



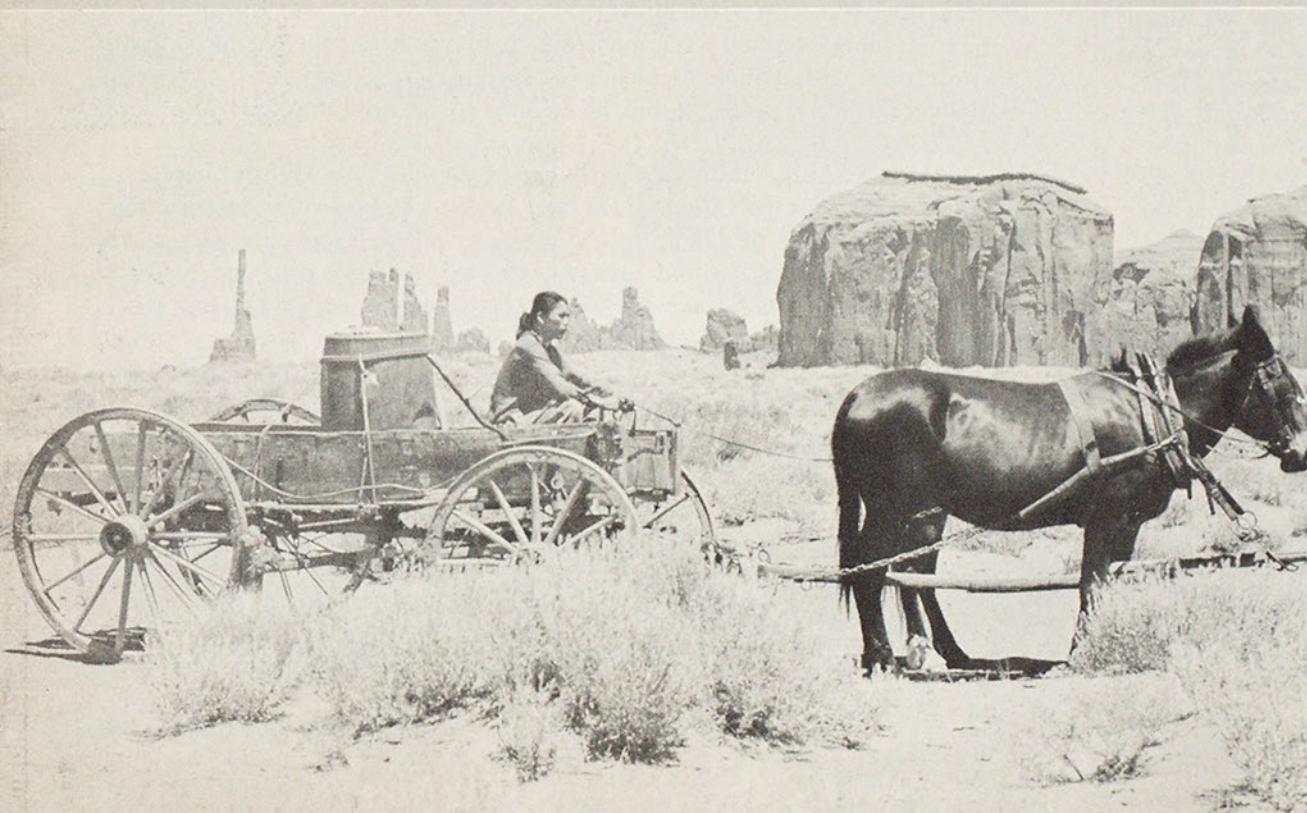
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How To Be Healed

If you have any doubt as to whether God wishes to heal you, simply read the Bible. In it you will find no negative philosophies but only testimonies of His power and willingness to heal all who will believe.

For example, read the eighth chapter of Matthew and you will see how the Son of God healed one case after another. Never did He turn away a trusting soul who came to Him in a spirit of worship and humbly sought His healing touch. He is as willing to deliver men from sin and sickness today as He was then.

First "there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." In tender mercy Jesus touched that body that was stricken with the loathsome disease, and he said, "I will; be thou clean." Immediately the leprosy departed. Here we see the power of WORSHIP. The leper had come to Jesus in a spirit of *worship* and that is the attitude of heart that God delights to honor.

The second incident in this chapter is the healing of the centurion's servant. A centurion was a Roman officer in charge of a hundred soldiers, and many men in such a position would have been disgustingly arrogant. But if there was any pride in this officer's heart it quickly vanished in the presence of Jesus, for he said, "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof." He set an excellent example of HUMILITY. God withholds His blessings from the proud but lavishes them freely upon the poor in spirit.

This Roman officer knew what authority meant. He could say to one man, "Go," and he would go. He could say to another, "Come," and he would come. He recognized that Jesus likewise had authority—authority over all sickness—so he said to Christ, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Here was a simple, childlike FAITH. Jesus held it up as an example to the Jews. They were very religious, but Jesus said this Gentile had shown a greater faith than any of them had shown. A great faith is a simple, childlike attitude that trusts implicitly in a great God. Jesus said to the centurion, "As thou hast *believed*, so be it done unto thee," and the servant was healed that very hour.

Here then we find three clear rules to follow if you need healing:

(1) Worship the Lord; pour your heart out before Him in devotion until all your being is yielded completely to His blessed will and your affections are fixed on Him alone.

(2) Humble yourself; acknowledge that you have not the least merit of your own with which to plead for healing. You must throw yourself completely on God's mercy and be willing to do anything His Word directs.

(3) Have childlike faith in the divine promises. This eighth chapter of Matthew says that Jesus healed *all* that were sick, to prove that His mission was to deliver people from sickness as well as from sin. He is still engaged in the same twofold mission. He will heal *all* who are ready to be healed and He will save all who are willing to be saved, for He is "the same, yesterday and today and for ever."

—R. C. C.

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MIRACULOUSLY HEALED OF **CANCER**

A Personal Testimony by John Pontrello

I SEEMED TO HAVE COME TO THE END of a long road that day in July of 1960 when X rays revealed an abscess on my lung. The doctors informed me that the symptoms indicated they would find a tumor or a cancer beyond this abscess.

For four long months my body had been wracked by a hard, dry cough, and before entering the hospital I had been spitting up blood and pus—the strong odor of which seemed all too indicative of cancer.

It had been in March of that year when I developed a cold which had left me with this cough, and since that time I had been sick with one cold after another. Even though I kept on with my work, I was walking around with a high fever; when I came home from work I would find that I had a temperature of 102—sometimes 103 and once 104 degrees. All this time I had refused to give up for the reason that in all the years in which God had been my healer, He had never once failed me, and I clung to the assurance that He was “the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” How many times in the “yesterday” had God’s healing hand been evidenced in our family. It was the memory of these past miracles that kept me trusting even while circumstances seemed to indicate that for some reason God was not undertaking for me this time.

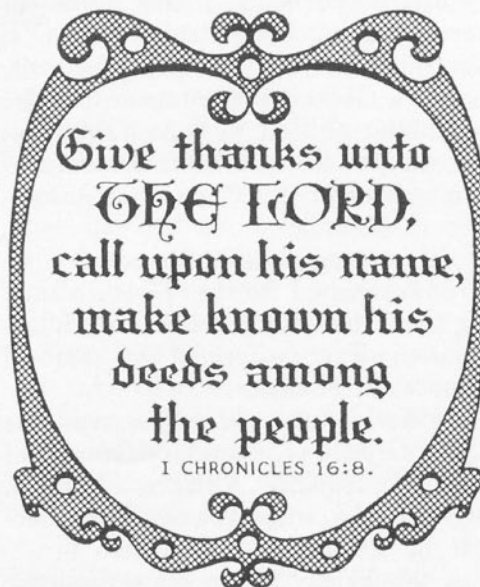
For thirty-five years He had been answering prayers for me. The first great miracle had happened when He had reached me, a Roman Catholic, and saved my soul. The years following had brought many opportunities for my wife and me to trust the Lord. In 1940 my wife had been afflicted with deadly spinal meningitis which caused her to go completely blind. The fluid from the spine had entirely dried up, and the report from the laboratory in Albany, N. Y., was that she would die of the dread disease. But she had not died! The great God we had been serving met her in healing power, restoring her sight and health and en-

abling her to raise our eight children.

I could look back to the time He had healed me of leakage of the heart with which I had been afflicted before I became a Christian. Why should this condition of my lungs be too hard for Him? But the trial continued and my condition worsened, so I began to look for human help.

I went first to a chiropractor who gave me twenty different treatments, but failed to help my condition. I went to a medical doctor and was given eighteen penicillin shots, but neither did they break my cough. I then went to a specialist in the field of osteopathy, and there my case was diagnosed, and the six X rays that were taken of my chest revealed the abscess in my lung.

I was urged to go to Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., where some of the greatest doctors in the United States specialized in the field of cancer. An appointment was made for me and on July 12, 1960, I went in taking the six chest X-ray pictures with me. Before any treatment would be given a long series of tests were necessary—tests that included blood pressure, sugar, ear, bronchial tube and heart. Twenty-four more X rays were taken, making a total of thirty.



During the time I was going through these tests and before any treatment had been given me, an amazing thing happened. My symptoms began to disappear, and I felt so well I did not want to stay in bed at all. In fact, I was able to be up most of the time, and took the opportunity of going to different rooms on my floor, witnessing to the sick. Doctors, nurses, workers, and patients alike heard my testimony and five souls accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. Some remarkable testimonies of healing came as a result of my simple testimony and prayer.

One Roman Catholic woman was tortured by pains and could not rest properly. She accepted the Lord, and I prayed God would deliver her of her physical distress and give her a good night's sleep. When I visited the rooms the following day, this woman had a wonderful testimony, for the Lord *had* delivered her of pain, and she *had* enjoyed a good night's sleep!

Next to her bed was an Episcopal nurse who had practiced nursing for thirty-five years, but she had been in the hospital now for a long time and the doctors had failed to locate her trouble. Her strength was going fast, and her voice was becoming very weak. We prayed together after she accepted the Lord as her Saviour, and the next day I found her in the lobby of the hospital. Previous to this time, she had needed the assistance of two nurses in order to get around, but now she had arisen from her bed and walked to the lobby herself. Her voice and strength returned and two days after I left the hospital they sent her home.

I was feeling so well, I asked my doctor if I could go home and return to work. He told me they had not reached a conclusion from my clinical tests and hence were unable to treat my condition, but added that since I had been spitting blood, it was their opinion that I had a tumor or cancer in my chest, and they could not let

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A portion of the 3,000 people in attendance at the World Conference in Jerusalem.

“Pentecost in Jerusalem—1961”

Jerusalem's 3,000-seat convention center, *Binyanei Haumah*, “the Nations Building,” was the site of the sixth triennial Pentecostal World Conference May 19th through 21st. The sessions over Pentecost weekend spanned the sacred days of the world's three great monotheistic religions: Friday, the Moslem holy day; Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath; and Sunday, the Christian Lord's Day. Theme of the conference was “Pentecost—Then and Now.”

As on the Christian Church's pristine Pentecost, when “men out of every nation under heaven” (the Scripture specifies fifteen different nationalities, Acts 2:9-11) were attracted by the supernatural phenomena, so Pentecost in Jerusalem 1961 attracted to the capital of reborn Israel Pentecostal adherents from all earth's continents. The flags of 32 nations which flanked the platform only partially represented the countries from which 2,595 registered delegates convened, including Israel, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Ceylon, India, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Union of South Africa, Finland, Hong Kong, Switzerland, France, Greece, Australia, Thailand, Upper Volta, Holland, Bermuda, Bahama Islands, Belgium, Portugal, Iran, Ghana, New Zealand, Turkey, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Cyprus, Austria, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Costa Rica, Czecho-

slovakia, Yugoslavia, and Poland. Greetings also were cabled to the convention by Pentecostals in Russia through the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists in the U.S.S.R.

Howard P. Courtney, General Supervisor of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, U.S.A., and chairman of the advisory committee which planned the conclave, called the convention to order Friday morning and introduced the Presidium of which J. A. Synan, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness church, U.S.A., was named chairman. Other members of the Presidium was Samuel Gorman of the United Kingdom, H. R. Thomas of Bermuda, Erling Strom of Norway, C. G. Enticknap of Australia. Convention secretary was Gayle Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A. The treasurer was W. E. McAlister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Official languages of the conference were designated to be Swedish and English. The major burden of interpretation was performed by Samuel Edestav of Sweden.

Speaker for the opening session was H. W. Greenway, Secretary General of Elim Foursquare Alliance, London, England. His subject was, “The Purpose of Pentecost.”

In the Friday afternoon session the

Mayor of Jerusalem, the Honorable Mordekhai Ish-Shalom, welcomed the conference to the Holy City. Speaker of the afternoon was His Excellency Aba Eben, for eight years Israeli Ambassador to the United States, and currently the Minister of Education and Culture in the Israeli cabinet. Mr. Eben represented the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, who was originally scheduled to address the conclave but who was too busy preparing to go abroad. Dr. Courtney read a letter penned by the Prime Minister in Hebrew, expressing his regrets over his absence and welcoming the conference to the country.

The statements of Jerusalem's Mayor, the Minister of Education, and the Prime Minister all quoted the prophecy of Isaiah 2:2-3: “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Evening meetings commenced at 5 p.m. because hundreds of the delegates were housed up to eighty miles from Jerusalem and could not have dinner until they returned to their hotels. The Friday night speaker was Roberto Bracco, pastor of the Assembly of God in Rome, Italy, whose keynote was, “Christ will return,” with emphasis on the Christian's responsibility to “occupy till He come.” His spirited address, interpreted from Italian to English by Andrew Nelli, stirred the vast audience.

The Saturday morning session featured an address on “Pentecost Perpetuated” by James Cross, General Overseer, Church of God, U.S.A. A business session ensued. The invitation to hold the 1964 World Conference in Helsinki, Finland was accepted with acclamation by the conference.

The following men were named to serve on the Advisory Committee for that conference: Howard Courtney, Gayle Lewis, Samuel Crouch, and James Cross, U.S.A.; W. E. McAlister, Canada; G. R. Wessels, South Africa; Lewi Pethrus, Sweden; Eino Manninen, Finland; Francisco Pereira, Brazil;

Ho Liong Seng, Indonesia; Ayad She-nouda, Egypt; Paul Rabe, Germany; Charles Enticknap, Australia; Musa Amalemba, Kenya; and Donald Gee, Great Britain. (Chairman, Donald Gee; Secretary, Eino Manninen.)

The Saturday afternoon speaker was Eino Manninen, whose subject was, "For or Against Us." On Saturday evening a Presbyterian pastor and professor, Dr. James Brown of Parkesburg,

Pa., was the preacher. The audience thrilled to his testimony of Full Gospel experience and his exhortation to diligence in perpetuation of Pentecostal practices. His closing remarks were, "If as a denominational preacher I have anything to say to you, it is this. Don't be less Pentecostal. Be more Pentecostal."

Highlight of the convention in the estimation of many was the impres-

sive communion service Sunday morning addressed by Lewi Pethrus. Believers from forty nations shared the Lord's Supper with a spirit of fellowship which perhaps may never be equalled on earth this side of eternity.

Sunday afternoon's congregation was stirred by a message by D. L. Williams, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ in the U.S.A. The convention

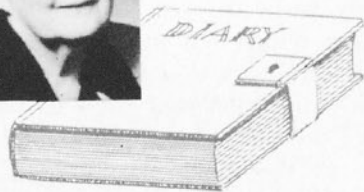
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A PAGE FROM A SOUL WINNER'S DIARY

Witnessing to Fallen Women

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY
BEAUMONT, TEXAS



IN PRAYER, AFTER I RECEIVED THE baptism in the Holy Spirit, a vision of Christ dying on the cross was given me by the Holy Spirit. When I suddenly was face to face with a handsome young Jewish man of strong build, nailed to a cross, bleeding and suffering awful anguish, I was surprised at His appearance. Oh, the look of agony He gave me!

As a result of this vision, I went out to win the lost to this suffering Saviour.

Soon God called me to do missionary work in our city's red-light district. It seemed a hard call for me to answer. I felt afraid to go, but God put such a deep burden upon my heart that I was compelled to go. One night in a dream God showed me a row of pitiful girls with their hands tied behind them, saying, "We can't unloose ourselves, we must have outside help!"

On my first visit to the district, I was almost trembling as I started out with tracts in my hands to give to anyone who would accept them as I passed the rows of little houses of sin. One woman reached eagerly for them and asked me to come into her room. She shut and locked the door and said tearfully, "Pray."

We knelt together and I told her the way to forgiveness and salvation. Soon she experienced one of the brightest conversions I ever saw.

I wondered how God would keep this

woman in such an environment—but I was too new at the work and too frightened to stay longer at that time to help her. Shortly after this, I saw in the paper that a girl in this block had died. I attended the funeral, hoping to meet the girls and win their friendship. Only a small group of underworld people were present.

The funeral director was asked to find a preacher, and the one he found prayed for the dead girl's soul. My heart nearly broke as I heard the living girls being given this false hope. As they gathered around to view the body, I went too. I thought I would look on the face of a girl whose soul was in hell, and so gain a greater burden for the others. Imagine my joy when I looked down and saw that the woman lying there was the one whom I had won to the Lord!

I loaded my car with girls and went to the cemetery. On the way they told me that the girl was ill when I saw her and had not lived in sin for some time. Since she had no home, the other girls paid her rent and fed her. The girls said to me, "Oh, she loved those papers you left with her. She read them and prayed all the time before she died."

Later I heard her story. In her youth she had been quite a belle in the underworld. There she was known as "Nine-Finger Irene." (She was born with nine fingers instead of ten.) She came from a respectable family but no

relatives attended the funeral, nor was she buried under her family name. But Christ's agony on the cross prevailed and Nine-Fingered Irene made Heaven her eternal home.

On another visit to the red-light district I learned that a girl was ill in the hospital. A college girl, she drifted into this life because of the shame of having a baby out of wedlock. (Later she was won to the Lord and married a captain in the army.) I visited the hospital and there I met a younger girl who was visiting the former college girl. This younger girl was not friendly to me until the other girl said, "Edna, why don't you let Mrs. Crosby help you, you are so unhappy."

The girl then told me her story. When fourteen years old she was lured away to New Orleans from her parent's home in Washington, D. C., by a handsome man who abandoned her there. She was so filled with shame and bewilderment that she went into this sinful life. It was eight years since she left home and had not written her parents one word in that time.

I asked her to go to church with me that night. She consented and went to the altar. After pouring out the anguish of her heart she was happily converted. The next night she received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Immediately she quit smoking cigarettes and began wearing modest clothes. We kept her at our home for a time. Now that she felt forgiven and clean she had a great desire to see her family.

We began seeking her parents. When we reached them and told them the story of their daughter, they wired the money for her journey home. Two children had been born to the parents while she was away. Upon her arrival home the family received a fine clean Christian daughter and sister into their arms and home. They were so happy to be united again. I was glad I answered God's call. ◀◀

'GOING UP TO JERUSALEM'

With a party of delegates to the Sixth World Pentecostal Conference

REPORTED BY DON MALLOUGH

ILDLEWILD AIRPORT IN NEW YORK, crossroads of the world, is accustomed to many strange arrivals and departures but this one was different. Some 92 persons had come from all parts of the continent to fly to the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem and to visit the ancient Bible lands at the same time.

This was but the first contingent of a vast throng who were headed in the same direction. Within a week five more such flights would carry over 600 persons on the official tour alone. Many other groups also had been organized for American and Canadian delegates, to say nothing of the hundreds who would be coming from other parts of the world.

New York, N. Y.

6 p.m., Friday, May 5, 1961

The check-in office of El Al Israel Airlines is buzzing with excited people. They are of various races, denominations, and churches. There are the old and young, but no children. There are the expected pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, but surprisingly there are many laymen also. Among them are teachers, nurses, painters, butchers, farmers, and a modicum of retired folk. Each is buoyantly thanking God for the circumstances that enabled him to take this trip of a lifetime.

Faithful people in one small church sacrificed to send their pastor. One woman made and sold enough aprons at \$2.50 to enable her to make the trip. When a certain lady could not make it she sent another minister in her stead. Each person counted himself as being the most fortunate to make the trip. To some it still seems a dream. The few who had a tinge of fear at flying the Atlantic read assuringly above the airlines desk, in both Hebrew and English, the words of God, "I bare you on eagles' wings" (Exodus 19:4). It is a cosmopolitan crowd with the one common distinction that all are Pentecostal and are eager to get to the Bible lands.

Beirut, Lebanon

Saturday evening, May 6

By the miracle of modern aviation we are almost halfway around the world from where we were last night. The flight across the Atlantic took nine hours in the prop-jet Britannia plane flying at 21,000 feet. It was so smooth that many were writing letters as comfortably as in a living room at home. The moon shone brightly and the outside temperature (because of the altitude) stood at 32 degrees below zero. Periodically someone would start a chorus and all would sing, "We're Flying to Zion" or "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

In London, it took an hour to change planes and then there were six more hours of flight before arriving here. The latter leg was in a Comet jet which cruised at 500 miles an hour and at 33,000 feet. Once we dropped out of the clouds to spend 45 minutes in beautiful Geneva, Switzerland, but had to be satisfied with over-flight views of such cities as Paris, Venice, and Athens. By the time the wheels touched the International airport here at Beirut all were entranced with new sights, sounds, and smells and the trigger-happy camera fans were hard at work recording sights for those at home to see later. Now we are most comfortably situated in the beautiful Riviera Hotel overlooking the fabled blue Mediterranean Sea but hardly needing the roar of the surf to lull us to sleep.

Beirut, Lebanon

Monday, May 8

There is not much choice of English-speaking churches in this city of half a million but all managed to get into some service yesterday—even to conducting one at the hotel. At the community church the service was so American that we could well imagine being in an old-line denominational church at home. The organized tours of these two days took us to interesting places in the city such as American University of Beirut, Pigeon Grotto, and

the National Museum of Lebanon.

This morning we went 25 miles south along the coast to the ancient city of Sidon. To most of those in the party it was their first entrance into territory where our Lord visited. We thoroughly inspected the ancient crusader fortress which has stood for so many centuries.

Our afternoon tour took us north to one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world—Byblos. A Phoenician city, it dates back to 3,500 B.C. It was at Byblos the earliest alphabet was invented. For some reason it is difficult for those who come from an infant nation, like ours, to really comprehend the antiquity of much that we see here.

Some of the most fascinating experiences are not in the official program of the tour. One was a visit to the school for handicapped children established by A. J. Andeweg. Another was to see the humble home of a Druze family where the parents and six children veritably lived in one room. Two of the children were deaf mutes and attended the above-mentioned school.

Perhaps the high light was to turn back the clock for centuries by visiting a Bedouin (gypsy) camp high in the hills. Somewhat stealthily we slipped



An excited group of Americans board the chartered plane which will take them across the Atlantic enroute to the World Pentecostal Conference

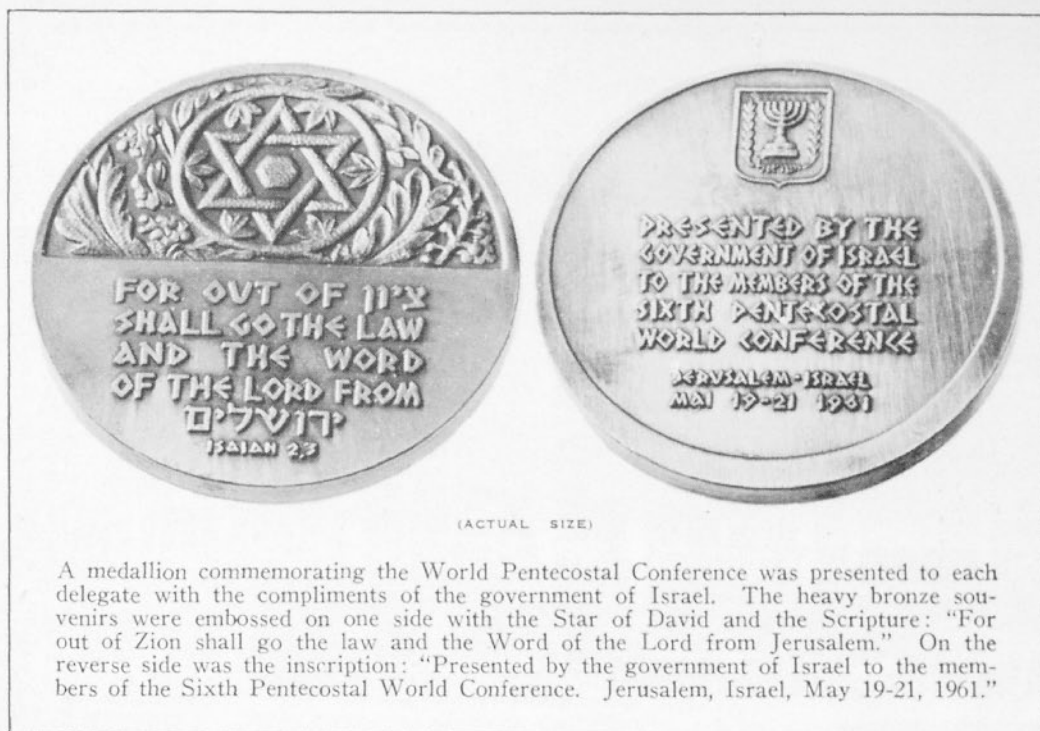
into a goat's-hair tent fearful of what our reception might be. Our fears abated as those sitting around the fire within the tent welcomed these strangers warmly. A baby girl was frightened at our presence and baby camels made a peculiar cry of fear but all the adults (people and animals alike) took our visit in stride. Here were Nomadic people living practically as did Abraham so long ago. After prolonged greetings and explanations by the interpreter as to who we were, we were shown where they slept on the floor, the primitive methods of cooking, and their pride and joy—the camels. Men from other tents at a distance gathered quickly at the sight of strange persons and voices. They appeared to enjoy the visit of people from an outside world.

Damascus, Syria
Wednesday, May 10

Yesterday was a day of travel. The party journeyed in three buses. We crossed both the Lebanon and anti-Lebanon mountain ranges, at times reaching an elevation of 5,000 feet. In the beautiful and fertile plain of Bekaa we came upon the nuns of the famous temple of Baalbeck which was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was founded in the Phoenician period and when conquered by Alexander the Great it was named Heliopolis. Both camera fans and history students had a heyday among the ruins.

Most of us were greatly surprised at the size and interesting activities in the oasis city of Damascus. Like many cities in this part of the world it has its modern section and that part which is most ancient. The weaving and other comparable industries were fascinating but the highest interests were in the ancient events and places referred to in the Bible. The only street left from Bible times is the street called "Straight" upon which Ananias lived. It is still straight, and very narrow, and extends for a mile and a half. The house of Ananias is now a chapel. One of our number was asked to tell the story of Paul's conversion and call. When our Catholic guide asked if any of us wanted to pray there, he was utterly amazed at the volume of praise and prayer that ascended from those present.

The ancient wall, with houses all along it, still stands. It was interesting to see the window from which Paul was let down in the early part of his ministry.



(ACTUAL SIZE)

A medallion commemorating the World Pentecostal Conference was presented to each delegate with the compliments of the government of Israel. The heavy bronze souvenirs were embossed on one side with the Star of David and the Scripture: "For out of Zion shall go the law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." On the reverse side was the inscription: "Presented by the government of Israel to the members of the Sixth Pentecostal World Conference. Jerusalem, Israel, May 19-21, 1961."

Now as we fly to Jerusalem we contemplate a journey of only forty-five minutes, a vast contrast to the long journey through the desert by the illustrious apostle.

Jerusalem, Jordan
Thursday, May 11

The vast majority of the Bible landmarks are on this Arab side of the city of Jerusalem. Therefore these days in the Old City hold the greatest interest to all of us. There was an excitement upon landing here that electrified the very atmosphere. The initial feeling is that of utter amazement that so many significant sites are compressed together in such a small area. Every turn of the road and every promontory brings something in view of the vital Biblical history.

This is Ascension Day and we started it on top of the Mount of Olives from which Christ ascended to heaven. Pilgrims were there from all points of the compass and the press of the throng was most tiring. Among the various forms of worship were even such idolatrous practices as kissing the supposed footprints of Jesus in concrete. Later we went to the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of that mount and found it to be the most beautiful place in the city.

To get to Bethlehem was a round-about way. The distance is only six miles but because the short route crosses the Israel frontier it is now fourteen miles. In this city we are constantly confronted with barbed-wire barricades that bespeak war in a time of ostensible peace. Some in our party stay in a

hotel in Bethlehem because of the shortage of hotels here in Jerusalem.

Like a cool mountain breeze on a stifling, humid day is a visit to Calvary and the Garden Tomb. It was such a contrast to the pageantry, commercialism, and idolatry at many of the so-called shrines, and particularly that of a special day, as this one on the Mount of Olives. The quiet scene, the scriptural explanation of this site by the warden, and every other evidence points toward its authenticity. As we gathered in the tomb there was a spontaneous swelling of doxology and praise from the hearts of redeemed people. Then, thunderously we sang, "Up from the Grave He Arose." Those present will never forget that experience.

Jerusalem, Jordan
Saturday, May 13

We face a rugged schedule these days but no one complains much. The oldest man in the party will soon have his eighty-seventh birthday but he faces up to things better than some many years his junior.

Yesterday we drove fifty miles north into Samaria. There are only 350 Samaritans living and most of them are in that area. One of their bearded patriarchs gave us a bit of their history. Nearby we visited one of the best-authenticated Bible landmarks in this land. It is Jacob's well where Jesus dealt with the Samaritan woman. We went down into the well and many of us drank of the water. As if out of nowhere, many whisked out small bottles so that they could take home

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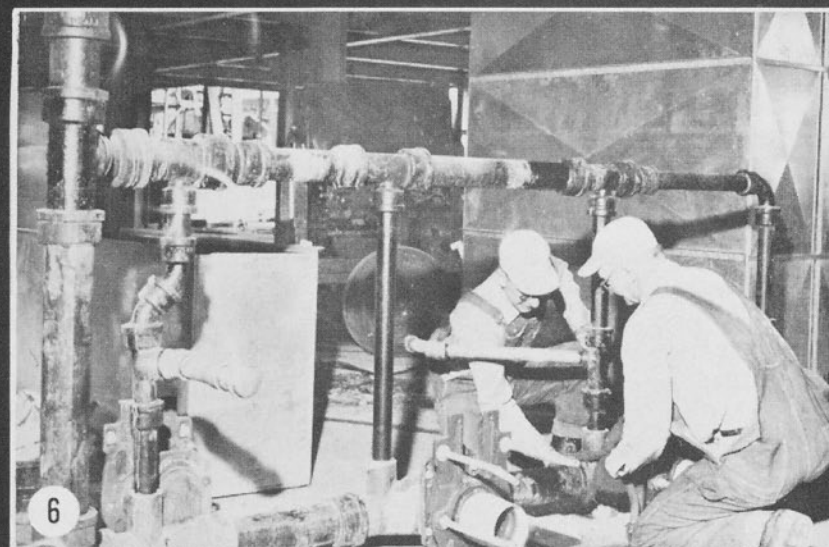
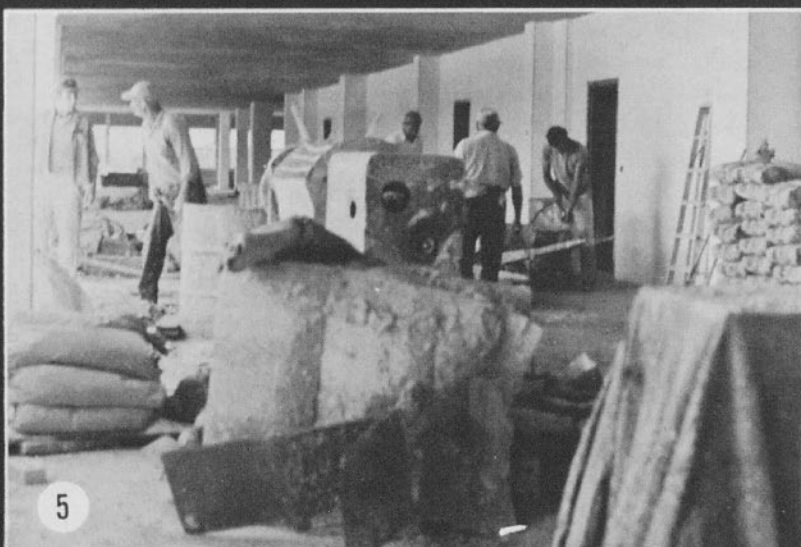
New Administration Building Nearing Completion

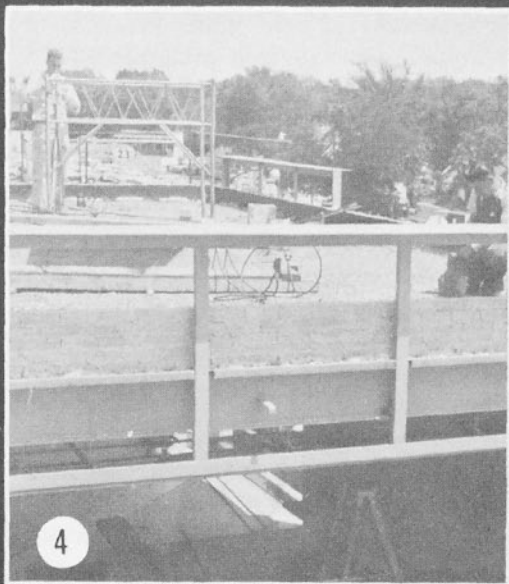
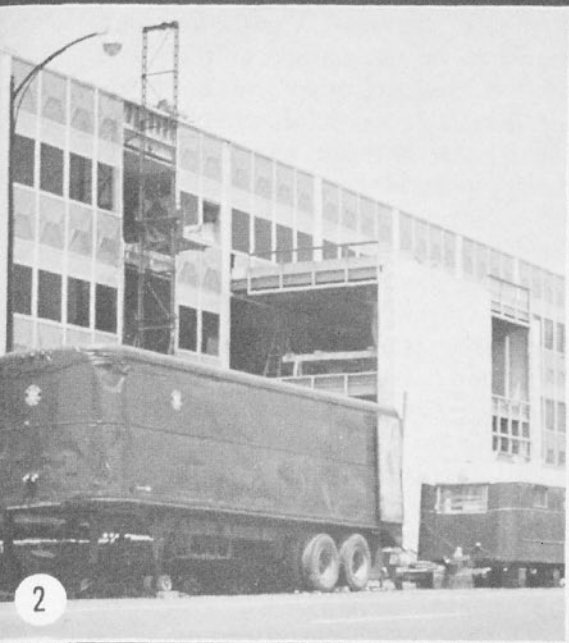
The beautiful new Administration Building in Springfield, Mo., which will house the general offices of the Assemblies of God, is now more than two-thirds complete. The summer weather will accelerate the pace of the construction operations.

A good portion of the plastering is finished, and the outside of the building is almost done. Contracts have been let for installation of the modular walls and for landscaping.

The interior designer has completed the specifications for the inside finish and furnishings. The color scheme throughout the building will emulate the various shades of nature. The basic first-floor color will resemble soil; shades of green representing foliage will characterize the coloring on the second floor; orange will be the accent color of the third floor reminding of sunlight; and the shades of blue on the fourth floor will call attention to the sky.

As the day of occupancy draws nearer, interest on the part of both employees and observers increases. The expanded facilities will add much to the efficient operation of the headquarters offices.





(1) A view of the new Administration building from Boonville Avenue. It is 360 feet long and 105 feet wide. The building is faced with turquoise-colored squares of porcelainized aluminum five by five feet in dimensions.

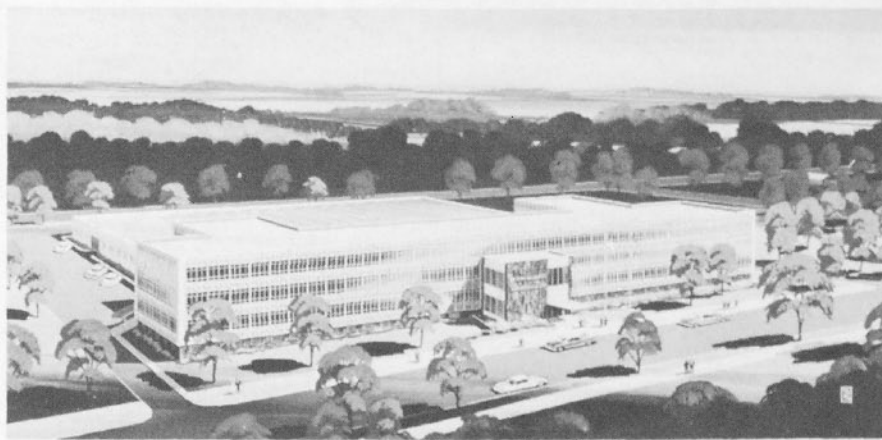
(2) The foyer of the building will be impressive. The south end will be in glass and the front and north sides will be finished in rainbow granite.

(3) White V-groove panelling extends from the top to the bottom of the building at symmetrical intervals.

(4) Work is proceeding on top of the foyer. The second floor of the foyer will contain the executive conference room.

(5) On the fourth floor plasterers are at work. Much of the plastering has been completed in the building. This view shows the area to be occupied by the editorial staff of the Pentecostal Evangel.

(6) Men are installing the plumbing in the basement. Much of the air-conditioning equipment is located adjacent to this area.



The Second Million

Church funds can earn more invested in General Council Administration Building Bonds!

The sale of bonds for the new Assemblies of God Administration Building is expected to reach one million dollars by the time this is published. Besides bond sales, an additional million has been placed in the building fund from earnings and contributions. However, construction cost for the payment period ending April 30 was \$1,744,192.48.

Currently, building costs, materials, and other services are running \$250,000 a month. This means we need to sell the remaining million dollars in bonds rapidly to meet the charges now coming in.

Without the new Administration Building, growth of the Assemblies of God might be stymied. Current offices for administering foreign missions, home missions, Sunday school publications, and other areas are crowded to capacity. The new building is a must!

We need the help of small as well as large investments. No purchase is too small to help the project. Support the work of God with your investment and offerings. The 5% interest rate is good in today's economy.

Bonds are available in denominations of
\$250 \$500 \$1,000

Most maturity dates are still available starting with September, 1962. Bonds mature every six months from September 1, 1962 until September 1, 1975.

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 434 WEST PACIFIC STREET, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Healed of Cancer

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me go home in that condition. However, two weeks later we were having dinner in the lobby when the doctor told me I could go home the next day. I thanked him, and asked him what had led to their giving me this discharge. He told me that my latest X rays showed that my symptoms had practically all vanished. Surely it was only prayer and faith in God that had brought about this verdict, for up to this moment no medicine, pills or injection of any kind had been given me.

But God was not quite through with me in the hospital yet, and on that very next day—my last one in the hospital—He gave me another opportunity of witnessing for Him. I was sitting in the lobby when a young girl from Jamestown, N. Y., approached and asked me about my discharge. In our conversation I learned that she was a Baptist and had accepted the Lord as her Saviour. She was to be operated on for cancer of the stomach in a few days. I encouraged her to believe that Jesus could heal her—that according to Hebrews 13:8, He is “the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” I prayed for her deliverance from the cancer in her body, but I did not know the developments of the case until later.

The following Sunday I was in church and was surprised to see the head nurse from the hospital in the service; he had come looking for me, because he wanted to tell me what had happened to the girl from Jamestown, to whom I had witnessed. Two days after I had left the hospital, the doctors had operated on her. This nurse had himself been present, serving doctors the instruments. When they looked for the cancer to remove it, they found no trace of it; it had just disappeared! I was overwhelmed to think that through a simple testimony and prayer, God had performed such a miracle.

The doctor had asked that I return for a check-up one month after my discharge. When I kept the appointment, I found a group of doctors present, for they were all interested in observing my case and in studying the X rays. All the doctors were amazed at the story the X rays showed—how, without treatment of any kind, the abscess and infection had disappeared. Their method of treating my case would

have been to operate and to remove the infection, and sew up the wound, before any healing could be expected. Instead the Lord had proved His delivering power before their very eyes, for my every symptom was completely cleared up—the coughing, spitting up of blood, and the odor which had been so strong.

On October 4, 1960, I went in for my last check up. Two more X rays were taken of my chest and again a group of doctors interested in my case had come to see me. I testified to them while they were examining me, and when they got through the head doctor of the hospital looked at the X ray, then at me, and was thoroughly convinced that I had been supernaturally healed.

I had noticed something remarkable about the last X ray they had taken, and before I left I asked permission to point it out to the doctors. To me it seemed the Lord had put His own

“signature” on that X ray, for there seemed to be the outline of His head, with the eyes and other features of the face detectable on it. I am convinced that it was not my imagination, for when I pointed it out to the doctors two of them ejaculated in amazement. I had a wonderful opportunity of witnessing to them and two of the doctors asked for prayer.

Is God trustworthy? Surely He knows how to work in mysterious ways to bring glory to His own name. All the praise for this healing goes to my faithful Lord who wrought such a wonder in my body through His own great power and in His own way.

(The author of the foregoing article is a member of the Pentecostal Tabernacle, 629 E. Delavan Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. The pastor, Frank D. Christie, states: “I hereby certify that the testimony of deliverance as written by John Pontrello is a true record of a miracle which took place in his life.”)

A Remarkable Modern-day Deliverance

Invalid for 30 Years Healed

HOW GLAD I AM THAT THE SUN OF Righteousness, Jesus Christ, has risen with healing in His wings, for He has caused me to arise from the prison of a wheelchair, to which I was confined for thirty years.

A year before our only daughter was born, I contracted typhoid fever which lastingly affected my health. Though after two months I recovered to a certain extent, my legs never returned to their former strength.

The year following our daughter's birth I was stricken with rheumatic fever, and was confined to bed for three years. Two months of this time were spent in Grace Hospital, St. Johns, Newfoundland. Although this bout with rhematic fever left me with a severe case of heart trouble, I was able eventually to get around with great difficulty by holding on to furniture, etc. By the time my second little boy was learning to walk, I was able to walk slowly.

Then tragedy struck. My oldest son and his grandfather fell through the ice on a nearby pond and were drowned. The shock of this put me to bed again. When I tried to walk, my legs simply would not hold me up. After that, I

was a shut-in for eighteen long years, being confined to the bed and the wheelchair.

During these years, I was in and out of the hospital six times, and remained there for as long as six months at a time. At the hospital I was treated for my heart and the disabled legs.

At my last hospitalization I received massage and electric treatments for my paralyzed limbs, and was operated on for gall stones. At that time the doctor stated that every possible treatment had been tried, but only a miracle would ever enable me to walk again.

Though the doctors tried hard to get me back on my feet, yet my legs remained completely helpless. Then in 1956, feeling sicker than ever, I was informed that I also had diabetes and for the rest of my life would need to take two injections of insulin daily.

I did take insulin until the spring of 1959 when I could stand it no longer. I tried to get along by taking only one injection a day. This was my condition in September, 1959, when God intervened.

An evangelist, Graham Noble, was holding meetings in the Loyal Grange Lodge at Howley, Newfoundland. Aft-

er a week's services, about forty were born again. The evangelist then announced that he would pray for the sick on September 9.

That evening at the service Mr. Noble preached on the healing power of God. As the congregation sang "The Great Physician Now Is Near," the invitation was given to those who were sick in body or soul to come to the altar. In my heart I was thinking, "This is my only hope. This is for me! If God ever healed anyone (and I knew He had) He can heal me now, for Hebrews 13:8 says, 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.'"

My husband and one of the men took me on a chair to the front of the hall. There both my husband and I gave our hearts to the Lord. Then the preacher anointed me with oil according to James 5:14: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

How glad I am that it did not stop there, for I was at the threshold of the greatest event of my life—that of experiencing James 5:15: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Hands were placed upon me as the evangelist began to pray believingly for my healing. I experienced a warm feeling—as though I had touched live electric wires—as the healing power of God flowed through me. I leaped from the chair and jumped several times.

I found myself on my feet again for the first time in almost thirty long years!

By Sunday September 13 my toes, which had been drawn up by knotty cords, returned to normal. I could move them again. The diabetic sores on my body disappeared. My heart returned to normal functioning, and by October 8 I was walking about again.

Thanks be to God, I am every whit whole again. I have not had an injection or heart medicine since September 9, 1959, when they prayed for my healing.—Mrs. Robert Gregory, Howley, Newfoundland.

(Endorsed by Pastor Graham Noble, Howley, Newfoundland.)

When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.

July 9, 1961

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since the birth of Jesus was by the Holy Ghost, was the blood which He shed divine rather than human? Was He not "the Man Christ Jesus"?

The blood which Jesus shed had the qualities of both the divine and the human. He was the Son of God and the Son of Man. His deity gave infinite value to the atonement. His incarnation enabled Deity to suffer humanly.

Where in the Bible does it say that Peter would be crucified with his head down?

It is tradition that says this. The Bible does indicate that he would die by crucifixion. John 21:18.

Should a saved wife continue to live with an unsaved husband? Or would it be better for her to separate from him?

Unless living conditions become intolerable, the saved wife should stay with her husband. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul said the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife. This means that their marital life is honored of God. See 1 Corinthians 7:10-15.

If I were in a church service of another denomination, would it be all right for me to partake of the communion with them?

Some churches serve communion only to their members. If the communion is offered to all, I see no reason why you should not partake since the ordinance is for all the redeemed in remembrance of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is Bible reading a part of spiritual worship?

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." We need a prayerful, careful reading of the Word to guide us in our worship. Bible reading will inspire us to pray, praise, and worship the Lord. It will also convict us of our faults and lead us into that position of holiness and humility that is fundamental to truly spiritual worship.

Is there not a contradiction in 1 Corinthians 14:22-24? Paul says tongues are for a sign to unbelievers; then he says, "If all speak with tongues... will they not say that ye are mad?"

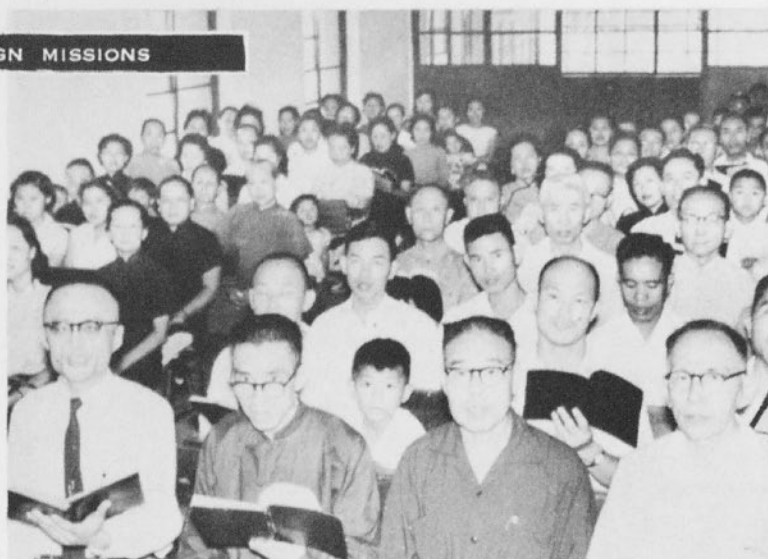
As I understand it, speaking in other tongues is a sign to unbelievers if properly controlled. But if the entire church should simultaneously speak in tongues the manifestation would lose its convincing power. It would give the impression that all were mad or crazy, for it would result in confusion.

Does the scripture, "Let your moderation be known to all men," mean it is wrong to have fine homes or drive good cars? Philippians 4:5.

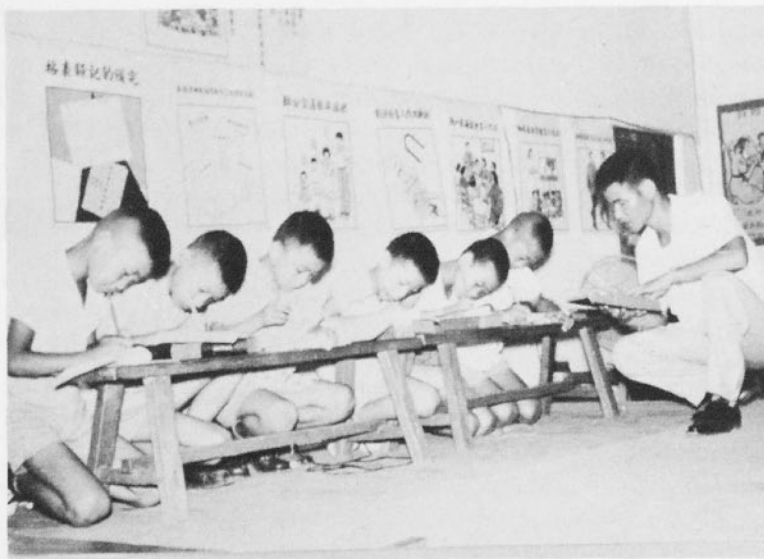
If God prospers a person, I see no reason why he should not have a comfortable home and drive a good car. However, I admire those who feel such concern for the Kingdom of God that they deny themselves in these matters so that they may give more to the support of gospel work.

But in this scripture Paul was not speaking of living standards. The marginal reading for "moderation" is "forbearance." Young's Concordance says the Greek word means "let your yieldedness, your pliability be known to all men." We should not have a disposition that is stiff-necked, stubborn, or overbearing; this would be a poor testimony. We are to be patient and pliable so as to work agreeably with others.

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).



Congregation fills church in Taipei (Pastor Matthew Lee at left)



Chinese boys answer questions in their workbooks in Sunday school

Mandarin Church, Taipei, Outgrows Its Building

BY HENRIETTA TIELEMAN

Missionary to Formosa

OUR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EFFORT was started among the Mandarin-speaking Chinese on the island of Formosa in the month of March, 1953.

With a nucleus of six persons who were formerly Assemblies of God members on the mainland of China and three women missionaries, a new work was begun in a home in Taipei. A store building was leased for two years in August of 1953. The Lord blessed

this work through the salvation of souls and healing the sick.

We were in the rented building for nearly three years and the local people contributed \$2,000. We then sent S.O.S. letters to our friends and churches in America who responded by giving us an additional \$3,000. With this \$5,000 in cash we were able to purchase a small two-story building which we named the Roosevelt Road Church. On Sunday, March 13, 1956, we joyously marched from the rented store building to our new premises.

At the conclusion of Hal Herman's evangelistic campaign in the fall of 1957, our Roosevelt Road Church was crowded beyond capacity, making it necessary to rent a school auditorium for our Sunday morning services while we continued our other services at the Roosevelt Road Church.

The Lord has graciously blessed our Mandarin church and at least 160 have been baptized in water. Many of our people are influential but they are not wealthy due to the low wage scale on Formosa.

The need to accommodate our growing congregation made it necessary to rent a larger building in March, 1960. With the expiration of the lease coming in 1962, it is imperative that our congregation have their own church.

Land is very expensive in Taipei and

we must have cash to complete the purchase. Our beloved Chinese brethren are giving to the Building Fund and will be able to erect the church building as soon as sufficient funds are received to purchase the land.

We believe our many friends and churches at home will respond to our urgent need at this time. If you would like to help these Chinese Christians purchase land for their church building, kindly send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. *Designation: Henrietta Tieleman, Mandarin Church Building.*

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Misses Hilda Olsen and Margaret Anderson have arrived from Basutoland. Miss Olsen may be reached at 7105 Narrow Ave., Brooklyn 9, N. Y., and Miss Anderson at 300 Barbara Drive, West Point Pleasant, N. J.

Home from Sierra Leone are Mr. and Mrs. George Hemminger. Their address is % Mrs. Robert Metcalfe, 251 Castle Road, Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James King have returned from Nigeria. Their address is % Herbert Cole, 1010 Craig St., Detroit Lakes, Minn.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The following missionaries have new addresses:

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Blakeney, D81 Defence Colony, New Delhi 3, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Davis, 160-4 Chome Nagamineyama, Nada Ku, Kobe, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bascue, Boite Postale 737, Contonu, Dahomey, West Africa.

PHOTOS BY HENRIETTA TIELEMAN



Sunday school classes meet in hallway

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Dominican Republic Conducts Ministers Seminar

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BY WAYNE TURNBULL

Missionary to Dominican Republic

OPENING DAY AT THE DOMINICAN Ministers Seminar was charged with excitement. From early morning until late that night the pastors kept arriving from the various sections of the country. Some came by horseback, others by bus, and still others by boat to reach their destination. It was a time of rejoicing to greet fellow ministers

MISSIONARY CALLED HOME

After sixty years of faithful missionary service in Argentina, Miss Alice Wood went to her eternal reward on June 2, 1961. The last fifty years of her ministry were spent in Argentina without a furlough.

Miss Wood was born November 2, 1870, in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. She first sailed to Argentina on February 2, 1898, as a missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and served two terms. In January, 1910, she sailed for her third term in Argentina and after that date she did not return to the United States again until May 17, 1960—fifty years of missionary service without a furlough.

Becoming an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God on November 2, 1914, Miss Wood founded the church in 25 de Mayo and supervised the churches in the surrounding area. The churches are still prospering under the capable national leaders trained by Miss



Alice Wood

Wood. The 25 de Mayo church is now enlarging its facilities to accommodate the increasing number of people being added to the church.

After her many years of service in Argentina, Miss Wood thought it best she come home for retirement at the age of ninety. On May 17, 1960, Miss Wood arrived in Miami, Florida, accompanied by a missionary friend, Mrs. Louie Stokes. She was met in Miami by friends who accompanied her to Lakeland, Florida, where she was a guest of Bethany Retirement Home until the time of her Homegoing.

In spite of difficulty in adapting to life in the United States, Miss Wood continued to be a blessing to those whose lives she touched at Bethany Retirement Home. W. S. Ramby, superintendent of the Home, wrote shortly after Miss Wood's arrival, "Miss Wood is a lively little soul and everyone appreciates her life. She seems to be of the kind that can eventually adapt herself to any situation. She is an inspiration to all of us, and we do thank God for such character and Christian ingenuity as Sister Wood has."

Spirit-filled workers and a thriving church in Argentina remain as a tribute to Miss Wood's devotion to God and His service.

and share the news of what God had been doing.

Forty of our sixty national pastors attended the three days of Spirit-anointed classes, discussions, and prayer meetings. They had come for a spiritual refreshing and as we prayed together the Holy Spirit wonderfully accomplished that work. One of the greatest inspirations of the seminar was the testimonies given. Those who felt discouraged saw others who were making new strides in reaching the lost and were thus encouraged.

One young man reported how his church had taken the responsibility of renting a building in another town to open a new work. Several gave reports of how God miraculously helped them build their own churches without outside assistance. Still others called for workers to be sent to take over some of their church outstations that had grown too large for them to care for properly.

As we heard their victorious testimonies of advance, we were all inspired to launch out and lift up our eyes once again unto the whitened harvest field. How we praise God for each of these valiant soldiers of the Cross who are sacrificing to give forth this glorious salvation message. Many had come suffering from lack of food and clothing and it was heart-rending to see them so thin and in such need. We rejoiced, though, to see our workers return to their churches with new zeal and courage to carry on their great work of faith. We know that through these dedicated lives there is a bright future for the Assemblies of God in the Dominican Republic. ◀◀



Missionary Wayne Turnbull (center), National Superintendent Enrique Suarez, and Assistant Superintendent Jacinto Perez make preparations for the ministers seminar.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



THESE TOO ARE AMERICANS—THE Deaf, the Blind, the Indians, the Jews, prisoners, foreign-language groups, and Alaskans! But they are often the forgotten or neglected Americans. These citizens must not be overlooked simply because they represent minority groups, or because they are in the homeland. They are included in the Great Commission.

Assemblies of God appointed home missionaries, numbering more than three hundred, are cheerfully sacrificing many of the comforts and even some things most of us would consider necessities in modern life to reach as many as possible of the twenty-five million in these groups.

Missionaries to American Indians at Canyon Day, Ariz., on the Fort Apache reservation recently wrote of the Homegoing of the first Christian Indian lady in their village. This woman was also the first Indian member of the Assemblies of God to die on this reservation. She was a wonderful Christian, so all who heard her last words were greatly impressed. She raised her hand and said, "Don't cry, because I'm going to see Jesus." Around her grave no ashes were sprinkled and no devil dance was observed. Instead, those gathered for the service at the graveside sang, "If we never meet again this side of heaven, we will meet you on that beautiful shore."

It is victories such as this that reward the missionary for his tireless efforts and fill his cup of joy to overflowing. But the worker can never lose sight of the great home missions harvest still standing for he lives in the midst of it.

A missionary to American Indians writes: "We stood together and wept as we saw a large group of people, without a hope, preparing their dead for burial. Food, water, clothing, a new hat, and then his saddle and bridle were placed in the grave with him, for the people believe the departed will need these items on his long lonesome journey into the unknown. As I spoke to these first Americans of a Saviour they listened eagerly, many of them per-

The Other Americans



BY GAYLE F. LEWIS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

haps hearing for the first time the story so old to all of us." The missionary, surrounded by this great need, aches with regret that he cannot do more while there is time. Lack of finances and physical strength for all his tasks place limits on his ministry.

Jesus once said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). The number of home missionaries who have answered the call to ministry on the home front has increased nearly sixty in the last two years, and each month more are added to the home missions family. They are busy taking "portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared" (Nehemiah 8:10).

Through its seven Special Ministries the Home Missions Department is serving all classes of Americans now living in the continental United States who are not usually ministered to by the assemblies and ministers of the fellowship. Also, Puerto Rico has been added to the department's area of activity and has been placed under the supervision of the Spanish Eastern District.

The national department appoints home missionaries in only six of these fields—Alaska, American Indian, Jewish, Deaf, Teen-Age Evangelism (under the Prison Division), and Blind. The appointment must first be approved by the missionary's home district and also by the district in which he plans to minister.

Most of these workers must be supported by churches and individuals since it is not possible in many instances for the missionaries to obtain work for self-support, especially on the

Indian reservation. Therefore, home missionaries are required to itinerate among the Assemblies of God churches in cooperation with the district officials, just as foreign missionaries do, to obtain pledges for support on the field.

When it becomes apparent that an Indian or Alaskan congregation can begin to support its missionary, the church is encouraged to do so. But many Indian congregations are not financially able to support their pastors, or to supply funds for building programs so urgently needed in many areas. The situation in Alaska is similar.

We thank the Lord for the gains evident in Special Ministries fields in the past year. In Alaska nearly 270 souls were saved, 54 were baptized in water, and 41 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Jewish missionaries reported 60 souls saved through their ministry—some of whom were non-Jews. More than 21 Jews were baptized in water.

More than 850 were saved through Assemblies of God ministry to American Indians on the reservations and in the cities. Approximately 333 Indians were baptized in water and 262 were filled with the Holy Spirit. During 1959-60, we gained 14 new Indian churches and 14 new outstations or preaching points.

Reports from about half of our Deaf groups indicate 129 were saved, 17 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 35 were baptized in water. There is a great need for more workers in this field. The Assemblies of God produces the only full-gospel literature available in Braille for the Blind and the subscription list has doubled in the past two years.

Although we have no accurate report

July 9 Is Home Missions Day

concerning the year's results through the widespread ministry of the six foreign-language branches of the Assemblies of God, we do know that many souls are being reached by these churches who would otherwise be unreached, and many have been saved. Some of these branches have a world-wide literature ministry which is garnering souls for the Kingdom.

It is also impossible to tabulate the exact number of prisoners in federal and state institutions and in city and county jails who have accepted Christ as Saviour and are living for Him inside prison walls, but no doubt the number would be in the hundreds. This year we sent out 15,583 free Bible study courses (prepared by the Prison Division) upon request to prison chaplains for the use of prisoners who ask for them. Reports come to us from time to time of souls saved through these courses and of others saved through the ministry of the various Assemblies of God workers. Several hundred churches are conducting jail services.

Although a recent survey indicates that the Assemblies of God does eighty

per cent of all evangelical work accomplished by groups associated with the National Association of Evangelicals on Indian reservations, we have barely scratched the surface. The latest statistics reveal that about 60 per cent of Indians on the reservations still follow ancestral customs of worship and traditions. Only seven per cent are Protestant and this number is divided between 36 denominations!

Many of our first Americans have never heard the gospel. There are approximately 220 Indian reservations, rancherias, and colonies—and 170 tribes—not being reached by the Assemblies of God at the present time. Not only do we need to expand into these new areas, but we need to expand our established churches. Over twenty of these have outgrown their present buildings and urgently need financial assistance to build new churches or annexes.

Likewise, numbers of native Eskimos and Indians in Alaska, especially those in isolated villages, have not heard of Jesus. The rapid population increase in Alaska since statehood, presents a tremendous challenge. Alaska is still a mission field. We have 33 churches and

eight outstations in that state but only four of these Assemblies are completely self-supporting.

The Special Ministries are maintained strictly through the contributions of interested individuals and churches. We greatly appreciate those who have stood by our missionaries so faithfully from month to month and from year to year. But now we are praying that God will burden more hearts for these great harvest fields of the homeland. We can expand our ministries and extend the kingdom of God only as you who "hold the ropes" support home missions. Opportunities are many and the future looks bright if we can rely on your continued help in intercessory prayer and with finances.

Offerings may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., clearly designated for *Special Ministries*; or you may prefer to designate your offering for one of the *Special Ministries*. May God bless all who help us get the gospel to the other Americans.

Note: Free pamphlets are available on all the Special Ministries upon request from the Home Missions Department.

Prisoners Converted Through Road Camp Ministry in California

A burning desire to work for the Lord motivated two young men of the Taft Heights Assembly of God, Taft, Calif., to seek a place of ministry.

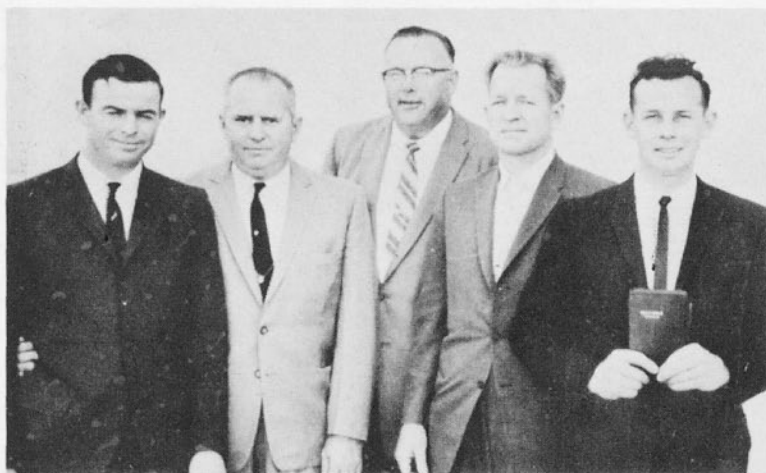
Finding that no one was ministering

at the Mount Pinos Road Camp in Kern County, they took it upon themselves to contact the supervisors. These zealous C.A.'s were granted permission to conduct services on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Since that time they have been going to the road camp each week. God has richly blessed their ministry by saving a number of the prisoners.

Recently, W. Earl Davis, pastor of the Taft Heights Assembly, accompanied the gospel team (now including

four men) to the camp. He was thrilled to see the prisoners waiting for the service. After a time of singing, some of the men who have been saved testified. Brother Davis then brought the message and nine men responded to the altar call.

In his report of this road camp ministry, Brother Davis commended these workers who would forego the comforts of a Sunday afternoon at home to go out in the harvest field and work for the Master. ◀◀



Group from Taft Heights Assembly that conducts services at the Mount Pinos Road Camp. Left to right: Clifford Summer, Virgil Arnold, Pastor W. Earl Davis, Marcus Welch, Earl L. Douglas.



Road Camp prisoners kneeling for salvation during the gospel service recently held at their camp. (The two boys standing are high-school boys who help the squad occasionally.)

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



GOD'S PROMISED DELIVERER

Sunday School Lesson for July 16, 1961

JUDGES 13:1-7, 21, 25

We have before us the beautiful story of a dedicated and devoted couple who lived in times of universal lawlessness and corruption, and who could testify to the fact that God's grace is sufficient to keep men shining with His glory when darkness is all around.

AN IDEAL MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

To an Israelitish woman suffering the shame of barrenness (it was a disgrace in her times) came an angel promising her a son. "Then the woman came and told her husband." No angel or "man of God" could stand between this woman and her husband. What a beautiful relationship existed between them. How completely they enjoyed each other's confidence and blended their hopes and prayers.

Observe how often Manoah, at the second appearance of the angelic being, used the words "us" and "we." Says one writer, "Neither of them had one word of reproach or bitterness to the other; neither of them attempted to usurp the other's place, or shrank from occupying his own. They have left for our study and imitation as beautiful an example of the mutual help and harmony of married life as is to be found in the whole range of Scripture. THE WAY TO THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES.

1. *By unquestioning faith.* Manoah did not dismiss with a laugh of unbelief the fantastic promise which his wife brought from the angel. Instead, he accepted it without question and gave full attention to it.

2. *By believing prayer.* "Then Manoah intreated the Lord." He asked God for confirmation to his own heart of the promise made to his wife. "And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah." God waits to reveal Himself to all who seek Him in sincerity and truth.

3. *By expectation and watchfulness.* Manoah was alert and expectant so that when the prayer was answered he was not surprised.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD TRAINING.

The burden of Manoah's prayer was that God would instruct them concerning the bringing up of the new life which had been promised them. "Teach us what we shall do unto the child... how shall we order the child?"

1. Christians are commanded in the Word to bring up children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

2. This training must begin early; postponement "until they are older" is a snare and delusion of the devil.

3. The responsibility of this training is placed squarely on the shoulders of the parents and cannot, by them, be shifted to the church or Sunday school!

4. Finally, in order to properly fulfill the divine injunction, parents need continually to seek the Lord and secure the very real help of the Holy Spirit.

THE NECESSITY OF CONSECRATION.

The promised child was to become a deliverer of his

people. The source of his power was to be the "Spirit of the Lord." In order to secure such spiritual power a special consecration to God was necessary. Hence, the angel said, "The child shall be a Nazarite."

The laws regarding the Nazarite are found in Numbers, chapter six. A Nazarite was a person, either man or woman, especially consecrated to God by special vows, either for a limited period or for a lifetime. Such a dedication to God could be made either by an individual of his own accord, or, as in the case of Samson, by his parents.

The outward signs of this Nazarite consecration were: (1) abstinence from wine or any fruit of the vine—the fruit of the vine being symbolic of worldly pleasure; (2) avoidance of contact with a dead body—the sign of avoiding defilement by sin; (3) avoidance of a razor—the long hair symbolizing the consecration of one's strength to the Lord.

The maintaining of the outward signs of the Nazarite vow involved some very important inner attitudes and principles.

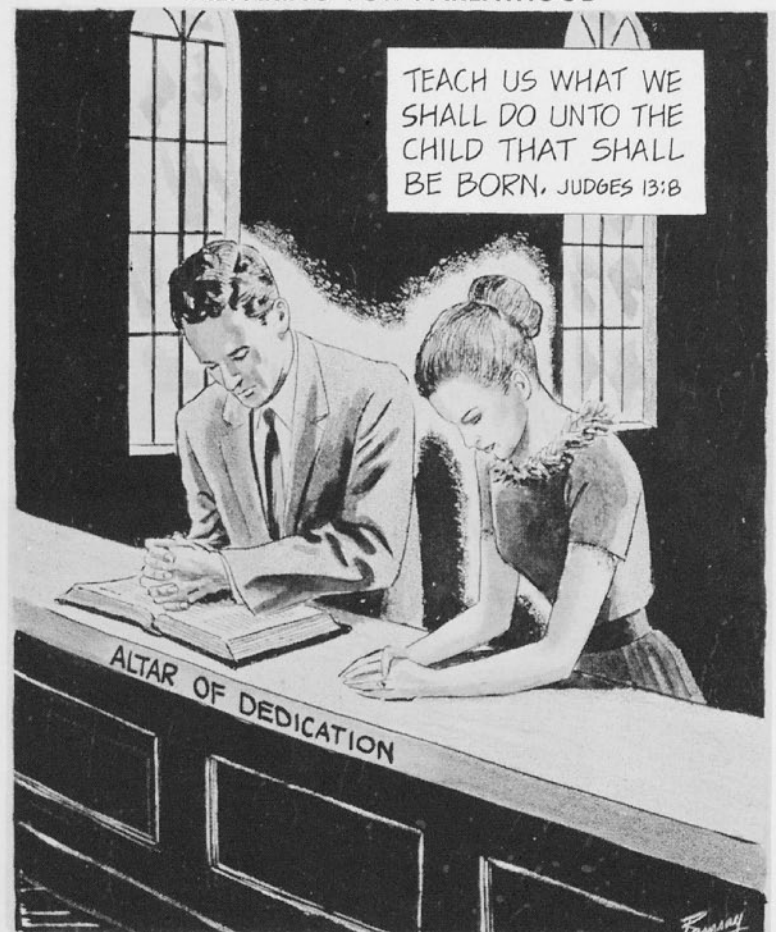
1. A Nazarite must practice self-denial and self-discipline. He could not even eat a raisin! And this was in a land where grapes, raisins, and wine were most plentiful.

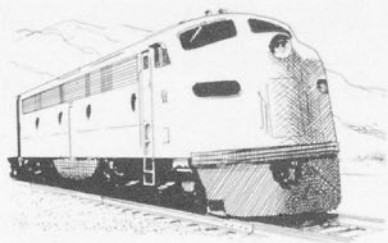
2. A Nazarite must be willing to be different from other men. And this is no easy matter for many! Is it not unwillingness at this point, whether the difference is in appearance or moral fibre, which robs Christians of spiritual power and sends sinners to hell?

As he grew into manhood Samson lived up to his Nazarite profession, ruled his self-life, his passions and human ambitions. He avoided sin and devoted himself to God. Thus it was that "the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp."

—J. Bashford Bishop

PREPARING FOR PARENTHOOD





'Me First' Mothers

BY JANE PARKER



THE ENGINEER FOR THE TRANS-continental train was no "hog head." He wafted his long train into such a quiet flow forward his passengers scarcely sensed it. This triumph over inertia he could repeat at will. *He knew the controls.*

"Come sit in your seat," said the handsome woman as her fourth-grader zoomed up the aisle of the coach. He grinned back over his shoulder without slackening speed and was out of sight, around and into the vestibule. The boy was not handsome like his younger brother, but he could think of more things to do. Energy sparked in his eyes and lit up his freckles.

He needed a haircut. His mother was faultlessly groomed. But of course she had to be. She held down a job—met the public. Up and down the aisle, swish and zoom, rushed the boys. Mother read her magazine and dutifully said "No" at each passing of the young missiles.

She was a good mother—she knew that. She had even crammed in a puzzle and lots of comic books for her boys. As for herself, she needed to relax. She wanted to read her magazine. Didn't she work every day and come home to more work every night for her boys?

Well, sometimes the thought did struggle up to her conscious mind, "You LIKE writing checks for your boss, wearing smart clothes, holding the prestige of seniority in a big organization. You HATE the constant interruptions, the demands and self-discipline of a home. Organizational discipline is so much easier! Organization..." she smiled. The nagging thought squelched. She preened herself a bit over the ways she knew to bend the organization of even a business office to her own ends. But yes, she was a good mother.

"No more candy." She kept her voice well modulated. "Sit in your seat..." An impish grin and the toss of a red head came in response.

"It's like talking to the wind," sighed the good mother to her seat-companion.

The older woman smiled kindly.

"Isn't it a matter of enforcing what you say?" she asked.

The good mother looked surprised. She needed rest and quiet—time to relax and read. Surely she deserved this and should not be expected to struggle trying to control her tireless and tiring boys! It had never occurred to her that *child-discipline* starts with *self-discipline*. She had never seen the fascination of a puzzle that *mother* helps work. She didn't know that the simplest game grows glamorous with *mother* playing!

"Come on, Mother; come up to the dome car. You said you would!"

"Not now."

"But you promised."

"Not now."

"Why not now?"

"I'm not ready."

"Why aren't you ready?"

"I'm just not ready now."

"When will you be ready?"

"John, get your puzzle and sit in your seat! John..." But John was gone.

Grace sat across the aisle of the train coach. Watching this woman and her uncontrolled children made her feel quite smug. She had taught *her* children to obey. Grace knew what was wrong with the well-groomed woman. It was so obvious that she cared more for herself than for her children—she was, in fact, a "me first" kind of mother.

Why hadn't she taken time to teach

her boys obedience? John could be taught. So could his brother. Grace sighed and thought of the sad times that had befallen America. What were we coming to? That mother was a "career woman." Very obviously she knew nothing of child-control.

Now Grace often said discipline is like the bones of the body, all else is built around them and is supported by them. Grace knew. She had left her own family safe in the knowledge that her boys *obeyed*. True, they seemed a little sulky sometimes. She got to thinking about that. She felt sometimes as if her boys tried to avoid her. Why? Maybe—when they were older...

Her mind rushed ahead to her own mother, now so painfully ill in the East. The trip would be worth all it cost if comfort could be brought to that dear mother! Memory brought up pictures of picnics, of family fun. What good times they had had when Mother told them stories while they peeled the peaches for canning in the summer!

Mother always knew some game she could play with them. They had cracked nuts to laughter and songs. And how they had loved to sing around the piano! Mother had always sung alto and how proud Dad had been when Dick learned to sing tenor. And always the song-fest had ended with grand hymns—joyful hymns—tender hymns. A tear stole down her cheek.

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Code Message . . .

For the Junior Reader

Here is an important message for you. Use the code below to decipher it.

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(To check your answer, look up John 21:25.)

Up came a thought unbidden—or was it an echo? “Mother, help us with this puzzle—it won’t work!” That was yesterday. She hoped her voice did not sound as cross as she had felt when she said, “No, I haven’t had a minute all day. I’m too tired.” She really had been tired.

She crowded the thought out of her mind and looked again at her timetable. Why, the train had stopped! She had not noticed the smooth deceleration. Only a moving building told her

they were again under way. *The engineer knew his controls.*

John was devouring another candy bar. Grace tried not to hear the argument. Why didn’t that woman exert some control? Didn’t she realize the children would be paying the price later? And a child who hadn’t been taught to obey his mother would find it hard to obey God. She would hate to be in that woman’s shoes, for we all must some day give account to God.

Grace leaned her head back and shut

her eyes. When was it her Teddy had said, “Why can’t we sing, Mother?” Why hadn’t they? Oh, yes, she had had to make cookies for the PTA.

She was a bit troubled and thought perhaps if she could doze a bit. . . . It was no use. The thoughts kept crowding in—accusing thoughts—uncomfortable. She opened her Bible. God’s Word was precious. She thumbed idly and stopped for some reason in Luke, chapter nine. She began to read, “And an-

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FOR THE UNCONVERTED

He Almost Made It

BY LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

THE TREACHEROUS CROCODILE IS the terror of both man and beast in the rivers of Africa.

Two weary Africans were paddling their dugout down the peaceful waters of the beautiful, blue, Zambezi River. Hidden beneath those cool, inviting waters was the form of a stealthy, cruising crocodile.

Suddenly there was a heavy thud and the dugout shook violently. Then there appeared on the surface of the waters a vicious crocodile. With a swift, accurate lunge he grabbed one of the paddlers, sinking cruel teeth into his thigh and tearing open his flesh.

The dugout was jolted so severely that both men lost their balance and fell into the deep, murky waters. As they fell the crocodile released his grip on the man.

The two paddlers, now struggling in the water, were facing death. One of the men remembered some advice he had received from a village elder who had told him that if he were ever in a crocodile-infested river he should swim under water, against the current, as the crocodile always looks downstream for his prey. This he did, and after many anxious moments and some strenuous swimming he safely got to shore.

The other man took the way of least resistance, swam with the current and towards land. Nearing the shore, he

touched bottom and quickly ran for the bank. But it was all in vain! The terrible reptile had been following him, and just a few feet from the shore it caught him by the leg and dragged him under the water. That was the last that was seen of that poor fellow. *He almost made it—but didn’t!*

This is the mistake that many are making with respect to their soul’s welfare and destiny. They are taking the way of least resistance, hoping all will turn out well. But in the end they discover it has been a fatal choice. This is a tragedy that need not happen to you.

Sometimes a wrong choice is not immediately apparent as to its consequences. It is possible for people to rest in a false sense of security and not realize their folly until they reach the very brink of eternity. It is a painful disillusionment finally to learn that one has been living in a world of delusion, and that instead of being secure he faces disaster. When one is misinformed about God’s way of salvation he just “doesn’t make it to shore.” Friend, it will pay you to make sure that you are following correct instructions, because the consequences are so serious if you are wrong.

In the fourteenth chapter of Proverbs, verse twelve, we read: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” The struggling man in the waters of the Zambezi River thought his quickest way to safety was to swim downstream. It *seemed* right, but it was a fatal choice. We cannot depend upon that which appears rational and logical. It isn’t that God always acts contrary to human reason, but rather that His ways are often incomprehensible to our finite, human minds. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher

than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). You will never make it to heaven’s shore if your criterion of living is based on human reason alone.

We use the word *almost* advisedly. As a matter of fact, no one is *almost* saved. Any degree of unregeneracy constitutes rejection of salvation; whereas being saved means that one has made a clear-cut decision for Christ. However, it *appears* that some people are almost saved. When Paul was on trial, King Agrippa said to him, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28). There is no record that Agrippa ever did accept Christ. *Almost* was not enough.

Wouldn’t it be sad if, after knowing God’s plan of salvation, you didn’t “make it to shore”? You say, “I was once on the verge of coming to Christ, but at the last moment decided against it.” In a sense, you were almost a Christian, but you are still a stranger to God until you fully decide to accept His way of salvation.

You ask, “What must I do to know Christ as my Saviour?” First, admit that you are a sinner. Then, freely confess your sins and acknowledge your need of salvation. When you do this you are in a position to accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Simply receive Him into your heart by faith. If you will honestly do this you will be saved.

The African swimmer almost made it to shore but within sight of land was dragged back by the crocodile. Why? Because he was going with the current. If you have been going the easy way, the popular way, you need to change direction and go Christ’s way. You are not far from shore. Go Christ’s way—turn from your sins and place your trust in Him—and you will be saved *today*. ◀◀



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, JULY 10

READ: Psalm 119:41-48

LEARN: "I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed" (Psalm 119:46).

FOR THE PARENT: Briefly review how this psalm's central theme is the Word of God. From this passage point out: (1) through the Word we know of the salvation that God offers us through Jesus Christ, v. 41; (2) this salvation comes as a result of God's mercy—not because of our goodness or lack of it, v. 41; (3) God's Word gives us confidence in meeting unbelievers and skeptics because we have proved its truths, v. 42; (4) God's Word helps us to decide rightly and be free, vv. 43-45; (5) we should not be ashamed of His Word, v. 46; (6) we should delight in and love God's Word, vv. 47, 48.

QUESTION TIME: What is the central theme of this psalm? (See above.) How is salvation related to God's Word? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Warren Denton, Philippines; William F. Lasley, Senegal; Kathryn Schmidt, North India.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

READ: Psalm 119:49-56

LEARN: "Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope" (Psalm 119:49).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage begins with a brief prayer by the psalmist reminding God of His promise. It shows the Word of God: (1) bringing hope, v. 49; (2) bringing comfort in affliction, v. 50; (3) bringing quickening power as needed v. 51. The Christian continues in God's Word regardless of what others may say or do, v. 51. He is aware of the sins of others, v. 53. But he himself finds comfort and help in keeping God's Word, vv. 52, 55, 56. This, in turn, helps him sing through his trials, v. 54.

QUESTION TIME: What is God's Word to us in times of affliction? (v. 50) What does verse 51 teach about staying true to God?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. John T. Kindall (Indian), Idaho; Mrs. Elsie R. Peters (Deaf), California; Mrs. J. H. Anderson, India.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

READ: Psalm 119:57-64

LEARN: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:59).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) we keep God's Word because of what He is to us, v. 57; (2) as we continue to walk in His Word, we can be sure of His continued mercy toward us, v. 58; (3) looking closely at our own lives will show us our shortcomings and help drive us to God's Word for help, vv. 59, 60; (4) even in deep trials we can know God is working in our behalf, v. 61; (5) we should be ready to give thanks to God at any time, v. 62; (6) our closest associates should be Christians, v. 63; (7) we need to learn from God, v. 64.

QUESTION TIME: How can verse 59 be applied to our lives today? What does verse 63 tell us about our friendships?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Harold Headrick, Hawaii; Burton K. Arno, Costa Rica; Mrs. Robert Turnball, Haiti.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

READ: Judges 13:1-7, 21-25

LEARN: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "God's Promised Deliverer" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This begins a series of four lessons on Samson and the time during which he judged Israel. This lesson deals primarily with his birth. Have the group review the story, emphasizing how Israel was in trouble because of sin, v. 1. God knew their difficulty and began preparing a deliverer. Discuss the angelic announcement to Manoah and his wife that they would have a son and the vow that was to be upon him. Stress the importance of a complete dedication of our lives to God.

QUESTION TIME: What are some significant events related to the birth of Samson? What vow was upon him from birth?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Gerald C. Larson (Indian), South Dakota; Mrs. M. W. Blakney, India; Marguerite Flint, India; Trella B. Hall, Spain.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

READ: Luke 2:51, 52; John 19:25-27; Ephesians 6:1; Romans 12:10, 21; Proverbs 15:1; Genesis 45:3, 4, 9-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

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

FOR THE PARENT: (Because the verses for this lesson are found in scattered portions of the Bible, you may wish to have various members of the family read the passages, commenting on each passage as it is read.) All these passages are on the general theme of witnessing by our lives at home. Stress the importance of really living for Christ in the home.

QUESTION TIME: How is Jesus an example of children's obedience to parents? (Luke 2:51) How can we keep from anger? (Proverbs 15:1)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. Virgil E. Sampson (Indian), Arizona.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

READ: Luke 21:1-4; John 3:16; Mark 12:41-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8).

FOR THE PARENT: God does not expect us to do the impossible—unless He gives us the power to do it. But God does always expect us to do our best. Use the story of the widow's gift to emphasize that God is not so much concerned with how much we give to Him as how we give it. Because the widow's two mites were all she had, in God's sight she gave more than those who gave only a portion of their riches. Show too the great gift that God has given to us (John 3:16). We owe everything we have to God; let us give freely of ourselves to Him.

QUESTION TIME: Why is the story of the widow's gift so important to us? (See above.) How can it be applied to life today?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Josephine Spina, East Pakistan.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. J. G. King, Nigeria.

*An Encouraging Message for Believers
Who Sometimes Are Tempted to Waver*

JOHAN THE BAPTIST SUFFERED FROM attacks of serious doubt.

There is a difference between doubt and unbelief. Doubt may accompany faithfulness, while unbelief harbors disobedience.

Because of their unbelief, many people of Israel died in the wilderness and did not enter God's rest. See Hebrews 3:19. Their unbelief caused them to lust after evil things, to become idolaters, and some even fell into immorality (1 Corinthians 10:4-10).

The life of John the Baptist was different. His character was pure, his fidelity to God true. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, yet suffered distressing doubt.

What kind of man was John? He was a prophet, designated to be the forerunner of Jesus as foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 40:1-11), a messenger of grace. Before his birth the angel announced he would "go before him [the Saviour] in the spirit and power of Elias" (Luke 1:17). Jesus said "this is Elias, which was for to come" (Matthew 11:14). He was "Elijah the prophet," who was to announce Christ's first coming (Malachi 4:45).

Disciples came to John saying, "Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth and all men come to him." How completely John was free from self-interest is seen in his reply: "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:29, 30).

A person might believe that a man so given to the will of God could not doubt, but John did. He became enveloped in doubt. But honest doubt is not sin; it is perplexing temptation. The mind may be perplexed, even confused; promises may seem to disappear in the fog of mental confusion; truths most surely believed, in which the soul has greatly rejoiced, may become hazy through failure to understand, which generates doubt. John had all of this, but he never stooped to evil, though he wavered. He wondered: Was he mis-

Dealing
with
Doubt

By E. S. Williams

taken in Jesus? Was Jesus the One he had preached Him to be?

John was a prophet. Jesus said he was more than a prophet. "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." With fullest confidence, John declared that the Messiah, whom he was announcing, would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Publicly he proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Now he wondered: was he right?

Some unconsciously worship their experience—worshiping it more than they worship the Lord. Some depend on how they feel more than on what Christ has wrought in their behalf. They are not aware of this until circumstances dampen their blessings; then they submit to wonder and doubt, and some even cease to walk with Him.

What is wrong? Blessings or manifestations have been put into first place. They have not been conscious of it, but Jesus has been put into second place. We must learn to trust Jesus, however we feel.

John was a man of God, but holiness of heart cannot exclude battles with doubt. Here again some make a mistake. They rely on their holiness,

unconsciously trusting in their personal goodness. They would not confess it—in fact, they are not even conscious of it—but they take on some of the spirit of the Pharisee, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men." How faithful they have been in fasting, how prompt in paying bills, how careful in dress, and in tithing, even to the smallest mite.

All of this is most commendable, but when our holiness becomes a god, it takes on a form of self-worship. There is a good self—a religious self; as well as a bad self—the non-religious self. We have no reason for thinking that John the Baptist became infatuated with his personal holiness. We do not believe he did, but we need to be careful lest we do.

John was blessed with other qualities of excellence, but only one of these shall we consider here. He was a religious leader of the highest kind, yet he doubted. No position nor experience can exclude the possibility of tormenting doubt. Let each one watch lest he unconsciously fall into the snare of feeling important. Some are very sensitive; they cannot stand much that is against them. Note the spirit of John: "He must increase, but I must decrease. Some increase in their feeling of importance as they advance in years, but it ought to be otherwise—a deepening humility should come with ripening age.

John's doubt came from two main sources. How many other contributing factors there were we may not know. He built up in his mind an image of what the Messiah ought to be. A devoted Jew, knowing the prophecies of old, he knew Messiah was to be Israel's king. No promise of kingship had accompanied the ministry of Jesus. This disturbed John and the prince of evil used it to agitate his troubled mind even more.

To recover peace, John must readjust some of his theories; and there are times when we have to do some readjusting too. The pictures which imagination draws before our minds must be changed, and sometimes erased. It is possible even to worship the product of our imagination. More than one has built a system of religious opinion which had no authority further than what they had thought up.

Then John's situation also greatly influenced his thinking. Everything was changed. John was raised a free man of the open spaces. Free and full of vigor, he had gone to the Jordan in the

stride of his manliness. There he denounced sin, proclaimed that "Messiah is come," and warned the public to get ready to meet Him.

But now John is languishing in the dungeon of Herod's prison. What a change! Instead of Messiah delivering Israel, this is where announcing Him has brought him. What perplexing and tormenting thoughts came—how his mind must have traveled back and forth. The desolation of his soul was great, and he was without a glimmer of hope in anything he could see. Have you in your small sphere of life suffered somewhat like this? The Lord help us, when we cannot see or understand, to commit and trust. Jesus is faithful.

Fortunately, rather than to cast his confidence completely away, John took his trouble to Jesus. With what inward wrestlings between hope and despair did he inquire, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Jesus knew John, and understood the deep earnestness and longing of his soul, and thankfully we can say He knows us. Yes, He knows us when we feel as if our feet had well-nigh slipped. He is our faithful Saviour and Lord when we are battling defeat as well as when we are announcing with joy the wonders of His name.

Changing circumstances bring no change in the heart and attitude of Christ toward them that love Him. Jesus sent a simple message with no promise other than that John should believe: "Blessed is he who is not offended in me." John had not yet seen all that his ministry had announced, but he had made no mistake in Him whom he had announced.

John was no weakling. When the disciples had left to carry the assuring words back to John, Jesus turned to the multitude about Him and said, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see; a reed shaken with the wind?"—a vacillating weakling? "But what went ye out to see, a man clothed in soft raiment?"—a softy? No! no! "You went out to see a prophet, and more than a prophet, for among them that are born of women there has not appeared a greater than John the Baptist." Then it is no sin to have to battle doubt and darkness. The best and greatest of men have had to do so. May their example encourage us to "fight the good fight of faith."

What may this mean—"He that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he"? We are not greater than John

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in character, nor in position as an influential messenger. We are but simple people, yet greater than John in privilege and position. John was the friend of the Bridegroom. Those saved by redeeming grace are the bride. All that is included in being members of the Church of Christ, beneficiaries of the Cross and the New Testament, we may not as yet know. But this we do know: Jesus said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21). "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

May our faith not fail, but ever be centered in "him who loved us and gave himself for us." ◀◀

'Me First' Mothers

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other also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first. . . ." ME FIRST! The words leaped at her like a stroke of lightning. ME FIRST, ME FIRST! Yes, she too was a *me-first* mother! Everything she wanted to do and had to do came first. There was no time for games—no singing together—no fun—precious little laughter. What memories would HER boys have???

"Oh, my Father, forgive me! I've cared for my boys, I've taught them to obey, but I haven't given them myself. Lord, show me how I can show my love for my boys first, my own desires last!" ◀◀

SOUL or SPIRIT- *Which Shall Dominate?*

BY W. J. ALLEN

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST GAVE many warnings during His ministry, calling His hearers to watchfulness in various directions. He warned them of the possibility of false Christs and false prophets, and suggested that even the very elect were in danger of being deceived.

One warning which we feel is very needful in these days is that which Jesus gave His disciples concerning the losing and gaining of life. He emphasized the extreme difference between the higher, spiritual, eternal life of the believer and the lower, natural, temporal life (Mark 8:35—Amplified New Testament). The former is to be

possessed and enjoyed, while the latter, the soul life, is to be given up.

Noting the difference between the

TWO KINDS OF LIFE

we can enter into the field of examination and application. We would point out that much of the criticism levelled against the modern Pentecostal movement has been caused through a misunderstanding of the manifestations of soul and spirit. Both should be in perfect relationship one to the other. The spiritual believer will enjoy both in a variety of ways, but it must be remembered that the spiritual realm is the highest. They that worship God must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality). Man has again and again been deceived into believing that the emotional is fundamental. Satan has played his game well, for He has made full use of the soul of man.

Charles Finney was indeed right when he labelled selfishness as the root of all sin. However, we would go further to say that the soul life is the root of much deception. Recently a teen-ager was asked by a radio interviewer why he liked the beat of the "pop" records. He replied: "Because it makes me feel good and happy." Modern youth is deceived into believing that if things make for happiness and good feeling they are right. Hence the advent of the distorted playing of the guitar and other rhythmic instruments. Rhythm used in the right place

and in the right way can be inspiring and invigorating, especially if stirring words are set to it; but, alas, many are driven by its misuse into the whirlpool of soul force. Even good music can become a fetish or idol, while the exponents of rock-and-roll are applauded as stars. Many more attend the theater or gaze at television, becoming the victims of another onslaught of soul force as night after night their

EMOTIONS ARE STIRRED

into excessive joy, sorrow or horror, according to the whim of the producer. Now it is not wrong to have one's emotions stirred, but to be continually partaking in such upheavals of the soul is dangerous. Christian, if you do not give much more time to spiritual pursuits than you spend in pursuits of the soul you will end up with becoming sensual.

Looking in another direction, we see that soul worship is often mixed with or presented as genuine religion, and the worship of some cults is purely soul worship. Such soul power is not unknown in India and other eastern lands. Those who follow the religion of works, with its emphasis on prayer and fasting, without being born of the Spirit, are in some measure if not wholly worshipping in the soul. In the last half-century there has developed a great emphasis on psychic (soul) research, leading to new avenues of thought and methods of therapy. We affirm once again that cultivation of the soul without the spirit is dangerous.

But what of the Church? She has not escaped, for many preachers and even laymen have incorporated psychology into their preaching and practice. Even in our own movement some choruses are sung more for their effect on the soul than for the truths they may contain.

In a certain conference some years ago, God was moving by His Spirit, confessions were being made, and a spirit of conviction was spreading, when someone started a chorus. It sounded all right, but the conference was robbed, as it had been led out of the Spirit into the realm of the soul. This we perceive to be one of the subtle moves of the adversary. Again and again meetings are robbed in a similar way, being infused with soul force by people who are not in the Spirit.

"A believer, although indwelt by the Holy Spirit, is 'soulish' to the degree in which the animal soul life has play

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Intense longing in the human heart caused David to use this illustration and cry out, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God . . ." (Psalm 42:1).

To satisfy the thirst of every human soul, the Holy Spirit has been given, providing a well of living water with its continuously upspringing fountain, and fulfilling the promise Jesus gave when He said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst again" (John 4:14).

—Gene Putnam

in the realm of the various capacities of the soul. He may cling to a 'soulish' joy, and live in the realm of his feelings (i.e., in the seat of self-consciousness) and not in the Spirit, the place of God-consciousness, and thus be among believers who are always seeking for experiences in the sense-conscious instead of the purity of the Spirit or God-conscious realm alone, the regenerated human spirit" (J. P. Lewis).

You may ask what can be done about it. We must return to the teaching of the Master and lose the self life, and the only place where we can do this is at the Cross. We must see ourselves

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

(Galatians 2:20), and as we identify ourselves with His death and resurrection we shall find that soul force will lose its power and attraction. We shall learn to walk by faith and not feelings! We are not primarily creatures of the soul, but new creatures who worship God in the Spirit. Praise God, He has promised to sanctify the whole man, spirit, soul, and body.

Jesus rejoiced in spirit; the mighty power of God was upon Him; yet He knew the power of the soul and felt it in the garden. But He refused the temptation there and triumphed in the Spirit. Paul rebuked the carnal Christians at Corinth and pointed them to a life in the Spirit. James also knew the danger, for he warned us of a wisdom that is of the soul and sensual, and unless we are on our guard we shall find ourselves swept into the realm of the soul and later into sensuality.

The safeguard for the Christian is the crucified life. Whoever grips this truth as a fact is in little danger of being deceived. The soul will take its rightful place, and we shall be able to say with Mary: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

Andrew Murray wrote: "The greatest danger of the church or individual has to dread is inordinate activity of the soul, with its power of mind and will."

We must recapture the truth that we walked by faith. If Abraham had relied on feelings he never would have started his pilgrim walk and proved God in the miraculous. The soul that walks by faith is a happy one, and a holy one! Let us strike the balance and put the soul in its rightful place: a servant of the spirit.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► DALLAS, TEX.—In a recent meeting with Evangelist Colman McDuff, the Spirit of God moved upon the young people in a very special way. Many were saved and some were wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit. The evangelist's ministry in word and song was remarkable, and his leadership in the meetings was unique.

—Ray R. Soper, Pastor

► ILLMO, MO.—Evangelists Bonnie Ruble and Mrs. William Moss just concluded a two-week revival at the Illmo-Fornfelt Assembly. Eleven were saved or reclaimed, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several refilled. About twenty young people made a new consecration to the Lord at the conclusion of the revival. A genuine revival spirit prevails.

—Clay Brooks, Pastor

► CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Temple derived great spiritual benefit from a recent evangelistic campaign with the Tanner Team of Wilmar, Minn. The dedicated presentation of vocal and instrumental music and the anointed ministry of the Word attracted a steadily increasing attendance and resulted in the salvation of many individuals. The evangelist boosted the Sunday school, enabling the church to exceed its attendance goal.

—Richard W. Bishop, Pastor

► SPEARMAN, TEX.—In a recent two-week revival at First Assembly with Evangelist Norman Gordon seven persons came to the altar for salvation, and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed of various afflictions, including deafness, poor vision, and arthritic conditions. The faith-building messages, coupled with the genuine move of the Holy Spirit, brought great blessing to the church.

—J. V. Barker, Pastor

► MIAMI, FLA.—Evangel Temple rejoices over a new evidence of God's power in these closing days. After five months of soul searching and intercessory prayer for a soul-saving revival, God gave the answer through the compassionate and conscientious ministry of Evangelist Tommy Barnett. During the two-week meeting more than 100 accepted Christ. Not one night passed without a great response to the altar call. It was one of the greatest soul-saving revivals in the history of this church.

—Martin Luther Davidson, Pastor

► TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Richards of Collinsville, Okla. recently ministered at the Suburban Hills Assembly of God. The inspiring messages brought great blessing to the entire congregation. Eight were either saved or reclaimed, and four received the Holy Spirit.

—Dale D. Starling, Pastor

► WICHITA, KANS.—Twelve nights of revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue were declared to be one of the finest campaigns in the history of Central Assembly. Over thirty came forward to accept Christ, and 27 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Every department of the church was strengthened. The congregation is thankful for the ministry of these faithful servants of Christ.

—Victor Trimmer, Pastor

► CHAPPELL, NEBR.—In recent months this 47-year-old Assembly was blessed with the ministries of Evangelists Henry Kahalehili of Hilo, Hawaii, and Christian Hild. These two meetings left the church in such a fine spiritual atmosphere that as the youth choir sang on C. A. Day the power of God fell! Two young people were filled with the Holy Spirit and the scheduled C. A.

skit and program was never presented. God did ABOVE AND BEYOND the expectations for the youth of the church. It has been a long time since the power of God has been manifested in such a marvelous way!

—Floyd Garrett, Pastor

► LEBANON, MO.—An outstanding two-week revival was enjoyed at First Assembly with Ray Thomas of Belton as the evangelist. There were four definite conversions and one person received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The anointed ministry of the Word brought great blessing to the church.

—Bill R. Baker, Pastor

► SOUTH BEND, IND.—Calvary Temple enjoyed one of its most profitable revivals during the ministry of Evangelist Eddie Barg. In each service individuals were saved, filled with the Spirit, healed, or delivered from other bondages. The moving of the Spirit resulted in glorious happiness, peace, and victory, and led into a real consecration and dedication such as is seldom witnessed in revivals. Crowds were consistently good, even in the early morning prayer and Bible study where fifty to eighty gathered daily.

—Roy H. Wead, Pastor

► DELAWARE, OHIO—Calvary Assembly was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Duane Land of Seymour, Wis. The meeting which was originally scheduled for two weeks was extended to five as the presence of God was manifested in the meetings. Several accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and believers were revived. The meetings brought a great impact upon the church and the effects are still being felt.

—R. E. Howard, Pastor

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

BECKLEY, W. Va.—The forty-second annual council of the Appalachian District was held here, May 8-10, at the First Assembly of God. All executive officers of the district were re-elected on the nominating ballot.

Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Claude McKeel, general presbyter; R. Elmer Baker, secretary-treasurer and Sunday school director; W. Glenn West, district superintendent; T. M. Waldron, assistant superintendent; W. W. Smith, general presbyter. In the back row are: Glenn Strickland, George Van Riper, R. L. Mallory, and G. C. Elliott, sectional presbyters. (The two general presbyters also serve as sectional presbyters.)

C. M. Ward and Stanley Michael were special speakers at the council and there was a blessed spirit of unity in all the sessions. The presence of the Lord was wonderfully real. Reports brought before the council showed progress being made in all departments of the district program, with seven new churches added during the past year.

—Reported by W. Glenn West, district superintendent



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WITH CHRIST

MRS. EMMA HAMPTON, 77, of Bucatunna, Miss., a licensed minister in the Mississippi District, passed away recently.

VICTOR DELEON, SR., of Norwalk, Calif., FIL MAREZ, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and MISS MARIA R. MORENO, of Monterey, Calif., licensed ministers of the Latin American Branch, went to be with the Lord recently.

MRS. PEARL F. BATES, 71, of Mountain Pine, Ark., a licensed minister, was called into the presence of the Master on March 25. She is survived by her husband Luther, who is pastor of the Assembly of God in Mountain Pine.

WALTER MCGHEHY, 72, of Orange, Calif. passed away on May 21. He was a licensed minister in the Southern California District. In 1958 he was superannuated.

MATTHEW J. JOHNSON, 68, of Monroeville, Ala., was called Home on April 26. He was ordained in 1925 in the Alabama District and served as pastor in Monroeville from time to time since 1932. He retired last January. Under his leadership the First Assembly of God was erected. His wife and several children survive him.

JACK P. IRELAND, 49, Phoenix, Ariz., was called suddenly into the presence of the Lord on May 16 when he drowned. In 1953 he was ordained in the Arizona District where he served pastorates in Flagstaff and Phoenix. At the time of death he was pastor of Central Assembly of God in Phoenix. He is survived by his wife and one child.

PETER JEPSEN, 64, of Seattle, Wash., died somewhat suddenly on May 12 following a heart attack. Earlier in the year he suffered a similar attack but was recovering sufficiently to hold meetings when complications set in and death occurred. Ordained in

the Eastern District in 1922, Brother Jepsen served widely as a pastor and evangelist in the United States and Canada. He pastored a number of churches in New York; also served pastorates at New Haven, Conn., at Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis, Wash., and at North Bend, Ore. At the time of death he was a member of the Northwest District. His wife and three children survive.

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Ark.	Ft. Smith	First	July 9-14	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	B. Owen Oslin
	Luxora	First	July 9-16	Bonnie M. Ruble	Cecil Howell
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	Pleasant Plains	A/G	July 9—	J. H. Penny	Billy McLean
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Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel	July 16-23	Duane M. Parrish	Everett Stenhouse
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Minn.	Moorhead	A/G	July 11-23	Andrew G. Basell Tm.	Alex Karmarkovic
Miss.	Ocean Springs	Lattimer	July 16—	Eugene Hartley	Earnest Bane
Mo.	Brighton	** A/G	July 7-30	Billy Wolfe	C. J. Greer, Chm.
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	Potosi	A/G	July 11-23	Andrew Smith	Vern D. Stoughton
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This ministry of providing *Evangel*s by means of the "Free *Evangel*" Fund is something that is very near to our hearts. We never shall know all the wonderful results that have been realized through this service this side of eternity. However, we are grateful for the many responses that have come to our office from appreciative recipients of these free *Evangel*s.

For example, we are thrilled to know that the lonely men who serve our country along the DEW Line (Distant Early Warning), which spans the northern extremity of our continent, are eager readers of the *Evangel*. Because of your past contributions to the "Free *Evangel*" Fund these men have been provided with the *Evangel* for a year. The time has come to renew their subscriptions. These men have been benefited and greatly blessed by this literature, thanks to your generosity.

Where have *Evangel*s gone in the past as the results of this Fund? Thousands of copies have gone overseas.

They have been sent to hospitals, prisons, public libraries, military bases, and to many individuals who have requested this weekly periodical.

A man from Wisconsin writes that he is taking with him on his vacation a generous supply of *Evangel*s to distribute as he travels over the country. We would like to help people like him by making available back-dated copies of the *Evangel*.

Another letter comes from far-away New Zealand. This man tells of his pastor in Taxapuna who provides him with an *Evangel* each week. His expression of appreciation is very heartening to us.

There are many possibilities for this literature outreach. We have given *Evangel*s to many servicemen (such as the February 19 issue, that was sent to 7,250 young men through the Servicemen's Division), but we have only scratched the surface in this direction. One chaplain at the Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Tex., would like many additional copies each week. There are elderly ministers, who no longer hold pastorates, who would love to receive copies for distribution.

It is touching to receive appeals from those who cherish the *Evangel* but are financially unable to subscribe for it. For instance, we find it hard to say "No" to the invalid lady who recently requested a free subscription because she cannot work and therefore has insufficient means.

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Pentecost in Jerusalem

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climaxed with a sermon Sunday evening on the subject "Twentieth Century Pentecost," delivered by Thomas F. Zimmerman General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A., and President of the National Association of Evangelicals. Brother Zimmerman thrilled the conference with reports of widespread outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon members and groups in various non-Pentecostal denominations. In the course of his address he showed that true ecumenicity is the product of Pentecostal revival. "Within the past few weeks," he said, "news releases indicated that three Pentecostal denominations have applied to the World Council of Churches for membership—two from Chile and one from Yugoslavia. We are not personally acquainted with these groups, nor do we know their reasons for wishing to join hands with the World Council of Churches." He added: "Regardless of gestures of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches who essay to call us 'brethren,' we are miles apart. Nor can we afford to compromise with them on our most basic, sacred, God-given, heaven-blessed position, including the infallibility of God's Word, the Virgin Birth, the atoning death of our Lord and Saviour, and His resurrection and bodily return."

The delegates deeply appreciated the cooperation of the government of Israel in helping make the convention possible. The large convention hall was donated rent free. All delegates, in addition to the prized medallions, were presented with packets of tourist folders, maps, and other literature, including a copy of the current issue of the government-published periodical *Christian News from Israel* which was largely devoted to the conference. Editor of the publication, Dr. Ch. Wardi, attended several sessions.

In the closing service an offering was received for the purpose of planting trees in Israel. The offering received was sufficient to plant a "grove" of ten thousand trees as a permanent memorial to the Sixth Pentecostal World Conference. Almost fifty million trees have been planted in Israel by the Jewish National Fund and it is planned that another hundred million trees will be planted during the next

ten years in the hills and in the Negev, bringing back to the land the ancient glory of which the Bible speaks.

The delegates departed from Israel realizing that many perhaps might never return to the Holy Land until the Millennium when believers may look forward not just to one Pentecost in Jerusalem but to a thousand!

—Reported by Raymond L. Cox
by request of the Advisory Committee

'Going Up to Jerusalem'

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a sample of the water to friends and relatives.

In the afternoon we followed the *Via Dolorosa* or "Way of the Cross." It meant following the route Jesus took to His death. The general consensus is that Catholicism has spoiled so many of these things by its ritualism and by commercializing ostensibly sacred spots.

Today was both interesting and profitable. Our first stop was in Bethany at the tomb of Lazarus. At each such place the guide tells the Bible story, and some open their New Testament and read the Biblical account right on the spot.

While traveling down to Jericho we stopped at the supposed site of the Good Samaritan Inn (although the account is probably a parable). Jericho itself is interesting. There the spring of Elijah still brings forth remarkably clear, sweet water. Excavation of the ancient wall shows how sturdy was the construction and what a miracle took place when they fell down.

Upon reaching the river Jordan at the traditional place where Jesus was baptized, we found two busloads of Pentecostal people from Norway, Sweden, and Finland who are also headed for the World Conference. They were having a baptismal service in the river and also a prayer and praise service on the bank. Already we are beginning to recognize individual Pentecostal people at various points of interest along the way. This is just a foreshadowing of the great gathering next week.

The lowest spot on earth is the Dead Sea. Its surface is 1,300 feet below sea level and it is 2,500 feet deep. In spite of the sultry heat at that altitude, time spent there was enjoyable. Some of the bolder members of the party took a swim in the water in which it is impossible to sink; they pronounced it most invigorating.

Again on the homeward trail the bus rang with the lusty singing of choruses. The Arab guide kept requesting those which had become his favorites. As the bus pulled to a stop we gave him and the driver a special gratuity and then had special prayer for him. We hope this likeable young man shall become a Christian because of what he saw and heard these days.

Jerusalem, Jordan
Sunday, May 14

At 7:30 this morning our group conducted a service at the Garden Tomb just before our departure for Egypt. It was a time of great blessing for all. We were told another group was planning a service when we concluded. To our surprise it turned out to be the Bible Lands Tour directed by Robert Cooley and sponsored by Central Bible Institute. The two groups joyously mingled voices in greeting and worship.

Cairo, Egypt
Tuesday, May 16

When we arrived here Sunday afternoon it was blistering hot and sand was blowing everywhere, giving us a very poor impression of this city on the Nile. Since then things have improved greatly. Our guided tours have taken us to the usual spots of interest, the pyramids and the Sphinx, ancient tombs in the desert, and museums showing relics taken from burial places of great antiquity. Of all such things the discoveries from the tomb of King Tut proved of greatest interest. The camel rides across desert sands were most exciting. The least interest was shown in the Moslem mosques; we had seen many of them elsewhere, and having seen one you have seen them all. Tonight most of the folk succumbed to the lure of a sailboat ride on the Nile, traveling as in ancient times and enjoying the sight of modern buildings lit with neon.

We saw a bit of the pomp and ceremony of political affairs as President Nasser and two of his guests, President Sukarno of Indonesia and President Toure of Guinea, strolled into a hotel lobby to the applause of many tourists.

Everywhere we see friends from all parts of the world, heading for Jerusalem. There is a large delegation from Canada here and some from New Zealand, Korea, and Puerto Rico. What a great time we will have together in a day or two.

(To be continued)

Thou Art My God

BY MARY B. KENNEY

SITTING ON TOP OF A CRUMBLING ROCK WALL, I GAZED across the somnolent, silent valley at the rugged slopes of the Himalaya mountains. The steep foothills were a crimson flame of blooming red rhododendron trees, broken only by the interspersions of a few giant oaks. Here was God's own garden.

Somewhere a tree frog croaked. The ruby-red blossoms nodded their listless heads in the cool mountain breeze. As I sat there I mused about the knowledge of Him who numbers, calls, and names all the stars.

God at this moment was looking down at His creation, and how comforted I was to recall the scripture, "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising . . . and art acquainted with all my ways." Sensing His spiritual presence, my thoughts turned to the Israelites who imagined that God did not hear their murmurings, even though He had said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry . . . I know their sorrows" (Exodus 3:7).

Watching the wiry coolies, thin and gaunt with hunger and weariness, dejectedly trotting home over the winding footpaths before the night could close in around them, I wondered if some day they would stop searching for peace in their three hundred million inert, graven images and turn to the one true God of Peace?

While the coolies disappeared in the distance the outline of a muntjac (a barking deer, so called from its peculiar barking cry of alarm) came into focus. Its miniature size was made even smaller and more insignificant by the vastness of the mountains, the expanse of azure blue sky, the misty clouds drifting helplessly in the gorges, and the haunting stillness pervading the chilly evening air. Occasionally an echo resounded across the fir-clad mountains and through the silent valley from the plaintive cry of the muntjac. And I thought of the lost masses of humanity below groping about in darkness crying for peace.

An Indian said he made a pilgrimage to the Ganges River with fifty pounds of sin on his head, and after washing himself in the holy waters returned with a hundred pounds of sin. So the people of the world attend religious services every Sunday seeking to rid themselves of their sins and burdens, only to leave their places of worship with a greater

burden of sin and a deeper sense of dissatisfaction. Thus they continue to seek in vain for forgiveness and peace.

Today, people are being swept down the river of life while struggling for fame and fortune, unwilling to yield to the love of God. They carry their own burdens and continually seek to make personal atonement for their transgressions, instead of laying them at the feet of God's Son.

Let us go to Christ and ask Him for forgiveness, for He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). After forgiveness we will no longer need to seek for peace, because He has promised, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

While the delicate forms of the rhododendrons faded into the mountain shadows, the sun slipped behind Mount Everest's majestic snow-capped peaks. Now with a stronger assurance of sins forgiven through the atoning blood of the Lamb, and the knowledge of a comforting heavenly Father who had lifted my load of anxious care, I breathed, "O Lord, Thou art my God." ◀◀

