kolenda and Brother Williscroft added many encouraging words to the meeting, expressing their willingness to help in an advisory capacity. The Dutch brethren were much encouraged.

When I related this story to the Foreign Missions Board, they were glad and immediately allocated funds from Global Conquest to launch the school. They added their prayer that God's blessing should rest on this new relationship between the Dutch and American brethren of the Assemblies of God.

The Berean Bible Course has already been sent to the Dutch brethren and is being translated for use in the school.

Mrs. Mildred Smuland, National WMC secretary is sending notice of needed articles to the various district IVMC groups so they may fill the needs of the school. BGMC is coming in with their help to pay for the Berean Course and its translation into the Dutch language.

No doubt, when individuals read this article, God will place a burden upon their hearts and they also will respond with contributions to help the school along. We have already received letters from the Dutch brethren expressing their deep gratitude and joy for
the help they have received. It has encouraged them greatly. They knew they would have to do a good deal of sacrificing, but when they discovered the readiness of our American people to help them, they are willing to go through any inconvenience in order to establish a school where their youth may be trained to serve the Lord more efficiently. We know that God shall be glorified. Of course, many things are needed as yet, but we know God will supply this need as we pray the prayer of faith and do that which God enables us to do.

If you should like to assist in the opening of this new workers training center in the Netherlands, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Holland Bi ble School.

## News Flash From Congo

Our missionaries in Congo have been safely evacuated to Kimusu, Kenya. A telegram from Missionary Melvin Jorgenson has informed us of the safe arrival of our entire Congo staff-Miss Winifred Currie, Mr, and Mrs. J. W. Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Furman, Miss Lillian Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jorgenson, Mrs. Grace Lindholm, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker.

Our churches, schools, clinics, and Bible school have been left in the care of our Congo Christians. Pray for them as they carry on the work in the absence of their missionaries.


# Start Early or Fail 

By Flois Hite

WHEN ASKED FOR BASIC ADVICE TO parents on the important task of training children, a juvenile officer said, "Start early or fail."

Child training is character training, and it is extremely difficult to alter his way of thinking, his attitude toward life if the child has not had proper early training.

It is said by authorities in the field that there are three basic needs of man: a sense of belonging, a sense of usefulness and the need to love and to be loved. Since we are creatures of habit, it is essential for parents to form good habits themselves, so they may be able to train their children both by teaching and example. Little Johnny will ape the habits (good and bad) of father, and Susie will be inclined to follow her mother's example whether it be in housekeeping or in the ability to tell a falsehood with a poker face.

The juvenile officer went on to say, "In my years as a juvenile officer, I've observed that the main trouble with the youngsters who come to my attention is that they either had very little early training or none at all. The parents evidently took the attitude that their children should do what comes naturally. They thought that little Johnny would grow up all by himself and have no bad habits and it just wasn't important to teach him good morals and good habits before he had the opportunity to learn all the bad ones." The officer cited a recent experience, "I called the parents of a boy who'd been picked up twice on the charge of theft. I wanted the parents to join me for a consultation to see what could be done for the boy. I almost got my head torn off for even suggesting the boy could be a thief in spite of the fact the boy had been caught with the evidence on him. Such parents try my soul-they know in most cases the kids are guilty, but they will not accept the fact. Or they will not
admit they are themselves guilty of shirking their obligation to teach their offspring good morals."

Not every child who lacked proper early training becomes a delinquent, at least not to the point of the law catching up with him. But he will become a failure in life at one phase or another. Those weak links in character and habit are bound to show up. In some cases only the individual himself knows his inner weaknesses and they haunt him unmercifully. He is at a disadvantage in both his physical and emotional make-up. Sometimes because a boy has not been trained to perform chores or duties well and has not been given responsible tasks or responsibilities to help him to become mentally alert, he simply cannot carry his part of the load. Often he is lazy and procrastinating and fails to secure the sense of accomplishment. So this unfortunate individual struggles against heavy odds.

An attorney who handles a great many divorce cases said, "Most of the cases I handle are those in which the individuals really believe they are unable to live a satisfactory married life. The men are unable or unwilling to support their wives and children. They are too selfish or too lazy. Some of them seem to have very little responsibility toward their families. These people, in my opinion, are total misfits. It would be interesting to discover what kind of home they came from -what kind of training, if any, they received as children.
"By the same token, the wives in most of these cases have failed to receive the training they should have had to succeed at being wives and mothers. They tend to rear their own children in the same manner they themselves were reared. They seem to feel that changing partners will automatically make them a different person. I always try to help them patch up their
differences and to point out their responsibility to each other and their children. In a very few instances do I succeed. The ground work has been laid for difficulties and the pattern set for failure."

On the other side are the emotional needs of children which must be met adequately by parents. Indeed, it is

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## For Junior Readers

## PICTURE PUZZLE



DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION - MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

## Monday, August 15

## Read: Colossians 3:1-7

Learn: "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).
For the Parent: This passage points out some of the things Christians should do because they have been raised to spiritual life (v. 1) through Christ. These include (1) being more concerned over eternal than earthly matters, vv. 1, 2; (2) remembering that our new life comes from Christ, v. 3 ; (3) knowing that some day we shall be with Christ forever, v. 4; (4) doing away with those things in our lives which are displeasing to God-discuss these, v. 5 .

Question Time: What brings God's wrath? (vv. 5, 6) What are some of the differences between the Christian and the unsaved person as indicated in this passage? (vv. 1-5)
Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Charles Lee (Indian), New Mexico; Melton O. Hill, West Africa.

## Tuesday, August 16

Read: Colossians 3:8-17
Learn: "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9).
For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. This passage continues with some of the things the Christian is to "put off" (vv. 8, 9). Discuss these, showing why they have no place in the Christian's life. But becoming a Christian is more than "putting off." We become new creatures in Christ, and there are qualities which we must "put on." Discuss these (vv. 10-17), emphasizing the importance of each. Stress the necessity of doing all things as unto the Lord (v.17).
Question Time: What are some characteristics the Christian is expected to "put off"? (vv. 8,9) to "put on"? (vv. 10-17)

## Wednesday, August 17

Read: Colossians 3:18-25
Learn: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians $3: 23$ ).
For the Parent: This passage begins with specific instructions to certain groups of people: wives, husbands, children, fathers, and servants. Discuss each of the commandments to these groups, showing its necessity and importance. Then emphasize that our duties to others are to be carried out as to the Lord (v. 23), for we realize that our final reward (v. 24) or punishment (v. 25) shall come from Him. In all we do, let us strive to please God. Question Time: How are we to fulfill
the commandments given in this passage? (v. 23) Why? (vv. 24, 25) Why should children obey their parents? (v. 20)
Missionary Birthdays: James H. Boyce (superannuated), India; John C. Jackson, Spanish Literature Dept.; Mrs. J. S. Mattox, Upper Volta.

## Thursday, August 18

Read: Exodus $17: 1-6,9-16$
Learn: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).
For the Parent: (Additional material on "Moses' Victories in the Wilderness" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) In the first part of this lesson, God miraculously provided water to quench the thirst of the Israelites. The latter part of the lesson shows how God helped Israel to conquer her enemies. Discuss the part that Joshua, Moses, Aaron, and Hur played in this battle. Stress that God is ready and able to meet all of our needs as long as we put our trust in Him.
Question Time: What two things did God do for Israel at this time? How did Aaron and Hur help Israel win the victory over Amalek? (vv. 11-13)
Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. John F. Hall, Upper Volta; Delores Keats, Alaska; Harry D. Pennington, Nigeria; Virgil Zeigler (Indian), Arizona.

## Friday, August 19

Read: Romans $12: 1 ; 2$ Samuel 23:8-17; Ephesians $6: 6$; Romans 7:6 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
Learn: "If any man serve me, him will my father honor" (John 12:26).
For the Parent: One of the ways in which Christians can worship the Lord is through their service for Him. Such serv-
ice is our reasonable duty (Romans 12: 1). From 2 Samuel $23: 8-17$, discuss the deeds of these mighty men, showing how they served David and God. Emphasize that we are to do God's will from the heart, not just to please people (Ephesians 6:6)-our attitude is very important in service-as are our motives.
Question Time: What is one way in which we can worship the Lord? (See above) Why are attitudes and motives important in serving the Lord?
Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Dean G. Bergstrom, Costa Rica; James H. Anderson, India.

## Saturday, August 20

Read: Exodus $24: 12-18 ; 32: 1-20$ (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
Learn: "I will punish the world for their evil" (Isaiah 13:11),
For the Parent: God had just revealed Himself to Israel as a holy God who demanded holiness from His people. Then He called Moses up into the mountain so He could talk with Him, giving Him the rules for governing the Israelites (24: 12-18). But Moses was gone for quite a while. The Israelites, after a glorious revelation of God, soon turned from Him to terrible wickedness-making and worshiping a golden calf. Discuss the terrible penalties of allowing anything to come between us and God.
Question Time: How did the Israelites actions contradict what God had been teaching them about holiness?
Missionary Birthdays: Mable M. Dean, Egypt; Mrs. S. Vandermerwe, Tanganyika; Paul A. Williscroft, Germany.
Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Cyle G. Davis, Chile; Mrs. Lemuel E. Davis (Indian), New Mexico; Frederick O. Seaward, Malaya.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

The David Wakefields have moved to Lome, Togo, at the invitation of Premier Olimpio. This city of 125,000 has no evangelical witness. The Wakefields have rented a house that provides living quarters and church sanctuary. Pray that funds will be forthcoming to pay the $\$ 200$ per month required to keep this property.

Pray for the American Indian people in Catholicism who are bound by fear and for those who are confused over the teaching of false cults. Pray that these first Ameri-
cans will be able to understand the truth of the gospel as they have opportunity to hear it through our faithful missionaries.

A drought in East Pakistan has caused serious problems for our national Christians. It is reported that some of our pastors are eating only one meal in every three days. Pray that God will meet the material needs of these suffering Christians.

Pray for the new congregation on Barter Island. Alaska.


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The long-awaited administration building for the headquarters of the Assemblies of God is now under construction. The official ground breaking ceremonies were conducted August 2, 1960 and immediately the Sharp Brothers Contracting Company began the work. Inasmuch as the contract calls for the building to be completed within 350 calendar days it is expected that it will be occupied in December of 1961.

Currently the five hundred employees at headquarters are cramped and crowded into three different buildings, each several blocks from the others Aside from the inconvenience of such an arrangement many man-hours are lost between buildings. The new building will be four stories high and will house all offices. There will be foundation strength so that four more stories can be added when necessary

The total cost for the new building

Looking south from Division Street (1) to site of new (3) and join our present printing plant (4). Farther County Court House (6), Post


Current crowded conditions are evident in all departments


# UILDING STARTED <br> Vill Provide Needed Space remaberat 

new building (2), which will face Boonville Avenue
up the street are Central Assembly of God (5), st Office (7), and City Hall (8)

will come to almost three million dollars. Aside from the general contract. it will include erection of the outside curtain-walls, internal walls, cafeteria equipment, lighting and other items. Some internal walls will be moveable to facilitate flexibility in growth and expansion. The building will adjoin the Gospel Publishing House which was completed in 1949. Dimensions of the new building will be 360 feet long and 105 feet wide. There will be a
total of 126,000 square feet of floor space.

Very shortly announcement will be made of a two million dollar first mortgage bond issue to finance the project. The bonds will have an interest rate of $5 \%$.

When finished, the contemporary style structure in the center of a growing city and nation will be an eloquent testimony to the rapid growth and leadership of the Assemblies of God.

Partial partitions have been used to utilize all possible space


# Problems Encountered in Evangelical Work Among the American Indians 


R. L. Brandt

By R. L. Brandt<br>National Home Missions Secretary

Until recent years the American Indian has been, for the most part, overlooked and neglected by us evangelicals. While we do not have current statistics, the latest ones available bring this neglect into sharp focus. They reveal that only seven per cent are Protestant and 60 per cent still worship after their ancestral customs. I do believe up-to-date statistics will reveal a somewhat brighter picture, but the challenge is still great.

The setting for missionary work among the Indians is a sorry one indeed, and it accentuates the problem we evangelicals face as we attempt to reach them with the gospel. Permit me to quote the Honorable Lee Metcalf who represents Montana in Washington, D. C. "The way white men treated the Indians is truly a sorry page in the history of the United States. The American Indians were driven from their native lands like cattle, and were ostracized. paternalized, supervised, baptized, scrutinized, and finally victimized."

He goes on to say, "There is no satisfaction in our record of dealing with the American Indians from the beginning to the present. Tremendous effort has been put forth. Huge sums of money have been spent. Humanitarian programs have been launched. But today the composite American Indian is the worst fed, the worst housed, the worst clad, the sickest, and finally the shortest-lived racial group in the U.S.
"The average life of a white man in the U.S. is now 68. That of a negro is 60 . But the life expectancy of a baby born on the Papago Reservation in southwestern Arizona is 17 years. The figure is approximately the same for the Navajo, the Hopi, the Ute, the Sioux, and on other reservations."

This then is the setting in which we find ourselves as we evangelicals look toward the American Indian. All of this, along with other contributing factors, has set the stage for a multiplicity of problems which we must face and
by God's grace overcome. Consider now some of these obstacles to missionary effort.

First, there is the matter of the Indian's misconception of the Christian religion, its objectives, and concepts. In view of his past experience with the white man, he has a serious question as to the white man's motives, even in religion. And well he might, for often in the name of Christianity he has been deluded rather than delivered, benighted rather than enlightened, and degraded rather than uplifted. He has often looked in vain for the Bread that truly satisfies and for the Water that can quench his thirst. Therefore, since he cannot, at first sight, tell the difference between evangelical and other so-called Christian missionaries, it falls our lot to overcome his well-grounded suspicions. This cannot be done in a day.

Problem number two concerns the Indian's own religion. Yes, I said religion. The Indian has his religion, as other men, regardless of where they

are found, have theirs. For example, the Apache worships the sun, and to show his devotion to his god he builds his wick-i-up with the door facing east toward the sunrise. The Indian has his medicine man, who is but a counterpart of the African witch doctor. He has his fetishes and charms; and he envisions a happy hunting ground in the next life. But, posing an even greater problem than all of this is what is known as the Native American Church. This so-called religion centers around the use of a drug called peyote.

Assemblies of God missionaries have found peyote worship well established on various reservations. The peyote drug, which the Indians use in this pagan religious ritual of the Native American Church, is derived from the narcotic Peitol cactus plant. "Peyotism is a technique to attain inner security in grappling with a new culture, of whose benefits they are not yet convinced." * Other forms of heathenism are a mixture of Catholicism and paganism.

Problem number three is that of gaining access to Indian Pueblos, villages, and reservations. Tribal leaders desire to keep solicitors, peddlers, and exploiters out-and rightly so. The Indian leaders are often completely satisfied with their own form of worship. In some instances there is evidence of Roman Catholic influence upon them which results in the evangelical missionary's finding a closed door.

It is not uncommon for tribal councils to refuse land grants for mission purposes, even in the face of petitions signed by a strong representative group from their own tribe. This gets into the area of constitutional rights guaranteed to all American citizens, but to date it is a problem.

Consider, fourthly, the problem of coping with the Indian's sphere of understanding. His background, his lack of education in many instances, his environment-all of these things contribute to the problem of getting through to him. For example, the Baptists have provided a New Testament in Navajo. Yet, in spite of diligent effort and painstaking labor in producing it, it is claimed that many of the truths are not set forth in their true form because of the age-old problem of selecting suitable idioms.

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Indians of the Navajo Reservation working on the railroad

It will interest us, too, to take note of the fact that while there are about 85,000 Navajos, only 10 per cent are literate. Add to this the problem of coping with scores of dialects found among the various tribes and the fact that some tribes have no written language. Then you get somewhat of an idea of the barrier produced by the Indians' limited ability to understand the message.

In the fifth place is the problem of "cultism." Let us not overlook it. The cults are up and at it, while we evangelicals are sometimes slow to act. Lately, the Latter Day Saints have instituted a program which has promise of being very effective and problematic. They take Indian children into their private homes on a cost-free basis. under the pretense of a charitable desire to provide them with an education. But their true motive is selfevident.

The sixth problem is heavy drinking which is practiced by nearly all Indians. This is one of the worst obstacles to the progress of the gospel among the Indians. It brings us to the question: Why do Indians cling to heathenism, Peyotism, and drink?

Primarily, to the Indian it means temporary escape from reality. Indians are a proud people who cannot stand
to face the fact that they are a vanquished race. The poverty and sordidness of their existence is depressing. Many of them are still seeking to preserve their own culture, traditions, be-liefs-in short, their old way of life. Many have an intense hatred for the white man. The older generation especially fears change. The Indians fear family opinion and hesitate to take a public stand for Christ for fear their families will reject them. Also, they fear their medicine men and their curses.

All of these problems, along with others equally as great, are magnified by the fact that there are some 280 Indian tribes in the U.S. living on 300 reservations and rancherias. They are to be found in nearly every state and in some instances in places not easily accessible. A large number of Indians have moved to the cities.

May God grant us a renewal of the spirit of the valiant David Brainerd so that the American Indian may be evangelized in our generation.

Offerings for AMERICAN INDIAN MISSIONS to help keep our missionaries on the field proclaiming the full gospel may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.


## 35 YEARS AGO

R. J. Craig, pastor in SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF, announces that their new radio station KGTT will soon go on the air on 234 meters. He expects to be able to speak to 10,000 people in that way . . . Glenn Millard, secre-tary-treasurer of the Oklahoma District, reports a great camp meeting in GUTHRIE, OKLA. Over $\$ 1,000$ was pledged to buy a tent for future meetings . . . . R. A. Work is rejoicing that the church in MALDEN, MO., has grown from 16 to 24 in seven months . . . Tributes are being paid to Mrs. George Wynn, the cook at C.B.I who was called to her eternal reward . . . Martin Kvamme recently baptized 11 believers in NORTH CHINA . . . . Mae Eleanor Frey recently held meetings in the Canadian cities of MONTREAL. TORONTO, WINDSOR and ARNPRIOR . . . . Special meetings are announced for SPRINGFIELD, MO., W. T. Gaston, evangelist, and D. W. Kerr, pastor. FREDONIA, N. Y., Willard and Christine Peirce, evangelists, and Noel Perkin, Pastor MUSKEGON, MICH., John J.
Ashcroft, evangelist
SIOUX
CITY, IOWA, Clyde Bailey, evangelist, and I. M. Glanville, pastor.
DOTHAN, ALA., Southeastern Camp Meeting with A. H. and Zelma Argue, speakers

Among those
newly ordained are Guy Phillips of ASHTABULA, OHIO, and Fred Snyder of LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Because of the new addition at C.B.I. there will be room for more students this fall ; $\$ 4.50$ a week will cover every expense except registration
Osborn Magoon and Ira Stanphill held a tent meeting back of the post office in WELLINGTON, KANS.
Mrs. L. G. Bolton, while returning from the mission field, attended the camp meeting in SUNDERLAND, ENGLAND, and was healed while there . . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vassar received missionary appointment to go to NORTH INDIA .... Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Perdue sailed for China for another term as missionaries Special meetings are announced for RUSSELLVILLE, ARK., the Bert Webb Evangelistic Party, evangelists, and L. L. Riley, pastor .... LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Emma Taylor, evangelist, and J. B. Lilley, pastor DECATUR, ILL., C. A. Convention, Ralph Riggs, speaker, and Everett Phillips, C. A. President Among those recently ordained are Robert J. Renfroe, Charles N. Rice, Andrew Teuber, and Don Mallough Leonard Palmer transferred to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Marvin Smith has resigned as pastor in WARREN, OHIO.

# Focus on Eternity 

## (Continued from page three)

Notice the inducements that were offered to Moses. The first was temporal pleasure to be had in the society and activities of court life. Next were the temporal possessions of Pharaoh's fabulous fortune; and finally there was temporal power-the mandate of an Egyptian empire over which he might have ruled.

Because Moses had a proper estimate of life, none of these things
moved him. He chose rather to be a servant of God-a prince with God -the loftiest position to which any human may attain. The choice was a choice of faith. Moses looked beyond his present life in Egypt and saw an eternity with God.

We, too, may have such a vision. In Christ, all of us are given the right to become sons of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John $1: 12$ ). Are you a child of the King ? You can be! Believe on Christ now
and you will become an adopted member of the household of God with all the princely prerogatives of such a relationship.

When you put God first, you never lose! Moses was willing to merge time into eternity, and God blessed him abundantly in both. While he had foregone the temporal control of Egypt, Moses became God's appointed re-deemer-leader of Israel-the deliverer for whom he himself had prayed! Too, he also became a world-renowned and timeless hero of faith, rather than a forgotten Pharaoh. Spiritually he became an inspired prophet of God and Israel's mediator with Jehovah. More than that, he was granted a place as counselor in our redemption when, on the Mount of Transfiguration, he met with Christ to discuss His coming atonement.

Moses was glorified by God, rather than mummified by man! He knew that God rewards His faithful children, and he had "respect unto the recompence of the reward." He chose the eternal reward of the pleasures and joys of God's favor and presence.

I am glad that these eternal rewards are not exceptional to the case of Moses. They are available to all who will accept Christ as Saviour and thus merge their span of time with God's great eternity. God desires to have you share in this rich and eternal provision.

All men are guided either consciously or unconsciously by a life principle, and, out of our investigations, two things appear quite prominently. First, all men who estimate life from only a human and temporal standpoint will go down in ultimate and eternal defeat. Ruled by their passions, they perish. In life they may have appeared to be great and good men, but in the silence of death they are poor, wounded, stripped, defeated. This is the final estate of all who lay up treasures for themselves and are not rich toward God. When life is over and they find themselves, frightened, and condemned, their once full soul moves out into a dark and empty eternity. Having followed a wrong estimate of life, they must now pursue it to its inevitable conclusion : eternity without God. No longer is there time to turn back and begin again at Calvary's Cross.

In sharpest contrast with this is the eternal viewpoint. All men who estimate life from the divine viewpoint as it is revealed in Christ gain ultimate,
glorious, and eternal victory. It is true that this present life may pose great difficulties and have many problems for them, but as these souls endure and by faith advance, they are guaranteed final triumph and eternal glory.
Ask Moses if he regretted his decision and he would answer, "Never!" Consider him under the strain of the "desert detour." How valiantly he marched forward and endured "as seeing him who is invisible." His eyes were fixed on a goal beyond the span of time. He could see eternity, and in it God-and Moses! There awaited him a crown that far outweighed his "light afflictions" which were "but for a moment" and worked for him a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." He viewed life from the proper perspective. He kept eternity in focus, and eternity with God became his reward!

Friend, why don't you take God's way? Begin now to base your life on eternal values and accept Christ as the only means of securing them. Here only is real security, peace, and genuine satisfaction.

Will you, along with Moses and a host of others, count this world's goods as secondary and base your life upon a true estimate of spiritual and eternal values? Will you now surrender your all to Christ and receive in exchange the riches, pleasures, and privileges of God's grace? This is the wisest choice you can ever make.

## AUGUST 14

Bethany Debt Retirement Day!
The expenses incurred in building a home for the Assemblies of God pioneer ministers and missionaries must not continue indefinitely as a debt.

One offering from each Assembly will retire this debt. Co-operate on August 14, by giving generously to:

## HEALING TESTIMONIES

## Healed of Varicose Ulcer

I was afflicted with a varicose ulcer, just above my ankle. All of the doctor's treatments had no effect and it grew larger and more painful.
In October, 1959, Pastor Nidever came to the house and prayed for me. The pain left immediately. The next morning the discharge stopped and the swelling was gone. I am thanking God for this definite healing.-Mrs. Frances M. Mills, Kerby, Oreg.
(Verified by O. LeRoy Nidever, formerly pastor in Kerby and now pastor of the Assembly of God in Willamina, Oreg.)

## Curvature of the Spine Disappears

When my son, John G. Hackworth, was a small boy I noticed that his spine was not exactly straight but I hoped it would not get worse. However, it did and when he became of draft age the army doctor told him he had curvature of the spine. No one else knew it except my husband.
John's condition grew gradually worse until he was about thirty-two years of age. By that time his spine had curved over to the left side of his back and the joints protruded until it looked as if they would come through the skin. His backbone also was beginning to curve outward causing him to have the appearance of a hunchback.
About that time Evangelist John C. Poteet was conducting meetings in Ed-
wardsville, Ill. Through the courtesy of Pastor J. E. Willhite of Winfield, Mo., we were enabled to attend those meetings. The first night the evangelist prayed for John, but he said he felt no change. However, on the way home he suddenly felt a clicking or snapping sensation up and down his spine. When he alighted from the car he discovered he could walk with his head erect, which he had not been able to do for a long time.

Later when I examined his back the large curved roll was still there but no bones were protruding. It was soft to the touch. There was a crease down the middle of his back. It just seemed too wonderful to be true!

That was several years ago and he is still healed. That large roll of flesh gradually grew smaller and disappeared. -Mrs. J. William Hackworth, Moscow Mills, Mo.
(Verified by J. E. Willhite, former pastor of the Assembly of God, Winfield, Mo.)

The world is not to be won for Christ by self-seeking, ease-loving men and women. Those not prepared for labor, self-denial, and many discouragements, will be poor helpers in the work. In short, the men and women we need are those who will put Jesus and souls first and foremost in everything and at all times; life itself must be secondary-nay, even those more precious than life. Of such men, of such women, do not fear to send us too many. Their price is far above rubies.-Hudson Taylor

# Sumbayi Leumer 

# Moses' Victories in the Wilderness 

Sunday School Lesson for August 21, 1960 Exodus 17:1-6, 9-16

The experiences through which the children of Israel passed in the wilderness journeyings are typical of the experiences in the spiritual life of the New Testament believer. Thus, in every life there are "Rephidims," and in every life there is a constant battle with "Amalek."
IVILDERNESS REFRESHMENT. (Exodus 17:1-6.)
"And... Israel... pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink." Such was the situation into which God led His people. That they were in God's will cannot be questioned. For it was "according to the commandment of the Lord" that they had arrived where they were. Why, then, this perilous predicament? In this incident we may observe the following:

1. The Limit of Human Ability. The scarcity of what provided a lesson for Moses himself. Lest he think too highly of himself after having led the people to such spectacular successes thus far, he is brought to the realization of his own abject helplessness apart from divine help. Self-sufficiency and self-confidence must have quickly vanished.
2. The Perverseness of Human Nature. "Wherefore the people did chide with Moses... and murmured against Moses." The Israelites reflected attitudes that are still quite prevalent among us today. How easy it is for us all to forget God's past blessings and deliverances! How quick we are to complain either inwardly or outwardly or both, when we find ourselves in places of human extremity. "Thou hast brought us up out of Egypt to kill us." How horribly unjust was their accusation against Moses! Yet is it not true that we all too easily entertain false and unjust thoughts concerning a faithful, merciful, and loving God who allows us to come to the place of human extremity in order to reveal His all-sufficiency!
3. The Patience of God. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee the elders of Israel; and thy rod." Not a word of reproach did God direct to the people. Instead, God gave immediate directions for the supplying of the peoples' need. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not." How great is His faithfulness and patience with us all!
4. The Presence of God. "Behold I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb." The people had just spoken of stoning Moses to death. Now God reminds Moses that he can count on His unseen presence. God desired Moses-and for that matter, all of us!-to derive needed strength which comes from the consciousness of His presence:
5. The Provision of God. "And thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink." What a miracle! What a revelation to Moses and to the people of God's willingness and ability to pro-
vide! What an illustration, too, of the fact that God so often sends help from unlikely sources and in unusual fashion.

Again, the smitten rock typifies Christ, smitten on Calvary from whence flows evermore the water of life. "They drank of that spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ"! So states the apostle Paul. 1 Cor. $10: 1-4$. We may also see flowing from the smitten rock not only the waters of salvation (John $4: 13,14$ ) but the fullness of the Holy Spirit. "If any man thirst, let Him come unto me and drink." John 7:37-39. WILDERNESS VICTORY. (Exodus $17: 8-16$.)

Amalek is a type of the flesh. "The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." The battle between Israel and Amalek is a picture of the spiritual battle that is described by Paul in Galatians 5:17 -"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh." It may also illustrate our warfare against the forces of evil spirits. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world." Eph. $6: 12$. Israel could only maintain victory in battle as the intercessory hands of Moses remained aloft. Likewise, our victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil can only be maintained as we, too, pray "always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit!" Eph. 6:18
-J. Bashford Bishop
Do not be content with rebuking men when they do wrong, but lay your hand upon their shoulder and tell them that you are sure they are capable of better things, that the possibility of saintship is deep down in the soul.
$-F$. B. Meyer

## TIME TO LOOK UP!



## The Single Woman

## in the <br> Small Church

Iam a single woman and my Sunday school class of teen-agers is one of my cherished avenues of serving the Lord. Although I am the only single, middle-aged woman in our church, I truly believe that I am in the place of God's choosing for me, and this is a great comfort.

To the Christian in any station in life, the first questions he should ask about his church life are: "What can I give?" "What can I do for the Lord here?" "How can the Lord use me in this place?" The single woman is free usually from the responsibilities and demands of family life, so she may be able to give of her time more freely than her married friends.

Especially in the small church, the single woman can use all the talents the Lord has given her. Working with those of like spirit, there is no barrier of position but there exists a genuine unity of service and Christian love. She often is able to give time at evening services, and in such mundane tasks (though very important ones to the advancement of the church's program) as addressing mail, mimeographing, creative writing and news writing. Correspondence with missionaries may be a real blessing to both the missionaries and the church.
The single woman with a heart of love toward all God's work may be able to give increasingly to His program as she prospers, without consultation with others who might have an interest in a family budget. These extra gifts, of course, will be between her and the Lord. If there is a desire to be of greater service for the Lord, a national missionary-substitute may be supported on the foreign field, or an orphan in one of the mission orphanages, or a student in a national Bible school.
There is no area where a Christian can serve more effectively than in intercessory prayer. The single woman can live such a life toward God that others will bring to her their prayer requests and prayer confidences. In thus praying for others, there will be a special closeness to the Lord such as will not result from any other Christian service.


## BETHANY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD RETIREMENT HOME IS DEDICATED

In a recent ceremony, more than four hundred members of the Assemblies of God gathered to dedicate the Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida.

Built specifically to care for aged and infirm ministers and missionaries of the Assemblies of God, the comfortable and spacious Home is also open to laymen-as space allows and at a nominal charge.

Participating in the dedication service were: W. S. Ramby, Superintendent of Bethany; Curtis W. Ringness, National Secretary of the Department of Benevolences; Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director of the Department; and Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. The South-Eastern Bible College Choir furnished inspirational singing for the occasion.

Although the single woman may not share fully in some of the conversations of her married friends, yet she can be in sympathy with all age groups and to all who may be in any need. One of the sweetest things said to me by a younger friend was, "I don't think of you as of a certain age, but of all ages." I believe that only the indwelling Holy Spirit can give this sensitivity of spirit to anyone.
What does the single woman receive from the small church?
She can, if she will, receive the deep spiritual fellowship of all those likeminded in Christ. This fellowship is manifested not only in small groups sharing the blessings of Christ, but in the mid-week prayer service and in smaller prayer groups. It is a real joy to have someone say, "Will you pray for ..." and they mention a personal request.
She will have times of loneliness from lack of human companionship, but then she can turn to the Lord whose love and understanding will be more than sufficient. "For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." We are so human that we usually turn to other individuals for companionship before we turn to the

Lord. Perhaps that is one reason God keeps from some of us the human companionship we crave.
There inevitably will be less social life for the single person, depending somewhat upon whether she is reserved in manner or is a "good mixer." The fact that she will have less social life can be a spiritual asset, turning her to Christ instead of to others.
Humility is one of the graces of the Christian, acquired by taking one's proper place before God and others. Although it is a joy to have one's given name spoken in love by close friends, in some circles the single woman is introduced by her first name and strangers and children are encouraged to address her so, even though she may be of grandmother-age. This may touch one's pride, but it may be a good way of keeping humble.

Both first and last, be certain that you are in the place to which God has called you, whether single or married. And so submit yourself to the possession of the Holy Spirit that the life of Christ may be lived in you daily. God will bless and use you. He will enfold you in His love and in the love of His children with whom you worship and serve Him. -Anonymous

# Is Suicide <br> the Solution? 

By Arthur H. Townsend

Syou have decided to commit suicide! May I say that the idea is foolish in the extreme? Three things are evident in your decision: (1) You are cowardly; (2) your mind is not functioning properly; and (3) you have not fully considered the consequences - you are preparing to damn your own soul.

The coward decides to kill himself; he cannot face up to the issues of life. He accepts the pleasant paths but avoids the adversities. When adversities do confront and would overwhelm him he decides to die by his
own hand. Suicide is indeed a cowardly way out of any difficulty!

When King Saul was defeated by disobedience and witcheraft, he decided to take his own life. He fell upon his sword. David lamented over him with the words: "How are the mighty fallen!" (2 Samuel 1:17-27). King Saul should have repented. He should have confessed his sins to God. He then would have received pardon and peace of mind. Arise to the true manhood or womanhood vested in you. Never take the cowardly way out of any difficult circumstance. And do not think that death is the end-it is only the beginning!

If you are contemplating suicide, you are not only a coward but you are not thinking straight. Chronic alcoholics, dope addicts, and others have committed suicide because their minds have become twisted or warped through abuse. Whether or not your faulty thinking results from such habits, there is deliverance for you. Christ Jesus can break every fetter. He can set any captive free. If you will but turn to Him now, He will deliver.

The man who takes his own life, commits self-murder. By a premedi-
tated, willful act he contrives to destroy his own God-given soul. Now there may be instances when a mind snaps unavoidably because of mental illness, and life is taken. In these cases the person doubtless is not to blame but is exonerated in God's sight. But when wrong living and excessive indulgences of the appetites-sensuality -have brought on the mental illness, it is another matter. There is no justification for the person.

A chain of events has lead up to the soul's entire damnation. In considering a suicide the question must, therefore, be raised: "What led to the act of suicide?" Was it overwork, an inherited weakness, or some such contributing factor of an unavoidable nature that brought about the catastrophe? Or was it debauchery, bringing about a mental breakdown and then suicide? Or was it perhaps rank disregard for God's will. In the latter instance the suicide is responsible!

We read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Don't be a coward. Face up to the issues of life. Better lay that gun

## "IF I HAD FLOWN ONE MORE MISSION I WOULD have been executed!'



This is the hard fact that Leon Miles can never escape. The true story of this former radar operator and the broken back God used for His glory is in Brother Ward's new book, Expendable, But .

The crew of the "Hopeful Devil" - the ship in which Leon Miles flew was told it was cxpendable. The crew took no guns with which to fire back at the enemy as it set out to drop fire bombs on Tokyo.

But God did not consider Leon Miles expendable. God had
plans for him! He had a responsible place of ministry among
youth for him to fill.
It took a "ditching at sea," a broken back, almost total paralysis, and long months in hospital beds. In this long experience two lines were etched on Leon's consciousness:
"You are expendable.
"You have a job to do."
This is a story each young person-each Christian-should read. It calls for the very deepest consecration of our youth today. To get your free copy fill in the coupon and mail to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.
When you write, be sure to enclose your sacrificial offering for REVIVALTIME. Never before has the full-gospel message needed to be preached more than today. Will you help us now?
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winning ministry. $\$$ Please send my gift copy of
Expendable, But ..., by Brother Ward, to
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down; better think twice before you turn on that gas jet or jump off that bridge! If you take your life you will damn your own soul for time and eternity.

There is a way out, friend. "It is no secret what God can do; what he has done for others, he will do for you." God has said: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your living, personal Saviour today, and "the peace that passeth all understanding" will flood your soul.

Rather than a time to do something rash, this is a time to seek God.

## Start Early or Fail

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quite impossible to separate this need from the physical. Doctors, psychologists, educators and ministers all agree that mental and physical health go hand-in-hand. As children mature, they should learn the important lesson of self-mastery. Parents who have no control over their own emotions, who fly into fits of temper, unjust accusations, unfair treatment of others, will have no control over their children. They are undisciplined themselves, immature individuals usually harboring one or more inferiority complexes. This type parent offers no aid to the emotional growth of the child. Lacking the qualities himself, the unstable parent imparts nothing of value to his child. The child needs the knowledge of what is right and what is wrong and he will have no faith in parents who have not lived up to good moral principles themselves. If a child cannot have confidence in the wisdom of his parents how will he learn?

One fifteen-year old girl picked up by officers for unseemly conduct refused to be paroled to her parents. "Send me to the reform school," she said. "I don't want to go back to them. Anything will be better than that-I hate them!"

The girl's father was a hopeless alcoholic, the mother was little better. This young girl had never known anything except trouble and wrangling at home. She had never been taught good morals and she did not know the mean-
ing of love. She had not been shown affection and understanding from her parents. Certainly the future of this pathetic young girl looked dreary.

What does your child do with his time? Are you willing to stop a moment and show him how to use it? Are you capable of guiding him along the paths which lead to a normal, happy and useful life? Are you giving your child the opportunity to develop into a responsible, mature adult by realizing he has needs which must be met now?

Start now to teach your child moral responsibility and to love what is good. Help him now to reach his full capacity, to become an individual of strong character who will be able to understand the greatest and most useful of human emotions-that of love toward God and charity toward his fellow man.

CHRIST FOR EVERYTHING Christ for life, and Christ for living, Christ for health, and Christ for healing; Christ for night and Christ for day, Christ for all along the way; Christ the all-sufficient Friend; Christ abiding to the end.

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## Gg Spotlight on Euangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST. $\circ$ SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

- HUNTINGTON, STATION, L. I., N. Y. -Recently Pastor and Mrs. Otis M. Keener of the Capitol Hill Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, Okla. conducted two weeks of meetings here. God used the evangelists in the ministry of song and in the Word. Souls were saved and the entire church was helped. -Charles Shaffer. Pastor
- CODY, WYO--During the recent evangelistic meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Shortt, an all-time high of 87 was reached in Sunday school attendance. Four came to the altar for salvation and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many more came back to God as the church experienced one of the greatest spiritual moves in its history. The Sunday school average for the six months of this year has doubled.
-Gcorge Wiggin, Pastor
- SAN ANGELO, TEX.-First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Keith Belknap of Broken Arrow, Okla. The unique ministry of this gospel team blessed the hearts of members and visitors alike. Amorg the features of the meeting was the "Peanut Choir" conducted by the evangelist. These children sang songs composed by the evangelist. Some were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The preserce of the Lord was filt in an unusual way throughout the meeting. -Jimmy Phillips, Pastor
- WILLIMANTIC, CONN--Victory was the keynote in the hearts of all during the two-week revival just concl:ded by the Sid T. Regnier Revival Party here. This proved to le the greatest move of God in the seven-year history of the church. There were many who for the first time found Christ as their personal Saviour, who wept their way back to God, and who found new vision and zeal for
the kingdom of God. Hearts were stirred with Pentecostal fervor, and more than 12 testified to a genuine Acts $2: 4$ experience. God was glorified in the numerous testimonies of definite healing victories. A miraculous deliverance was seen when a Roman Catholic lady was healed of a long-standing, confining heart condition. The next day she walked two miles to town. This so impressed a next-door neighbor that he, too, called for prayer. This 67 -year-old paralyzed man was instantly healed. It was a thrill to see his hands outstretched in praise to God as he walked about. Hearts were thrilled as the Sunday school attendance mushroomed from 90 to 206 in two Sundays. Over 25 boys and girls gave their hearts to the Lord. Again it was confirmed to the hearts of the people that working faith unlocks the doors to the victories of God.
-Harold D. Hanson, Pastor
- HOUSTON, TEX.-The recent ministry of Evangelist Hardie Weathers of Waco was a great blessing to the Fontaine Assembly of God here. Thirteen were saved and 17 filled with the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday of the campaign, 13 followed the Lord in water baptism.


## -John H. Gicre, Pastor

- ST. LOUIS, MO.-The spiritual tide grew mightily in a recent revival here at Friendship Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist Floyd E. Heady. The results were very gratifying as souls came to the Lord for salvation, while others experienced His healing touch, or were revived and strensthened in the Lord. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit in one evening. The congregation greatly appreciated the evangelist's preaching on the return of Christ to this earth.
-Fred Wampicr, Pastor
- WICHITA FALLS, TEX.-A wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested during a recent revival here at Fairview Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist Leon Bayless of Beaumont, Tex. There were many young people saved for the first time, and some backsliders prayed through to a new experience with God. Every young person attending the meeting was either filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. About seven teen-agers received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God be praised for this wonderful move.
-H. L. Bayless, Pastor
- TEXARKANA, TEX.-A wonderful twoweek revival has just been concluded at Lake Side Assembly of God here with Evangelist Don Gibson of Marshall, Mo. Two found God in genuine old-time salvation with tears flowing down their cheeks. The power of God swept over the people in a mighty way. God bless all young men like Brother Gibson who endeavor to keep the Pentecostal faith alive till Jesus comes.
- Alma L. Turnage, Pastor
- ST. LOUIS, MO.-North Side Assembly of God recently closed a very good revival with George Hammett as evangelist. The presence of God was felt in each service. Eight were saved, sick bodies were healed, and hearts were stirred under the anointed preaching.
-W. E. Wilkinson, Pastor
- WAYNESVILLE, MO.-June 12 marked the conclusion of eleven nights of glorious revival. The evangelist was George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. Night after night the people rejoiced as the Word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Every department of the church was helped There were almost twice as many in


The Sunday school breaks all-time record with 206 in attendance during the recent meeting with Sid T. Regnier of the Assembly of God in Willimantic, Conn. Harold D. Hanson is pastor.


A record-breaking attendance filled the church at First Assembly in Cleveland, Tex. during a recent meeting with Evangelist Charles Reed of Louisiano. Harlen J. Pate is pastor.

Sunday school on the last Sunday as there were on the first Sunday. Nine wept their way through to salvation. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Prayer was offered for a woman who was in danger of losing her mind. She went home, was saved in her home, and came back to the church perfectly normal. The pastor baptized her along with the other new converts. Many new people were brought to the services. This meeting will long be remembered by the people. -James E. Routh, Pastor

- PACIFIC, MO.-The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed the moving of the Holy Spirit in three weeks of revival with Evangelist James Booth of Galveston, Tex. Souls were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
-Clem A. Pankey, Pastor
- BURNET, TEX.-A very successful open-air revival was conducted recently at this pioneer work by Evangelist B. J. Mikulek. The hearts of young and old were stirred as the evangelist preached God's Word.
-J. W. Stafford, Pastor
- PLYMOUTH, IND.-God blessed in a wonderful way during a recent revival here with Evangelist Velmer Gardner. Night after night the church was packed and on several occasions extra chairs had to be brought in. The Lord confirmed His Word with signs following as Brother Gardner preached under the mighty anointing of the Spirit. Many lined the altars for salvation, backsliders found their way back to God; folks were refilled with the Holy Spirit; and healings and miracles were performed by the power of the Lord. Now, though the evangelist is gone, the revival spirit still continues. The people have caught a greater vision and plan to build a new church in the very near future to accommodate the larger crowds.
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## GREAT CAMP IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI

ROCKY MOUNT, MO.-The Southern Missouri Camp Meeting just closed was one of the best in our history. T. J. Jones as the Bible Teacher led the people into spiritual depths in the Word and was a great blessing to all present. Evangelist Watson Argue preached under great anointing in the evening services. The unique leading of the Spirit made each service truly Pentecostal. The attendance remained consistently high with a full house for the final service; more than 200 were unable to get inside the Tabernacle on Sunday evening. Many were healed; 32 came for salvation in one service; 20 were filled with the Spirit in another; altar services continued to $2: 00$ a.m., on some nights. Various ministers who had been to most or all the previous camps considered this one of our very best.-N. Cleo Tapp, District Superintendent

## HINECKER RE-ELECTED

Brother W. G. Hinecker was returned to office for the third term as superintendent of the Kentucky district when the council met at the district campgrounds, Crestwood, Ky., on July 5-7. The council, which followed seven days of Holy Ghost camp meeting had as its speaker C. C. Crace, Tennessee District superintendent.
W. H. Hemphill, Henderson, Ky., was elected assistant superintendent following the
resignation of W. Roscoe Russell, Louisville, who had served capably in this position for four years.
Elected to fill out the one year of unexpired term as secretary-treasurer was E. C. Bredbenner, of Maysville, Ky.
Climaxing the blessed season of camp and council was a most inspiring service during which four young ministers were ordained to the ministry.-W. H. Hemphill, retiring District Secretary

## ANNOUNCEMENT

HOMECOMING-Sept. 5 at Bethel Tabernacle, Tuolumne, Calif. Service begins at 10:30 a.m.-by H. G. Davis, Pastor.

## WITH THE LORD

PETER G. JOHNSON, a superannuated minister of Pana, Ill. was called to his eternal home May 17, 1960. He was affiliated with the Arkansas district.
C. G. LONSFORD, 68, of Overton, Texas passed away June 3, 1960. He was ordained in 1925 and ministered exclusively in Texas. For 18 years he served as a full time District Presbyter. He is survived by his wife and five children.

LEWIS F. WILSON, 87, of Stockton, Calif., was called to his eternal reward July 8, 1960. He was ordained in 1933. His wife, Mary, is an ordained minister as are two of his sons, Ruben and Ben, and several of his grandchildren.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

| STATE | CITY | ASSEMBLY | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
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| Ark. | Danville | * A/G | Aug. 14-19 | Bob \& Mrs. Swaim | A. Lorton |
|  | Malvern | ${ }^{*}$ First | Aug. 14-19 | Fred \& Gladys Voight | O. H. Virgin |
|  | Pleasant Plains | A/G | Aug. 14-28 | Gerald Brewer | Billy McLean |
| Calif. | Manhattan Beach | A/G | Aug. 16-21 | Dr. Harry Fisher | Ollan Fish |
|  | Newhall | First | Aug. 16- | Douglas L. Hoke | Jack E. Clark |
|  | Rubidoux | A/G | Aug. 7 - | C. O. Barham | Mrs. Ida Boteler |
|  | San Bernardino | N. Loma Linda | July 17- | C. O. Barham | Harold Starks |
|  | San Francisco | Glad Tidings Tab. | Aug. 17-28 | Warren Litzman | Floyd Thomas |
| III. | Peoria | ** Glad Tidings | Aug. 15-19 | Carl E. Gammel | H. A. Hamilton |
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|  | Rochester | First | Aug. 14-28 | Glenna Byard | William L. Lewis |
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| Ky. | Owensboro | **** First | Aug. 16-28 | Bob McCutchen | Nolan D. Lee |
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| Md. | Lonaconing | *** First Pent. | Aug. 14-Sept 4 | J. B. Woolums | C. E. Fussell, Chm. |
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| Mich. | Big Rapids | A/G | Aug. 16-28 | Joel \& Mrs. Palmer | Edward Tillitz |
|  | National Mine | A/G | Aug. 16-28 | Arthur \& Anna Berg | Robert L. Eidsor |
|  | St. Louis | * A/G | Aug. 21-28 | Elsie Weber | Robert Muirhead |
| Minn. | Alexandria | A/G | Aug. 17-28 | Christian \& Mrs. Hild | Robert Abbott |
| Miss. | McComb | A/G | Aug. 15-28 | J. B. Gene Davis Tm. | F. L. Langley |
| Mo. | Bolivar | A/G | Aug. 17-Sept. 4 | M. Inez Smith | C. R. Hampton |
| N. Y. | Nedrow | * A/G | Aug. 16-21 | Musical Wellards | Glenn Clum |
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| N. Dak. | Powers Lake | Gosp. Tab. | Aug. 14-28 | William Andrews | Alvin Fischer |
| Ohio | Columbus | Calvary Temple | Aug. 17-21 | John French | L. Loretz |
| Okla. | Ponca City | * First | Aug. 14-19 | Fred \& Gladys Voight | Leo Swicegood |
|  | Tulsa | Dawson | Aug. 16-28 | Billy \& Mrs. Guthrie | Claude Boze |
| Oreg. | Culp Creek | * A/G | Aug. 16-2, | Virgil \& Edythe Warens | W. A. McBride |
| S. C. | Pickens | Calvary | Aug. 16-21 | John Eller | Lonnie Gilbert |
| Tenn. | Greenbrier | Zion's Chapel | Aug. 14-28 | Carl Walker, Jr. | Ray R. Jenkins |
| Tex. | Ft. Wort | Broadview | Aug. 15- | J. F. Owen | Ray Heady |
|  | Seminole | First | Aug. 14.28 | Winferd Mack | L. A. Harper |
|  | Sequin | First | Aug. 15-28 | Leon Bayless | J. O. Martin |
| W. Va. | Grafton | A/G Tab. | Aug. 17- | C. A. Kelly | Mrs. Hazel O'Brien |
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|  | Worland | First | Aug. 16-21 | Bob \& Pat Ludwig | Alfred Burke |
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| Ghana | Takoradi | ****A/G | Aug. 21- | Bob Hoskins | E. Zieman, Chm. |
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Someone once asked me, "Which CHURCH IN THE Book of Revelation was worse, Ephesus or Laodicea?" It was a thought-provoking question for both churches were reprimanded by the Lord.
The Ephesian congregation made the mistake of departing from their first love. The people had backslidden. They had cooled off. The Laodicean church had been guilty of the same sin. The Lord had to say to them, "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and art neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation $3: 16$ ).
Both churches were guilty of spiritual coldness, but it must be conceded that the Ephesians had some good qualities that were commended by the Lord. They had abundant works, zeal, orthodoxy, and patience. This did not excuse their coldnss but perhaps it indicates their backslidden condition was not as far advanced as the Laodiceans. The Ephesian believers were still enthusiastic and interested whereas the Laodiceans just didn't care any more. Who wants to attend that kind of church?
What is it to be lukewarm? It is to be half-hearted, listless, limp, indifferent, and unconcerned. How would you like to witness a contest in which neither team wanted to win? What do you think of the young woman whose response to a proposal of marriage was "Well, I guess it will be all right to marry you; if I don't marry you I suppose it will be someone else."
Lukewarmness in human affairs is a pitiable performance. And then think how strongly the Lord must feel in the realm of eternally vital matters when He is confronted with lukewarm responses. Little wonder that Jesus added, "I would thou wert cold or hot." To be "hot" is the ideal condition, but Christ would rather have you "cold" than tepid.
Lukewarmness is likely to be more mischievous than coldness. Lukewarm people are misleading. They are more difficult to reach. They effect more dire results and so they are more guilty.
What was the size of this Laodicean church? The Scripture does not record for us a precise number, but Laodicea's
boast to "have need of nothing" may offer a hint. From her boast, "I am rich and increased with goods," it appears that the treasury was in a comfortable condition. They obviously were self-satisfied. It is incredible that they would be boastful if theirs was a small congregation. But, on the other hand, it is impossible to believe that a lukewarm atmosphere would attract large numbers. It is probable that Laodicea was neither small nor large, but somewhere in between.

If lukewarmness was characteristic of the whole congregation one might assume several things. The ushers had only a limp handshake for visitors, and they walked down the aisles with a lazy gait. The choir sang their anthem listlessly, and the congregation responded with commensurate boredom. The preacher spoke in a monotone, and his themes were abstract and inoffensive. There was no expectation of spiritual results. Laodicea had become a cozy, lethargic religious club. Who wants to attend that kind of church?

What particular emotion was attributed to Jesus as He contemplated the Laodicean congregation? When our Lord drove the money changers out of the Temple in Jerusalem He was angry. When He perceived the hardness of men's hearts He was grieved, but here He was represented as being disgusted. Note His words, "I will spue thee out of my mouth." He feels aversion to the point of nausea. Lukewarmness produced this unpleasant sensation in Jesus. We are told that disgust is an involuntary reaction. We cannot provoke this feeling, but we can witness something that causes this unpleasant emotion.

It is fearful to think of Christ as angry or grieved over us, but think of Him as being disgusted with us. Lukewarmness is responsible for this. Normally men do not feel both disgust and affection toward a person simultaneously, but Christ can and does.

What is the cure for a lukewarm church? Disgust on the part of Jesus does not mean abandonment of the offending party. On the contrary, the Lord pleads with the lukewarm church to return to her former glory. "As
many as I love, I rebuke and chasten be zealous therefore, and repent." Lukewarmness is exceedingly offensive to Christ, but in love He beckons to such to repent and return

One of the most heart-rending scenes in the Scriptures is recorded in Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Jesus is on the outside and knocking on the door of the church. What shame that He , who is entitled to headship of the church, is outside the church. What could be more inappropriate? The name of this church is Laodicea.

There was nothing phoney about the origin of this church. It was born in the fires of revival. It was a tree of God's planting, but lukewarmness rendered this congregation ineffectual. Jesus is the cure for the lukewarm church. His glorious presence can rekindle the fire and dispel the lukewarm attitude.

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Josephine kept on to the end.
"Never mind finishing," said Napoleon angrily. "Why. . . ." He stopped. His ear had caught something. "Who signed the petition?" he asked in softer tones.
"Edward Jenner."
"Ah!" sighed Napoleon, "we can refuse nothing to that name."

Friend, we can tell you of another name that is even mightier than that of the worthy doctor. Jenner's name moved great men; this name moves the heart of God Himself.

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[^0]:    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).

[^1]:    *"Peyote Intoxication" by Walter Brainberg, M.D., and Charles Tranter, M.D., Reno, Nerada.

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