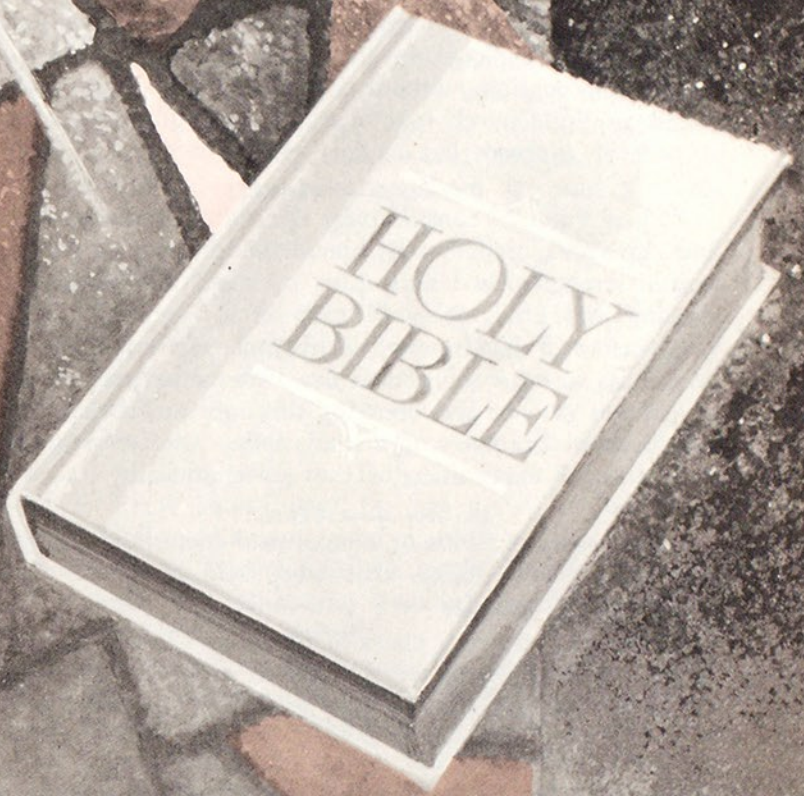


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THE BOOK CALLED THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES is an inspired historical account of the founding and progress of the Christian Church. Moreover it is an inspired textbook which lays down the pattern for the Church in all subsequent periods. The first eight chapters present eight fundamental lessons which need to be learned by the Church of today.

Chapter 1—PRAYER

“They went into an upper room... These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication” (1:13, 14).

The New Testament Church was born in prayer. Reference is made to prayer 10 times in the first 10 chapters of Acts. The more that a church engages in true praying, the nearer will that church come to fulfilling the ideal of the New Testament Church. Without New Testament praying there will be no New Testament churches.

Chapter 2—PENTECOST

“When the day of Pentecost was fully come... there came a sound from heaven... and there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire... and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost” (2:1-4).

Pentecost brought spiritual power—that supernatural element in the Early Church that amazed and confounded the uninitiated. The tremendous results in conversions and miracles depicted in the Book of Acts would not have been possible without Pentecost. The Holy Spirit dwelt in the Church and operated through her, not as a part of a creed, but as her vital Force.

Chapter 3—MIRACLES

“Then Peter... took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood and walked... leaping and praising God” (3:6-8).

Miracles of healing and deliverance accompanied the preaching of the early disciples. The supernatural was constantly evident and breaking through into their everyday lives and ministry. Christians today need to recapture the sense of expectancy of the supernatural.

Chapter 4—LIBERALITY

“Possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the price of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles’ feet (4:34, 35).

God captured every phase of the early Christians’ lives. Their material goods were made to serve the Kingdom of God. Tithing—man’s duty to God—was more than

fulfilled. The Holy Spirit imparted the grace of giving. The Church today, if she would be a New Testament Church, must recapture the spirit of hilarious giving. Material things must again find their proper place, not as an end in themselves, but as a means to promote the Kingdom of God.

Chapter 5—PURITY

“Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost...? And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things” (5:3-5).

God Himself established the norm for holiness in His Church when the first effort was made to defile her with sin and hypocrisy—He struck the offenders dead. Since then He has left to us the task of “judging them that are within” (1 Corinthians 5:12, 13). The Church today should follow the example of the New Testament Church in her zeal for purity, and in her desire to preserve without blemish the good name of the gospel. “What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves” (2 Corinthians 7:11).

Chapter 6—ORGANIZATION

“Look ye out seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom... And they chose Stephen... and Philip...” (6:3-6).

As the need arose, the Early Church took steps toward organizing the work. The apostles passed by the opportunity to strengthen their authority in the local church, and instead made the brethren themselves responsible for naming their own officials. This was not done by prophetic utterance, as some might urge in protest to what they would term “carnal” means of church government. The Christians *chose* (i.e., *elected*) their officials.

Organization is necessary to preserve the church and promote the extension of the gospel, but it must never become an end in itself. If it does so, it becomes a barrier instead of a means of blessing. Philip and Stephen are excellent examples of church officials. They knew how to keep their official position balanced by a spiritual life and ministry.

Chapter 7—PERSECUTION

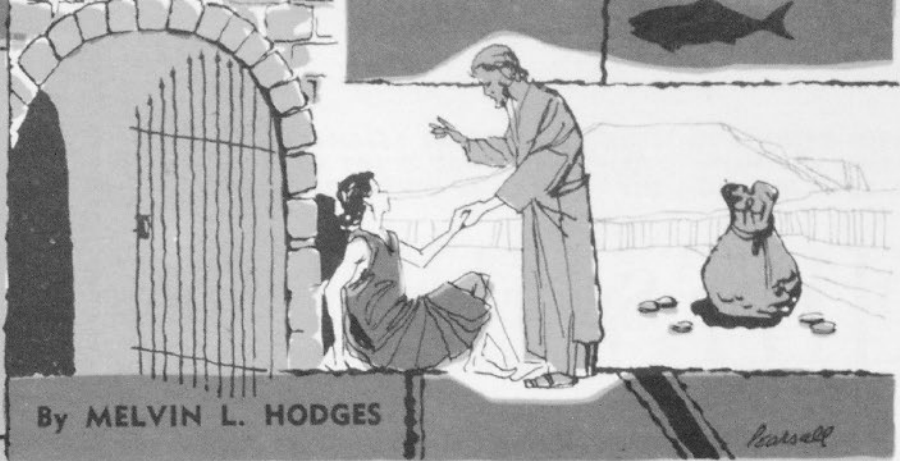
“And they cast him [Stephen] out of the city and stoned him... calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” (7:58-60).

While persecution is never welcomed, yet it has often served as a sheep dog—to keep the flock close to the Shepherd. Persecution purifies the Church, sifts out the insincere and worldly minded, and produces strong converts. There can be little doubt that the death of Stephen helped to produce the apostle Paul. Finally, persecution

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EIGHT LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

By MELVIN L. HODGES



may serve to further the cause of evangelism, as it did in the Early Church.

Chapter 8—PROPAGATION

“They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them” (8:4, 5).

The Church awakened to its world mission. Evangelism and missions became the main theme in the remaining chapters of the Book of Acts. Philip went to Samaria. Peter went to Caesarea. Paul and Barnabas went to the Gentiles. Challenged by the full significance

of the Church's world mission, Paul wrote, “I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians... so, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel...”

The Church belongs to the whole world, and the whole world belongs to the Church. We must not allow geographical barriers or political boundaries to limit our sphere of action. The Church is missionary by nature and by calling. The twentieth century demands militant Christianity. The world is falling into the grip of anti-God forces. The Church herself is threatened. As never before it is true that we must *evangelize or perish*.

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY in a believer's life is the day of his spiritual rebirth. For Leo Kleeman (now of Columbus, Ohio) this day brought triple blessing.

He had known about God, of course—all his life. He was a member of the state church in his native country of Estonia, and through the dangerous days of World War II he felt God protected him.

“When men fell on my right hand and on my left,” he says, “God's grace protected me. And when all hope was gone, He miraculously pulled me through and spared my life. He helped me to escape secretly from behind the Iron Curtain, after living for two years under the Communist regime, in constant fear and despair... He helped me to escape into freedom.

“On the morning of June 7, 1964, I entered Fairmoor Assembly of God in Columbus, Ohio, and sat down in my pew as usual. Pastor Coyle was already seated on the platform, but as soon as he saw me he came hurrying down to greet me and asked me how I was. He had never before hurried down the platform to greet me, but this morning it was as if he had some important message to deliver.

“My answer to his question was that I did not feel too well because of my swollen feet. For about two years I had suffered with dropsy and heart trouble.

“The pastor said he was going to pray for the sick that morning, and he asked me to come forward when he called for those desiring prayer. So when he gave the call I went up to the altar. Earnestly I started then and there to pray:

“‘Dear Jesus, I know You are here. Forgive all my life-long sins and be merciful to me and grant me health.’ I prayed for those beside me too. But soon I couldn't pray anymore because I started quietly to weep. My eyes were closed. Then I saw a vision. I saw someone standing clothed in a long blue robe. His face was covered, and much light was around Him. I knew this was Jesus, so I stretched my hands toward Him. Quietly

HIS MOST MEMORABLE DAY

THE STORY OF LEO KLEEMAN'S TRIPLE MIRACLE

through my tears I said to Him, ‘Jesus, you are here!’

“In that moment Brother Coyle anointed me with the oil, according to James 5:14, and laid his hands upon me, praying for me. When Brother Coyle touched me, it was as if an electric shock penetrated me (but this was not painful as an electric shock is) and a warm feeling coursed through my body.

“I was shaking all over; the mighty power of God struck me and I started to speak in an unknown tongue. This experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is hard to describe, but I felt wonderful. The next day the swelling of my feet was nearly gone, praise the Lord.

“God had never been so close and real to me as He was on that day when He forgave my sins, and healed me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost! I entered gates I never knew before, and He has given me power to testify. Praise His wonderful name!”

According to Pastor Felix O. Coyle, Brother Kleeman is completely well today and working steadily at a print-shop. Brother Coyle writes:

“Just a week after his healing he worked in our vacation Bible school, helping with the transportation. He made several trips also taking young people to our camp about a hundred miles away. His wonderful Christian example and testimony have influenced many others to come to the church for help.”

Our Sword and Shield

In this new age of nuclear warfare and space travel, the weapons mentioned in the Bible seem hopelessly outdated. No longer do nations depend on swords and shields. Such things seem totally irrelevant to modern life. For offense, the militarists use bombs and missiles; for defense, radar and anti-missile missiles or even satellites.

But the principle is the same: a nation needs defensive weapons as much as striking power. It needs shields as well as swords.

It is the same in football. "We work on our defense as much as our offense," a coach will tell us. "Our ball carriers can't win a game, no matter how good they are, if we don't have a good defense to stop our opponents when they have the ball."

So it is in the much more serious battles of the spiritual life: we need a shield as well as a sword. As good soldiers of Jesus Christ we need to arm ourselves with "the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

Each time we attack, the enemy of our souls counterattacks, and unless we are prepared to defend ourselves against his flaming arrows of temptation, discouragement, and false doctrine we will be overcome.

The Bible is our mainstay. It is our manual of arms. It gives us both tactical guidance and master strategy. It is the Sword we wield. It is the armory from which we obtain the shield of faith—for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

We desperately need the Word today. Without it, we are powerless as a Roman legionnaire without his sword; vulnerable as a gladiator without his shield; weak as a warrior without battle rations. For let us never forget that we are at war today. The enemy of our souls is out to destroy our faith. He is determined to capture as many of God's sons and daughters as he can. He uses the atheists, the materialists, the lawless to attack the citadels of righteousness, but behind every evil force in the world is the Evil One himself. As the apostle says, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." It is a spiritual conflict and therefore we need spiritual weapons.

Never underestimate the enemy. He is great in power, but He that is within us is greater. We can face the foe in faith, not in fear, if we put on the whole armor of God. Above all, we need to arm ourselves with the Sword of the Word, and the shield of faith, and with prayer in the Holy Ghost, if we would defeat the devil and scatter his evil forces. We can go into the daily battle and win if we trust in the mighty Name of Jesus, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

The Holy Spirit works through the Word. He uses it to show us our need of a Saviour; then He uses that same Word to create faith in our hearts toward the Saviour. Through the Word the miracle of the New Birth is accomplished, for we are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God."

In this age, as in every age, we need a faith that places full credence in the Holy Scriptures, and that dares to put the precious promises to the test in the battles of life.

—R.C.C.

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"There I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory"

Exodus 29:43

GOD SPAKE UNTO MOSES, saying, "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8). This was a new and notable development in the dealings of God toward His chosen people. Until that moment God had met with individuals, He had visited persons at divers times and at various places, but He had not undertaken to dwell among them.

We can thank God today for divine visitation. I rejoice for the day when God began to visit my heart and life. Although it wasn't very sweet at the time, because it was in conviction, today I am grateful that God ever came to my heart. We thank God for the days of visitation to nations, towns, and assemblies; but there is something greater than divine visitation, and that is divine habitation. "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." We rejoice for the day when He came to dwell within, especially in the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

The particular part of the tabernacle that we shall refer to is the Most Holy Place. It contained the ark of the covenant, which was simply a boxlike object two cubits and a half long, a cubit and a half wide, a cubit and a half high, made of wood overlaid with pure gold. It has a border of gold and it had rings of gold on each corner for transport. It spoke of the presence of the Lord in the midst of His people.

Inside the ark of the covenant were placed the tables of the law. And I would remind you that it was a law that already had been broken in the experience of this nation. In the construction of the ark God never said anything about attaching a lid to it, so when God looked down from heaven, His dwelling place, He could see a law that had been broken. But God is an expert in covering things. When you and I try to cover things we miserably fail (the Bible declares he that seeks to cover his sins shall not prosper) but God can expertly cover them. God said, "Thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure

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THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS CONTAINED FOREGLEAMS OF THE GLORY OF PENTECOST, WHEN THE SHEKINAH SHONE WITHIN THE VEIL IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

WITHIN THE VEIL

By ERIC C. DANDO

gold: two and a half cubits shall be the length thereof, and a half the breadth thereof" [the exact dimensions of the ark of the covenant]. It was to be placed over the ark of the covenant so that when God looked down from heaven, His dwelling place, He would not be able to see the law that had been broken by this nation, for looking upon the mercy seat.

I praise God that in the Lord Jesus Christ we have a Mercy Seat, One who could completely cover the broken law in our lives; One who could take the law in Himself and stretch it to its utmost limit. He could have done that again and again and again and there still would have been grace and truth left in Him.

Once a year the High Priest went into the Most Holy Place. On that occasion he took two goats and cast lots upon them; one became the scapegoat and the other the sin offering. The High Priest took with him a censer of coals from the brazen altar, and hands full of sweet incense; and he took the blood of the sin offering into the Most Holy Place, after first offering a sacrifice for himself and his family; and there he sprinkled it upon the mercy seat according to the divine commandments; and seven times before the mercy seat.

It is what happened when that blood was sprinkled upon the mercy seat that is the essence of our study today. For when Aaron sprinkled the blood upon the mercy seat the glory of the Lord shone forth and filled the Most Holy Place. "The Spirit answers to the blood and tells me I am born of God." Salvation and regeneration is truly something that I know, but it is also something that I feel. The Spirit of God bears witness with my spirit that I am adopted, that I am a child of the living God. Now when the shekinah came down upon the mercy seat in the Most Holy Place, certain things would transpire.

In the first instance, the mercy seat itself would be illuminated. Aaron had seen the mercy seat before and it was something beautiful to behold, but Aaron had never really seen the mercy seat until the shekinah came down and illuminated it. And I want to remind you of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: "When he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he... shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." The purpose of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to exalt the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Fifteen pastors and workers return to visit Pastor Kikuchi (seated at center).



Pastor Kikuchi and his family.

Come Home to Hamamatsu

By MARIE JUERGENSEN

THE NEW "SUPER EXPRESS" TRAIN was traveling 85 miles an hour, and in two-and-a-half hours I would be in the city of Hamamatsu, 200 miles south of Tokyo. I had made this journey many times during the past 30 years, but never on a flying express like this.

Together with a fine group of young

people from various parts of the island, I was making an unusual trip to an unusual gathering. I had never been to a meeting like this one before in Japan, and I was looking forward to it with great anticipation.

The Hamamatsu church was built in 1950 with a lovely "lighthouse" setting on a hill with 200,000 souls

in its immediate vicinity. The beginning of the work went back to 1933 when my sister Agnes pioneered there, starting with a tent meeting and later opening a gospel hall. Brother Kikuchi, with whom she labored for years, is still pastor of the church.

Now, 21 young people were coming home to Hamamatsu. This was their spiritual birthplace where they first heard of and accepted Jesus Christ. Here they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and at this altar they heard the call of God for full-time Christian service. We spent four happy days there in homecoming services with a full program in the daytime and evangelistic meetings each evening.

The Hamamatsu church holds the record in the Japanese Assemblies of God for sending most students to Bible school. Twenty-one of its consecrated young people have gone to Bible school in the last 12 years, including the pastor's oldest daughter.

With the Hamamatsu church in the background, returned pastors and Christian workers start out for open-air services. Twenty-one from this church have attended Bible school.



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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME

By S. U. OZOANYA, Nigeria



Marie Juergensen (left) visits with her sister Agnes and her mother.


Fifteen are in active service as ministers today, and three are students in Bible school.

I am sure you can imagine my feelings of joy and praise as I realized that our labors (not only mine but my sister's too) have borne such precious fruit for the Lord. Now the gospel message continues to go forth through every one of these consecrated workers.

I remember how Brother Yoshiyama was not able to come to Bible school until God saved his younger brother, who then said, "I will take care of Mother; you go to Bible school." He gave up a good position in a bank to go to school. A few years later God also called this younger brother to the ministry. Now both are fine pastors, and their mother has come to know that Jesus is the true and living Son of God.

I look at Brother Yamaki, now a teacher in our Bible school, and marvel at what God has done for him. Nearly all the members of his family died of tuberculosis. He was stricken with the same disease, but his faith touched the Healer and he continues to serve the Lord most earnestly.

I could go on and tell of others—how, misunderstood and persecuted, often disowned by their families, they made the consecration and left all to follow Christ.

Someday soon there will be a greater homecoming, when we shall gather in heaven and rejoice as we look into the faces of those who will be there because we obeyed the Master. 

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Assemblies of God, held in my hometown of Ntalakwu Oboro, Nigeria, a number of years ago, marked a turning point in my life.

As a member of a non-Pentecostal church I was prejudiced against the Assemblies of God and its much-celebrated doctrine, the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. I considered the way the members worshiped both queer and inappropriate.

Besides, I thought that the Holy Spirit drama in the Assemblies of God was but a superficial articulation of emotionalism, brought to the members of the church by the "new era missionaries." My attitude often resulted in unprovoked attacks on members of the church whenever they happened to come across my way.

THE STRANGE THING

The persistent fraternal invitations of one of my friends to attend the Assemblies of God church with him were more often than not greeted with sharp and rude replies, such as, "Away with your meetings; I am too busy to attend."

But the grace which sustained him through the ordeal of trying to win an apparently impossible friend like me was rewarded at last. One memorable evening I could find no excuse, and so I accompanied him to the meeting.

Many choruses were sung in the meeting, mostly in the Ibo language. The strange thing was that the more I began to reflect on the wordings of such songs, the more heart-piercing and captivating was their effect on me.

A sermon was preached by one of the missionaries there. He concluded with this challenge: "Whoever in this meeting will take Jesus at His Word and accept the promise of divine healing for the sick and the baptism of the Holy Spirit will be rewarded tonight according to his faith, irrespective of his creed, race, or denomination."

I knelt where I was and made the first confession ever of my sins to God. As I was pouring out my heart to Him, I suddenly began to feel the

surge of a strange and supernatural power going through my heart and all over my body. I began to speak freely what I could not understand. What a marvelous incident!

A GREAT CHANGE

Previously, I had read the Bible as one reads other literature and consequently gave my own interpretation to whatever I read from it.

I was living as any other nominal churchgoer, boasting that I was all right in the church where I was a member.


Besides, I loved the constitution of our church very much because it permitted me to enjoy worldliness, even to the extent of practicing modern heathenism while posing boldly as a Christian.

But glory be to God for that night which drew an indelible line of demarcation between my past and present life. I have since found through everyday experience that the Holy Spirit is the Teacher indeed (John 16:13).

VICTORY IN JESUS

I am but a poor mortal, incapable of discovering and forestalling all the wiles of the devil; but with the wonderful guidance of the Holy Spirit in me, I have been able to leap over the garrisons of the devil in victory after victory. I have been transformed by His grace to react instinctively to the appearance of every temptation as one reacts to the sight of filth, though it may be in a golden container.

I give all the honor and praise to God who has so mercifully made me a partaker of this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. In His gentle voice He warns me against any danger both present and impending, pointing me to Christ in the time of need, speaking peace to my weary soul in my voyage through this life.

This change has caused me to look foolish, of course, in the eyes of my friends, and I have therefore been dropped as a derelict out of their records. But the Holy Spirit has given me a powerful testimony of my experience with Jesus, which continues to be effective for bringing souls to Christ for salvation. 

UNFIT FOR HEAVEN

A WORD STUDY
FROM THE GREEK

By STANLEY M. HORTON

IN THESE DAYS of slipping standards and spineless morals it is worth emphasizing that the great apostle Paul taught and preached self-control. We are not helpless victims of circumstances, but responsible beings with intelligence and a will. And a person who is a new creature in Christ certainly is capable of taking himself by the collar and saying, "Listen here, fellow, this is the thing you know you ought to do. Now get going!"

The encouraging thing is that Paul not only told other people that self-control is good and necessary; he put it into action himself. "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Paul did not treat this matter lightly. He knew that a little carelessness could lead from one thing to another until even he would be a castaway.

Some modern commentators have endeavored to make things look a little brighter for the Christian who slips into such a course by claiming that "castaway," the Greek *adokimos* denotes just a slight disapproval which will mean losing a few rewards, but which will not affect one's salvation. Since the matter of our salvation is at stake, it might pay to look further into the meaning of this word *adokimos*.

Everywhere else in the New Testament this word is translated "reprobate," except in Hebrews 6:8 where it is translated "rejected." Nowhere is it used of any except the most hopeless of doomed and damned rebels against God. Listen to the indictment: God gave them up (Romans 1:26, 28). Christ is not in them (2 Corinthians 13:5). They resist the truth with the stubbornness of the Egyptian magicians, Jannes and Jambres, who withstood Moses (2 Timothy 3:8). They are abominable professors of religion whose works deny God (Titus 1:16). They are apostates who bear "thorns" and whose end is to be burned (Hebrews 6:8).

If we want a little more proof we only need turn to the Greek Septuagint version of the Old Testament where *adokimos* is used to translate "dross" which is compared to wicked men who try to prevent the king's throne from being established in righteousness (Proverbs 25:4). The same version also uses it to picture the enemies of the Lord who are to be consumed (Isaiah 1:22, 28).

Surely with all this evidence we can only come to the conclusion that as dross is unfit to be put with silver, so a castaway is unfit to enter heaven and will be rejected and cast into hell. True, Paul had a healthy confidence in the Lord, but he also had a healthy fear of himself. He refused to allow himself to be dominated by anything or anyone but the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTIVES

Next Week's Sunday School Lesson

MATTHEW 6:1-8, 16-18

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

OUR LESSON IS A VERY SEARCHING ONE. The New Testament makes it quite clear that Christians shall be judged—not according to the quantity of their works but their quality. Christ established this principle in Matthew 6:1, then illustrated it in three ways.

"Take heed that ye do not your alms (a better rendering is *righteousness*, or *deeds of righteousness*) before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven" (v. 1). In Matthew 5:16, Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The two commands may seem contradictory. But not so. The Christian is to do good deeds but he does these to glorify God and not to get glory to himself.

MOTIVES IN HELPING (vv. 1-4)

Alms in these verses refers primarily to giving money, but this may apply equally to giving time, help, and one's self in service.

"Do not sound a trumpet" (v. 2). The Christian is not to broadcast his good deeds to gain the admiration of others.

"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (v. 3). In his almsgiving the Christian should not seek the applause of others nor seek self-approval. Self-forgetfulness in service will be rewarded in eternity.

MOTIVES IN PRAYER (vv. 5-8)

Two attitudes in prayer are to be avoided: (1) praying to gain a reputation of being a man or woman of prayer; and (2) praying as if the efficacy of prayer depended upon the form or the amount of time spent in prayer.

These are very practical and penetrating considerations. Satanic snares may be found in as holy a matter as prayer. And this is not strange since, if Satan can succeed in getting the Christian to pray with wrong motives, he can render such prayer powerless and useless.

Christ did not—as some would suggest—condemn all public prayer, for Christ and His disciples prayed in public. He simply condemned praying in public with wrong motives.

Once again, He does not insist that all praying be in the privacy of one's home or closet. To pray in secret may mean on the street, at the office desk, or amid the busy throng. Praying in secret simply means that other considerations are shut out. Others are forgotten; self is forgotten; worldly cares and affairs are forgotten. One who prays in secret is not self-conscious or others-

conscious, but conscious of the presence of God—aware of an audience with God rather than people.

“When we pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking” (v. 7). Christ here condemns such practices as using prayer wheels and spending hours chanting certain phrases over and over again. He means that the efficacy of prayer does not necessarily depend upon the length, the eloquence, or the loudness of prayer. It is true that great men of God have been men of prayer. But spending time in prayer is not an end in itself; and it may result in seeking self-gratification or the approval of others. The truest prayer is not time conscious at all.

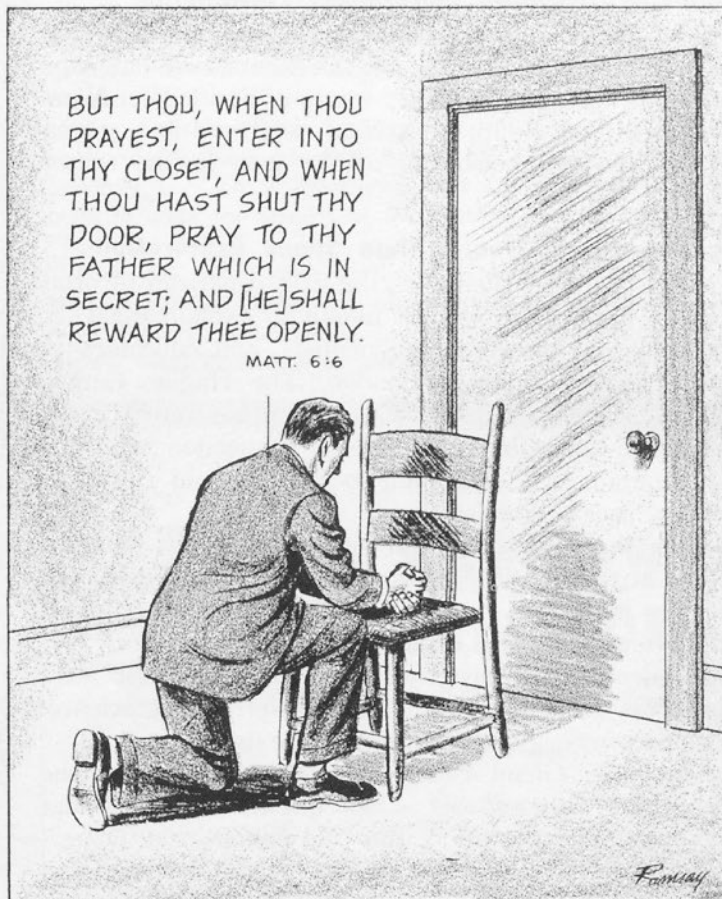
“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of” (v. 8). Words do not supply God with information. We use words in prayer to help us—not God.

MOTIVES IN SELF-DISCIPLINE (vv. 16-18)

These verses, briefly summarized, suggest: (1) There is a place for fasting. (2) Fasting is not an end in itself. (3) Fasting, as mentioned here, has nothing to do with fasting for any physical benefits; and we should not confuse the two. (4) Fasting is not an opportunity to practice occasional self-discipline, because the Christian must practice self-discipline every day. (5) Scriptural fasting is fasting prompted by the Holy Spirit so we can devote ourselves without distraction to prayer. (6) We are not to flaunt or broadcast our fasting. When fasting, one ought to “anoint thine head and wash thy face” (v. 17); that is, one is to pursue his normal, everyday life.

The Christian must remember that he lives his life in the presence of God, and God sees and knows all. Those who do everything with an eye single to the glory of God will receive eternal reward.

WHERE PRAYER IS PURIFIED



How Shall We Escape?

By DAN HARMAN

IF YOU KNOW YOUR Bible, you will recall that Hebrews 2:3 indicates that you *cannot* escape if you neglect God's great salvation.

But here on earth, temporary escape is not out of the question at all. Many, many people go blissfully along in sin for years without experiencing the judgment of God.

Criminals sometimes escape their cells and are never brought to justice. And, remember Harry Houdini who systematically proved that there is no such thing as an “escapeproof jail.” As part of his “magic” act he went about defying law officials to lock him in *anything* that would hold him. The record shows he *did* escape from every jail and prison in which he was confined, many times with amazing speed and incredible skill.

Perhaps the most interesting means of escape was devised by Fred Tredwell who escaped from the county jail in Emporia, Kansas, in 1899. Fred was jailed on a burglary charge, which he knew was well founded and sure to result in conviction and a prison sentence. Knowing this, he began to look for some way to get out of jail.

Finally he hit on an idea. He observed that the deterioration of the walls of his cell caused a fine cement powder to sift down from time to time. He unraveled the yarn from his homespun wool socks and coated it with the soap that the jail so generously supplied. To this soap he added the cement and sandy powder he collected from the base of his cell walls.

This roughly coated yarn made a crude rasp. It was effective enough to allow him gradually to file his way through the iron bars of his cell and escape. It took him two months, but the yarn held out and eventually Fred was free. So you see, here on earth “escape” is a strong possibility if we are clever and persistent.

I must not fail to mention one factor in Fred's story which might have a bearing on the idea of “escape.” Just a few days after his escape from the county jail, Fred Tredwell was recaptured and went to prison on schedule, minus his wool socks.

And, no matter how clever we are at escape in this life, the eternal judgment day is inevitable. We may very well escape judgment while breaking the laws on this earth, but at the judgment bar of God there is no escape.

The Bible foretells that dramatic scene, saying: “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:12-15).

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Atheists Rap "Crude Abuse" of Russian Christians

Soviet Russia's official atheist magazine has taken a woman writer to task for "crude abuse" of religious believers. It warned that such tactics weaken rather than help the campaign against religion.

An open letter in *Nauka i Religiya* (Science and Religion) signed by three editors told the woman that her widely publicized insulting attacks on religion were nothing more than a vulgarization of atheist propaganda. The letter cautioned that such attacks "insult believers and evoke their hostility."

The editors said: "You have not bothered to consider properly what modern religion represents and why many Soviet people at the present time still believe in God."

Ask Congress to Recognize Bible Year

Two legislators have asked the U. S. Congress to declare 1966 to be the "Year of the Bible."

Senator Clairborne Pell and Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen introduced the resolution to their respective chambers. Both legislators are vice-presidents of the American Bible Society.

The 150th anniversary of the Society will be celebrated in 1966. The purpose of the resolution is to have the President issue a proclamation to "encourage the people of the United States to acquire a better knowledge and appreciation of the Scriptures."

PLAN '67 WORLD MEET—Convening in New York City to plan the 1967 World Pentecostal Conference slated for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, were (seated, left to right): A. P. Vasconcelos, Belem, Brazil; Chairman T. F. Zimmerman, Assemblies of God; Paulo L. Macalao, Rio de Janeiro; and Bishop Samuel M. Crouch, Church of God in Christ. Standing (left to right): Eino Manninen, Finland; Erwin Lorenz, Germany; Dr. Wade H. Horton, Church of God; Dr. Howard P. Courtney, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Tom Johnstone, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; and P. S. Brewster, Elim Churches of Great Britain. The theme chosen for the triennial gathering is, "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ."



Scripture Distribution Increases

Four million Bibles, four million New Testaments, and 62 million Bible portions were distributed by the United Bible Societies last year.

Complete Bibles published for the first time in 1964 were the *Tiv* Bible in Nigeria, the *Meru* Bible in Kenya, the *Nkore-Kiga* Bible in Uganda, and the *Naga Ao* Bible in India.

It is reported that 95 percent of the world's population now have at least a portion of the Bible available in a language they can understand. Translations have been made in 1,232 languages, but the entire Bible is available in only 235 languages.

New Edition of Greek New Testament Scheduled

Publication of a new edition of the New Testament in Greek, scheduled for 1966, represents an innovation in Bible translation. It is the first Greek text ever prepared by an international committee of scholars. The work is the joint effort of the American Bible Society, the National Bible Society of Scotland, the Wurttemberg Bible Society, the Netherlands Bible Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Gideons to Distribute Vietnamese Testaments

The Gideons International has selected as its annual project the distribution of 40,000 Vietnamese-language Testaments among the military forces of South Viet Nam. Spokesmen from South Viet Nam say there is a strong need for spiritual bolstering of the men in the armed forces.

Sees Something Greater than Space Exploration

Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr., the first American to orbit the earth, visited Europe last month to explain the U.S. space program to engineers, scientists, and educators in Munich, Berlin, Bremen, London, The Hague, Genoa, Rome, Madrid, and Lisbon. Col. Glenn has retired from the Marine Corps but maintains a connection with the space program as a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

During the summer, Glenn addressed 8,500 Southern Baptists at their annual convention in Dallas, Texas. He said there must be a continual reexamination of religious faith, exceeding space exploration.

Col. Glenn, a Presbyterian, said: "The highest form of progress is in the realm of the spirit, not science. Ultimate progress deals with ultimate issues."

In his talk, Glenn chided people who rely on "the faith of our fathers," but when questioned about that faith reply only in terms of the "old church back home." He said youths today are asking hard questions and are not willing to accept religion on blind faith.

More Freedom in Spain

Recent months have seen some significant events in evangelical church history in Spain: the first evangelical bookstore has been opened with government permission; the last church closed by government order has been reopened, and some of the largest evangelistic meetings ever attempted have been held. This shift in government policy is welcomed by the evangelical churches in Spain who have met strong opposition for many years.

PGM Observes 88th Anniversary

Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission, second oldest rescue mission in the U.S., celebrates 88 years of service today. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of Harry G. Saulnier as superintendent of the famous mission.

In the course of an average month 20,000 people are reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and almost 400 of them make a profession of salvation. Each month more than 18,000 meals are served, 5,000 people are provided with sleeping quarters, and 5,000 articles of clothing are distributed.

The mission's ministry is not limited to skid row. Some 236 radio stations throughout the world are now airing "Unshackled!"—a dramatic program beamed to unsaved "up-and-outers" and produced by Pacific Garden Mission.

Doesn't Know One Psalm, Cardinal Admits

Expressing concern that more Roman Catholics do not read the Bible, Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, declared, "Protestants not only read the Book but they study it. I met a woman who knows the Book of Psalms by heart. And to be honest," the cardinal admitted, "I don't know one Psalm by heart."

ABOUT THE COVER

20 Million Unite in Bible Reading

More than 20 million persons all over the world are expected to participate in this year's Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society.

Worldwide Bible Reading, now in its 22nd year, is observed annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas as a spiritual bond to unite the peoples of the world. The theme for 1965 is, "Faith for a New Age."

Each day, all persons participating will read the same verses from the Bible. Selections are printed in advance on book-marks which are available by writing to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 7-14

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| Sunday—Psalms 130, 131 | Thursday—1 Peter 2 |
| Monday—James 4 | Friday—1 Peter 3 |
| Tuesday—James 5 | Saturday—Psalms 132, 133 |
| Wednesday—1 Peter 1 | Sunday—Psalms 134, 135 |



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Who are the "poor in spirit" mentioned in Matthew 5:3?

The poor in spirit are the humble, those who are not proudly independent, not self-sufficient but who recognize their need to depend upon the Lord. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Jesus prayed, "That they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:22). Does this mean that all churches should unite?

It would please God if all true believers in Christ could enjoy fellowship together, since all who are born again are members of "the church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). But such can have no spiritual unity with apostate professors who deny the virgin birth of Jesus, the need of His atonement, His resurrection, or His high priestly ministry at the right hand of God.

Can a Christian be demon-possessed?

I cannot believe that a repentant sinner, cleansed by the redeeming blood of Christ, can at the same time be demon-possessed. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters." Believers may be oppressed by demons, but they are not demon-possessed.

How could Jesus say, "There be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power," when Christ has not yet come? (Mark 9:1).

The answer is found in the account of the Transfiguration, in which Jesus "was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). This was a sample of what the glory of Jesus will be when He comes to reign. Peter connected it with "the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John were made "eye-witnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

What did Paul mean when he told Timothy to "be instant in season, out of season"? (2 Timothy 4:2).

Another translation reads, "Be urgent in season, out of season." Paul would encourage any young minister to preach the Word faithfully and urge the truth on the hearers whatever his personal feelings might be at the moment.

Ministers are not always at their best. Being human, they may at times be discouraged. They may feel under pressure or spiritually dry. No matter how they feel, God is the same. Let them therefore faithfully minister and seek to help others. Sometimes when the preacher has felt himself the greatest failure, he has actually been used of God in an unusual manner to bless others.

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, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

MY VISIT TO SEOUL

By C. M. WARD • REVIVALTIME SPEAKER

SEOUL EVANGELISTIC CENTER is the hub of a great missionary program that reaches all parts of South Korea.

This is a New Testament church. It is an inspiration and an encouragement to every Assembly of God in the Orient. It provides momentum for countless congregations which are on the perimeter of this great city.

When we visited the Evangelistic Center, crowds filled the auditorium three times on Sunday morning! I stood with Pastor Cho Yonggi to deliver the identical sermon at each service. If I had varied, the first congregation would have remained and denied hundreds of others their portion.

Singing commences under authorized songleaders at least 20 minutes before the announced time of the meeting. It is fervent, spontaneous, and flows into chorus after chorus.

I think their great favorite must be, "The Comforter Has Come." They sing it again and again. It sounds like a great rushing wind.

There is no room for an altar, but no one is overlooked nor is anyone misled. Written testimonies are checked by a carefully organized board of deacons and deaconesses and elders responsible to the pastor.

Tithing is taught and impressed upon every believer. The work has caught the imagination of the city and nation.

A fine staff of Assemblies of God missionaries assist and counsel the Koreans. I was impressed with their spiritual drive. And we shall always appreciate the courtesy and Christian grace of John Stetz who postponed his furlough so that he might personally welcome us to Seoul.

I found that W. E. Mincey, a friend of many years, was honored by the American military authorities for the work he has accomplished at the Servicemen's Hospitality Home in Seoul. South Korea is still on a 24-hour military "alert."

Missionary Henry Swain loves Korea. As a war veteran, he fought through the same hills he now visits as a missionary. It takes equal courage and an outpouring of physical strength to meet the spiritual demands of Korea.

We did not sense any anti-Americanism anywhere in the Orient, and certainly not in Korea. A remarkable adjustment of the two cultures (East and West) has been established.

The first concern of every Korean family is education. It is likely today that there are more qualified people in the nation than there are jobs for them.

The congregations appreciate a rich ministry of the Word. *No surface program of light evangelism will obtain a hearing.* These people are "receivers" and "doers." They believe and practice.

Pastor L. B. Lewis, Modesto, California, who accompanied us, had a remarkable experience during the Sunday night service. It happened as he presented an exposition of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as experienced in the Book of Acts.

Suddenly and miraculously, the Spirit fell upon all of us, and upon the entire congregation, which was another capacity crowd. *One hundred and ten persons testified that they received the Holy Spirit at this time.* It was one of the greatest outpourings I ever witnessed.

It was in this service that my American friend, Walter Hanson, of Sacramento, California, who always travels with me overseas, spoke in clear Korean as he stood praying beside the choir director. The director, a well-trained musician, formerly was in an older denomination, and still had mental reservations about the evidence of the Holy Spirit. *This miracle convinced him at once.*

The brethren made a special effort to contact the military authorities on my behalf. As a result, I was taken to view the demilitarized zone along the 38th parallel.

It is an unforgettable experience to come within arm's reach of North Korean Communist troops, and to see the actual line that runs through the conference room and the properties that have been the meeting place for uneasy negotiations for the past 14 years of truce.

You sense the hopelessness of any prospect of peace. The enemy is a dedicated foe. His aims remain constant.

You ask yourself, "Can anything reach him? Why does he hate as he does?" He has trained even the pigeons to remain on his side of the line.

It seems to me that a choice has been made. Where freedom and representative government have been chosen, the soil is as fertile for evangelism as it has ever been in history. Our staffs and program of spiritual attack are the criteria for every society working with similar aims.

To my mind, what I saw in Korea has already more than justified every missionary dollar that has been invested in that land.



WITHIN THE VEIL

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I want to remind you that we do not get the blessing of Pentecost, or the baptism of the Spirit, or the fulness of the Holy Ghost, whatever term you like, just by singing choruses about Pentecost, or by talking about Pentecost. We get the blessing of the Holy Ghost by talking and singing about Jesus. If we are going to experience the mighty blessing of God we must get our eyes upon the Mercy Seat and let Him be the center of attention and of attraction. Wherever the Lamb is exalted the Dove will always come. Where the Blood of Christ is revered, the glory of God will be revealed. And I pray God that the Lord Jesus Christ shall ever be pre-eminent in our midst.

This mercy seat was made of pure gold; that is, a solid lump of gold. There was nothing hollow about it. In these days we need to be wary because the doctrine of the Person of Christ is being attacked again and again. I want to exalt Him today not only as the Son of God but as God the Son. In the Incarnation He was no mere diluted deity but God manifest in the flesh.

I like the opening of the fourth Gospel. When I turn to the Gospel of Mark I find he commenced with the ministry of John the Baptist and then with the baptism of Jesus in Jordan. When I turn to the Gospel of Luke I find he goes further back and commences with the details of the Nativity. When I turn to the Gospel of Matthew I find he goes still further back. He proves through the law of generation and genealogy that Jesus Christ came of the seed of Abraham and of the seed of David, and we thank Matthew for searching into ancient manuscripts to gather the information he has left on record.

But when I turn to the Gospel according to John I find something totally different. John never had to go into ancient manuscripts. He could not find a platform far enough back in time to declare the origin of the Son of God. He could not start in time and work into eternity, so he started in eternity and came into time. He could not start on earth and work into heaven, so he started in heaven and came down to earth. Laying to one side the whole field of human history, bypassing every law of human generation and genealogy, he commences in the simplicity and yet the majesty of that utterance, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Praise His matchless holy name.

There were two cherubim but only one mercy seat. There could have been 102 cherubim but there could ever be only one mercy seat. He must always be in the midst. There must always be something about Jesus which is different to everybody else around us. There are eminent men in the Church but Jesus is *preeminent*. He stands out in solitary grandeur and glory. He is exalted far above all personalities and principalities and powers. And just as the mercy seat was in the center of the cherubim, He must always be in the center of our fellowship, the center of our ministry; and I know of no ministry like the Holy Ghost ministry that exalts the Person of our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

But not only was the mercy seat illuminated by the shekinah; the blood was illuminated also. Aaron had seen the blood before. He had taken the knife and plunged it into the breast of the animal. He had caught the blood in a basin. If you ask Aaron whether there was anything beautiful about the blood, he would say, "No." But now he could see the blood in a new light after the shekinah. I find that the apostle Peter speaks of the precious blood of Christ. If we ask Peter whether there was anything beautiful about the Sacrifice on Calvary, he would say, "Never; as I beheld Him through tear-dimmed eyes, as I saw Him hanging between heaven and earth, I wanted to blot that horrible sight out of my mind forever." Then why are you talking now about the precious blood of Christ? "I was in the upper room," says Peter, "on the Day of Pentecost, when the shekinah came, and now I can see the blood in its true light." So many are now afraid of this term, "The blood of Christ," and would strip our hymnology of this expression, but I am glad there is still power in the blood of Christ to cleanse our hearts from sin.

Not only were the mercy seat and the blood illuminated; the cherubim were illuminated also. And I believe these speak of a redeemed creation as they faced each other looking down upon the mercy seat. Thank God for the new creation. In the first creation God took the dust from the ground and formed a body, and He breathed into that body, and man became a living soul. He dealt with the outward man first, and then with the inward man. But in redemption He is working the other way around. He is dealing with the inward man, and when He gets that to the place where He wants it, He is going to put a body around it like His own glorified body.

Where do you think Aaron was when the glory came in the Most Holy Place? Do you think he just had his head through the veil, or one arm through the veil, or one foot through the veil? I tell you that when the glory came in the Most Holy Place he was immersed in it. When I was baptized in water I wasn't baptized into thin air. When I was baptized in the Holy Ghost I wasn't baptized into a vacuum. It was into the fulness of the glory of Christ.

We are rejoicing this day in a wonderful experience. May I say something? I get a little tired of hearing of people who have been disappointed with their Baptism, or so-called Baptism. While people can be helped by our prayers and by the laying on of hands, there is too much autosuggestion today. I was never disappointed with my Baptism. There was no autosuggestion about it. In fact, it was in a young people's meeting where I just went forward in dedication that the Holy Ghost came upon me. And we had a ruling in that church (whether wisely so, I don't know) that there should never be any receiving meetings unless the pastor was present. The young people's leader said to someone, "You had better go and get the pastor; I think he is going to have his Baptism." The pastor came as fast as his legs could carry him, but he was about ten minutes too late. I was speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance, and I have been speaking ever since.

I feel sorry for those who say they have never spoken in tongues since the day they were baptized with the Spirit. (I am not referring to the gift of divers tongues,

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in the open assembly, but to that which was given us for our personal devotion, in which we can find fellowship with God.) He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh mysteries unto God and edifieth himself. Often it has been my experience, when my spirit has been heavy, because of pressure of duty, to have begun to speak quietly in other tongues, and it has been release. Some will say, "But your understanding was unfruitful." There are times when I am not bothered about the understanding; it is just the spirit that needs releasing.

If you are seeking your baptism in the Holy Spirit, get your eyes off the blessing and upon the Mercy Seat. Get your eyes upon Jesus. I can see Aaron communing with God and when the shekinah came God was saying, "Aaron, I am satisfied with the blood." And I can see Aaron opening his mouth to say something, and getting so filled with the shekinah that all he could say was, "Glory." If you will get your eyes on the Mercy Seat, you will be saying, "Glory." And before you know it you will be speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

When Aaron went into the Most Holy Place he did not have the full revelation of its dimensions, because God said He would dwell in thick darkness. In the outer court there was the natural sunlight; in the holy place there was the lampstand; but in the Most Holy Place all was thick darkness. But when the shekinah came Aaron could see what was the length and the breadth and the height of the Most Holy Place, and of the Ark of the Covenant, and of the Mercy Seat. The Holy Spirit's ministry is not merely to make us speak with tongues. A man said to me, "Must I speak in other tongues to be baptized?" I said, "It isn't the case that you must, it is just the case that you will." But that is not the end of the matter. The Holy Spirit has come to unveil the depth and the length and the breadth and the magnitude of

the love of God. Don't you feel like giving Him the glory? Hallelujah!

I have a feeling that Aaron would have liked to stay in the Most Holy Place. He looked forward to this annual retreat. All around him was wilderness—to the north, to the south, to the east, to the west. Probably he felt like the three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration who said, "Lord, it is good to be here; let us build three tabernacles." The only difference was, Aaron didn't have to build a tabernacle, for he already had one. But Aaron did not stay in the Most Holy Place. Around the tent of the congregation there was a nation gathered, bruised by the wilderness experiences, waiting for the news that the blood had been accepted. Aaron came out to tell them that God had accepted the sacrifice.

I have tried to point out something of the spiritual blessing that is in the person of Christ and the fulness of the Holy Spirit, but if we are content with a little bit of glory in our own souls we shall miss the full purpose of the Spirit. Around us today there are nations bruised by the tempter, broken by the fall; they are longing for the message that the Blood has been accepted and that the glory has come down. I believe we in the Assemblies of God have a contribution to make in Pentecostal doctrine, and in our idea of church government; but the greatest contribution we can make is in the presentation of the gospel of the Lamb of God who can take away the sin of the world.

*"Within the Veil," His fragrance pour'd upon thee,
Without the Veil, that fragrance shed abroad;*

*"Within the Veil," His hand shall tune the music
Which sounds on earth the praises of thy Lord.*

"There I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory" (Exodus 29:43).

MANY SAVED AND HEALED IN MEETINGS IN ENGLAND



God blessed the ministry of Norman Robinson, an Assemblies of God evangelist from Northern California, in recent meetings in various parts of England.

Many souls were saved. Spirit-filled Church of England vicars, Congregationalists, Baptists, and other denominational pastors co-operated with the pastors of the Assemblies of God of Great Britain and Ireland in these special services. Brother Robinson reported: "We thank God for working with us and confirming His Word with signs following."

Recently Brother Robinson ministered in British universities. God worked mightily at Cambridge as professors and students attended, and the full-gospel message was readily received. Souls

Evangelist and Mrs. Norman Robinson (left photo) attend Queen Elizabeth's Annual Garden Tea Party. In the other photo, Brother Robinson stands with a lady who was healed in the Tonbridge meeting.

were saved, and bodies were healed. A student says that 60 more were saved and many healed or filled with the Holy Spirit after the meetings had ended.

There were several healings in the Parkwell Assembly in Bristol. An insane man brought to the service was delivered and received Christ as his Saviour.

At the Assembly in Tonbridge, before the message was finished, a lady stood up and declared that God had healed her. She had had a pulverized hip held together by a steel pin. "She walked around

the church holding up her cane and praising God," Pastor J. A. Wills reported. Her hip joints received strength and she walked the six blocks home and then back for the next service—with no help but God's. Her doctor was amazed.

Recently Brother and Sister Robinson were invited by Queen Elizabeth to attend the annual Garden Tea Party. They were nominated for this honor by the United States ambassador.

WITH CHRIST

Miss Jessie Barber, who founded the missionary rest home at Mussoorie, India (known as Childers Lodge) over 50 years ago and operated it for many years, went to be with the Lord on October 3. She passed away in her native land of Australia, where she has lived since she left India in 1950. Like "Phebe our sister," whom Paul mentioned in Romans 16:1, Sister Barber was "a succourer of many." A great number of Christian workers received the fulness of the Holy Spirit through her ministry.





TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)

DAUGHTER HEALED OF EPILEPSY

OUR FAMILY IS REJOICING over the miracle God has wrought. A year and a half ago our eight-year-old Dorothy began having fainting spells which became progressively worse. The doctors had her admitted to the hospital where the brain-wave test indicated epilepsy.

The neurologist told us that Dorothy would probably have this the rest of her life and that she would be slower than other children. (Dorothy's school-work was poor, and she was just barely passing on below-average marks, so we were aware that what the neurologist told us was true.)



Six months after we got this report, our whole family was saved. Three of my children, my husband, and I all received the blessed Holy Spirit. *From that time on, we have encountered miracles of healing in our family.*

Dorothy has not had one seizure since she was baptized in the Holy Spirit. And her grades have begun to rise from D's and C's to B's and A's. I praise God for this miracle. I know her mind has been quickened and that she has been cured. Her teachers have mentioned the remarkable change in her.

Our whole family is rejoicing over this healing and know it is just the beginning of the things God can and will do if we put ourselves in His precious hands. —Mrs. William Schuch, Denver, Colo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Wallace Hickey, Full Gospel Chapel, Denver, Colo.)

BOY HEALED OF ENLARGED HEART

OUR SON JEFFREY IS 12 YEARS OLD now and perfectly healed of an enlarged heart. His healing was not instantaneous, but we thank God it was complete.

Jeffrey was our first child. My doctor examined him at birth, and he seemed to be in perfect health.

When he was six weeks old I took him for his first checkup. The doctor carefully examined him and said, "He has an indentation on his chest which I would like to have X rayed—just to be safe." I was startled but not greatly concerned.

That weekend I was packing our suitcases for a trip when the doctor called. He had read the X rays and said we should take Jeffrey to a well-known pediatrician. He also told us not to go on the trip we had planned. I realized for the first time that something was wrong. We asked our pastor to pray.

I took Jeffrey to the pediatrician as advised. She was

very matter-of-fact with us. "He has an enlarged heart," she said. "I'll put him on digitalis and an antibiotic. You'll have to be extra careful with him. He must not be allowed to cry for long; and try to keep him from catching colds."

My husband and I were stunned. Jeffrey seemed so healthy. But the doctor was reassuring, and we were confident our son would be all right.

Then when he was four months old, Jeffrey had an attack of croup. He breathed so heavily we could hear him in every room of the house. I called the doctor who had him admitted to the hospital at once. They put him in a steam tent and gave him medication, and also took another X ray. The doctor then said to us, "According to this X ray his heart is shadowing three-fourths of his lung area. His labored breathing accounts for part of that. I must warn you now, that the least little thing—measles, colds—could be fatal to your baby."

The people in our church prayed with renewed determination for his healing. One of the ladies in our congregation who worked at the hospital had seen Jeffrey's report. On it the doctor gave him three months to live. The doctor had not told us this; we did not learn of it for almost a year.

About three months later Jeffrey was again stricken with croup. My husband and I walked the floor, hardly knowing what to do. We called our pastor again. While our pastor was praying, Jeffrey fell into a quiet sleep. His pulse slowed and his breathing eased.

That was a turning point, and Jeffrey gradually grew stronger. I ceased giving him the strong heart medicine. For two years we took him for periodic X rays, and each one revealed an improvement until only a slight enlargement remained.

He is 12 now and not long ago became quite ill with a severe cold. All of our old fears and doubts returned. "Let's get another X ray," I said. "I'd like to know for sure that his heart is normal."

So after 10 years, we took Jeffrey back to the doctor. "Say, I remember you," she said to him. "Let me look at you." She smiled as she examined him. When she had finished, she said, "Jeff, you're in perfect condition. I looked at your X rays, and they show that your heart is perfectly normal."

As we walked out of her office, I thanked God over and over for doing such a thorough job on Jeffrey. Today he plays a trumpet in the orchestra at church, and my prayer is that he will never forget the miracle God has wrought in him.—Mrs. Norma Hawkins, Danville, Ill.

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THE MIRACLE OF NUMBER 33505

JUST 18 MONTHS AGO, a miracle took place in my prison cell.

For 41 years I had made a complete mess of my life. I had drifted completely away from the teachings of a Christian mom and dad and had turned my back on all those near and dear. I was a self-centered sinner, and my life was a round of liquor, dope, and every indulgence of this world.

Even though my mind was in complete turmoil, I managed to hold a very good job; but as I became more frustrated, I reached the end of my rope. I had no place and no one to turn to, and in desperation I attempted suicide. As a result I was committed to a state mental hospital. The only thing accomplished there was that my system was able to throw out some of the drugs and alcohol with which I had saturated myself.

Because of my sin I later found myself standing before a kind judge who had no choice but to send me to prison for two to fourteen years.

When I got settled in the routine of prison life, I had only one thought—to kill myself. Life for me had no meaning, no future; nothing but grief and remorse.

In March, 1964, I felt I had reached the “point of no return.” It was then God’s miracle occurred.

As lock-up time approached, I frantically searched for something to read for I would be locked in my cell for 16 hours. *In my frantic search, I found an Assemblies of God Bible course.** My first impulse was to toss it away; but, thanks be unto God, I kept it—not because I wanted to read it but because I couldn’t find anything else to read.


As I lay in my cell bed thumbing through the course, one verse seemed to leap out: “Man shall not live by bread alone.” As some of you know, the slang term for money is *bread*. All my life I had been concerned about obtaining *bread* by hook or by crook. As I read this verse over and over, I wondered if my whole outlook on life had been wrong. I put the book aside and thought of my Christian mom and dad who had never stopped praying for me.

Then another verse thrust itself into my mind, a verse I had learned as a child: “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).

With tears streaming down my face, I dropped on my knees in my cell and prayed the sinner’s prayer. At that very moment Christ became my personal Saviour. I felt that Jesus was there with me. Of course, I couldn’t see Him with my natural eyes, but I knew He was there. I felt I could reach out and touch Him and hear Him say, “You have come to me, and you shall not be cast out.”

I arose from that prayer a changed man. I knew I was through with sin—evil, unbelief, and the habits that had degraded my soul and body.

I am still imprisoned behind high gray walls, but my soul is free. Each day my Lord allows me to witness. I live happily and joyously for Him, praying that if it be His will I may be privileged to engage in full-time service for Him.

I know my beloved Saviour Jesus Christ is behind these walls with me. He is closer than the breath in my body, nearer than any dear friend. He walks and talks with me daily. Through my experience with Him my life has meaning, purpose, direction, and worthwhile goals. I am happy with Christ by my side. 



Inmate I.S.P. 33505 gives his testimony of salvation on television. He is a member of a well-known prison quartet which has presented special music in a number of Assemblies of God churches. Stewart Robinson, an Assemblies of God pastor, and J. P. Friend, chief steward of the Indiana State Prison, have been instrumental in helping this inmate grow in grace since his conversion.

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