

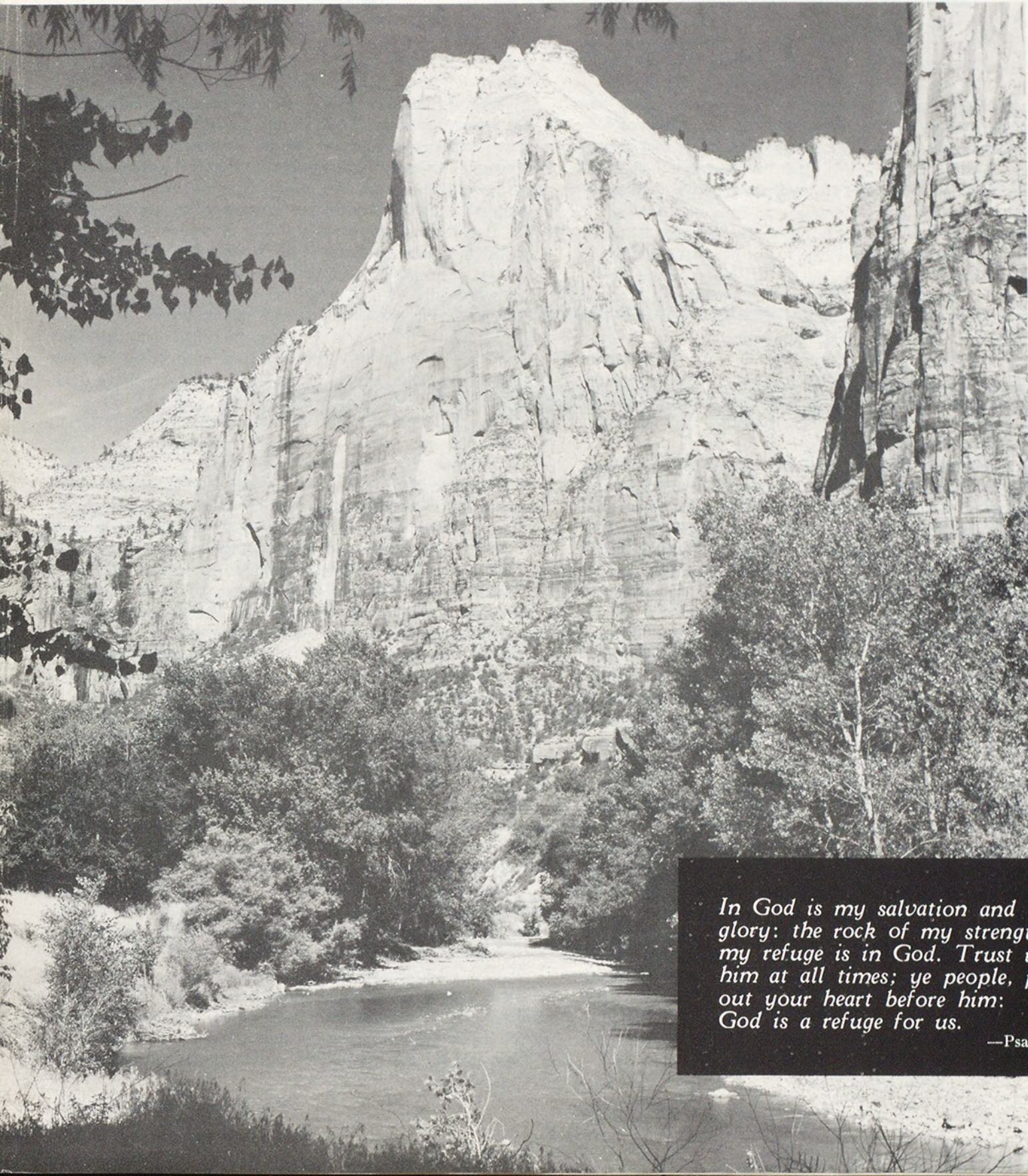


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*In God is my salvation and my
glory: the rock of my strength, and
my refuge is in God. Trust in
him at all times; ye people, pour
out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us.*

—Psalm 62:7, 8

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."

The Passport of Praise

BY ALBERT L. HOY



SOME TIME AGO A MINISTER WAS RELATING HIS EXPERIENCES on a tour he had made through a number of foreign countries. His congregation was particularly impressed when he described his arrival at an isolated border post where he was to leave one country and enter another.

The country from which he was about to take his departure was almost medieval in its primitive standards of life. All drinking water had to be boiled, edible fruits required careful peeling, and one had to exercise extreme caution to avoid certain painful diseases which the people had come to regard as commonplace.

The country he was preparing to enter was vastly different. Its hygienic conditions were above reproach, food was safe and palatable, and the citizens lived in comfortable homes, enjoying good health and a reasonable degree of prosperity.

"I shall never forget," said the speaker, "how strange it was to step from the rickety bus that brought me to the border, and walk across the narrow strip of land to the modern, air-conditioned motor coach on the other side. I accomplished this most welcome transition simply by using my passport. It had never before occurred to me how quickly a passport can change a person's environment."

The consideration of the emancipative values of passports is certainly a subject for Biblical investigation, because every Christian is the fortunate possessor of priceless spiritual permits, divinely visaed, and authoritative beyond question to transport him in a matter of seconds from the swamps of human tribulation to the glorious mountain peaks of heavenly citizenship.

One of the most useful of these gifts is the passport of praise. It has remarkable power to change appearances, points of view, circumstances and, what is most important of all, the user himself. It is documented with the impressive signature of faith, for it bids the bearer look away from the fettering negatives of earth to the sublime positives of the kingdom of heaven. The seal of the First Commandment is unmistakably stamped upon it, for whenever it sees service at the borderline of human experience, it never fails to warm the heart with a loving communion that words cannot express. Imperishable as eternity, valid as the divine Word, endowed with the omnipotence of the Spirit, the Christian's passport of praise is, indeed, a rare treasure.

At this point, however, it may be beneficial to some to clarify their thinking on the meaning of praise. One may experience joy, or engage in prayer, or deliver a rousing testimony without permitting the incense of true praise to rise from the heart. Conceivably, a Christian might be on his knees at a church altar, voicing words of thanksgiving to God, and his utterance would be so much perfunctory patter if his being were not aglow with praise. The praise that delights the heart of God is not in word only. It is rooted in communion with Christ and, therefore, has the similitude of spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22). Indeed, the fruit of longsuffering is the delectable food which frequently fills the soul with praise, for the Scriptures abundantly record how believers have magnified God in their distresses (Acts 5:41).

Praise is not a duty to be performed at appropriate times like calisthenics to keep the Christian in good spiritual shape. It is a natural outgrowth of Christly living, a component of redeemed character that reveals itself as simply and effortlessly as an opening flower on the parent stem. Paul describes it as an attitude of mind (Philippians 4:8), and Peter declares that it must be objective enough to be perceived in Christian personality (1 Peter 2:9). Thus appearing in its attractive sincerity, praise is undoubtedly one of the most compelling influences to righteousness among the unsaved today.

The transforming power of praise is one of the greatest resources of the believer. How strange it must have been for the contemporaries of Habakkuk, hundreds of years before Christ, to see the prophet rejoicing in Jehovah, though surrounded by barren fields, blasted vineyards, and decimated flocks! To the natural eye the situation of Israel was bleak; her future gloomily uncertain. To Habakkuk's anointed vision this was just the time to make use of the passport of praise, and by its virtue cross the border of despondency into the inspiring environment of radiant faith.

Someone may point out that however greatly Habakkuk was affected by such joyful worship, his circumstances, nevertheless, remained unchanged. But this is not so. When a believer is transformed by praise, he is in a far better position than he was previously to cope with his problems. Where true praise flows in the heart, the twin stream of faith flows also. The very attitude in which the praiseful Christian addresses his task makes him prospective master of it. Not only is he unhampered

by fear and distress, but he is also assured of divine assistance as he faces his mountain and commands its removal. The sound of praise covers half the distance to victory.

Never was this more effectively demonstrated than when Judah was invaded by the Moabites during the reign of Jehoshaphat. Unable to muster an adequate defense against the large army of invaders, Jehoshaphat sent out a group of men who were instructed simply to sing praises unto God. When they did so, the enemies of Judah destroyed themselves (2 Chronicles 20:21-23). The incident should be particularly interesting to us because it shows the outcome of praise. God delighted to honor this fruit of consecrated lips by baring His mighty arm in a demonstration of the miraculous.

Again and again the Bible describes how praise is the key that unlocks the tremendous resources of divine energy. Unquestionably, Paul and Silas had no intention of producing an earthquake through praise, but God considered it a fitting response to their devotions as well as a stimulating audio-visual aid in the work of evangelism (Acts 16:25, 26). The Christian who is prepared on all occasions to magnify God is the Christian who can invariably depend on deliverance through the power of God.

Every disciple of Christ knows that he cannot do the

Lord's work sincerely without encountering the strictures of men. A long time ago the Holy Spirit made it very clear that "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). But the Scriptures also inform us that the best shield against persecution is not self-justification, but praise. In fact, the child of God should realize that the criticisms and hatreds of those who oppose him actually increase his heavenly reward—that is, if he perceives divine ordination in such persecutions and thanks God for being accounted worthy to receive them (Matthew 5:12).

In our modern world of complex activities and their related multitude of pressures, it is most important for the Christian to understand the purposes of divine testing. For the consecrated believer the Lord's intention may be simply stated in one word—promotion. Just as the college student must make satisfactory grades in his examinations before being considered worthy to receive a diploma of graduation, so the Christian must pass divine examinations with credit before being graduated to higher levels of spiritual understanding and ineffable communion. When one realizes that all things—even the most excruciating trials of life—are working for our good, the fervent utterance of praise from the shadows is certainly not a childish defense mechanism, but the grateful re-

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

DELIVERED FROM SPIRITISM

THE SPECIALIST TO WHOM I HAD GONE IN 1941 SENT me home with the verdict: "There is no help for you." He had found my left kidney completely dead and the right one badly affected with pus and stones. I could no longer stand straight but had to lean to one side.

Then for years I was in and out of hospitals—11 times. Struggling along, I tried everything I heard of, and spent all I had and all I could borrow.

In 1951 I was prayed for and, although I did not understand it, something very good took place in my body. But no one explained it to me or helped me.

I felt I wanted to be prayed for again, and heard of a man who called himself a *divine healer*. Since I supposed he was the same as the other, I went to him in 1951. He had a beautiful statue of Jesus built in the wall, with lights all around it and an open Bible at His feet, and Christian pictures on the wall. Naturally all this led me to believe he was a Christian, but he never mentioned prayer, or the Word of God, or Jesus our Lord. Instead he gave me a prayer card with his own picture on it. I was to read it daily.

Things started going wrong—everything I said or did at home, or in letters, or over the phone, was wrong. A soft voice told me I had sinned. Not knowing what sin was, I was more confused than ever.

I could not get through the thick fog before me but was determined to find out what it was. This terrible force of blackness fought against the Truth, and kept telling me not to read the Bible. But I declared I would

read it anyway, and I kept reading as much as I could make out though I was almost blind.

The truth was that I had been to a spiritist, and the devil had nearly blinded me! This spiritist went into homes and confused people. He even burned their Bibles. But people flocked to his office from morning until night, and gave money to him. (Let all who read this beware of *fake* "divine healers.")

Finally I was led to a minister who understood my trouble. He laid hands on me and prayed. But no one will ever know the torture I had gone through. I even had suicide and murder upon my mind. I asked God to help me not to do anything like that and to protect me from evil spirits.

God heard my plea—I began to pray and things changed. I believed God could renew my blood which had been bad for years. By 1955 both my kidneys were functioning, I was able to read my Bible through, I had gained weight, did all my own housework, and helped others.

Yes, I saw the devil face to face, but God delivered me from sin, sickness, and death. The enemy of my soul, mind, and body was defeated. God was still on the throne! He saved my soul, mended my broken body, and taught me to help others. —MRS. CARL DREWS

(Sister Drews' present pastor, Duane L. Land, Assembly of God, Antigo, Wis., writes: "Mrs. Drews has had a real and solid experience in the Lord.")

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

'No Night There'

With every day there comes a night. With every blessing there's a trial. This present life is a constant mixture of laughter and tears, of gains and losses, of happy surprises and bitter disappointments.

But the Bible points to a better life to come, and it says, "There shall be no night there." There will be no haunting shadows in heaven; no darkness in that everlasting Eden; no mingling of bitter with the sweet. No longer will evil be mixed with the good. Heavenly joys will be as undiluted as they are unending. Every desire of the sanctified heart will be fully satisfied in that land where Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

We see a wonderful picture of that place in Revelation 21, one of the grandest parts of the Bible. In the 27 verses of this blessed chapter we are promised an entirely new order of existence. It says there will be "a new heaven" and "a new earth." It speaks of a "new Jerusalem." It says "the former things are passed away," for God will "make all things new."

There shall be "no more sea." The sea speaks of turmoil, danger, and separation of loved ones from each other. He who calmed the raging waves of Galilee will speak once more and the sea shall pass away.

There shall be "no more death." The heavenly life will be uninterrupted. There shall be no more tearful partings; no more lonely bereavements.

Neither shall there be any more "sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." History's greatest miracles of healing will be eclipsed by that mighty act of God when this corruption shall put on incorruption and mortality shall be changed to immortality.

There shall be no more temple. John said, "I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." Israel's temple was a symbol of God's invisible presence among His people. We shall not need a symbol when we see Him face to face!

There shall be no sin in that city of God. "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie." Who then shall inhabit it? Only "they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

And "there shall be no night there." Night is associated with sin. Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil, but in the land of endless radiance there will be no unholy thing to wrap in the folds of darkness. There will be no unworthy thought that would seek cover from the light of day. Our minds shall be transparent in that holy place. There will be no secret sins. Neither will there be any night locks on the doors, for there will be no burglars, no molesters, no need of protection. "The gates of it shall not be shut at all."

Best of all, we shall see Jesus. Now we see Him through a glass—darkly, as one might watch the sun's eclipse through a smoked glass—but then face to face. Now we know Him partially, but then shall we know Him as intimately as He knows us. What a thrilling sense of fulfilment shall be ours when we awake in His image and suddenly find ourselves to be the kind of persons we have longed to be!

Next time your spirits sag from weariness, disappointment, or pain, open your Bible and read the golden words of Revelation 21. You'll find your path will seem much less steep when you gaze on the foregleams of glory awaiting just over the hill.

—R.C.C.

How do you tell an old man, who had never heard the gospel, how to be saved?

BY RICHARD E. ORCHARD

THEIR HOME WAS LOCATED OFF THE MAIN HIGHWAY just north of a thriving town in northern California. They were an elderly couple. A member of my church had informed me that they faced a crisis in the immediate future. I was told the old couple wanted the services of a minister but did not know any, since they did not attend any church.

As I approached the house I noticed what a poor building it was. It really was more of a tent than a house—a square frame construction about 20 by 20 feet in size. The lower half of the walls was of wood; the upper half was canvas and wire netting.

"I am the pastor of the Assembly of God church," I said, "and I received word that you wanted to see a minister. I've come to offer whatever help I can, and to talk with you about the Lord."

They received me very kindly. The man did not get up from his chair, but his wife took one beside him, and I sat down before him.

Briefly they gave the information that in years past they had ranched in Arizona and had *panned* for gold in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains. Life had been rich and wonderful for them in former times when there was plenty of money, and their health was good. But sickness in their latter years had taken all their savings and reduced them to their present meager existence.

Now he was facing major surgery which he feared he would not survive—and they had not been to the house of God for many years, and knew nothing of God's mercy, His love, and His saving power!

How do you start talking to an old man who faces eternity and knows absolutely nothing about the Bible or spiritual experiences? Like the early disciples who could not help but speak of the things they had seen and heard, for about 30 minutes I simply told him the story of my own conversion.

I told him of the goodness of God in forgiving my sins and taking away the desire for the old life, and how the love for the Bible and the church had come into my heart. I mentioned a number of instances when God had wonderfully answered prayer for me.

Above all I told of a Saviour who came from heaven to die for sinful men. I pointed out that all had sinned and come short of God's glory, and that Christ was asking us to return to God in repentance and faith in His Word!

When I felt the opportune moment had come, I said: "Sir, you are facing major surgery with the possibility of going out into eternity very soon. Though you have not been a church-going man and know little about God and His Son, yet He wants to be with you as your best Friend in the days ahead. He is not willing that any should perish but wants all to come to repentance. Will you accept the Lord Jesus as your Friend? Will you turn to Him and ask Him to come into your heart?"

Like a child this 75-year-old man looked up into the



'A Brand Plucked Out of the Fire!'

face of his wife, and said: "Mamma, what do you think I ought to do?"

She replied: "I think the preacher is right. You need help. You need something or someone to cling to. I think you should do what the preacher says."

I led in audible prayer for both the man and his wife, and asked the Lord to give him the assurance of sins forgiven. When I had finished, I encouraged the man to pray.

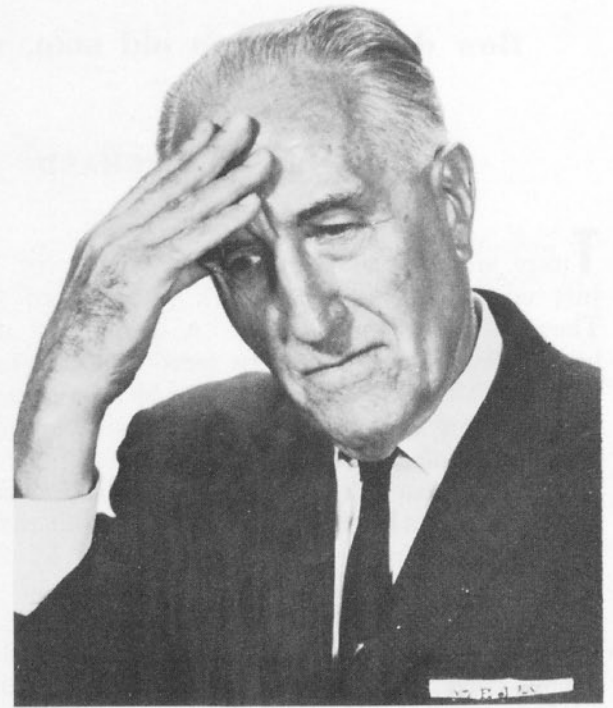
He had never prayed before, and his first effort was very halting as he groped for the right words to say. But the Holy Spirit helped him to confess his need to God and to ask Christ to come into his heart.

Then we rested on the Saviour's promise: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." I bade him farewell, and the next day he was admitted to the local hospital. The following day he entered the operating room for surgery and did not again regain consciousness. Three days later I conducted his funeral service.

Thus in less than a week another trophy of the cross had passed from darkness to light—from death to life—and as a "brand plucked out of the fire" had been ushered into the presence of his Lord! ◀◀◀

God's Therapy for Depression

BY ADA E. TOMLINSON



SUICIDES IN THESE UNITED STATES HAVE BECOME A serious health problem. Alton Blakeslee reported in the November 1963 *Canton Repository* that "two million Americans—more than one in 100—already have tried to commit suicide. Some 200,000 try each year to take their own lives and 25,000 to 35,000 or more succeed."

Although many people never reach the stage of crisis that these two million people have reached, yet there are many who suffer silently from deep depressions and seem unable to extricate themselves. Dr. Louis I. Dublin, a famous statistician, said that of those who try to commit suicide, most are under 30, and most are women. Of those who succeed, most are well over 50, and men outnumber women three to one.

Since suicide is becoming such a serious health problem and is an evidence of a depressed state of mind, we Christians need to find some way of helping these people who are under pressure. In order to do this, we must understand that depression is an emotional state characterized by dejection, unpleasant or foreboding feelings.

There are a number of causes. Clyde Narramore, a Christian psychologist, refers to three areas in which one may find the cause of depression: physical, psychological, or spiritual. The physical causes may include overeating, exhaustion, a biochemical imbalance, or a brain injury. Under psychological causes might come a traumatic experience in childhood, the loss of loved ones, the loss of a job, financial reverses, and various frustrations. The spiritual causes might be feelings of guilt, grudges against another, an unforgiving spirit, or even oppression by Satan, the accuser of the brethren.

But whatever the cause, God has a remedy or therapy suited to the individual need. While we do recognize that some need the help of a professional counselor because of the seriousness of their case, yet there are many who could have their depression alleviated by following a few simple suggestions which fall into three categories: the inspirational, the practical, and the spiritual.

INSPIRATIONAL THERAPY

1. *Prayer* is one of the best remedies for low spirits. Talking it out with God can do much to relieve nervous tensions and anxieties. Just as the Queen of Sheba told Solomon all that was in her heart, so may we confide all to Jesus, our Counselor. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). "Trust in him at all times; pour out your hearts before him" (Psalm 62:8). When David was depressed he said, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).

2. *God's Word* brings hope, faith and assurance to those who read it. To the fearful it acts as a soothing tranquilizer; to those who suffer loneliness it gives comfort; to the hopeless it brings hope; to the insecure it brings assurance; and to the guilty it brings the promise of forgiveness.

One psychiatrist prescribed Psalm 23 for his troubled patient. He told her to read the Psalm every day for one month. When she returned to him for her next visit she was much improved. She had faith and a new outlook on life. She was told that she would not need any more appointments with the psychiatrist. Such is the power of the Word of God to heal the mind.

3. *Beholding the beauty of nature* is a good therapy. The beauty of the quiet hills; the rhythmic flow of the ocean's waves; the splendor of the golden, multicolored, autumn leaves; the glory of an ineffable sunset—all these can lift the spirit.

PRACTICAL THERAPY

1. *Creative activities* can be a means of helping the depressed. By using his hands and exercising his talents, he can create some form of beauty. It may be a poem which he writes, a picture that he paints, furniture he makes, a room he decorates, or a garden of flowers which he has planted.

2. *The therapy of work.* Thomas Carlisle wrote, "Work is the grand cure for all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind." Morton M. Hunt in his article, "The Remarkable Self-Healing Powers of the Mind" (February 1964 issue of *Reader's Digest*) refers to Abraham Lincoln's depressions suffered when he was a young lawyer. His friends had to keep knives and razors out of his reach! Abe felt he never would recover, but through the challenge of work he was brought back to health again.

The work that you engage in may be cleaning floors, walls, or cupboards; it may be gardening, pushing a lawn mower, or washing your car—anything that uses the muscles and keeps you active. Through a daily walk in the fresh air, or active sports, you can get rid of tensions and frustrations too. When the body becomes weary through use of the muscles, nature sees to it that a sounder, more restful sleep restores the being. To build up the physical health through exercise and other means will lessen the possibility of the mental depression becoming chronic.

3. *Constructive thinking.* Just as physical health must be guarded, so must the mind be kept well-nourished and disciplined. Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Through practicing the presence of God and filling the mind with the Word of God you can set up a barrier against negative thoughts.

Along with reading the Bible, it is good to read devotional articles and inspiring books. To keep ever learn-

ing gives one a zest for living. One doctor was visited by a retired businessman of 60 who said that he felt "like a broken bedspring." A physical examination revealed no organic disorder. Psychological tests showed that the man's mind was like an unfurnished room, void of ideas, occupations, or interests. His trouble was diagnosed as a bad case of emptiness, which was being translated into a set of dull pains radiating between his ears and ankles. The prescription given for recovery was prayer, massive reading, civic activity, and constructive thinking.

In Philippians 4:8 Paul says, "Whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report . . . think on these things." Along with good reading, good music is worthy of our attention. It can be a therapy for the troubled mind. When Saul was oppressed he found quietness and calm as he listened to David play beautiful music on his harp. Robert Elmore says in his article, "The Place of Music in Christian Life" (January 1964 issue of *Christianity Today*): "Great and good music is part of God's truth, and is to be enjoyed among His gracious gifts to us." The listener will often find a sympathetic understanding which goes "beyond, above, and beneath words in its communication."

Although one can do much in the natural realm to overcome his depression by facing the problem, by fighting negative thoughts, and by envisaging new plans of action, yet to stay well a person has to forget himself, paradoxical as that may seem. This is the last therapy
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Shown at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are (left to right) Arthur Graves, Charles W. H. Scott, William Behr, and Stanley Berg.



The exhibit, 12 feet wide and 25 feet deep, features full-color pictures of Assemblies of God activities both in the U.S. and abroad.

OPENING OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EXHIBIT AT WORLD'S FAIR

A prayer of dedication and a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Assemblies of God exhibit in the World's Fair, New York.

Charles W. H. Scott, chairman of the World's Fair Witness Committee, officiated with the assistance of Stanley Berg, Arthur Graves, and William Behr. Other members of the steering committee in New York are Albert Earle, Aubrey Sara, Benjamin Crandall, Fred Eide, and Jack Piper.

More than 120 persons will take turns staffing the exhibit which

will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through October 22, 1964, and again in 1965 for a comparable six-month period.

"The exhibit is a full-gospel witness to the world," says Brother Scott. "It will be a means of contact with millions of people who visit the Protestant Center." Emphasis is on the program of the Assemblies of God, as well as its distinctive doctrines.

Cost of the exhibit is to be covered by offerings which should be addressed to: World's Fair Witness Committee, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



The Holy Spirit in the Believer's Prayer Life

BY CHESTER I. MILLER

ACCORDING TO WEBSTER, PRAYER IS "THE ACT OR PRACTICE of supplicating the Divine Being, communion with God in devotional exercises, the offering to God of adoration, confession, supplication and thanksgiving."

In the King James Version of the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—14 different Hebrew and Greek words have been translated "prayer" or "to pray" 341 times. The words "to pray" in the original have a basic meaning of "to entreat, to supplicate, to intercede, to bow, to meditate, to ask, to want, to call for." Likewise the word "prayer" can mean "a whisper, a song of praise, a beseeching, a pouring out."

Thus from the Scriptures we learn that prayer is *calling upon God* as Stephen did when stoned, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). Isaiah told us to call upon the Lord while He is nigh. Prayer is *crying unto God* as Samuel did at Mizpah (1 Samuel 7:9). Due to this the Philistines were soundly defeated. We have the promise, "Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses." Prayer is *seeking God* as they did in Asa's day (2 Chronicles 14:4). This brought a revival. It is written for us to "seek the Lord while he may be found."

Prayer is *enquiring of God* as David concerning Keilah (1 Samuel 23:2, 4): "Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the Lord said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah." Jesus once said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Prayer is *looking unto God*. "They looked unto him, and were lightened" (Psalm 34:5). Prayer is praising God as Jehoshaphat did when confronted with an alien army (2 Chronicles 20:21, 22). We are told that the glory of God filled the new temple of Solomon when the priests were as "one" to praise the Lord.

Prayer is confessing to God. Daniel identified himself with the Jews in a prayer of confession and asked God to grant the promised restoration back to the land of Canaan (Daniel 9). John the apostle wrote that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Prayer is *interceding with God* as Abraham did for Sodom (Genesis 18:21-33). Abraham stopped asking before God stopped granting. Ezekiel told us that God sought for a man to make up the hedge and stand

in the gap for the land, that He should not destroy it (Ezekiel 22:30). Prayer is *waiting upon God* as the 120 did which culminated in the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We have the promise that, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

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Now let us note *where* we should pray. Paul said, "I will . . . that men pray everywhere" (1 Timothy 2:8). It seems the apostle practiced this. He prayed in a *home* in Damascus until God stated to Ananias, "Behold he prayeth." He prayed in the *temple* until he was in a trance and Jesus appeared to him. He prayed at a *river-side* in Philippi, in a *jail* of the same city, on the *seashore* at Tyre, and *aboard a ship* during the Euroclydon storm when voyaging to Rome. Peter prayed on a *housetop* in Joppa, Eliezer by a *wellside* in Mesopotamia, the Jerusalem church in the *home* of John Mark's mother, Stephen at his *stoning*, and Jesus upon the *cross*.

Prayer has been offered in many different *postures*. Solomon prayed *standing* with his hands raised toward heaven. Daniel *knelt* in prayer with his windows opened toward Jerusalem. Moses and Aaron *fell on their faces* before the Lord in the wilderness. Hezekiah prayed *lying down* with his face toward the wall. Elijah on Mount Carmel *placed his face between his knees*, and

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the group in the upper room were *sitting* when the Holy Ghost fell.

Prayer has been offered in different *modulations of voice*. Hannah *whispered* when asking for a son; Samuel *cried* to God for Saul; Jesus prayed with *strong crying and tears* (Hebrews 5:7); and it seems that Nehemiah did his praying by the *thought* process when before King Artaxerxes.

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Prayer may be of any *length*. The shortest prayer in the Bible is *three words* long and has no "Amen." It was prayed by Peter—"Lord, save me!" The model prayer contains 66 words including the "Amen." The longest prayer in the Bible is recorded in Nehemiah 9 and is about 1,200 words long. We are not promised that we shall be heard for our much speaking. We do know that Jesus prayed *all night*; Paul prayed *three days* before receiving his sight; Ezra and his companions fasted and prayed *seven days* prior to their journey to Jerusalem; Daniel prayed 21 days; and the 120 waited 10 days for the "Promise of the Father."

One's prayer life consists of the total sum of any and all praying a person does. It includes public prayers at church, Sunday school, prayer meeting, or social functions; all the praying done around the family altar; the saying of grace before meals; the stealing away to be with the Lord in secret; and all that is done as part of a routine, such as in a Bible institute. In short, it is all the supplicating, confessing, adoring, and thanksgiving to God, however, whenever, wherever performed. I wonder just how rich your and my prayer life has been?

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Prayer is a *must* for every Christian. Even if the Spirit did not lead a person to pray, circumstances would force him to do so. However, prayer is commanded in Scriptures. Jesus Himself prayed as an example. He also told us to watch and pray. He gave us the model prayer. Paul said to *pray without ceasing*. James wrote, "Ye have not because ye ask not," and, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray." John stated, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death."

The Holy Spirit plays a definite and important role in the believer's prayer life. He gives the desire to pray by touching the heart. "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Psalm 27:8). "Draw me, we will run after thee" (Song of Solomon 1:4). Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to fast and pray.

The Holy Spirit gives *strength to pray*. The flesh is weak. To counter-balance this we have the Spirit who is willing. Paul said that "the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." He will bring to our minds the parable of Jesus concerning the importunate widow and its lesson which Jesus prefaced with the statement that "men ought always to pray and not faint."

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The Holy Spirit gives *inspiration to pray*. James wrote that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." This fervency is caused by the Spirit blowing upon the coals of the altars of our hearts and making them come alive.

LIMITLESS PLENTY

The prodigality of God is limitless. He is ever saying what the prophet said to the widow, "Bring me yet a vessel." The only thing that can stay the tide of heaven is the lack of a vessel to hold it. God will give us all we can hold.

Sometimes drought withers the fields. The streams dry up. The forests fade. It looks as if it might never rain again. Then a cloud, a flash of lightning, a roll of thunder, and the rain is pouring down. Directly the rivers roar in their channels, and the world is green again.

There are periods when religion languishes. Prayer is neglected. The church is almost deserted. The Bible is forgotten. God seems dead. Then men and women repent, and look to God for help. Once more God thunders, and the fire from heaven falls. The resources of the Almighty overflow His church, and some people wonder what has happened.

Oh, the plenty of the Infinite revealed in the church when Christians are content with nothing less than another Pentecost!

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The Holy Spirit gives the material for prayer. In the words of Paul, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought," so He gives us assistance. He lays souls upon our hearts. He shows us our own failures and shortcomings. He burdens us with our church's needs. He opens our eyes to conditions that merit our attention.

The Holy Spirit *teaches us to pray*. The disciples asked of Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." The Holy Spirit does just that. He gets us in a mood to pray. He helps us close the door of our minds to outside interferences and we get shut in with God. He tunes us in on heaven's wavelength. He bares our hearts to things standing in our way—for "if I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." He directs our prayers to the right source.

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The Holy Spirit *makes intercession for us*. In successive verses in Romans we are told, "The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us" and "he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." One way He does this is by laying us on the heart of someone else to intercede for us. Also He puts us in the body, the Church, and any prayer offered by anyone for the Church benefits each member of that body. In a manner I am helped by many whom I have never met.

In a more direct way the Spirit makes intercession for us by the method expressed in 1 Corinthians 14: 14, 15: "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit..." And, so it is. This is a peculiarity of "Pentecostals." This is spirit-praying. The Holy Spirit uses someone's vocal organs and without their knowledge uses their tongue to pray or intercede for me. This is wonderful! For, said Paul, God, who "searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." ◀◀

Family Worship Pays



COURTESY OF "THE STANDARD," CHICAGO

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

STRICTLY SPEAKING, FAMILY WORSHIP IS THE MOST vital factor in maintaining the unity of the family, for in its faithful observance every other need is directly or indirectly met.

Someone has beautifully compared family worship to a "hem which keeps the garment from fraying." Whether they appear on the surface or not, there are fraying edges in every home that fail to set apart some season in each day for household prayers.

We all have seen Christian homes that have "frayed out" sadly. There was disintegration of their family life that finally brought painful dishonor to our Christ and His cause; and oftentimes the failure to consistently and regularly continue family prayers was the chief reason for the dissipation of the family unity. Go back to the sixth and eleventh chapters of Deuteronomy and read often those striking words, "Therefore shall ye lay up these words in your heart and in your soul... and ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house... and thou shalt write

them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates."

God's first instruction for spiritual development among the Hebrews was for the home. The development of public worship came later. Is there not something to ponder here? Every home without family worship is missing the measure of the divine standard. There are many obstacles these days, many irregularities affecting family life, but a way can always be made for united prayers.


Good partners plan well their financial budget! There can be the same careful planning in the matter of time and expediency for the conducting of prayers. Much can be done by the wife in arranging household tasks, making adjustments with the children, that nothing might hinder such seasons of worship. The selection of a proper time must rest with each household, for different conditions will arise in various situations. When the head of the house is away from home, family prayers should continue just the same. In sickness and health, in ad-

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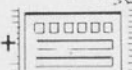
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John 15:9.

versity and prosperity, from the altar of every home let the sweet fragrance of true family worship rise before God continually.

"Nothing indicates the feebleness of modern piety more than the absence of family worship from so many Christian homes. In permitting the falling away—on account of the great rush of our modern life—Christians are being involved in a loss far greater than many of them realize. Many families are awakening to the conviction that the family altar is not only a duty and privilege, but a blessing to the home and to the church.

"Many a child or older person has been kept from yielding to temptation under the memories of the morning and evening prayer at the home altar. It impresses the children at an age when impressions are more lasting. It gives to the father authority, dignity, and honor in the eyes of the household. It brings God into the home-life in a positive and lasting manner. It gives eternal things importance, and thrusts back the trivial follies and fashions of the world where they belong. The members of the family are bound together as they would not otherwise be, and the precious memories of the worship hour linger while life lasts. There is a spirit of obedience that would not otherwise exist.

"True family worship is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance over all. It softens harshness; it quells anger; it quiets impatience; it settles differences; it subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day cannot wander far apart. The altar in the midst wonderfully hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It keeps the fire burning on every heart's altar.

"The best image of heaven which this earth can afford is found when a household is gathered to learn God's will from His Holy Word, to raise their voices in song or praise in honor of His name, and to hold sweet communion with Him in united prayer. Every family can thus breathe the air of heaven every day, and keep filled with the Spirit of God all the way home to glory. What a holy blessing!"

In the story of John G. Paton, that marvelous messenger of salvation to the New Hebrides, we are told of the regular habit of morning and evening prayers observed in his godly father's household. Until the day of his death at 77 years the father failed not, even to the last of his life when he was heard repeating the Psalms and breaking forth into prayer. Paton was a worthy product of such a home, and of that early influence he wrote: "I never can remember that any day passed when prayers were omitted. No hurry for the market, no rush of business, no arrival of friends, no trouble or joy ever prevented our kneeling about the altar while our father led us to God, and offered himself and his children there. The worst woman in the town where we lived crept up to the window and heard my father pleading for sinners in his prayer, and was herself saved."

Do your part, Christian parent, that such a record may be left of your home, for the sake of the passing stranger, and the guest who may come and go, to say nothing of your own good. Eternity's pages alone can reveal the full measure of influence and salvation emanating from any home where God's altar is established and faithfully continued. ◀◀



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Please explain what is meant by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse (Malachi 3:10).

In Israel all the tribes except the Levites were to bring their tithes into the storehouse. Distribution was then made to the Levites who devoted themselves to the service of the sanctuary.

What is foolish talking and jesting as mentioned in Ephesians 5:4?

The verse reads, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

"Not convenient" means "not fitting." We should avoid any jests that might offend others, or hurt their feelings. God does not want His children to indulge in light, frivolous talk, or to act like clowns; but I do not think He is displeased with bright, pleasant conversation. For good advice along this line see Ecclesiastes 5.

Does "A body hast thou prepared me" refer to the physical body of Jesus, or to the Church? (Hebrews 10:5).

It refers primarily to the physical body of Jesus and His miraculous birth. The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Since Jesus was conceived without a natural father, His body was created in a manner that was unique. God "prepared" it.

However, in another sense the Church is the body of Christ and it too is "prepared"—it is born from above, partaking of the life of God (Ephesians 4:12-16).

Does James 3:1 ("My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater damnation") mean a person who teaches will be judged more severely than one who does not?

The greater our light, the greater our responsibility. "Masters" are teachers and they are expected to have more light than the people whom they teach. They are expected also to set a good example by their conduct. God will hold them accountable if they lead people astray, either through their doctrine or through their conduct. Let them "speak the things that become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1). "Avoid profane and vain babblings" (1 Timothy 6:20). In other words, keep on the main line; avoid doctrinal sidelines that do not profit.

Any position of leadership carries with it certain added responsibilities, but this should not discourage anyone from teaching if the Lord has called him to this ministry. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

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.

A Victorious Report of the Soul-stirring International Fellowship Meeting

BY CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY Convention was the International Fellowship meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 21. For the 4,500 people who packed the Shrine Mosque in Springfield, Missouri, it was a rewarding experience. The presence of thirteen international delegates who brought greetings from the Pentecostal believers in their respective countries created a truly missionary atmosphere. A tremendous contribution to the convention was the ability of these brethren to communicate the intensity of their dedication to the task of winning their people to Christ. Some of them related stories of limitless opportunities for preaching the gospel; others told of adversaries who try to hinder the advance of the Church. These brethren gave due credit to pioneer missionaries who brought the gospel to their countries and gave eloquent answer to the question, "Do Missions pay?" As they expressed it, "We are the products of missions."

J. Philip Hogan, Foreign Missions Director, was chairman of the meeting. His thought-provoking appeal brought a new awareness of the missionary task. "Eight hundred missionaries sounds tremendous," he said, "but when we talk about non-Christian people by the hundreds of millions we recognize the staggering proportions of the task before us. The

challenge of the world's great cities captures the imagination. Through GLOBAL CONQUEST strategy we are 'attacking' the large population centers with large-scale evangelistic crusades conducted after intensive planning. In a number of cities evangelistic centers have already been opened. May God give us a new sense of our stupendous task. May God help us to revitalize the Great Commission in our hearts and publish the gospel throughout the world."

Noel Perkin, who served as Foreign Missions Secretary 1927-59 and now is Secretary Emeritus as well as Dean of the School of Missions, was presented by Brother Hogan.

"As far back as 1921," said Brother Perkin, "our brethren envisioned an ecumenical fellowship. This frequently used word need not scare us for it actually means worldwide. The vision of 40 years ago is currently being fulfilled in our Foreign Missions program.

"Missionaries know no bounds. They cross oceans and span countries, ever ready to preach the glorious gospel. Yet missionaries feel that they are quite ordinary people and are amazed that God would choose such weak instruments for His glory."

Brother Perkin introduced the four missionaries who had been selected to speak. The first was Henry B. Gar-

lock, one of the early pioneers who set sail for Liberia 43 years ago. Mr. Garlock hazarded his life many times for the gospel's sake. He told of one experience in Liberia when a hostile cannibal tribe, incited by an evil witch doctor, threatened to kill and eat him as well as his carrier. Suddenly the Holy Spirit came upon him, speaking through him words he did not himself understand. The witch doctor, obviously frightened, threatened no more.

Loren Triplett, missionary to Nicaragua since 1945, reminded the audience that Latin America no longer is the "land of Mañana" but a group of nations that hold a strategic place in world affairs. He reported thrilling evidence that the seed planted by the missionary and national worker has borne abundant fruit. Today the Pentecostals, with more than one million members, is the largest and fastest growing group of Protestants in Latin America.

David Plymire, son of the late missionary Victor Plymire, said his father's favorite Scripture was one he claimed 50 years ago when he first went to Tibet. "Fear thou not for I am with thee..." Isaiah 41:10. "When we traveled over high mountain passes, forded swift rivers, or were attacked by bandits, this promise never failed." David, with his wife, is now serving in Taiwan, waiting for

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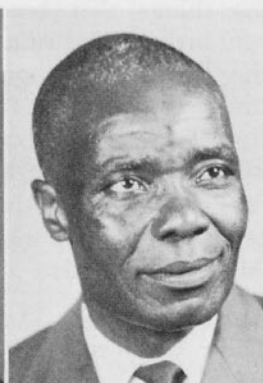
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the day when the China mainland will again open to missionaries.

Everett Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, answered the call which came from Nigeria through *The Pentecostal Evangel* 25 years ago. He organized the Assemblies of God of Nigeria and established Nigeria Central Bible Institute, where his son Donald now is a teacher. Brother Phillips related an incident which took place in Sierra Leone a few years ago. A spiritual revival came to the Kissi tribe, 325 miles inland from the coast. The Kissi chief tried to stop the revival. National workers were beaten and tied to trees. Then came the day when the chief and his headmen came to the missionary. "I have tried to stop the gospel being preached," he said. "I tried to kill the Christians but they refused to die. Now let us stop this war. I come to make peace between the Assemblies of God and the Kissi tribe." The revival in this tribe continues and a Bible school has been opened with 40 students enrolled.

For all who attended the International Fellowship Meeting it was a time to look back with rejoicing. And it was a transcendent experience to join in the spontaneous outflow of worship with thousands bound together in the great purpose of making Christ known throughout the earth.

God expects great things from the Assemblies of God because He has entrusted so much to us. The emergence of new nations is a challenge to sow the gospel widely and gather the harvest wisely. As we review, country by country, the development of the Assemblies of God in the regions beyond, we realize anew that Foreign Missions history is really His-story, the story of what God has accomplished through His servants. ◀◀



One by one the international delegates are presented to the convention.

Missions Director Emeritus Noel Perkin introduces missionary speaker.



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Jeremiah Delivered

Sunday School Lesson for June 21, 1964

JEREMIAH 38:28 through 39:1, 2, 8-14

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

In our last lesson Jeremiah was mercifully rescued from a miry dungeon by one of King Zedekiah's officers of court. No sooner was he delivered than the king sent for Jeremiah and begged the prophet to give him something from the Lord concerning his own fate and the fate of the city. "Hide nothing from me," pleaded the king, who promised to protect Jeremiah from further injury that might result from his truthfulness.

Zedekiah's Weakness Revealed (Jeremiah 38:14-27). In reply to the king's request, Jeremiah predicted victory for the Babylonian army. He placed before the king the choice of surrendering to them and thus saving himself and the city, or holding out and so bringing destruction to himself and the city. But after considering the alternatives, Zedekiah said: "I am afraid of the Jews . . . lest they . . . mock me." When Jeremiah appealed to the king's sense of responsibility for his people—when he tried to inspire the king with the breath of his own courage—the king weakly allowed fear of ridicule and

fear for his own personal safety to crowd out all consideration for his people.

The Fear of Ridicule Overcome. Fear of ridicule contributed to the cowardice and downfall of Zedekiah, and it still turns Christians from the path of duty! How can one overcome this fear? (1) Remember that fear of ridicule actually provokes ridicule. To face a laugh unmoved and unoffended is to rob it of its sting. (2) Remember that fear of ridicule may have a fatal ending. Among those excluded from the New Jerusalem will be the "fearful" (Revelation 21:8). People may be laughed away from heaven, but they cannot be laughed out of hell! (3) Faithfully obey the Word of God. Obedience is always the pathway to God's approval and blessings. In the end it was Jeremiah, the man most ridiculed of all, who was given protection by Nebuchadnezzar!

Zedekiah's Doom Sealed (Jeremiah 39:1-10). Zedekiah again and again had refused God's loving warnings; but he could not prevent the fulfillment of God's Word. The predictions of the prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah concerning him were fulfilled in minute detail. After a two-year siege the walls of Jerusalem gave way. Zedekiah and his panic-stricken men tried to escape by night and were captured. The king's sons were put to death before his own eyes; then his eyes were put out, and he was carried captive to Babylon, thus fulfilling two prophecies which had seemed contradictory. (See Jeremiah 34:3 and Ezekiel 12:13.)

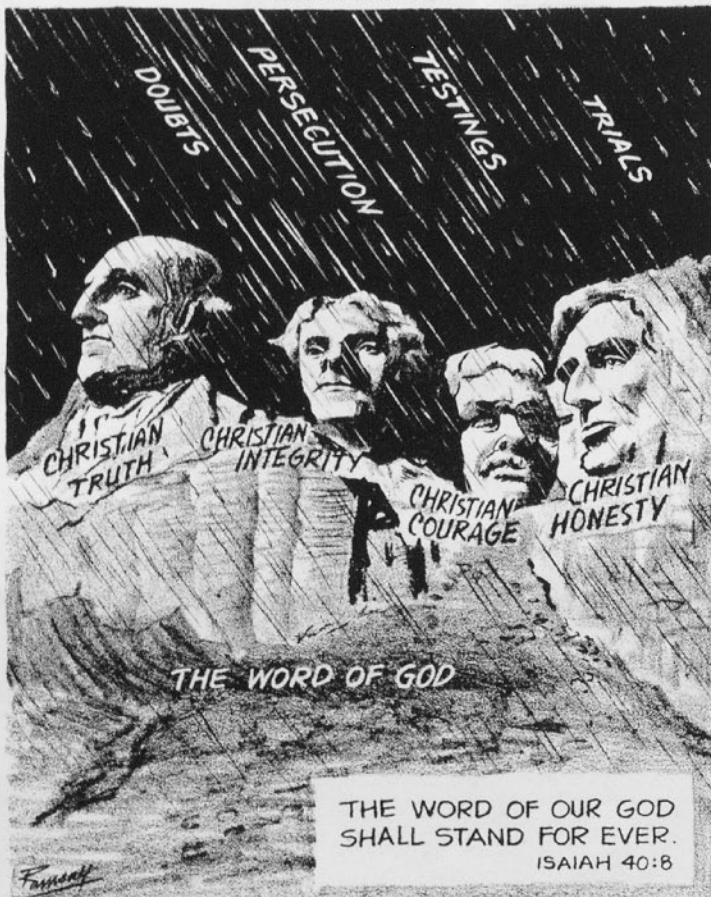
Lessons: (1) The path of obedience is the path of safety. (2) No man can serve two masters. Zedekiah could not side with the prophet and his own princes at the same time.

Jeremiah's Faithfulness Manifested (Jeremiah 39:11-14; 40:1-6). After Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and captured the people, he offered Jeremiah the choice of going as a free man to Babylon with the captives. The offer might have appealed to Jeremiah, yet he chose to cast his lot with the extremely small and poor group of people who were left in the land. Later on, against his wishes and against God's will, Jeremiah was taken into Egypt with the Jews who fled to that land; and there Jeremiah faithfully preached until he died.

Jeremiah's Bravery and Zedekiah's Cowardice Contrasted. What a contrast the two men present! Zedekiah, because he was afraid of exciting public ridicule and disfavor, refused to take his stand for what he knew to be right, and in so doing brought untold suffering and anguish upon an entire nation. Jeremiah, standing alone in an ungodly nation, with Christlike courage and deep love for the people faithfully preached God's Word. He warned the people though it incurred their hatred and brought upon him years of privation, imprisonment, ridicule, and suffering.

Jeremiah was a hero in every sense of the word, while Zedekiah was a moral coward. And what a tremendous amount of moral cowardice is evident in the world today! In these days when principle is sacrificed for expediency, God is looking for men, women, and young people who, filled with the Holy Spirit and with passionate devotion to Christ, will be true to God-given convictions no matter what it may cost.

IMPREGNABLE



PUT THE BIBLE TO THE TEST

As a chemist uses the test tube, as the astronomer uses the telescope, as the scientist uses his laboratory, so Christians should use the Bible. Test it. What it tells you to do, do it. Test it in the hour of loneliness in the soul; test it in the days of suffering; test it and trust it like a myriad of others who in the valley of the shadow of death have grasped its truth with confidence. Test it—and you will live and die a better man.

—*Watchman-Examiner*

TOTAL COMMITMENT

Have you been trying to serve God by halves or some other fraction? God asks total commitment. Only then can the Holy Spirit make you a flaming Christian.

Said John Tauler in a prayer of consecration, "Dear Lord and Bridegroom, I here vow and promise to Thee that all that Thou willest I also will. Come sickness, come health, come pleasure or pain, sweet or bitter, cold or hot, whatever Thou willest, that do I also will. I desire altogether to come out from my own will, and to yield a whole and willing obedience to Thee."

The Holy Spirit takes such self-giving as that and converts it into red-hot discipleship.

—*The Free Methodist*

TESTED BY LITTLE THINGS

Fidelity in little things—is not this the real test of a man's worth? Does our Christianity help us to keep our homes neat, to pay our bills, to be methodical in the details of our daily lives? No amount of churchgoing can make up for neglect of daily duty.

We would hesitate to entrust a big piece of work to a man who is careless in a small piece. In God's sight the little things are great things, since each gives opportunity for faithfulness. It is he who is "faithful over a few things" who will be worthy to become "ruler over many things" (Matthew 25:21, 23).

—*Selected*

PRECIOUS BLOODSTAINS

A wealthy man once showed a friend through his house, which was filled with treasures from the Orient. Among them was a tiger skin, stained with blood. The owner said to his friend, "I would part with this home—yes, with all I have—sooner than part with the tiger skin."

The friend said, "But you could easily replace it."

The wealthy man explained, "Do you see this blood stain? My brother and I were tiger hunting in India; I was attacked by this tiger; my brother came to my rescue, and saved me at the cost of his own life. That stain is my brother's blood."

The blood of Christ, shed on the Cross for the remission of our sins, is most precious to all believers, for it is the blood of One who saved us at the cost of His own life.

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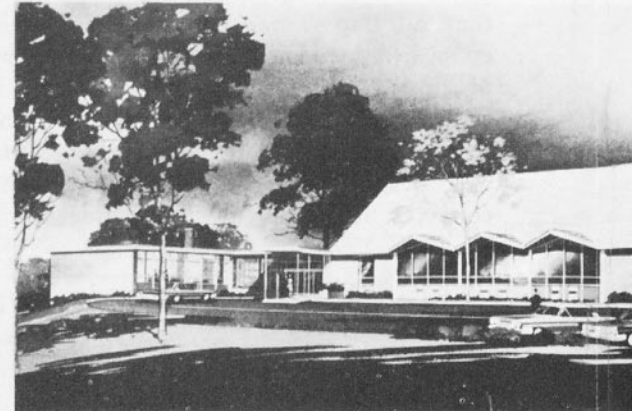
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MELVINDALE, MICH.—The Mamre Assembly of God was dedicated in February by Mrs. William J. Meszaros in a small building in Detroit with a church, located on Outer Drive and Dix Highway in Melvindale. The sanctuary seats 500 including the balcony. On the second floor is a nursery with built-in cribs, room for toddlers, and Sunday school rooms. The pastor's study; modern Sunday school rooms are in the basement. The blessing of the Lord has been greatly manifested since the building was dedicated. The Sunday school is now over 200 and a number have been baptized.



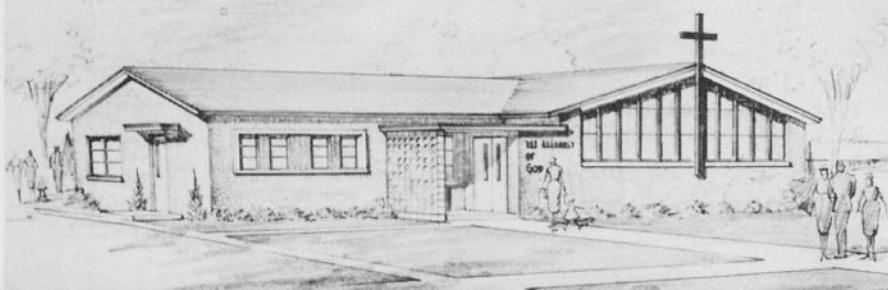
MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Bethel Tabernacle moved into its new building on Maple Terrace in its 50th anniversary year. The formal dedication was held on February 12, combining modern and contemporary styling in its design, with a large auditorium space on two floors. The Sunday school capacity is nearly 100 in the sanctuary when all available areas are used. District 10 and Andrew Eytzen officiated at the dedication. E. E. ...

HOPE, ARK.—The First Assembly of God (formerly known as Hope Gospel Tabernacle) was dedicated in February by Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, who pastored the church 1936-39. (Inset shows Pastor W. J. Willhite on right with Brother and Sister Webb.) Under the leadership of Pastor W. C. Land (1955-63) the church accumulated \$50,000 in the building fund. In 1963 when Brother Willhite became pastor construction was begun on the building. Total cost of the church and furnishings was about \$100,000. Brother Willhite says a spirit of revival came to the church before the completion of the building, a number being saved or filled with the Holy Spirit, and continued in the new edifice.

McPHERSON, KANS.—The First Assembly of God, which was started in a garage about 10 years ago, moved into its new church last February. Claude Utley, district superintendent at that time, dedicated the building. Pastor Russell Quackenbush (inset) says, "We are thankful to God for giving us the courage to step out in faith, and the privilege of seeing Him meet that faith."



THOMASTON, MAINE.—The Assembly of God began construction of its new church with only \$1,500 in the building fund. God met the needs as the work advanced. The main floor consisting of the auditorium seating 200, pastor's study, prayer room, nursery, and cloak room was dedicated in July. The basement housing a C. A. auditorium, 14 classrooms, rest rooms, and furnace room was completed in October. Pastor Ira Tompkins and congregation are thanking God for this new, comfortable place to worship.





God was begun in 1942 by Pastor and
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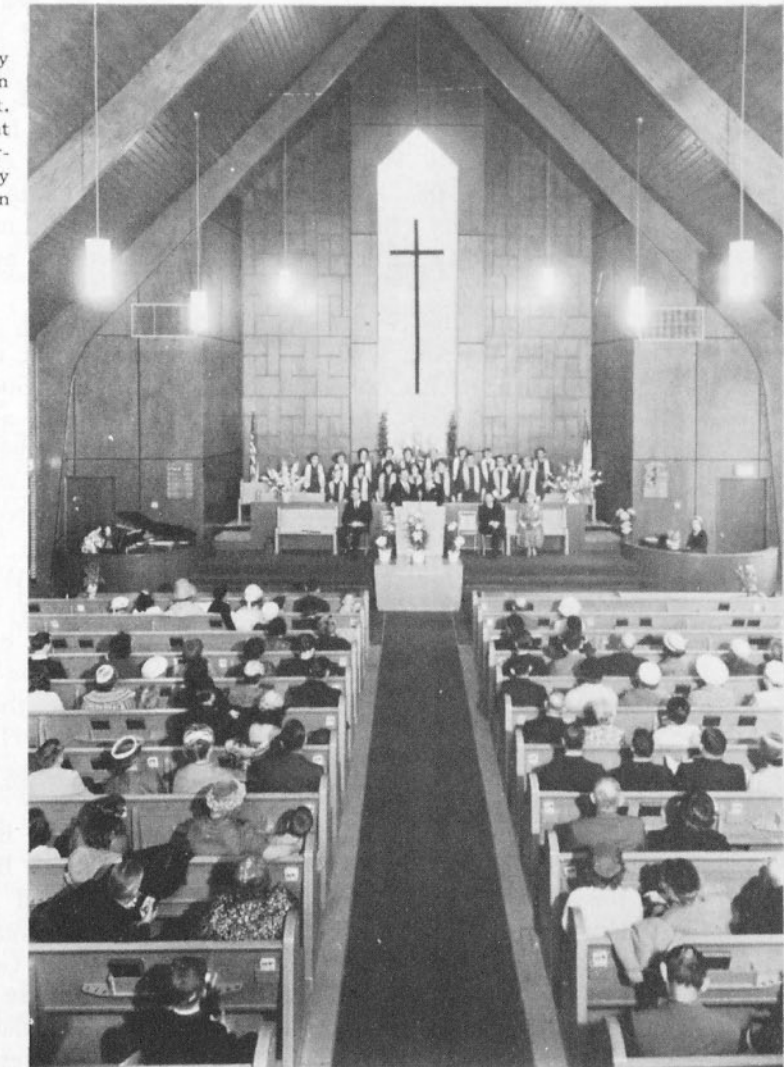
into its new church on North 70th and
mal dedication was in April. The church,
design, provides 23,000 square feet of
nearly 700 with equal seating capacity
district leaders D. H. Heuser, Lyle Curtis,
E. E. Kirschman (inset) is pastor.



DIMMITT, TEX.—The First Assembly of God dedicated its new
sanctuary and educational building last September. The building
was erected under the guidance of Pastor B. C. Elswick (inset)
in about three months. The interior of the sanctuary features
laminated beams with a stained fruitwood ceiling. The carpet is
bright red. The sanctuary seats 200 (approximately 320 with over-
flow). The building includes a pastor's study, Sunday school office,
classrooms, and an apartment for evangelists. The church has
central heating and refrigerated air-conditioning.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Grace Assembly
of God, 201 Atlantic Ave., was dedicated on
Easter by Fred Eide, district superintendent.
The beautiful 51-by-91-foot building, adjacent
to the old church, seats 500 and is fully air-
conditioned. The new sanctuary was built by
Roe Messner of Wichita, Kans. Robert LeMon
has pastored the church since 1961.

EAST PRAIRIE, MO.—The First Assembly of God was dedicated by Cleo Tapp,
district superintendent. The church is valued at \$20,000 and has only a small indebted-
ness. The 75-by-32-foot building includes a sanctuary, four Sunday school rooms, and
two rest rooms. It is equipped with hot water heating. The church was started by Tommy
Jackson in 1957. Lynn Drumwright has pastored the church for the past three years.

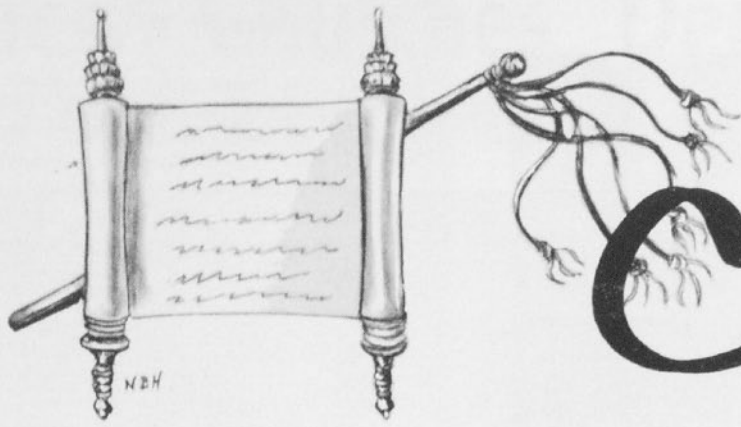


Church of Jesus

Church of Jesus, onward moving
Over time's decaying years,
Haste, ye people, up and doing,
Till the Christ Himself appears!
In the wake behold upspringing
Life eternal, beauty rare!
Lo! the blind by sight revealing,
Liberation from despair.

Church of Jesus, host unnumbered,
Yet to know a sure increase,
Ever on to greater glory,
Led by love that cannot cease!
More and more, yea, more they're coming,
Hastening on from every land;
This, the Blood-washed throng triumphant,
Soon before God's throne shall stand.

Church of Jesus, we will follow,
Let the ensign blaze the way,
Out of night, of sin, of sorrow,
Lo! it leads to glorious day.
Past the lowlands, o'er the hillside,
Soon the higher ground is trod,
To the sparkling dayspring fountains,
To the presence of our God.
—by Irvin H. Mock



BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER
Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Fla.

Our Father's Chastening

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous."

I THANK GOD FOR THE PAST MONTHS SPENT IN BED. I have learned many things that I did not know and needed to know. One of these things is the value of chastening.

In Hebrews 12:5-11 Paul writes about chastening. This is a subject that none of us likes to hear about. Paul says that chastening does not seem "joyous" but grievous at the time. Who likes to be corrected? A naughty boy does not like it. If he liked it he would be naughty all the time for the joy of being chastened! Chastening is supposed to hurt. I have seen some mothers give their child a few pats and call it chastening but if chastening does not hurt it does no good whatever.

We have passed through an era when we heard that children should never be chastened but allowed to have their own way and develop their own natures and tendencies. The result of this teaching is at least part of the problem of child delinquency today. They have not been disciplined. Whatever men may say, God certainly does not say this in His Word. He tells us to "spare not" a naughty child. And what child is not more or less naughty by nature—self-willed, disobedient, and selfish?

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18). God chastens His children, not for His own pleasure, as some parents may do. He says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten"; and in yet stronger words we read, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6).

Scourge! How can God do such a thing? We have heard that the old-time way of scourging was to beat with a whip tied in several knots with a piece of metal in each knot. The usual scourge left at least five broken spots in the flesh with each lash! I tell you there are no little soft pats in the discipline God gives His children. God scourges, but never in anger—and never too hard for any to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13).

And why does God scourge His sons? What have we done to need such cruel punishment as this? Beloved, few of us know how greatly we have sinned against God in breaking His commandments and refusing to obey Him. We became rebels and enemies of God. He can forgive us because of the Atonement but He cannot "receive" us into His own home as sons and daughters without scourging us. This is because He loves us so

much and does not want us to spend an eternity in the fires of hell.

God may use various agents as His chastening rod. He may use Satan himself as He did with Job. He may use our dearest friend. David wrote: "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me" (Psalm 41:9). He may use sorrow, bereavement, sickness, loss of property, family, and the like.

Why *all* this chastening? I have already said it is because we need it. Read in Hebrews 12:11 these words: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness in them which are exercised thereby." This word *exercised* means taught or trained. In this life God is teaching us and training us. He is training us for a great future ministry throughout eternity. We read of men who have become great leaders, great surgeons, great athletes, great baseball players, because they spent many years in training!

None of us would ride on an untrained horse, on an airplane with an untrained pilot, or on a train with an untrained engineer. And what is worse in this world than an untrained child? I have been in homes (sometimes ministers' homes) when I have itched to take a hickory stick and give their boy or girl a good beating (and I would have done so, if the child had been mine). Children—untrained to submit, to obey, to consider others! I have seen the havoc such missionaries play on foreign mission fields! The trouble is that they were never disciplined as children—and what a failure they are there!

Look how God trained Joseph for the great ministry that was to be his in Egypt! We read he "was sold for a servant: whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him" (Psalm 105:17-19). See how God trained Daniel and his companions in a lions' den and a burning furnace! See how God trained David and the prophets! See how He trained the twelve disciples and Paul!

In Hebrews 12:5, God tells us not to despise the chastening of the Lord nor faint when we are rebuked by Him. David wrote: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn . . . his statutes." Learn how great and wonderful they are! They teach us; they warn us; they comfort us; they lead us! They are sweeter than "honey and the honeycomb"—more to be desired

than "gold, yea, than much fine gold." Have you ever thought of the preciousness of the one little verse in Psalm 119:49? "Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope." God will keep His word because He cannot lie! He will keep His word, for by it He has caused us to hope, and how can "God cause us to hope" and then deny us? Gold, fine gold, is in God's every word.

The "peaceable fruit of righteousness," however, is only for those who are "exercised thereby"—for those who *learn!* Even Jesus had to learn some things—He "*learned* obedience by the things which he suffered." Paul had to learn. He said he had "learned to be content" with such things as he had. How did he *learn* this? He had to learn, first of all, how to suffer, how to be abased and how to abound, how to be full and how to be empty (Philemon 4:12).

The greatest Teacher of all is our lovely Jesus. He has said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." To every tired, chastened soul, He is calling

today: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

How precious are all these things to learn! One very important lesson is that chastening makes us able to help others. We read: "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). Who can comfort like a widow who has lost her companion, or a mother who has lost her child?

Paul tells us that affliction worketh glory—"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

What a difference between them! Light affliction, for but a moment—then glory forever!

Of course, all affliction may not come to us as chastening, but chastening certainly includes afflictions. We will not despise either. God does not chasten us because He loves to see us suffer. He chastens His son that he may learn what is right and correct himself. One of the greatest values of chastening is that we may cease from the sin that may have brought it upon us. ◀◀◀

Mission ACCOMPLISHED

BY THELMA FIELD MACDOUGALL

A CHRISTIAN NURSE WHOM WE SHALL CALL KELLY had come from the West Coast to New York City on business at a certain hospital. Being short of funds, she prayed as she walked down a busy street, "Lord, you know where I am going to sleep tonight, I don't. I want to serve you. Please show me how I can do it here."

Immediately she was impressed to return to the hospital she had left a short time before. She was given work and a room in the nurses' home. Her immediate needs were met, but she wondered what she could do here to serve the Lord in a particular way.

As was her custom, Kelly began witnessing to the other nurses. Some were kind, but she soon became aware of a growing resentment toward her, particularly on the part of a Miss Cole, a rather hard-faced, middle-aged nurse who had been at the hospital for many years. Miss Cole seemed to delight in making things difficult for the newcomer, criticizing her, and belittling her beliefs.

Kelly endured the abuse, but it was not easy. Often with the sharp words of her antagonist still ringing in her ears, she would go into the nurses' supply room and pray for grace. "Lord, if she is the one I am here to help, You know I cannot do it without love. Please help me to hold my tongue." Always she came out of the supply room refreshed and strengthened.

Meanwhile Miss Cole was becoming frustrated and confused. One day while several nurses, interns, and office workers were at lunch, Miss Cole spoke out in her loud, coarse manner, "Hey, Kelly! What's with you

anyway? I don't like you and you know it. Usually when I don't like somebody, she doesn't last long around here, but I can't do a thing with you. I can't get you fired, and I can't get you mad enough to quit. What's the matter with you?"

In the silence that followed, Miss Cole laughed nervously, and everyone watched the two nurses. Kelly sensed her opportunity to witness. "Miss Cole," she said, "I have not been unaware of your antagonism. I am not an easy mark. I know how to take care of myself, but I have One who does it so much better—the Lord Jesus Christ. He takes the sting out of the things you say because He loves me. I have been praying for you every day because I know He loves you too."

Miss Cole's face turned red with embarrassment, and then white; for all of a sudden she was shaken and afraid. She got on her feet and left the room.

A few minutes later Kelly was walking down the hall when Miss Cole stopped her. "May I speak with you?" she asked. It was obvious she had been crying.

"Of course, let's go into the supply room."

Inside, Kelly listened as the older nurse began awkwardly, "I don't know how to apologize, for I've never done it before. But I have acted terrible toward you. I think it is because I am lonely—and scared. I haven't any real friends. I see myself getting older, going on and on in the same old way on the same old job, and I've wondered, if anything happened to me, would anybody care? You've made me think maybe Someone does care. Kelly, I'd give anything in the world to know the Lord as you do."

"You can know Him," Kelly said gently, and she began to explain the way of salvation.

Right there in the nurses' supply room where so many prayers had gone to God in her behalf, Miss Cole accepted the Lord. And there it was that Kelly at last understood why she had come to that hospital.

Her mission was accomplished! Now she could go home. ◀◀◀

The Twofold Purpose of SPEAKING with TONGUES

BY EVANGELIST ARTHUR BERG

HAVING RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, with the initial physical evidence of speaking with other tongues, some believers are uncertain as to the place and use tongues should have in their subsequent experience.

Other believers, not yet convinced of their need of the Baptism, sincerely wonder about the value of speaking with other tongues.

This question of the proper use of tongues arose also in the Early Church, and Paul dealt with it in 1 Corinthians 14. Certain statements made by Paul here may seem to be contradictory. For example, Paul said, "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding . . . than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (v. 19). Yet in the preceding verse he said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." These and other statements by Paul in this chapter are found to be completely in harmony when we recognize that Paul is dealing with two distinct uses of tongues—first, in private worship, and second, "in the church." This latter phrase occurs three times in the chapter, and

is the qualifying phrase in verse 19 which harmonizes that verse with the preceding one.

Paul's emphasis on prophecy, in which he seems to place prophecy (preaching) above tongues, has also puzzled some: "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret; that the church may receive edifying" (v. 5). However, with the word *except* tongues returns to an equal position with prophecy.

Paul emphasized that the ministry of tongues is for edification, either of the individual in private devotion, or of the church. Seven times in the chapter he stressed this idea of edification (vv. 3, 4, twice; 5, 12, 17, 26). Tongues were not given merely for our personal enjoyment, to give us a spiritual thrill, but for a definite and constructive purpose.

First of all, let us consider the place of tongues in our personal prayer life, when we speak for God alone to hear, and listen for God alone to speak. At such



For a Good Old Summertime

READ
the
BIBLE

BY JAMES Z. NETTINGA

WILL YOU BE READING YOUR BIBLE THIS SUMMER? IF you want a refreshing and rewarding experience, join the increasing number of people who enjoy Scripture reading in the summertime.

Summer brings for most of us an opportunity for reflection and leisure denied us in the other busy months of the year. Summer also brings an increasing number of conferences where many young people in a "quiet hour" or "morning watch" began the habit of daily Bible reading. The impetus given Bible reading by summer conferences is incalculable.

Then people find in the summer's out-of-doors experiences a kinship with people of Bible times—people who lived under the blue vault of the Palestinian sky, who walked along dusty roads, who climbed rugged hills and rested in shady valleys, who rode in boats on placid

inland lakes, who ate their frugal meals in the open, who sang of the wonder of the star-flecked heavens and heard the voice of God in gardens, who knew the cleansing liveliness of the rain, who saw the birds of the heavens and the creatures of land and sea, who had festivals of seedtime and harvest. In brief, the Bible is filled with stories which are set against the background of the growing time of the year.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the life of our Lord. Jesus lived in the out-of-doors, the record clearly says. He spent time in the mountains, beside the rippling Jordan, upon the Sea of Galilee. He preached in the open air, healed by the roadside, walked from one end of Palestine to the other, going even through hot Samaria.

As you prepare for your summer, does the Bible have a place in your plans? Will your vacation be more blessed because someone thought to take along a Bible? Is there at least a New Testament in the glove compartment, so that it will be available for reading aloud by some member of the family as you tour?

One day, as you look back on the summer of 1964, the midyear period in a significant year in world history, you will say: That summer, the summer of 1964, was the summer when I began to grow spiritually. *That* was the summer when I began to read my *Bible!* ◀◀

times, "he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God . . . in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." "He . . . edifieth himself . . ." His "spirit prayeth" (1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 14). Paul also mentioned singing in the Spirit.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

He who prays and praises in an unknown tongue in private prayer, or even as one of a group of believers praying in unison, knows the uplift, the edification, the comfort and encouragement that can come at such a time. He speaks "mysteries" but often the Holy Spirit illumines his own mind and heart to discern the things of the Spirit of God. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). The Spirit-filled believer who recognizes the place of speaking in tongues in private prayer is edified and built up in the faith. He becomes a channel of blessing through whom others may be helped and strengthened.

Now let us consider the *gift* of tongues as manifested in the public church service. In 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Paul listed the gifts of the Spirit, which include "divers kinds of tongues" and "interpretation of tongues." Later in that chapter, in vv. 28-30, Paul recognized the sovereignty of God in distributing the gifts of the Spirit. "And God hath set some in the church . . . gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." In the light of this he asked some obvious questions to show that these *gifts* are not resident in *all* believers: "Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" If *all* were to speak in tongues in a public service, and if all were to seek to interpret, there would be confusion. Our God is not the author of confusion; but rather, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (v. 40).

Paul made it plain that public speaking in tongues should result in edification of the church. "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret" (v. 13).

This matter of interpretation of tongues in the public service is so important that Paul emphasized it yet another way: "When thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For verily thou givest thanks well, but the other is not edified" (vv. 16, 17).

Continuing with the thought that tongues should serve a definite purpose in the church, Paul noted that tongues are also a "sign . . . to them that believe not." But the unbeliever will not be edified or convinced unless there is an interpreter, so, "Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course, and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church" (vv. 22-28). Notice the qualifying phrase again, "in the church." He did not

The Pentecostal River

For fifty years this river has been
running in its course,
Expanding in its volume and increasing
in its force;
From rivulets of blessings scattered
over all the land,
Has come this mighty torrent fulfilling
what God planned.

It envelops hungry souls as it sweeps
along each day,
Hearts yielded to God's Spirit, to let
Him have His way;
In its cleansing, healing waters, they are
glad to be immersed,
Claiming that same power the disciples
had at first.

Not a river folks should try to bridge
to reach the other side,
But one that they should jump in, to be
carried on its tide—
Borne further out to enter in the ocean
of God's love,
And when this life is over be drawn to
heaven above.

May this river keep on flowing through this
dry and thirsty earth,
To give us all refreshing, and bring
more souls new birth;
And let our prayers continue to the Saviour
up on high,
Who keeps the show'rs descending that our
river not run dry.

—by Arline Ogletree

say there must be an interpreter when tongues occur in private prayer.

In the remainder of the chapter Paul gave some general guidelines for the believer seeking to be led of the Spirit in the ministry of tongues. He reminded us that the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. He showed that the law of love and preferring one another in honor must govern the exercise of all spiritual gifts. He was firmly convinced that "the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (v. 37).

As we study these commandments concerning the proper use of tongues for self-edification and for the edification of the church, we will find no contradiction, but a blessed confirmation of the Word to our hearts. ◀◀

GOD UNTIES...



HARD KNOTS

**Listeners Continue to Share
Problems with the Revivaltime Team
for Counsel and Prayer.
Difficulties Are Solved Every Week.**

By VIRGINIA COUCH

"ALL OF OUR LIVES WE HAVE FACED CONSTANT DISAPPOINTMENTS and worry, but as Christians we know that *no knot is too hard for God to untie*," Grace Beharrysingh wrote from Trinidad, British West Indies.

Every life has knots along the way. But only God's children have an immediate and infallible Source of help to meet and overcome hard problems.

Included in the approximately 11,000 letters mailed each week to the Radio Department are exciting testimonies of God's meeting needs through *Revivaltime*. Persons in the radio public continually point to specific instances in which *Revivaltime* helped them find a solution to perplexing problems.

One lady in North Vernon, Ind., shared through the mail a burden for her son's home. He and his wife, parents of five children, were about to separate. But this concerned mother wrote *Revivaltime*, asked for prayer, and believed. *Revivaltime* prayer partners interceded, and God answered. God brought the couple back together, and the family is now attending church. A near tragedy was avoided as a result of prayer.

Another mother requested prayer for a married daughter. She and her husband were out of work. They had no home, no furniture, and not many clothes. Some time after the prayer request, the mother wrote from Kansas City, Mo., to report victory. "We visited my daughter and her husband and found them both employed, as were their two children, living in a modern house with new furniture; and it is all paid for."

Habits formed in early years present real problems. Often it takes more than willpower to be delivered from harmful practices. But again, "No knot is too hard for God to untie." Mrs. Margaret O'Conner proved this. After smoking cigarettes for 18 years she wrote to *Revivaltime* for prayer. She wanted deliverance. The next week she received a prayergram and prayer cloth.

She writes: "On October 25, 1963, the Lord met me, and my smoking habit was broken. I felt the freedom from it—even as Peter had the chains fall off. Suddenly, I felt clean inside, and I was joyful, singing, and dancing in the Spirit."

Alcoholism is another vice that plagues many individuals. God also delivers from this bondage. From Auburn, Wash., a man sent this glorious testimony:

"About a year ago my wife and I were riding in our car on a Sunday afternoon listening to *Revivaltime*, as was our custom. We heard about the World Prayer-meeting, and I felt moved to request prayer for my two brothers who were alcoholics. Their condition was surely hopeless from every *human point of view*.

"They had tried Alcoholics Anonymous without finding the desired help. They kept drinking—sinking deeper and deeper into the fearful total bondage of alcoholism and immorality.

"I had tried to reach them and had prayed for them for years without any sign of encouragement. It was only a very short time after I sent the request to *Revivaltime* for prayer that I got a call from them saying they had turned with all their hearts to God for help.

"God gave them full deliverance not only from the bondage of alcoholism but also from the bondage of sin and He has surely made them new creatures in Christ. Today I had a visit from the younger of my brothers. What a wonderful time of fellowship we enjoyed in the things of the Lord. He is witnessing to his former friends and has such a burden for them. He says he has no drinking problem. The Lord took it all away."

"I have not had any desire for drink since I last wrote you," a woman wrote from Halifax, Nova Scotia. "I received your beautiful letter, and it made me feel so good to know someone was praying for me. I can truly say that God is answering prayers."

A lady delivered from a nervous condition wrote from Odessa, Tex., saying: "I asked you to pray for me because of a nervous condition I had for several years. I feel like a different person now. All my fears are gone. Truly, we are victorious in Christ."

Mrs. John Argobought praised God for helping her pass a college typing course. "The week after I asked you to pray," she said, "I was able to type faster than

I ever had before and was free from the nervous tension that had troubled me. I was able to type with the required speed and accuracy to pass the course. Thank you for your prayers."

Praying parents asked *Revivaltime* to intercede for them in behalf of a daughter and her unsaved boyfriend. "There has been a definite breakup," they write. "Our daughter's attitude has changed for the best."

Such reports of victory and declarations of faith are great encouragement to the *Revivaltime* team and staff. Again and again it is proved that our faith and effort are not in vain. God is always sufficient.

If you have experienced a recent blessing as a result of the *Revivaltime* broadcast, or if you wish to share a burden, send a letter to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801. In times of need, remember to seek God first. Cast all your burdens upon Him, "for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Changed from Scoffer to a Believer

RECENTLY A TEEN-AGE BOY SHARED THE STORY OF how his purpose for listening to *Revivaltime* changed radically. Whereas he once listened in "mocking amusement of those quaint, fanatical evangelicals," he now considers the broadcast a "primary catalyst" to his spiritual birth.

Larry R. Hickman, of Colfax, Wash., heard *Revivaltime* for the first time in the spring of 1960 while in the eighth grade. He writes:

"I began to listen quite regularly, not looking for any blessing, but rather to get some laughs from what seemed to me as a quaint, old-fogey religion. Going to church and being 'good' were all the salvation this boy needed!

"Of course, hearing too much of the gospel is the downfall for every 'Pharisee.' Gradually I began to heed the sin-condemning, Christ-uplifting preaching of C. M. Ward. The Holy Spirit began to convict me, and I realized all was not well with my soul.

"During one radio broadcast I burst into tears, realizing the true wretchedness of my soul. No longer was my old, superficial religion able to comfort me.

"Finally in November 1962 I was invited to some evangelistic services conducted at the Full Gospel Assembly in Colfax. Used to the subdued, dead atmosphere of a modernistic church, I was appalled at the many verbal praises to God. I had no idea that Christ was worth shouting about.

"When the altar call was given, I left the church convinced such commotion was not for me. During that week, however, the Holy Spirit continued to convict my soul. On December 2, 1962, I returned to the services and gave my heart to the Lord. Recently I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"*Revivaltime* has continued to be a real blessing to my heart and an encouragement during the many times of disappointment that the newborn Christian experiences."



Better Than Ever!

NEW EXCLUSIVE CLASSES

Each A.C.T.S. category—pastors, ministers of Christian education, teachers, superintendents and other officers, and district and sectional leadership—will have two exclusive classes. One will be related to the individual's work in Christian education; the other with outreach opportunities within this framework of ministry. These are scheduled simultaneously to avoid conflict with electives.



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Let Nothing Silence Our Song!

BY JOHN F. GREEN

SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT MAY BE MEASURED BY THE SIZE of the trial that takes away our song. Do the minor irritations of everyday life upset us? Does burned toast at breakfast set us off wrong on the daily routine? Do the severe trials we meet fill us with despair? Does life itself seem a songless grind?

Paul and Silas in jail, with bleeding backs and feet in stocks, prayed and sang praises to God. When Job received word that his children and possessions were gone, he was able to say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

When I complain over my physical discomfort, I think of Paul singing in jail. If I am inclined to be bitter at the loss of anything, I think of Job saying, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

I complained of being poor until I read about Hudson Taylor deliberately placing himself in a position that made it necessary to trust God for his simplest needs. Jesus' words, "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head," came to mind.

When I think I am little rewarded for my work, I am reminded of Paul laying his head on a chopping block after a life of great service and tremendous sacrifice. I think also of a little missionary lady who spent fifty years in South America without a furlough and returned home to die after living a few months in a retirement home.

I pursue neither persecution nor poverty—and certainly do not desire bereavement. But I do pray that if stripes come, I will be able to sing praises to God. If I live in poverty, I pray that my faith for daily bread may honor Him. If death or loss touches me, let a submissive heart respond with, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

If, at the end of life, I may be a martyr, I pray for courage to say like Paul, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith... to depart and be with Christ is far better."

Friend, how can we ever take our places with the spiritual giants of the past if we let trivial things take away our song? ◀◀

GOD'S THERAPY (continued from page seven)

we come to. It is so simple, and yet so potent and effective.

SPIRITUAL THERAPY

To give oneself in service to God and others is a good way to shed one's worries. By recounting our blessings, forgetting ourselves, we can "offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

Thus we find a new joy in living. By presenting our bodies a living sacrifice unto God, and living for others, we become "love slaves" of our Master. We learn the exhilaration of service and find our blues are gone. We are able to say with Paul, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

By the use of God's therapy you *can* overcome your depression and thereby alter statistics. Your life *can* be satisfying.

THE PASSPORT OF PRAISE

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sponse of consecrated insight which is aware of the loving Father's design.

To the unsaved there is no surer recommendation of the power of saving grace than praise. The Biblical record of the first Pentecostal outpouring indicates that gladness and praise were distinctive characteristics of the members of the Jerusalem Church, and the significant statement is made that these believers found no difficulty in "having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47). One wonders today if pulpit evangelism would not be considerably strengthened by a revival of fervent praise in the pew. In every age and clime the most convincing testimony to God's grace has not been language, but manner of life. What great harvests might be gathered into the kingdom if all Christians began their daily duties by rejoicing in Christly communion, radiant with the Master's praise!

Blessed is that follower of the Lord who cherishes his passport of praise and uses it often. It will safely transport him across the perplexing borders of human restriction; it will enable him to view life in heavenly perspective; and it will assure him that the vast resources of the divine treasury are his. And let him ever remember that each time he uses it, he is revealing his citizenship to some weary soul who knows nothing of his glorious standard of living, but who may, through his example, eventually acquire the same citizenship too.

TAKE POSSESSION

When Paul was in the ship en route to Rome, he took possession of it. When Jesus lay asleep in the boat in Galilee, He awoke to take possession of it. As I learn all the possibilities of life, I shall take possession of the ships on which I ride. I shall not again ride in a ship and let circumstances rule me. God dwelling in me, I shall make circumstances do His full will.

—Frank Laubach's *Prayer Diary* (Revell)



Gospel broadcasting is a modern miracle, but it needs and must have the strong undergirding of old-fashioned prayer.

With thousands of gospel programs going out in hundreds of languages each week, radio is becoming a mighty ally to the Church and her noble army of missionaries.

The International Christian Broadcasters, of which the Assemblies of God is a member, has asked God's people everywhere to make this Sunday, June 14, a day of prayer for radio evangelism. Pray not only for *Revivaltime* and other Assemblies of God broadcasts which are heard around the world, but also for every evangelical radio broadcast that is telling the nations that "Jesus saves." Pray for the 45 missionary radio stations scattered across the globe.

Above the beat of African tom-toms comes this urgent call to prayer. Broadcasters from Alaska to Argentina, and from Morocco to the Philippines, ask Christians of all churches to pray for them. They are battling against the prince of the power of the air, valiantly wielding the precious Word, which is the Sword of the Spirit. The battle against sin will be won IF CHRISTIANS PRAY.

Persistent Prayer Brings Heart Healing

WHEN I WENT TO WORK IN LEXINGTON, Ky., that Thursday morning in July 1959, I knew it was something I had never had before. My chest hurt and I could hardly breathe. But after resting I felt better, so I went to work. I also worked on Friday.

We spent a busy weekend—getting home Sunday at midnight and rising on Monday at 4:30 a.m. to go to work. When I reached the shop, I had another heart attack. I locked the shop and started to drive home.

Knowing I could not make it, I stopped on the way and went to the hospital in Winchester, Ky., where the doctor made an E.K.G. of my heart. At noon my wife brought an ambulance and took me to the hospital at Mt. Sterling where the only hope our family doctor could give us was that *I was still alive!* But God gave us hope. We called our pastor and he had the church pray.

Two days later the doctor ran another E.K.G. He said since I was no better and was not responding to treatment they should prepare for anything. Again the church prayed, and God gave us a verse on which to place our faith: "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

When I was still no better on Friday morning, some Christians came in and prayed. God was so real that I knew we had touched Him. But the doctor again told my wife to be prepared for anything. Once more the church prayed, and for a little while on Sunday I was

taken out of the oxygen tent, but had to be put back under it.

Then on Monday morning the doctor said: "There is no more we can do. It's up to a higher power than us. It is a critical time. His heart is beating too fast. Be prepared for the worst today!"

Our pastor was called, and the church again went to prayer. The presence of God was so real, and I felt relaxed and rested all day.

The next time the doctor made his rounds he said I had passed the crisis and would be all right! How we rejoiced in the Lord!

Just a year and a half ago, I went to another doctor. He could not believe I ever had a heart attack for he could not detect it with his stethoscope which is very unusual. The doctor who attended me said: "If I did not have the records to show that you had had an attack, I would never believe you had one." I had no pain about my heart after the first attack, which the doctor said was also very unusual, for most people so afflicted suffer a great deal of pain. The nurses said they had never known of such a case! But we KNOW it was God who spared me and we give Him all the praise! We surely thank God for people who know how to pray and who will pray!

Now I go back and forth to Lexington—the round trip is over 100 miles—five days a week and never miss a day of work because of my heart.—Lemmon Farris, Hope, Ky.

(Endorsed by M. A. Mangold who at the time of the healing was Mr. Farris' pastor at the Assembly of God, Jeffersonville, Ky. He writes: "I have been his pastor for seven years. The account is true. We visited him and know the circumstances.")



A WILL WON'T KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING—

A will won't keep it from happening—but it will better prepare you for the unexpected.

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Deaf Camp Revivals

BY CROFT PENTZ

Deaf Camp Evangelist

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING CAMP SERVICE was in progress when revival broke out at the Michigan Camp for the Deaf last year. Prayer requests had been presented and one of the deaf campers stood to pray. Waves of glory swept through the tabernacle at that time, and a prayer meeting began which continued until after midnight. Several were filled with the Holy Spirit that night. To see and hear the deaf speak in tongues according to Acts 2:4 is an unforgettable experience.

I wish every deaf person could attend camp. Once the deaf attend, they always return. One camper remarked, "This is like heaven on earth."

Perhaps you may not be able to attend a camp for the deaf so let me give you a few highlights of a camp day.

The morning schedule includes two hours of Bible classes. Various subjects such as Bible doctrines, soul winning and Christian living are taught. For some deaf persons camp provides the only Bible instruction available to them. They live in isolated towns and have no opportunity to regularly attend church services. Often the class discussion periods continue into the noon hour. One camper asked, "Why does eating have to interfere with our study of God's Word?"

The afternoons are given to relaxation and recreation. Quite a few of the deaf are excellent athletes. Kenneth Crush, who greatly enjoys camps, was an all-American basketball and baseball player.

The evening services climax the activities of the camp day. Time is often given in these rallies for "popcorn" testimonies. We usually have to limit the testimonies because many desire to tell what God has done in their lives. After a challenging evening message, the campers are encouraged to spend time seeking God. Most of the deaf are in no hurry to stop praying, but are anxious to receive all they can from God while at camp. Some return to their rooms and pray late into the night.

Volumes could be written about the lives changed at deaf camps. John Fitzpatrick is one example of God's transforming power. John accepted Christ as his Saviour in 1957 a few weeks before camp time. He heard about the special camp for the deaf scheduled in a nearby state. The thought of studying God's Word regularly, making new friends, enjoying the recreational activities, and drawing closer to Christ strongly appealed to this new Christian. But he had no money. The women of the Ladies' Bible class in the church had a sincere

desire to help and agreed to pay John's camp expenses. You can imagine John's joy when he was told he could go to camp!

John met Christ in an unusual way at camp. When he returned home from his week at camp, he was a transformed person. His whole being radiated the presence of the Lord.

John has continued to serve God since that summer. He obeyed God's call to attend Bible school and is now ministering to the deaf in his hometown of Erie, Pa. For the past three years he has helped to direct a camp for the deaf in his area.

Deaf camps are planned this year for Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, California, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. For further information write to: Miss Maxine Strobridge, Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. You may not be able to attend one of these camps, but YOU CAN have a part in the spiritual results. Pray earnestly that the Spirit of God will be outpoured upon this year's camps in a marked way.

Perhaps you can help send a deaf person to camp or help pay some of the many camp expenses. Deaf persons are willing and anxious to pay their own camp expenses, but many are unable to do so. It is especially difficult for families with several deaf members. Some deaf children and young people have unsaved hearing parents who do not understand the spiritual value of camp. The directors of this year's camps know of those who would like to attend camp this year, but will not be able to do so without financial assistance. Pray that this need will be supplied. Your offering for this purpose may be sent with the coupon below.

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God's Work Suffers Another Great Loss



THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HAS LOST another fine home missionary. Oliver Blackman Treece, 56, has given his life for the Apache Indian people to whom he ministered at San Carlos, Ariz., since 1951. The Assemblies of God, the Indian people, and his many friends have sustained a great loss in his death April 15, 1964, following a prolonged and painful illness.

Brother Treece was born in Forest Grove, Mich. He was married to Esther Belle Olson of Gary, Ind., May 5, 1929. Their two children, Barbara and Beverly, are both married.

Saved in 1928 and baptized in the Spirit in 1930, Brother Treece was ordained in the Tennessee District July 23, 1948. The Treeces were appointed by the Home Missions Department to American Indian ministry April 28, 1952.

From 1934 to 1949, Brother and Sister Treece pastored in the hills of Tennessee at Millersville and Lenox, home missions churches. While there, in 1939 they received a definite call from the Lord to minister to a dark-skinned people, but did not know to whom they were called.

Not until the couple made a trip

west in 1949 to accept the pastorate at Mentone, Calif., did they begin to realize who the people were to whom they would minister. While in Mentone, they also worked among the Mission Indians.

In 1951, the Treeces entered ministry to the Apache Indians at San Carlos, Ariz. They pastored the Indian church at San Carlos until July 14, 1953, at which time they went to pastor the Anglo church in Belen, N. Mex., and do outstation work among the Pueblo Indians at Isleta and other tribes in the Albuquerque area. In 1956, they returned to the San Carlos Indian church pastorate.

J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District, says that Brother Treece did a great work for God among the Apache Indians and was greatly loved by his people. Last January the Treeces resigned from the Apache Indian Assembly at San Carlos due to Brother Treece's illness.

Although Brother Treece is no longer with us, yet by his life "he being dead yet speaketh." With Paul he can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. . . ." —Ruth Lyon

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SPEED-THE-LIGHT BUS GOES TO HELP OF HOME MISSIONARIES

RALPH HARRISON, MISSIONARY AT Flagstaff, Ariz., finds the new Falcon bus, recently provided by Speed-the-Light funds, a great help in his work. The 15 people pictured here represent one busload of those Brother Harrison picks up for Sunday services. At that, he says a few who usually come were absent that morning! The new vehicle is meeting a great need and is making it possible for the missionaries to expand their activities and their outreach in the area.

No Vacation from Witnessing

by

CHARLES H. ROBINSON



"PLEASE ACCEPT THIS GOSPEL TRACT and read it. It has a message of life for you."

With these words or some similar statement we offered gospel tracts to people we met last summer on our 30-day family vacation automobile trip which took us over 5,000 miles of the eastern seaboard of the United States.

Our family (my wife Anna and I, with our two children, Charlotte, 15, and Bill, 13) planned our vacation with a desire to make it count for Christ as much as possible. After we returned home we looked back with satisfaction upon our trip, knowing we had a part in sowing the seed of the Word in an area extending over 15 states and which was bracketed by Cape Cod on the north and Cape Canaveral (now Cape Kennedy) on the south.

The first thing we purposed to do in order to keep our faith aglow during our vacation days was to maintain our family worship daily. Therefore, each night in our hotel or motel room, along the highway or in a resort town, we conducted our family worship just as we would if we were at home. We used this opportunity to thank God daily for His journey mercies, to pray for loved ones from whom we were separated, and to remember our church back home and its witness during our absence. As we visited along the way in the homes of Christian relatives and friends, we were stimulated by having family worship with them and noting how they conducted their worship.

Returning thanks at meals in restaurants, at lunch counters, or wherever we happened to be helped us not

to be ashamed of Christ. While we did not do this for display or vain-glory, yet we remembered how Daniel prayed before his opened window, and we felt that we too could let our witness speak to others in this way.

Stopping at restaurants, hotels, and service stations provided daily opportunity for tract distribution. Waitresses, bellhops, service station attendants, tour guides, guards, and other people serving the public constitute in themselves a mission field which is often neglected. Realizing this, we had armed ourselves with tracts, and found that these were always courteously received. Never was their offer resented openly, or refused, even when the recipients were Catholics or Jews. Our last impression of one of our nation's shrines was the sight of our guide sitting upon the steps reading the tract we had placed in his hands. In that case as with every offer of a tract we claimed the promise of our Lord: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

One of our daily exercises while driving along in the car was to memorize Scripture, at least a verse each day. Doing this together gave us added delight plus the zest of competition. Each day we reviewed the verses we had previously learned and then undertook the memorizing of a new one. An aid which we found useful was Dr. Oscar Lowry's unique little book, *Scripture Memorizing and Successful Personal Work*. Moody Press has condensed this splendid book from the size of earlier editions. Now a convenient-sized paperback, it fits into shirt pocket or purse. It can be pur-

chased for 20 cents in most Christian bookstores. It gives helpful hints on how best to memorize Scripture and then presents a number of verses which are classified according to topic. This proved invaluable in stimulating us to commit verses to memory, and in providing a systematic plan so that our study was not haphazard.

We were amazed at how easily the Scriptures could be memorized and retained, and at how the memorizing of them caused them to yield hidden meanings we otherwise would not have discovered. Frequently, spontaneous discussions arose over the doctrinal truths in a particular verse.

The singing of hymns and gospel choruses as we drove along never failed to relax us, relieve our fatigue, rejoice our spirits, and break up the monotony of turnpike driving. It proved interesting to discover how many stanzas of familiar hymns we could sing correctly from memory.

Of course, Sundays were always anticipated as an opportunity to visit other churches than our own. In Pennsylvania, New England, Virginia and Florida, we had the privilege of finding ourselves always at home among the Lord's people. Though we were strangers to them, we found that God's people are friendly wherever they may be found. For Sunday school on these occasions, each of us visited his own department. This gave us wider opportunities for observation, for making comparisons, and for gleaning helpful ideas to take home with us. We even saw situations where we felt we could have offered some pointers, a fact which made us more appreciative of the good work being done in our home church. On one of these occasions, Charlotte had the opportunity to serve as pianist in the absence of the regular player.

Some of the churches we worshiped in were different than our own, and we were thus given opportunities later to discuss denominational differences, histories, traditions, and rituals. Our visits to old, historic churches helped us to appreciate our nation's religious heritage and the important part faith in God has played in the development of our nation and in the shaping of our way of life.

We returned home spiritually enriched because we had used our vacation *for* witnessing instead of regarding it as a vacation *from* witnessing. ◀◀

SELF EXPRESSION

or

SELF DENIAL

BY FRANK L. ACCARDY

LIKE CHILDREN WHO INNOCENTLY pick up the language of the street, we Christians are often influenced by concepts acceptable to the world, but contrary to faith. Perhaps this is due to the "bandwagon" instinct within us which makes popular thought irresistible. So, it is not surprising that so many of us have allowed the permissive atmosphere of progressive educators to dominate us, to the extent that the voice of authority is seldom heard in our homes—much less in the church—and the word *discipline* has been practically dropped from our vocabulary.

One of the major causes for this has been our acceptance of the self-expression idea advanced by the educators of our generation. But what progressive educators admire, Paul calls the flesh. The apostle argues that whenever a man expresses himself he sins, because sin is the expression of himself. A good Christian education, according to Paul, results in devaluating self and permitting God the Spirit to administer one's personality.

Self expression—or the flesh, to use a Biblical term—includes everything we are in our own eyes, both good and bad. That the flesh has higher and lower impulses is clearly taught in Scripture. There are those expressions of the flesh we would gladly rid ourselves of, such as those in Galatians 5:19, 20: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

At the same time there are those expressions of the flesh we freely ac-

cept as good. Paul's attitude toward these is seen in Philippians 3:3-7: "For we . . . have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."

In self-crucifixion our assets, along with our avowed faults, must be torn from our souls like a filthy garment until, at length, our souls are naked, desiring to be clothed with the righteousness of Jesus alone. It is one thing to desire freedom from burdensome sin; it is quite another to let go of all our own righteousness.

Without help, we cannot see sin in our good. As the eye cannot see itself without a mirror, so the flesh cannot see itself as it is apart from the Holy Spirit. Only by His illumination can we see imperfection in our highest expressions of good.

When we do see ourselves as we really are, we do not like what we see. But the Spirit of God is never so tender as then. His still small voice whispers precious promises to the soul. He embraces us and assures us of His love, grace and tender mercy, and suddenly we want to throw ourselves upon the mercy of God. In that moment of complete distrust in ourselves and great trust in Christ, there breaks forth in our souls a spring of joy unspeakable. And what at first seemed bitter, now becomes sweetest of all.

The world says, "Express thyself!" But the still small voice of Christ in our hearts says, "Deny thyself!" The true disciple will obey that inner voice.

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Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**



HANNIBAL, MO.—Calvary Assembly of God here reports good results during meetings with Evangelists Dick and Nancy Messner of the Southern Missouri District in April. The first week was a children's revival, and six were saved. The second week was for youth and adults. One young woman was saved and baptized in water. One other person was reclaimed and several were refilled. Attendance was excellent and the way the people lingered in prayer was most encouraging.

—R. W. Wenig, Pastor

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TEXARKANA, TEX.—One of the best revivals in the history of

the Oaklawn Assembly of God here was led by Evangelist and Mrs. Max Manning of Topeka, Kans. In two weeks more than 20 came to Christ for salvation, several were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost, and many healed. The crowds were large and God moved in every service. The church was strengthened in every way.

—V. D. Dial, Pastor

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CHICAGO, ILL.—The First Assembly of God here (13908 Greenbay Ave.) was blessed March 16-22 during a revival with Pastor A. E. Spence, Jr., of the First Assembly in Pensacola, Fla. Several were saved and many drawn

nearer the Cross. Each night the attendance was high and the altars filled.

—A. G. Phillips, Pastor

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PRATT, KANS.—A three-week meeting with Evangelist Lulu M. Ware of Compton, Calif., and co-worker Bwana Pack of Winfield, Kans., was blessed of God. Ten knelt at the altar for salvation, 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled. Many testified to definite healings.

—Gordon H. Nelson, Pastor

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GREEN FOREST, ARK.—During February this area was stirred by a three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Blansit of

Ozark, Mo., at the First Assembly of God here. There were 46 saved, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many definite healings. God is still blessing our regular services. On Easter attendance at Sunday school hit an all-time high of 140.

—Billy H. Burris, Pastor

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—Evangelist Michael H. Lord and West Florida District Superintendent R. O. Thomas were the special speakers in an area-wide "God Save America" Rally recently held here. The rally was well attended, and the service was climaxed with scores of people—both converted and unconverted—crying, praying, and seeking God at the altar.

—Pastors Clayton Wilkinson and Bernard Browne, Cochairmen

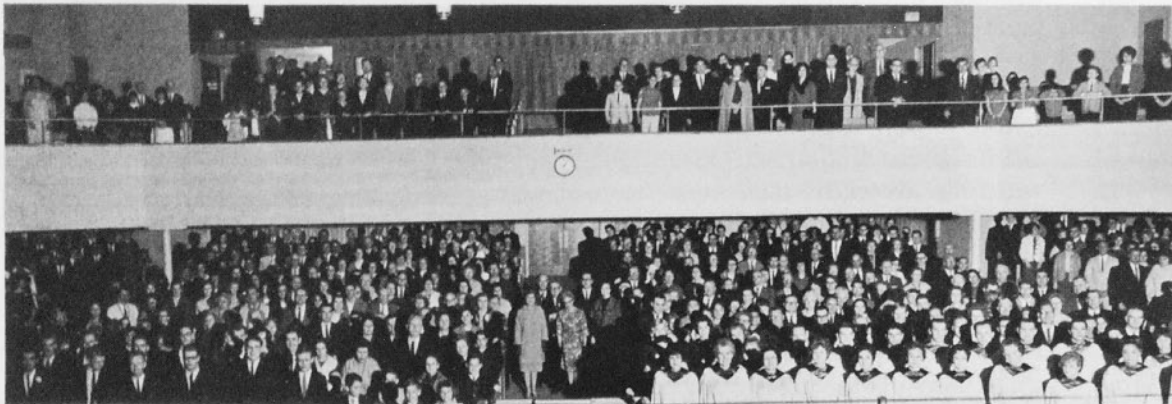
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MONCLOVA COAH, MEXICO—The Assembly of God here praises God for the move of His Spirit in six nights of revival with Evangelist Samuel Calk and Pastor Billy Jones, both of the North Texas District. There were 81 at the altar for salvation. A number received the Holy Spirit, and several were healed. The Sunday school attendance record was broken with 155 present.

—Alferdo Salazar, Pastor

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ALGER, OHIO—A general spiritual awakening was felt by the



SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Photo shows the crowd attending the meeting with Evangelist Watson Argue. From the first service the blessing of the Lord was evident and interest continued throughout the week. A number were saved, filled with the Spirit, or healed. Brother Argue showed pictures of his overseas ministry each evening.—Leland R. Keys, pastor, Bethel Church.



GAITHERSBURG, MD.—Contrary to the usual pattern, Sunday school attendance climbed after Easter and broke all records doubling the recent average and reaching 137. Evangelist Ron Wahlrobe, dressed in Arab Sheik costume, and Lloyd Shumaker, Sunday school superintendent are shown displaying the register. Many were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, or healed during the meeting. Five were baptized in water. Brother Wahlrobe showed slides of the Holy Land which added to the general interest. Over 200 visitors attended.—Henry Evans, pastor, New Hope Assembly.



WEST HELENA, ARK.—The youth were especially touched during a meeting with Evangelist Gene Burgess of Tennessee. The attendance was good with 15 to 20 visitors each evening. Twelve were saved and two baptized with the Holy Spirit. Brother Burgess conducted a seminar on personal evangelism and coordinated a special soul-winning effort in which 20 persons took part. (Photo shows group who participated in the community visitation.) Faith is being put into action by witnessing in the schools, on the job, and in the neighborhoods.—Louis Yendrek, pastor, First Assembly of God.

Assembly of God here in four days of meetings, April 5-8, with Evangelist Sam Todd from Atlanta, Ga. At least two were saved, four backsliders reclaimed, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and



During Easter meetings with Evangelist Ray Hasley the Assembly of God in Glenwood, Oreg., broke the attendance record with 91 present. Last September the congregation moved into its new church, although it is not yet finished. Mrs. Elizabeth Foster (left), pastor, and Mrs. Pearl Gray, S. S. superintendent, display the record board.

a number testified to healing. Several nights the church was nearly filled. A number of visitors attended.

—Ralph L. Palmer, Pastor

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GALION, OHIO—The Assembly of God here experienced a visitation of God's Spirit during a two-week revival with Evangelist Daena Cargnel of Uhrichsville, Ohio. A number were saved, filled with the Spirit, or healed, and there were several testimonies of deliverance from mental illness and oppression. Many visitors from other denominations came and the attendance broke all records. An outstanding blessing were the morning prayer meetings and Bible studies on the Gifts of the Spirit. On Saturday night the evangelist gave her testimony, "Saved from the Convent"; the house was filled, and people of all denominations knelt at the altars. On Easter there was a peak attendance of 155.

—Lawrence Foster, Pastor

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MODESTO, CALIF.—Bethel Church here was blessed in an Easter revival conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City. About 35 persons accepted the Saviour. The pastor says: "We are grateful for this meeting and for all the evangelists who have blessed our church during our six years of ministry here." A two-story addition was completed a few years ago and is now paid for, and additional property for expansion has been purchased.

—L. B. Lewis, Pastor

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MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—The church was revived and encouraged in a two-week meeting just concluded at the First Assembly of God here with the "Harvesttime

Gospel Team," Irving and Mary Lou Howard of Mt. Morris, Pa. A good number knelt at the altar for salvation. The Sunday school attendance record was broken; many first-time visitors were in the services, and a number of new people are now attending the regular meetings.

—Dallas Riley, Pastor

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McCRACKEN, KANS.—A revival meeting at the Assembly of God during April with Evangelist Roy Drumm and wife was espe-

cially anointed of God. Two sought the Lord for salvation—a young lady in Sunday school and a man in the Sunday morning service. Four were filled with the Spirit.

—H. E. Moss, Pastor

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SALEM, OREG.—The entire church was challenged to live closer to God in the revival meetings recently concluded at Central Assembly of God here with The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. A number found Christ as Saviour and several backsliders were re-

claimed. A peak attendance was achieved with an unusual number of new people attending.

—Fred Versolenko, Pastor

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LAKE CITY, ARK.—The Holy Spirit was present in every service of a two-week revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelists Jean Carol Hale and Barbara Turner of Kentucky. Several were reclaimed; others were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit; and healings took place. —Chester Esmond, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Crichton	June 17-21	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Clarence Cope
	New Brockton	El Bethel	June 21-July 5	Joel Palmer	J. H. Barfield
	Whistler	A/G	June 21-28	Buddy Creel	G. E. Harden
Ark.	Cedarville	A/G	June 16—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	W. Hoyt Ming
	Gentry	Bethel Heights	June 21-July 5	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	Bill Whitlock
Calif.	Chico	East 14th Street	June 19-28	Paul Wells	Carl Johnson, Jr.
	Cutler	A/G	June 14-19	Youngman-Howard Team	A. Neal Burns
	Ft. Bragg	A/G	June 16-21	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	George T. McQueen
	Menlo Park	Community	June 17-21	T. J. Jones	George Holmes
	Sacramento	*First	June 14-19	Christian Hild	Paul G. Trulin
Colo.	Boulder	First	June 9-21	Harry V. Vibbert	G. R. Kelly
Del.	Dover	Calvary	June 16-28	Ralph A. Creider	David C. Vespa
Fla.	Eagle Lake	A/G	June 17-28	B. R. Minton	Carnell Bruce
Ga.	Riverdale	First	June 21-July 3	Russell Peavy	Carl Mauldin, Jr.
Ill.	Gibson City	**A/G	June 15-21	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Roger Boyd
	Rantoul	First	June 14-27	Billy Carter	Robert A. Cargan
	Clay City	*A/G	June 16-21	Paul Hild Family	—
Ind.	Crawfordsville	First	June 21-28	G. A. Snavelly & Wife	John Smith
	Lawrenceburg	**A/G	June 15-19	Marie Smith	Winton Dykes
	South Bend	Calvary Temple	June 21—	J. G. Hall	Roy H. Wead
Iowa	Whiting	A/G	June 16-28	J. E. Friend	Calvin Owens
	LeClaire	Full Gospel Tab.	June 16—	Knouse-Stovall Team	William Lane
	Deale	**A/G	June 15-19	Rose Marie Meringola	A. J. Moses
Md.	Forestville	*Evangel	June 15-21	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	G. A. LeRoy
	Grantsville	**Maranatha	June 15-21	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	William Ferguson
	Hyattsville	***A/G	June 7-21	Kimel-Thurman Party	B. M. Slye
Mass.	Newburyport	Pentecostal	June 16-28	Philip Barnard	Edward Neuhaus
Mich.	Bay City	A/G	June 16-21	Duane & Mrs. Wessman	Charles A. Davenport
	Flint	Hungarian	June 16-28	Glenna Byard	Charles Szabo
	Madison Heights	**A/G	June 22-28	Bettiejane Wessman	Argus Kent
Miss.	Forest	First	June 7-21	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson	R. C. Sumrall
Mo.	Excelsior Springs	Crescent Lake	June 16-28	K. E. Matschulat & wife	C. O. Blankenship
	Leasburg	A/G	June 14-28	Guy L. Jackson	J. W. Maddox
	St. Louis	**Trinity Tab.	June 14-21	Dick & Nancy Messner	Orville D. Persons
N. J.	Irvington	Calvary	June 17-29	Ernie Eskelin	Reginald Yake
N. Y.	Adams	A/G	June 16-28	William Caldwell	Kenneth Choflet
N. C.	Kinston	Glad Tidings	June 17-28	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. A. Wheeler
N. Dak.	Fargo	**First	June 15-19	Wolf Party	O. W. Apple
	Claremore	First	June 17-28	Gene Burgess	Ralph L. Reddout
	Lawton	A/G	June 14-28	Colman McDuff	Willis E. Berry
Okla.	Norman	New Hope	June 15—	Al Davis	J. C. McDonald
	Oklahoma City	First	June 21—	"Jimmy" Phillips	M. Russell Herndon
	Webb City	A/G	June 16-28	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Bill Williams
	Creswell	First	June 14—	Charley Rood	J. W. Harris
	Milwaukie	First	June 13-14	Ayers Trio	Bennie R. Harris
Oreg.	Salem	Central	June 15-29	Jim & Carol Snow	Fred Versolenko
	Brookville	First	June 14-28	Bob & Joan Brantley	Vernon Boyer
	Coraopolis	A/G	June 14-21	Jimmy Brown	A. Reuben Hartwick
Pa.	Ellwood City	A/G	June 10—	Peiffer & Harden Team	Paul Peck
	Canyon	First	June 15-21	Tommy & Esther Lance	A. J. Pettit
	Pampa	Calvary	June 21-July 5	Franklin A. Burns	Robert E. Reed
Tex.	Plainview	Southside	June 16-28	Burl W. McAlister	M. W. Putnam
	Silsbee	First	June 16—	Doug Payne	J. A. Hendrix
	Bluefield	First	June 16-28	Frank J. DePolo	W. W. Smith
Va.	Des Moines	A/G	June 16-21	Tanner Team	M. B. Delgatty
	Forks	A/G	June 14-28	Eddie & Ruth Washington	Ward M. Tanneberg
	Seattle	Faith Temple	June 21—	Watson Argue	James Hamann
Wash.	Seattle	**Side of the Road	June 21-26	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Ruben Korpi
	Shawano	A/G	June 21-July 5	F. Rudolph & Ellen McAdams	W. L. Hicks
	Powell	****Glad Tidings	June 14-26	Charles Senechal	Larry M. Savage
Wis.	Edmonton	Beverly Full Gospel	June 19—	Lolita Varner	Paul Kerychuck
Wyo.	Caracas	Evang. Center	June 14—	E. Howard Anderson	Roy P. Nylin

*Youth-a-rama

**Children's Revival

***Tent Revival

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Take A VACATION

BY WILLARD M. ALDRICH

"WHAT YOU NEED IS A GOOD VACATION."

This is one bit of advice most of us are prepared to hear.

"Yes, sir," we reply in chorus, "what I need is a good vacation—a chance to get away from it all, to relax and not have a worry in the world."

What goes to make up this good vacation is pretty much the same for most of us. We want to relax. We

want to get out of the routine of ordinary life. We want to shed responsibility. We want a change and we want rest.

How and where to get such a vacation varies with all of us. To some, the mountains are the answer. A good fishing stream satisfies another. The seashore brings to others a complete sense of relaxed well-being. A changing panorama of mountains, lakes and shores from behind the wheel of a car means vacation to uncounted thousands.

But it is possible to return from a good vacation to discover that the change we needed was not a change of pace nor a change of place, but a change of heart. Getting away from it all may have helped to *ease* tensions and to forget worries, but it did not *solve* them. The vacation gave respite but not permanent relief. We discover that body and mind were not all that needed relaxation and recreation. We discover that there are deep and demanding cries for inner peace, which neither mountain quietness nor pounding surf can fully satisfy.

With the Psalmist we must confess that we have lifted up our eyes "*unto the hills*"—we have sought help from the beauties of nature—only to discover, "*My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 121:1, 2).

We need a vacation from worry. Strangely enough, the word is not found in the Bible, and little wonder, for the one who trusts the God of the Bible will have no occasion to worry.

This wonderful truth is given beautiful expression by the prophet Isaiah: "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength*" (Isaiah 26:3, 4).

The same prophet sees the restlessness of the human soul which has not found its peace and rest in God. The very seashore to which thousands repair for recreation and rest is used to describe that restlessness: "*The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked*" (Isaiah 57:20, 21).

There are known causes of unrest and worry common to us all. How to pay the bills; how to regain lost health; how to succeed in business; how to gain a sense of security in the love of family and friends—these are some of the things which cause us worry.

Then there is the oft-named dread of atomic destruction, and the unnamed fear of judgment after death. "*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27).

Do you need a vacation from worry? Do you want confidence in place of fear? Are there inner tensions and frustrations which destroy your peace of heart? Then you need what Christ alone can give. He can give you rest—rest from all your fears—rest in divine forgiveness from all your sins.

Hear and heed His invitation, and take a permanent vacation from worry: "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls*" (Matthew 11:28, 29).

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