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## Why the Nun Danced

BY AGNES ZYPE

(as told to Anne Sandberg)
"It's JUST A matter of time now," the hospital phoned. "You had better notify the relatives."

The next morning my sister and I hurried to the hospital to be with Dad during his last moments. Both of us thought of the same thing: Was Dad really saved? We shuddered to think of the only alternative.

Seven years before this I had accepted Christ. Dad never understood me. "Agnes has gone crazy since she started attending that Protestant church," he complained. "All she does is read their prayer book [the Bible]. Besides, she's forever giving money to heathen in Africa."

Even after my sister and later my mother were saved, Dad remained in spiritual darkness. But after we had prayed much for him, he finally consented to attend church. For two years he faithfully accompanied us to all Sunday services and even came during the week.
"But it's fruitless," I said to my sister. "Dad isn't making any profession of salvation."
"All we can do is keep praying and believing," my sister comforted.

Toward the close of the two years, Dad became so ill that we asked our pastor to definitely approach him concerning his soul.

As the pastor left Dad's bedroom, I anxiously asked, "Has he accepted the Lord ?"
"I thoroughly explained the gospel," our pastor replied. "He said he wanted to be saved and repeated after me the prayer of repentance and committal. We will have to leave it with God as to whether he was actually born again."

During this time of concern over my father's soul, in the providence of the Lord I heard a radio speaker who very much encouraged me. He said that a certain woman was dissatisfied with her church. "I just sit and listen to sermons, but receive no good," she complained. "Most of the time I forget what I hear. So what good is it to attend church?"
"Do you have a wicker basket?" asked the visiting preacher.
"Yes."
"Take me to your basement; I want to show you something."

The minister placed the wicker basket over the washtub, filled a pail with water, and poured it in.
"What happened ?" he asked.
"Nothing," replied the woman; "the basket doesn't hold the water."

Twice again the minister filled a pail with water and poured it into the basket. Each time the woman insisted nothing had happened.
"Look again," the minister urged.
"Oh," exclaimed the woman, "the basket is getting cleaner."
"That's right," replied the minister. "The Bible says, "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.' Also, it speaks of the washing of water by the Word. You may seem to receive no benefit; but each time you hear the Word of God you are being cleansed and changed."

When I heard this illustration over the radio, my heart leaped with joy for I realized that surely, during the two years Dad had been attending church, enough spiritual darkness must have been cleansed away to enable him to understand and respond to the gospel.

But as the days passed, Father said nothing about the pastor's visit. I wondered again: "Surely, if he had really accepted Christ, he would witness to it. Especially since he realizes that he is seriously ill. Doesn't the Scripture say, 'With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation'?" And Dad had made no confession.

Several times I suggested this to Dad, but he is the type of person who never talks about himself. He remained silent and my heart almost sank with anxiety.

The day they drove him to the hospital, I felt I simply must know of his spiritual condition. I leaned over the ambulance cot and asked, "Dad, do you know the Lord?" Weakly he raised his head and whispered, "So good to know the Lord, honey."

After I had left the hospital, I pondered his words. Of course it was good to know the Lord, but did he know God?

Why was he not giving a clear testimony? Could there be some hindrance?

Not many days later, I discovered the trouble. One of my sisters had married Jim, a man whom Dad disliked. Throughout the years, Dad was
barely civil to him. Now, when Dad was in the hospital, a group of church friends and relatives decided to visit him. At the last moment (and surely this was in divine appointment) they determined to go several miles out of their way to pick up Jim.

When the group entered the hospital room, Jim, knowing Dad's attitude, remained outside. Dad hardly paid attention to his visitors. "Where is Jim ?" he asked.

The moment Jim entered the room, Dad extended his hand and said, "Forgive me, Jim."
"That's all right, Dad," Jim replied. And the men shook hands.

Dad smiled and said, "It's all right now ; it's all right."

Several days later, when the nurse phoned us that Dad was dying, the old anxiety nagged me again. "It may be that he really is saved, Lord," I prayed; "but please give me some definite assurance today that you are going to receive His soul."

In the hospital, a nun said, "We would like to arrange for extreme
unction for your father. Are you Catholics?"
"We used to be," I replied, "but we are converted."

Angrily, the nun left. She was replaced by another nun, sweet-faced and gentle.
"Your father is dying," she said; "may I light a candle for his soul? It will light his way to heaven."
"We don't believe that way," I said. "Jesus is his light."
"The candle is just a symbol," the nurse said.
"If you want to light it, you may," I said, "but we believe that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life."

The nun lit the candle and stood at Dad's bedside, praying on her rosary. My sister stood beside the nun and I at the head of the bed. Because Dad was unconscious, it was hopeless to expect any word of assurance from him. As I looked into his face, still praying with a laststand desperation, the death-sweat suddenly broke all over his face. I knew his spirit was leaving his body.

At that exact moment, the Holy Spirit descended so greatly that I began to praise the Lord with exuberant joy. My eyes were closed, but when I heard a commotion beside me I opened them to see what was happening.

To my utter amazement, my sister, who is a large woman, had linked arms with the nun, a tiny woman. With their arms entwined, they were dancing around the hospital room, glorifying the Lord. The glory of God filled the entire room and I knew that the angels had come to take my father's spirit into heaven.

In the midst of the rejoicing, the nun cried, "Oh, this is the most wonderful death I have ever witnessed."

She did not request that we call a priest to administer the last sacraments; for it was obvious that they had been administered by God Himself.

When my sister and I left the hospital, we could not sorrow, for we had the full assurance that Father had gone to be with the Lord.

## The Key to the Scriptures

BY DON MALLOUGH - PASTOR, FAITH TABERNACLE. TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The bible is easily understood by many people and yet it is an enigma to others. It is strange indeed that the same book can speak so clearly to some and still confuse the minds of many good and sincere persons.

Even more startling is the type of individuals often found in the two groups. A little old lady in the country rocks before her fireplace and relishes every word she reads from her well-worn Bible. The college professor in the ivy-covered halls of learning forces himself to read this ancient book but finds it only a jumble of confusion. This in itself would indicate that education and training is not the key to understanding the Bi ble and the things of God.

What is the key to comprehending the truth in this great literary masterpiece, the Bible? What method of study will bring us into the charmed circle of those who read and enjoy the Word of God? Shall we use the
same technique as in studying science, mathematics, and history? Are there certain laws of hermeneutics that can only be learned in Bible college or seminary? Are some people just born with this insight and others not? Is there a companion book that will unlock the mysteries of God? What is the answer?

The apostle Paul dealt very effectively with this matter when he wrote to the church in Corinth ( $1 \mathrm{Co}-$ rinthians 2:9-16). The truths he expounded laid the foundation for answering these questions and clearly presenting that which will unlock the message of the Scriptures.

Paul starts with a basic cornerstone which we must concede. It is that man, in himself, is incompetent to grasp God's entire truth. He may be fully qualified and trained in discerning human knowledge, but that does not necessarily qualify him for understanding the divine. "The natural
man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Man's comprehension of God has exceedingly narrow limits. His spiritual insight is practically nonexistent. Jesus, too, emphasized that fact when He rebuked Peter. "Thou art an offence unto me," He said, "for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Matthew 16:23).

You would not ask a blind man to judge an art exhibit. Neither would it be practical to ask a deaf person his opinion of a musical concert. There are closed minds, too. The ordinary man has such a mind as far as the things of God are concerned.

How was the Bible written and what brought it into existence? The simple answer is given on its pages: "For the prophecy came not in old (Continued on page seven)

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## God's Wrath and Mercy

The wrath of God is sure to come upon the disobedient, but His mercy is promised to the penitent. This is the message of the Bible. Throughout the Scriptures there is a mingling of divine anger and grace. The prophet cried: "O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2). When God displays His power we see a demonstration both of His wrath and of His mercy.

The Psalmist said, "I will sing of mercy and judgment" (Psalm 101:1). He could recall many instances where his people had seen great mercy extended to them in a day of great judgment.

The Red Sea was one such case. The Israelites had seen God's mercy as He made a path for them through the sea. They also had seen His judgment upon their oppressors as the water swept in upon Pharaoh and his hosts. What a thanksgiving service they had on the other shore! They lifted up their voices and sang of the mercy of the Lord who had triumphed gloriously. They also sang of His judgments on the horse and rider who had been cast into the sea.
Another instance was the crossing of the Jordan. The Israelites came to the river at flood time, when the river had overflowed its banks (Joshua 3:15); but God took them safely across. When the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant dipped their feet in the Jordan, the current of the river stopped. The waters piled up in a heap, and all the people passed over on dry land.
Jordan speaks to us of death and judgment. It was in this same river that John baptized Jesus, and as the waves rolled over Him they spoke of the judgment of God's wrath against sin that was to come upon Him at Calvary. The dipping of the feet of the priests in Joshua's day was a symbol of the full immersion of Him who was to die for all men.
Jeremiah lived in a day of judgment but he was preserved. He said of himself and of the small remnant preserved with him, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed" (Lamentations 3:22). He declared, "The Lord is my portion . . . therefore will I hope in him." Those who choose the Lord as their portion, and who put their trust in the saving power of the Precious Blood, do not need to fear the coming judgment.
Great judgments are coming on this earth. Men may scoff at the warning, just as they scoffed in Noah's day; but the Flood came and swept them all away in spite of their scoffing, and the Bible says that greater judgments lie ahead. Thank God, there is an ark through which we, like Noah and his family, can be saved. That ark is Christ. Those who are wise will enter the ark now, while the door is still open.
There came a day when the Lord shut the door of Noah's ark, and those who sought admittance after that were doomed (Genesis 7:16). It may not be long until the door of God's mercy will be closed again, and those who have failed to accept Christ as their Saviour will find they have neglected their final opportunity.
The rumblings of thunder can be heard today. Very soon, perhaps before another sumrise or sunset, the Rapture will take place and divine judgment will be poured upon a sinful, Christ-rejecting world. At this moment the door to safety is still open. Call on the name of the Lord for mercy, and escape the coming wrath.

- R.C.C.


## HAPPINESS

The essentials of happiness have been defined as "someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for." No wonder then that Christians are happy people. We love One who first loved us, and gave Himself for us. Fickleness and misunderstanding and separation can becloud the best of earthly loves, but in Christ we have a Lover whose love will outlast time, and to whom we can give our heart's devotion without fear of unfaithfulness. He is eternally faithful.

And we have something to do! As long as one soul remains outside His love we have a job to do, a message to share. There is no discharge in this war, no retirement from this rewarding task.

In these days of uncertainty the hopes of many may be dashed by the morning headlines. But "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," we have a hope beyond all earthly changes.

Happiness, to be complete, must be shared. What a love, what a task, what a hope is ours to share with a needy world!
-Elva Johnson Hoover

## THE VIGOR OF HEAVENLY JOY

Sorrow depresses and unnerves. Joy gives heart and vigor. If we go to our tasks in a joyful, hopeful spirit, we are likely to do well, while a dejected and defeatist attitude is apt to bring the failure we anticipate and dread. But if all joy is strengthening, then certainly the joy of the Lord is much more so because it is that serene cheerfulness that rises from an unwavering trust in Him and is not dependent upon changes, losses, and griefs of time.

The Christian ought to be the happiest person on earth, because he has God as a Father, who can and will do more than we ask or think. God brought us into this world and has pledged to see us through.

The Christian ought to be the cheeriest person on earth, because he has Jesus as his Saviour from sin. The Christian ought to be the most contented person on

## THIS WEEK'S COVER

One of the many Assemblies of God congregations that have dedicated new houses of worship in recent months is First Assembly in Warren, Ohio. The new building shown on the cover page is located in the fastest growing area of Warren. It is built on a $171 / 2$-acre tract with ample parking space.

More than seven hundred persons can be seated in the sanctuary with adjoining chapel, the mother's room above, and the windowed narthex. Well-lit Sunday school rooms are provided in one wing. Other features of the building include church officers, pastor's study, a large library, and a fellowship hall.
The chapel is dedicated to the memory of the late John Waggoner, who founded the church in 1914. The present pastor, Herbert E. Eicher, has shepherded the church for the past fifteen years.

earth, because he has the Holy Spirit who guides, controls, and comforts.

And so, rejoicing in the Lord, we Christians have strength in time of temptation. Rejoicing in the Lord, we have strength to serve Him. Rejoicing in the Lord gives strength in tribulation. With Him we may weather every storm. -The Adoring Heart

## TOO BUSY

"I think sometimes we are too busy to be really useful," said an old lady. "We hear so much about making every minute count, that there is no place left for small wayside kindnesses. We visit the sick neighbor, and relieve the poor neighbor, but for other neighbors who have no evident problem we haven't a minute to spare. But everybody who needs a cup of cold water isn't calling the fact out to the world. There are a great many little pauses by the way which are no waste time." -Selected

## HOW THE SPIRIT REPROVES

A social worker, having tried in vain to persuade a careless family to clean up their home, brought to them the finest Easter lily she could find. She placed it in their living room and departed.

The lily reproved the family of its filthy environs. First they tidied the living room-made it a fit place for the new gift. Then that room reproved them until they cleaned the rest of the house.

The Spirit comes to "reprove the world of sin" (John 16:8). He does it by unveiling the loveliness of Christ.
-Selected

## A LESSON FROM DR. MEYER

Mr. Moody invited me to breakfast at his home in Northfield one day. I got to the house before the breakfast hour and met Dr. Meyer beneath a great tree in front of the house. I said to him: "What is the matter with me? So many times I seem half empty, and so many times powerless; what is the matter?"

He put his hand on my shoulder and said: "Have you ever tried to breathe out three times without breathing in once?" I wondered if he was referring to some new breathing excerise, so I said: "I do not think I have." "Well," he said, "try it."

So I breathed out once, and then I had to breathe in again. He said "Your breathing out must always be in proportion to your breathing in." Then he said, "Good morning," and I went on into Mr. Moody's house.

I have learned my lesson. I knew that I had been trying to breathe out more than I had breathed in. There must be a constant inhalation of the Spirit of Pentecost ! -J. Wilbur Chapman

# Take a Prayer Break! 

STRENGTH OF A HOUSEHOLD


# It will do much more good than a "coffee break." 

By HAZEL W. TibBIT

Vacation days were over! at home, I found that dust had accumulated alarmingly on the furniture and the few cleaning jobs I had planned to do suddenly took on the proportion of giant, demanding ogres. After a bout with the washer, the vacuum cleaner, and the dust mop, I sank wearily into the living room rocker.
"I need a break," I said to no one in particular. In a minute I had a cup of hot coffee in one hand and my feet propped on the hassock. What a good feeling to relax for a few minutes! The kitchen clock, I had noticed, pointed to $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. I'm not the only one taking a coffee break, I mused.

In my mind I saw the office where I worked, half empty now as the force went out for coffee. Several remained to answer the phones and relay messages. The office force's devotion to these periods away from their duties was reflected in the promptness with which each one left his desk at the appointed time. They would feel hurt if accused of being clock watchers, yet their departure varied hardly a minute or two day after day. Everything was laid aside for this twicedaily ritual-the coffee break.

As I rocked, sipping the hot, fragrant coffee, I reflected how in but a few days I would be back at my own desk following the ritual with them.

Springing suddenly to mind like a
sharp reminder came the thought that I had neglected my morning devotional. During our week's trip, my husband and I had neglected this habit. Then this morning, the beginning of our first day back at home, an unexpected business call had caused my husband to leave early. The unhurried time we usually had together was lost.

With a pang, I realized how much these periods meant to me-and, I felt sure, to my husband as well. For a few moments in the morning, we drank coffee together, read a portion of Scripture, and discussed its meaning for us.

Why not have my own devotional time right now, I decided, while I'm resting.

Following the lead of a devotional magazine, I read the suggested Scripture and the commentary, followed by my own personal prayer. Most of it was thanksgiving. I had so much for which to give praise: God had brought us home safely and well; we had seen many of the beauties He had put on our earth for man to enjoy; I remembered what a fine husband I had and what a comfortable home.

I prayed for our nation, for our church, and for those who were sick and discouraged. Then I placed the rest of the day in God's hands, seeking His wisdom and direction. I sat back relaxed, comforted, and uplifted. Nothing could go too far wrong with God at the helm. My time of reading
and prayer had taken scarcely longer than my office coffee break and the effect on me mentally and spiritually was tremendous. I could go back to my work now really refreshed.

Laying my Bible aside, I wondered why many Christians did not consider a prayer break as important as a coffee break. The mental relaxation was, for me, much more effective than walking a block for coffee and a doughnut, often waiting impatiently along with others for a stool to be vacated, and then hurrying back to my desk.

There are several purposes for a coffee break. One is to leave work for awhile on the theory that a person will return refreshed and with renewed vitality. Another is to provide relief from mental fatigue, a common cause of mistakes and loss of efficiency.

The coffee break also provides a social time-in some cases the only time during the workday that office fellow workers can talk about their activities, their families, and perhaps share problems and confidences. From experience and observation, I would say social value is a greater reason for continuing the coffee break than rest or refreshment.

In comparison, what does prayer do for us? A few minutes spent with the Lord, bringing to Him, who is closer than a best friend or confidant, every care, frustration, or problem, experiencing the ecstacy of being bathed in His presence and love, the indescribable sense of peace and joy that comes from surrendering to His lead-ing-this is the result of prayer. Reading the Scriptures provides wisdom, but prayer gives us transforming power.

I am not suggesting that a prayer break take the place of a coffee break; it would be impractical in many offices. For spiritual and physical refreshment far surpassing the coffee break, however, each person should schedule a time for it daily.

A time for prayer has become, for me, as important as my morning coffee, for I have known a sense of purposelessness without it. There is a divine purpose for every life, but if we are not on speaking terms with our heavenly Father, how can we know what it is? Start now to take a prayer break.
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# The Key to the Scriptures 

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time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (1 Peter 1:21). A motley group of men from different eras, with different backgrounds, varying education and separated vantage points, penned the truths of the sixty-six books that comprise our Bible. In spite of the variety of style and presentation there is a continuity from beginning to end. The reason for this cohesiveness is that behind them is the common authorship of the Holy Spirit.

When Moses, David, Isaiah and Ezekiel recorded facts and thoughts upon the parchment it was the Holy Spirit who inspired them to write. Years later when Paul, Peter, James and Jude took quill in hand to write upon the scroll, it was the same Holy Spirit who inspired their thoughts and guided their pens. The Holy Spirit expressed the truth of God through men who were yielded to Him.

This same Holy Spirit is in the world today and indwells our hearts. He has, and is, the key to unfolding the Scriptures to us. If holy men wrote the truth when inspired by Him, it follows that yielded men can understand the truth when He unfolds it to them. Who else is in such a position to help us in this vital way?

Listen to what Paul writes: "For who among men knows a man's thoughts, except the man's own spirit within him? In the same way also only God's Spirit is acquainted with God's thoughts. But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which comes from God, that we may know what is freely given us by God. This we also utter, not in language which man's wisdom teaches us, but in that which the Spirit teaches, adapting spiritual words to spiritual truths. The unspiritual man rejects the teachings of the Spirit of God: to him they are folly, and he cannot learn them, because they are spiritually appraised. But the spiritual man appraises everything, although he is
himself appraised by no one" (1 Corinthians 2:11-15, Weymouth).

The Holy Spirit is the key to the understanding of the Scriptures. He knows God, being the blessed third person of the Godhead. He knows the thoughts and intents of Jehovah: "God's Spirit is acquainted with God's thoughts." This is His dispensation and it is His ministry now to make known to us the things of God. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth ..." (John 16:13).

He leads us into an understanding of deep things that we could never comprehend otherwise. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). Truth from the spiritual realm is unfolded by One from that realm and we are permitted to learn from Him.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher. He knows what we desire to learn and is willing to impart that knowledge to us. It is impossible to know truth and not be able to impart it to others. He is not so limited. He teaches us both what we know and what we speak. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (1 Corinthians 2:13). We speak with authority because of His unction that rests upon us.

Strange as it may seem, there are limits to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. His role is only to teach the things of God. He teaches only those who are yielded to Him or are spiritual. He has no communication with the natural man whatsoever. The barrier or hindering factor is in man himself rather than in the Spirit of God. Whether or not the Holy Spirit can teach a person depends wholly upon the man's attitude and pliableness.

The key to understanding the Scrip-
tures is in being born of the Spirit of God. With that experience of the new birth comes a direct contact with the Holy Spirit, the revealer of the truth of God. Jesus said, "Except a man be born ... of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:5, 6). With such a birth comes the opening of the eyes to behold the Saviour. When the Spirit of God enables us to see Jesus, the living Word, He also makes it possible for us to see Him and His truth in the written Word.

Many a person has testified that he could not understand the Scriptures until he surrendered to Christ and was saved. Then the Bible became a new book by the illumination of the Holy Spirit. That can be the experience of the one who is truly desirous of knowing the truth of God. He can come to it by surrendering to the Lord Jesus Christ and thus opening his heart to the ministrations of the Spirit of God.

There is even a richer blessing in God than the new birth. Any experience in the Holy Spirit is wonderful, but nothing else can equal the glory of coming into the fullness of the Spirit. Paul, under inspiration of the Spirit of God, prayed "that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians $3: 19$ ). It is possible for our frail bodies to be given over completely to the Holy Spirit. When He, the Spirit of God, has absolute control of us His unfolding of the Word will be even the more lucid and helpful.

What then is the key to the Scriptures? Is it another book that explains its meaning? Is it the usual methods of study and research? Is it a course of study as pursued in secular subjects? These are not an "open sesame" to the treasures of the truth of God.

We have a distinctive avenue of understanding which is most wonderful and glorious. He who inspired the men of old to write the Bible abides in our hearts. He unfolds to us the mind of God in a simplicity that makes the truth vivid and real. What more could we ask than this?

Sensing this great plan of God we explain with Paul, "Incredible as it may sound, we who are spiritual have the very thoughts of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16-Phillips Translation).

# GOD NEEDS 

## By Violet Schoonmaker

A Number of us had recently gathered together for prayer and were singing, "I need Thee; oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee," when the Spirit of God whispered into my ears, "And I need you." The words staggered me for a moment. The thought really was not new but any thought is new when whispered to us by the Spirit of God.

God needs us. How can that be? Is He not Absolute, the Omnipotent? And yet it seems, according to the Scriptures, that He did need Abraham, that in his seed all the families of the earth might be blessed.

He also needed the "worm Jacob" that He might make him "a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth" (twelve perhaps) to thresh the idolatrous nations of Canaan and make them as chaff.

He needed Joseph that he might go before his brethren into Egypt and save them from famine. He needed Moses to deliver His people from bondage and lead them into Canaan. He needed David to teach His people how to sing, praise and worship Him.

He needed the prophets, the twelve disciples, and Saul of Tarsus. He needed Saul so much that He came down in person from heaven (the only time we read of His returning to earth after His ascension) to give to him perhaps the greatest commission ever given to an individual soul (Acts 26:16-18).

Oh, God could have done all this without the help of man, but He chose not to do so. He made man in His own image for a lofty purpose. He crowned him with glory and honor, and made him to have dominion over the work of His hands, and put all things under His feet (Psalm 8).

Man little understands why he was created in God's image. God made him "a little lower than the angels" in that he was subject to death, because of his sin, but created him to hold a place far higher than the angels, to partake of God's nature, become one with Him, and reign with Him throughout the eternal ages. God created us because He needs us.

1. He needs our worship. He is seeking men who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. Countless angels worship Him in heaven but He seeks worshipers among men (John 4:23).
2. He needs our fellowship. He created man to have fellowship with Him but that fellowship was broken. God is calling us back into fellowship with His Son (2 Corinthians 1:9) -a fellowship unknown to the angels of God.
3. He needs laborers for His harvest field (Luke $10: 2$ ). The field is the world. Angels will be used to
reap the world at the end of this age but He needs men, redeemed men, to labor today.
4. He needs intercessors. We read in Isaiah $63: 5$ and $59: 16$ that God was looking for an intercessor and wondered that He could find none. He had spoken severe judgment upon His people even as He had in the days of Moses, but then there had been an intercessor who stood in the gap and turned away God's wrath (Psalm 106:23). Now He could find none. He is looking for such men today to plead for the dying world.
5. He needs men in whom He can show Himself strong-men whose hearts are perfect towards Him (2 Chronicles $16: 9$ ). His eyes are running to and fro throughout the whole earth in search of such men. Can He find them? Are any perfect? None, if by the word "perfect" we mean they have reached a state in which more growth and development is impossible. A green apple may be perfect, though only half-grown. An infant may be perfect, though weak. Man may be perfect towards God in love and loyalty though he is sadly in need of God's strength. To them He would show Himself strong, that in their weakness He might have an opportunity to manifest His strength (2 Corinthians 12: $9)$.
6. He needs witnesses (Acts $1: 8$ ) : witnesses empowered by the Holy Ghost. He who is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, is calling Christians today to witness of what they have, "not only" in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, but unto "the uttermost parts of the earth."

God needs us. He is building a temple on the earth in which He can dwell, one not built by hands but by the Spirit of God. For this temple He needs stones, living stones, such as you and me.

The Church is the body of Christ. He is its Head. Not only does the body need a head but the Head needs a body. He needs every member of this body. We may be very insignificant members but we are "necessary." He needs every one of us, even the weakest of us. He has given more abundant honor to that part which lacked (1 Corinthians $12: 24$ ).

If we are members of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, He cannot do without us. No one else can do the work we were created to do. Since that is so, let us yield ourselves without reserve to Him and rejoice that He can make use of us. It is an honor to be used of Him.

We need Him. He needs us. Together we live. Together we labor. Together we shall reign throughout the ages to come.


## Reebuildding the Temple



A call for the rebuilding of the temple in jerusalem has been sounded by Rabbi Nathan H. Zwitman of Miami, Florida, according to a report in the Miami Herald.

The Rabbi has suggested in a series of lectures in his synagogue that "the rebuilding of the Temple could be the basis for a fund drive, which, because of its religious implications, could put the Jewish nation on a sounder basis than some of the current 'strictly business' State of Israel appeals."
"We must resolve today to fulfill a promise which we have made to our God in that keynote prayer-Umeepnay Chatonaynu," said Rabbi Zwitman. "For centuries we have repeated, 'Bring us back to our land and we will build your House again.'
"We have not fulfilled our promise to God during the past fifteen years. Perhaps He forgave us because we were not yet of age. But now we are more than Bar Mitzvah. We are now responsible for our spiritual obligations. Now we must build this Holy Bais Hamikdosh.
"The Scriptures do not specify an exact spot in the Holy City for the Temple and its builder also is not designated. Many Jewish leaders feel the Temple should be reerected where Solomon put up the last Temple, and that sector of Jerusalem now is controlled by Jordan. Designating any particular part of Jerusalem as holier than any other part destroys the concept that the entire city of Jerusalem is sacred to God beyond human desecration. Building it in any part of Jerusalem would be a reaffirmation of that belief.
"Still another problem is involved in the rebuilding of the Temple. The question concerns the resumption of the sacrifices which most Jews have abandoned since the destruction of the Temple where the major sacrifices occurred.
"As soon as we mention sacrifices we hear, 'barbarous, uncivilized, repulsive.' We seem to forget that we sacrifice animals every minute of our lives on the altar of health and well-being. Today we may not know why sacrifices are ordered in the Bible. In time to come we may understand how that which we term barbarity may place spiritual fruition within our earthly attainment. In building the

Temple we may even sanctify by seclusion until men learn to accept it as civilized.
"God will not tell us when to build this Temple," declared Rabbi Zwitman. "We will determine the time because God gave us free will. We will build it when we have faith enough to believe that's what God wants us to do."

Some of those attending the lectures suggested the possibility of their leading to a world movement resulting in the rebuilding of the Temple in our time.

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## A WILLING SACRIFICE

A group of workers gathered one day to bid farewell to a young Japanese Christian embarking for missionary service in Laos.

One of the American missionaries went to the aged father and said: "Honorable Sir, you must be grieved at this parting with your son. But be of good cheer! You will see your son again when he returns to Japan for his furlough."

But the old Japanese Christian replied: "Pastor, when we Japanese sent our sons to war to fight for our country, we did not expect to see them again. We did not want to see them again. In fact, we told them, 'Do not return. Give your lives for your country!'
"Now I am sending this young man of mine across the seas for a better, a nobler purpose, a more glorious conflict in the service of the King of kings. Should I hope to see him again on the shores of Japan? No. I gave a son once for a futile, hellish war. I gladly give this son now to the service in Laos for Jesus Christ and eternal things. I do not expect to see him again on this earth."

And then the grand old Christian father turned his face away... but heavenward!
-World Vision Magazine

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# Our Highest Bible School 



Pastor Celestino shown with his family (at left), is a graduate of Aymara Bible Institute. The students' meals are cooked in half of a "missionary barrel." The Bible school cooks are shown in the center photo.


Bible classes train Aymara Indians to reach their own people.


Regular evangelistic trips by bicycle extend the school's ministry.

## BY MONROE AND BETTY GRAMS

Missionaries to Bolivia
"Whatever possessed you to build a Bible school out in this cold, isolated mountain village?" some might ask. Our answer is, "We feel this is God's guidance."

Upon a high plateau in the Andes, outside the city of La Paz, Bolivia, Aymara Bible Institute is unique among Bible schools operated by the Assemblies of God. Here, at an altitude of 13,400 feet, water boils at only 185 degrees-revolutionizing most cooking processes! The thin air has caused the local inhabitants to be barrel chested like the Himalayan tribes on the other side of the world. Most foreign visitors get off the plane with the help of an oxygen tank. The wind
blows bitterly, and our feet are always cold.

But we have felt the warmth of the Holy Spirit as He works in the natures of these remote Indians so resistant to change. Since its beginning nine years ago Aymara Bible Institute has been responsible for establishing twenty Assemblies of God churches in the surrounding mountain area. Last year eighty-four new converts were baptized in these churches.

But why train workers in such an area? Why not bring them down to a lower level where life would be easier? We found that after tasting the easier life of the valley these Indians found it difficult to return to the hard life of their mountain villages. Many mature family men were hearing the call of God to evangelize
their own people. It did not seem wise to uproot them from the environment of their call and their future ministry. God led us to conserve them by establishing this Bible school right out where they live. We transplant ourselves rather than transplanting them.

The study course runs for three months each year. For each study term every student pays a fee equivalent to the current price of a sheep. The entire course takes him six years, but he gains valuable practical experience between terms.

The Aymara Indians are a remnant of the ancient Incas. On their cold mountain plateau one million of them still wait for the gospel. Our Bible school is steadily reaching out to them with the transforming message of Christ.

# Not a Sparrow Shall Fall 

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By CHARLES HINSON<br>Missionary to Liberia

It was the rainy season in liberia and the weather was bad. In the course of my flying ministry I have often found myself caught in unpleasant conditions. On any given day in the rainy season I can count on seeing three or four rainstorms. These squalls are too violent to be safe for small aircraft, so during a flight I may have to change course as many as half a dozen times to bypass them.

Such changes of course make navigation very difficult, especially in Liberia's eastern province. There are no radio navigational aids, no highways, no railroads to serve as landmarks.

One June day I was headed for home after a 180-mile trip interior. I began to encounter rain squalls, and changed course several times to bypass them. While in some of these low-visibility areas I must have encountered crosswinds that carried me much farther off course than I anticipated. Soon I was lost.

After flying zig-zag courses in an attempt to locate my position, I began to realize the hopelessness of my situation. Beneath me was nothing but the green carpet of the jungle, looking deceptively gentle. Its high trees would make any landing a disaster, even if I were able to get down without being seriously injured. For anyone to find me would be next to impossible, and to walk out myself would be a dangerous and desperate ordeal.

Finally I set a course that I thought would lead me to the coast. A few minutes later I passed over a native


Missionary Charles Hinson teaches a class and assists in baptizing candidates at Cape Palmas.
village I recognized. It was called Dublika. I had previously visited it by canoe, and knew that it was about twenty-five miles in a straight line from my home base.

At the very moment I recognized Dublika my engine sputtered and died. My heart sank as I glanced at the fuel gauges to confirm that I was completely out of gas. Panic rose within me. Because of a low overcast I had been flying at an altitude of only 500 feet. My gliding range would be less than one mile, severely limiting my choice of where to crash. The nearest place I could safely land was my home field twenty-five miles away.

On my VHF radio I gave a quick call to my wife Elaine, who was monitoring the flight. I told her of my approximate position so that search parties would know where to look for me. And I began to make what preparation I could for the crash landing that was coming.

But an omnipotent God had other plans, both for me and for that Speed-the-Light airplane which had been supplied through the sacrificial giving of young people in America. Though the engine was silent and the propeller
only wind-milling slowly, I did not lose altitude! At the end of the first minute my altimeter still said 500 feet. A great peace replaced the fear that had gripped my heart. I realized that the great Co-pilot had taken control.

I know it seems incredible, but for twenty-five miles that plane glided into a headwind, and without power I made a perfect landing at my home base!

I know my measurements of time and distance were correct. What could the explanation be? Was there some unusual lift under the overcast that day?

Seven days later I received a letter from the States, from a man I did not know and had never met. It read:
"Dear Brother Hinson: We don't know each other, but today as I prayed I heard your name, and God gave me a burden to pray for you. At 3 p.m. (your time) I felt the burden lift. I wonder if God did something for you at that time...."

My wife's diary shows that at 3 P.M. the day that letter was written I had been calling by radio to report that I was going down to crash. "Faithful is he that hath called us. . .."



The Revivaltime choir sings to a packed auditorium at the Parkway Assembly of God, Norwalk, Conn., the first national breakthrough project. The interest shown here is comparable to the response from each congregation visited on tour. At right choir gathers outside Parkway Assembly just before boarding the bus for the next service in their schedule.

# 164 Saved During Choir Tour 

BY STANLEY MICHAEL, REVIVALTIME FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Night after night during the thirty-day tour of the Revivaltime choir I witnessed the effectual working of the Holy Spirit. As the choir sang its way into the hearts of the people, sinners were stirred and moved toward Christ. Souls were saved in every service. A total of 164 made decisions for Christ during the entire tour, and twelve were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Typical of the converts was a young Jewish girl in Valley Stream, N. Y. After hearing the choir sing she made this approach to one of the choir members at the altar, "I want to worship
the same God you worship.'
A great number of young people were challenged to consecrate their lives to the Lord. Many made decisions to enter Bible school and dedicate their lives to His service.

Traveling 4,800 miles, the choir conducted rallies in ten Northeastern states and in three provinces of Canada. Canadian rallies were at St. John, N. B.; Montreal, P. Q.; Pembroke, Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, and London, Ont. The thirty-one members of the touring group included:

Phil Breithaupt, Pomeroy, Wash.; Murray Buschert, Pembroke, Ont., Canada;


Lee Robbins, Revivaltime soloist, sings at the City Temple Assembly of God, Granite City, Ill., while the choir stands on the platform ready to sing the next number.

John Davis, Moss Point, Miss.; Bruce Dravneek, Asbury Park, N. J.; Arland Dwelle, Garrison, N. Dak.; Louise Griggs, Springfield, Mo.; Pauline Gross, Detroit, Mich.; Gwen Hall, Sacramento, Calif.; Ruby Jewell, South Bend, Ind.; Betty Jones, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Melvin Kisser, Columbia Falls, Mont.; Carol Kornelsen and Robert Kornelsen, Nigeria, W. Africa ; Bill Lichty, Chicago, Ill.; Arnold McLellan, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Garth McNabb, Regina, Sask., Canada; LuAnne Nicholson, Elizabeth Shuck, and Becky Stewart, Auburn, Wash.; Olive Opheim, Edmonton, Alta., Canada; Jan Pavia, Racine, Wis.; Denise Power, Los Angeles, Calif.; Naomi Reddin, Little Rock, Ark.; Eddie Reece, Memphis, Tenn.; David Richards, Wichita, Kans.; Lee Robbins, Fresno, Calif.; Elaine Smith, South Bend, Kans.; Dennis Young, Washburn, Me.; John Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio; Cyril McLellan, choir director, formerly Vancouver, B.C., Canada; and Stanley Michael, tour director, formerly Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Highlighting the tour was a special broadcast origination from Carnegie Hall in New York City. Every choir member felt it a special honor to sing in this world-famed spot. One young woman, a former nightclub singer who before being saved held a secret ambition to one day sing from the stage of Carnegie Hall, was particularly delighted. Her dream came true much sooner than she expected. She performed not as a nightclub singer, but as a witness for the Lord over a worldwide gospel broadcast.

Many were the experiences of the choir. They were thrilled in Beach Grove, Ind., to have the mayor and two of his councilmen attend the Sunday morning's service. James P. Monson, pastor, made this comment about the choir :
"Only eternity will reveal the good they did for our church! Without hesitation, I would say they are the
hest aggregation of gospel singers in America today!"
Every rally was outstanding, and the hospitality of each church was the very best. In Granite City, Ill., a pastor reported that fifty of his congregation requested the honor of keeping members of the Revivaltime choir over night. There were more invitations than were needed!

To minister at the first national Breakthrough church in Norwalk, Conn., was another thrilling experience. Every available space in the auditorium was packed, and many were standing. Pastor Harvey J. Meppelink stated it was one of the greatest meetings they had witnessed since the church was begun two years ago.

The special project on which the choir was working during the tour was to raise funds to keep the $R e$ vivaltime broadcast on several stations in Africa for the next year. The spiritual struggle going on in Africa today is one of the most immense challenges the Christian Church has ever faced. Radio is now a great potential means of reaching Africa for Christ. The budget of the tour was more than met, and a considerable amount was raised toward their project. There is still a need for financial assistance to keep the broadcast on these African stations.

Among the side trips along the way were some of patriotic interest: Liberty Square in Philadelphia, the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, and historic Boston.

One of the stirring experiences was at the oratory in Montreal. The choir observed a pilgrim who was crawling up a tremendous flight of steps on his knees, doing penance for his sins. What a joy it was to know that salvation is a free gift by the blood of Christ who remits our sins through His work and not ours.

Overshadowing the tour was the abiding presence of Christ and the burning desire of every choir member to lead souls to the Lord. This burden was born anew each day during the time spent in prayer and testimony aboard the bus while driving toward the next appointment. Often these times of devotion would run two hours or more in length, setting the spiritual tone of each rally. Talent-yes, these young people have it-but more important to them was that God would anoint their ministry of music. And God did!


# Oriental Paradox 

By LESLIE W. SMITH

While Serving in hong kong, we missionaries would often board an old Chinese truck-bus and commute to the villages in the New Territories. The trip took us along a precarious highway that winds snake-like high on the edge of rugged cliffs that skirt the churning ocean.

This was a most hazardous ride, not only because we could actually see the tangled wreckage of cars on the rocks below, but because of the unusual behavior of our Chinese driver. Every time the bus would approach the more dangerous hairpin curves he would step on the gas and round the bend at break-neck speed, leaving the passengers nearly paralyzed with fright.

One day, after we had just rocketed around a sharp curve, I could stand it no longer. The Chinese passengers and the missionaries were clinging to the side-racks like frightened children -something just had to be done. So I staggered to my feet, bounced along the aisle to the front of the bus and grasped the driver by the arm.
"You are driving too fast!" I shouted. "You will kill us all! Why do you go so fast around those curves! Can't you see the warning signs!"

The driver gave me one of those benign Chinese grins and said, "There are many evil spirits along the curve of this road. The evil spirits have killed many people here. Therefore $I$ must always speed past this most dangerous place. I do not want my passengers to be killed."

I went back to my seat in disgust and apprehension. There was a silent prayer on my lips as I cast a quick glance down the ragged cliffside to the churning ocean far below.

What strange logic this ignorant Chinese driver followed. Yet was he so very different from most so-called intelligent people in our country? The majority of people continue to avoid God's warning signs along life's highway. They refuse to believe that spiritual death lurks on every side, and farther up the road Satan has planned their eternal destruction. They are the most careless where they ought to be the most careful. They do not realize there can be no escape from destruction when all the time they are the cause of their own jeopardy.

Jesus Christ is the only One who can "drive" the immortal soul safely through this precarious "highway" of life. Except the millions on the broad road to destruction will change drivers there is no escape from the dangers that Satan sets on every side. Jesus Christ is the only Saviour!
"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

My friend, your opportune time may pass very quickly. Repent of your sins now! Believe that Jesus Christ slied on the cross in your place, to save you from eternal destruction. Then trust your soul in His infinite care for the rest of life's journey.

# A Day of Good Tidings 

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Sunday School Lesson for August 18, 1963
2 Kings $6: 24 ; 7: 3-7,16: 2$ Corinthians $4: 16-18$

A Desperate City (2 Kings 6:24-29). Ben-hadad, King of Syria, had besieged Samaria, capital of the kingdom of Israel, and cut the city off from all outside help. Consequently, such terrible famine raged that the people were resorting to cannibalism.

When King Jehoram discovered this situation he blamed it on Elisha, although, because of his iniquity and idolatry, he himself was the real culprit. It is one of the many deceitful characteristics of the human heart that we seek to blame others for our own misdeeds and shortcomings.

A Desperate King (2 Kings 6:30-33). Intending to behead Elisha, the king sent a messenger to the prophet to announce his coming. But by divine revelation Elisha was informed and calmly awaited him. Verse 33 is a bit difficult. "And while he [Elisha] talked with them [the elders], behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he [the king who followed closely behind the messenger] said, Behold, this evil is of the Lord; what should I wait for the Lord any longer?" The king recognized that the Lord had permitted the terrible plight but, in impatience and rebellion, decided to take matters into his own hands. What a rash attitude to take! Those who grow weary of waiting for God's help forsake their own mercy. Blessed are all those who wait upon Him, for they shall not be ashamed (Psalm 27: 13 : Isaiah $40: 31$ ) !

An Amazing Prediction (2 Kings 7:1, 2). In spite of the straits to which Samaria had been reduced, there would be plenty of food on the morrow. So said Elisha, implying of course that the siege of the city would be ended. The king evidently believed Elisha's word. But one of his officers, who was present, mockingly declared his unbelief. Whereupon Elisha solemnly predicted that he would see the promised provision but would not eat of it. Unbelief is the worst of all sins on the part of sinner and saint alike; it excludes sinners from heaven and Christians from obtaining their spiritual privileges in Christ!

An Amazing Discovery (2 Kings 7:3-12). In these verses we have:

1. Dangerous Inactivity. Excluded from the city because of their disease, four starving lepers sat in the gate. In normal times they lived off the mercy of people passing by. Now, with famine raging, they were starving. How sensible was their reasoning. If they sat idle, they would die. Their only hope was in action of some kind. It would be better to be captured by the Syrians and live, than to sit still in freedom and die. Hence, they set out for the Syrian encampment.

Inactivity is disastrous. Hell is full of people who did nothing about their souls' salvation. Because of inac-tivity-often due to fear of failure-Christians fail to grow, neglect God-given talents and abilities, and rob others of the blessings they might have given them. It is far better to step out in faith and to attempt service in the Name of Christ, than to allow pride and fear of failure to bring about ultimate condemnation (Matthew $25: 24-29$ )!
2. Selfish Neglect. When the lepers reached the Syrian camp they found that God had worked a miracle. He had caused the Syrians to think they heard the approach of a huge army and to flee in fear, leaving their camp and all their provisions behind! The lepers ate and drank their fill, then began to hide the treasures they found, taking no thought for the multitudes still starving in Samaria. At this point their action was typical of Christians who enjoy God's manifold blessings with little practical concern or effort to reach the lost.
3. Merciful Consideration. "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace...come, that we may go and tell the king's household." Happily, the lepers had come to their senses. They awakened to their responsibility to share their God-given salvation with others. As it was then, so is it now: we live in a day of good tidings. "Now is the day of salvation." We do not well to hold our peace. Such silence is sinful. All around us are men, women, and children-starving souls, perishing for want of the Bread of Life! We have good tidings to bear.

Four miserable lepers saved a city. Who can tell how far-reaching may be the consequences of the testimony of a single Christian?

## A VERY GOOD QUESTION



# Win Souls This Summer 

New 8-page newspaper tract is a unique tool for personal evangelism.

Summertime is a wonderful time to work in the harvest field for the Master. There are many outdoor activities in which it is easy to meet and talk with people. Relatives and friends visit you: and almost everyone tries to get away for at least a few days of vacation.
For thousands of members of the Assemblies of God there will be yet another opportunity to win souls for Christ this summer. Delegates and visitors to the 30th General Council will converge from all parts of the nation General Council will converge from all parts of the nation
on Memphis, Tennessee, August 21-27. This trip and convention will undoubtedly produce many excellent opportunities to witness for Christ.
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The Evangelism Department urges everyone traveling to and from General Council to make this a soul-winning venture. let us all purpose that, as individuals, we will witness to as many as possible, and pray that we may each win at least one soul on our General Council trip. When we do this we will experience the greatest joy known to mortal man-the joy of being an instrument in the hands of God to lead a soul to Christ. It will also be the greatest Council we have ever attended; and if every delegate and visitor will win one soul, think what rejoicing there will be among the angels of God.

The Radio Department is currently offering a unique personal evangelism tool. It is a-miniature newspaper entitled, "Suddenly You Are Dead," and is ideal to leave in the hands of people to whom you witness. It will make them think! The thrust of the newspaper copy is towards the one great fact that "it is appointed unto man once to die.'

Use this "newspaper" tract while traveling to and from General Council. Secure a quantity and use them in the city of Memphis, too.

Copies of "Suddenly You Are Dead" can be secured by writing directly to the Assemblies of God Radio Department, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801. Copies will also be available at the Evangelism and Radio booths at General Council. They are only sold in quantities of 50 or more, at 1c each.

This item is also excellent for use in a literature evangelism campaign in your own city. 444
 Global Conquest Day. Churches all over the nation will be reporting their gifts through Victory Telephone Calls to the 1963 General Council on Sunday afternoon.

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GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY - AUGUST 25


## HOME MISSIONS TO BE FEATURED AT GENERAL COUNCIL

A highlight of the Home Missions service Friday night, August 23, at the General Council in Memphis will be the "Parade of Progress" which will feature a number of Home Missions projects, among them several Breakthrough projects which have occurred since the Portland General Council. "Parade of Progress" will include a visual presentation of projects and personalities.

Also to be featured will be representatives of the Special Ministries Division of Home Missions.
C. C. Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif., will be the featured speaker.
er, superintendent of the Southern New England District, gave a history of Home Missions Breakthrough nationwide, and Harvey Meppelink, pastor of the Norwalk church, reviewed the history of the local project.

On Monday evening, April 29, the Stamford Gospel Tabernacle ladies served 175 from the newly furnished kitchen. People all over the district joined the Meppelinks for the dedication. The crowd totaled 300; the pews are designed to seat 178 .

Norwalk was chosen for the start of the national Breakthrough project because it was considered a typical city for a missionary attempt. The $13 / 4$-acre Norwalk site including a large house (now used as parsonage) cost \$33,000.

Two months prior to the opening service, Revivaltime was released on WNLK. Follow-up on names of those who wrote to Revivaltime telling of their interest produced excellent results. Revivaltime has proved to be a helpful "arm" of the new church.

This pilot church of the nation's Breakthrough- 8000 program is of modern design. Its main-floor worship area has a mahogany altar and redwood communion rail. An educational and recreational hall with kitchen facilities is downstairs. (Women's Missionary Council groups of the Southern Section equipped the kitchen with utensils and dishes.) An acre parking lot adjoins the church.

A few weeks before the dedication, God sent several remarkable answers to prayer which made completion of the building on time possible. One contractor donated tile for the entire basement floor. A local family had fifty trees and shrubs delivered and then with pick and shovel worked to make the front and sides of the building beautiful. The WMC's of the Stamford Gospel Tabernacle installed a sink and cabinet, stove and refrigerator. Another family purchased the materials for an attractive pulpit and a nearby carpenter donated his time to make it.

Since the congregation moved into the building, twenty-one new families from the local area have attended the services. At least three families have come in and now attend as a direct result of the church's location. They were driving by on the highway and saw the sign. Every week one or two or three more come in. During April the people worked very hard and finished the building just under the wire for dedication on April 28 and 29.

Following the dedication, Evangelist and Mrs. David Lewis of North Hollywood, Calif., conducted two weeks of special meetings during which two were saved and one man received the Baptism.

The Sunday school continues to remain in the thirties, but the church attendance is pressing fifty almost every week and a number of men, along with their families, are coming in. Six vocational volunteers from Evangel


One thousand balloons bearing an imprinted invitation were distributed the day before the congregation moved into its new building.


A fellowship dinner was prepared on dedication day in the lower level of the church.

College in Springfield, Mo., and some from Houston, Tex., are helping in the church activities for the summer.

The new church is expandable and will be enlarged as the congregation grows. Parkway Assembly plans to sponsor another new church in Norwalk as soon as it is able.


Pictured left to right are: Roy Johnson, presbyter and pastor of the nearby Stamford Assembly; T. Solvang, a member of the local congregation (his was the first family instrumental in beginning the church in Norwalk); Harvey J. Meppelink, pastor; R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary and dedicatory speaker; and George Flower, superintendent of the Southern New England District.

# Shadow of Death 

Death is only a shadow-be afraid no more!

An old SCottish minister was siting in a friend's study when a message came. One of the godliest among the shepherds who tended their flocks upon the Highland hills was dying and wanted to see his minister.

Without loss of time the minister crossed the wide heath to the shepherd's comfortable little cottage. When he entered the low room he found the old shepherd propped up with pillows and breathing with such difficulty that it was apparent he was near his end.
"Joan," the sick man said, "gie the minister a stool and leave us for a bit for I wad see the minister alone."

As soon as the door was closed he turned upon his pastor with the most
pathetic pair of grey eyes he ever looked into, and said, in a voice shaken with emotion: "Minister, I'm dying, and-and I'm afraid!"

The minister at once began to repeat the strongest promises which God's Word furnishes, but in the midst of them the shepherd stopped him.
"I ken them a'," he said mournfully; "I kena', but somehow, they dinna gie me comfort."

The pastor said, "Do you believe?"
"Wi a' my heart," he earnestly replied.

The clergyman asked: "Where, then, is there any room for fear with such a saving faith?"
"For a" that, minister, I'm afraid, I'm afraid."

The minister took up the well-worn Bible which lay on his bed, and turned to the twenty-third Psalm. "Do you remember the twenty-third Psalm?" he began.
"Remember it!" he said vehemently; "I kenned it long before ye were born; you needna read it; I've conned it a thousand times on the hillside."

The pastor told him that there was one verse he had not taken in.

The shepherd turned upon him a half-reproachful and even stern look. "Did I na tell ye I kenned it every word lang before ye were born?"

The minister slowly repeated the verse, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."
"You have been a shepherd all your life, and you have watched the heavy shadows pass over the valleys and over the hills, hiding for a little while all the light of the sun. Did these shadows ever frighten you?" probed the pastor.
"Frighten me?" he said quickly, "Na, na! David Donaldson has Covenanters' bluid in his veins; neither


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shadow nor substance could weel frighten him."
"But did those shadows ever make you believe that you would not see the sun again, and that it was gone for ever?"
"Na, na! I could not be sic a simpleton as that," he said.
"Nevertheless that is just what you are doing now," said the pastor, and the shepherd looked at him with incredulous eyes.
"Yes," the minister continued, "the shadow of death is over you, and it hides for a little the Sun of Righteousness, which shines all the same behind it; but it's only a shadow. Remember, that is what the Psalmist calls it-a shadow that will pass; and, when it passed, you will see the everlasting hills in their unclouded glory!"

The old shepherd covered his face with trembling hands, and for a few minutes maintained unbroken silence. Then, letting them fall straight on the coverlet, he said, as if musing to himself: "Aweel, aweel! I ha' conned that verse a thousand times among the heather, and I never understood it so afore. Afraid of a shadow, afraid of a shadow?"

Then turning upon the minister a face now bright with an almost supernatural radiance, and lifting his hands reverently to heaven, he exclaimed, "Ay, ay! I see it a' noo. Death is only a shadow, with Christ behind it -a shadow that will pass. Na, na! I'm afraid nae mair."

The Christian has the blessed privilege of coming to the grave, not as though it were an unknown place, but with the certainty that Jesus Christ has been there before him.
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 QUESTIONSWere the disciples born again before Pentecost?
Jesus said the names of the disciples were written in heaven (Luke 10: 20) and that they were "clean through the word" (John 15:3). They had forsaken all to follow Jesus and, by divine power, were enabled to perform signs and wonders (Matthew 10 and Luke 10). If to be born again means to be children of God with our names written down in heaven, I see no reason to doubt that they were born again.
Why was our Lord nailed to the cross while the thieves crucified with Him were tied? Artists have pictured the thiezes as tied to their crosses.

The accounts of the crucifixion do not say how any were fastened to their crosses (Matthew 27:35-38, Mark 15:25-27, and John 19:18). Since Jesus was nailed to the cross to fulfill the scripture, "They pierced my hands and feet" (Psalm 22:16), it is reasonable to believe the thieves also were nailed to their crosses.
What will be "the sign of the Son of man in heaven" just before Jesus comes (Matthew 24:30)?

Some have thought that just before Jesus descends the sign of a cross may be visible in the heavens. In A.D. 70 , if my memory serves me correctly, shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem some said they saw armies in the heavens marching, together with signs warning of the coming destruction. I do not know what the sign preceding the descent of Christ will be. Any answer would be mere supposition. Evidently those living at that time will see the sign.

## Can you tell me how Peter died?

All we have in the Bible is that Jesus told Peter that when he was old his hands would be stretched forth, and that he would be carried to where he would not choose. By this illustration Jesus signified by what death he would glorify God (John 21:18-19). His hands being stretched out could indicate that he would die by crucifixion. Tradition says Peter was crucified, and that when taken to his execution he requested that he might be crucified with his head downward. He felt himself unworthy to be crucified feet downward, since in the hour of Christ's trial and condemnation he had denied his Lord.
Was Jesus a spirit before He became man? Did He forsake His spirit manner of life in the Incarnation, or was He a union of deity and humanity?
The Scriptures plainly teach that the Son of God has always existed (Colossians 1:17; John 1:1-3), having dwelt in the "bosom of the Father" (John $1: 18$ ). What this fully means is beyond the comprehension of a finite mind, but Jesus said, "God is a Spirit" (John $4: 24$ ). Flesh and blood alone cannot save; therefore, to deny the Incarnation (which means, .God in flesh) is to deny that which is vital in redemption, the deity of Christ. When Jesus became flesh, for the time being He laid aside His heavenly glory (Philippians 2:6-9), but did not discard His deity, divine prerogatives, and Sonship. After He had fulfilled redemption's plan and glorified God on earth, through His resurrection and ascension His body was glorified, and He entered again into His heavenly glory (Hebrews $1: 3,8$; John $17: 4,5$ ).

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# Laymen's Bible Conference to Be Held at Evangel College October 16-18 




Dr. Walter H. Judd

A. D. Swarztrauber


Dr. Jere Melilli

J. Robert Ashcroft

A laymen's bible conference will be sponsored by the Council of Evangel College October 16-18 on the Evangel College campus, Springfield, Missouri. The conference is open to all-laymen, ministers, and C.A.'s-who are interested in a revitalizing examination of the Scriptures.
There will be four outstanding speakers and time for open discussion. Speakers and their subjects are: Robert Cooley, "Search the Scripture with an Archaeologist"; A. D. Swarztrauber, "Interpret the Scripture with a Businessman" ; Dr. Jere Melilli, "Practice the Scripture with a Physician." President J. Robert Ashcroft will give a series of three studies on "Certain Secrets for Christian Success."

Robert Cooley is dean of students and associate professor of archaeology at Central Bible Institute. He has made two field trips to the Holy Land as a member of the Wheaton Archacological Expedition. On these expeditions Mr. Cooley participated in the excavation of Dothan, a city mentioned in Genesis $37: 17$ and 2 Kings 6:13. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. degree in Hebrew and Near East Studies at New York University.
A. D. Swarztrauber combines a career as Certified Public Accountant with leadership in full gospel laymen's activities. Since 1954 his Chicago accounting firm has been the auditor for the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Evangel College, and Central Bible Institute. He is chairman of his local Full Gospel Busi-
ness Men's group and a member of the Council of Evangel College.

Dr. Jere Melilli is another member of the Council of Evangel College. A physician and surgeon, he is senior partner of The Industrial Clinic, Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Melilli has spoken at such events as the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the 1961 General Council. Vitally interested in missions, he has traveled through Africa making a survey of medical missions. He is a board member of the Christian Medical Society and the First Assembly of God, Baton Rouge, in addition to holding membership in other Christian organizations. J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Evangel College, is a well-known minister and Bible teacher. Among the many conventions, camps, and other occasions at which he has preached have been the 1959 General Council of the Assemblies of God and the 1961 convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. Before becoming a college administrator he served successfully as pastor and evangelist, Central Bible Institute faculty member, and national secretary of education for the Assemblies of God.

Walter Judd to Address

## Patriotic Rally

Those attending the Laymen's Bible Conference will also have opportunity to attend special events of the ninth annual Council of Evangel College, scheduled for the same dates. These events will include a mass patriotic rally on October 17 in the Shrine Mosque, Springfield. Former


Dr. W. S. Reed


Tony Fontane

"Vep" Ellis

Congressman and medical missionary Dr . Walter H. Judd of Minnesota will be the rally speaker.

Also featured at the patriotic rally will be the Evangel College Concert Band and Concert Choir under the direction of Jesse Peterson and Hope Collins. The band and choir will present portions of "Living Sound and Song," a dramatized musical program previously presented in McCormick Place, Chicago; Ford Auditorium,


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Sessions of the Laymen's Bible Conference have been planned so they will not conflict with business sessions of the Council of Evangel College. Thus Council members will be able to participate in the conference. Special activities, in addition to conference sessions, have been planned for C.A.'s. Ladies at the conference will be guests of the Evangel College Women's Auxiliary for some of the featured meetings of their national meeting, which will take place on the same dates.

To place attendance at the Laymen's Bible Conference within the financial reach of most people, the entire cost of the three-day conference has been set at just $\$ 10$ per person. This pays the registration fee, lodging for three nights, nine meals (including a banquet on the last evening), a souvenir packet, and ticket to the patriotic rally. High-school students eighteen years of age or younger pay only $\$ 8$. To reserve your lodging space, write
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