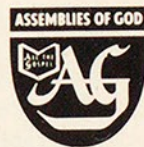


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



Truckload of supplies from California arrives at Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami. Read: "Ministering to Cuban Refugees," on pages 8 and 9.



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*In Scriptural terms, the General Superintendent
clearly and simply sets forth...*

THE PENTECOSTAL POSITION

By THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN

WORLDWIDE REVIVALS AROUND THE TURN OF THE TWENTIETH century resulted in the establishment of more than a dozen "denominations" commonly called Pentecostal. While some divergence of doctrine exists, one basic position unites Pentecostals—their common belief that "the baptism in the Holy Spirit" is a distinct experience which all believers may and should have *following* conversion.

During their formulative years, Pentecostals came from various backgrounds. Revivals of the late 1800's and early 1900's touched individuals in the old-line denominations, as well as many who had no previous affiliation. Early congregations often faced opposition from the community and the established churches. Far from stamping out the groups, hard-hitting opposition fanned the small flame that had a doubtful future.

As the various Pentecostal denominations grew, each established its own program of world evangelism since lack of communication had separated most of the groups during their infancy. However, fifteen years ago, recognizing more similarities than differences, ten of the denominations formed the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. Though each has retained its own organization, their common position on the Holy Spirit serves as a rallying point for united fellowship.

This backdrop provides but a brief history of the work and advancement of Pentecostals. Time has brought changes, but no modification in the emphasis, teaching, and experience of the baptism of the Spirit.

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Just before the dark days preceding the birth of Christ, Joel prophesied of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit" (Joel 2:28, 29).

This prophecy was repeated by Peter as he spoke to those who received the experience on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:17, 18). Pentecostals have asked, "If this is not what is being experienced today, where is the fulfillment of this prophecy in the 'last days'?"

John the Baptist heralded the coming of the Holy Spirit when he foretold the ministry of Christ. In Matthew 3:11 he said: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

Most Bible scholars accept the position that the word "baptize" used by John was the Greek *baptidzo*, meaning to immerse. This meaning is consistent in classic Greek. The word is used to describe the *sinking* of a ship, and, metaphorically, being *drowned* in drink. Hence, Pentecostals accept the position that to be *baptized* in the Holy Spirit is to be immersed.

During his ministry Christ repeatedly promised the

Holy Spirit to the disciples. The sending of the Third Person of the Trinity is also mentioned by Christ in John 14:26 and 16:7 and in Luke 24:49. Finally, when gathered with the disciples and with friends on the Mount of Ascension, Christ "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:4, 5).

The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit was initially fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, ten days after the ascension of Christ. Hence the expression *Pentecostal* experience. This term is a modern-day one, unmentioned in the Bible. So encompassing was the experience that it was described as "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind" (Acts 2:2). The use of the word *rushing* portrays the rapidity with which the Spirit's influence spread. The account of the first outpouring indicates also that *all* spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). This Pentecostals accept as the initial *physical* evidence of the infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Acts lists a number of languages spoken by those who received the infilling and states that the languages were recognized by those who came to hear after it was "noised abroad." So emotional was the setting of the first Pentecost that there were mockers and those who suggested the entire crowd was drunk (Acts 2:13). The apostle Peter, with new boldness, spoke for those present, stating that the experience was not drunkenness but a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. He closed his address to the onlookers by telling them, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). This opened the dispensation of complete indwelling of the Holy Spirit, an age which will not end until the coming of Christ.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

Shortly after Pentecost, Peter was called to the home of Cornelius, whom Scripture describes as a "devout man who feared God." There Peter witnessed the Gentiles receiving the same experience with the same initial evidence as that which took place on Pentecost: "For they [Peter and those with him] heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46).

The apostle Peter was soon called to task by the council of Jerusalem to explain why he had preached to the Gentiles. The report of his action climaxes in Acts 11:15—"And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." A visual and vocal result was evidence to Peter that the experience was the same as that experienced at the first on the Day of Pentecost.

The Scriptures relate a similar experience which occurred when the disciples preached to the believers in Samaria: "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:17). Although speaking in tongues is not specifically mentioned, some visual or audible demonstration was evident for "when Simon [the sorcerer] saw that through laying on of the apos-

tes' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power. . . ."

Some years later, probably around A.D. 54, Paul came to Ephesus and inquired of "certain disciples," ". . . Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Finding they had "not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost," he laid his hands on them, and "the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues" (Acts 19:1 ff.).

Though space will not permit an exhaustive listing, history records many infilling experiences with the same initial *physical* evidences. Acts mentions at least five incidents. In Acts 4:31 we read how two disciples, previously filled with the Spirit, came together with a group of believers for prayer after having been released from jail. Although tongues is not mentioned, other evidences are described and it would appear to have been a continuation of the Pentecostal phenomenon. Tongues are mentioned also in Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; and in Acts 19:6 when the believers received the Holy Spirit's infilling. The fifth incident was Paul's experience which followed his conversion, and although the account does not mention a speaking with tongues at the time Paul received the Holy Ghost (Acts 9:17), the apostle does say in 1 Corinthians 14:18, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all."

Speaking in tongues as the initial evidence should be distinguished, however, from the gift of tongues as described in 1 Corinthians 12:10. Many individuals have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and spoken in tongues at that time, but have not experienced the gift of tongues. This explains Paul's question in 1 Corinthians 12:30: "Do all speak with tongues?"

Irenaeus, A.D. 115-220, wrote in his book *Against Heresies*, Book V, vi, "In like manner do we also hear many brethren in the church who possess prophetic gifts, and who through the Spirit speak all kinds of languages. . . ." Pachomius, A.D. 292-348 (according to A. Butler's *Lives of the Saints*), after seasons of special prayer spoke in tongues in Greek and Latin. From the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries there were numerous revivals in southern Europe in which many spoke in tongues. In Erich Sauer's *History of the Christian Church* (III, p. 406) it is recorded, "Dr. Martin Luther was a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues and interpreter, in one person, endowed with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

EVIDENCES OF THE INFILLING

Pentecostals hold that the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues signals the infilling of the Holy Ghost because:

1. It is so recorded in most of the cases in Scripture where the outpouring is mentioned.
2. History mentions the same experience in most incidents where the Holy Spirit was outpoured.
3. Thousands of believers in modern days have spoken in languages they have never learned at the time of their infilling.

There are a great number of Scripture passages which
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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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An Important Question

A question of prime importance, and one of the oldest ever formed in the minds of men, is that which was voiced by a jail keeper at Philippi nineteen centuries ago. "What must I do to be saved?" he said.

Paul and Silas gave him a clear and simple answer. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," they said, "and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). The two apostles explained to him and to the various members of his household just what this meant.

The jail keeper and his family accepted this gospel, believed it, and were baptized as Christians all during that same night.

The full sermon that these apostles preached on this occasion is not recorded, but we have sufficient writings of Paul to know what his doctrine was. To the Ephesians (chapter 2, verses 8 and 9) he wrote: "By faith are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Faith means accepting salvation from Christ as a gift. You cannot work for a gift. If you earned it, it would cease to be a gift. The only way to get a gift is to accept it. Faith means coming to Christ as a pauper and trusting in Him as your Benefactor.

If you were drowning you would not ignore a lifebelt thrown to you. You would trust it. That is how you must trust the Saviour.

If you were dying of hunger or thirst you would not be too proud to accept a handout. Do not let pride keep you from accepting the gift of Eternal Life for you will perish if you refuse this gift.

Do not look for something in yourself that might be good enough to merit your salvation. You must rely on the goodness of Christ, not of yourself. You must believe Christ is kind enough and strong enough to save you. Did you ever hear of a ship's crew trying to find anchorage by fastening the anchor inside the vessel? Never. Always outside. You must anchor your hopes in a Power apart from yourself.

It is the outward look that brings the inner peace. Quit gazing dejectedly at your own dark shadow. Turn around, look at Christ, and your shadow will fall behind you when you face the Sun.

The jail keeper was not saved by being baptized. He was saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and he was not baptized until he had become a believer. Paul said it is "not of works, lest any man should boast." Neither your work for the church nor the church's work for you can save you. Salvation cannot come through being baptized, nor by being confirmed, nor by joining any church. Salvation depends on what Christ has done for us and what He can do in us. We are saved by believing in His perfect Sacrifice, the bloody Sacrifice He offered to God on our behalf when He died on the Cross.

You must look to Jesus Christ as the only one who can save you. It is written, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins," and "neither is there salvation in any other." Turning over a new leaf cannot save you. A good reputation never saved anyone. There is only one way into heaven, and that is by admitting your sinfulness and asking God for mercy. Jesus Christ did not die for good people. He died for sinners. You must confess you are a sinner or His death and resurrection will not benefit you in the least.

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

GOD'S "ELECTRIC EYE"

Watch people some day as they go through the "electric eye" doors. The doors open for people of all races, for men and women and children, for the old and the young.

The "eyes" are not respecters of persons. All that one must do is to walk toward the door and let the electric eye swing it open. So Christ opens the doors of eternal life to all who trust Him.

—*Sunday School Times*

SEPARATION IS NOT ISOLATION

There is a vast difference between separation and isolation. Some elements must be kept isolated or they will mix, but oil remains separate from water even when put into the same container with it. We are to be like oil. Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). We all must contact the sinful world, but we are to remain distinct and different from it.

FORREST E. TYLER, in *Herald of Holiness*

DON'T BE AFRAID TO BARK!

A watchdog that will not bark is not worth having. And a preacher who will not warn of sin is a traitor within the camp! The need of the hour is a prophet's call to repentance and a return to God. Certainly the churches need to remember that our Lord's last recorded message to the saints is not the Great Commission but His call to repentance to five churches out of seven in the Book of Revelation.

—VANCE HAVNER

**Look unto
me, and be ye
saved, all the
ends of the earth:
for I am God,
and there is
none else.**

ISAIAH 45:22.



HOW LARGE ARE YOUR HANDS?

Our Lord sums up Mary's action in a phrase of extraordinary comprehensiveness. "She hath DONE"—for her love was not an idle sentiment, and her faith was not a cowardly secret—"what she COULD."

No human soul is held responsible for anything beyond its power. God never plans our life-work beyond our capacities, or outside our opportunities. He made our hand exactly the size of what we should grasp.

Mary's sphere was small, but she did her utmost: and the Lord Jesus is satisfied with our best. The thief on the cross had not time to do much, but he had time to do his best—to confess Christ; to rebuke the mocker; and to spend his last breath in prayer.

—D. M. PANTON

ONLY A YEAR TO LIVE

Dr. W. B. Hinson succumbed to a fatal illness. "You can live only a year at most," he was told.

Said Dr. Hinson from his pulpit: "From my home, I looked across at the nearby mountain and river. I looked at the stately trees. Then when night came, I looked into the sky where God was lighting His lamps. I said, 'I may not see you many more times, but, mountain, I shall be alive when you are gone. River, I shall be alive when you cease running toward the sea. Stars, I shall be alive when you have fallen from your sockets in the great downward pull of the material universe!'"

—*Gospel Herald*

THE FOOLISHNESS OF DEFYING GOD

This is a great day of words—words—and more words, both pro and con as far as God is concerned. It reminds one of an experience told by a certain man concerning his little dog.

He said: "The first time our young dog heard thunder it startled him. He leaped up, gazed around, and then began to bark at the disturber of his peace. When the next crash came he grew furious, and fairly flew around the room, seeking to tear to pieces the intruder who dared thus to defy him."

It was an odd scene: the little yelping dog pitted against the artillery of heaven. Poor foolish creature, to think that his bark could silence the thunder clap or put fear into the heart of God who caused it.

He was only a little dog, but we have plenty of supposedly intelligent human beings who imitate the little fellow. They go about howling at their Maker as though they felt they could bark Him out of existence or silence the voice of His warnings. They defy their Maker today, but may be crushed beneath His righteous indignation tomorrow.

—C. W. HAHN, in *Ohio District Bulletin*



The Second Witness

BY M. W. HOGWOOD



If the apostles, who were eye witnesses of Christ's power, needed a further witness, how can we win the world without this mighty Testifier?

THE WORD OF ONE WITNESS WAS NOT ENOUGH—THE law of Moses required that matters of judgment be decided on the basis of testimonies by at least two witnesses!

When the religious leaders accused Jesus of bearing witness of Himself, they made use of this rule and declared His testimony untrue. Jesus answered that Another, even His Father, bore witness to Him by granting Him power to do works which no other man could do. Nevertheless, the majority ignored all additional witnesses, including the words of John the Baptist, and finally rejected Him.

In John 15:26, 27, we read: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME AND YE ALSO SHALL BEAR WITNESS, because ye have been with me from the beginning." Here Jesus states that in addition to the testimony of the apostles, there would be *another witness*.

We might ask WHO is this *second* witness, and to whom does He testify? It is obvious from the text that

the Holy Ghost is the One who is to testify. Possibly some have confused this "witness" with the "witness of the Spirit" mentioned in Romans 8:16. Note, however, that in Romans the Spirit of God witnesses *to* the believer that he is a son of God; while the testimony of the Spirit and of the disciples, referred to in John, is *not* to believers but to sinners. It is for the purpose of turning them to God and making believers of them!

The Holy Spirit ministers in three distinct areas: (1) to the *individual* believer, (2) to *groups* of believers, and (3) to the *multitudes* of unsaved persons. We have been greatly blessed in the first two areas, but I fear we have not properly emphasized nor seen the full operation of the Spirit in reaching the lost millions for God.

Jesus simply said the Holy Spirit would testify of Him, but the first five chapters of the Book of Acts give in more explicit detail the message of the Early Church. It was brief—Jesus had risen from the dead, and repentance toward God and faith in His Name brought deliverance from sin. As the apostle Paul expressed it: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Confirmed by the One who walked alongside them, this simple testimony of the apostles became a flaming message. The blessed Holy Spirit Himself witnessed to the truths whereof they spoke with works which man could not do. "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING" (Mark 16:20).

Hebrews 2:3, 4 reminds us of "so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also BEARING THEM WITNESS, both with SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND WITH DIVERS MIRACLES, AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST, according to His own will." Could anyone read these plain words and not be fully convinced that the Holy Ghost verified the gospel message with demonstration of the Spirit and of power?

Although we have long regarded the gifts of the Holy Spirit as being edifying to Christians and something we needed, such verses as these indicate that the purpose of the supernatural ministry of the Spirit is to GET UNSAVED PEOPLE TO GOD! Surely it worked ten thousand times more effectively than anything else that has been thought of since.

The Early Church did not separate the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit from the preaching of the gospel. They pointed to the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit and said to the people: "This miracle has been done in the name of Jesus. Therefore it proves that He DID rise from the dead. By trusting in His Name you CAN have forgiveness of sins!"

The fact that some have practiced deception in these matters, and have tried to palm off substitutes for the genuine does not alter the fact that Jesus said that the Holy Ghost *would* testify of Him. When we learn to truly yield to the Spirit, He will once again confirm the message through the medium of supernatural gifts of His own bestowing.

WHY did the Holy Spirit need to confirm the message, and IS His testimony necessary today? The apostles had

seen Jesus die on the cross and they had also seen Him after He arose from the dead. They had heard and even touched Him, as He had showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs. When they spoke of His resurrection they **KNEW** that they were preaching the truth. But Jesus thought it important to have a second witness—the Holy Spirit Himself.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit was something that could not be argued against, and shattered the heathen materialistic teachings of that day. But at no time in history has there been a greater need than in our present day for such an incontestable and irrefutable testimony. Modernism and its philosophical platitudes will continue to spread unless we wake up to the fact that nothing can be substituted for this ministry of the Spirit.

Although admitting that this was the way things operated in the Early Church, some will say that now, since we have the New Testament completed, the miraculous is not needed to confirm the Word. For proof they refer to 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. There are at least three glaring errors to this theory: (1) To suggest that the fulfillment of this reference is at the completion of the New Testament canon does great violence to the context. The real teaching is that the time of fulfillment will be when Jesus returns and we "see Him face to face." (2) The New Testament does not replace the miraculous ministry of the Holy Ghost. Rather it replaces the *eye-witness* account which was given by the apostles. Actually, when today a preacher presents the gospel from the New Testament he is repeating the testimony of the apostles. If the original eye-witnesses needed confirmation, how much more do we need today a supernatural witness? (3) The proponents of this theory suggest that the disappearance of the supernatural ministry of the Holy

Spirit from the Early Church was in the will of God! I beg to differ—and ask if the other errors (including the heresies culminating in Romanism) which began to creep into the doctrines of the Church at about the same time, were also in the will of God?

Surely the same reasons, plus a few more, that made supernatural confirmation of the Word a necessity in apostolic days, are still with us today. To *know* that we are preaching the *truth* is not enough! To have the incontestable ministry of the Spirit—as a second witness—operating in our assemblies is not merely permissible, or just something to be desired—it is **ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE!**

Where shall we look for this move to take place? Some have said they found it necessary to leave their organization so that they could move up higher in God. I am convinced that anyone in the Assemblies of God can go just as far in God as he *wants* to go. There is ample room in our framework for just such a dynamic move as we have been considering.

Then **WHEN** may we expect to see in our churches the operations of this incontestable second witness? There are three steps to the completion of any successful forward move. We must be convinced there is a **NEED** for a Bible ministry. We must have a **SINCERE DESIRE** for such a ministry. And we must become **COMPLETELY DISSATISFIED** with our present situation.

To have the first two without the third will not get the job done. As long as we are satisfied with what we have, we will not be doing anything toward having something better. When enough people are sufficiently hungry for His power, it will come! May God *shake* us out of complacent contentment and grant us an insatiable hunger for this wonderful Spirit-filled ministry! ◀◀◀

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would indicate that believers do not receive the *infilling* or *baptism* in the Holy Spirit at the time of conversion. Christ explained to the disciples in John 14:17, "... But ye *know* him; for he dwelleth *with* you, and *shall* be *in* you." In Ephesians 1:13 Paul writes, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also *after* that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." The disciples had confessed Christ to be the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16; John 6:68-69), and were pronounced clean by Jesus; their names had been written in heaven (Luke 10:20) and Christ had breathed on them with resurrection power (John 20:22); yet the Lord commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49).

The Samaritans had heard the preaching of Philip; had responded, believed the message, and were baptized (Acts 8:5-13); yet they later received the infilling of the Holy Spirit when the disciples laid their hands on them (Acts 8:17).

The story of the Ephesians is similar. They were identified as "certain disciples"; yet they did not receive

the Holy Spirit until Paul prayed for them (Acts 19:6).

THE CONTINUING WORK OF THE SPIRIT

There are numerous ministries of the Holy Spirit. According to John 15:26, Christ said the Holy Ghost would "*testify* of me." He also told us the Holy Ghost would "*Show* you things to come" (John 16:13). In another scripture we are told "the Holy Ghost shall *teach* you" (Luke 12:12).

To the disciples whom He told to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Spirit, Christ said: "Ye shall receive *power*, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be *witnesses*..." (Acts 1:8). The writer of the Book of Acts mentions *comfort* as another result of the infilling (Acts 9:31). In Romans 5:5 we are told that "the *love* of God is *shed abroad* in our hearts by the Holy Ghost..." and Romans 15:13 mentions "the *power* of the Holy Ghost."

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church has been enlarged as never before. Pentecostal churches are among the fastest growing in the world. But the work of the Spirit is by no means limited to them. Today He is indwelling believers of many denominations, wherever men will open their hearts to Him. This is a fulfillment of Acts 2:39, for the Spirit is promised to all who will receive—"even as many as the Lord our God shall call." ◀◀◀

Hundreds of needy people find both material and spiritual help at the Evangelical Refugee Center



Gabriel Caride, refugee pastor and interviewer at the Evangelical Refugee Center, stands on a barrel and hands a carton of clothing to Stewart Derickson, who brought the truckload from California to Miami. Kathleen Belknap, acting director of the center, smiles for joy as the truck is unloaded.

Ministering to Cuban Refugees

By KATHLEEN BELKNAP

Acting Director of the Evangelical Refugee Center, Miami, Florida

THERE WAS GREAT EXCITEMENT AT OUR REFUGEE CENTER on November 20 when a truck loaded with six and a half tons of new and used clothing and blankets arrived from California.

Our Cuban refugees, many of whom fled to this country with little or no supplies, were moved to tears of gratitude by this display of Christian love on the part of our people.

The days that followed arrival of the truck were busy ones as we sorted the supplies and distributed them among hundreds of the 150,000 refugees living in the Miami area.

The Cubans gathered for gospel services at the Center, and after we preached to them we distributed the clothes and blankets. We had as many as three hundred in our services. Many had tears in their eyes. Everyone seems to appreciate the ministry, and when they pray together for Cuba and loved ones left behind we can feel the unity of their paths.

God is working among them. A girl came to see us recently about a visa waiver, and when I spoke of spiritual things large tears slipped down behind her black glasses and off her chin.

We have seen so much progress spiritually in these

past few months. All our services are well attended. The chapel is always full. There is evidence of genuine spiritual hunger and some, who have found Christ, have bright testimonies.

The Miami weather was as cold as Greenland in December and many of the refugees had neither sweaters nor coats, much less blankets. There has been real suffering. We have suffered with them, but felt greatly relieved when we had a few hundred blankets and quilts and articles of warm clothing to distribute. They just did not last long enough! This truck load of supplies was gone in two weeks, and there are still so many who desperately need help.

Most of these newcomers to the States are unemployed and live in a high rent area on only \$75 to \$100 a month welfare per family, plus a limited line of surplus food commodities. Many churches showed interest in helping last summer but some are far from Miami and the high cost of freight made clothing shipments seem prohibitive. As the summer wore on, the Refugee Center's supply diminished and finally it became necessary to open the doors only two mornings a week so as not to disappoint the hundreds who walked far only to find that the cupboards were bare.

On a four-month tour I visited many churches in the West and presented the dire need of the refugees. The Stewart Dericksons of Derickson Trucking Service in Escalon, Calif., heard me speak. Gripped with compassion, they said: "We'll take the responsibility of transporting all the clothing the churches will bring to us in the next two weeks." Mrs. Goldia Anderson, president of the WMC's of the Northern California-Nevada District, sent out an appeal for clothing and bedding, visiting some of the churches herself. Their WMC commissary in Santa Cruz supplied many quilts and articles of clothing. The Escalon WMC ladies spent many hours sorting and repacking. The pastor, Melvin Steward, led the church in raising \$372 to buy gasoline for the trip.

In just three weeks from the day the offer was made, the Dericksons pulled out of Escalon with their truck loaded to the legal limit. After their departure, some two tons of clothing arrived and it is hoped that some group will offer to be responsible for the shipping of this additional supply.

Driving long hours, the Dericksons made the trip in seven days. The *Miami News* covered the event with a large photo and the story made the TV news across the nation. But the greatest excitement was among the refugees themselves who had been awaiting the arrival of the truck for days.

On Friday morning the line-up at the Center began at seven o'clock, although the usual hour of opening is nine. They were allowed to wait in the chapel where gospel hymns were played on the record player. During the morning three gospel services were held for those who waited. In the evening services over the weekend some twenty came forward to accept Christ as their Saviour.

While in Miami the Dericksons ministered in sermon and song several times, delighting the hearts of the Cubans who gave them a rousing ovation. They were twice entertained in refugee homes for dinner, one occasion being on Thanksgiving Day. One hostess remarked, "This is the first day that I have been really happy since I left Cuba."

In early July a similar clothing drive was made at Wheaton, Ill., by the student body of Wheaton College; actually it was their second drive. The students them-



These Cuban refugees are part of the crowd of 300 who came to the center for clothing and attended the gospel services.

selves raised the \$350 for a chartered truck that brought some 144 packing boxes to Miami. Within the month our cupboards were again empty.

In order to keep up with the need it is imperative that other clothing and bedding drives get under way immediately. At present there is a great demand for quilts and blankets, as well as sheets. Our hearts are heavy when we tell the refugees our supply is gone.

Each morning as the refugees gather, Gabriel Caride, formerly pastor of our largest church in Havana, Cuba, and now refugee pastor and interviewer, ministers the Word; and prayer is offered for their homeland and the safety of loved ones left behind. A noticeable change is evident in the spiritual response of people. Once they were chiefly concerned with their physical needs but now it is different. Recently a lovely lady brought her "saints" to the church, testifying that God had saved her soul and shown her the error of idolatry.

Regular monthly offerings are needed at the Refugee Center to purchase food to supplement the limited rations given by the government, especially for those who have just arrived and are not yet eligible for government help. Also money is needed for rent and other operational expenses (such as postage—and the increasing cost of writing daily for visa waivers and making photostatic copies). Almost every day we receive pleas from people in Cuba asking for this help, as well as for the \$25 fare needed for each member of a family which finds they must get out of Cuba and have no one else to supply that need. It is only \$12.50 for smaller children.

Another very urgent need that must be met is for support of Brother Caride, who gives himself unstintingly full time as refugee pastor and interviewer; and for his wife who is in charge of the clothes room, directing the staff of volunteer workers. The Carides have served in this capacity for over a year, living as a family of four on the \$100 a month welfare that is given to refugees. Now they have been cut off from that help, and have nothing to live on at all. The Center could not operate without their help. We must see that they do not suffer.

Offerings may be sent to the Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, and designated clearly either for the Center or for Brother Caride's support. Home missions credit will be given.

All boxes of bedding and clothing should be sent directly to the Evangelical Refugee Center, 1661 West Flagler, Miami 35, Florida. If 100 pounds or more is being sent it is cheapest to send by truck freight. Clothing should be good, clean, mended, and of recent enough style that it will not humiliate these people of high caliber who are already suffering enough. Both winter and summer clothing are needed in all sizes.

It is not necessary to send an inquiry before shipping. There is never enough children's clothing, especially for growing boys. Also baby layettes and men's clothing are urgently needed.

What the government gives out at its central agency downtown is never enough either in quantity or in variety. It is so hard to turn people away empty-handed, day after day, whereas if we had adequate supplies we could offer them help in the Name of Christ and this would open their hearts to the Gospel. ◀◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

New Guinea

Baptist Converts' Zeal Not Dampened by Massacre

Eighty Dani Christians were massacred and fifty tribal villages in the North Baliem Valley in New Guinea were destroyed recently by enemy tribes opposed to the Gospel, but the Christian zeal of the Dani believers was not dampened by the atrocities. In fact, there were more people at the church services in the area on the Sunday following the massacre than had ever been seen before, according to a report from Baptist officials.

"Another fact of significance is that the Christian people have declared they will rebuild their villages in the same location—because they want to stay near the mission where they can continue to hear the Christian message. It is the custom that when villages are destroyed in intertribal fighting the people will move to a new area. This declaration to rebuild is unprecedented."

Italy

Italian Bill Would Protect Non-Catholic Religious Groups

A group of Socialist members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies has submitted to the parliament at Rome a bill that would extend the "juridical protection" enjoyed by Roman Catholicism as the religion of the state to all "ethnic and religious communities."

A report accompanying the bill stressed that under the present criminal code, promulgated during the Fascist regime, penalties for villifying religion apply only in relation to the Catholic faith. Moreover, it said, the punishment for offenses against a minister of a cult, or for disturbing religious ceremonies, is heavier when Catholicism is affected.

The Socialist bill virtually incorporates all the proposals and requests which have repeatedly been addressed to the Ministry of Justice over the last fourteen years by the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy and by the Italian Evangelical Churches.

Korea

Thousands Martyred in Korea

Christian believers in North Korea have suffered greatly for their testimony since the communists gained control. Dr. L. Nelson Bell, writing in *The Presbyterian Journal* about his recent trip to Korea, says:

"One of the most moving services . . . was the memorial service held on Friday night at which time the martyrs of the church were brought to memory.

"Within recent years possibly 20,000 Christians have given their lives, solely because they were Christians. As we witnessed this solemn occasion our heart cried out: 'Oh, America, you think you can do business with the communists! Will you find out your folly before it is too late?'"

U.S.S.R.

U.S.S.R. Charged with Anti-Semitism

Forty-six Christian and Jewish religious leaders and educators in New York City last month charged the U.S.S.R. with anti-Semitism and called on Premier Khrushchev to end the government's "extraordinary disabilities" against Jews in that country.

The message also sharply criticized the "blanket restraints" against all religions in the Soviet Union, but noted that Judaism had been placed outside even the "narrow framework of permissible religious practice" in Russia.

Spain

Jurists Denounce Limiting of Religious Freedom in Spain

The Roman Catholic Church in Spain enjoys freedom of expression and association, but other religions have only a limited freedom of worship, according to a report made public in December by the International Commission on Jurists.

The commission, a non-governmental, non-political organization supported by 40,000 lawyers and judges in about 90 countries, made its charges in a 153-page report. "Freedom of

conscience, meaning that none shall be molested on account of his religious beliefs, is not firmly respected," the report said.

Spain's press, it said, is "completely gagged" and freedom of association is in a "similar predicament." The charges were denied by the Franco government and branded as "another useless bomb in the anti-Spanish campaign."

Uganda

Missionaries Still Needed, Says Premier of Uganda

Missionaries are still needed in Uganda, according to the premier of that newly independent country. At a press conference following the African nation's proclamation of independence Premier A. Milton Obote gave assurances that no group would be driven out of the country.

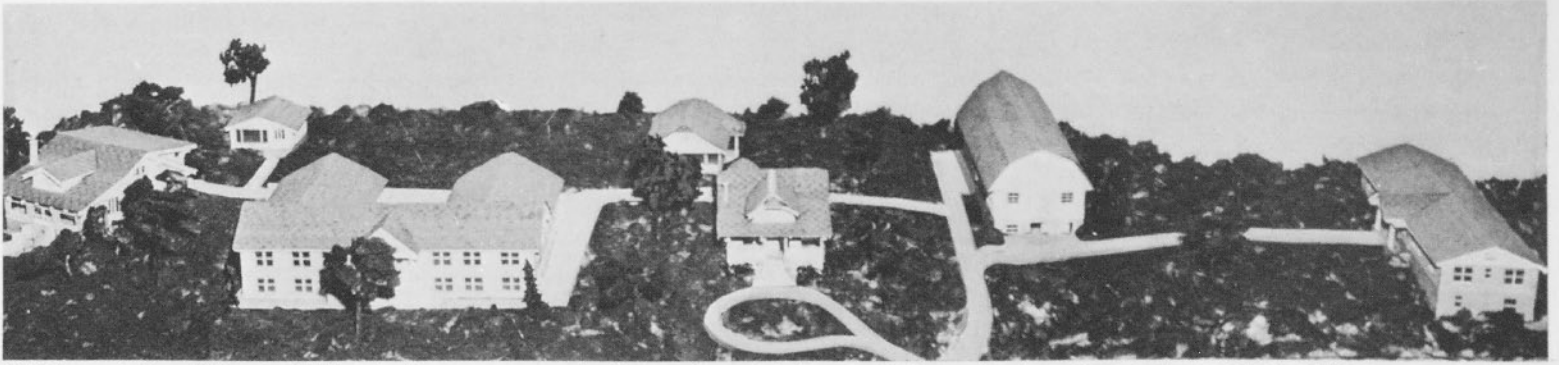
Referring specifically to missionaries, educators, and civil servants, Premier Obote said: "There is no single group we need more. We need them desperately and it would disturb me even if one were to decide to leave."

U.S.A.

7,317 Chinese Students Enrolled in American Colleges

A tremendous missionary opportunity for Christian witnesses in college towns lies in the large numbers of foreign students attending American colleges and universities. For example, the Republic of China Embassy in Washington announces that a total of 7,317 Chinese students are enrolled in American schools for the 1962-63 academic year. They are found in every state of the Union except Alaska, and in the District of Columbia also. There are 1,405 in California.

If non-Christian students from China and other lands can be won to Christ while they are in America, think what this will mean when they return to their native lands. These young people represent the future leaders of the world, and will exert a tremendous influence either for Christ or against His Gospel.



Buildings at the Hillcrest Children's Home are seen in this scale-model layout. Cottages for teen boys and pre-school children are not shown.

We Visited Hillcrest

By MINA ARNOLD YOUNG

Fort Smith, Arkansas

THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING WE drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to visit Hillcrest, our Assemblies of God Children's Home. Two children with whom we are well acquainted are living there, and there was a happy reunion with these youngsters.

We toured the grounds and buildings with Billy, the older one, as our guide. As we peeped into the children's rooms in the different cottages, I mentally contrasted these rooms with those in state-operated institutions I had visited. There, the walls were blank and bare. The rooms did not express the personality of their occupants, for most personal belongings were kept out of sight. Those rooms simply shouted "INSTITUTION!" Here at Hillcrest it was entirely different. There were pictures on the walls. Dolls and stuffed toys were displayed on the beds in the girls' rooms. Model

cars and airplanes held places of honor in the rooms belonging to the boys. By looking in the rooms I could tell that the boys and girls were encouraged to express their own personalities, and to work creatively with their hands.

Everything was neat and clean, but a bit worn in places. As in any other home, buildings need periodic repair and equipment must be replaced sometimes, and there isn't always money enough to meet all needs as they arise. There were rugs beside most of the beds. Probably there were enough rugs to go around originally, but rugs do wear out!

A visitor doesn't have to be told that the workers love the children. It isn't the sentimental, gooey sort of love that expresses itself only in caresses and endearing phrases, but a love that sees the possibilities in each child and works to bring out the best in him. The children are taught to take responsibility. Good manners are

stressed. Rules are made for a purpose and must be kept.

I've been doing a lot of wishing since I visited Hillcrest. I wish there could be more good outdoor play equipment for the children. Sturdy swings and slides and seesaws would be put to good use. The smaller children are best equipped along this line, but older children need such things too.

I wish there could be more pianos and other musical instruments, and that music lessons could be provided for those who would profit from them.

I wish there could be a really good library, stocked with everything profitable from tiny tot stories to good reference books for the older groups. A building is being equipped for a library now, and the books on hand are being cataloged for use. But they are so few, compared to the needs.

As I talked to one of the ladies working in the laundry, I wished that lots and lots of corduroy dresses and skirts could be provided for the girls for winter wear. Corduroy comes out of a dryer looking so nice it seldom needs ironing. How that would cut down on the work in the laundry!

But these aren't the most important needs. I've heard that sometimes meat cannot be provided as often as necessary. Often it's hard to pay for the hot lunches for the school-age children. Clothing and shoes are a problem, too.

It keeps me busy planning how best to feed and clothe my own five children. Think of the problems involved in caring for a hundred, especially with limited financial resources!

So I've promised the Lord that I will give at least a dollar a week to help carry on the work at Hillcrest. A dollar a week isn't very much, but if enough people would give even that amount, the needs would be met!



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Hillcrest children climb out of their school bus, eager for a hot supper in the dining room. Many will have duties before or after supper.





JOHNNY'S PAMPERED —WHO'S TO BLAME?

By ANNE SANDBERG

PLACE 3,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN fourteen and twenty-two under the microscope of Gallup Poll's scientific survey and you see "an indifferent and distressingly bland generation." So say Dr. George Gallup and Evan Hill in their article written for *The Saturday Evening Post*.

And who's to blame? Mom and Pop, say the kids themselves. (Experts add a few factors beyond parental control.)

Let's return to the microscope for a detailed view of the generation which, the *Post* article reminds, "will participate in the perpetuation—or liquidation—of the human race."

Mental. Comparing with ours Russia's increasingly superior output of scientists, engineers and doctors, we admit with chagrin that we are not as bright as we thought we were.

Physical. President Kennedy links physical vigor with mental and moral strength. Just how vigorous are we? In one set of tests, British *girls* scored better than American *boys*. In another, 59 percent of the Americans but only 8 percent of the European children failed.

Moral. "Righteousness exalteth a nation" is a precept as antiquated in

their eyes as an old washbasin stored in a country attic. Nebulous factors such as courage, unselfishness, reliability, youth evaluates as corn for the brain-birds, the odd-balls, or good old Archie, the Sunday school boy. More important to them are tangibles like cars, clothes, money.

Honesty, for instance—what is it worth? The *Post* article says youth considers "rigged TV quizzes and payola as the facts of life." Cheating on exams is almost universal; smoking, drinking, drag-racing are the norm; purity is rare as a brontosaurus.

All of which adds up to the materialism of which Charles Malik, former president of the UN General Assembly, wrote: "I am not sure that Western materialism is better than the Soviet's."

But this is simply a by-product of young people's quest for happiness—for that's what they most want from life. They're not "reaching for the stars"—it's too strenuous. Nor are they altruistic—it doesn't get you anywhere. Only about 10 percent listed a feeling of accomplishment or service to humanity as a goal. Just 2 percent want to become ministers or social workers.

Our hot-house plants, inured to a thermostat set at 75 degrees, will settle for the comfortable, self-centered future for which they have been conditioned.

And, should Russia challenge this pleasant way of life, they are quite likely to compromise in order to maintain it. Why sacrifice personal comfort for such a vague factor as freedom—which connotes struggle and stress.

How did our young people become so easygoing?

True, it is an age of softness. Two cars in the family, two jobs, precooked meals—every generation progressively diluted by "improvements" of modern society. Who can resist?

For a diagnosis, we'll need to put *parents* under the microscope, because, according to the *Post* article, "parents have just about done everything to destroy character in their children." The youngsters themselves blithely indict parents as the beloved villains.

If Johnny can coax rides to school, why should he bother to walk five blocks? Then, of course, two hours daily vicarious video activity leaves neither time nor necessity for the exertion of personal participation.

Parents no longer urge Johnny to do his homework—either because Mom is still at work when Johnny comes home, or else she's not interested. Besides, she says, "Why do teachers assign so much homework? You hardly have time for fun."

So, neither brains nor muscles are overly exercised.

As for strengthening of moral fibre—parents who shrug at dishonesty, who sponsor dancing and kissing parties for twelve-year-olds, and cocktail events for teen-agers, who don't bother to censor TV, movie, and paperback intake, are bound to create a "morally indifferent" generation.

One reason for parental indulgence may be a mistaken idea of what constitutes love—acquired years ago from psychologists who warned that restraint and discipline would breed harmful frustrations, insecurity, and impede development of individuality.

Many parents may also be motivated by a desire to spare their children the hardships and austerities imposed on them by depression years, a world war, and inflation. So, in removing from their diet the bitter herbs they have fed them pabulum.

Now the teen-agers complain, "They gave us too much too soon." Too much money, too many privileges, too little discipline, too few responsibilities. The result is that they're pampered, compromising, bland as a bowl of rice, soft and sweet like marshmallows. And with a disarming smile they add, "We like it that way."

But "if the largess of the father has weakened the son" (*Post* article), Dad and Mom aren't worried. No matter if Johnny is weak or conforming or unambitious—just so he's happy.

Physical, mental, spiritual softness. What can be done about it? Embarrassed by Russia's progress in the physical and mental areas, our government is pushing through a physical fitness program and working hard at the scholastic one.

But in the field in which we have no Soviet competition—the moral and spiritual—we are lagging dangerously. Here government aid is not expected; for character-building is the responsibility of church and home. The present emergency, therefore, calls for a crash program which can be immediately inaugurated by a family session prefaced with: "From now on..."

"From now on we're having family worship, supporting fully our church's adult and youth programs, giving sacrificially, living more carefully."

On the negative side: "From now on, despite what everybody else does or has or owns or says, we're going to be guided by the Scriptural code of ethics. This will mean no more unrestricted viewing of TV, no more uncensored reading, no more unlimited, and uninvestigated dating, no more large allowances."

Finally, "from now on, by the grace of God, we mean to reinstate in our parental vocabulary the words *no*, *discipline*, and *non-conformity*."

Briefly, "we will endeavor to be a genuinely Bible-Christian family."

One factor which would in many cases create a revolution in home training and climate would be for the wife to give up her job (except in real necessity). Besides her badly needed presence in the home, and time now to develop the fine art of successful motherhood, it would mean less money for luxuries which have helped make the children soft. They will now have to either peddle papers or baby

sit to earn their own bicycles, stereo, all the latest clothing and gadgets, or do without.

The foundation of all permanent changes, however, lies in the parental attitude toward their own and their children's spiritual lives. Inadequate experience here underlies all character deficiency.

Contrary to the universal opinion of most young people (which attitude has been parent-fostered) the *summum bonum* is not personal happiness—the kind dependent on acquisitions, successes, popularity, conformity. But it is the kind achieved by a proper relationship to God and as a result of it, a philosophy which includes concern for others as well as for one's self.

Apparently our young people are not obtaining this spiritual undergirding. For, although the *Post* survey indicated that 85 percent of them belong to churches, what they receive is evidently unsatisfactory. "The church fails to stress its true meaning fervently enough," they complain; and there is "too much ritual and mysticism."

Whether or not parents realize it, their children are asking of them bread—the Bread of Life—and receiving the cold stone of materialism. Christ invites: "If any man will come after me, let him *deny himself*, take up his cross, and follow me." Materialism entices, "If any man will be happy, let him *gratify self*."

Given sufficient emphasis through parental precept and example, the call of Christ could constitute a challenge around which young people would eagerly rally.

Destiny offers parents two courses of action:

They can "admit that they are spoiling their children, cluck their tongues, and keep on spoiling" (*Post* article).

Or they can take radical measures to first reshape their own lives according to Biblical standards. Then begin to grapple with the task of making men and women of their boys and girls. With the help of the Holy Spirit, parents may yet have time to create a Gideon's band to contribute, not to the liquidation, but to the perpetuation of the human race. ◀◀

PICTURE PUZZLE

FEATURE FOR YOUNG READERS... DICK CHAMPION

Job said to God,

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'LIGHT FOR THE LOST' DIGEST

LIGHT FOR THE LOST IS THE MISSIONARY ARM OF THE national Men's Fellowship department of the Assemblies of God. Gospel portions and evangelistic literature are provided for distribution programs in 73 nations of the world.

In strategic centers, *Light for the Lost* teams up with Global Conquest to sponsor Target City Crusades—concerted evangelistic efforts in major cities of the world. The current Target City Crusade is in Bogota, Colombia, with Evangelist Hal Herman as speaker. Pray for Colombia.

JAPAN

With tears in her eyes a woman rose to tell how much Jesus meant to her. Her words were sincere, reflecting her love for Christ. As she spoke, those attending the Aso Camp Meeting were moved upon by the Holy Spirit and began to weep and pray. God had opened the door of salvation to a lost one and she had entered the door—a door which no man can shut.

Scenes such as this are possible in Japan because of *Light for the Lost* and Global Conquest. Our evangelism program for the past year has been based on *Light for the Lost* Gospels and Global Conquest evangelism funds.

The woman whose testimony blessed the Aso Camp Meeting was saved in a *Light for the Lost*-Global Conquest crusade. One of these crusades resulted in the starting of a new church in a Shinto shrine which once was dedicated to the god of war.

Many have heard of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and have accepted Him as a result of *Light for the Lost* Gospels which have been distributed in Japan.—Paul Klahr

FIJI

Light for the Lost funds are being used for the printing of the Gospel of John in the Fijian language. To our knowledge, this is the first time any Gospel portions have been printed in this language. We only wish we had more funds to print a larger quantity at once.

We are deeply grateful to the men of the United States who provide *Light for the Lost* funds through the Men's Fellowship department.—Lawrence Larson

SINGAPORE

When we received *Light for the Lost* funds we purchased Gospels to be distributed at street meetings. The

Gospels were a real blessing. We would appreciate more for use in coming revivals in this strategic Oriental city.—R. B. Cavaness

PHILIPPINES

One hundred dollars from *Light for the Lost* is being used by Ed Blount to purchase Gospels for distribution in evangelistic trips in new areas of this island republic. Brother Blount told me: "As we drove from barrio to barrio, I realized that it will be many years before we can expect to have churches in all these towns—not to mention the thousands upon thousands of rural huts spread for far distances across the hills and valleys between the small towns. A feeling of helplessness gripped me so that I could hardly sleep that night. Tens of thousands of homes absolutely untouched by the gospel! God only knows how many years it will be before there will be a church or gospel worker close by to show them the way. A diligent literature distribution program is their only hope within the next decade!"

We can, and *must*, get the written story to them. *Light for the Lost* is helping do the job.—Floyd Horst

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Before we transferred from the Philippines to Korea, we distributed thousands of Gospels in the mountains, cities, and barrios of the Philippines. These Gospel portions printed in the dialects of the people were eagerly read. We also sponsored teams of national workers who went from house to house in rural areas distributing the Gospels and giving a personal testimony.—Leslie E. Bedell

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Light for the Lost sent us \$50 to purchase Chinese Gospels. This made it possible for us to distribute the beautifully illustrated Gospels of Mark among the Chinese of Manila.—Dale Barber

HONDURAS

Light for the Lost Gospel portions were a great blessing in helping us open a new outstation during the last three weeks of Bible school. Remire Santes, a second-year Bible school student, went to La Entrada the last three months of school. Through his ministry twenty-seven have accepted Christ. Each weekend he distributed *Light for the Lost* Gospel portions which played a vital part in the salvation of souls.—Ben H. La Fon



From around the world come reports of our Assemblies of God missionaries giving thanks to MF for "Light for the Lost" literature.

Now tribes in northern Ghana can read the Word!

At Last—a Dagbani New Testament

By **GEORGE B. ANDERSON**
Missionary to Ghana



Wheeler Anderson and two national workers printed the Dagbani New Testament.

IN DEVELOPING AN INDIGENOUS CHURCH IT IS NECESSARY to have the Word of God translated, printed, and distributed in the language of the people. This is where Babel confronts one! There are nineteen languages spoken in northern Ghana. Our policy is that the smaller tribes have the Gospel of Mark, a hymnbook, a primer, and the salvation message in their vernacular. The major portions of the Word of God are translated into Dagbani, the recognized language of northern Ghana.

Translators have worked a long time to complete the Dagbani New Testament. This translation is now in the hands of the printer!

Mrs. Lloyd Shirer translated more than half of the New Testament. The Book of Revelation was translated by Franklin McCorkle and I completed the rest of the New Testament with the aid of a Dagomba informant, Braimah. As chapters were completed or an Epistle finished, the manuscript was delivered by Speed-the-Light truck to the Northern Ghana Bible School at Kumbungu. Here missionary H. S. Lehman, Bible school principal, and two Dagomba informants joined us in checking the accuracy of the work.

When the material was ready for printing, it was taken to Tamale where Wheeler Anderson and Dakurungu Dagomba rechecked the work and printed it.

Last week a young Ghanaian called to see us. He had

been saved as a small boy at a local Sunday school. Two years ago he had left northern Ghana to go south looking for work. Now he is helping fell trees in the great Ashanti forests—and at eighteen is still serving the Lord, witnessing for Him whenever he can. His bright face inspired us as he said, "I am so glad God sent someone to my small village to tell us about His salvation! I am glad people helped me learn to read and that there is some of God's Word in my own language and in Dagbani. Otherwise, I think that down there among all those strangers, many of whom do not love the Lord, I would have gone back from following God. When my work is finished, I take God's Word and read it. It is so sweet to my heart! It greatly helps me!"

When we told him the entire New Testament would soon be printed in Dagbani, he was delighted and asked us to send him a copy as soon as it is available.

Consecrated nationals like this are worth the hard work of translating the Bible into the languages of Africa!

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George Anderson and Braimah, a Dagomba informant, translated part of the New Testament into Dagbani. Other missionaries assisted.



Harold Lehman and George Anderson checked the Dagbani manuscript with students at the Northern Bible Institute in Ghana.



HOW TO HAVE A HEALTHY

A plea for Biblical holiness and Christian love in disciplining un

BY STIG G. SUNDBERG

Missionary to Venezuela

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH discipline. The Bible speaks extensively on this subject, both directly and indirectly. It is the process of church discipline, when truly implemented, that makes us "the called-out ones" of God, the *Ecclesia*, the Church that enjoys the approval of God and His constant blessing. Without this discipline we are a church of the world, an apostate church, an instrument not of God but of the great harlot of the Book of Revelation, whose end is sudden destruction and eternal perdition. How important, then, that we have a full understanding of church discipline and know *how*, *when*, and *where* to apply it.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE IS A PROCESS

First of all, we must remember that church discipline is a process and not only an instantaneous act of correction. The action of pruning is but the end result of a previous development wrought by both divine and human instrumentation. In order to better depict this process it might be well to use one of the illustrations of the Bible itself.

In quite a few Scripture passages the Holy Ghost uses functions of the human body to illustrate church life, and the Church is in fact called the Body of Christ. From this illustration we learn among other things that the Church is a body consisting of many members, all with different functions. These members are dependent one upon the other. There has to be coordination between their operations and also unity of effort and purpose. Most important of all, there has to be an utter dependence upon the Head, Jesus Christ.

When operating according to God's plan and call, this Body of Christ, the Church, is God's instrument on the earth through which He defeats the forces of hell. It is the pillar and ground of Truth and through it God reveals His glory.

As is true of our physical bodies, it is of great importance that the Body of Christ stay healthy in every way. In the physical realm we are constantly surrounded by germs of all kinds. Anything we touch is contaminated. We breathe in germs; we eat them with our food; they constantly attack us from within and from without. They are the servants of death and will do their destructive work wherever they find a vulnerable spot. For this reason we always seek to keep our bodies healthy, so

that they will be better able to resist these ceaseless onslaughts. This holds true also in the spiritual realm and renders many valuable lessons which illustrate the process of church discipline.

WE ARE BRANDS PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE

In order to give a fuller realization of how constantly the Church is exposed to infections, we shall consider what it is made up of. Jesus Himself gives the answer when He says: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." In other words, we are an assembly, not of all the perfect ones that God could find in the earth, but of sinners saved by grace. As is said of Joshua, the high priest, in Zechariah 3, we are "brands plucked out of the fire." We have been justified by faith through divine grace. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, God sees us as perfect in Him. We stand accepted before God because the price of redemption has been paid. Hallelujah. This, however, does not alter the fact that as we enter the kingdom of God we are "brands plucked out of the fire," charred brands with flaws here and there.

Every true believer knows that he did not become perfect the day he was born into God's kingdom. We are invited to come as we are, and that is the only way we can come, that God might help us. For this reason we bring with us into the Church our old way of thinking, our life philosophy, formed through years and even decades of living under the influence of the powers of darkness. We bring our weaknesses, our habits, even our sins. We cannot lift ourselves out of these; therefore we come to the Lord with it all and say: "Lord, help me to find victory!" And then the Lord answers by saving us from our sins and starting the work of sanctification in our lives.

We bring into the Church, I said, our old way of thinking, with all its preconceived ideas, our old concept of what is right or wrong, proper and improper. Some honor the Word in all points, others do not. The older a man is when he gets saved, the more his own ideology stands in his way and constitutes a mental roadblock to the sanctifying Holy Spirit. We say that a man "gets set in his ways."

A man coming out of a life of shame and lust may have a miraculous deliverance at the very outset, and we would to God that this were true in every case. There are many, however, that accept God's invitation and still have to fight a furious battle against their old sinful



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habits for quite some time. They honestly seek victory and would pay anything to find it. Let us not conceitedly condemn them. We may have been born again in a revival with a stronger momentum than we are offering them, and we may have benefited from assistance given us by the churches we were born into that we in turn do not give them.

Then also there are professing Christians, who were saved long ago, and now they are playing with sin. They are flirting with the world and refuse to correct their ways. No amount of admonition seems to affect them. Still, they may not have exhausted God's longsuffering completely, and He is still drawing them to see if they will not come His way.

The above-mentioned situations are but natural developments in the Church, because we are a Church *in* the world. Nevertheless they have to be dealt with according to God's plan, lest we become a Church *of* the world. These are infections in the Body and will cause corruption and death if left alone. A spiritually strong Church settles these conditions quickly. Either there is victory for the soul or the sinner feels out of place, feels exposed, and drops off. In a spiritually weak church, however, the situation is different. No matter how much preaching and admonition there be, no change takes place. Soon the church may be swamped with people who cannot find victory and some who refuse to seek it. In order to keep things up, that church starts to overlook and excuse sin. Ultimately our Pentecostal doctrine becomes nothing but a toy that is bounced back and forth, to show how much more we have than others. The high profession continues; but alas, it is utterly frustrated by the extreme imperfections.

DOES A BOIL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF?

Often we hear people refer to these conditions of weakness as boils in the body of Christ. "They will take care of themselves," they say; "don't touch them." It is true that you should never touch a boil prematurely, and sometimes you will not have to touch it at all, but that does not mean that a boil takes care of itself. We must remember that the boil is not the sickness; it is only the outward end result of a process that is going on inside the body. It is actually the dumping ground of the blood stream. Whenever there is an invasion of germs or foreign matter against the body (in other words, an infection) a signal goes immediately from the invaded area up to the brain telling of the intrusion. The brain

then quickly sends out signals to different parts of the body rallying a highly efficient police force to counteract the offensive. This police force is made up of thousands upon thousands of small white blood cells in our blood stream. These soldiers of health attack the invaders fearlessly; many of them are killed in their zealous effort to expel the foreign elements. As the germs are killed they are brought either to the kidneys or to a place near the body surface awaiting the time of final expulsion. In the latter case a boil is being formed which in due time ripens and opens up to free the body from the casualties of the battle.

Should the body be quite poor in health at the time of the invasion, the white blood cells may already be so busy trying to meet other dangers that they are not able to put up the needed resistance. In such a case the germs will attack one organ after the other of the body and cause different kinds of sicknesses, forever weakening the organism until they will be able to deal the last mortal blow to the individual.

We believe that the Holy Ghost has placed white blood cells also in the Church, that they might carry on the process of cleansing and thus save the Body of Christ from spiritual death. How many an assembly would have been kept from the forces of corruption had these agents of spiritual health been working efficiently.

PURGE OUT THE OLD LEAVEN!

We read in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, "Purge out therefore the old leaven. . . ." God is zealous of the holiness of His Church, and will not rest until sin and imperfection is dealt with. He never condones sin. On the other hand, He is very patient in His dealing with man and exercises much longsuffering in bringing this holiness about. Human zeal is often hard and impatient, even destructive. Many servants of God have set out to "purge out the old leaven" with burning fervor only to cause destruction and havoc. They would cut here and break down there, prune and refine according to the most orthodox recipes, in their endeavor to prepare the way for an earthshaking revival in the community where God has placed them, only to end up with a church split and many ruined souls. What went wrong? Had not God said for us to "purge out the old leaven"? Yes, He certainly had. But they had forgotten to allow for the preliminary processes of church discipline, the preparatory work of the Holy Spirit in and through the ministry of the white blood cells.

WE WRESTLE WITH SPIRITUAL FOES

What then is this ministry of the white blood cells, and who are they? We know of no better way of acquainting ourselves with them than to study the war of Amalek against Israel as recorded in Exodus 17:8-16. Amalek is a type of the flesh or carnality. The situations mentioned at the beginning of this study—that is, the imperfections and weaknesses we bring with us into the Church upon being saved—or the ones that we create by being disobedient to God's will and Word, are the carnalities typified in Amalek's attack against Israel.

Joshua, who opposed Amalek, is a type of the servant of God and the sword in his hand typifies the Word of
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God. One of the primary things that we learn from this account is that the sword of Joshua, the Word of God, will only prevail against Amalek, carnality, as long as certain conditions are met. We will look into these conditions in a few moments, but first we believe it would be beneficial to analyze the elements of carnality.

In 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 we read: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exulteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." This passage suggests that although our ultimate task is to cast down imaginations, etc., we are to recognize that behind these imaginations and expressions of weakness or outright sin are Satanic fortresses, which cannot be pulled down by merely a bold attack with the Word of God. (Read verses 1 and 2 of the same chapter for true context.) These are Satan's lodging places and he will hold on and frustrate any attempted liberation as long as he is able. Satan will not let the weak soul go, the darkened mind be illuminated, or the twisted thinking and imaginations be straightened out, until he be defeated behind the scene. We read in Mark 3:27, "No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house." For this reason our first undertaking should be to bind the "strong man" or, in other words, attack the Satanic fortresses behind the carnality before we make an open attack on the expressions of it. Carnality could be likened to mortgages that Satan has on our lives, and his purpose is to get our lives mortgaged so heavily that we ultimately will fall into his hands. It is for this reason we meet the prince of darkness head on when we seek to purge out the old leaven.

WE BATTLE ON OUR KNEES

Israel's battle against Amalek is another example of the fact that the outward victory is depending on a spiritual warfare. As long as Moses held his hands up, Israel prevailed against Amalek. When he let down his hands, Israel was defeated. Had not Aaron and Hur steadied his arms throughout the battle, Israel would have been overcome by the forces of Amalek. Moses is here a type of Jesus Christ praying His high priestly prayer for us. Aaron and Hur are a type of the royal priesthood of the New Testament, as they are giving themselves to intercessory prayer. We learn by this illustration that as we are praying in the Holy Ghost, Jesus is actually praying through us (Jude 5:20; Romans 8:26, 27). The Satanic forces behind the carnality typified in Amalek are fought by the Holy Ghost through this intercession and thereby our heavenly Joshua's sword prevails. Praise His wonderful name. It is quite significant that Moses was to rehearse these things in the ears of Joshua (v. 14) so that he would realize by what means the victory was won.

In Galatians 4:19 Paul writes the following to the churches in Galatia: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. . . ." The Galatians had been taken in by certain Judaizers and now Paul wanted to correct the situation. He immediate-

ly realized that he was up against not only false doctrines, but first of all the fortresses that Satan had built behind the "imagination." Seeing this, he was well aware of the fact that it would not be sufficient only to write a letter of admonition to them, but he was "travailing in birth until"—he was doing the work of the white blood cells, pulling down fortresses, steadying the hands of Moses—yes, he was giving himself to intercession in the Holy Ghost. He fought the inner battle, driving the elements of sin to the surface, to be dealt with by the sword of Joshua, the eternal Word of God, as soon as the Holy Spirit would give him the "green light."

It is imperative that we understand that many times we are allowed to step into another man's work of preparation and we can proceed immediately with the task of pruning and correcting. At other times the Holy Spirit may use us for the preparatory part of the work and leave the completion to someone else. The matter of importance is that we discern the guidance of the Spirit of God in each individual situation and do not try to do God's work with the arm of flesh.

CHRIST CAME TO SAVE, NOT TO CONDEMN

We should also keep in mind that our foremost objective is to save and rescue. Our warfare is not against the individuals but against the forces which frustrate them and which bring about the ignorance, the weaknesses, and the sins that they are to overcome. We set aside long seasons of travail for them and plead the power of the blood of Jesus for deliverance until Satan yields. When he is conquered behind the scenes, we find that the Holy Ghost takes the initiative and creates the opportunity to deal with the soul in question. We find ourselves illuminated by God's Spirit in a special way, and are allowed to deal with the matter in the wisdom of God and in His power. So often the weak soul finds victory and starts a walk of obedience to God's will. Explosive elements, that may be involved in our dealing with the person, have been neutralized in the preceding process.

There are also the times when the individual hardens himself against God's dealings and we find that even God cannot do anything with him. It is then our duty to act according to the Scriptures and purge out such an element; that is, separate him from the congregation of the saints. How awe-inspiring is this task committed to us by the Holy Spirit. On the one hand we are to deal with eternal souls and rescue to the uttermost; and on the other hand we are to keep the Church of God a separated people, a congregation of the saints. We ask with the apostle Paul: "And who is sufficient for these things?" We also borrow his answer: "Our sufficiency is of God; . . ." It is just as wrong to hold on to someone that God has rejected, as it is not to extend mercy and assistance to someone God is not through with. We shall be held answerable for both before God.

There are so many that need our help, our mercy, longsuffering, and patience. There is a screaming need in the Body of Christ for white blood cells, true Holy Ghost intercessors, who would travail and pray through one by one the souls that God gives us, and who would also meet aright the infections as they come. Will you give your life to such a ministry? ◀◀◀

Christ Responds to Faith

Sunday School Lesson for February 17, 1963

MARK 7:25-37; HEBREWS 11:6

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

PERSISTENT FAITH

Nowhere in the Gospels have we a grander example than this week's lesson of the persistent yet humble faith which secures God's blessings for those in need. While studying Mark 7:25-30, we shall take also from Matthew's account of the incident. (See Matthew 15:22-28.)

This woman came to Christ on behalf of a demon-possessed daughter. She returned *four obstacles* into stepping-stones to victory. These were:

1. *Silence*. "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word." How often has it seemed that He is silent to our prayers. How important it is that we keep believing and presenting our claims.

2. *Lack of Sympathy*. "And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us." It is quite possible that others, even those belonging to Christ, may have no sympathy with our spiritual longings and may even seek to discourage us. But like this woman we must not allow a lack of understanding to cast a wet blanket over our desires for God.

3. *Nationality*. "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Christ pointed out to this woman that He was sent to Israel and that she was a Greek. As an alien, she had no claim on Him as the Son of

David and no legal right to that for which she asked. Yet this same woman proved the barrier of nationality cannot keep a person from God! The woman then replied, "Lord, help me." (As if to say, "Even as you say, Lord; nevertheless, help *me!*") Thus her appeal became one for mercy and grace.

4. *Open Rebuff*. Christ's final test was the most severe of all. "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." *Children* referred to the Jews; *dogs* was a contemptuous term applied by Jews to Gentiles. Thus Christ almost seemed to be insulting the woman. At this point, many of us in pride would have gone off in a huff! And is it not sadly true that there are those who will become offended at the Lord when His dealings with them seem severe? Yet all the while, as in this case, Christ would lead them to victory!

VICTORIOUS FAITH

"And she answered . . . , Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." How wonderful was her humility and persistent faith! And how blessedly it was rewarded! "Great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

1. Her intercessory prayer was granted because she *willed* to receive that which she knew was within the will of God for her. Prayers often go unanswered because those who utter them have no fixed purpose to receive that for which they pray.

2. The miracle was performed at a distance. It did not require Christ's bodily presence to effect the deliverance. His Word was sufficient! And it is today!

BESECHING FAITH

Observe Christ's healing of the deaf and dumb man (vv. 32-37):

1. *Others* brought him to Christ for healing. Their faith played a definite part in the man's healing.

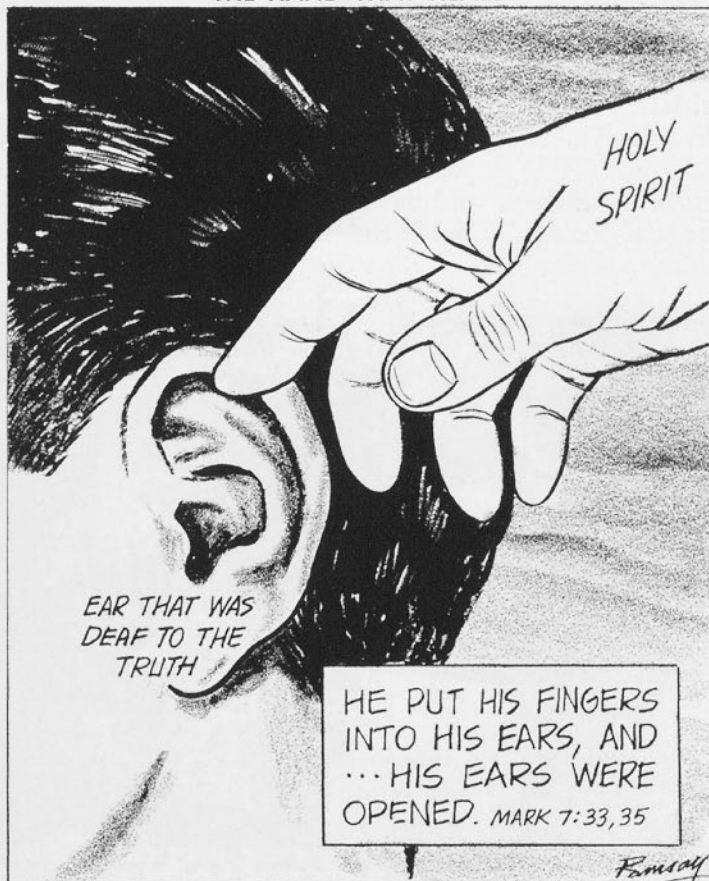
2. Christ took the man aside before healing him. Contrary to the custom of some people today, Christ was never spectacular in His methods nor did He attempt to perform miracles for the public eye.

3. He used an unusual method in dealing with the needy one. A study of Christ's miracles reveals clearly that He had no stereotyped methods or set formula. He dealt with men as individuals and according to their particular needs and inward conditions. Here He used a method which many would consider to be highly objectionable. But it pays to be humble, to obey God, and to submit to His dealings!

4. Christ assisted faith through actions which were symbolic. He put His fingers into the ears which He would soon open, and He touched the tongue He would soon unloose.

5. Christ sighed—perhaps from sympathy, perhaps in prayer—and looked heavenward as if to indicate to the deaf man the source from which his healing would come!

THE HAND THAT HEALS





Ralph W. Harris (left), editor-in-chief of Sunday school literature, and Bert Webb, executive director of publications, view five "Word of Life" publications that took on a new look last month. Publications are: *My Picture Paper* (upper left); *Primary Picture Cards* (lower left); *Primary Picture Roll* (center); *Beginner Lesson Pictures* (upper right); *Little Folks' Friend* (lower right).

Bible Story Pictures Now Printed in Full Color at Springfield

By ROBERT V. MYERS

THE NEW YEAR BROUGHT A NEW LOOK to five "Word of Life" publications at the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Missouri. The new look coincided with the purchase of a new press which brought an increase of 100 percent in the amount of color printing done at the Assemblies of God publishing plant. The five publications are:

Primary Picture Roll, a wall-size picture for teachers to use.

My Picture Paper, an activity paper for primary boys and girls.

Primary Picture Cards, a pupil take-home item.

Beginner Lesson Pictures, a teacher's tool for use during the lesson.

Little Folks' Friend, a beginner pupil activity paper.

William G. Eastlake, editor of quarterly Sunday school materials, announced a total circulation of 298,000 for these five publications. Total circulation for all "Word of Life" Sunday school literature is 2¼ million.

Teachers and pupils using these Sunday school materials found, beginning last month, new full-color pictures on each of these five publications. Highlighting the pictures is a new wide-look design.

The pictures have been created by the artists of Church-Craft, specialists in religious art, and for the most part they have been drawn specifically to coordinate with "Word of Life" literature.

Formerly these five full-color publications were printed by an outside firm. J. O. Harrell, general manager of the Gospel Publishing House, says the increased volume of four-color printing resulting from these five publications will amount to 400 tons during 1963, bringing the total production of the plant to over 2,500 tons per year, or an average of 10 tons each working day.

To print these materials, a \$120,000 Aurelia-Commander offset press was purchased in Italy. The 38-inch press with a top speed of 7,000 impressions per hour is the first four-color press of its kind and size in the United States.

Publishing house employees in the platemaking area have felt the impact of this increased production. Use of the four-color printing process added considerably to their work load.

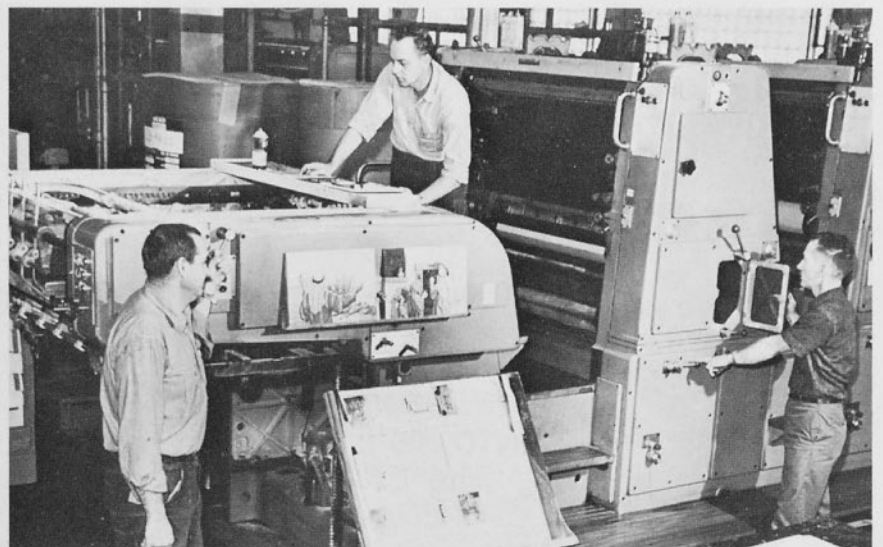


Photo at left: Platemaking foreman Bob Ready (left) and cameraman Merrell Cooper examine a color proof of *My Picture Paper*. Photo at right: Pressmen Junior Guthrie (left), Lloyd Beam (center), and Wilbur Wingo (right) operate the new Aurelia-Commander four-color press.

In platemaking, a photograph is taken of the original painting to make metal plates for the printing press. A separate plate is required for printing each primary color, so the photographer in platemaking must separate each of these from the others. Using filters and a huge camera, he will make four separate negatives; one will

contain all the yellow in the painting; the second, all the red; the third, all the blue; the fourth, all the black. A plate is made from each negative, and when the images on these plates print precisely on top of each other, all the original colors appear just as the artist painted them.

To guarantee the quality of the

work, a color proof is made of each picture, showing ahead of time exactly how the finished product will look.

The process requires a big investment and a lot of work, but the result proves it is worthwhile. Across the nation children are learning about God and His Word with the help of attractive, high-quality teaching tools.

'When I Gave My Body Fully to God, He Healed It'

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY PAULINE CRAIG ESTES

(The following article is submitted by Nick Schubert, Associate Pastor of the Capitol Hill Assembly of God in Oklahoma City. Brother Schubert writes: "Here is the personal testimony of a very dear lady of our church who, crippled and bent over with arthritis, believed God and was miraculously healed in her own home. She told me her story one day when I was visiting her. I asked her to write it so that it could be a blessing to others.")

ON JANUARY 16, 1961, GOD HEARD my cry and instantly healed me of arthritis, which had troubled me for many years. But to tell the whole story I must go back some thirty-five years to the early days of my marriage.

I wanted a new cookstove very much. I started out with a used stove and, of course, we did not have gas in those days in the part of Texas where we were living. At various times I had coal stoves, wood stoves, oil stoves, all secondhand, and wished I might have a nice shiny new one for a change.

Then we decided to move to Oklahoma and I thought, "There is gas in Oklahoma—perhaps I can have a new gas range." But the move cost quite a bit and there were two little boys to outfit for school. I got a gas stove but it was another secondhand one.

That stove was really exasperating. I could not get it to work just right, and one morning when I ruined a cake I just broke down and wept. "Oh, dear Father," I said, "I do so want a new cookstove!"

He replied, "Do you deserve one?" I was shocked. For a moment I was indignant: did I not deserve a new stove after all those old wrecks? But then my eyes were opened and I be-

gan to see things in my life which made me ashamed.

Yes, the stove did need some repairs and a good cleaning, but oh, what a cleaning I needed! I had been guilty of envy—I envied the neighbors who had good stoves. I was discontented and resentful—I despised that old stove. Because I loved my family I had used it and had prepared the best meals I could, but I had done it under protest—without pleasure or gratitude to God in my heart.

I got busy and begged God's forgiveness. I cleaned the stove and then I started on myself. I cleaned out the envy and was *glad* my neighbor had a good stove. I cleaned out the resentment and *thanked the Lord* that I had food and a stove to prepare it on.

The next couple of months were happy ones. My heart was light for I was rid of the heavy burden of discontent, jealousy, and resentment. Then one day I had a happy surprise. I returned home after being away for a few hours and found a beautiful new stove in the kitchen. I had never told my husband about my experience with the old stove but he knew I wanted a new one. Thanks to God's love, things had worked out so that he was able to afford a new one at last!

In the years that followed, I remembered this lesson. Before making a request I made sure that I was using what I had to its full capacity. Always it seemed as if God was watching me. Often my need was met before I asked.

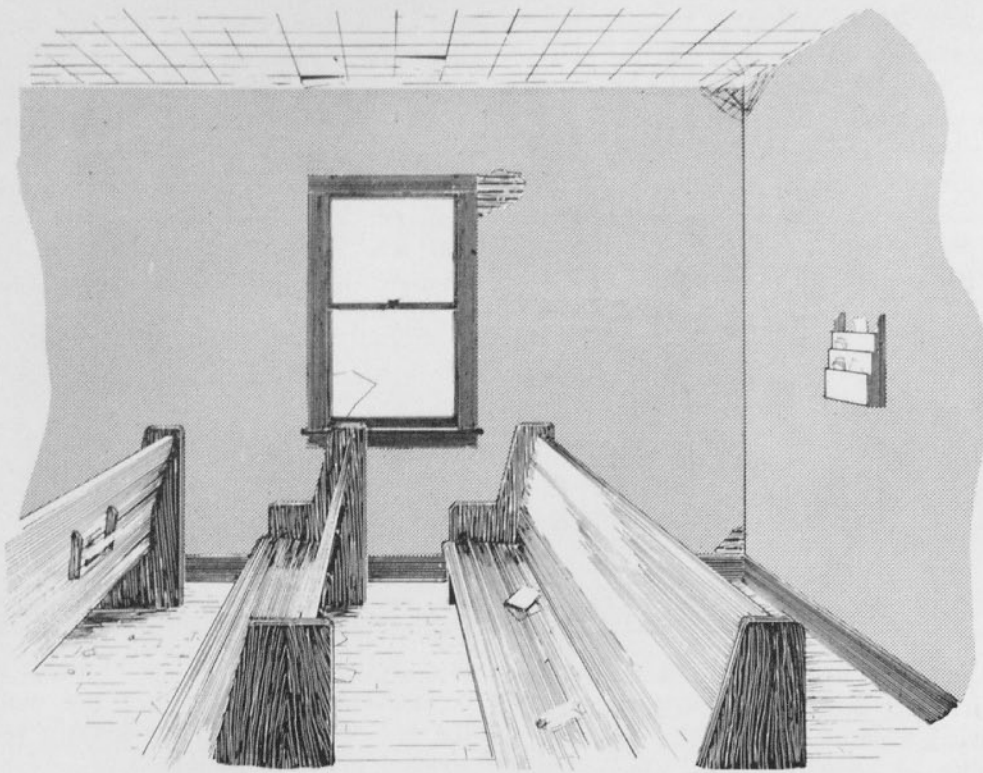
Then for some fifteen or twenty years I was afflicted with arthritis.

Treatment by doctors gave some temporary relief, but they all told me I must learn to live with it. Finally it reached the stage where, even with the aid of a cane, I was greatly restricted in my activities.

The lesson of the stove came to me when I decided to ask God for deliverance. I took inventory and did not like what I found. How much He gave and how little I was giving in return. I listed all the members of my body and the ways in which I could make better use of them. The mind was the most difficult one to control for selfish, spiteful, self-pitying, intolerant, and conceited thoughts have a way of slipping in without notice. I worked diligently to clear out all wrong thinking. I sought eyes and ears to see and hear with love the needs of others; and a tongue to testify, comfort, and encourage. (Our hands, heart, and feet also can be used for service to God much more than we realize!)

The morning came when I was so full of pain and discomfort that doing my housework seemed impossible and I must cry to Him for help. Our loving, ever-watchful Father was there by my side. I said only two words, "Oh, please—" but as I reached out my hands to Him, I felt the glory of His presence. There are no words to describe the experience which followed as I felt the pain drawn from my body.

I stood erect, without pain, and filled with glorious joy, love, and gratitude to God. But the greatest marvel to me is that He should care and be watchful of such an unworthy creature as I. So "this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long." ◀◀



MEMO TO PASTOR -

They Won't Be Coming Back

By WARD R. WILLIAMS

DEAR PASTOR:

Remember our neighbors? *They won't be coming back to church*, and I know you'll want to know why.

When you met them at our backyard fish fry they really liked you. He enjoys hunting and fishing, and your stories about deer hunting and fishing trips were tops with him. He liked your new car, too. And his wife liked your wife—that really helps.

We had been afraid to ask them to church, but after they liked you so much we thought we had an especially good chance when you said there would be a sectional rally at our church Wednesday night with guest speakers from Springfield.

To get a good seat, we went early. But that was a mistake. You see, he has been a contractor, and his wife is a really good housekeeper.

In this composite article the writer, who is Dean of Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., weaves together a description of conditions he has actually encountered at various times in different churches throughout the country.

When we arrived, no one else was there but the carload from Springfield. Some of them were putting up banners. The others were sweeping the church. Some of last Sunday's lesson leaflets had been torn up by the children and were under the seats. They hadn't even been swept up for the wedding Monday—and the rose petals from the wedding were still in the aisle too.

I was careful to find our neighbors a pew that didn't have any nails sticking up so what happened to the Adams boy two Sundays ago wouldn't happen to them!

They didn't say anything, but I could see his eyes kind of running around the church. That made me notice things I guess I had gotten used to, they have been there so long.

I guess you know there has been a loose panel in the ceiling that has been kind of hanging down at one end—I remember it was that way when I put up the wire for the curtain five years ago last Christmas.

And we never did get around to

repainting that place that turned brown after the rain came in around the chimney. Come to think of it, I guess we never fixed that leak around the flashing, either.

Well, I started to help the fellows from Springfield, and my neighbor got up and offered to help. That was another mistake. We walked out to get a broom in the passageway.

He said, "Isn't that a fire hazard?" He was looking at that cardboard box where we put the oil and sawdust sweepings. I guess it hadn't been emptied for a long time because Sunday school papers from three months back were sticking out.

About the same time I noticed the fuse box. Two years ago we didn't have time to put in a switch when we first used our new baptistry, so we just hooked a raw wire over a terminal. We haven't had many baptisms since then so we haven't gotten around to changing it.

Well, my neighbor saw all this, and I guess I saw it like I was looking at it for the first time.

You know our gas heaters in the basement Sunday school rooms have those old fabric hoses and aren't vented? Well, there was a strong odor of gas coming up so I thought I'd better check. I hadn't intended for the neighbor to go with me, but he did. He almost missed that concrete block we've been using for that bottom step.

I surely was relieved when you came and the service got started, even if you were ten minutes late because you got stuck pulling your boat trailer up the river bank.

It took me a little while to find a songbook with both covers on it. When our pianist didn't come you remember you asked our neighbor's wife to play the piano. You couldn't see from the platform, but she had a little trouble at first with that hold pedal that falls off if you don't hold your foot just right. And the broken hinge on the piano bench kind of slid sideways with her a couple of times.

After the service, we took them home. They thanked us for taking them, but didn't say how they liked it. I kind of got the general idea they wouldn't be back, although they didn't actually say it.

See you in Sunday school (without our neighbors).

YOUR LOYAL DEACON . . .

*How objective can you be if fingers of suspicion
are pointed toward a fellow-Christian?*

You're on the Jury

By JAMES E. ADAMS
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

REED JOHNSTON DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A thief. A fine-looking young man, twenty-two years old, he walked slowly down the aisle of the court room, looking steadily at the jury panel. Perhaps he was wondering which twelve would be selected to decide his fate.

Only one decision appeared possible. According to newspaper accounts, Reed knew where the money was hidden. His fingerprints were on the glass presumed broken in gaining entrance to the shop. And he couldn't account for all his time the night of the robbery.

Though I was not selected to sit on the jury, I remained to listen to the case. While the district attorney presented the prosecution's views, I reminded myself that a man is innocent until proved guilty. It didn't sound too good for Reed.

Just before the noon recess I looked toward him and saw tiny beads of perspiration on his forehead, yet the room was cool. I wondered if the jurors were watching as he dabbed his forehead with his handkerchief—and if they might think his anxiety was an indication of guilt.

In the jury box one man was inspecting the ceiling, another with a faraway look in his eyes was gazing out the window. A third was picking a raveling from his coat. Why did so many of the jurors seem unconcerned? Didn't they realize this young man's liberty and reputation were at stake?

During the noon recess I ate at a restaurant where I overheard a man tell the waitress, "My brother is a juror on the case of that fellow who stole fifty dollars from his employer."

"How can you say that?" I questioned in my mind. "The defense has not presented its side of the case. The

boy has not been proved guilty yet!"

Late in the afternoon the defense lawyer took over. On the following morning he proved other employees also knew where the money was. He brought out that Reed's employer recently had given him the job of replacing a glass in the door and the glass exhibit in court had fingerprints on both sides as if it had been lifted rather than knocked out. Then, Reed's quiet, straightforward testimony had a definite effect on the minds of the jurors. Their verdict: *not guilty!*

That evening I kept thinking about that young man. "Perhaps, unthinkingly, I have been a juror many times," I mused. "Have I come to conclusions about people—conclusions based on insufficient evidence? Have I been guilty of believing unfavorable reports about Christian friends with whom I am intimately acquainted? Should I not have more confidence in them than in a stranger? Can I allow myself to find them guilty in my heart without absolute proof?"

Old Testament law states, "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the

mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" (Deuteronomy 19:15). Those reports we hear which "a little bird told" someone, those in which our informant's name is to be kept secret—let's dismiss them from our minds.

In charging the jury, the judge said, "When there are conflicting testimonies, you must bear in mind the relationship of the witness to the plaintiff or the defendant." When we hear reports, we can ask a few questions audibly or to ourselves: "Is our informant jealous of, or angry at the subject of our conversation? Is this information firsthand? Does our informant object to our telling the person involved about our conversation?" If he does, we will be wise to close our ears the next time he starts to talk about someone.

Our attitude to bits of gossip we hear about our friends and acquaintances is very important, for doubt and distrust engender disunity. The Bible teaches that we "are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:5). And Moffatt renders Ephesians 4:15, 16, "For he, Christ, is the head, and under him, as the entire body is welded together and compacted by every joint with which it is supplied, the due activity of each part enables the body to grow and build itself up in love."

To stand for God, to battle against the principalities and powers of darkness, we need the strength which proceeds from crystal-clear, mutual trust. Only as we are faithful jurors—dismissing from our minds every unverified report about our fellow Christians, jealousy guarding their reputations in our hearts—can we work together harmoniously for the glory of God. ◀◀





Response Increases From Revivaltime Listeners in Africa

By FLO DAVIS

SPEEDING OVER POWERFUL RADIO waves, *Revivaltime* breaks through national boundaries and brings its message of "good news" to the spiritually starved of the world.

On the other side of the globe in Africa, native Africans and European residents hear the weekly gospel call, "There's Room at the Cross for You." They are members of *Revivaltime's* international radio family.

From Ibadan, Nigeria, a listener writes: "I am happy to inform you that I derive a lot of benefit from your weekly sermons. I am always in contact with your religious broadcasts and songs through the radio transmitted by the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation."

In addition to the radio outlets in Ibadan, Nigeria, *Revivaltime* is also released over three other African radio stations. Included are stations in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa; Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa; and Nairobi, Kenya, West Africa.

These outlets reach several million English-speaking persons in ten African nations. They are a vital asset to the missionary effort on that continent, as they beam the gospel message to obscure receivers located in the tangled and nearly impassable jungle lands.

Members of *Revivaltime's* African listening family write to us requesting prayer and testify to answers to problems just as listeners from the continental United States. A concerned African mother writes: "I felt very strongly encouraged to write to you and your praying people to pray that the Lord will bring me and my family closer to Him."

One listener concluded her prayer request letter with this offering of thanks: "My eldest daughter, now nearly thirteen years of age, was prayed for at a Christian rally seven years ago. She had had infantile eczema since a babe and from prayer that evening, thanks be to God, she has not had any skin trouble since.

A teacher in an agricultural school in West Africa writes: "I am a regular listener to your evangelistic broadcasts, and, to be candid, I have really cherished the series of broadcasts and I have been much inspired. Thanks to the Almighty and thanks to you, too, for your untiring efforts in presenting these lively broadcasts. Listening with me tonight to the broadcast are some friends and loved ones who are as keenly interested as myself."

A resident of Basutoland, South Africa, writes: "I am a regular listener to your program which comes every Sunday night from Lourenco Marques. Oh, I do enjoy your program so much. It is indeed wonderful to get God's messenger bringing us these inspiring messages through the medium of radio; especially here, where we are so isolated and lonely. It is glorious to listen to God's Word brought to us and explained so plainly.

As the availability of radio receivers increases in the African nations, *Revivaltime* receives more letters telling of these listeners' first impression of the broadcast. One such comes from a South African gentleman:

"It is with great thanks to God that I am able to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the program last night. I received a great blessing from the message. It was the first time I was able to tune in your program and

listen as I have had no radio until now.

"I am studying at Bible college and would appreciate copies of your sermons for myself and my fellow students. I am English-speaking and most of the sermons here are in Africanese, so you can imagine how much of a blessing your sermons are."

A concerned wife from Monrovia, Liberia, writes after tuning in *Revivaltime* for the first time: "You are just the group I've been looking or listening for. Yesterday I sat near my radio listening for the sermons as they came over the air. My heart was greatly touched by your sermon."

Summing up the enthusiasm of the African listeners is this note from another Lourenco Marques auditor: "I have been a regular listener to your program and have always thoroughly enjoyed it. When you start singing, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' I just get a thrill. I know just what to expect—to be lifted up above my feelings of despondency which so often come over me, and to begin to take fresh courage again. The radio ministry of *Revivaltime* has drawn me closer to the Lord."

Keeping these radio outlets broadcasting their beams of hope is costly. The African stations cannot be supported by the listeners alone. It is necessary that each of us share in this evangelistic missionary effort.

Your offerings are vital to the continuance of this radio ministry in Africa and around the world. To help meet the costs of the releases in Africa please designate your offering *For Revivaltime in Africa*. Send your offerings to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A.

ON THE AIR



**WITH D.V. HURST
SECRETARY
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QUICKLY LET ME SHARE A FEW TESTIMONIES WITH YOU. The *Revivaltime* mail has been strong. Many have written to tell what God has done for them.

"Your united prayers have been answered. My husband was saved Sunday night.

"It is such a joy to see him put his Bible in his lunch pail as he goes to work!" Mrs. E. S.

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"Several weeks ago I wrote requesting prayer about my job... I am well situated in a new position with shorter hours and a fine salary. Thank you for praying. Good jobs are at a premium here, but God holds that premium." D. E. R.

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"I thought perhaps you would be interested to know that I think your services on the radio had some influence on my husband.

"He entered the hospital October 23 and was led to the Lord the 24th by our local pastor. He passed away on October 29.

"He was raised in Christian Science teaching and was always against my belief. However, for the last three or four months he wanted to listen to your program every week along with some others." Mrs. E. M.

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We are delighted to get prayer requests which say: "Pray that I might be saved." Such a prayer was answered for Robert W. Kelly of West Virginia. He has written again to say:

"I am writing to let you know it has been a year since I was converted. Before I was saved, I had written asking to be remembered in the prayer circle. The prayers were gloriously answered. This has been a wonderful year."

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"Thank God! Prayer was made and the chains fell off. I haven't smoked a cigarette in over a month." H. O. H.

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"I have good news for you. When I was writing requesting prayer, before I had finished the letter, the pain left my body. By the time you had prayed, my healing had come." Mrs. N. C. H.

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"I sent my name in for the World Prayermeeting that I might receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. However, I received it *before* the prayermeeting." J. B.

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Let me cite one more. A Jewish man in New York wrote to tell us he had been listening to WABC and heard *Revivaltime*. He said:

"Through your program I was spoken to by God. I totally surrendered to Christ. I was hardened in sin but convicted by the Holy Spirit upon hearing your sermon. I know the devil is tempting me with things that he says I can't give up for the Lord, but I am praying that God will help me. I know I will win the victory. I am Jewish but I believe that Jesus was the Messiah; this after a year's study of the Bible.

"I now feel that I want to serve Christ with my whole heart, mind, soul, and body—no matter what the cost."

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Every week the *Revivaltime* altar is open! Friends seek God and find an answer to their need. Surely it pays to broadcast the good news!

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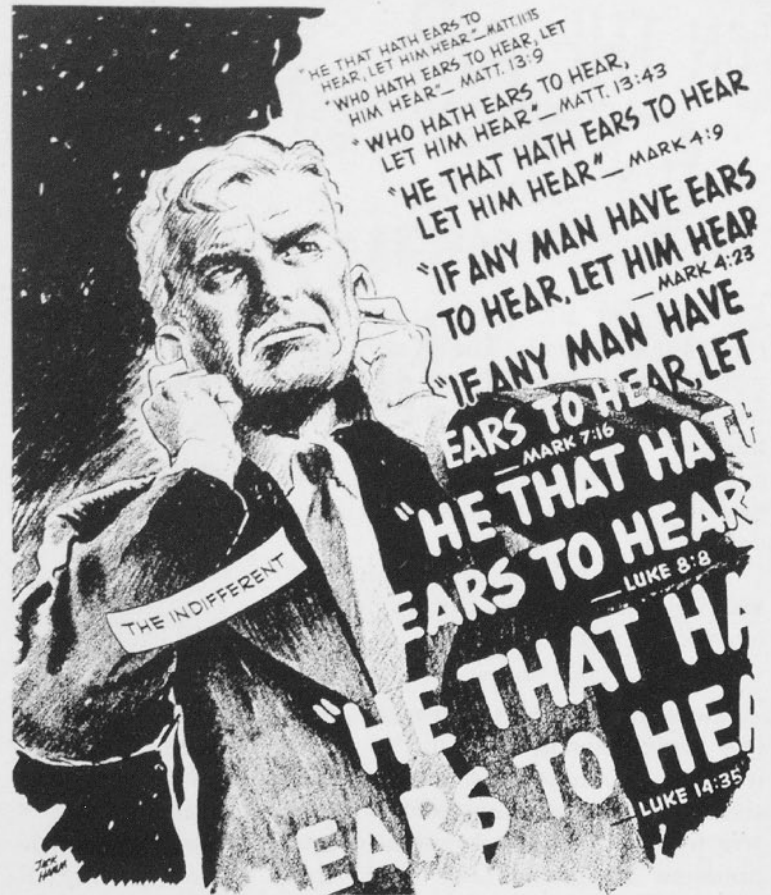
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STOP RESISTING GOD!

A man's great sin lies in resisting God. As soon as he relents and repents of this, every other sin ceases to exist. When he repents of resisting the Lord he pulls up the taproot from which the other transgressions spring.



GOD IS THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF THE Universe. He created it. Therefore all created beings should be entirely subject to God's will. All resistance to Him is sin.

When the preacher speaks against sin, many people think that he alludes to some transgression such as stealing, cursing, adultery or getting drunk. Yet the sin which has damned the millions who have gone into eternity unsaved is not these. *It is resisting God by not obeying the Gospel.*

"The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." So reads 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. The apostle Peter, overwhelmed with the terrible doom of the disobedient, exclaimed: "What shall the end of those be *who obey not the gospel?*" (1 Peter 4:17).

I knew a man who had been guilty of nearly every sin in the catalog, yet he was wonderfully converted the first time he heard a gospel sermon. He admitted he was wicked, but he was

not wicked enough to refuse to obey a gospel of such mercy and forgiveness.

In view of the majesty, the love, the holiness, and the supreme authority of God, what presumptuous wickedness it is for puny man to ignore His counsel, oppose His authority and corrupt His holy government by neglecting to do His will! Surely the angels must look on in astonishment at the wicked presumption of any man who would set up his will against that of his Maker and—against his own interests—co-operate with the devil, who seeks his eternal ruin! "*Today if ye will hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts*" (Hebrews 3:15).

God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Repentance is man's first duty. To defer repentance is to resist God. To refuse to be governed by the will of God is the awful sin of rebellion. It is the very foundation of wickedness.

Sorrow and remorse over past transgressions is not repentance. If this were true then hell would be full of repentance, for there is more remorse there than anywhere else. There is remorse in our penitentiaries, yet many

a man when released will repeat his crimes. No, repentance is nothing short of *ceasing to resist God*. Every man who has truly repented will do the will of God with all his heart and will love to do it. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith . . . Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father" (Matthew 7:21).

Finney said, "It is surprising that a sinner should suppose himself doing God's service when he prays and reads his Bible. Should a rebel against [our] government read the statute book while he continues in rebellion and has no design to obey? Or, should he ask for pardon while he holds on to his weapons of resistance and warfare?" No, indeed. The true prayer of repentance acknowledges unqualified submission to God's will. Only this puts God on the throne and makes a man a loyal and zealous subject of His government.

As soon as the sin of resisting the Gospel has been repented of, every other sin will also cease to exist. The taproot from which the other transgressions spring has then been pulled up. The rebellion is over and the man

has found rest for his soul. For if a man is not resisting the truth, then he is walking in the light and the "blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses [him] from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

How simple and easy it is for us to know that we have a pure heart. A pure heart wills with God only that which is good. It wills nothing but what God wills, and it wills all that He wills.

Repentance and submission to the will of God prepare a man for the life of obedience. He now will love to do anything the Bible commands. With Cornelius and his friends, such a man can go to church and heartily say, "We are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (Acts 10:33).

This yielding to the truth takes away all obstacles to faith, so that the clogged channels of the heart are freed and the rivers of salvation can flow. Thus cleansed, it is easy for people to receive the baptism in the Spirit the first time they know their privilege—just as they did at Samaria, at Caesarea, and at Ephesus.

One fruit of repentance is to make the believer a "doer of the Word," instead of a doer of his feelings. When I engage a man to build me a house, I expect him to lay aside his ideas and his feelings and stick to his work and the specifications. In building the tabernacle, Moses did not question any of the divine specifications, but "did according to all the Lord commanded him." God expects the same from us. Real repentance puts a man in this attitude toward the written Word of God. What joy, then, to do His will.

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The Touch of Power

Within my wayward, restless soul
A miracle, O Christ, perform;
Only Thy touch can make me whole,
And quell the raging of the storm.

Just as Thy word in Galilee
Didst cleanse the leper, heal the lame,
Oh, cleanse this leprous heart in me;
Deliver me from sin and shame!

What chance have I 'gainst Satan's might,
Who knows my every weakness well?
Without Thy help, 'tis vain to fight,
To battle with the hordes of Hell.

Only Thy soul-renewing touch
O Christ, can make the dead to live!
The lame to throw away his crutch,
The blind to see—and thus forgive.

The miracle is now begun
Break, melt and mold my yearning soul;
I feel it now! The work is done!
Faith in Thy power hath made me whole.
—Herbert P. Wood

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God has infinite treasure to bestow upon all who acknowledge His right to govern their lives. Obedience is all that He asks of us. When we obey, faith thrives; grace works unhindered. And "no good thing will he withhold" from us—for then, and not until then, are we walking "uprightly." When God's Word says, "Do this," we will submit and obey; and when it says, "Do not do this," we will not resist but will cooperate with God and receive His blessing.

This is the true repentance which brings the gift of the Holy Spirit, as it came on the Day of Pentecost. Such repentance secures in advance our consent to every future revelation of the will of God for us.

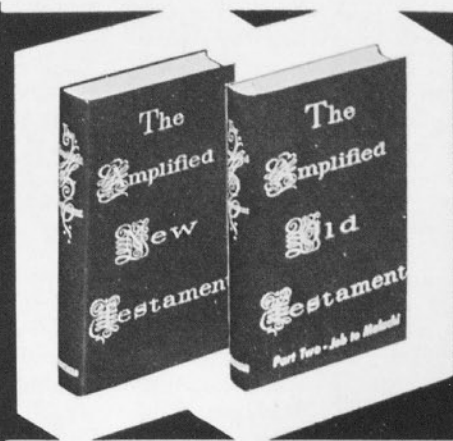
When God inaugurated the Christian Church on the Day of Pentecost, He inspired Peter to announce the very first sentence of Gospel instruction to anxious sinners. To be observed by every seeker for salvation during the Gospel dispensation, it is recorded in the following words: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

May you, dear reader, cease at once all resistance to God and the wooings of the Holy Spirit. Let your private war of rebellion end! Then, after genuine repentance, may you be led from "faith to faith," and "from glory to glory," "into all the fullness of God."
—F. F. B.

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NCBC BECOMES REGIONAL SCHOOL

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, North Central Bible College came under new management and is now supervised by a Board of Regents, rather than the Presbyters of the Minnesota District. Since 1935, the Presbyters of Minnesota have served in a dual role—both supervising the Assemblies of God churches of the state, and administering the affairs of the College.

For the past two or three years representatives from three neighboring states have sat with the Minnesota Directors in official meetings and voted on all matters pertaining to the business of the College.

The representatives of the Board of Regents from each of the three member districts—Minnesota, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, and South Dakota—include the District Superintendent, a duly-elected minister, and a layman. Stanley H. Clarke, Minnesota district superintendent, is the new chairman of the board. S. Harland Petersen,

South Dakota district superintendent, serves as the secretary.

Present for the recent meeting was Chas. W. H. Scott, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, who is the executive director of the denomination's Department of Education.

STUDENTS FROM TEN COUNTRIES ATTEND NCAG

KIRKLAND, WASH.—An international atmosphere prevails on the campus of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God this year, with students from ten countries enrolled for the fall semester, not including the United States. Countries represented are: Burma, Philippines, Canada, British Guiana, Uruguay, Hong Kong, Fiji Islands, India, Japan, and the British Honduras. Students from two more foreign countries, Korea and France, planned to enroll at mid-term.

Interviews with faculty and American students on the campus reveal that the international students have been warmly welcomed. Some remarked that this was the first time they had associated with foreign students, and they are grateful for the opportunity to attend college with these representatives from other countries.

The presence of these international students has distinct advantages for the American students enrolled. Registrar Millard indicated that it broadens the social and cultural experiences which the students receive in college, and it creates a climate of international understanding and appreciation that would not be possible other-



Some of the foreign students at Northwest College are shown here. The students represent India, Hong Kong, Uruguay, Fiji Islands, Philippines, British Guiana, British Honduras, and Malaya.

wise. His opinions were supported by the faculty sponsor of the student missionary association, Robert Dalton, who observed that education in a cosmopolitan atmosphere contributes to the missionary vision which Bible college students receive.

HAWAIIAN SISTERS ATTEND SCC

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Three Christian Hawaiian sisters are enrolled at Southern California Col-

lege in Costa Mesa. Though Hawaiian-born, their ancestry is Spanish, French, Japanese, Hawaiian, German, and Filipino. Reared by their mother, the six Ono children range in age from fifteen to twenty-one.

While attending Waimea High School in Hawaii the three sisters, Pat, Yvette, and Rose, actively participated in numerous school functions. God honored their consecrated lives by giving them favor with the entire student body. They were elected to several positions of honor, and Rose received a year's scholarship to Southern California College.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SET FOR GLAD TIDINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO

1963 is the golden anniversary year for Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco, Calif. which was pioneered in 1913 by Pastor and Mrs. Robert Craig. The anniversary will be observed May 22-26, 1963, according to the present pastor, Floyd W. Thomas.

The church evolved from humble beginnings and produced a Bible Institute of world renown. Glad Tidings Bible Institute, founded at 1441 Ellis Street, moved in 1950 to Scott's Valley near Santa Cruz and was renamed Bethany Bible College.

During and after World War II the Glad Tidings neighborhood on Ellis Street quickly deteriorated into a slum section, but the members were reluctant to see the church moved away from the heart of San Francisco feeling the city's promise of re-development would be worth waiting for. Today there is a change in the area that is almost unbelievable. New apartments are rising within a stone's throw of the Temple and the old Fillmore District will soon be one of the most modern shopping centers in the city.

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The Ono sisters from Hawaii

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Officials sign papers by which the title of North Central Bible College was transferred from the Minnesota District to the North Central Region. Seated left to right are: G. Raymond Carlson, President of NCBC; and Herman H. Rohde, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota District. Standing: Wilson A. Katter, secretary of NCBC; Frank J. Lindquist, founder and former president of the college; and Stanley H. Clarke, chairman of the board of regents.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

voice choir, and various ethnic groups moved into the neighborhood, the major part of the community has changed in the past three years with the result that the church is growing and missionary giving has doubled.

The Temple is planning a modernization program that will blend this historic Assemblies of God church into a contemporary scene. All former members and other friends are invited to attend the golden anniversary services.

EVANGELICALS TO MEET IN BUFFALO, N.Y.

The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) will hold its 21st annual convention at Buffalo, N. Y., April 23-25 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. More than 40 Protestant denominations, including the Assemblies of God, will participate in the sessions.

Headlining the list of speakers will be Dr. Curtis Nyms, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, who is noted for the support he gave to the House Un-American Activities Committee at the time of its hearings on Communist activity in California.

Other speakers will include Robert A. Cook, NAE president; George L. Ford, executive director; Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist Church; and two well-known evangelical editors—A. W. Tozer of *The Alliance Witness* and G. Aiken Taylor of *The Presbyterian Journal*.

The closing session will feature a missionary spectacular to highlight the convention theme, "Forward! with Christ."

BROTHER WILLIAMS RECOVERED

The Lord has touched E. S. Williams, who was very sick a few weeks ago. Health and strength have returned and Brother Williams, though still a bit under weight from his ordeal, is now able to answer his mail. His very popular column of questions and answers, which so many readers have said they greatly missed, will be appearing regularly in the *Evangel* again, beginning very soon.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Feb. 19-20 at Calvary Temple, 5518 Pearl St., Jacksonville, Fla. A. A. Wilson, Springfield, Mo. guest speaker.—by Harold E. Bullock, district secretary.

WITH CHRIST

HENRY L. HOPKINS, 74, of Baxter Springs, Kans., died at his home November 27. An ordained

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGLIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Floral	Liberty Hill	Feb. 17-24	Linton "Buddy" Creel	D. Z. Finch	
	Grove Hill	Magnolia	Feb. 10-24	Doug Louise Bartlett	C. L. McKinney	
	Prattville	A/G	Feb. 13-24	Grant Daniel	Melvin Holley	
Ariz.	Flagstaff	First	Feb. 10-24	Lloyd Perera	Ray A. Ford	
	Scottsdale	A/G	Feb. 17-24	Steve & Pat Rexroat	Wayne Haun	
	Tucson	First	Feb. 10—	Edgar W. Bethany	L. C. Gilmore	
Ark.	Camden	Cullendale	Feb. 12-24	Joel Palmer	J. D. Middlebrook	
Calif.	Fontana	Calvary	Feb. 19—	Knouse-Stovall Team	C. H. Miller	
	Hollydale	Bethany Chapel	Feb. 12-24	Ron Prinzing	Watson Argue, Jr.	
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Arthur & Anna Berg	Douglas G. Scott	
	Olivehurst	First	Feb. 17-22	Charles Senechal	Searl W. Stover	
	Richmond	Central	Feb. 5-17	Raymond & Vivian Miller	Russell Griffin	
	Santa Ana	First	Feb. 3—	Paul E. Riggs	Earl Odell	
	San Jose	Bethel	Feb. 10—	Diehl Family	Leland Keys	
	Wilmington	Boulevard	Feb. 13-17	Doug Payne	Leonard Nipper	
	Colo.	Englewood	A/G	Feb. 12-24	Jeremiah Hanley	D. Paul Perry
	Fla.	Bartow	A/G	Feb. 6-17	Michael & Peggy Lord	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
Clewiston		* A/G	Feb. 17-22	Bob Olson	James F. Kimbrel	
DeLand		First	Feb. 12—	L. K. Dodge	W. P. Berringer	
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Vero Beach		First	Feb. 10—	J. B. Woolums	Norfleet Jones	
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Iowa	Grinell	First	Feb. 5-17	Larry Allbaugh	Don Rich	
Kans.	Ellsworth	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 10	Ray C. Eskelin	Gerald D. Atchinson	
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	Turon	A/G	Feb. 10-Mar. 3	Don Logan	James Smith	
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N. Dak.	Noonan	A/G	Feb. 12-24	Wes & Pat Larson	Howard Romberg	
	Williston	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 10	Wes & Pat Larson	Charles Jackson	
	Canton	Christian	Feb. 13-24	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	C. Eugene Pansler	
Ohio	Cincinnati	Deer Pk. Christian	Feb. 12-24	John Higginbotham	Gene Huff	
	Cleveland	First	Feb. 11-24	Erwin Moore & Family	Gordon E. Speed	
	Harrison	Harrison Ave.	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Tommy Reid	Brenton Osgood	
	Lima	First	Feb. 12-24	Musical Lebsacks	Thos. F. Hartshorn	
	Okla.	Oklahoma City	Sunny Lane	Feb. 12—	Eddie Wilson	Robert L. Hill
Pa.	Panama	First	Feb. 18—	Mathers-Pharr Team	W. O. Hatley	
	Yukon	A/G	Feb. 3-17	Ervin & Mrs. Asiatico	Jack L. Robertson	
	Amaranth	Buck Valley	Feb. 10-24	Daniel Summa	Arthur Lemmert	
	Dallas	Second Avenue	Feb. 13-24	B. J. Smith	Houston Brumit	
	Dallas	Lakewood	Feb. 3—	Sara E. Sharp	E. M. Fjordbak	
	League City	First	Feb. 17—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	L. O. Lormand	
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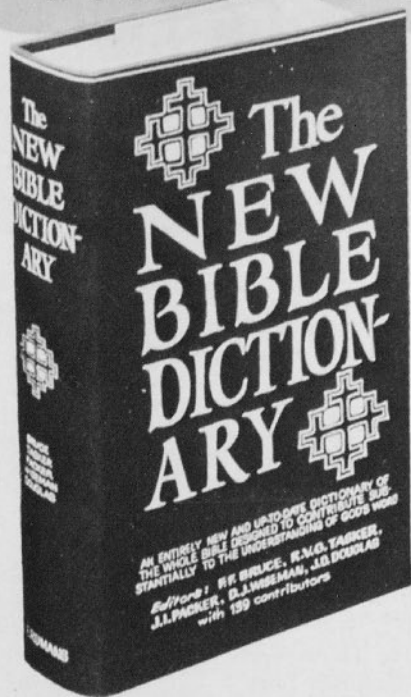
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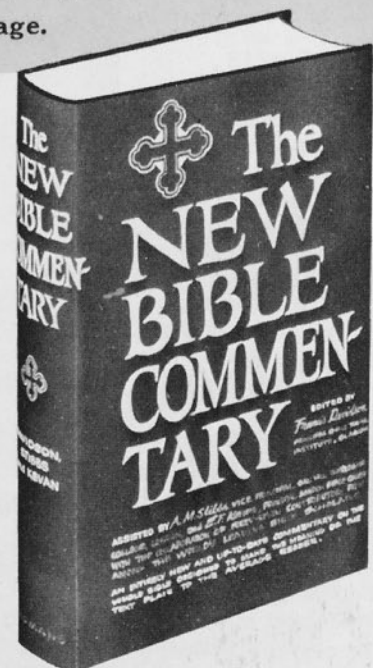
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The Lord employs a mathematics quite his own—
Computations which I cannot figure out—
Such as giving, not withholding, to maintain
A balanced wealth of blessings minus fear
of drought.

The Lord has power I don't understand. Enough,
Knowing He can speak one word and form a star;
Knowing He can take of broken things, and
rough,
"Things which aren't, to bring to nought the
things that are."

He who multiplied—divided—bread and fish,
And turned the water into wine, is changing me:
Is giving beauty for dull ashes, joy for tears;
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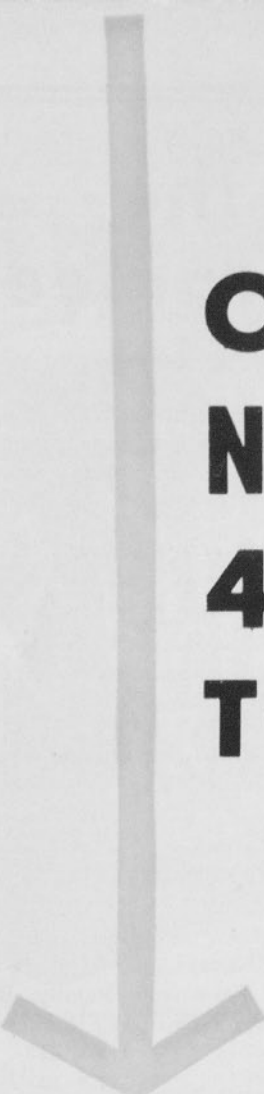
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GIDEON HAD 31,700 MEN TOO MANY IN HIS ARMY! "BUT surely," someone says, "you can't be serious. Only 300 untrained men against a well-trained, mechanized force of over 120,000 men?" Yes, this is what the Lord proposed to Gideon, His five-star general in the field.

The odds at first had been four to one in favor of the Midianite forces; now they were 400 to one, according to Judges 8:10. Why had God proposed such a seemingly ridiculous strategy? For several reasons.

First, Gideon had *tried God*; now God was *testing Gideon*. In chapter 6, verse 36, the new deliverer of Israel had required a sign of the Lord, saying, "Then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said." *God accepted his challenge*, and the next morning the fleece was wet and the earth was dry. Yet again Gideon spoke, *seeking more assurance*, and again God revealed Himself to him; verse 40, "And God did so that night, for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground." The twofold test had proved to Gideon that God was with him. He was sure of victory.

How many times has God in His infinite, providential and personal care altered the very course of nature for His people! He has cooled the fevered brow of a loved one, poured in the oil of comfort in times of trouble, and supplied the necessities of life when all seemed hopeless. Gideon had proved God. *Now God was to prove Gideon!*

Verse 3 says, "Whosoever is *fearful and afraid*, let him return and depart," and there returned of the people 22,000. Test number one. Verse 4 says, "And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many." Test number two. "Bring them down to the water and I will give them a *special aptitude test*." God is a specialist! Man looks on the outward appearance, but God examines the heart. 9,700 failed to pass the test. Would Gideon? Would he *desert, give up, pull out, turn back, fall away*, decide the job was too big for him? No, a thousand times no! He had learned to *trust God with the details of life*. He passed the test!

The second reason the Lord chose this plan of attack is found in verse 2 of the 7th chapter, "Lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me." *The test of victory, success, accomplishment, prosperity, and power* is very real. God wanted them to realize that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Salvation is of grace—"not of works, lest any man should boast." We are what we are, and have what we have, and accomplish what we accomplish, only by the grace of God. We can do all things through Christ—and nothing without Him. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." What could 300 *trumpet-blowing, pitcher-breaking, candle-carrying, shouting, untrained* Israelites do without the Lord against 120,000 experienced soldiers? But with the Lord on their side, they could win!

Finally, this victory was to be a *perpetual memorial foreshadowing the victory to be won in the midst of great distress by the coming Saviour*. The prophet Isaiah looked 750 years into the future and said, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that have dwelled in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Then Isaiah describes the spiritual joy that will overwhelm "the people that walked in darkness." He says, "It is as the joy in time of harvest, and as men rejoicing when they divide the spoil." Verse 4 tells us, "For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, *as in the day of Midian*." Here the prophet looks back approximately 500 years to the great victory of God through Gideon and his 300 men to picture *to us today* the overwhelming, indescribable victory of Christ at Calvary.

"For we are more than conquerors" through Christ. Let the sinner hear it and rejoice! Victory has been secured for all who will believe! Let the Christian worker hear it and rejoice. Whether he be a banker or builder, a merchant or mechanic, a fisherman or farmer, he can be a "mighty man of valor" through the *power and demonstration of the indwelling Holy Spirit*. Let the minister and missionary hear it and be glad, for God with a *tested and proven leader and a few people* can take a multitude. Let the Church hear it and take courage, for the gates of hell shall not prevail against a company whose Captain is Christ. ◀◀◀

With Christ as our Captain, we need not fear the most formidable foe