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Any young man would have felt lonesome that first night away from home, without human companionship; but Jacob found he was not alone. He dreamed and heard God say, "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest . . . I will not leave thee."

by Ernest S. Williams

God Meets a Runaway

AVE YOU, A CHILD OF GOD, EVER FELT SO ASHAMED of something you have said or done that you wished you could get far away from yourself and from those you have offended? Then the story of God's dealing with Jacob when he tried to run away from himself should bring you consolation, for his experience reminds us that the God of grace loves even His weakest children and honors their desire to follow Him.

Because his deceitful plan was discovered, Jacob became a fugitive, fleeing from the wrath of his brother. He had deceived his aged and blind father, thus obtaining the blessing by unholy means. At least these were the immediate reasons for his taking flight. But one wonders if he was not also seeking escape from the feeling of guilt itself.

How often, in a moment of weakness, desire takes the ascendancy over reason, but a tormenting conscience demands payment for the wrong. Advancing oneself at the expense of others is common in the world, but it should not be found among the children of God. Some basic qualities of Christian character are found in Psalm 15: "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor.... He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not.... He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

Jacob loved the Lord, but he failed to measure up to these qualities. He paid for his shortcoming in separation from his family, in loneliness, and in remorse. But in spite of his faults he respected the covenant which had been made with Abraham and confirmed to his father Isaac. Because of this, he bought the birthright, which Esau held of little worth, in an honest deal. And since he held the birthright, Jacob rightly felt he should have the covenant blessing also.

But right goals can be sought in the wrong way. Jacob undertook to secure what he felt was right for him in the wrong manner. Many a man has sinned in resorting to carnal means to obtain that which he felt was God's will for him, instead of waiting and trusting

the Lord to work out His plan. We need to remember that what God has promised, He is able to perform. God is never late, and when we try to force a situation we like Jacob may suffer much for our impatience.

Jacob went to sleep that first night away from home a weary and burdened fugitive. As he slept he saw a vision of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels of God ascending and descending on it. Above the ladder was the God of Abraham and of his father Isaac. Jacob, who had felt lonely and dejected, now awoke to find himself in the presence of God. A Spirit of awe swept over him and He exclaimed, "How dreadful is this place!" How awe-inspiring is the presence of God when He unveils even a little of His majesty! That which had been but a stone pillow was transformed into a place of worship. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

How things change when we become aware of the presence of God. But God did not appear in the vision just to give Jacob a manifestation. He appeared to confirm with him the covenant He had made with his fathers. "And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed." Had Jacob only trusted God to work out His plan instead of putting so much self-effort into trying to obtain the blessing, how much sorrow he might have avoided. He might never have left his Palestinian home to spend much of his life laboring for Laban in another country. While God is true to His covenant, he who seeks the blessing in covetous ways pays dearly for his impatience.

The ladder reminded Jacob that while the covenant was sure, the way to its fulfillment was to be step by step to the climax at the top, ever looking to and trusting the God of his fathers. Years later Jacob was to sum up his life when introduced to Pharaoh by Joseph, "Few and evil have the days of the years of my pilgrimage been." Disappointments and sorrow, sometimes of our own making, may come, but they do not nullify the promises of the covenant-keeping God. God said, "I will keep thee in all places whither thou goest," and He did. He promised, "I will not leave thee," and He

kept His word.

Jacob responded to God's promises by making his own vows. Anointing his stony pillow with oil, he asked only for the necessities of life, and promised that the Lord should be his God, and that of all the Lord would give him he would surely return a tenth. And Jacob kept his vows throughout the many changing circumstances

What has become of our covenant with God? Have we kept our vows? Are we as separate from the spirit of the world as when we first believed? Does God still hold first place in our lives? Or have mistakes and failures and the cares of this life dimmed the luster of our Christian experience? If we have drifted, may we acknowledge our weakness and covenant afresh that we will be wholly the Lord's. "He abideth faithful": God cannot deny Himself.

Character may be manifested in great moments, but it is made in the small ones.—Phillips Brooks.



Needed-Someone to Care

EVERYONE, NO MATTER HOW SELF-SUFFICIENT, NEEDS THE knowledge that somebody cares about him. Remembering this, think of an aged man whom we shall call Brother Tones.

He was young and vigorous and enthusiastic when he felt the call of God. Maybe he ought to have been more "practical." He knew only that he had to tell everyone possible that God could save them before the day of judgment which seemed so near. He could have chosen a profitable business career—for he was a bright young man-but he put everything from his mind and concentrated fully on preaching the gospel.

For years and years this man worked and ministered, making himself a virtual servant to everyone, asking nothing for himself. His youth went and eventually he passed middle age; then suddenly he found that his strength was gone also. Only then-when he realized that he was too old to fill a pulpit, too weak to do manual labor, yet too poor to retire—did this man begin to give second thoughts to matters of finance.

There was nothing to look forward to, so Brother Jones looked back and thought of all the people he had

known in bygone years.

Where were those people now? It would be such a comfort to know that they remembered him. But Brother Jones, who had touched so many lives and had helped so many people, was seemingly alone and forgotten.

Is there an aged minister who should be able to count on a little help from you now that he is old and without means of support? The church in which you worship may be a result of his labor. The person who told you the way of salvation no doubt could trace his own light back to the love of a minister who is now in need. You owe him so much that you can never repay. The least of your debt is financial support in his old age. Can he count on you?

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Be the friend who remembers and cares. Give generously to assist our aged ministers who deserve so much and receive so little.

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The Becker Amendment

As we go to press, hearings are being held in Washington, D.C., on the Constitutional issue of prayer and Bible reading in our public schools. The hearings are the result of pressure from a public aroused over the Supreme Court's decisions in this matter.

As many as 150 members of Congress have introduced resolutions, bills, and constitutional amendments to allow the schools to use some form of voluntary prayer or Bible readings. The most popular of these seems to be the amendment proposed by the New York representative, Frank J. Becker.

Assemblies of God leaders favor the Becker amendment. General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman, acting in behalf of the Executive Presbytery, has made appropriate contacts with President Lyndon B. Johnson and Missouri congressmen urging an amendment. District superintendents and other Assemblies of God officials and pastors throughout the country also are supporting House Judiciary Resolution 693 (the Becker Amendment) which reads as follows:

"Section 1. Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit the offering, reading from, or listening to the prayers or Biblical Scriptures, if participation therein is on a voluntary basis, in any governmental or public school, institution or place.

"Section 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit making references to belief in, reliance upon, or invoking the aid of, God or a Supreme Being, in any governmental or public document, proceeding, activity, ceremony, school, institution, or place, or upon any coinage, currency, or obligation of the United States.

"Section 3. Nothing in this article shall constitute an establishment of religion.

"Section 4. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress."

Since the Supreme Court rulings have had the effect of outlawing religious exercises in public schools in many parts of the country, it is vital and urgent that the U.S. Constitution be amended to protect the First Amendment from misinterpretation. There are advocates of a godless society who are opposing such an amendment very strongly. They would like to accomplish in the U.S. what the communists have accomplished in the U.S.S.R. An official of the Freethought Society of America, Inc., says: "We fully intend to destroy superstition in the United States of America once and for all. We threw superstition out of the schools; next we will throw the chaplains off the battleships."

They would like to remove God from our coins, from the pledge of allegiance, and from every aspect of public life. Inasmuch as Congress adjourns about July 10, Evangel readers ought to act immediately if they have not already written, wired, or called their representatives and senators. Silence in the present situation could be tantamount to surrender to the anti-God forces. Prayerlessness in the matter may be sinful. Petition government to protect our religious liberties, and petition God to bless our land. -R.C.C.

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Another in the 50th Anniversary Series of reminiscences by veterans of the faith.

IREMEMBER

BY BLANCHE APPLEBY



REMEMBER THE YEAR 1897, WHEN I WAS TEN, I WAS saved that year in a Methodist church in northern Georgia.

Ten years later we moved to Atlanta. Mother and I had such a heart-hunger for more of God that we were continually searching. Eventually we found the Pentecostal people who were worshiping in an upper room on Marietta Street. Brother G. B. Cashwell of Dunn, N. C., had gone to the Azusa Street Mission, Los Angeles, received the Baptism, and brought the glorious news to Atlanta. Here The Bridegroom's Messenger was born. I earnestly sought to be baptized with the Spirit and after several months I received.

One night God called me to China. I was afraid to say yes for many missionaries had been martyred in 1900. But the words of Dr. A. B. Simpson came to me:

"God has His best things for the few Who dare to stand the test; He has His second choice for those Who will not have His best."

I desired God's best, so after a great struggle in prayer I said, "Lord, I'm willing to be made willing." Then joy filled my heart and Isaiah 55:5 was given me by the Spirit.

Although I had no Bible training, I went to China. I remember the first year so well. In the Garr Missionary Home, Hong Kong, where we were staying was this motto: "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." It spoke volumes! I discovered I had gone to China too soon without waiting for Bible training and pledged support. From January 1911 (the date of my arrival) until August 5, 1911, I did not receive one cent from the U.S. I borrowed money. I kept a careful account and paid it back when funds came; but oh! those days of testing. There were others in a similar situation. When funds were scarce we ate rice and "poverty gravy" made of grease, flour, salt, and water; but when money was more plentiful we had "Pentecostal gravy" which contained some meat!

I remember when I was challenged in Stone Corner by a heathen woman to prove that my God was better than

her gods by healing a crippled woman. God not only healed the cripple but two others also, she being an eye witness. As a result, both she and the cripple were saved and baptized in water.

I remember one Sunday when we were called to pray for a demon-possessed woman, a relative of one of the Christians. Together with Pastor "Iron Army," Miss Kunkle, Mrs. Kwaan, and two Bible women, I went, and we prayed. The demon refused to let the woman pray in the Name of Jesus. Finally we took her to our home and prayed with her; then we sent her home. Early the next morning she came back, saying, "Truly, your God is the true God! He has delivered me. I was able to sleep last night for the first time in months." She was perfectly normal and free from the tormenting spirit.

Another healing I remember was that of Grandma Seen. She sold baskets in the market, but was so blind her baskets were stolen. In answer to prayer God healed her blindness, saved her and her husband, and He gave her a wonderful vision of heaven as well as natural vision.

I recall the miracle God performed one day in Bundle of Reeds. During special meetings Miss Louise Shultz brought her blind Bible woman to seek the Baptism. She did not know English but when the Holy Spirit came upon her she spoke in clear English a number of words with an "r" sound, which the Cantonese language does not have—among them "worship" and "Father." She also spoke in French and German which Miss Schultz understood.

I never shall forget the months spent in imprisonment. Psalm 107 is an "internment" psalm—"hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them." After picking water cress under armed guard in Los Banos, Philippine Islands, I was so faint from starvation and tropical heat I felt life ebbing out. As the psalm goes on to say, "they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses." I prayed. Miss Julia Hodge came into the room, sent by the Holy Spirit. She read to me from one of the Psalms, and left. As she read, fresh strength came into my body. I arose and cooked the water cress. The words my Lord spoke to me were *spirit* and they were *life*.

"Praying in the Holy Ghost" by Brother Harry Bowley and many others caused Rena Baldwin and me to be delivered the day we were to have been machine-gunned. General Douglas MacArthur sent the 11th Airborne, the Amphibian Tractor men, and the Filipino guerrillas to rescue us in the nick of time! As Psalm 107:7 says, the Lord "led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."

Thank God for "Pentecost"!

MAY 24, 1964

Blanche Appleby was born August 5, 1887. At the age of 23 she went to South China as a missionary, prior to the organizing of the Assemblies of God. Returning to the U.S. on furlough in 1917, she united with the Assemblies of God that same year. She was a missionary to China for 26 years (1911-1937). Transferring to the Philippines, she went to the field in April 1941 and was interned by the Japanese in December 1941. Following liberation in 1945 she returned to the U.S. greatly weakened by over four years of imprisonment. Sister Appleby was strong enough to attend the 50th anniversary convention at Springfield in April but she urgently needs God's healing touch. She lives at 526 Moreland Ave. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30307.



I bring thanks from my people in Nigeria . . .



. . . for the missionaries America has sent.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENtion in Springfield, Missouri, April 20-23, was the visit of 13 international delegates—Assemblies of God leaders from countries overseas. The first to arrive was Matthew Eziegbo, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Nigeria, West Africa. Foreign missions editor John Garlock interviewed him just before the opening of this historic convention.

Six Thousand 'THANK

An interview with an

Garlock: Welcome to Springfield, Brother Ezeigbo! It is a pleasure to have you here for our 50th anniversary convention.

Ezeigbo: Thank you. It is a privilege to be here and to bring greetings to America from the 600 Assemblies of God congregations in Nigeria.

Garlock: Six hundred churches make the Nigerian field about the size of one of our biggest districts here in America. And I know that Nigeria is big geographically as well. You have a heavy responsibility, Brother Ezeigbo.

Ezeigbo: Yes, I consider it so. But I have an executive committee of six other men to help me.

Garlock: As superintendent, how do you spend most of your time?

Ezeigbo: I travel almost all the time to be sure. I get to visit all the churches—at least every section. And of course I have to deal with problems when they arise.

Garlock: Missionary Rex Jackson has already called to my attention the fact that the Assemblies of God of Nigeria is exactly half as old as the Assemblies of God of America. How long have you been affiliated with us yourself?

Ezeigbo: Actually, for the whole 25 years. I was one of those who welcomed Brother E. L. Phillips, the first Assemblies of God missionary, when he came.

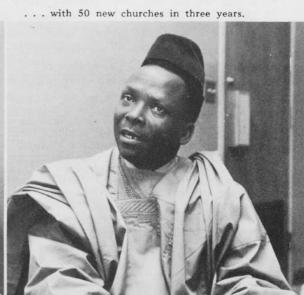
Garlock: So you are really an Assemblies of God old-timer yourself! How long have you been superintendent of Nigeria?

My country is hungry for the gospel.









Miles to Say YOU!'...

African leader from Nigeria

Ezeigbo: By the grace of God I have been superintendent for three years.

Garlock: And where is your headquarters, Brother Ezeigbo?

Ezeigbo: At Enugu, in eastern Nigeria.

Garlock: Can you give us some idea about the growth of the work during the three years?

Ezeigbo: Well, we have opened about 50 new churches -and then there are many smaller preaching points.

Garlock: Would you be able to make a guess as to how many preaching points there are in Nigeria where services are held outside under a tree?

Ezeigbo: I would say not less than 50.

Garlock: And can you tell me about what would be the total Sunday school enrollment in your country?

Ezeigbo: I have my Nigeria yearbook with me; let me see . . . the enrollment is 26,229.

Garlock: What would be the attendance in your largest church?

Ezeigbo: The Aba church is the largest, with 1,500 people. It is in the river delta region of southeastern Nigeria.

Garlock: Is the south part of Nigeria easier to reach with the gospel?

Ezeigbo: The people are hungry in many places. And we have freedom to reach them everywhere but in the north-where the Moslems are so strong.

Garlock: Have you had any personal experience with witnessing to Moslems?

Ezeigbo: Yes, but it was not an easy thing. However, we have one Moslem convert who became a Christian evangelist.

Garlock: Why do you think Moslems are so hard to reach with the Christian gospel?

Ezeigbo: Their indoctrination begins in their early years so that by the time they have grown up it is very hard to change them. The Catholics also use this method and we ourselves are indoctrinating our own children through our Sunday schools. And we have a press that produces Sunday school materials, tracts, and now the Nigerian Evangel. But we are not getting as many tracts as we need-for lack of funds.

Garlock: I suppose there is plenty of Communist literature available in Nigeria.

Ezeigbo: Yes, it is available, and very cheaply.

Garlock: What are some of your other needs besides literature?

Ezeigbo: There are so many places in Nigeria we have not yet occupied, and we need more missionaries. to help us reach them. When Brother Zimmerman and Brother Webb saw the vast area of western Nigeria they agreed with us that we should have at least six missionaries there. But so far we have only one.

Garlock: Then you feel there is a real need for more missionaries to be sent?

Ezeigbo: Yes, very much so. When I left Nigeria to come here my people asked me to appeal for more missionaries. We have about 14 couples now-but we need about 20 additional. We are really grateful to the people of America who contribute to the support of the missionaries because they have helped us very much. I would encourage the people in America to continue to support missionaries, and to send us more.

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Amending the First Amendment

By WILLIAM G. REITZER

This article was written before April 22 when the House Judiciary Committee hearings opened in Washington, D.C. Millions of people feel very strongly that the 1963 Supreme Court decision outlawing official public school prayers should be nullified in some way. Congressman Frank J. Becker has charged that "a fraternity of cynics" seeks to sever all national ties to religion.

"If we ignore the compulsion which comes from the hearts of the people concerning this matter," said Mr. Becker, "we will be put in the position of throwing off the switch which connects a central dynamo to the lights of a great nation."

Members of Congress continue to receive stacks of mail, telegrams, and long-distance calls on the subject. They say that public opinion is divided. The voice of all the people should be heard in this situation, so it is important that all Christians should speak up.

DEEP CONCERN AND WIDESPREAD CONFUSION ALL OVER the country have pushed Congress into action on the prayer-in-public-schools issue.

March saw the biggest effort in the Senate this session toward a solution with the introduction of the Simpson Amendment. March also saw heretofore reluctant Rep. Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.) schedule hearings for his House Committee on the Judiciary to start April 22.

Public agitation began in June 1963 when the Supreme Court handed down the Schempp-Murray decision banning school opening exercises consisting of the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of verses from the Bible.

The decision broadly interpreted the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, calling these exercises an "establishment of religion." The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Immediately a nationwide drive commenced to offset the far-reaching effects of the ban. In September Rep. Celler's committee received an enormous roll of signatures entitled "A Petition to Congress to Protect the Rights of Prayer by Constitutional Amendment," bearing nearly a million names.

A nationwide Gallup poll revealed that 80 per cent of the parents of school children (elementary and high school) approve of religious observances in public schools. The results were published in August.

Early in November, Rep. Frank Clark (D.-Pa.) announced on the House floor he had received petitions favoring religious school-opening exercises signed by 23,000 persons of his district.

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On March 11, 1964, Rep. Charles E. Chamberlain (R.-Mich.) disclosed the results of a poll taken in his

district. Of those polled, 80 per cent supported amending the Constitution to permit Bible reading and prayers in public schools on a voluntary basis.

As one assistant to a western Senator put it: "From all indications the public mood is ripe for a change." One reason for this mood are fears of the ban's consequences. These fears were expressed on the Senate floor by Sen. Milward L. Simpson (R.-Wyo.) and his cosponsors when the Simpson amendment was introduced.

Sen. Simpson, also a lay speaker of the Protestant Episcopal Church, expressed concern that the past Court decisions "may have charted a course which will bring moral decay and destruction to this nation."

Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D.-Ohio), a Roman Catholic, declared, "I am of the conviction that unless Congress does something about the problem, all of our present recognitions of a Supreme Being will be challenged and brought to an end."

It was pointed out that in New York the Board of Regents ruled school children no longer may sing the third stanza of "America" because of its religious content. Also, the constitutionality of the phrase "under God" in the pledge of allegiance was now being contested in the lower courts.

Sen. Lausche noted other consequences. Not only does the ban promote atheism ("The cards are stacked in favor of the atheists") but it also represents a propaganda victory for communism, he said.

"What about Communists being able to tell their people that in the United States children are not allowed to pray in their schools?" he asked. "What a great weapon that is in the hands of the propagandists in the Communist countries!"

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Although many citizens, school officials and legislators agree that something should be done to remedy the present situation, they disagree widely as to the best means.

In the House of Representatives 144 proposals—with new additions weekly—have been recorded this session. These represent about 35 different solutions (some proposals duplicate others). Most of them call for a constitutional amendment.

Gaining steady support in the House and throughout the nation is the Becker Amendment, named after Frank J. Becker (R.-N.Y.), a Roman Catholic. Its provisions are simple and explicit, that "prayers may be offered in the course of any program in any public school or other public place in the United States."

Because the Judiciary Committee failed to act on his resolution, Rep. Becker undertook to force it out of the committee for House action by means of a discharge petition. Although most observers considered the move promising little chance of success, the number of signers continues to climb toward the required 218. Passing the half-way mark in November, the total now has reached 161.

Recently the Michigan and Kentucky state legislatures passed resolutions supporting the Becker Amendment. On February 18 the Republican Policy Committee endorsed it so that now it is the official policy of the Republican party.

Nevertheless this amendment still faces an uphill battle because too many Congressmen and constitutional experts consider it too specific. Constitutional provisions should be in general terms, they say; for when one specifies, he may at the same time also be excluding. By specifically permitting prayer in public schools or public places, one may well be saying that no other religious activity in those places is permissible.

Furthermore, these experts say that the Becker Amendment is worded as giving the populace the right to pray. However, the theory behind our Constitution is that rights are God-given. Provisions of the Constitution should be constructed, therefore, to restrict the exercise of official powers so as not to take away God-given rights.

For these reasons the Simpson Amendment appeals more to members of Congress with a sense of constitutional propriety. It has been endorsed by a group of 15 Senators representing seven different denominations.

It provides: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall prevent the enactment by any State of any law with respect to religion; except that no State shall enact any law establishing any organized church or religious association of any faith, denomination or sect as preferred or favored church or religious association."

Sen. Simpson, a lawyer, explained: "Depending upon State law, it would permit the saying of voluntary prayers in our public schools, the public expression of our love, dependence, and faith in our God, and the perfection and perpetuation of our religious heritage with which God has so clearly blessed us."

But its general provisions permit much more. Using general language may in this instance be the proposal's Achilles' heel, some opponents feel. For instance, it leaves

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Christians in Civic Life

A newspaper representing a number of suburbs surrounding a large midwestern city recently proclaimed on its front page, "Board Rules Against Play Park." We who knew the "inside" story felt the title could have been, "God Rules Against Play Park."

Many citizens of our town, Christians and otherwise, were dismayed to hear that the owner of 57 acres of land zoned for heavy industry was seeking a rezoning to general commercial business. He planned to use this property for an amusement park.

At once newspapers, civic organizations, and individuals began to agitate for a refusal of the rezoning. Their reason was that a carnival-type park like this would attract undesirable elements. One newspaper reminded its citizenry that a similar large park in the big city was the scene of such rowdyism that extra police protection was required. People living in the immediate vicinity felt their property value would decrease. But those most concerned were Christians who were interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of their children.

Our women's prayer group besought the Lord very definitely for several weeks that God would intervene. We believe other Christians also must have prayed. The answer came last week when the board ruled that "The proposed amusement park would not be in the public interest."

Once again Christians were given proof that through participation and prayer they can influence civic affairs.

Let me give another instance of prayer affecting some aspect of community life. The principal of our very large

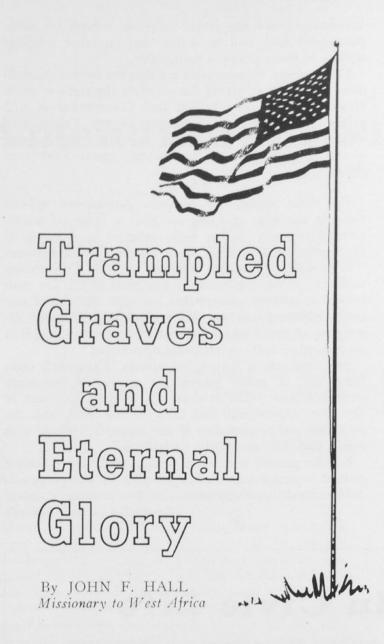
high school (who was rumored to be atheistic) seemed very much opposed to the local Hi-C league, a Bible club. The young people always had great difficulty in gaining permission to put up their weekly posters advertising the various Christian activities.

Again our women's prayer group brought the matter before the throne of God. We trust other groups also prayed. And God answered. To our delight, the latest issue of the high-school paper carried on its front page a splendid account of the activities of the Hi-C League, even giving the address of the church at which the weekly evening service was held and inviting the young people to attend.

One item more. When our daughter was in junior high school, she often seemed distressed over a certain science teacher. In subtle ways he spoke derisively of the Bible and of the Bible account of creation. From other parents we heard similar complaints. We prayed about the matter, then wrote the principal. I wrote, in part: "If public school teachers are forbidden to teach religion, why should they be permitted to promote atheism?" At the end of the school year, the news leaked through that this science teacher was not going to return in the fall. Again God had answered prayer.

I believe that the scriptural exhortation to pray for our government calls for a prayerful interest in our local civic affairs. For what is a nation composed of but thousands of small units such as your town, and mine? And if we, through our prayers and participation, can influence our own community toward godliness, we will be contributing to the righteousness which exalteth the entire nation.

-A PRAYING MOTHER



In the Henri-Chapelle cemetery in Belgium nearly 8,000 white crosses range outward in concentric rows. They represent the waves of assault that took the lives of so many of our American boys in World War II.

When we visited there, "Old Glory" was flapping in the breeze on top of the big flagpole, and such a feeling of solemnity and awe seized me that I could hardly keep from crying. (My own brother had been in three beachhead landings and survived.) At times I choked back the tears, as our little group stood silently reading some names which together with unit and state were inscribed on the crosses.

The Belgians are taking such meticulous care of the entire grounds that the sod is almost like a golf green. Carefully chosen and artfully placed evergreens adorn the approach. The stately marble memorial with its big rectangular columns display the names of many American soldiers regardless of military rank.

We saw the list of other American cemeteries maintained on foreign soil. The total of American war-dead was staggering and did not include those of other nations who also gave their lives in that horrible conflict. By ignoring the Prince of Peace—who alone can bring real peace—what a tremendous loss of lives has been suffered in efforts to bring peace to the world!

Our hosts, Brother and Sister A. F. Amitie, had been telling us of the terrible conditions under which they themselves had lived during the war and of the tremendous burst of feeling when American tanks and war vehicles came rolling through to free them. They showed such genuine gratitude toward the Americans. We too wanted to show our appreciation and signed our names in the guestbook lying on the table in the silent, solenn nave.

Then our mind turned back to Westminster Abbey, in London, where a few days before we had seen the tributes to British heroes and renowned names of history. There, in the main aisle, was the slab to the "Unknown Soldier." It was carefully encircled with flowers, and constantly surrounded with folk silently reading its bronze letters of glowing tribute.

Just beyond it, we saw the slab containing David Livingstone's epitaph. As I waited patiently with my camera for a lull when I might attempt a snapshot in the somber confines of that great cathedral, I watched careless feet trample over it. It grieved me to see people of all nationalities heedlessly treading upon the great and intrepid missionary's grave. Only a few curious people, wondering why I should attempt a photograph of so drab a slab, stopped briefly to see what was there.

I meditated on how, before they began their long, tire-some journey to the coast with his body, the Africans (who have a psychic understanding of proper values) had buried his heart in Africa. Now the feet of other races and faiths scuff over the resting place of his heartless body. I thought of the resurrection morning when "the dead in Christ shall rise"—when that dark marble stone will be among the first to burst upward. At that moment the wall plaque to John and Charles Wesley will burst outward—but most of those slabs with their tributes to the world's great will remain undisturbed, silently awaiting the second resurrection!

Many humble missionaries of bygone eras have been little regarded and often subjected to unnecessary discrimination by governments, politicians, and businessmen. Then later, immortalized by honor paid them by silvertongued evangelists, preachers, and authors, they have become the secret idols of aspiring teen-agers who want to emulate their successes, but little realize that they themselves will be trampled on in the meanwhile.

Jesus warned that a prophet is without honor in his own country and that those who "build sepulchers to the prophets" are the children of those who had despised them. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground, and die, it abideth alone," is an unchanging principle.

Often a lonely missionary, struggling to carry a load beyond his strength and slowed by the debilitating effects of malaria and tropical heat, has been ignored in his lifetime. Even the tribute to the great Livingstone has been walked upon daily until the stone has been worn below the bronze letters. Take courage! That heedless trampling—whether on this life's activities, or afterward on a marble plaque—forges an eternal tribute from the Master. The day will come when He, with an extended hand of welcome, will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant:...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"



A White Cross in France

By EVELYN M. FORD

While stationed in France with the armed forces our family visited a number of American military cemeteries. One of these was St. James Cemetery where approximately 1,500 men are buried.

While we were at St. James Cemetery the superintendent in charge told us of an incident that touched our hearts

One day a serviceman and his wife, who were stationed in Germany, came to visit the cemetery. She was very young. This young lady said she would like to visit the grave of a certain man who had been killed in action.

There was no air of solemnity about her. Most visitors at the cemetery show a quiet reverence but this young lady seemed to have a holiday spirit. She was gay and talkative, apparently unmindful of the fact that she was treading on soil made sacred by the burial of many American men who died in the service of their country.

As they approached the white cross marking the grave, the superintendent, as was his custom, asked whether this was a friend or a relative.

She answered, "This is my father's grave." The superintendent said he was stunned by this. He wondered how she could act so nonchalantly, so heartlessly, when visiting the grave of her father. His feeling must have shown on his face, for she added: "I never knew my father. I was just two years old when he died. My mother often told me about him; she said he died in France and was buried in a military cemetery, but I can't remember him. He never seemed real."

But when they reached the grave she gazed at the name on the cross. She listened soberly while the superintendent described the battle in which her father had fallen.

Suddenly, he said, she fell to her knees and began to weep. For a long time she knelt there, sobbing. Then she looked up and said to the superintendent:

"I'm so glad I came and knelt at my father's cross. When I realize his body is buried here, I know he really lived. He never seemed real before, but when I look at his name and see that he died for me, I feel as though he was my father. If only I could have gotten to know him when he was living!"

The superintendent said that young lady went away from the cemetery a different person.

A Memorial Day Prayer

By Captain Robert Weekley, U. S. Army

Father, on this day set apart to honor those brave men who died for our country, we thank You for all who have served and are serving this nation. We are grateful for the millions who have helped to keep America free.

We realize with humility that our personal freedoms, our religious liberties, have been purchased at the cost of blood, even as our spiritual salvation was purchased through the precious blood of Thy Son.

We ask that You will comfort all who have lost their

loved ones in past conflicts.

Comfort also those whose loved ones may be far from

home because of military duties.

We offer a special prayer for all who are in active service today. Be with every American serviceman, whether he be manning a machinegun in the Bohemian forest, or patrolling the Czechoslovakian border, or undergoing training on the Texas prairie.

Continue to give to our Commander in Chief, President Johnson, the wisdom to guide the nation through these critical times. Give direction to everyone who has to make decisions affecting our national course, that America may be kept from war, yet never retreat from the forces of communism.

Comfort those men who miss their homes today, and help them to feel that they are loved and remembered always. Strengthen them in the knowledge of the importance of their mission.

Grant them courage to face every enemy, whether the enemy be a human aggressor, or an alien ideology, or a spiritual evil that would threaten to conquer the soul.

Help us never to forget the sacrifice made by the many thousands of brave men who were laid under white crosses. Deliver all of us from that fickleness, so common to human nature, which led the melancholy old veteran of many battles to write:

"God and soldier we adore In time of danger, not before. When the danger's past and all things righted, God's forgot and the soldier's slighted."

In Christ's Name. Amen.

I thought: "When we kneel at the foot of Christ's cross, we are transformed, too. When we realize He died for us we can't help but love Him and desire to know Him better."

We have never seen Him, but He is real. He once lived, but died that we might live. I'm so glad I came and knelt at His cross.

AN UNFAILING SOURCE

In the village of my boyhood was a spring-fed well. Seeing so many people drawing water every day, I wondered whether the supply might some time fail. One morning I went down the well steps and placed a mark on the brick wall just above the waterline. In the evening I checked the mark and found the water level had not changed, even though people had been drawing all day. The perennial springs beneath the well had replenished the supply.

So men have drawn water from the well of salvation and found grace and help in time of need, ever since Christ died for our sins. But the Source is unfailing to this present hour.

—Selected



ON CAMERA

Evangel College is a typical Assemblies of God school. It offers 13 majors in the arts and sciences, with courses ranging from art to zoology. Here are some glimpses of student life on the campus at Springfield, Missouri.



An electronic "language laboratory" is used for teaching foreign languages. Evangel offers a major in Spanish and minors in French and German.



Course work in data processing is being added to the business administration curriculum. Business students at Evangel prepare for executive positions.



Biology students prepare their own specimens in the taxidermy laboratory.



The college concert band is featured in large auditoriums on tours as well as in local churches.



The science teacher watches as a student performs an experiment in the chemistry laboratory,



Speech students sometimes participate in dramatic presentations.



Christian ministry off campus takes various forms. Here students are shown during a visit to a local nursing home.

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Education majors do their practice teaching in Springfield public schools. Here an Evangel student is working with a class of first-graders.



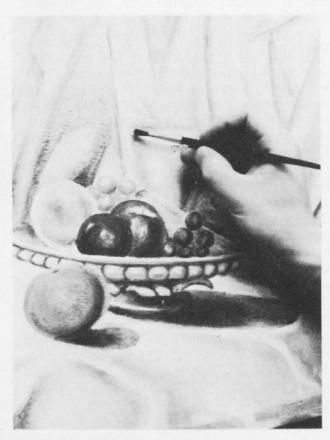
Male students work off some of their excess energy in intra-mural games of touch football.



In the seclusion of their dormitory rooms the students study, write letters, and engage in private devotions.



Students emerging from the college library are David Nissley of Mount Joy, Pa., and Connie Brockman of Emmet, Nebr. The student body at Evangel has increased steadily since the college was founded in 1955. A total of 97 students are being graduated in 1964.



This oil painting by an Evangel art student has been done with materials and techniques used by the old masters.



Jeremiah Warns and Comforts

Sunday School Lesson for May 31, 1964 JEREMIAH 25:3-12; 29:10-14

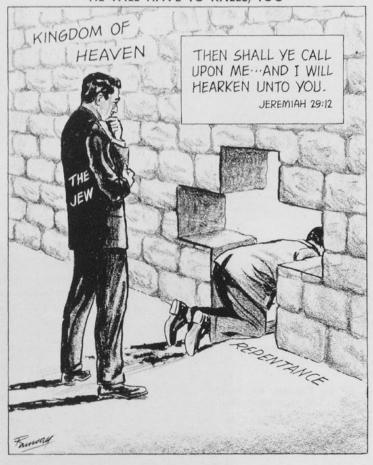
J. BASHFORD BISHOP

The first part of our lesson text is taken from one of Jeremiah's sermons warning Judah of the coming judgment of God in the form of captivity. The second part comes from a letter of exhortation and comfort sent to Judah after that captivity had begun.

THE SERMON OF WARNING

God's Faithfulness Asserted (25:1-6). This sermon was delivered "in the fourth year of Jehoiakim...that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar." Having defeated the Egyptians in the decisive Battle of Carchemish, Nebuchadnezzar, commander of the Chaldean forces, upon the death of his father became king of Babylon in 605 B.C. At this time Jeremiah reviewed the past 23 years of his preaching to Judah. During that time God had been so patient with the people and so faithful in warning them through various prophets! And Jeremiah himself had shown amazing patience, fortitude, and perseverance, "rising early and speaking."

HE WILL HAVE TO KNEEL, TOO



Judah's Heedlessness Denounced (25:4, 7). "But ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear." The stubbornness and callousness of the nation was accentuated in the light of God's loving and persistent overtures to win them to Himself. The nation persisted in going after other gods in spite of the efforts of good king Josiah to rid the land of idolatry. All this shows: (1) The preacher must not always be blamed for apparent unfruitfulness. (2) Neither should the preacher feel defeated if time does not seem to reveal the fruits of his work. (3) The responsibility for accepting the divine message rests upon the hearers. (4) No man who moves in God's will, as did Jeremiah, is a failure. (5) It is good to pray: "Lord, let me remember that to be in Thy will is better than success; and may I ever love Thee more than Thy Service."

Captivity Predicted (25:8-13). (1) The agent of the captivity was "Nebuchadnezzar...my servant." God's sovereignty extends to all mankind. He can make evil men to be instruments in furthering His divine purposes. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was to be a whip to chasten Judah. Even so, men like Hitler have been used to hasten the return of the Jews to their own land today. (2) Details of the captivity were stated. Verse 10 reveals life as it was normally lived in the land. The laughter of children playing in the streets and market places, the exultant joy of the wedding celebration, the gristmill and the lamp (familiar objects in every home)—all these things would be no more, and the happy land would lie desolate and barren! (3) The duration of the captivity would be 70 years (v. 11). Here again is the miracle of prophetic revelation. There was no possible way for Jeremiah to know all this except as God revealed it to him!

THE LETTER OF COMFORT (29:1-14)

In 597 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and deported King Jehoiachin and thousands of the people to the land of Babylon. Shortly after this, Jeremiah wrote the letter from which this portion of our lesson is taken. In it he gives advice and comfort to the captive nation. His advice is good for us today.

- (1) Make the best of circumstances which you cannot change (vv. 4-6). Though captives, the Jews were free to engage in economic and industrial endeavors. Rather than waste time in idle regrets they were to settle down, build homes, and provide for the perpetuation of their nation. They were to "occupy" until the captivity was ended.
- (2) Realize your responsibilities as citizens in a strange land (v. 7). Instead of hating their captors, they were to pray for them. They were to conduct themselves as law-abiding subjects, as long as such law did not conflict with their spiritual principles.
- (3) Do not be deceived by false prophets and preachers—"for they prophesy falsely unto you in my name" (vv. 8, 9). Because it pleased the people, these false prophets predicted a speedy return to their land.
- (4) Remember that God loves you and has only your eternal welfare in view (vv. 10, 11).
- (5) Remember that right where you are, in answer to wholehearted prayer, God waits to reveal Himself to you (vv. 12-14).

Amending the First Amendment

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the door wide open to state financial aid for public education. And many believe: Prayer, yes; money, no!

Nevertheless, the Simpson Amendment possesses sizable senatorial support because it leaves decision at the state and local level. Those particularly favoring local determination contend, "If parents and the school board elected by them are primarily responsible for the education of a local school district's children, these parents and board members should have final word as to what is good for their schools."

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Protestants are widely divided over the right solution. This division, oddly enough, crosses denominational lines.

One segment opposes the use of the law regardless of other considerations. A leading spokesman for this position is C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, who emphasizes "the futility of religious ideas or practices imposed by law."

Another segment takes the opposite view. They follow in the footsteps of their religious forefathers who originally wrote the laws requiring religious school-opening exercises and who saw nothing wrong with them.

A third segment is somewhere in between. They do not believe in using law to force attendance upon those who have other convictions. But they do believe the law should not prohibit them from exercising their religion, particularly when it involves a practice that has been followed long before the Constitution came into existence.

With many Christians these exercises are not an optional matter. They believe that for teachers and pupils to gather together for prayer and Bible reading at the beginning of each school day is necessary because it is beneficial to the process of teaching and education.

This is the testimony of Mrs. Floyd Gibson, a school-

teacher in rural Virginia for many years:

"I never could have lived through the hectic days successfully if the children and I had not met together with our Father at the beginning of each workday to thank Him for His care and to ask Him to bless the day.... As a result of such beginnings, the days went more smoothly and the children seemed happy too. Over and over it happened that if we had a rough day it would be found that for some reason we would have had to omit the morning prayer."

Some Christian convictions go so deep as to consider it sinful not to open school with an acknowledgment of God as the source and supplier of all knowledge and

wisdom.

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Whatever the rationale behind these exercises, many people and members of Congress feel that those who want them should be given the freedom to have them. The author of the Simpson Amendment expressed his feeling in these words:

"The spirit of our Constitution was, has been, and should always be, that all persons, whether they be believers or nonbelievers, should have the freedom to ex-

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Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Did all Israel reject Jesus when He was on earth? The Jews, as a nation, rejected Him, but many Jewish persons accepted Him. There were the prophetess Anna, Simeon, Nicodemus, the disciples, the many Jews on the Day of Pentecost, and others who received Him.

Which were the beginning of the election of God, the Jews or the Gentiles?

Those of Israel were chosen, or elected, to provide the Scriptures for the world, and to give us a Saviour (Romans 9:4, 5). However, the promise of salvation was given to Adam before the nation of Israel began.

Were any Gentiles called into the Christian Church before Cornelius? Acts 11.

Among those who accepted the gospel at Pentecost were many Gentiles who had become proselytes to the Jewish religion (Acts 2:10). There were the converts at Samaria (Acts 8:5-8), the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:37, 38), and probably others before the conversion of Cornelius.

Jesus told the young man to sell all he had and to take up his cross, and follow Him. Was it reasonable to ask a rich man to dispose of his wealth? (Mark 10:21).

The rich young ruler had lived in strict accordance with the law and perhaps trusted in his moral goodness. He failed the test of loving the Lord his God with all his heart. His refusal to give up his wealth revealed his true character, showing that he put himself first. I wonder how many of us are free from this same weakness. We profess devotion to Christ, but do we really put Him above our selfish interests? He suits the test to our individual personalities, and the test does not always involve money.

I have been told that Satan was the father of Judas, and that Judas went to be with Satan at his death, in imitation of Christ who went to be with His Father. Then, just as Christ will come again, Judas also will come to be the Antichrist. Do you believe this?

No. Judas was not supernaturally conceived. He was the son of Simon (John 6:71).

Those who believe in unconditional eternal security say Judas was never saved, for Jesus said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil" (John 6:70). But the Bible clearly says the devil entered into Judas at the passover supper (Luke 22:3; John 13:26, 27). I believe Jesus spoke prophetically when he said, "One of you is a devil," looking forward to the time when Judas would betray Him. If Judas was a devil from the beginning, the devil did not need to enter into him to make him the betrayer.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

press themselves. This is an inherent right which should not be subject to the whim of a majority or of a minority."

The junior senator from Wyoming contended that those prevented from engaging in these exercises have secularism imposed upon them, and warned of serious consequences. "We can have freedom and we can have faith, but if we do not have freedom of faith we shall lose freedom."

On the other hand, Michigan's Democratic Senator Philip A. Hart, a Roman Catholic, voices the concerns of most parents of a minority faith. He believes the holding of opening exercises unduly influences children of those who do not believe in them.

He said: "It seems to me there is an enormous element of pressure involved in saying to an impressionable child, 'If you don't want to stand up with the rest of us, sit down; it is all right."

There is no denying the possibility exists that these exercises may influence a child in some ways to compromise his beliefs. But it does not follow that Protestants therefore must give up a cherished religious practice to maintain their reputation for loving their neighbor.

Public schools are full of majority influences. Most high-school girls today wear make-up. Some religious groups, however, forbid their girls this practice. Should these groups be permitted by law to force all pupils to stop wearing make-up because of the pressures on their children to conform?

One leading faith requires its members to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. Should all school cafeterias, therefore, serve no meat on that day so that the pupils of this faith will not stand out as different?

The majority goes far in allowing the minority to abide by their religion which differs from public school practice. On Ash Wednesdays, Roman Catholic students may come to school wearing a spot of ash on their foreheads. Jewish students may be excused from classes without penalty to observe their religious holy days. Parents who on religious grounds object to their girls wearing shorts in gym classes may have them excused.

Is it therefore unreasonable to ask that the minority allow the majority to practice their religious beliefs in the public schools?

Protestants also divide over the applicability of the principle of separation of church and state to the issue of school opening exercises. Some advocates of this principle argue that *religious* exercises do not belong in *state* schools.

Other advocates do not apply this principle that far. Sen. Strom Thurmond (D.-S. C.), a Baptist, is one of them. He adheres to the separation of church and state "but not in the separation of God and state."

To support their position, these advocates offer evidence that the First Amendment's authors never intended to take all religion out of public schools or public life. The authors merely sought to prevent the establishment of a national church, such as existed in England and other European countries.

Church-state separatists also object to a prayer and Bible reading exercise for the reason it constitutes religious instruction. Those who disagree note that the original purpose of the exercise was not to educate but

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to get the necessary divine help to satisfactory teaching and learning.

Sen. John Stennis (D.-Miss.), a Presbyterian, noted that since a constitutional question is involved, the only action which can be taken to change the effect of the Supreme Court's decision is a constitutional amendment. He added, "It is naive to hope that the Court will reverse itself."

The fear is prevalent on Capitol Hill that the Court in the future will even extend the ban. One case giving them that opportunity is currently on its way for review by the nine justices. It began in Florida and challenges the holding of baccalaureate exercises, showing of religious movies, singing of Christmas carols, display of religious symbols, observances of religious holidays, and almost every other kind of religious activity in the public

The Florida Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of most of these activities. But what will the U. S. Supreme Court do?

Christians have a dual responsibility they should not neglect. They are obligated as parents and as citizens to do what is best for the education of their children and for the maintenance of good schools. Therefore they need to obtain—with the help of the Holy Spirit—sound convictions regarding all aspects of this issue. Thereafter, it is incumbent upon them to share their convictions with their neighbors, their school officials, their state officers, and their national legislators.

Only by doing this can they be the light of the world. Only by doing this can they be the salt of the earth.

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither.

-C. S. Lewis, in Decision

God's Will and Yours

BY BRUCE WILLIAMS

It is the will of god that everyone be saved, yet it is possible for anyone to be lost.

How gracious is the will of God concerning the salvation of the world! "How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out" (Romans 11:33). "It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy" (Romans 9:16). No action or deed of man can change the will of God, which is fixed from eternity. It was foreordained before the world was, before man was created: "...eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). For this reason God's will shall stand against all the forces and hosts of evil in this world or another.

God's will is governed by love, not by punishment; by righteousness, not by expediency. His will is not affected by the deeds of men, for it is fixed. He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2: 11). While nothing can change God's will, man may by choice refuse it. One facet of God's plan of salvation is man's freedom of choice—the power to accept or reject God's provision for him. God did not want our conformity to His plan to be automatic, but voluntary. The elements do not choose to obey or disobey. Animals do not choose, but act by instinct. These are governed by certain laws.

Only man has the power of choice, and only man has an immortal soul. Only he is responsible for his choices. Only for man does God will everlasting life. But while the will of God toward man is fixed, the outcome of His dealings with man depends on man's response to His will. God will not violate man's privilege to choose, but He may influence our choices because He loves us so much. This is illustrated in our dealings with our children. We must give them the power of choice to an increasing degree as they grow up, but in our concern for their best interests we seek to influence them to choose the best. If man refuses to accept God's plan of redemption, His power is absolute, and neither man, angels, nor Satan can come out successfully in a rebellion against God. All are subject to the power of God and His final decree. For His power prevails and His will shall be done regarding both the saved and the unsaved.

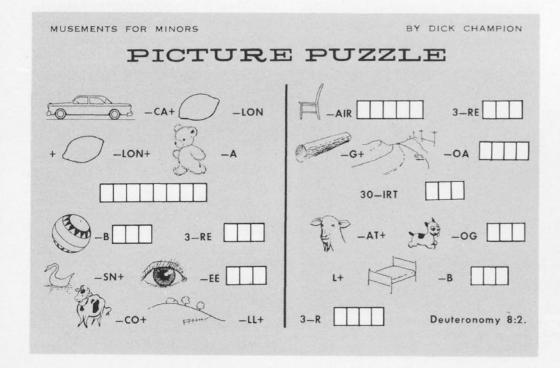
One thing, and one only, determines a man's eternal destiny. He is saved or lost according to his response to the will of God. Environment and circumstances are only incidental to the real issue, which is whether or not a man accepts God's will and plan for his salvation.

How and when may a man conform to God's will? By yielding to it whenever he perceives it. God is not limited in His approach to man. Through the witness of Christians, through the reading of the Bible, a tract, a magazine such as this, by a Christian act or attitude, in a gospel service, and countless other means, the Holy Spirit presents the choice of destiny to a

How many chances does one have? He may have many. Such notable rejectors of God's will as Cain and Ahab had opportunity to correct their mistakes and conform to God's will, but they passed them all by. Nineveh was spared for 250 years after Jonah, and Jezebel for 15 years after the prophecy of her violent death. "The Lord is longsuffering to usward" (2 Peter 3: 9). Yet Nineveh was finally destroyed. Jezebel met her doom. The flood eventually came as Noah prophesied, but not before God warned, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: vet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3).

God will not abrogate His will that none should perish, but He has the sovereign right to withdraw the opportunity when His will has been made known in all the world and all have had the opportunity to choose. The end will come.

All men now have free access to this atonement which God willed for each of us and purchased for us at the cross of Calvary. Nothing can keep you out of heaven—nothing except your own deliberate choice to refuse God's good will for your salvation. Therefore, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).





1,500 Attend Anniversary Rally in Georgetown, British Guiana

More than 1,500 persons filled the Plaza Cinema in Georgetown, British Guiana, February 23 for the rally which marked the 10th anniversary of *Revivaltime* in that country.

According to Rickey Singh, top political reporter in the South American colony, "It was a rally of revival... a day of awakening for those who had not realized the tremendous impact of *Revivaltime*."

Highlighting the Sunday afternoon service were taped greetings from C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst. Referring to the large rally crowd, Mr. Singh wrote: "In the sweltering heat of the day, people came from Georgetown, Demerara, and from the rice and sugarcane fields in the Corentyne. Church members and supporters of *Revivaltime* from the gold, manganese fields and other parts of the sprawling Essequibo joined to swell the happy throng. Some came in carloads, others by bus, but hundreds more on bicycles and on foot."

Also present at the meeting were

approximately 30 ministers who testified to the manifold blessing Revivaltime has been to them personally, to their churches and to others in their areas. These testimonies were included in the tape recordings made of the service and sent from Georgetown to the Radio Department at Springfield.

First to testify, Pastor Alexander said he began listening to *Revivaltime* when still a sinner. "I was touched with the messages in spite of the fact that I did not know the Lord as my Saviour. It is striking in my life that at the very time that life was getting dull and a bit on the other side, *Revivaltime* had the message for me."

A pastor from the New Amsterdam area remarked, "Even before I was converted, Revivaltime made a tremendous impact on my life. I remember every Saturday afternoon at 6 I used to sit by the radio and listen to the Revivaltime messages, choruses, and songs. A thrill used to go through my whole body when I heard C. M. Ward preach. Even though many years

have passed, Revivaltime has not failed to carry that tremendous impact on my whole life."

"Praise God for *Revivaltime*," declared Milton Duncan. "It is educating me daily."

REFRESHES MINISTERS

According to Pastor Roberts, "There is a time when ministers of the gospel need to be inspired. My wife and I do not fail to listen to Revivaltime each morning before we leave for service. One cannot overestimate the value of Revivaltime to the people of Guiana. We recognize the importance of Brother Ward's sermons, prophetic insight and timely messages. We pray that it will maintain its high spiritual nature."

Reporting results of the two years of *Revivaltime* broadcasting in his area, Pastor Daniels stated: "Many hearts and lives have been changed, many homes reunited, many have found Jesus as Saviour." Another pastor praised God for "moving on Pentecostal American hearts to send *Revivaltime* to Guiana."

Others gave equally high commendations to the broadcast. "Revivaltime is not only over station BGBS, but it is all the time in the hearts of the believers," emphasized one minister. "In our area the Assemblies of God is known as the Revivaltime church. Not very long ago, I received four or five visitors who came into our church because of Revivaltime."

HELPS PIONEER PASTOR

Missionary Milton Kersten said, "Revivaltime is a meaningful part of our lives. While pioneering two churches in Wisconsin, U.S.A., we found Revivaltime a tremendous asset in introducing people to the full-gospel message." He told the story of one lady who would listen only to her one favorite radio evangelist. However, he persuaded her to listen just once to Revivaltime. Afterwards she said, "C. M. Ward is the best yet." She later joined the Assemblies of God.

"Since coming to Guiana," Brother Kersten continued, "it has been wonderful to see the wide influence and favor that *Revivaltime* enjoys. We have personally found open doors and goodwill when our introduction as Assemblies of God missionaries was associated with *Revivaltime*. It is evident that this radio broadcast is a powerful witness and a tremendous help, giv-



Approximately 30 ministers attended the 10th anniversary of Revivaltime in British Guiana. Burton Cross (inset), a national pastor, was saved and healed during the Revivaltime campaign with C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst in 1960.

ing remarkable prestige to the Pentecostal message here in Guiana."

LEADS TO CONVERSION

Burton Cross, national Guianese pastor says, "Revivaltime holds a special place for me. While I was going down life's road to destruction, approximately three years ago, I stood and listened to the speaker of Revivaltime and found that life can be lived fully through Jesus our Saviour. I was converted there."

Paul Palser, pastor of the Revival Center and director of the radio broadcast, "Christ Is the Answer," considers Revivaltime the church's air force. "After hearing a message by C. M. Ward, you have to make up your mind what you are deciding about your future life. I personally feel that Revivaltime is the greatest religious broadcast in the world today."

Serves as a Passport

Another local pastor acclaimed Revivaltime a "passport to many homes in British Guiana. Many times people start to turn away, but when we say we are from Revivaltime we gain access into their homes."

For 10 years (since January 2, 1954) Revivaltime has been popular in British Guiana. B. Owen Oslin, Assemblies of God minister who visited in Guiana, says, "Revivaltime is a magic word in the colony." This special 10th anniversary service was an example of the Guianese loyalty to Revivaltime. Another example was the invitation extended by the Foreign Missions Department, as well as missionaries and Christian workers in British Guiana, for C. M. Ward and

D. V. Hurst to conduct a Revivaltime crusade in Guiana. They held this campaign March 1-10, 1960, in Georgetown. More than 1,980 souls found Christ during the meeting and others were healed, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and delivered from demon oppression.

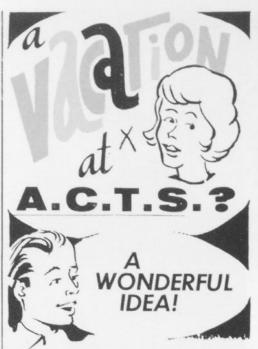
With the help of C. M. Ward's dynamic, soul-searching preaching on Revivaltime the Assemblies of God in British Guiana have 18 organized churches and 30 unorganized churches still under supervision by church officials. There are 65 to 70 Assemblies of God Sunday schools with more than 7,000 enrolled. The Bible school in Georgetown has 90 students. In addition, there are two regional schools held twice each year in New Amsterdam and Mackenzie, with an enrollment of approximately 120. At present the Assemblies in British Guiana are erecting a \$60,000 structure as a headquarters building in Georgetown.

God has greatly blessed *Revivaltime* in British Guiana, one of our 51 foreign releases. The evidence has been presented. Other foreign fields—just as fertile—await the "good news." Millions long for inner peace but do not know God to whom they can turn. It is time to claim these souls for Christ

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The attractive new Bethel Assembly of God in Girard, Pa., is another Assemblies of God lighthouse for proclaiming the full gospel.

New Church in Pennsylvania Dedicated

BY RALPH R. VOLPE Girard, Pennsylvania

A NOTHER NEW CHURCH HAS BEEN dedicated to the glory of God. On October 20, 1963, Bethel Assembly of God in Girard, Pa., held its dedicatory service.

Inspired dreams often culminate in splendid realities. Such is the case with Bethel Assembly. Its history goes back to April of 1961 when a small group of independent full-gospel believers desired to affiliate with the Assemblies of God. I was called to pastor the group.

We took immediate steps to incorporate the Assembly. We also began to seek the will of God concerning a suitable place of worship. After selling an old house which had been used for services we rented a hall for one year. In the meantime, we were able to purchase a good lot (over one acre) in the center of a growing community. A desire and a burden to build a new church began to grow within the hearts of this small group of believers.

By faith they conducted a ground-



Pastor Ralph Volpe

breaking service and began the construction. If space allowed we would relate many miraculous ways God provided finances to complete the work. All labor was donated except for heating, plumbing and masonry. Jack Rounds, a builder for over forty years, donated time worth several thousand dollars supervising and laboring until this project was completed.

There were heartaches and struggles but anything worth having is worth struggling for. And the church is growing. The Sunday school average attendance for the first year of this new Assembly was 29. Since moving into the new building, we have seen our average attendance leap to 54 during the past year. At present we are averaging in the 70's. We hope to break our record Sunday school attendance of 83 soon. Attendance at the worship service is slightly higher.

The building, including lot and furnishings, is valued at approximately \$40,000. Our debt is \$13,000. Plans are now being considered for an educational unit which is very much needed. A steeple and a cross will be added to the present structure in the near future. The success of the entire project was due to the faithfulness of God and the prayers, tears, sacrifice and hard work of this wonderful congregation.

We had a blessed dedication service with Russell Williams, superintendent of the Eastern District, as guest speaker. Over 200 filled the sanctuary. The heart's cry of our church is, "God give us the souls of this community or we die."

Encouraging Reports from Teen Challenge

IN ADDITION TO THE TEEN CHALlenge centers in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, a new one opened in Boston recently. You will read more about Boston as the work progresses. Here are reports from several areas.

Brooklyn, New York

Bob Bartlett, staff member of Teen Challenge in Brooklyn, writes that they are making new contacts with the city courts, parole offices, etc., and these officials are proving very helpful. Brother Bartlett is looking into new areas to find English-speaking drug addicts.

Teen Challenge has purchased another building on Clinton Avenue, just a few doors removed from the present Center. These new facilities will more than double their capacity and will give them land on which to build the new Center, plans for which are now being prepared.

This Center has seen a great break in ministry among teen-age girls recently. Girl addicts are now coming to them and every bed in the women's dorm is filled.

Four girls and four boys were baptized in the Holy Spirit in March. Since March, nine new girls and 11 new fellows have been saved at the Center.



Bob Bartlett deals with a young drug addict who later was saved and delivered.



The remodeled chapel, parsonage, and garage at Vernal, Utah. Pastor Arvel Woodard inset.

Another Church for Utah

By ARVLE W. WOODARD Vernal, Utah

THE AREA AROUND VERNAL, UTAH, is a most challenging Home Missions field. In evangelistic work I have covered the U.S. and have never seen a greater need anywhere. Residing in this Uintah Basin are from 15,000 to 20,000 people who need Christ.

I look for a great revival here this year. When we first came to Vernal, only one Assemblies of God woman lived here and she soon moved to Kansas. The church was a room just 10 by 12 feet. God has blessed us and we now have a nice group of people, with new ones coming. Sunday school attendance has reached 23.

The building has now been remod-

eled and the chapel (16 by 32) has been almost full. More room is needed. We will build as soon as God supplies the funds.

About thirty miles northwest of Vernal is a Ute Indian reservation; and about the same distance to the southeast is another Ute reservation. I am praying the Lord will open the way for us to get a mission in each of these places, for the Lord has called me to the Indian people as well as to Vernal to build a church. I have enough seats ready for two missions, but I do not have money yet for buildings and other equipment necessary to get the work started.

Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania

The Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg is filled to capacity with 40 boys (converted addicts and others). Ground will be broken soon to erect another building to care for 50 more boys.

Los Angeles, California

Hundreds of youth are responding to the message of salvation in the street rallies and through the personal work of the Los Angeles Teen Challenge staff. Still others are being saved in chapel services conducted frequently at the Center. Several members of tough teen gangs from the East Side have recently found the Lord in these services. Bible school students from several schools assist the full-time staff in evangelizing the densely populated asphalt canyons of the inner city.

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F. J. LINDQUIST REACHES 40TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF MINNEAPOLIS ASSEMBLY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.-The congregation of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its pastor May 22-24.

To spend 40 years as pastor of one church is a record few men in the Assemblies of God have achieved. Frank J. Lindquist has done this, and the church is continuing to advance through his spirit-

ual leadership.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Brother Lindquist felt the call of God upon his life at an early age. Along with James Menzie he began his ministry in 1921 conducting tent meetings in Indiana and Minnesota. The meetings in Minnesota led to the establishing of a number of new churches in the state.

After a year in Minot, N. Dak., he came to Minneapolis in 1924 to begin his ministry as pastor of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle. In 1928 he was united in marriage with Irene Gunhus.



Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Lindquist

Brother Lindquist's life has had a wide influence. He has led the church into a world ministry, the fruits of which can be found in many countries.

Because he felt the need of a Bible training school, North Central Bible College was begun in the basement of the Tabernacle in 1930. It moved into larger quarters in 1937 when the former Asbury Hospital building was purchased (a building that is presently valued at over a million dollars). Since its inception some 6,000 young people have attended North Central, many of whom have gone into pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, and religious education work.

While continuing his ministry as pastor, Brother Lindquist served as president of the college until 1961. Currently he is a member of the board of regents. He has remained as a teacher through the 1963-64 school year, his doctrine classes standing out among the richest experiences in the students' lives.

For 22 years Brother Lindquist served as district superintendent of the North Central District of the Assemblies of God. He had a leading role in establishing the Lake Geneva Bible Camp near Alexandria, Minn., in 1927. During these years he carried a triple responsibility as pastor, Bible college president, and district superintendent.

Under his leadership the congregation built the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle in 1930. Situated at Lake Street and 13th Avenue South, it seats 775. The church added a \$175,000 education unit in 1950.

From this congregation 30 have become

foreign missionaries during these 40 years, and more than 100 others are serving in ministerial capacities in the U.S. Four missionary trips abroad (to Guatemala in 1944, to Europe in 1947, to the Holy Land in 1955 and again in 1961) have given him a great appreciation of foreign needs.

Missionary giving has always been emphasized very strongly from his pulpit. In 1963 the Gospel Tabernacle gave \$29,500 to home and foreign missions. At the 1963 General Council in Memphis the church was awarded one of the plaques given to the ten leading churches in Cooperative Plan giving throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship. For four years (1957-60) the church received the first-place national award in Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) giving. For three years (1961-63) it has received the runner-up

The church continues to enjoy Pastor Lindquist's rich ministry of the Word from week to week, as evidenced by strong church attendance and the salvation of souls. The Sunday school reached its highest peak in 1963 with a yearly average of

Three radio broadcasts go out weekly. The Sunday evening service is broadcast live. Recently a tabulation of statistics over the past 40 years was made. There were 1,550 water baptisms, 410 weddings, 520 funerals, 630 infant dedications and 8,000 hospital calls.

By his service on the General Presbytery and the many articles he has written for The Pentecostal Evangel, Brother Lindquist's influence has been felt throughout the entire fellowship.

God has blessed Pastor and Mrs. Lindquist with good health and the church looks forward to their continued ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

49TH ANNUAL NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 2-4, Lufkin, Tex., in high school auditorium. Bert Webb, guest speaker. C. A. Rally on Monday night with Jesse Moon, D-CAP in charge, E. R. Anderson, district superintendent, presiding at Council.-by E. B. Crump, district secretary-treasurer.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING of First Assembly of God, McAlester, Okla., May 24. L. H. Arnold, morning speaker; Harold Powell, evening speaker.-by Jack I. Robertson, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

D. P. KARDASSAKIS, of San Francisco, Calif., passed away February 19. He was a licensed minister with the Greek Branch of the Assemblies of God. In 1960 he was superannuated.

R. D. STRINGER, 84, of Taft, Calif., went to his eternal reward March 15. Ordained in 1935, he was a member of the Southern California District. His ministry included evangelistic work and pastoring in Laurel, Miss., Columbus, Ga., and Maricopa, Calif.

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	Pueblo	Central	May 27—	James Black	C. F. Ferguson
Fla.	Bonifay	First	May 27-	David Grant	Arthur Moore
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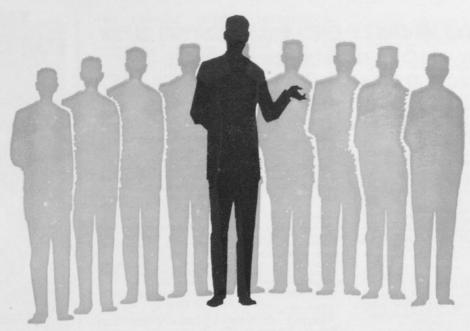
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The Value of the Individual

BY PAUL SCHOONMAKER, MISSIONARY TO NORTH INDIA

ONLY RECENTLY I STOOD WITH MY FAMILY ON THE deck of a great ocean liner departing from a seaport in western Europe. The pier was filled with men and women bidding good-by to their friends and relatives.

They seemed very small standing in front of us. Above them towered the cranes and behind them rose the city. All around us lay evidence of man's ingenuity, but how small man himself looked!

I wondered if it could be possible that amid all this machinery these puny figures were really important. Yet I realized that of all that we saw about us there would have been little had it not been for man's skill and energy.

We live in a day of increasing knowledge and complexity. We are tempted to feel that the individual is unimportant, and that if there is any place for him at all it is as a member of the crowd, the mass. We do not today employ the cruder form of physical outrage; we seek to assault the mind itself, to break it down and to batter it into submission.

The aim of modern society appears to be conformity. To accomplish this we seek to *mash* the minds of men into pulp and mold them as we desire. This is what modern totalitarianism seeks to do. This is the aim of communism. Our emphasis in education is that children learn to adjust to each other and to society. An effort is being made to bring all religions together, that all men might believe the same things.

This is the battle—it is well that we recognize the fact. This is the front line. It is here that the individual must suffer and shed his blood. For which one of us does not desire in his heart to be well thought of? It is not easy to stray from the crowd. We cannot help but be influenced by the modern means of mass communication which call us to conformity in no uncertain terms.

Still each of us struggles for truth, for a satisfactory solution to the problems of life. None of us desires to

do violence to his senses, to his ideals, to violate the principle of his own humanity. For we cannot afford to be untrue to life itself: it is all that we possess.

The battle rages and tensions build up. The man of faith becomes troubled. For he too is of the earth, earthy. The same earth feeds and mothers him. The same laws of logic guide him. The same urges and inner confusions assault him. He also ponders the lessons of history. Perhaps he feels his faith sits lightly upon him—that he would easily succumb to the brainwashing of a communist cell. He doubts; he is afraid! Everywhere the same battle for faith faces him; in space, in science, in philosophy.

Defeat has already set in for many. Jesus said concerning the last days, "The love of many shall wax cold." Love feeds on faith, on conviction, upon inner certainty. Where these values are gone there is nothing left for love to stand upon. It too dies.

We are fast approaching the time spoken of by the Lord Jesus. The Bible calls it the Great Tribulation. All is in flux—the values we have held dear, the strong beliefs of our fathers, the social standards we have considered basic. Mass media slowly goes on to build up one world. The individual is being betrayed in the interests of the whole. Heroism and martyrdom are becoming unpopular. Man is hiding among the trees, as did Adam and Eve when they fled from God. He is hiding in the crowd—he does not want to give God a chance to speak to him.

The only antidote for all this is the Cross of Jesus Christ. This is the touchstone for every new theory, every new advance, new catchword, and new fashion. It is here that we may tell the difference between the glittering counterfeit and that 'which is true gold.

It is at the Cross that you and I come to see the love God has for each one of us; for the value of the individual is revealed by the sacrifice of the Son of God, Christ the Lord!