

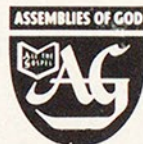
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND!



Are you riding a spiritual merry-go-round to oblivion? Like the people of Israel, are you traveling in a circle of complacency? When God has brought us out of the Egypt of sin, we find wilderness living better than the old life and we are tempted to be content to go in a circle. But we never will reach the highlands of Canaan until we 'stop the merry-go-round.'

By DON MALLOUGH

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WHILE WAITING FOR A TRAIN I SAW A SIGHT THAT was both amusing and revealing. Right near the depot was a small street carnival and from where I stood I could see the merry-go-round. There was the sound of the calliope mingled with laughter and the cries of delight that came from the children as they bounced up and down on the wooden horses.

One father put his four-year-old on a horse for his first ride. After overcoming the initial sense of fear, the boy grinned with glee as he circled, and the proud parent waved wildly and called to him as he passed. When the ride came to an end the father attempted to help him off the horse. The little fellow put up a violent protest. He screamed, cried, and clung tenaciously to the pole.

Finally, in great embarrassment, the father reached into his coin purse, bought another ticket, and the storm subsided. That ride, too, came to an end. Rather gently the father said, "Come now, Billy, we must go home." That did not appeal to the lad at all and he duplicated his original performance. If anything, he was more determined to stay on than ever.

Again the father's efforts were unavailing. He weakened and bought a third ticket. The whole experience was repeated several times and each time it became more humorous to an onlooker. After the eighth trip the boy was just as eager to ride, as adamant against dismounting, and put on as violent a demonstration as at the first. Finally the disgusted father said, "Billy, we're going home!" Then by sheer force he pulled him off the horse and dragged the screaming, kicking boy in the direction of his car.

That parent had to take drastic action and he might as well have done it the first time.

Riding the merry-go-round is a pleasant pastime for children—and for some adults. In the spiritual realm it is also a common practice of those who are childish and immature. There comes a time when we must dismount from the wooden horses and go on a real journey. Like an earthly parent, God, our heavenly Father, must take drastic action to put a stop to our senseless circling. Often He must do so over our protests because we greatly delight in playing games and would rather pretend to be traveling than to journey toward our destination.

God took such action centuries ago for His people the Israelites. He did so by giving them a stiff command. They had been traveling in circles and He veritably said to them, "Stop the merry-go-round!" Those were not His exact words but the message is found in Deuteronomy 2:3. He said, "Ye have circled this mountain long enough." If we but incline our ears to hear the voice of God we will hear the same message today.

The sin of Israel was that of meandering. They took forty years to traverse an area they could have covered in forty days. They were constantly moving but gaining no ground. They played at traveling by merely going in circles.

The Israelites had completely lost sight of their goal. They were glad to have left Egypt, with all of its evils and discomforts, but had forgotten God's purpose in bringing them out. They had started with the objective of reaching the promised land but had long since forgotten about that. They had ceased being travelers and had become tramps. They knew only the mechanics of packing and moving. They had no vision as to where they were going.

God reminded them that they were only marking time. They were treading too long in the same place and

traversing the same territory. Because we tend to do as they did we too need a jarring rebuke and a stirring to action. To those of us who are in a rut He says, "Ye have circled this mountain long enough." In a jolting exclamation, in modern parlance, He says, "Stop the merry-go-round!"

We are very prone to go in the circle of tradition. We do many things, even in worship, because we have done them always. Eventually those traditions become stronger than convictions which are based upon, "Thus saith the Lord." It is very easy to become a slave to the methods of the past which merely keep us going in circles. We follow in the rut of past custom and think we are progressing when we are actually beating over the same trails.

Some families have a long-established custom whereby the head of the household reads Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* every Christmas eve. The younger generation in such a family thinks such reading is essential to Christmas. There is nothing wrong with such a practice but tradition lays a greater emphasis upon that one piece of literature than it rightly deserves. To some it is more important than the gospel account of Christmas. There comes a time to leave the mount of tradition and follow the leadings of the Lord. Even worse are the traditions that are at cross points with the revealed will of God. Jesus strongly rebuked the Pharisees by saying, "Ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9).

It is very easy to travel in the circle of complacency. How readily we become smug, satisfied, and content. God has led us out of the Egypt of sin and we find wilderness living better than the old life. That it falls far short of the Canaan life that was promised to us we do not consider. We show little concern for our spiritual betterment and none for the condition of the lost ones about us. Our attitude says, "I'm enjoying myself and I shall not be moved."

Many of us have settled into the groove of seeking self-comfort primarily. It is most revealing to take an inventory of what we want most and what we would spend hard-earned money to obtain. The creature comforts are high on the list; good food, fine clothes, a reclining chair in which to relax, a comfortable mattress on the bed or a vibrator to lull us to sleep. Fleshly comfort and ease take first place on our want list. The body is pampered and made to be king instead of servant, as in the Scriptural teachings. Feelings have a louder voice than the Lord. God says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). But we answer, "I just don't *feel* like going to church." We then stay home. Which voice speaks the louder? Which is supreme, our feelings or God?

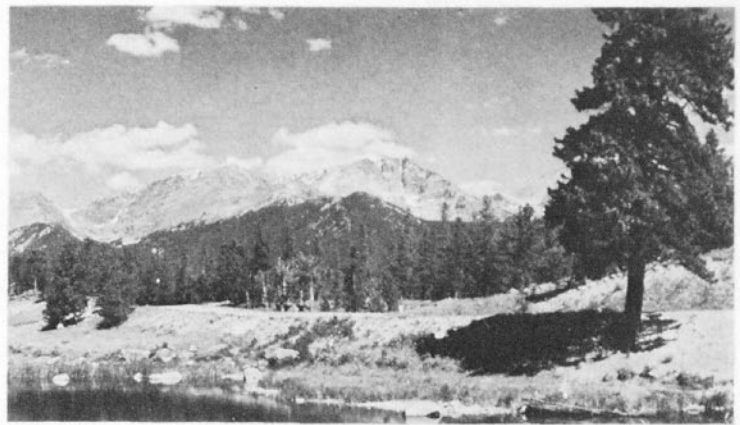
The merry-go-round will carry us to spiritual oblivion. We shall never reach the highlands of Canaan by riding it. We may wish to continue in circles. We may justify and rationalize our actions. We may fondle memories

of God's blessings of the past and be content. We can only make progress when we stop the merry-go-round.

Not only does God command that we stop going in circles but He gives us a positive directive as to what we should do. To Israel, and to us, He says, "Turn ye northward." They had been circling around Mount Seir but now the time for that had ended. Due north of them was Canaan wherein lay the great inheritance that had been promised to them. By going in a straight line they could reach it in a short while. His exhortation was that they visualize that goal and head directly toward it.

Beyond us lie vistas of beauty and experience of depth. What we now possess is but a meager portion to what God would have us to inherit. He holds out His best to us and suggests drastic action to start us on the road toward it.

STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND! ◀◀



LOADED DOWN WITH BENEFITS!

Have you forgotten the benefits of the Lord? Do you recount what He has done in your life, how He has answered prayer, how He has heard in time of distress and sorrow, how He has delivered out of that hard place where you were pressed to the limit?

Psalm 69:19 says He loads us daily with benefits—just makes us bow down under the load of blessings.

Murmuring and faultfinding can become so general we are sometimes like the farmer who had a good crop. He was a grumbler, but they thought surely he would have nothing to grumble about now. They said, "You've a wonderful crop, haven't you?"

"Oh, yes," he replied, "it was good—but it was terribly hard on the soil!"

Then there was the woman who had a good potato crop. They told her, "Oh, what beautiful, big potatoes you have."

"Yes," was the answer, "but there's no little ones left for the pigs."

The devil would silence our lips, but we should make him hear our praises. The Bible commands, "Be ye thankful." Oh, let us praise the Lord who inhabits the praises of His people and spread thanksgiving over all the year!

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God's Way Is Best

David passed through some gruelling experiences at the hands of his enemies. Often he must have been tempted to question the providences of God.

Weaker men would have asked, "Why must life be so hard? Why must King Saul hate me so?" There was pressure, and there was persecution, but David never weakened. He trod the rocky path that led to the throne, and in the day of triumph he looked back at the way by which God had led him and he sang, "As for God, his way is perfect." But the lesson is not easily learned. One Christian man learned it through a parable in nature.

He loved to study insects, and for nearly a year he kept the flask-shaped cocoon of an emperor moth under observation. This cocoon is peculiar in its construction. There is a narrow opening in the neck of the "flask" through which the perfect insect forces its way out from the chrysalis.

It is marvelous how an insect the size of an emperor moth can ever emerge through that narrow opening. It is never done without great labor and difficulty. Naturalists tell us that the pressure to which the moth's body is subjected in passing through the narrow space is the Creator's method of making the beautiful wings so large and strong. The pressure forces certain juices into vessels of the wings, which are less developed at emergence from the chrysalis than they are in other insects.

Our friend happened to notice the first efforts of the imprisoned moth to escape from its long confinement. Nearly a whole forenoon, from time to time, he watched it struggling and straining to get out.

At last the man's patience was exhausted. "I'm going to help the poor thing out," he decided. So, using the points of his scissors, he snipped the confining threads to make the exit just a bit easier. Immediately, and with perfect ease, the moth crawled out—but dragging a swollen body and little shrivelled wings!

Unfortunately the moth remained in that pitiful form. The wings never developed. All the exquisite spots and patterns of beautiful colors were there in miniature, but the wings never assumed their proper proportions. The moth remained a stunted thing, an abortion, a deformed creature. Throughout all its brief life it crawled painfully while the Creator meant it to be flying through the air on rainbow wings!

That man learned a lesson. He learned to understand what has been called "the hardness of God's love."

Sometimes when we see a brother in trouble, struggling with sorrow or distress, we are tempted to wish we could set him free from his trouble—as though we are more merciful than God! How little we know of God's thoughts! How do we know that one groan can be spared in the Creator's perfect plan?

God's love is more far-sighted than ours. His love is too strong to shrink from the pain of discipline. He chastens us that we may be "partakers of his holiness." He permits us to suffer hardness that we may be soldiers in His army. His method is to bring His sons to glory "through much tribulation." Let us believe now, as we shall discover at the end of our journey, that, "as for God, his way is perfect," and we may add as David did, "It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect" (Psalm 18:30, 32).

—R.C.C.

WE CAN IMPROVE THE CONTAINER!

A certain soapmaker, having run out of superlatives to describe the perfection of his product, hit upon a statement that said in a novel and compelling way the last word that could be said concerning it: "As we couldn't improve our product we improved the box."

We cannot improve the content of our great salvation, but we can improve the container—ourselves.

—Selected

DON'T BE A BUCKET

If we can be His channel, He can pour His love, riches, and power through us to bless others. If His blessings and power stop with us, others will suffer.

The only way the stream will flow is for us to become OPEN CHANNELS—not BUCKETS! A bucket can hold only a small amount, but a channel is unlimited! It can become a means through which God can pour, and pour, and POUR of His unlimited resources!

As we give out He pours in, so we will never be able to outgive God. This is His plan: "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

—W. G. HINECKER, in *Kentucky Challenge*

BROKEN NESTS!

A farmer who saw a bird building its nest in a heap of rubbish pruned from trees destroyed the work of the industrious bird. The next day the bird tried hard again, and for the second time the farmer broke it up. On the third day the bird built her nest on a limb near the kitchen door, and the farmer smiled and let it remain.

Long before the eggs were hatched the pile of branches from which the bird had twice been driven was burned.

Like the humbled bird, we often wonder why God so often breaks up our nest. Were we able to see as God does, we would know that our heavenly Father has kept us from destruction that will burn the nests of all who abide not in Christ.

—Selected

FIGHT DEPRESSION BY PRESSING ON!

"Physical symptoms often stem from man's depressed feeling," said Dr. Walter C. Alvarez in *Grit*. "For forty years," he continued, "I have been saddened to see that commonly when a person goes into a mental depression (*melancholia*) we doctors fail to make the correct diagnosis.

"One of the common symptoms of melancholia is abdominal pain. Usually the patient talks of great fatigue. Many have insomnia...lose their appetites...feel strange and 'not themselves'...have headaches and...so much pain about their joints they are thought to have arthritis.

"If questioned closely, they may admit that they feel terribly unhappy... At least a third of the people who came to me with some serious disease in the abdomen turned out to have their trouble in the brain!"

Depression is a *robber* that will rob us of health.



We must avoid it. Reject all harmful thoughts, sad thoughts, and unkind thoughts of others! Seek comfort from the Bible, and keep praising God. Let us pray for and "esteem others better than ourselves." Take courage in the thought that very soon Christ will come for His own!

—GRACE AGAR

COURAGE, HE'S COMING!

There was a period of bondage and oppression in the history of Italy when a courageous man by the name of Garibaldi stood forth with the promise of deliverance to his beloved people. Prisoners, as they were beaten along the streets on their way to loathsome dungeons, were cheered by friends who whispered to them, "Courage! Garibaldi is coming!"

With chalk in hand the enslaved inhabitants would steal forth at night and write on walls and pavements, "Garibaldi is coming!" When he approached a city, the populace would shout rapturously, "Garibaldi is coming!"

Made for Thyself, O God:
Made for Thy love, Thy service, Thy delight;
Made to show forth Thy wisdom, grace, and might;
Made for Thy praise whom veiled angels laud.
Oh! strange and glorious thought that we may be
A joy to God!

—Selected

Finally Garibaldi came, and with him came deliverance.

A greater than Garibaldi is coming to bring deliverance to God's people. Soon we shall hear the rapturous shout, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!" Let us look for and love His appearing. The toils of the way and the length of the waiting will seem nothing when that glad day arrives. Just as surely as He came two thousand years ago, He will come again!

—BLANCH L. KING, in *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*

STILLBORN, OR ALIVE?

Breathing is the first sign of life. Is the child stillborn? If he breathes, he is alive. Prayer is the breathing of the spiritual life.

"Behold, he prayeth!"—it was the proof of Saul's new life in Christ. What more could Ananias desire?

And when breathing ceases, the life is ended. When there is no prayer, there is no spiritual life.

—The Free Methodist



THE WEIGHT OF WORDS

By WM. B. McCAFFERTY
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THE PROPHET SAID, "TAKE WITH YOU WORDS, AND TURN to the Lord" (Hosea 14:2). Words are weighty things. They are like the lightning. They can illuminate the darkened sky, or they can strike with sudden destruction the souls against which they are hurled.

Two words may issue out of the same mouth; one may be bad, the other good. The bad word will in many cases destroy the effects of the good word; while the good word may never repair the evil of the bad word.

Lead is good if used to sink a fish net, but made into bullets it becomes a means of wounding and of death. Let us use our words as a means of "catching men"—of winning souls, rather than as instruments of wounding and death.

Words never die, but live to all eternity. The words spoken today will be heard tomorrow—ten thousand years hence! If a word spoken in Rockefeller Center may be heard in San Francisco in the same moment, and recorded by the recording device for future audiences, may not our words be heard in the eternal courts of heaven and recorded for future hearings in the day of judgment? The great Creator, who has given such wisdom to man, can easily preserve every word of our heart and tongue. The word spoken in our bedchamber, which we think may not be heard, will wing its way across the starry plains of the Milky Way into the ears of heaven. God is listening in!

H. Burdon has said: "We live in the consequences of our words and actions, for good or for evil, long after we have many a time forgotten both." And how true this is. The consequences of one word may mean a lifetime of love and happiness. The proper and right use of the words of our mouth will surely lead our souls to God and eternal life, while the wrong use of them will drag us down to eternal night. With words of sincere repentance and heartfelt confession we may turn unto the Lord and live; or, speaking the word of refusal and the word of denial, we may turn aside in the "ways of death," for "death and life are in the

power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).

Words may be like old sores and eat away the very soul. For this reason the great apostle has said: "Shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness; and their words will eat as doth a canker" (2 Timothy 2:16, 17). The vain words of Hymenaeus and Philetus were making shipwreck of the faith of the saints. These must be counteracted by "sound words"—the "wholesome words" of the gospel of Jesus

Only a Word

'Twas only a word, a careless word,
But it smote the heart of one who heard
Like a fierce, relentless blow;
The day seemed overcast with gloom,
The sweetest songs seemed out of tune;
The fires of hope burned low.

'Twas only a word, a loving word,
But a weary, sorrowing heart was stirred,
And faith, triumphant, pruned her wing,
Discouraged souls began to sing,
And hope revived anew.

'Twas only a word, and yet what power
It holds to better or to mar
The lives of those who hear.
What power for good—for evil too!
Oh, may our words be good and true,
And spoken in God's fear.

—Anna L. Dreyer

Christ (2 Timothy 1:13; 1 Timothy 6:3). The fact that one may have a pleasing manner, and a wonderful vocabulary, may not signify that his words are true. The fact that a book may be well written as far as the choice of words is concerned, may not signify that its doctrines are true. The words of the speaker and the words of the book may become poison arrows of death in the heart and soul of him that hears or reads.

C. H. Spurgeon once said: "There is gold in the rocks which fringe the pass on the Splugen, gold even in the stones which mend the roads, but there is too little of it to be worth extracting. Alas, how like many books! Not so with the Scriptures: there one finds much gold;

their very dust is precious." There are many books advocating false doctrines which contain some truth, but not enough to make it worthwhile trying to extract it. The expense is too great. The soul is often the price of such mining.

Every trap must have its bait. Beware, then, and "take heed how you hear" and how you read. Words are mighty things. With them we may heal a wounded soul, or with them pierce a soul to death. There is much said of the "strife of words," of "the scourge of the tongues," in the Scriptures. Let us avoid all such and speak only that which will minister grace to the hearer, and which will result in eternal good. ◀◀◀

If you wish to hasten the answer to your prayers—

Attend the Prayer Meeting!

By R. A. WILSON, JR.

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IN THESE DAYS OF EXTREMELY CROWDED CHURCH programs, the weekly prayer meeting may suffer in attendance and participation by the congregation. Perhaps there is no other activity of the church that can bring such far-reaching results.

The Scriptures have promised several results which can be expected by a group of believers who are united in prayer. In Matthew 18:20, our Lord Jesus Christ has promised to be present, and, in 2 Chronicles 7:14, our heavenly Father has promised to hear our petitions. Isaiah 56:7 assures us joy; Exodus 20:24, blessing; Matthew 18:19, results; and Hebrews 10:25 *warns us against forsaking the prayer meeting.*

The time in which we live requires regular attendance at prayer meeting. Satan is saturating the earth and the air with wickedness. He is enticing political and religious systems to do his evil work of subverting the peoples of the earth. He is using all media of communication to indoctrinate the minds of men with his sinful plans, and is appealing to the low morality of the world to completely abandon godliness.

Our Lord predicted, "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). Paul warned, "There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you . . . , let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:7, 8).

One of the ways that God can help His people in these times is through the prayer meetings where there is agreement concerning spiritual needs—where faith is united into a forceful combine of spiritual power—where there is encouragement to wait on the Lord in prayer.

Prayer meetings bring spiritual blessing. When the early believers faced severe persecution they "lifted up their voice to God" in a prayer meeting. They prayed for boldness to stand true to their testimony. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

A prayer meeting at the church in Antioch brought a great missionary advance. In the congregation there were several young men who were spiritual leaders and capable teachers. It was at a prayer meeting that the Lord spoke saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

Some pertinent questions are: How many Christians have missed God's will in their lives because they do not regularly attend prayer meeting? How many youth, rather than letting the Lord direct them, have frustrated God's plan for their lives because they left the altars to further their social life? How many, because they did not take time for prayer meeting, have backslidden from the place of complete consecration?

The exciting story of Peter's release from prison—his chains falling off, and his exit from between guards through doors and gates that opened before him—was almost too much for those who were praying for him. Peter's release had become a reality because the believers had united in a prayer meeting.

Every Christian desires answers to prayer—a loved one saved, wayward children brought back to God, an illness healed, a revival in the community. There is no surer way to hasten the answers than to be a regular participant in the prayer meeting! ◀◀◀



Chapel-Library Dedicated at Evangel College

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A long-awaited goal was attained on February 22, 1963, with the dedication of the new Evangel College library and chapel, the first permanent building on the Evangel College campus at Springfield.

The dedication service was held during the annual alumni homecoming at Evangel. Dedicatory speaker was Ralph M. Riggs, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God from 1953 to 1959 who formerly was executive director of education for the denomination. Brother Riggs is currently a member of the faculty of Bethany College at Santa Cruz, Calif.

Construction of the library-chapel was authorized by the general presbytery of the Assemblies of God in August, 1961. The decision to proceed was made possible by the pledge of the Council of Evangel College to raise the \$200,000 basic cost of the building.

Selected as architect was the C & R Planning Service of Dallas, Texas, headed by George M. Hicks, a member of the Assemblies of God and the Council of Evangel College. Tibbits-Young and Associates, Springfield, Mo., were retained as consulting architects and engineers. After submission of bids, the Chapman Construction Company, Springfield, Mo., was awarded the general contract. Other contracts went to the Roper Electric Company, electrical, and the Southwest Plumbing and Heating Company, mechanical.

The library is the first building in southern Missouri to utilize the hyperbolic paraboloid inverted umbrella type of construction, using reinforced concrete. In this design the roof sections gain strength from their shape as well as from their materials. For this reason, and because of the beauty of the design, other organizations

and firms in the area are showing much interest in the building.

The exterior walls of the library are of textured brick and glass. Length of the building, not including roof overhang, is 219 feet. The center section is 92 feet wide from wall to wall, and the wings are 60 feet wide.

The north wing of the building will be used as a chapel, seating 900 persons, until continued enrollment growth makes it necessary to build a separate chapel. At that time this wing will be converted to library use. The south and center sections of the building will have immediate use as library, accommodating 30,000 volumes. When the entire building is ultimately used for library purposes, the capacity will be 100,000 volumes.

Five groups are assisting with the costs of furnishing and equipping the library, over and above the \$200,000 being contributed by the Council of Evangel College for the building itself. The Women's Auxiliary and Associates of Evangel College are completing their national project of furnishing the library lounge, and the Springfield chapter of the organization is furnishing a "conversation area" for the balcony. The Evangel College Alumni Association is helping with the cost of library shelving. In addition, the graduating classes of 1960 and 1961 have donated an ornamental fountain for the lawn in front of the building. Funds for some additional equipment are still to be raised before the building can be put into full use.

The Evangel College library is a monument to faith. At the groundbreaking ceremonies President J. Robert Ashcroft said, "This library building shall be a milestone that God still delivers from sin and makes possible the Christian life. Just a few short years ago, when the

executive officers of our denomination learned this property had been declared surplus by the government, and had made application for it, the general superintendent and I came to these grounds and stopped in front of the entrance. We stood there in prayer, and said, 'Dear God, if it is your will that the Assemblies of God should have this property for a college, we ask for it in Jesus' name.'

"There were many anxious months that went by, and then that wonderful telegram came from the government

that we had been awarded 59½ acres of this choice property *without any charge*. The God of our faith had answered.

"Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, people will go by this site, walking, driving. They shall inquire, 'What does that building mean?' We shall say, 'The covenant-keeping God, the God of our fathers, the God of our faith, has put a testimony in our hearts to communicate to our children. This monument of faith reminds us to give them that testimony.'" ◀◀

When God says "MUST" man had better pay attention!

WE ALL BELIEVE IN IMPERATIVES—YOU DO, AND SO DO I. If we didn't we would perish! We **MUST** eat or we will die. We **MUST** keep warm or we will freeze to death. We **MUST** stop at the railroad track when the train is coming or be hurled into eternity. We **MUST** obey the laws of the land or suffer the penalty. We **MUST** pay the fare on the bus or we cannot ride to our destination.

And so we could go on to show that we all take these imperatives for granted. Is it not strange, therefore, that so many people will not pay attention to God's divine imperative? They think they can enter heaven without meeting God's terms!

Jesus said, "Ye **MUST** be born again." These words are just as full of meaning today as when He first spoke them to Nicodemus (John 3:7). The Lord points out very plainly that unless a person is born again by the Spirit of God he cannot see nor enter into the kingdom of God.

Some will say, "It doesn't matter so much what you believe, so long as you are sincere." This is as ridiculous as believing, as many used to believe, that the earth is flat instead of round. We must recognize that there is truth and there is error. Many a heathen worshiper believes that his many sacrifices will please his idol-god, but we know that such an inanimate god can never know his feelings. He is sincere, all right, but he is sincerely **WRONG**.



As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. (II SAMUEL XXII, 31)

The Divine Imperative

By WILLIAM MOODY

Others will tell us "the way they see it." They will contend that if we do the best we can, treat everyone right, and follow what we feel is the best course in life, we will make it through to heaven all right. Such a view acts as a subtle opiate to many a conscience and leads to the damnation of the soul. To think that all roads lead finally to heaven is Satan's master lie. There is a right way and a wrong way to every place on this earth, and surely there is a right way and a wrong way to heaven.

The other evening I made a left turn on an unfamiliar road, when I should have gone straight ahead. I thought a left turn would take me into town, but instead I soon found myself several miles away from town. There is only one way to heaven. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we **MUST** be saved" (Acts 4:12).

You ask, "How can I be born again?" Here is a scriptural director, found in John 1:12, 13—"As many as received Him [Christ] to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Will you honestly receive Christ as your personal Saviour now? Will you truly repent of your sin, and believe that He died to atone for your sin? If so, you will be "born from above" by the Spirit of God.

Remember the divine imperative: "Ye **MUST** be born again." To refuse and neglect God's way of salvation is to seal your doom in hell. ◀◀

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Churches

Nearly a Billion Spent on New Church Buildings

Church construction reached almost one billion dollars in the U.S. during 1962, the Census Bureau announced. The estimated total for the year was \$994,000,000 compared with \$984,000,000 in 1961.

Government officials predict that church construction will again total about a billion dollars in 1963.

Pulpits Not Riddled with Communists, Says Hoover

Charges that America's pulpits are riddled with Communists and Communist sympathizers drew a stinging denial from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Writing in a recent issue of *The Sunday School Times*, Mr. Hoover said the "overwhelming majority of the clergy of this nation have emphatically refuted the clever attempts by the Communists to influence them... The churches of our land have indeed served as a mighty bulwark against this atheistic ideology."

Of course, he said, Americans should not become complacent toward efforts of Communists to penetrate religious groups. On the other hand, he pointed out, "in our active concern over this threat we must be most careful to refrain from making unfounded allegations against those whose ideas and attitudes may differ from ours. Unfair accusations and wild charges only serve to divide and to weaken our entire society in the fight against Communism."

Sunday Schools

Greatest Deterrent to Communism Is Gospel Zeal, Judd Says

Military and economic force can resist communism, but they cannot overcome it, former Minnesota Congressman Walter Judd said. Only a matching zeal and knowledge of an opposing faith can defeat the Red menace, the onetime medical missionary to China told 1,200 delegates at the convention of the National Sunday School Association in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Judd said communism, like all important movements throughout history, has its "scriptures" and principles which need to be studied so that it can be understood and intelligently opposed. But Christians, through their Sunday schools, need to build a devotion to the gospel which alone can really overcome communism, he said.

Clate A. Risley, executive director of NSSA, cited five ways to make Sunday schools stronger. These were: better understanding of the Sunday school worker's role, greater clergy interest in the schools, better programs of religious education, an enlarged visitation program, and increased investment in facilities and materials.

The delegates adopted a new program by which at least five million people, it is hoped, will be enrolled in American Sunday schools during the next three years. It is called "Citizens for Sunday School." Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon is head of the committee spearheading the project.

Literature

"Common Image of Contemporary Life" Characterized by Blues

What is the common image of contemporary life as portrayed in current fiction and nonfiction best-sellers? Joseph T. Bayly, head of Windward Press, read twelve current best-sellers to find the answer. Writing in *The Sunday School Times*, he said:

"The common image in almost every instance is a mood of disappointment, of disillusionment and despair. I can only assume that a massive part of our reading population accepts this mood, and responds to the reality of such a view of life today."

He entitled his article, "The End Was Desolate and Unkind," a quotation he attributed to F. Scott Fitzgerald.

In summarizing the situation, Bayly effectively related Jesus Christ as the answer to contemporary "blues."

Government

Church Leaders Unhappy About President's New Tax Plan

Religious leaders have expressed concern over President Kennedy's proposed new tax program. While reducing the total income tax of the average taxpayer it will cut down on the amount he can deduct for donations to churches and charities, if he itemizes his deductions. Formerly the taxpayer was allowed to deduct the full amount of his donations, up to 30 per cent of his total income. Under the new plan he will not be able to deduct the first five per cent. He will be able to deduct only that amount of his donations which exceeds five per cent of his gross income. Religious leaders fear the new rule will tend to reduce the amount of donations to churches.

Mississippi Senator Heads Washington Prayer Group

Democratic Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi has been elected chairman of the Senate Prayer Breakfast group which meets every Wednesday morning for prayer and Scripture meditation. The average attendance of Senators at the hour of prayer is more than twenty.

A similar prayer breakfast for members of the House of Representatives is held at the Capitol each week, attended by as many as sixty Congressmen.

The wives of Congressmen have their own weekly prayer group and it too is well attended.

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Morals

151 Million Lost in Gambling

According to the Council of Churches in Greater Camden, New Jersey, betters at the race track lost 94 per cent of the time; break even 4 per cent; win 2 per cent; but the race-track always wins. The Council estimated that \$151,791,157 was "drained off our economy" by betting during 1962.

Protests Cause Theater to Halt "Nudist" Films

A motion picture theater at Asheville, N. C., stopped showing "nudist-type" films after religious groups protested to the Asheville City Council. Among those presenting petitions to the Council condemning the type of movies shown were a Methodist women's society and a group of high-school students. The petitions were signed by 230 church women and about 700 students.

The city council referred the matter to the city manager who conferred with the theater management. Later the theater announced it would switch to a different type of pictures.

Temperance

Temperance Council Asks Probe of Alcoholism's Cost to Nation

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council, meeting in Washington, D.C., in January, urged a Congressional investigation into the total cost of alcoholism to the U. S. economy and the welfare of the American people. The council, representing twenty-seven denominations and temperance agencies, issued the call at the recommendation of a Methodist official, Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, who warned that expenditures for alcoholic beverages alone are now greater than the total amount spent for religion, charity, clothing, and recreation combined.

Dr. Hooton, who was re-elected council president, asserted that it is "possible our wastefulness with whiskey has produced a wishy-washiness that the world cannot tolerate."

In other actions, the council urged parents to set an example for their children by abstaining from liquor, asked for more alcohol education in public schools, and commended marketers of soft drinks and fruit juices for their increasingly attractive advertising.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Is there a difference between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God?

A number of dispensational writers believe the kingdom of heaven has to do with God's earthly kingdom, the Millennium; while the kingdom of God means His universal rule. I do not object to this distinction but I cannot see the need of it. The same parables that Matthew relates to the kingdom of heaven, Mark and Luke relate to the kingdom of God. It must therefore be a matter of semantics (the use of words) rather than a distinction of spheres. Compare Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:15; Matthew 13:19; Luke 8:10.

Will any who have not spoken in tongues be caught away in the Rapture?

When Jesus comes it will be for His own, for those who have accepted Him as their Saviour and are walking in the light they have. It is the Church for which Christ is coming, and born-again believers make up the Church. Its members ought to seek to live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world," since it is a Church without spot or wrinkle that He will seek at His return (Ephesians 5:25-27).

The Bible tells us to pray for kings and for all that are in authority (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). Are we to pray for their salvation?

This would be a worthy prayer. We should also pray that God will help them to govern wisely and honestly. The principal answer to your question is in the remainder of the above Bible passage—"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life" free from persecution, and have liberty to carry the gospel to others.

An evangelist preached that none will be saved after Jesus comes for His bride. Is this correct?

There is good logic back of such teaching. The Church age began at Pentecost. We believe it will end with the coming of Christ for His own. Yet in the Book of Revelation we read of the sealing of the 144,000 of Israel, the messenger going forth with the everlasting gospel, and the approbation, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Among those who will be raised to reign with Christ will be some tribulation martyrs (Revelation 20:4). To tell sinners that they will have an opportunity to be saved after the Church is caught away is to ease their conscience and encourage them to put off salvation, foolishly thinking they can get ready later on. If they will not accept Christ and be saved now while the Holy Spirit is striving, how can they expect to be saved after the restraining influence of the Spirit is removed (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12)?

The Bible says Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost (Luke 1:41). How could this happen before the Day of Pentecost, since the Bible also says in John 7:39, "The Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified"?

We do well to look at this from a dispensational standpoint. The Holy Spirit was actively manifest in Old Testament times. "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The prophets spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, and the Spirit came upon men at different times for different purposes. All this happened before Christ was born.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit began a new work, bringing into being the Christian Church, the Body of Christ, and making provision that *all* who believe in Jesus might be filled with the Spirit. At Pentecost the Lord began to pour out His Spirit upon *all* flesh (Acts 2:17), whereas prior to this time the Spirit was poured out upon selected individuals only.

European Servicemen Enjoy Convention

BY PAUL WILLISCROFT
Missionary to Germany



Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Meyers sang and ministered at the convention.

THE DOORBELL RANG. PHIL AND KEN came in. Phil has been a frequent visitor in our home over the past months. Ken has visited us two or three times since Phil first brought him to our house a little over a month ago.

Ken's family are church members, but he had never heard the gospel. Through reading his Bible after being in the army he came to know the Lord. The first time Phil brought Ken to our home we spent the entire evening talking about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This was just before our Labor Day weekend convention at Erzhausen. At this convention Ken was wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Ken, how have you been getting along since the convention?" I asked.

"I've been in the field," he replied.

"He's getting along fine," Phil told me. "Fellows are getting saved and reading their Bibles as a result of his testimony."

"Tell me about it," I requested.

"There was not much to do evenings," Ken explained. "I showed religious films for about ten days in a large tent, and usually talked a little

afterward. One night three men stepped out when I gave the invitation. Many of the others began reading their Bibles and seem very interested."

"Have you seen the three who were saved since you came in from the field?" I asked.

"Yes, and it gives me a good feeling to know that they are living for the Lord."

Ken's beaming face and warm smile show that he is happy working for the Lord. Phil in his quiet way continues to contact men and bring them under the influence of the gospel.

Ken was only one of many filled with the Spirit at the Labor Day convention. Many unsaved men came to the Lord. Deep consecrations were made. One night twenty-two men who felt a definite call into full-time service for the Lord came to the platform. In the next two or three years a number of them will be in our Bible schools.

More than 200 servicemen and their families attended the convention. A group from Chateauroux, France, about 150 miles south of Paris, made a fourteen-hour trip by chartered bus

to Erzhausen. Others came by car and train from many parts of continental Europe and from England.

A profitable institute for men holding ministerial credentials, for leaders of servicemen's fellowships, and for those who feel the call of the Lord for full-time service was conducted by John P. Kolenda with about thirty participating. Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Meyers had an inspiring ministry in Word and song.

Missionaries Emma Decker and Olga Olsson and a large number of servicemen and women helped make this convention a blessing to all. Individuals like Ken have been quickened in their spiritual lives. In a meeting of the Stuttgart servicemen's fellowship, which immediately followed the convention, three were filled with the Holy Spirit. A new fellowship was started in Heilbronn with thirty at the first meeting.

Pray for the servicemen you know. Write to them! Some of these servicemen are young—only eighteen or nineteen years old. They face strong temptations. Sin and ungodliness are on every side. Because of lack of contact with the home church and friends,



Servicemen from various European countries attended the Labor Day convention in Erzhausen, Germany.



Workers attending the Ministers Institute held during the convention listened attentively to a lecture.

many become discouraged and lose faith in God. Others, standing against the furious attacks of the enemy, grow stronger. Many have been saved and have found a place of fellowship and ministry in the servicemen's fellowships of Europe.

Are there servicemen in Europe from your church or among your friends? Send their names and military addresses to the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Spring-

field, Missouri. They will be put in contact with the servicemen's fellowship nearest them.

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The next large Assemblies of God serviceman's gathering in Europe will be the annual retreat, March 11-15, at the General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany. Dick Fulmer is retreat master and Richard Dortch is assistant retreat master. Retreat chaplain is Captain Ronald McConnel. For further information contact Paul Williscroft, Box 6, 6106 Erzhausen bei Darmstadt, Germany.

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A Layman Looks at Missions

BY RICHARD S. WORKMAN

IN JANUARY, 1962, MY FAMILY AND I moved to Bogota, Colombia, where I am superintendent of a factory. During the seven years I have been a Christian I have heard many missionaries speak. I often took their words with a grain of salt, wondering what they did with their time in a strange land.

Upon my arrival in Colombia I learned quickly that the Holy Spirit moves here in response to faith with power and blessing. The missionaries' main objective is to glorify the Lord.

I expected to find a small but strong group of Assemblies of God churches here. However, I thought the people would be cold to the gospel. I was surprised!

There are three main churches in Bogota, each filled to the doors with spiritually hungry people. New people are hearing the Word, believing it, and being saved in almost every service. The hearts of the Colombians are open—they are eager for the gospel.

I saw outstations where the work is just as strong as at the main churches although the numbers are smaller. I said to one of the national Christians, "It seems these outstations could soon become churches if they had full-time pastors."

"Yes," he replied, "but there is no one to put in charge of them." There could be more churches in the city but there are not enough workers.

The communists want Latin America. They ran a candidate for president in the Colombian elections this

year even though it is against the law for a communist to be president. Every soul the communists win is a soul lost to the Lord.

Colombia needs many more trained workers. This takes time—time that may be short. It takes money and teachers and prayer. Your missionaries are depending on you to help meet these needs!

A MISSIONARY REPLIES

Verlin Stewart, missionary to Colombia, says:

"Brother Workman's words are encouraging to us.

"Two weeks ago we were at the airport bidding good-bye to a missionary who was leaving for furlough.

As part of their farewell, the three to four hundred national Christians present began singing praises to God.

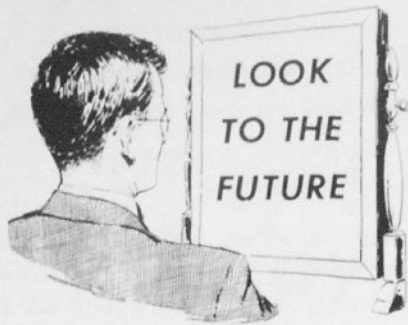
"A burly Texan, more than six feet tall, asked me, 'Who are you people?' When I replied that we were Assemblies of God, he exclaimed, 'I knew it! Only a few groups would have the courage to sing in a large municipal airport with policemen and Jesuit priests all around.'

"The nationals arranged the service at the airport because missionaries in Colombia cannot work as openly as they. Opportunities in Colombia are greater than ever and nationals are thrilling us with their initiative. In order to train more of them for the work we are making plans for a combined day and night Bible school to be opened in Bogota. The number of young men now in training for the ministry is limited because we have no room for others in a small rented building. There are nationals now working who are begging for training—training we will be able to offer them in an enlarged Bible school program.

"In addition to plans for enlarging the Bible school, we intend to purchase property to house large evangelistic campaigns. We thank God for every opportunity to work for Him in Colombia." ◀◀



These Colombians (pictured with the faculty) are training for the ministry at the Assemblies of God Bible School in Bogota.



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A Matter of 'Will' Power

By Curtis W. Ringness

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THE TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT intended to be misleading; rather it is meant to point up the power of your legal will. Once your wishes have been set down in writing and have been properly witnessed, they cannot be changed after your death. Your will is more powerful than the word of other individuals. It is stronger than the wishes of relatives. Your will tells the court how to dispose of your property after your death.

Your Responsibility to God

We read in Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." This includes you and also your possessions. You and I are stewards who have been entrusted with earthly things which belong to God. As Christians we have a responsibility to handle our possessions wisely, and also to plan carefully for the future.

As faithful stewards we desire that our money be used in ways that are

appropriate to our Christian convictions, not only now but also after we are gone. We experience a deep sense of satisfaction in sharing with the ministries of the Church today . . . and forever.

Is it possible to carefully guard against misuse and waste of money in one's lifetime, and finally to waste it all in one sweep? It is indeed. A Christian businessman, prosperous and diligent, but unwilling to face the fact that life is not certain, simply put off the matter of making a will. His wife and he were killed together in a tragic automobile accident and he had no heirs.

Everyone knew that this man would prefer in such a situation that the church he loyally supported in his lifetime be the recipient of his entire estate. But he had not set this down in writing, and thus he had no voice in his own affairs. Since there was no will, the taxes and expenses were

exorbitant, and the state was empowered to dispose of money which could have been used to further the kingdom of God and to bring comfort to many lives.

Your Duty to Your Family

Although you are a good provider in your lifetime, you are a negligent family head if you fail to look ahead and make plans for your family should you be taken from them. This is not, of course, a deliberate negligence, for what man would want to see his family deprived of that which he had earned? An example is Peter Marshall, a man whose ministry became national in scope as chaplain of the United States Senate, and a man who dearly loved his family. Peter Marshall died without leaving a will. In an effort to urge other Christians to attend to this very important duty, his widow has written of the hardships and unnecessary expenses which this has cost Mr. Marshall's family. In order to settle his estate, all his possessions had to be evaluated—a price put on even the sermons which he had written. In the end, after tying up funds which were needed for such things as funeral expenses and household operation, his widow said that almost all his savings were drained away in legal and court costs. Those who knew this great man said that he would not have willed it this way—he simply did not prepare for the unexpected. He is not alone. It is estimated that seventy percent of Americans die intestate.

A Christian's responsibility to his family does not end when he designates his possessions for their use; for he must be wise in how he distributes them. For example, in the case of

spendthrift or immature heirs, special consideration should be given to the investment of their portion of the estate in order to prevent their wasting it. Other circumstances call for special handling, and you can see that this is done for the best interest of those involved.

Your Rights As a Citizen

Your rights include tax exemption and other eliminated fees in connection with your estate. It is necessary, however, that you use legal terms, wording your will in unmistakable phraseology which cannot be misinterpreted. A lawyer knows how to do this, and his fees for assisting with bequests probably will not be excessive. So, instead of gambling with writing out your own will, seek the advice of a lawyer. Tell him what your wishes are. His duty is not to decide for you; but rather to set down in writing your own personal wishes. Decide before seeing him just what you want—and stick with this.

Your Privileges As a Christian

A person should see that his family's needs are met. However, do not neglect to consider the possibility of your family preceding you in death, and do not fail to name a beneficiary in a residuary clause. Every year countless sums are lost in this very manner. It is your privilege, as a Christian and a supporter of the Church and its ministries, to take the precaution of bequeathing the residuum of your estate in this manner.

Perhaps there are certain projects connected with the Kingdom of God that particularly interest you. You would like to advance these projects but you are not particularly qualified to do the kind of work that is needed. This is true of us all; one individual is trained for one job, another for a different job. Your bequest—a gift from your estate—can send properly trained and qualified people to do this work in your place; and at the same time establish a memorial for you.

The Division of Stewardship receives and answers many requests for information concerning the basic rules in making a will. These requests are always welcomed—they underscore our belief that Assemblies of God property owners are becoming more and more aware of their responsibility as Christian stewards. ◀◀

Serving our Servicemen

Warren F. McPherson, Servicemen's Representative

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The Swarming of the Hive

Wise parents will prepare their children—and themselves—for the time when they will establish their own homes.



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By J. A. HUFFMAN

THE HOME MAY BE COMPARED TO the beehive, for it is a busy place. Parents and children are "busy as bees." When the children are small they are busy at play. When they become larger they are no less busy, if the home is a normal one, at the work of school and their necessary tasks. Lovers of home would not have it different.

Another reason why the home may be compared to the hive is that there

comes a time when quarters become too small for the entire family, and when certain members decide to seek new homes. The analogy breaks down, however, for we are told that in the swarming of bees the house is vacated by the senior, in the interest of the younger. The reverse is true in the human family: the older members retain the home, while the young find other places in which to live.

The departure of the first child is difficult. The realization that the son or daughter is leaving the parental

roof permanently, and will return only as a visitor, is a peculiar experience which can be appreciated only by parents who have had it. But it is probably the leave-taking of the last son or daughter that opens the floodgates of feelings and brings most tears to those who remain in the home which now seems so empty.

There are two things which constrain youth to leave home. One is the assertion of the social instinct; the other is the rising vocational tide.

The social instinct is deeply ingrained in normal human nature, and begins to assert itself definitely in the early adolescent period. A little later the social instinct becomes a tempest that threatens many, and overcomes not a few. It cannot be downed, for it is a part of human nature as God constructed it. Social cloaks which were worn loosely become tighter.

The vocational tide also arises in adolescence, and rises or falls largely with the social consideration. Every normal youth desires a mate, a home, and a family. These in turn require support, which fact argues the necessity of an occupation or a profession.

Parents act unwisely who ignore these facts of human nature and human well-being. Rather than to forestall the legitimate social and vocational quest of sons and daughters they should seek, wisely and sympathetically, to direct them.

No parent is to blame who desires that his children marry well, and that they succeed in some legitimate occupation or profession. This, however usually requires the separation of the children from the home. To have reared Christian sons and daughters who have selected suitable Christian mates, and who go out to build for themselves Christian homes, is a satisfaction which compensates for all the parental labor and sacrifice. That the new homes shall be thoroughly Christian like those from which they sprang should be the goal set. They should be new homes with old ideals.

Sons and daughters ought not to be given to their new family relationships grudgingly, but in a thoroughly Christian spirit. Of course, we are assuming here that marriage has been in the Lord, as Christian marriage always is. An illustration of this is found in a letter written by the head of one family to the head of the other where a marriage had taken place. After expressing appreciation for the

new daughter-in-law, the father said: "I feel that both of our families have every reason to believe that neither has been impoverished but both have been enriched by this marriage." The proverbial strained relations between in-laws are not at all necessary.

After the home has been depleted by the departure of its sons and daughters, some adjustments may be necessary. These will come about gradually. Parents may close up the apparent gap by careful and tender considerations for each other, as when they began life together. Close contact should be kept between parents and children, even though it must be mostly by correspondence and telephone. Personal visits are much to be desired. Due consideration on the part of parents and children will make these contacts and relationships a real pleasure.

The time will come when home will be a beehive of activity again—when the children return for their occasional visits, bringing the grandchildren. There will be special times when the entire family can be together for fellowship in the parental home. These are some of the compensations.

After all, the "swarming of the hive," the formation of new homes, and the increasing of the family membership is but history repeating itself. It is exactly what may be expected to come to pass with each new generation.

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Healing Follows Nervous Breakdown

IT WAS A VERY DARK DAY IN MARCH 1958 when I entered a mental hospital for treatment of a nervous breakdown. After fifteen months I was dismissed but continued medication.

Then on a Sunday night of January 1962 I heard my pastor preach on, "Christ Is the Answer." At the altar I requested prayer for my deliverance. I left the church that night BELIEVING my Lord.

Trusting my Lord for deliverance, I left off medication. A few weeks later at my regular appointment I told my doctor that my pastor and church members had prayed for me and that I was taking no medicine. I said I was feeling "real good" and sleeping and resting well at night.

In reply the doctor said, "Yes, if you feel all right, I am in favor of discontinuing the medicine."

He dismissed me, and I have not been back to see him, nor have I taken any medicine since then. I feel better now than I have in several years.

On May 9, 1962, I had a physical and mental examination by the Veterans Administration. I was later notified by mail that I was in good health.

I am now regularly employed. My family and I are happy in the service of our Lord, and I praise Him for His love and mercy. Allen Dale Jones, 6271 Fern Lane, Paradise, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor Glen Parks, Paradise Assembly of God, Paradise, California, who says, "We are praising God for what He has done for Brother Jones—it is wonderful!")



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MESSAGE

Amw gsih ih sih xonnamwnemg, Gsag de hsoqpw zepiefe om gse mane ov sih Hom Rehuh Xsjihg, amw pofe ome amogsej, ah se tafe uh xonnamwnemg.

(To check your answer, look up 1 John 3:23.)



Christ Heals Ten Lepers

Sunday School Lesson for March 10, 1963

LUKE 17:11-19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

GREAT NEED

"There met him ten men that were lepers." These men were drawn together by their common misery which made them ignore the national enmity which existed between them. Probably nine were Jews while one was a Samaritan. How miserable was their plight! Cursed with an incurable and loathsome disease which, in accordance with the Mosaic law, separated them from the rest of society, they stood outside the village and called aloud for help (Leviticus 13:46). Leprosy is a type of that greatest of diseases, sin, which separates men from God and from the righteous, and which is contagious, loathsome, and practically incurable.

GREAT DELIVERANCE

They cried aloud to Christ for mercy. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests." There was great variety in the way Jesus healed those who came to Him. These men were not instantly healed as the leper of Luke 5:12, 13 had been.

ONE OUT OF TEN



WEREN'T THERE TEN MEN HEALED? WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE? IS NOBODY GOING TO TURN AND PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, EXCEPT THIS STRANGER?

LUKE 17:17, 18 (PHILLIPS)

Instead, their faith was tested. Though there was no visible change in their condition they were to act as if they were healed, and report to the priest whose duty it was to examine lepers and pronounce them cured if such proved to be the case (Leviticus 14:2-32).

"And it came to pass, that, as they went they were healed." These men had faith! Let us learn a lesson. Many lose faith and think they are not healed if there is no immediate change. God's order is: "believe... see" (John 11:40); "believe that ye receive... and ye shall have" (Mark 11:24). One greatly used of God in the ministry of healing has said, "I am moved by what I believe, not by what I see." Let us be like-minded!

GREAT INGRATITUDE

"One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God." But Christ asked: "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Oh, the wistful sadness of these words of Jesus! Ten men had experienced healing by His mighty power; only one returned to thank Him. Ten men had faith in Him; only one had love for Him.

So it often is today. For more than twenty years a minister kept an account of all sick persons that he visited. In that time he visited two thousand people who, in prospect of death, supposedly gave themselves to Christ and were restored to health. But only two of these by their later conduct proved that their repentance and gratitude was real. Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight returned to their old ways!

A little boy was fatally injured when he heroically saved the life of a little girl. The father was thankful to receive his daughter alive but in the excitement of his joy he went on, never even stopping to thank the little fellow or to ask his name. As the boy lay dying in the hospital, he kept saying, "Oh, if he had only thanked me! If he had only thanked me!" How the loving heart of Jesus must grieve when those for whom He gave His all fail to show their gratitude!

GREAT THANKFULNESS

It is significant to note the only one to return to give thanks was "this stranger," the Samaritan. The nine, who probably were Jews and therefore children of privilege, went thanklessly on their way. It is well to be children of privilege; but there is grave peril connected with it. We may become so familiar with the great truths of the Word and the story of Calvary that we take all for granted. Let us beware! The object of every blessing we receive is that we may be drawn closer to the Giver. The Samaritan was blessed; and his blessing drew him to its Giver.

GREAT BLESSING

"And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." The nine had a faith which secured for them healing in their bodies; but the Samaritan had a faith which worked by love and secured for him the added blessing of healing for his soul.

Heartfelt worship and praise will always result in blessing. It will bring the presence of God (Psalm 22:3). It will bring healing (Matthew 15:21-28). It will bring victory in the conflict (2 Chronicles 20:22).

When prayer seems unavailing, turn to thanksgiving and worship!

Tests Confirm Healing of Cancer

THE SHOCK WAS ALMOST MORE THAN I could bear when, after clinical tests in August and September, 1959, my doctor told me I had cancer.

I began to cry out to God in prayer. Praise God, He heard me and made Hebrews 13:8 ("Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever") real to my heart.

The burden was great, but God was greater. On Sunday night, September 7, 1959, I went to my church and asked my pastor to anoint and pray for me. That night God wonderfully healed my body.

All tests since then reveal that I am still healed. My husband and I together praise God for my complete healing; we also praise Him for our pastor and his wife and our Christian friends who so faithfully stood by us in prayer.

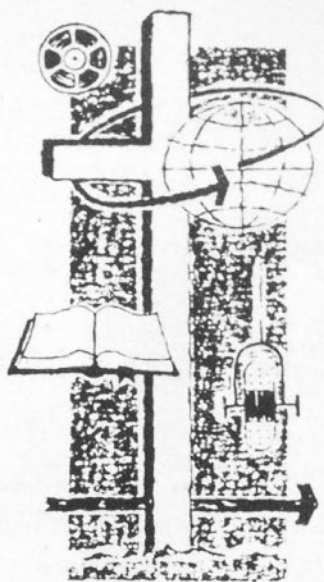
I have this word of encouragement to offer to others: If we see the difficulty, we are defeated; but if we see God, victory is ours. God never does half a job, but He makes one every bit whole!—Mrs. Euline Merryman, Houston, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Paul Ansohn, Denver Assembly of God, Houston 20, Tex. He adds: "The diagnosis of Sister Merryman's illness came after laboratory tests were made many times. Previous to God's healing touch the doctors had given her a diagnosis of cancer in the last stages, but further tests since then have proved that she does not have cancer!")

Glandular Abscess Disappears

IN THE SUMMER OF 1962 I HAD A sore place on my body which made a sitting position uncomfortable. There was a swelling which increased and became so painful that I could only stand or lie down.

Upon urging by a friend, I allowed a woman doctor to visit me. She said the swelling was a *glandular abscess* and recommended an immediate operation.



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Something within me rebelled at the thought of hospitalization, so I continued to pray. When no relief came, I telephoned a doctor with whom I was acquainted. He advised treatment and said that if I followed this the abscess would break within thirty-six hours.

I followed his advice, but the thirty-six hours passed and the pain kept growing worse and the swelling increasing.

One morning about a week later, as I was holding my Bible in my hand, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "If you follow the Word, call for the elders of the church and be anoint-

ed, you will receive your healing."

That evening I called my pastor, Brother Peter Egnat. He and his wife came to my home and prayed for me and anointed me with oil according to the Bible pattern.

The next morning this large abscess broke and began to drain. The same day I could sit with comfort, and the next day went about my housework as usual. God had healed me. Praise His Name!—Miss Edith Beal, 9 Westcott Street, Dorchester, Mass.

(Endorsed by Pastor Peter Egnat, Boston Assembly of God, Dorchester 21, Mass.)

WHAT VBS DID FOR ME



By SHIRLEY DOOLING

AS YOU SET UP YOUR 1963 CHURCH calendar, are you tempted to skip vacation Bible school this year because of the expense and work involved or because of few results? Wait a minute—VBS may be more valuable than you think!

Had it not been for vacation Bible school, I shudder to think where I might be today.

I was raised in a moral home, but one that had religious affiliation by name only. We were proud of our standard.

When I was seven years of age, we moved into a small community "infested" with frogs. It was on a warm summer night while we were hunting frogs that I first learned the meaning of prayer. With the coming of darkness the frogs hid. We decided to place a jar over the only one we had kept so we could play with him the next day. But, when we checked a short while later, the frog had kicked over the jar and was gone. Our efforts to find him were in vain. When I began crying, the little neighbor girl said, "There's no use to cry. Let's just pray for a frog."

I do not recall what we said in our prayer, but I do know we found another frog—a God-sent one, I'm convinced!

As I grew older, I searched for a

meaning to life. Why was I born? What would happen to me when I died? How long would I live? Did Jesus really rise from the dead, or was this a fairytale like the Easter bunny?

From schoolmates, teachers, and parents I picked up bits of information, and by piecing these together I formed the philosophy that if I told no lies, attended church, did my schoolwork well, was a good citizen, and read good literature, I would be healthy, successful, wealthy, and happy and eventually would gain heaven. But try as I might, I could not live up to my strict regulations. As I looked about at my friends, I saw no one who did. Then again I questioned, "Does God really expect people to be good and successful to go to heaven? Maybe hell is just a fairytale." But somehow I was never able to convince myself that I was good or that I pleased God. There was an emptiness inside. I was going through a form of existence—a form of happiness.

During this time of conflict my sister and I were invited by a neighbor girl to attend vacation Bible school at the Cherryvale (Kansas) Assemblies of God church. In our community, all churches had vacation Bible schools at the same time. We had gone one day to the VBS at our

church but were tired of singing "Dixie," "Swanee River," and "Old Black Joe." The VBS at the Assemblies' church always had the largest attendance because of its interesting program—Bible stories that seemed to live, enthusiastic songs about the Bible as well as hymns of the Church taught by visual methods, a play period in the nearby park, and challenging handcrafts. Everyone in town had heard about this VBS.

The teachings of the Assemblies' church were disapproved by our church. Even the act of attending was thought wrong. But the little neighbor girl wanted to win a prize and Mother could see no harm in such an innocent thing as vacation Bible school. After all, it lasted only two weeks. So off we went.

The lusty singing of the children, the quiet times of prayer, and those fascinating Bible lessons with penetrating applications made me most uncomfortable, yet I was intrigued. Most of the other members of our intermediate class raised their hands when asked if Jesus was their Saviour. I looked to my sister for assurance, but somehow I could not raise my hand—God would not let me. I eagerly anticipated each day of VBS, yet at the same time dreaded it. I knew that Jesus was not mine.

The Lord saw the turmoil of my heart. He impressed my teacher, Pastor Earl Fisher, to pray for and talk to me. But my church affiliation caused him to seek confirmation. If this was really God's will, he prayed that the Lord would make the opportunity for a talk.

And God did just that. On the next-to-the-last day of vacation Bible school, I went to Pastor Fisher and asked that question asked by the Philippian jailer long ago, "What must I do to be saved?" Between three and four o'clock on the afternoon of June 7, 1951, I was born into the family of God. I found a purpose to life, a peace I had never known before.

I decided not to tell my folks what had happened until they asked me. I would see if they could notice the difference. In less than twelve hours they had. When I told them about the peace of God and the new feeling of direction I now had, they were hurt and angry. They felt I was implying they had been poor parents.

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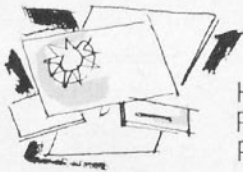
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"I'LL HAVE OUTSIDERS TO PREACH TO!"

Of course, no one can package a revival for your church. But we can help you focus the entire church's attention on the need of revitalizing the Sunday night evangelistic service. "Come hear my pastor!" is the invitation built into this entire joint Loyalty Campaign-Pentecost Crusade. Christian stewardship as the stewardship of the gospel through evangelism is a strong emphasis of the campaign.

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My sister told my mother she was sure I had been hypnotized. Finally it was concluded this "spell" would not last. It was all a part of growing up.

And I know if it had not been from God, this "spell" would not have lasted. I was forbidden to go to church. Nevertheless, daily I read a children's Bible storybook and a Bible I found at home. I sang again and again the songs I had learned at vacation Bible school. (For some reason they never wore out.) Without fail I prayed daily that God would somehow make it possible for me to attend a Bible-believing church.

At the end of three months, when we had moved to another state, God answered my prayer. In a school of 2,200 I was seated (providentially) behind an Assemblies of God girl. Aft-

er much persuasion my parents decided to let me go to church "just a few times" with this girl. Her parents had to come several miles to pick me up, but their car was dedicated to God.

Then hard times came again. I was forbidden to go to church. But God must have known this was coming, for on December 19, 1951, He filled me with the Holy Spirit. I had to have church at home for a while, but God met with me—and with my parents too, I think, for finally they lifted the restriction.

Many blessings of God have been mine since my spiritual birthday. In May, 1959, I was graduated from Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. In May, 1960, my mother and brother found Christ as Saviour. No longer did I overhear my mother

tell neighbors she somehow felt I had something she did not have. Instead of the emptiness of religious ritual she now knew Jesus as her Saviour.

In August, 1961, I was graduated from Montana State College as a registered nurse. God miraculously allowed me to receive this training and it is dedicated to His service. I am now, at Northwest College serving as school nurse, ladies dorm supervisor, and part-time instructor.

What were the results of that vacation Bible school? I was saved, neighbors and relatives were won to God, a mother and brother accepted Christ, some college friends and hospital patients were led to Christ, and an estranged family was united.

These are the results of one vacation Bible school. What a large return for such a small investment! ◀◀



Central Assembly of God in Tucson, Ariz., has "mothered" two new churches.



Spencer A. Weddle is pastor of Central Assembly.



Pastor and Mrs. Arnold Mack stand in front of their attractive church, the Grantway Assembly of God, Tucson, Ariz. This is the first church that Central Assembly "mothered."



Two board members of Central Assembly, Jack Davis (left) and Alvin Taylor (center), present a check to Virgil Jones, pastor of the new Mountain View Assembly.

Central Assembly 'Mothers' Another Church

BY BETTY SWINFORD, TUCSON, ARIZONA

FIVE YEARS AFTER CENTRAL ASSEMBLY (then known as Northside Assembly) came into existence in 1952 in Tucson, it started another church known as Grantway Assembly. At that time the statement was made that already Central was looking forward to the time when it could "mother" still another work.

During these intervening five years much progress has been made at both

Central and Grantway which is now a thriving church affiliated with the Arizona District Council.

During Grantway's early months it was pastored by N. W. Weddle, who later accepted a call to a church in Oklahoma. Arnold Mack took over as pastor on March 9, 1958. There were but few in number at Grantway at that time and the Macks have done an excellent work, their Sunday school

now averaging 150. They have added a lovely new front to the old building and have just completed a new Sunday school annex.

Central has now passed its tenth year and God has blessed this church and the ministry of Pastor Spencer Weddle. The large new auditorium at Central Assembly seats 800 people, and there are expansion plans for doubling this. Parts of the old build-

ing adjoin the new addition. Lovely with its new exterior facing, this portion of the church is comprised of Sunday school rooms, radio chapel, printing shop and a large C. A. chapel. The fellowship hall, where many church gatherings take place, has had a face-lifting too.

Like every other missionary-minded church, however, Central Assembly still had the desire to help bring into being another new church where the blessings of God could rest and where hungry hearts could hear the message of salvation.

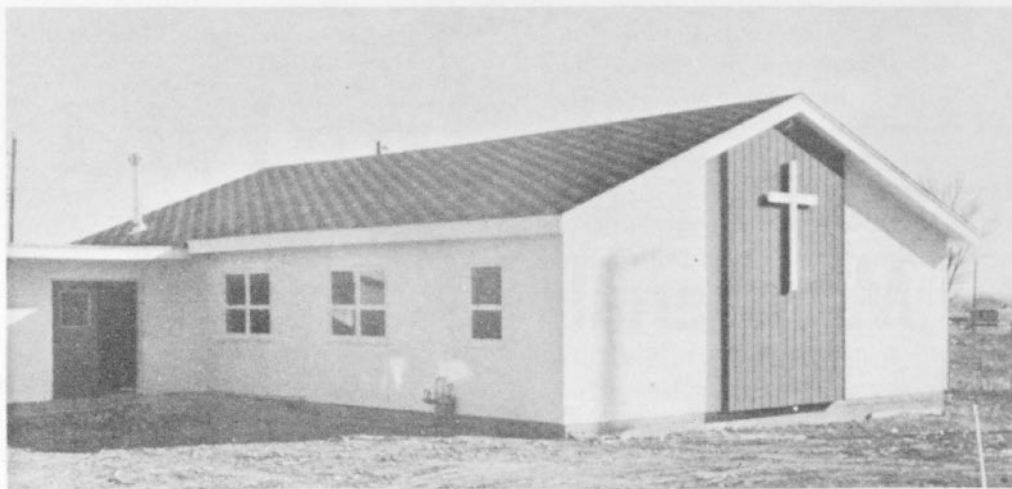
So when Virgil Jones, formerly pioneer pastor of the thriving church at Sierra Vista, came to Tucson with a desire to begin a new work, Central arose to the occasion. Thus, on the fourth day of November, 1962, just five years after helping Grantway begin its work, Central was happy to present Brother Jones with a check that would cover the first three months' rent on a building on East Speedway in Tucson. This new church is called Mountain View Assembly of God. It was also possible for Central to give Mountain View 150 seats and the songbooks from its previous church, and to feature Brother Jones' work on various radio broadcasts.

Mountain View was packed out at its dedication on November 4, and there were ten Assemblies ministers present for the occasion. Brother Gressett, the district superintendent, brought the dedication sermon. L. G. Gilmore of First Assembly opened the service with prayer and Arnold Mack led the song service. Central Assembly's choir furnished music and its own King's Rangers Quartet brought several numbers in song.

The first Sunday morning service at Mountain View found twenty-one persons in Sunday school, and it was the pleasure of Pastor Weddle and Central's board members to slip out of their own service and be present at Mountain View's first service.

Mountain View Assembly is purchasing a lot on which to build a church in the future, and it will be the privilege of Central Assembly of God to donate building blocks at that time.

Meanwhile, Central Assembly already has its heart open to help another new church come into existence! But we have a "hunch" that will come about *before* another five years!



This is a northwest view of the new Rapid Valley Assembly "mothered" by the First Assembly of God in Rapid City, S. Dak.

Rapid City First Assembly 'Mothers' Rapid Valley Church

A REAL BURDEN AND DESIRE TO HAVE Rapid City First Assembly "mother" a new Assemblies of God Church in Rapid Valley came to Pastor Doyle Thompson in the summer of 1961.

Rapid Valley, a suburb of Rapid City, S. Dak., had a growing population and no church of any denomination to serve its citizens. In the early part of 1962, the pastor and church board of First Assembly decided to purchase one acre of property in this new area and lay plans for the building of a church as soon as possible.

In July, 1962, George Bolt accepted the invitation of the board of First Assembly to supervise the construction of the new church and become its pastor upon completion. Construction began in August. From the very start until completion, the miracle-working hand of the Lord prevailed. All the roofing materials were donated and partially installed by a local roofing firm. A local lumberman cut hundreds of dollars from regular lumber costs and a considerable amount of volunteer labor contributed to the cutting of over-all cost.

On December 2, 1962, the dedication service was held. S. H. Petersen, district superintendent, preached the dedicatory message and Earl Harper, sectional presbyter and pastor of Bethel Assembly in Rapid City, offered the prayer of dedication.

The new church will seat 100. Fifty-

four attended the first regular service. The number increased to 62 during the first month of services.

First Assembly, under the leadership of Pastor Thompson, has financed completely the entire project. At the dedication service a check for \$1,000 was given the treasurer of the new church from the "mother" church to be placed in the pastor's salary fund. An announcement was also made that two members of First Assembly's official board and their families had transferred their membership to the new church, thus adding strength needed in the time of infancy.

The pioneer church has property evaluated in excess of \$15,000.



Pastor Doyle Thompson stands beside the new church in Rapid Valley, S. Dak.

Ministerial Association Sponsors Community-Wide Revivaltime Crusade

Delphos, Ohio, March 5-10

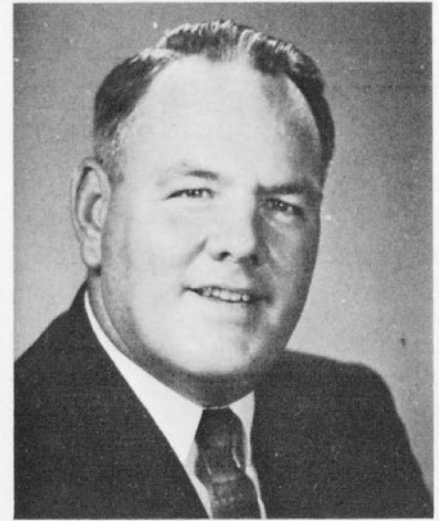
Sunday Broadcast to Originate Here

UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DELPHOS Ministerial Association, the *Revivaltime* team will engage in a community-wide revival crusade in Delphos, Ohio, March 3-10 with Evangelist C. M. Ward as speaker.

As a climax to the *Revivaltime* crusade in the Ohio city the March 10 broadcast service on the ABC radio network will originate in Delphos.

The service will be broadcast directly from the Jefferson High School auditorium at 10:30 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time).

A community-wide exchange of pulpits will open the crusade on Sunday, March 3. On Tuesday, March 5, nightly services with both C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, and D. V. Hurst, national radio secretary and



Warren J. Campbell, pastor of the First Assembly of God, Delphos, Ohio, is publicity chairman for the community-wide *Revivaltime* Crusade.

producer for *Revivaltime*, will begin. Lee Robbins, *Revivaltime* tenor soloist, will also be featured in the crusade services. Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director, will arrive on Thursday to select a choir, pianist, and organist from the local churches for the broadcast service. Bartlett Peterson, program narrator, will join the team for final preparations and the origination service.

Committees for the crusade were established by the Delphos Ministerial Association of which Donald Yocom is president. He will serve as chairman for the crusade. Committee chairmen are John Wilcox, finance; Walter Marks, ushers; Warren J. Campbell, publicity; and Gene Miller and Hugh Mosher, prayer and counseling co-chairmen.

According to the records available, this will be the first time since 1911 that Delphos has witnessed a revival crusade with an all-out united church effort.

Warren J. Campbell, pastor of the First Assembly of God, West Eighth Street, Delphos, has served as liaison between the Delphos Ministerial Association and the *Revivaltime* team to arrange the crusade. He was responsible for arranging the release of *Revivaltime* each Sunday night on WERT, Van Wert, Ohio.

Located "in the heart of industrial America," Delphos has a population of more than 7,800. Census figures show there are more than 214,000 people residing within a twenty-five-mile radius of the city. It is the trad-



Beginning March 5 the Jefferson High School auditorium will be the site of the crusade meetings. *Revivaltime* will be broadcast "live" from this auditorium on March 10.

ing center for about 30,000 people in a rich agricultural district.

A rapidly growing city, Delphos is managed by an elected mayor and city council. Its location at the junction of Van Wert, Allen, and Putnam Counties makes it the center for many social and cultural activities. Delphos now boasts seven Protestant churches, including the First Assembly of God which was established in 1938.

Pray for this *Revivaltime* origination and crusade in this important section of Ohio. If you have friends in the area who do not listen to the broadcast, invite them to tune in this release and to attend the *Revivaltime* crusade at the Jefferson High School.

NEW STATIONS

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
(KRAK)

1140 kc.—50,000 watts
Sunday, 9:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
(WNHC)

1340 kc.—1,000 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

DELAND, FLORIDA (WJBS)

1490 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

ROCKLAND, MAINE (WRKD)

1450 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
(WNBH)

1340 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (WBBR)

1490 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 9:30 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS, NEW YORK (WLFH)

1230 kc.—1250 watts
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

APOLLO, PENNSYLVANIA (WAVL)

910 kc.—1,000 watts
Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

BEEVILLE, TEXAS (KIBL)

1490 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (KAPE)

630 kc.—5,000 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN (WDUZ)

1400 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 9:30 p.m.

NOTICE

A free copy of the radio log listing all stations and local release times of the *Revivaltime* broadcasts may be obtained by writing to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

A Personal Testimony

Living by Faith

BY E. O. TESSENDORF
Seattle, Washington

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER of the Assemblies of God for over twenty years, I still vividly remember the change in my own life when I found Christ and when, a year or two later, I received the blessed infilling of the Holy Spirit.

So it was with interest that I read the articles on Martin Luther which appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel* a few weeks ago. In the words which meant so much to him—"the just shall live by faith"—I see a challenge and a wealth of truth for all our churches.

It reminds me of how for almost four years now the Spirit has been stirring my own heart—giving a spiritual hunger and an increased sense of His presence. I have gone to the Word as never before and desired Him to lead and to open my understanding that I might know Him.

To do this, I have had to believe the Bible means exactly what it says. There are no evasions, no apologies, no explanations. At first this was difficult. Even the simple verse, Matthew 7:2 ("Ask, and it shall be given you") was a problem. I had been asking God for many things—some for many years—and did believe that He would in due time grant my requests! But if the last part of the verse, *shall be given*, were true, then I ALREADY had the answer.

This thought greatly altered my concept of prayer. I had been a firm believer in a prayer list, and would mention my requests before the Lord each day. I wrote my list on a piece of paper and tacked it on the wall of my prayer closet. Then I tied a pencil on a string and hooked it beside the list, intending to mark off the answers as God answered prayer.

One day God stopped me right in the midst of my praying and asked me what I was doing. Taken aback,

I told Him I was repeating the things and persons on my prayer list.

Slowly He answered, "My child, you do not give Me the courtesy you give to a friend. If your friend promised you something, you would not go to her every day and remind her of that promise. You would instead rest secure in the knowledge that, because she was your friend, she would fulfill her promise to you. I am more than your friend, and yet you come to Me every day trying to remind Me you are believing for something. My child, cannot you see you are not believing? If you were believing, you would have praised me long ago, and then you would have received!"

This caused me to think how many times I had asked for the same thing over and over, and how often, even as we were encouraged to raise our hands in church to specify our needs, mine was raised without faith. Thus I came to realize that faith was a possession without which I could not please God.

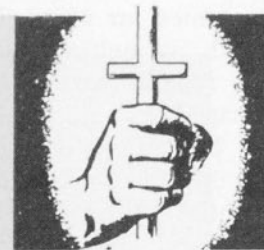
As I further searched the Scriptures, I was amazed at the truths of the Word of God. I had heard many sermons on salvation and healing, but none was as straightforward as the Bible. I was made to see that both healing and salvation were in the Atonement; God never separated them. Psalm 103:3 says: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." The same Christ who atoned for my sins also atoned for my sicknesses. It depended solely on my faith to believe for it.

Many times I had tried to excuse myself, or others, for not being healed—even thinking it might not be God's will. "By whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24) showed me this was not true. It was DONE as far as Christ was concerned. I finally came to realize that feelings, thoughts, even pain had nothing whatsoever to do with the Word of God. God could not lie. If, instead of looking at symptoms, I believed His Word, then God would confirm it, and I would be healed.

Thus I have found the Word of God to be real, vibrant, and true. A precious communion has developed between Christ and me. He is so near, and so wonderful. In my new walk in the Word, the very air I breathe has seemed charged with the presence of my Lord. I am learning that "the just shall *live* by faith." ◀◀

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

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GILLETTE, WYO.—An old-time Pentecostal revival was enjoyed at the Pentecostal Assembly of God here during recent meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley Pollet of Springfield, Mo. Excellent crowds attended the services each night despite much sickness and stormy weather. Each night the altars were lined with folk seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The people as a whole wanted a move of God, not just another meeting. One young lady who received the Holy Spirit was so blessed that she continued speaking in other tongues all the way home and went to sleep with the manifestation of the Spirit upon her. This revival has stirred the church to do a greater work for God. —*Glen Burris, Pastor*

the same truth from a New Testament text to a present-day application—thus forcibly tying together both Old and New Testaments. The study of the Tabernacle was enlightening and uplifting to the entire church. Christians were brought to a greater appreciation for the Word of God.

—*Orland E. Marr, Pastor*

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PERU, IND.—Average attendance is on the increase following a revival at First Assembly with Evangelist A. C. Thompson of Paragould, Ark. The church has been awakened to their work for Christ. One man was saved and his wife testified that she had been praying for him for 36 years. He is now earnestly seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. On the

young girl was so filled with the Spirit that she laughed under the anointing of the Spirit, and then did a Jericho march. A young man was saved one Sunday and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit on Friday of the same week. A Bible student from N. B. I. had been praying for her unsaved mother and felt led to bring her to a Sunday morning service during the revival. The mother, who formerly attended a formal church, was gloriously saved. The congregation enjoyed the old-fashioned Pentecostal preaching.

—*Domenick Ezzo, Pastor*

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CHERRY VALLEY, ARK.—Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Calaway have just concluded a fine series of meetings at the Bay Village Assembly of God. Several were saved, many reclaimed, three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and there were a number of refillings. Many testified to physical healing as well as deliverance from fear, tobacco, and other habits. The revival spirit which had been kindled in a campaign conducted previously by Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Marti reached a climax during the Calaway meeting.

—*William Ashpole, Pastor*

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SILSBEE, TEX.—Alton Parker of Houston, Tex. was the evangelist at a recent revival conducted at the First Assembly of God here. Several accepted Christ as personal Saviour, and the church was blessed by the messages on prophecy and other Bible-centered themes. The truths from the Word were presented in a way that all could understand and enjoy.

—*J. A. Hendrix, Pastor*

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COOS BAY, OREG.—A very profitable two-week series of meetings has been enjoyed at the Bunker Hill Assembly of God recently with L. H. Sheets as evangelist. Throughout the meetings there was a continual increase in both crowds and blessings. People came from as far away as 50 miles to attend; one family drove 170 miles. Backsliders were reclaimed, and the entire church was drawn closer to God. The meetings climaxed with a packed house and five at the altar for salvation on the closing night. —*Ray Hasley, Pastor*

CINCINNATI, OHIO — First Christian Assembly of God reports an outstanding revival just concluded by Evangelist Jay B. Oaks, who spoke each evening upon the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A number were saved, and some baptized in the Holy Spirit. This visitation of the Holy Spirit has encouraged the entire church to press on for greater spiritual victories. On many occasions a Sunday night crowd was present during the week-night services.

—*W. Randall Ball, Pastor*

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COPELAND, ALA.—A very successful revival was just concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Grant Daniel as special speaker. Four persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and several were refilled.

—*James H. Cooper, Pastor*

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CANADIAN, TEX.—Reginald Stone of Newton, N. C., was the evangelist at a revival just concluded at the Assembly of God here. Fifteen persons sought God for salvation, two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, several were refilled with the Holy Ghost, and seven persons were baptized in water. There were 86 in Sunday school on the last Sunday.

—*James Gitchell, Pastor*

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GREENVILLE, S. C.—Southside Assembly reports a very successful revival held recently with Evangelists Bob and Jeri Winford. Their ministry in sermon and song was a great blessing to the church. Crowds were the best ever. Two persons were reclaimed and six were saved on the Sunday following the close of the meeting. A spirit of revival continues in the regular services.

—*J. L. Gallman, Pastor*

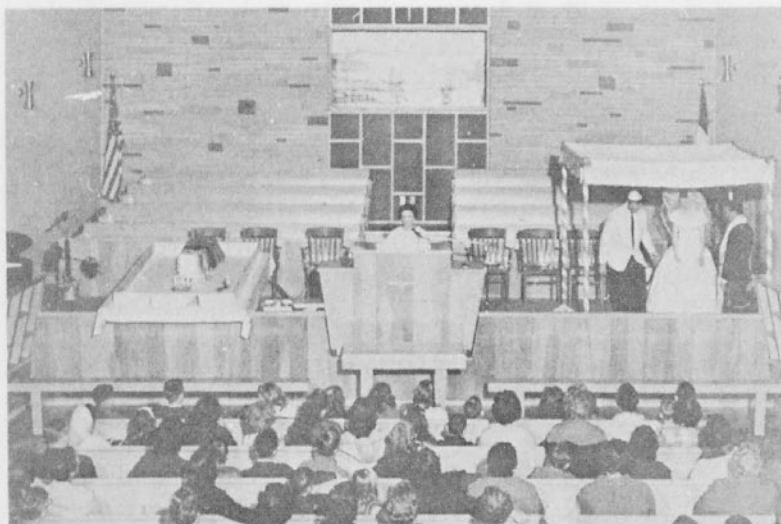
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PERRY, FLA.—First Assembly rejoices in a Biblical revival just closed with Evangelist Charles Harthern of England. Definite results were witnessed as sinners were saved, 14 filled with the Holy Spirit, and four persons were refilled. The church was lifted to spiritual heights.

—*John Sandifer, Pastor*

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PORTLAND, OREG.—A three-week youth revival has just been concluded at the Glisan Street As-



Evangelist Ruth (Specter) Lascelle is shown in the pulpit at the Assembly of God in Renton, Wash. At the left is a model of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness from which Sister Lascelle, a former Jewess, teaches Typology. At the right is a chuppah (canopy) under which Jewish couples are married. The evangelist demonstrates the Jewish wedding ceremony to illustrate gospel truths.

RENTON, WASH.—Four weeks of outstanding services have just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Walter and Ruth Lascelle. Sinners were saved, the sick healed, and the church edified by the Word which was preached with anointing and power. The ministry of the evangelists is unique in its dual presentation. Sister Lascelle (former Ruth Specter) prefaced her husband's messages on most nights with illustrated truths from either her scale model Tabernacle or Jewish religious symbols, and Brother Lascelle continued with

last night a young musician was filled with the Holy Spirit, and the altar service went on past midnight. —*Warren B. Tyler, Pastor*

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MECHANICSBURG, PA.—A very successful three-week revival during November was conducted at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Bassell of Lansing, Mich. Thirteen came to the altar for salvation, five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many experienced healing touches in their bodies. On several nights the altar services lasted until almost midnight. One

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

sembly of God here with Evangelist Lloyd Portin of Elma, Wash. There were 11 sinners and backsliders at the altar for salvation and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sixty-three visitors attended the services—most of them for the first time. One family was responsible for bringing 24 young people to the services. The ministry of the Word brought great blessing to young and old alike.

—F. J. Huntley, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

SACRED CONCERT — March 9 at First Assembly of God, 740 Pennington Ave., Trenton, N. J. Northeast Bible Institute Choir; R. Harry Rowland, director.—by James Occhipinti, chairman.

WITH CHRIST

JOHN O. LANE, 76, of Charleston, Ark., recently went to be with the Lord. He was a licensed minister and a member of the Arkansas District. He served as pastor and evangelist until his superannuation in 1959. Brother Lane's survivors include his widow and seven children.

A. G. PHILLIPS, SR., 57, minister of the Burnham Gospel Tabernacle, Chicago, Ill., recently went to his eternal reward. He had been pastor there since 1950. Ordained 29 years ago, Brother Phillips leaves his wife, Frances Lee, a licensed minister, and a son, A. G. Phillips, Jr., a licensed minister, who is now pastoring in his father's place.

MICHAEL VINCELLI, 49, of Wausau, Wis., died November 5 of a brain tumor. Besides serving as pastor and evangelist, Brother Vincelli was active in radio work in Wausau. An ordained minister in the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, he pastored in Iron Mountain, Mich. (1942) and in Merrill, Wis. (1942-55). Brother Vincelli is survived by his wife and five children.

LYDIA M. COVINGTON, 56, of Chaffee, Mo., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus on December 13. Licensed in 1946 and a member of the Southern Missouri District, Sister Covington founded the Crump Assembly in Crump, Mo. She pastored there and also did evangelistic work. Among her survivors are her husband, Elmer, two daughters, two sons, and one stepson. Her son, R. L. Covington, pastors the Assembly in Washington, Indiana.

WAYNE D. SMITH, 66, of Miami, Okla., went to his eternal reward November 7. His death

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	First	Feb. 28—	Bobby Jackson	John Caperton
	Birmingham	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	Norwood Seymour	Selby F. McManus
Ark.	Fort Smith	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 4	Bob Hoskins	B. Owen Oslin
	Green Forest	First	Mar. 4-17	Eddie Eaton	Billy H. Burris
	West Helena	First	Mar. 3—	T. L. & Mrs. Brooks	Louis Yendrick
Calif.	Delano	First	Mar. 10-17	Bob Watters	Ray Wilkerson
	N. Sacramento	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Raymond Miller	Bobby Clark
	Paramount	First	Mar. 5-17	Lowell Lundstrom	T. S. Singleton
	Roseville	*First	Mar. 10-15	Charles Senechal	Robert W. Pirtle
	Santa Rosa	First	Mar. 3-10	Garfield J. Unruh	W. O. Vickery
	Ukiah	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Sam Klein	W. Cornish Jones
Colo.	Littleton	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Jeremiah Hanley	D. M. Chapman
Fla.	Orlando	Conway	Mar. 5-17	Charles Harthern	Charles Newbold
	Sarasota	Faith	Mar. 5-10	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Clair Brooks
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel Temple	Mar. 6-17	Perrello Brothers	Grover Langston
Ill.	Canton	A/G	Mar. 5-17	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Willis A. Akridge
	Metropolis	First	Mar. 5-17	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	D. A. Lunsford
Ind.	Bloomington	First	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	J. B. Woolums	Donald Carroll
	Bloomington	Lighthouse	Mar. 5-17	Cox-Brown Team	M. L. Baxter
	Kendallville	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Alfred Allen	K. B. Davies
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	First	Mar. 5-17	Joseph Johnson	Fred R. Gottwald
	Woodbine	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Norman & Evelyn Hays	G. E. Fogelman
Kans.	Attica	A/G	Mar. 10-24	David S. Sandall	Lynn Kanaga
	Caney	First	Feb. 12—	Thompson-Bodnar Team	Ray F. Hollis
Miss.	Natchez	First	Mar. 10-22	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	C. B. Anderson
Mo.	Grandview	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Jerry & Joy Spain	Burrell White
Nebr.	Lexington	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	Ray C. Eskelin	Dale K. Eden
N. Y.	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem Ch.	Mar. 5-10	Tommy Barnett	Wm. J. Behr
N. C.	Hertford	A/G	Feb. 24—	Roland H. Blount	Albert G. Eller
Okla.	Clayton	A/G	Mar. 4-17	Mathers-Pharr Team	Roy B. Little
	Oklahoma City	South West	Mar. 10—	Musical Rogers	H. H. Palmer
	Medford	First	Mar. 3—	Frank Lummer Party	R. E. Cull
Oreg.	Huntingdon	A/G	Mar. 3-17	Musical Vanderploegs	Edward Berkey
Pa.	Angleton	Central	Mar. 10-24	Mike Wright Family	G. P. Leatherwood
	Dallas	First	Mar. 10-24	Bobby Black	E. E. Krogstad
	El Paso	First	Mar. 6-10	Calvin Melton	Wm. F. Hageman
	Fort Worth	Zion Temple	Mar. 4—	Leo S. Gaston	B. R. Griffith
	Olney	A/G	Mar. 10—	Jerry Hill	Dave E. Laughlin
Va.	Richmond	A/G	Mar. 5-15	Jim & Tammy Bakker	S. Blair Hall
	Bellevue	Neighborhood	Mar. 5-17	Bill & Verna McPherson	James Hance
	Centralia	**First	Mar. 5-10	Christian Hild	Ralph Phillips
Wash.	Chehalis	Bethel	Mar. 5—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Albert P. Knudson
	Ranson	Calvary	Feb. 27—	Guy Duty	William P. Reed
W. Va.	Tenkodogo, U.V.	A/G Mission	Mar. 10—	Ernie & Neil Eskelin	Raymond Zents
Africa	Wainwright, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	Mar. 5-17	Mel W. Holmes	Sandy Johnson
Canada	Aukland	Queen Street	Mar. 3-10	Stanley P. MacPherson	John Wood
N. Zeal.	Manila	Bethel Temple	Mar. 10—	Donnel-Holler Team	Lyman Richardson
P. I.	Cali, Colombia	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Watson Argue	Verlin E. Stewart

* Children's Revival

** Youth Revival

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was sudden due to a heart attack. Ordained in 1948, and a member of the Oklahoma District, Brother Smith held several pastorates in that state including Afton (1948-52), Grove (1955-60), and Millers Flat (1961-62). He also did evangelistic work. Brother Smith is survived by his wife and seven children.

MISS SUSIE H. DAVIS of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, passed from this life on December 31, 1962, after a lingering illness. Born in Macon, Georgia, in 1884, Sister Davis was a public school teacher until 1911 when she entered full-time ministry in the Pentecostal Movement. She assisted in opening the full gospel work in Bangor, Maine, and in Freder-

icton, New Brunswick. In 1925 she moved on to Saint John and helped open the Pentecostal work there. For over thirty-eight years she and her sister, Miss Carro E. Davis, were copastors of the Full Gospel Assembly in Saint John.

ROBERT F. RAINBOW, 63, of Akron, Pa., went to his eternal reward December 30 after suffering a heart attack earlier in the month. Born in Liverpool, England, Brother Rainbow served as an officer in the Salvation Army for a number of years prior to receiving his personal Pentecost in 1934. After affiliating with the Assemblies of God he pastored at Thornwood, White Plains, and Glen Falls, N. Y., and also in Lebanon and Akron, Pa. Brother

Rainbow is survived by his wife, Irma L., and four children.

JOHN B. BAULDREE, 70 of Lockhart, Fla., went to be with Jesus November 30. At the time of his ordination he was a member of the West Florida District. Later, Brother Bauldree became Superintendent of that district in 1935 and again from 1946 to 1951. His pastorates included Bagdad, Fla. (1931); Crestview, Fla. (1932); Florala, Ala. (1933-35 and 1937). He also pastored at Phenix City, Ala.; and at St. Petersburg, Eagle Lake, Tallahassee, Winter Garden, and Lockhart, Fla. Brother Bauldree also did evangelistic work. His survivors include his wife, Effie Mae, and six children.

What a question they had asked in their simplicity! But Jesus answered, 'Come and see!'

TWO DISCIPLES, LEAVING THE SIDE OF John the Baptist, followed Jesus as He made His way down to the home where He was staying. They had heard a startling declaration from the lips of the wilderness prophet—an announcement that was both thrilling and puzzling. And he had pointed out to them this young Galilean, a stranger. Surely there *was* something different about this Man! The words used by John savored of a divine revelation, and indeed he told them

It might have been disturbing to these two questioners if the voice from the past had at this moment burst upon their ears to answer their question. "Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?" (Job 11:7,8)

What a question they had asked in their simplicity! They were not aware of the fact that a prophet of God had

had just been living where "from the place of his habitation, he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth" (Psalm 33:14), or that His dwelling was so exalted that he "humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in earth!" (Psalm 113:6) He could remind them that actually He had already told them a great deal of His dwelling—that when the heavens were prepared, He was there; when the compass was put on the face of the depths; when the clouds



'Master, Where Dwellest Thou?'

by Mrs. A. R. Reid

how it was that he had recognized the Galilean as being someone special and different.

"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him," John told them. "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God" (John 1:32-34).

Again the next day they had stood with John and it was then he had made the amazing announcement, as he pointed to Jesus—"Behold the Lamb of God!" *And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.* They felt they must not let Him get out of their sight before they found out about Him! At least they would follow Him and find out where He lived.

"Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi [Master] where dwellest thou?" (John 1:38)

long ago answered their query. "The high and lofty One . . . inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place" (Isaiah 57:15).

Even Solomon's wisdom at this point might have been confusing to John's two followers had the words of his solemn prayer addressed to the one "which dwellest between the cherubims" (2 Kings 19:15) sounded forth. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth?" Solomon was saying, "Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee" (1 Kings 8:27).

David, truly inspired of the Holy Spirit, would have had them know in no uncertain words that "He dwells everywhere!" "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-10).

Surely Jesus Himself would answer them now by telling them that He

were established above; when the fountains of the deep were strengthened; when the sea was given his decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment; when the foundations of the earth were appointed . . . His place had been from everlasting in the bosom of the Father, even while His delights were with the sons of men (Proverbs 8:24-31).

But ah, these two were not yet prepared for the real answer to their question! The time would come when, having witnessed the mighty deeds and acts of mercy that accompanied the Nazarene, they would say with Peter, their spokesman, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then He would begin to tell them about His real home that was with His Father, and that He wanted them to come and see *it*. He would be able to impart to them His desire to share that home with them for *eternity* and not just as He would today share with them His present humble, borrowed home.

And what does He answer these simple men who on the eve of making His acquaintance are asking, "Mas-

ter, where dwellest thou?" Above the voices of prophets and sages, the answer that falls from His lips is simple and gracious, "Come and see," and He begins to guide them along the country path to the place of His dwelling.

Witnesses from the past may well again raise their inspired voices and declare, "This we have seen Him do before!" Israel coming out of Egypt had stopped to tell of it, and to exalt the One who guided their feet along the way, saying, "Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation" (Exodus 15:13).

"Come and see," this Guide is now saying. Take the first step and then little by little you will be led to understand what the prophets have been saying! Walk with Him to understanding, but know that while He treads with you now this humble path in the land that knows little of justice and judgment, and where mercy and truth are almost unknown and wholly unloved, in His *real* home "justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face" (Psalm 89:14). *There*, wisdom dwells with prudence (Proverbs 8:12), and there "mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Psalm 85:10).

How little did these two learners realize that the One who now walked with them was not confined to this mode of transportation! David could tell them, "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place" (Psalm 68:17). To walk with you down there, David would have said, "He bowed the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; yea he did fly upon the wings of the wind" (Psalm 18:9, 10). It seems His custom was to ride "upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old" (Psalm 68:33)! Nor was that the end of his resources for, according to Isaiah, "The Lord rideth upon a swift cloud" (Isaiah 19:1), and "maketh the clouds his chariots" (Psalm 104:3).

"They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour" (John 1:39).

Did Jesus at this time long to give

them a little look into His real abode—that magnificent city of which He had once given Abraham a glimpse? That one glimpse had been enough to satisfy the old patriarch to dwell in tents on earth all his life, if at the end of his sojourn he might share the eternal abode! Did Jesus now speak at all of the Father's house in which there were many mansions? At best, what a faint introduction this first meeting was to what He longed to tell them and what He later on would show them!

They abode with Him that day, for it was two hours before the night when doors would be closed and the city gates locked. No doubt they lit a candle as they visited in the little home. They could not know then that in His eternal dwelling there was no night! "And they need no candle, neither the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light" (Revelation 22:5). Indeed, the Lamb Himself is the light of that place (Revelation 21:25).

The impressions of that visit never left those disciples, yet they had very little to say as to what they had seen when they followed Him to His dwelling place that day. But later on the invitation would be repeated to one of them—the same blessed voice would say to him, "Come... and I will shew thee" (Revelation 4:1). Then words would tumble forth in rapture as he would try to tell what he saw. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" (Revelation 21:2, 11).

Ah, let us ask it again, earnestly, reverently, "Master, where dwellest thou?" Perhaps this is the message He would speak to your heart: for while He truly dwells in the high and holy place, He sends word that He dwells "with him ALSO that is of a contrite and humble spirit" (Isaiah 57:15). "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord" (Proverbs 8:34, 35).

Can you by His infinite grace say with David, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever"? (Psalm 23:6)

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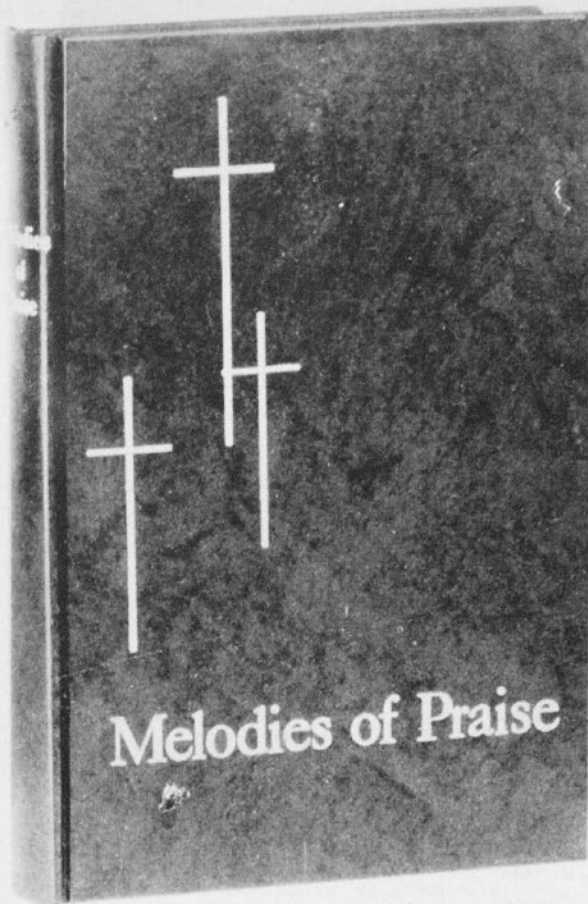
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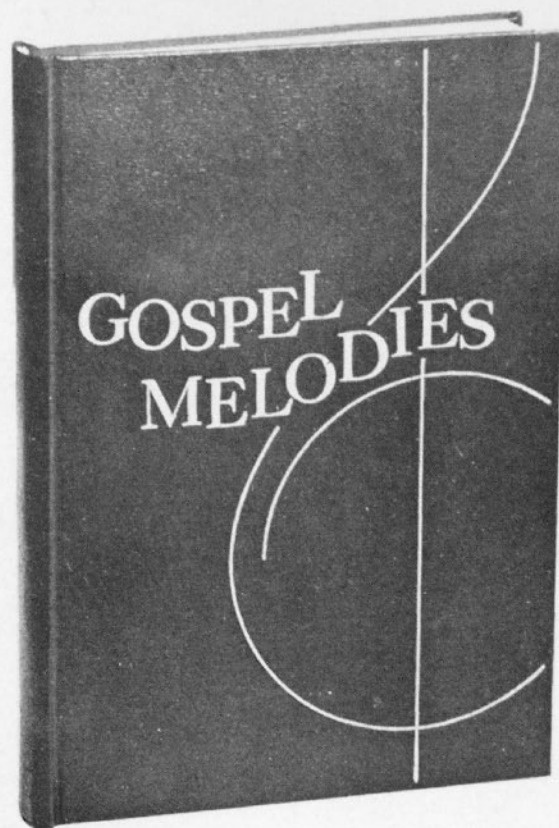
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Don't Open the Gate!

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JANIE HAD BEEN TOLD, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, NOT TO go outside the gate. But the temptation was great and the gate easy to open. Surely, if she just stepped outside and looked around, Mommy wouldn't see. Yes, she would hurry right back inside.

Her small fingers reached for the latch and clumsily she lifted it. She glanced back quickly at the house. No Mommy peeked from the windows, so she slid past the gate and out onto the sidewalk.

Many things intrigued her—the flowers that poked their shaggy heads through the fence just beyond her reach, the kittens that played all day next door, and especially the little boy who lived across the street.

She hummed a little tune to herself as she sauntered down the sidewalk. It was still early in the morning; the dew glistened beckoningly on things just beyond her reach, calling, calling her. How could she resist? Why had she not dared to come before? Silly Mommy! Always afraid!

At first her feet moved slowly, but gradually they gained momentum as she saw she had not been discovered. She was going to see the world! Her brown curls bobbed as she skipped and her little mouth curved in a contented smile.

She patted the kittens as they came mewling to greet her. She picked the flowers that had waved to her, as a peace offering to Mommy when she returned. Then suddenly she spied the little boy who always shouted to her when she was imprisoned in her fence.

"Hi, Janie," he called. "C'mon and play with me."

That was all Janie needed. She didn't look or think. She plunged out into the street, directly into the path of an oncoming car.

The flowers strewn on the street were a grim reminder of a little girl's carelessness.

When you receive Jesus as your personal Saviour, He forgives your sins and places you in a new realm of

love. God's protective hedge appears about you.

But just as you had a choice of rejecting or accepting Christ, so you now have the choice of remaining within or walking outside the hedge. God does not force you to accept His goodness.

Perhaps you flirt with temptation. Then, intrigued when temptation winks back, you assume you can step outside of God's hedge for a moment and He will never know.

Perhaps, at the moment, you really mean it to be only one step, but isn't it peculiar how your feet carry you along? It's almost as though they had a mind of their own.

Yet you go slowly. Janie moved slowly at first, too. One slip at a time—neglecting to ask forgiveness when you hurt a friend, using God's name in vain when you become angry.

One step farther along the way of sin deceives you into thinking that you can take another step and another and still be free at any time to turn back to the harbor of safety within God's arms.

But you will discover that when you yearn for the things the world loves, the world's standards become yours. Set your sights above!

1 John 2:15 tells us, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

What would you reply if the devil called, "Hi, there. C'mon and play with me." If you are already blinded by small sins, you will never recognize the prince of this world for what he is. You will plunge headlong into the street!

You may not literally lose your life as soon as you answer the call, but be assured it will be lost sooner or later. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

You see, Janie didn't make her biggest mistake when she ran into the street. It happened when she opened the gate of the fence! ◀◀