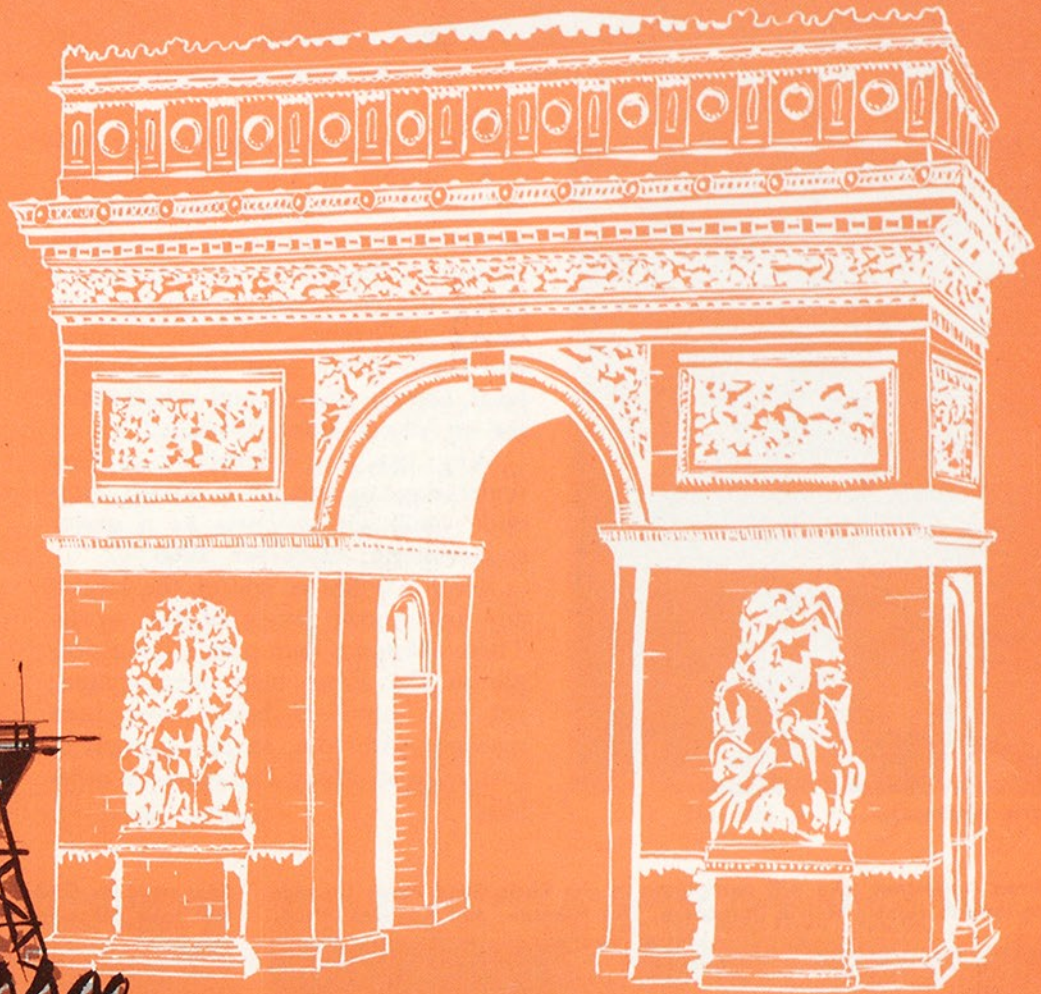


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EVANGELIST HAROLD HERMAN NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS HE BEGINS THIS MAJOR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EFFORT IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL



The Eiffel Tower, a well-known Paris landmark.

THE CITY OF PARIS has not been moved by a genuine, Pentecostal revival since the first Christian missionaries went to nearby Saint Denis in A.D. 240. However, we believe that story is about to change, for beginning October 22 Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost will unite with local French pastors and missionaries for an all-out Paris Crusade.

Why has the Assemblies of God undertaken to support a strong, city-wide campaign in Paris as a major soul-winning effort for 1966?

Because Paris is one of the largest and best-known cities of the world. There are more than nine million people in the Paris metropolitan area; yet vast numbers have never been reached with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Many Parisians are atheists!

Because there are more than three thousand spiritist groups in this historic city.

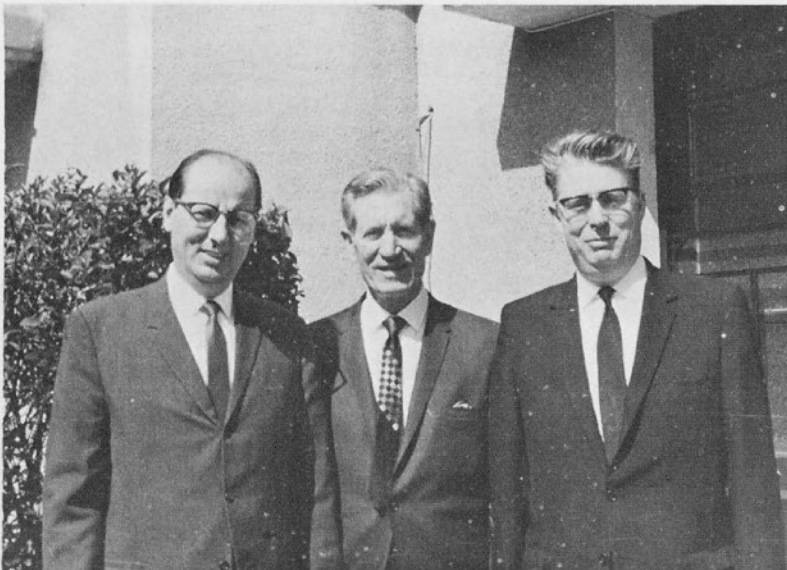
Because the city has many empty churches and empty cathedrals. Less than one-half of one percent of the city is Protestant.

Because France has 36,000 towns and villages without any kind of Protestant church.

Because in some areas even Roman Catholic interest is so low that few men ever become priests. There is only one priest for every 50,000 people in France. They are so overworked caring for weddings, funerals, and baptisms that they have little time for anything else.

Because the great nation of France is considered by some religious leaders to be—next to India—the most spiritually neglected land on earth.

Three Americans who will participate in the Paris Good News Crusade are (left to right): Melvin Jorgenson, Hal Herman, and Kenneth Ware.



Sponsored by Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost, the crusade will take place in this building right in downtown Paris.





Evangelist Herman and Missionary Ware meet with the cooperating French Assemblies of God pastors.

Evangelist Harold Herman, with the full support of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department, has accepted the invitation of Missionary Kenneth Ware and the Pentecostal pastors of Paris to join them in this first citywide crusade. All the French Assemblies of God pastors there will be working together to call Paris to Christ.

The Paris Crusade opens October 22 in a large auditorium just two blocks from the famed *Sorbonne University*.

You can share in this crusade. We need to provide the following:

...one million gospel tracts in French.

...half a million or more handbill invitations.

...thousands of color posters to put up on every street in Paris to call the

unsaved to hear the message of salvation.

...100,000 Gospels of John in French.

...thousands of Bible correspondence lessons on the Life of Christ for new converts and all others who ask for them.

Dedicated pastors and congregations of the French Assemblies of God will be working and giving sacrificially for the success of this campaign.

These hard-working believers will be distributing literature from house to house, putting up posters all over the city, and taking a very active part in the meetings themselves.

Will you please cooperate with the French Assemblies of God and our missionaries in France by making the Paris Crusade a matter of urgent, intercessory prayer?



The Arc de Triomphe

Though the seats of the auditorium are now empty, the believers in the French Assemblies of God expect them to be filled October 22.

Kenneth and Suzie Ware, our missionary representatives in Paris, are anticipating great results from the Good News Crusade.



Looking Upward

CAN YOU PICTURE the scene there must have been in the city of Haran when a 75-year-old man named Abram packed up all his earthly belongings and set out upon the journey to Canaan.

"Abram's an old fool," the neighbors probably said. "Any man who would deliberately leave a perfectly good home at his age, and set out for an unfriendly land so far away, ought to have his head examined."

"He's taking his family, too," another would say, "and he seems vague as to his destination."

"He says God told him to start, and God will guide him."

And so the tongues wagged on. The neighbors watched in dismay as Abram turned his back on the cities, vineyards, and well-watered plains. "Foolhardy," they said, and shook their heads.

But the old gentleman had faith. He believed God. He knew that if God asked him to leave Haran there must be something better beyond. So he turned his face toward Canaan, and into Canaan he came.

It all appeared to be such a gamble then—but today it's all quite different. That talk about becoming a great nation and being a universal blessing was not an empty dream after all. And that eternal city Abram was looking for wasn't a will-o'-the-wisp either. He looked for that "city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." He sought for that kingdom that shall never be removed.

One thing is sure: this old world is getting shaky. Sooner or later men's cities all crumble and decay. Haran crumbled. Babylon fell. Rome and Berlin met their doom. Moscow, New York, London may be next. Instead of trembling with fear or putting our faith in human might we need to believe God. We need to anchor our hope in that heavenly city. *Lord, give us that upward look.*

And then there was Elisha. He certainly seemed to be in a predicament. The enemy had come by night and surrounded the place. All his servant could see was "horses, and chariots, and a great host" on every side, threatening them, hemming them in.

"Alas, my master! how shall we do?" said the servant. He wrung his hands, and so do many today when trouble comes. Notice the prophet's firm reply: "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Greater is the Spirit of God who is in us, than the spirit of antichrist which is in the world.

Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes, that he may see." And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. What did he see? It says, "Behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." The heavenly army was all around him but the young man did not know this until God opened his eyes.

O Lord, open our eyes. Give us spiritual sight. Enable us to see the invisible Power that protects us. Help us to look upward.

God opened John's eyes and he saw the city of God. He grew so lonely out on the isle of Patmos, far from earth's cities; therefore the Lord gave him a vision of the heavenly city. He saw it coming down. Soon it will be here. Let's keep looking for it. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12). "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 21). God grant that today, and every day, we may have grace to maintain that upward look.

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SATAN'S POWER IS LIMITED. THEY WHO HAVE FAITH IN GOD NEED NOT LIVE IN FEAR OF SATAN.

LION ON A LEASH

By R. M. RIGGS



THE DEVIL GOES ABOUT as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He is frightening and dangerous. He is "fit to be tied"—and he is tied. He is on a leash. Sometimes it may seem to be a very long leash; nevertheless it is a strong leash—too strong for him to break. And the end of the leash is held securely in God's almighty hand.

John Bunyan's pilgrim was frightened at the roaring lions as they loomed ahead on his pathway. But the porter called to him not to be afraid, for the lions were chained. Our great Porter, the Holy Spirit, tells us not to be afraid, for the great lion, the devil, is also chained.

A Bible revelation and example of this comforting truth is in the experience of the patriarch Job. The Septuagint says Job was a grandson of Esau in the fifth generation from Abraham. The Bible indicates God was pleased with Job. He mentioned him to Satan one day, and Satan argued back: "Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face" (Job 1:9-11).

In reply, the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand" (Job 1:12). So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord and destroyed all that Job had, including his seven sons and three daughters. But Job stood the test. He said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

The Lord *does* have a hedge around all His children. He has given them the promise, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Only by God's specific permission may they be troubled. (The legion of demons that possessed the man of Gadara had to ask Christ's permission to go into the herd of swine.)

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Job did not know why God had allowed the devil to attack him so fiercely, but he was sure there must be some good reason. He said, "He knoweth the way that I take: and when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. . . . He performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him" (Job 23:10, 14). Job saw God in the trial. God was just using the devil, holding him tightly on the leash.

Does God ever use the devil like that in these days? Yes. We read in Ephesians 3:10 that the Church is permitted to pass through some tribulations to display the manifold wisdom of God unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places. God may allow us to be tested sometimes to display His wisdom and grace to evil spirits in high places; but God is faithful and will not allow us to be tested more severely than we are able to stand. God will give the devil just so much leash.

Peter said we might now, for a season, be "in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of [our] faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6, 7). The same gold that was tried in Job is now being tested in us by the same great Refiner. As Job said, "There are many such things with him."


On another occasion the Lord allowed the devil to discipline one of His children. It was the very one who told us about the trial of our faith; he ought to know. In the shadows of Gethsemane Jesus told Peter, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:31, 32). Peter himself had gold that needed trying, and again the Lord used the devil. Once more Satan had to ask permission. In giving that permission there was the great safeguard: "I have prayed for thee." Did Christ's prayer prevail? And was the ordeal worthwhile? See the rapid recovery Peter made and the wonderful display of "sifted wheat" which he produced afterward.

Satan is the god of this world. He rules over all "the children of disobedience" whether they realize it or

not. He is their father, and the lusts of their father they will do (John 8:44). His lusts are to lie and steal and destroy and kill. We need not be surprised that unregenerate people of all nationalities lust and kill and fight. This is the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience and that will continue to work until Satan and all his pack are pulled in by the Lord's long leash.

The Bible outlines God's program. First Satan was conquered on Calvary (John 12:31) and was put on God's long leash. Today he prowls about, sometimes silently, sometimes roaringly, always seeking whom he may devour. In the middle of the Great Tribulation there will be war in heaven. Michael and his angels will fight against the devil and his angels and will prevail over them. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, Satan . . . into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9). At the end of the Great Tribulation an angel will come down from heaven and lay hold upon Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit.

There is one more call for him. At the end of a thousand years God releases Satan to run around and perform his final service. God lets him go out to deceive the nations that are in the four quarters of the earth. It may appear that Satan is entirely free. He gathers the nations together to go up against the beloved city; but all the while God has him on a leash. Fire comes down from God out of heaven and destroys the wicked throng. Then the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire, where he is tormented day and night forever and ever. Thus ends the devil, leash and all.

Do not live in fear of the devil. Every time he comes around to make trouble, remember that God has him on a leash. Like the pilgrim called "Christian," you can advance fearlessly toward the very jaws of the lion and pass safely by toward the Celestial City where nothing evil can enter and the heart is at peace forever. 

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By MELVIN B. HANSON

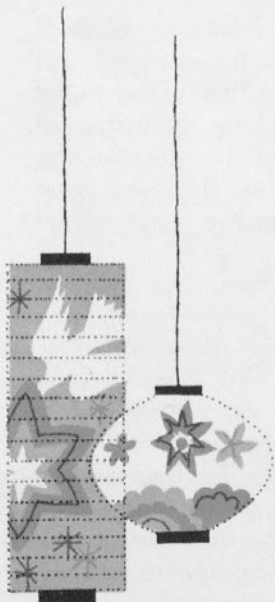
WONDERFUL AND BLESSED AS THE LORD intended the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit to be, they have been the subject of a considerable amount of controversy in Christian circles.

In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul lists nine "gifts of the Spirit." Then near the end of the chapter he submits another list of ministries and manifestations, concluding with the challenge, "But covet earnestly the best gifts." This is a strong statement, but Paul does not proceed to specify just which are "the best gifts."

Paul explicitly declares that "in the church" prophecy is far superior to tongues ("except he interpret") for the general edification of the congregation. But when it comes to *personal* edification, he would heartily recommend the exercise of tongues. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Corinthians 14:14). "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (1 Corinthians 14:18). Then may we not conclude that, for personal edification, tongues may well be the "best gift"?

Confronted with a pitiful case such as a hopeless paralytic, we will find that no amount of prophesying or exhortation will meet the need of the hour. Neither will the magnificent gifts of the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge. A gift of healing is necessary.

On the other hand, when some perplexing problem



AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Acts 2:17). In the early 1920's, when China was still open to the gospel, we witnessed a beautiful fulfillment of this scripture.

We were having special meetings in our chapel in Three Rivers District, Bundle of Reeds market town, South China. Dear Miss Louise Schultz came and brought her blind Bible woman, named Beautiful Soul, from White Mud market to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The trip had not been easy. They had traveled part way by rowboat and the rest through rice fields. It is some task to lead a blind person through narrow paddy fields!

Beautiful Soul was so hungry for the Baptism that she expected to receive the very first night in our meet-

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Your Daughters Shall Prophesy'

By BLANCHE APPLEBY

I WAS THERE

ONE OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

BEST GIFTS

• Pastor, Assembly of God, Sherburn, Minnesota

hangs in the balance, requiring a solution, it may not be the working of miracles that is needed but the gift of the word of wisdom. In these circumstances, this would be the greatest gift for the moment.

There is admittedly a lot of difference between a power saw and a screwdriver. But there are times when the screwdriver proves a much better tool than the saw. If one possesses a costly power tool, this is certainly no indication that he does not need the lesser tools, such as wrenches, hammers, and chisels!

It would appear that we need be in no dispute over which of the gifts may be "better" or "greater." Each gift has its specific use and place. It is my conviction that each gift in its own particular category of circumstances may indeed be the "best gift."

Some have tried to make quite a case for the relative unimportance of tongues and interpretation because Paul happened to list these last. But there is nothing to prove that he intended this to be a summary listing of all the gifts of the Spirit in the order of their importance, denoting the "best" or the "greatest."

Although Paul indicated the importance of the gift of prophecy in edifying the church, yet he listed it in sixth place, after the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, and the working of miracles (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).

After eulogizing the distinctive and positively superior virtues of *love* (a fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22), Paul concludes the 13th chapter by saying, "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity," and he adds, "The greatest of these is charity." There is no mistake about it here—the "greatest" is at the bottom of the list. So we cannot evaluate these things merely by the order of listing.

If, as some say, the gifts are relatively worthless in comparison with *love*, why does Paul return to a lengthy discussion of certain gifts in chapter 14? Far from concluding that he has now revealed something so superior as to make the gifts worthless, he opens the chapter with these words, "Follow after charity, and *desire spiritual gifts...*"

We take issue, too, with those who would simply equate prophecy with preaching. This is to take away from it a very considerable measure of the divine and supernatural. Prophecy is a "gift of the Holy Spirit," and not merely the natural gift of oratory!

The fact remains, however, that no matter how men may classify or evaluate the gifts of the Spirit, it is God, not man, who set these things in the Church. "And God hath set... in the church..." (1 Corinthians 12:28). What folly for men to repudiate what God in His infinite wisdom has deemed good and proper and beneficial.

It is our conclusion that God has given us His blessed Holy Spirit because He knows we need His abiding presence and His miraculous manifestations. He has given us the gifts of the Spirit because He knows we can be benefited by them, and each gift may fill a particular need in our lives and the lives of others.

Let us keep ourselves in such vital contact with the Holy Spirit that we may become, in His own way and time, instruments of service, channels of grace and power, to meet some particular need as it may arise about us. "Covet earnestly the *best gifts*" for each occasion!

ing. But as Brother Welch used to say, "When you begin to talk to God about power, He begins to talk to you about purity." That night while she was praying, the Holy Spirit convicted Beautiful Soul of a grudge she held against a former classmate. (She had studied in the Seeing Heart School for the Blind in Canton.)

"But look how she treated me, Lord," Beautiful Soul protested.

"But look how you treated *Me*," He answered, "and I forgave you. If you desire Me to baptize you in the Spirit, you must write and ask her to forgive you."

That night after the service she wrote the letter, in Braille of course, and mailed it the next day. Now there was nothing between her soul and the Saviour.

At the close of the second meeting, I lingered to greet some people before going up to the prayer room. When I entered the prayer room a little later, I heard a voice I did not recognize speaking in English. I moved directly behind the one speaking and found it was the Holy Spirit speaking through this blind Bible woman. She who knew only her native language was repeating

the word, "Worship!" again and again in such rapturous, clearly enunciated tones that we could only bow our heads and worship the Lord of glory. How the Holy Spirit was magnifying Jesus through human lips!

There followed other words in beautiful English, "Father!" "Daughter!" Then, "Fill her!" as she prayed for my Bible woman, who was also seeking the Baptism. Then the Spirit spoke through her in French and German, both languages understood by Miss Schultz.

The following day in a prayer meeting the Spirit again prophesied through her in Mandarin, which the Chinese pastor and evangelist understood. They told us the Spirit was warning of the coming Antichrist and of the Great Tribulation.

Beautiful Soul was a faithful worker for Jesus on the mainland of China. She escaped from Communist territory and lives on one of the islands near Hong Kong, still serving Jesus.

"He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion" (Psalm 111:4).

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID that the concept of sin and of the holiness of God has been lost in the church. In the Inner Chamber we have the place where we may learn again how to give God's holiness the position it should have in our faith and life.

If you do not know how to spend half an hour in prayer, take up the subject of God's holiness. Bow before Him. Give yourself time, and also give God time, that He and you may come into touch with one another.

If you wish to strengthen yourself in practicing this holy Presence, take up the holy Word. Take, for instance, the Book of Leviticus and notice how seven times God gave the command: "Ye shall be holy; for I am holy" (11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7, 26; 21:8; 22:32). Still more frequent is the expression: "I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

This great thought is taken over into the New Testament. Peter said: "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16). Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 4:7; 5:24: "That he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness. . . . God hath called us . . . unto holiness. . . . Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

Nothing but the knowledge of God, as the Holy One, will make us holy. And how are we to obtain that knowledge of God, save in the Inner Chamber? How can any man on earth obtain intimate knowledge of another man of remarkable wisdom if he does not associate with him and place himself under his influence? And how can God Himself sanctify us if we do not take time to be brought under the power of the glory of His holiness? It has been well said: "No man can expect to make progress in holiness who is not often and long alone with God."

And what is this holiness of God? It is the highest and most glorious and most all-embracing of all the attributes of God. *Holiness* is the most profound word

in the Bible. It is a word that is at home in heaven. Isaiah heard the seraphs with veiled faces cry out: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 4:8). This is the highest expression of God's glory in heaven, by beings who live in His immediate presence and bow low before Him. And dare we imagine that we, by thinking, reading, and hearing can understand or become partakers of the holiness of God? What folly! Oh that we might begin to thank God that we have a place in the Inner Chamber, a place where we can be alone with Him and take time for the prayer: "Let Thy holiness, O Lord, shine more and more into our hearts, that they may become holy."

And let our hearts be deeply ashamed of our prayerlessness, through which we have made it impossible for God to impart His holiness to us. Let us beseech God fervently to forgive us this sin, and to allure us by His heavenly grace, and to strengthen us to have fellowship with Him, the holy God.

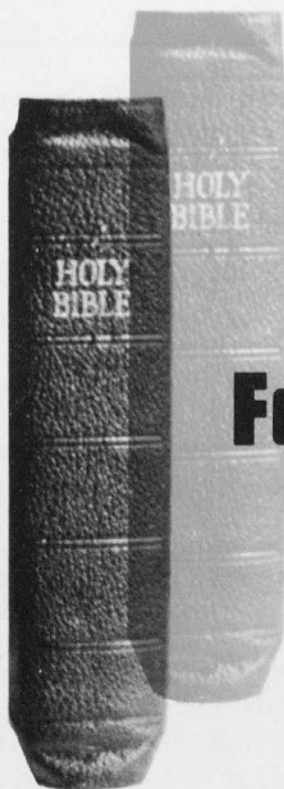
I have said that the meaning of the words, "the holiness of God," is not easily expressed. But we may begin by saying that they imply the unspeakable aversion and hatred with which God regards sin. If you wish to understand what that means, remember that He preferred to see His Son die, rather than let sin reign.

Think of the Son of God who gave up His life rather than act in the least matter against the will of the Father. Still further, He had such a hatred of sin that He preferred to die rather than let men be held in its power. Holiness is the fire of God that will consume sin in us and make us holy sacrifices, pure and acceptable before Him. For this reason the Spirit came down as fire. He is the Spirit of God's holiness, the Spirit of sanctification in us.

Think over the holiness of God and bow in lowliness before Him till your heart is filled with the assurance of what the Holy One will do for you. Take a week, if necessary, to read and reread the words of God on this great truth till your heart is brought under conviction: "This is the glory of the Inner Chamber, to converse with God the Holy One; to bow in deep humility and shame before Him, because we have so despised Him and His love through our prayerlessness."

Someone has said that the holiness of God is the expression of the unspeakable distance by which He in His righteousness is separated from us, and yet also of the unspeakable nearness in which He in His love longs to hold fellowship with us and dwell in us. Bow in humble reverence as you think of the immeasurable distance between you and God. Bow in childlike confidence in the unspeakable desire of His love to be united with you in the deepest intimacy; and reckon most confidently on Him to reveal something of His holiness to the soul which thirsts after Him, waits upon Him and is quiet before Him.

Notice how the two sides of the holiness of God are united in the Cross. So terrible was the aversion and anger of God against our sin that Christ was left in the thick darkness because God, when sin was laid upon His Son, had to hide His face from Him. And yet so deep was the love of God toward us (and He so desired



"HOLINESS" IS THE MOST PROFOUND WORD IN THE BIBLE. IT IS A WORD THAT IS AT HOME IN HEAVEN, WHERE THE SERAPHS WITH VEILED FACES CRY OUT, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD OF HOSTS."

Fellowship with a Holy God


By ANDREW MURRAY

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to be united to us) that He spared not His Son but gave Him over to unutterable sufferings that He might receive us, in union with Christ, into His holiness and press us to His heart as His beloved children. It was of this suffering that our Lord Jesus said: "I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:19). Thus He is become of God our sanctification, and we are holy in Him.

I beseech you, think not little of the grace you have received in that a holy God longs to make you holy. Think not little of the voice of God which calls you to give time to Him in the stillness of the Inner Chamber

so that He may cause His holiness to rest on you.

Let it be your business every day, in the secrecy of the Inner Chamber, to meet the holy God. You will be repaid for the trouble it may cost you. The reward will be sure and rich. You will learn to hate sin and to regard it as accursed and conquered. The new nature will give you a horror of sin. The living Jesus, the holy God, will, as Conqueror, be your power and strength; and you will begin to believe the great promise contained in 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly. . . . Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 

By the late MRS. CATHARINE BOOTH "Mother of The Salvation Army"

GOD HAS NOT CHANGED. Surely He is as anxious for the salvation of men as He ever was.

Human hearts have not changed; they are neither better nor worse; they are depraved, vile, devilish—just the same.

The gospel is exactly the same power it ever was. Rightly experienced, lived, and proclaimed, it is still the power of God unto salvation.

Then what is the matter? The truth is proclaimed; the people hear it; and yet they remain as they were. Where is the lack?

I unhesitatingly assert that the great want is power. This is how I account for the want of results—the want of the direct, pungent, enlightening, convicting, restoring, transforming power of the Holy Ghost; and I care not how gigantic the intellect of the agent, or how equipped from the school of human learning; it is not by might of any kind—might of intellect, or learning, or eloquence, or position, or influence—it is not by might, nor by power, man's power of any sort, but "by my Spirit," the Lord said. That is as true as it ever was.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). You say: "Can we have this power equally with the early disciples?" I say, reasoning by analogy, assuming that what God has done in the past He will continue to do in the future; is it not likely that He will give it to us, because we need it equally?

We poor things in our days, as they did in theirs, need it equally; first, because the character of the agents is the same. We are very much like them, and they were very much like us. Look what they were naturally, apart from this gift of power. The Holy Ghost has taken care to give us their true characters. They were men of like passions, weaknesses, tendencies, liability to fall—just such poor, frail, weak, easily-tripped-up creatures as ourselves—and, in many instances, unbelieving and disobedient, before Pentecost.

This Baptism will transform you as it did them. Will you come and let Him baptize you? Will you learn, once and forever, that it is not a question of human merit, strength, or deserving at all, but simply a question of submission, obedience, faith?

Then we need it because not only are the agents the same, but our work is essentially the same. If we need it equally, is it likely that God will withhold it? Why, the Book rightly read and understood is full of promise and exhortation to receive it. It is promised to all be-

Our Need Is POWER

lievers to the end of time. The conditions you know—simply putting away everything that hinders, casting aside every doubtful thing, trampling it in the dust; then a full, wholehearted surrender to Him, embracing the Cross, embracing His will at all costs and sacrifices, and then a determined march to the Upper Room at Jerusalem, and a determined abiding there until you receive it—these are the conditions. Anyone can have it on these terms.

Who can tell what God can do by any man or woman, however timid, however faint, if only fully given up to Him?

My brother, my sister, He holds you responsible. What are you going to do? Ask yourself. You believe you are going to stand before Him by and by when you shall receive according to the things you have done in your body. What will you say? The world is dying—souls are being damned at an awful rate every day. Men are running to destruction. Torrents of iniquity are rolling down our streets and through our world. God is almost tired of the cry of our sins and iniquities going up into His ears. What are you going to do? Will you set to work? Will you get this power? Will you put away everything that hinders? Will you have it at all costs?

Come out from among the ungodly. Testify against them. Reprove them. Entreat them with tears. But be determined to deliver your soul of their blood. God will give you the power, and He holds you responsible—you who have received the light. *Will you do it?*

—Elim Evangel

*"O, gracious Lord, on me Thy Spirit pouring
Fulfill Thy pledge, on me His gifts bestowing,
Honor Thy Word, with 'signs and wonders' following
That this deluded world Thy power may know.
Come, mighty Spirit, that all may see
Thy wonder-working power still manifest in me."*

—HERBERT BOOTH

The King's Call To Service

Sunday School Lesson for October 9, 1966

MATTHEW 20:1-16

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE APPARENT DIFFICULTIES in this parable disappear when it is interpreted in the light of the event which immediately preceded it. The rich young ruler had rejected the eternal treasures offered him because he thought too much of earthly treasure. Peter, who had taken all this in, then said, "We have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" It is evident that Peter's spirit here was too commercial, too selfish, and too calculating.

Christ assured Peter of reward for sacrifice. (See Matthew 19:28, 29.) He added a solemn warning, "But many that are first shall be last; and the last first" (v. 30). God's judgments of man's deeds will show amazing reversals of human estimates and opinions. Then Christ spoke this parable to illustrate this principle. Re-

wards in eternity will depend on spirit and motive as well as on quantity and time served. Consider:

Those who worked all day had no ground for complaint because they received exactly what they had bargained for. (Compare verses 2, 13.) Notice that the first-hour laborers agreed to work for a penny. They had worked on a legal, bargaining basis. Those hired at other times during the day left the matter of salary to the householder. They worked in a spirit of trustfulness and were rewarded accordingly.

The lesson is that we are rewarded according to our motives. Those who serve the Lord to be seen of men receive their full reward when that ambition is realized. Those who serve for love's sake also receive an appropriate reward—one that shall be enjoyed throughout eternity. (See 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 13:1-3; Matthew 6:1-6.) What a warning to Christian workers!

Those who were employed at the 11th hour would have worked all day if they had been given the opportunity. Their employer accepted the will for the deed and paid them accordingly. This does not mean that those who have served God faithfully for years shall receive no greater reward than those who have been converted late in life and also serve God faithfully. What it does mean is that we shall be rewarded according to our response to our opportunities. Here is encouragement for those who have been deprived of Christian home life and training, for those whose education has been limited, and for those who have had little Christian fellowship and little light or teaching from God's Word. God takes these things into consideration.

The complaining laborers revealed a wrong spirit.

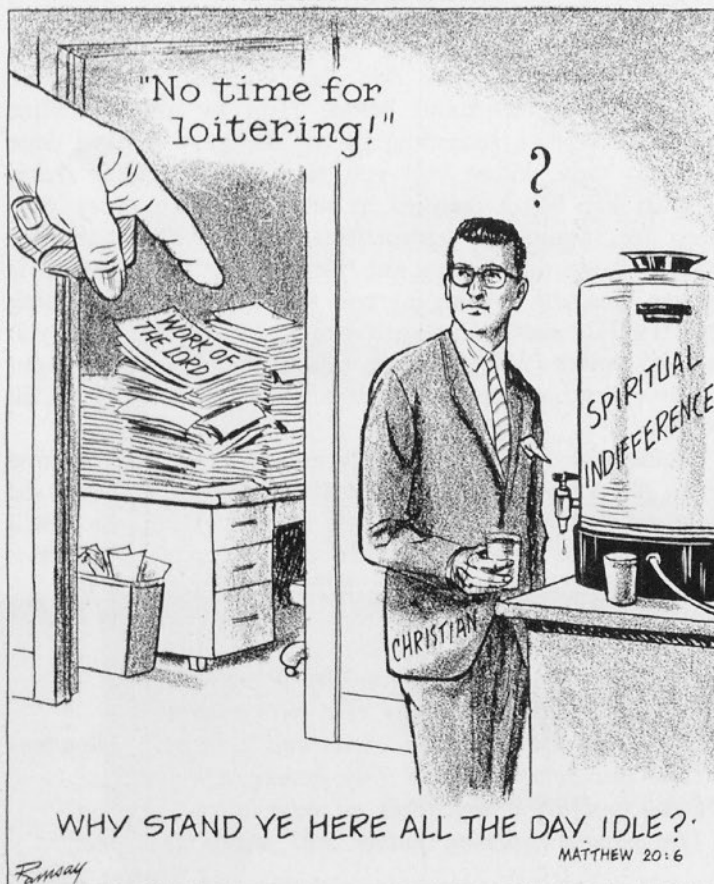
1. *They felt superior.* "When the first came, they supposed they should have received more" (v. 10). Here is a warning against looking down upon others or thinking ourselves more spiritual. This very attitude will stop our own spiritual growth and rob us of chances for reward. Just because we have been saved and baptized in the Spirit for years does not necessarily mean we shall have more reward than the zealous, humble convert of one year. (See Romans 12:3; Galatians 6:3.)

2. *They were envious* (vv. 11, 12). Though their pay was sufficient for their needs (the penny was a day's ordinary wage at that time), they envied their fellow laborers and begrudged them their reward. Notice Jesus said to them, "Is thine eye evil [envious], because I am good [generous]?" (v. 15). It seems strange that Christians, of all people, should be unhappy when their fellow Christians are blessed; yet such is sometimes the case.

The householder was under no obligation to explain to his employees. "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?" (v. 15). God is sovereign and just. He is not obligated to explain Himself to us. He condescends to call us and to use us in His service, but let us remember that He can get along without us.

The sheer appreciation of the glorious privilege that is ours of actually being collaborators with Christ should keep us from any bargaining spirit in Christian service. To contemplate reward is legitimate; the Scriptures mention the many rewards offered to us. But above everything else, let us serve our Lord in the spirit of a great Christian man who said, "My goal is God Himself!"

THE BOSS IS SPEAKING



WE NEED ANOTHER PENTECOST

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



WHEN A COIN IS LOST, its intrinsic value is not changed but its worth and usefulness are gone from us. I fear we have lost too much of that which God wishes us to have. When Jesus told His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait until they were endued with power from on high, they gave heed to what He said. We need to give heed too. They went into the Upper Room where they sought God until the Spirit came to them. If we expect God to meet our hearts, we, like the early disciples, must be deeply in earnest.

When Jesus told His disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high, the entire company continued with one accord in prayer and in supplication. They were all with one accord when the Day of Pentecost was fully come. Then there came a sound from heaven.

We are hearing sounds all over the world: sounds of hate, sounds of unrest, and sounds of preparations for war and destruction. But where is the sound from heaven? At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as a rushing, mighty wind, "and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Let no one deceive you into thinking that only the apostles received. They were *all* filled, the men and the women, the young and the old.

If you have a hungry heart, God will satisfy that hunger. Take your Bible and read; especially read the Book of Acts, chapters 2, 10, and 19, and carefully ponder the different records of how God filled people with the Spirit. They all spoke in divinely given languages at Pentecost, and at the home of Cornelius, and again at Ephesus. The Bible is our guide. You are safe as long as you follow its teachings and example.

A man had to cross a frozen river at night. Those who knew the river assured him it was safe, but he was afraid. When he started across, he began to crawl carefully on his hands and knees. Then he heard a noise. It was a man driving a yoke of oxen, pulling a sled full of pig iron, across the ice! Don't be afraid to trust the Bible.

It is the power of God we need and must have if we are to satisfy the heart of God. Recently a bishop in one of the leading denominations pleaded for the return to the emotionalism that once made his denomination successful. He said, "We're on the wrong track. We've got good news to tell and we should tell it with our heart as well as our head." He also said, "You can't take

God as a matter of course, and you can't treat Calvary as a mere incident."

When we become filled with the Spirit, thank God we feel something. God is near; Christ is real; love for our fellowman reaches out; spiritual vision is clear; and faith is inspired.

When the Spirit fell upon Peter, it changed him from a nervous, unpredictable character into a stalwart warrior. When the Spirit came upon Saul of Tarsus, it changed him from an enemy of Christ into a vigorous preacher of the gospel. Whenever the Spirit has filled the Church, He has brought revival. Intellectual Christianity must be Christ-centered, inspired by the Spirit of God.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. I plead with you to seek God until He sends a baptism in the Holy Ghost that will stir your heart and make others hungry to know the living God. Can you not see that this world is hastening to ruin? It is either revival or chaos, and the only way to revival is for God to work through a people who are filled with the Spirit.

Will you not enter into covenant with God to be one who will earnestly pray until God pours out His Spirit in power? The Spirit in the Early Church entirely changed the course of events. He can change the condition of the world in which we live—if only we will receive Him in His fullness.

Hear of the Bible



GREAT CHAPTERS DAILY READING PROGRAM

GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2-9

Sunday	1 Corinthians 14
Monday	1 Corinthians 15
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 1
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 2
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3
Friday	2 Corinthians 4
Saturday	2 Corinthians 5
Sunday	2 Corinthians 6

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:52).

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Evangelical Relief Work Continuing in Vietnam

American missionary personnel, evacuated during the explosive antigovernment rioting in Hue, Vietnam, have returned to the WRC Christian Lay Leadership Training Center in Hue. The WRC (World Relief Commission) is an agency of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Routine operations were disrupted during the unrest, but Vietnamese national Christians competently carried on the Center's ministry.

None of the Center's property was damaged during rioting, although the nearby American consulate buildings were sacked and burned.

World Relief Commission workers unloaded 180 tons of food during the height of the fighting in Da Nang. Over 20,000 pounds of food were taken into the mountains of Khe-Sanh on the North Vietnam-Laotian border where 12,000 Bru tribesmen face critical food shortages.

The governor of Thua Thien province has donated free use of a house and warehouse large enough to accommodate all WRC Vietnam food supplies. At least 1,500,000 pounds of food will be distributed in the economically deficient areas of Central Vietnam during 1966-67.

Sermons from Science at "Expo '67"

One of the most unusual exhibits at Expo '67, the Montreal (Canada) World's Fair, will be the Sermons from Science Pavilion. In live demonstrations and motion pictures many of the unpublicized facts and phenomena of nature may be seen.

The highlight of the live demonstrations comes when a million volts of electricity shoot through a human body setting aflame a board held by the "victim" who walks away unharmed.

Sermons from Science was one of the most popular exhibits at both the Seattle World's Fair and the New York World's Fair, receiving favorable mention by *Time* and other leading magazines.

Church Attendance Increases in U.S.

Although belief in God has declined slightly in the past 14 years (see "This Present World," July 3, 1966), church attendance in the U.S. is up.

A recent survey sponsored by *Catholic Digest* shows 13 percent of Roman Catholics do not go to a house of worship, neither do 33 percent of Protestants, nor 39 percent of Jews.

But a Gallup Poll in 1952 showed a nonattendance record of 18 percent for Roman Catholic, 32 percent for Protestants, and 56 percent for Jews.

Church attendance varies by income and occupation. The survey revealed that 43 percent of professional and white-collar workers attend church weekly as compared to 33 percent of farmers and service workers.

A larger percentage of people from metropolitan areas attend church than those in cities under 100,000 or rural residents. Attendance is highest in New England and Mid-Atlantic states, and lowest on the West Coast.

Students Proclaim "God Is Not Dead"

Two hundred international students sponsored by Chinese for Christ, Inc., demonstrated in a "God is not dead" march through downtown Los Angeles, Calif., recently. The students, representing many nations, afterward gathered on the lawn of Hollywood High School for a rally and many testified of their faith in Christ.

They also sent a telegram affirming their faith in God's existence to Dr. Thomas J. J. Altizer of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., one of the "God is dead" theologians.



A/G Chaplains Assist Vietnamese People

The eight Assemblies of God chaplains in Vietnam minister not only to U.S. servicemen but to the Vietnamese people as well.

Air Force Chaplain Maj. Orville L. McCormack is an example of this. He is involved in missionary and relief work besides ministering to servicemen at Pleiku Air Base.

A 20-by-48-foot warehouse for a local mission's relief work was just completed by his unit. Chaplain McCormack's unit also has worked extensively with the Vietnamese Christian Service Evangelical Clinic in Pleiku. The chaplain stated this "will indeed be the means of reaching many people with the gospel."

Chaplain Orville L. McCormack distributes soap to the villagers of Plei Plok. Soap and other items received from the States are constantly being distributed to Vietnamese villages.

Bandits Kill LAM Missionary

Earnest Fowler, veteran missionary of the Latin America Mission, was shot and killed August 3 by a gang of bandits masquerading as policemen. Mr. Fowler and his family were ministering among the Motilon Indians in the mountains of Colombia bordering Venezuela.

Seven heavily armed bandits intercepted the missionary on the trail after looting his home and locking the family in one of the rooms.

The Motilon Indians, once considered savage, were friendly to the Fowlers. The killing was an act of banditry and slaughter common in some remote areas of the country. Victims of bandit killings over the past few years have been estimated in the hundreds of thousands.

"Bible Land" Planned for Israel

Holon, a Tel Aviv (Israel) suburb, has been selected by a group of U. S. investors as the site of a projected 50-acre "Bible Land." The project will include an entertainment area and park depicting Biblical scenes. Total cost is estimated at \$7 million. Officials said it will be the largest such recreation area in Israel.

Soldiers for Spiritual Warfare

Servicemen must engage in a spiritual warfare as well as a military and political one. Many of them are responding to the call of our Assemblies of God chaplains to make a stand for the Lord.

Navy Chaplain Harold L. Christmann, serving with Marine Aircraft Group 13 in Japan, recently conducted a baptismal service for two men who wanted to make a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Joji Hasebe is a Japanese employee at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan. He was saved three years ago and after studying the Bible with Chaplain Christmann saw his need to be baptized in water.

John Lindley allowed his Christian commitment to lapse when he entered the Marine Corps but has since renewed his commitment to Christ and was baptized by the chaplain.

Navy Chaplain Harold L. Christmann, center, baptizes two brothers in Christ. Joji Hasebe and Marine John Lindley recently expressed their desire to Chaplain Christmann to be baptized in water.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

You were asked, "If Satan knows he is defeated, why does he fight on?" You answered that he may still feel he can win. I do not agree with you. I believe Satan is an intelligent being and he knows the Bible has foretold his fate. God is not a liar; the devil knows he is doomed.

I think we all agree that Satan knows his doom, but this does not mean he would not resist suffering his doom. He is not going to give up without a fight. He will try to thwart the purpose of God.

Satan knew Jesus was the Son of God, but this did not keep him from trying to lead Jesus to turn from the will of God to worship him. He knows Christ died to save sinners, but he never tires of trying to keep people from salvation.

Please give us the meaning of Matthew 11:12: "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

Some have thought Jesus had in mind the sufferings that believers would have to endure following His death, as seen in the record of the persecutions of Christians.

My belief is that Jesus was emphasizing that those who seek the kingdom of heaven must put their whole lives into their faith and seeking. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers" (Ephesians 6:12). Luke puts it this way: "Since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16). Similar meaning is found in Luke 13:24: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

To be a faithful follower of the Lord requires determination on our part. We must continue to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Is it wrong to have pictures of Jesus hanging in a home as a person might have other pictures, as long as one does not worship them?

I would leave this to individual conscience. Some, especially those who have been saved from the worship of images and pictures, believe it a violation of the commandment, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath" (Exodus 20:4).

Most Protestants, never having worshiped idols, see no harm in having such pictures since they are not tempted to "bow down thyself to them, nor serve them" (v. 5).

Let us do nothing that will offend the conscience of our brethren; and, let those who believe it wrong for them to have pictures of Jesus, not oppose those who feel free to have such.

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.

REVIVALTIME REACHES
TOWARD INDIA WITH

Streams of Life



By E. S. CALDWELL

PEOPLE ARE INDIA'S TRADEMARK—and tragedy. The nation's 475 million faces look questioningly toward the future.

A farmer trudges behind an ox-drawn wooden plow while a jet plane screams overhead. The proud owner of an automobile manufactured in one of India's new factories must wait in frustration because a sacred cow is blocking a dusty village road. Everywhere the old and the new are in conflicting contrast.

Multitudes choke the sidewalks of Calcutta—university professors and unlettered peddlers; tough Sikh soldiers and peace-loving Jain monks; those in the latest London fashions and those in traditional garb. In that city alone there are 6,500,000 people, some so poor they must sleep in the streets, while others live in air-conditioned comfort.

It is a land of many faces and many tongues. More than 800 languages and dialects can be heard in India, ranging from the Hindi of millions to dialects used only by the members of an obscure village. Ten languages are currently being taught in the elementary schools of cities like Bombay. One of these is English, which during the many years of British occupation became India's official language. *Revivaltime* reaches toward the English-speaking segment of this vast nation on four separate

shortwave releases each week. Missionaries cannot freely enter India, but gospel radio can.

Letters of appreciation reach *Revivaltime* from such places in India as Mahableshevar, Tenali, Aruvankadu, and Similaguri. Recently Missionary Rebecca Bibbee, who serves with the Wesleyan Methodist Mission at Gujarat, responded to Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward's sermon "Welcome," in which Brother Ward said:

"Are we not in danger of mistaking our product? *Our product is people.* God cares about people. How has our attention become centered on buildings, financial statements, material assets, real estate, and lists of chattels? *Let us get back to people!*"

Sister Bibbee wrote:

"This is a letter which should have been written long, long ago. Please may I express my appreciation to you all for the great blessing your program *Revivaltime* has brought to me for several years here in India. Especially this past year, as I have been stationed alone and sometimes for months have no opportunity for fellowship with any in my own mother tongue. How I've looked forward each week to your program which I have been able to get very clearly through FEBC in Manila.

"I would like to request a copy of the message of a couple of weeks ago entitled 'Welcome.' During my furlough my heart was greatly distressed by the felt, if not expressed, attitude of so many of God's people that they wished to build up the church with 'decent' people.

"When this was expressed to me by pastors, I could not refrain from asking who is more decent than a dyed-in-the-wool sinner saved by grace. May God give a gracious outpouring of His Spirit upon the churches which will bring a love for down-and-out sinners.

"I would love to have your message 'Welcome' in print to share with my Indian brethren. Here we have the caste distinction which is such a battle."

Not only Christians in India hear Brother Ward's message, but also Hindus, Muslims, Zoroastrians, Buddhists, and Jews. They heard the radio evangelist say:

"Let me read God's command to us again: 'But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.'

"Try it sometime! It is difficult enough to love thy neighbor as thyself. How much more then is it difficult to love the stranger as thyself? *But that is where salvation begins.*"

Then Brother Ward told his listeners in India—and all over the world—how Jesus crossed over the caste lines of His day to reach a village in Samaria—among a people at enmity with the Jews.

"*There is nothing without compassion, mister; nothing.* First, you have to believe that men and women are worth saving," said Brother Ward.

Revivaltime is helping tell the multitudes of India that God places great value on the individual. In a nation which recently constructed the gigantic Nagarjuna Sagar Dam by hand labor—because people are cheaper to use than heavy machinery—men need to know the value God places on a soul.

While vast irrigation projects are constructed to bring water to millions of thirsty acres, what is being done to slack the spiritual thirst of India's millions?

Revivaltime sends four streams of life each week across that mammoth country. So much more needs to be done!

FREE FROM SUFFERING AFTER 38 YEARS

FOR 38 YEARS I had been bothered with severe pain around the ribs over my heart. I could not turn my body to the left because it seemed to cause pressure against my heart. It would hurt badly and almost take my breath away.



This gave me a lot of trouble. I could not back up my truck without a lot of pain when I would turn my body to see where I was going.

Another problem I had all my life: I was never able to raise my voice to a shout, and I am 69 years old.

Last June, Evangelist William Caldwell came to Tampa for revival meetings in Glad Tidings Assembly, where P. D. Creel is the pastor.

I went up for prayer when Brother Caldwell began to pray for the sick. He put his hands on me, prayed the prayer of faith, and I was instantly healed. Now I can shout as loudly as anybody and I can back my truck around without pain. I can turn my body in either direction.

Also for eight years I had a lump on my right side about three or four inches across, with apparent symptoms of cancer. After I was prayed for the devil fought me for three days, but now the lump is all gone. I praise God for His healing power.—Albin E. Karppe, Plant City, Florida.

(Endorsed by Pastor P. D. Creel, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Tampa, Florida, who says: "I had been out with Brother Karppe in his truck before his healing, and I had to back the truck around for him, because of this trouble which he had.")

HEALED OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND ULCERS

IN JULY 1965 I gave my heart to Jesus during a tent revival. That night I was delivered not only from sin but also from a nervous condition and from the need of tranquilizers.

I desired to serve God with all my heart and I began to ask Him to lead me to a church where I could worship Him freely. He led me to a small Assembly of God church. I felt His nearness here for the first time, and I knew this was where I would find my heart's desire.

The Lord showed me while reading His Word that He would heal me of ulcers. One night after hearing a message on faith, I went to the altar and asked God to heal me. While I was praying, I felt God's touch and knew I was healed.

A few weeks later the pastor prayed for my blood pressure to go down. Instantly I felt the touch of the Lord and my blood pressure returned to normal.

I thought the Lord had done all He could for me but soon He gloriously filled me with the blessed Holy Spirit. I dedicated my life to the service of the Lord and He opened doors of opportunity for me. I was asked to teach a class of junior girls and later became

the leader of the Missionettes. I find this to be a wonderful way to serve my Saviour.

I can't praise the Lord enough for His love and mercy to me. Because of Him I am enjoying good health and abundant life. I thank God for His never-changing Son, Jesus Christ, and His power to save us, heal us, and fill our lives with His Holy Spirit.—Shirley Jean Pilcher, Nevada, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. H. Watkins, Nevada, Mo.)

HEALED OF NERVOUS CONDITION

I SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN but God healed me in answer to prayer.

It happened last year. In May 1965 I took sick and had to be hospitalized for a month, and then spent a week in a rest home. After coming home I was still sick. I had had a complete nervous breakdown and had lost much weight.

Many friends and loved ones prayed for me. Among them were Pastor and Mrs. Floyd Woodworth, Sr., of Emmanuel Assembly in Arcadia. They ministered to me many times and assured me I would be all right.

At that time I seemed to lack the faith I needed for healing. But in September 1965 the Lord did touch me and He brought me back to complete health again. Since that time I have moved to Bakersfield and have gained back much of the weight I lost. Praise His dear Name! —Mrs. A. L. Pryor, Bakersfield, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. Beckett, Fairfax Assembly, Bakersfield, Calif.)

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

By D. TREHARNE

SOMEONE ASKS, "What must I do to be saved?" And someone replies: "Nothing; Christ has done it all for you."

But is that really true? Let us put it to the test of God's Word.

In Acts 16:30 we find a jailer asking this same question. What did Paul answer? "Believe!" He didn't tell the jailer to do nothing!

In Acts 2:37, the Jews, pricked in their hearts, inquired of the apostles, "Men and brethren, What shall we do?" Did Peter answer, "Nothing"? No, his reply was, "Repent, and be baptized."

Let us put the problem to the test of practical experience. Many anxious seekers come to their pastors. The burden of what they all want to know is, "What must we do to be saved?" They ask this because they have been roused from a state of indifference.

Shall we tell such people that the way to be saved is by doing nothing? Wouldn't many declare that this was just what they had been doing all their lives? And of course they haven't found salvation by such a negative process as this.

Take my own case. Up to the age of 26, I was not doing anything to secure for myself the salvation of God. I knew that a Saviour and a salvation were available; but I did nothing to comply with the terms. By doing nothing I remained unsaved. I was lost.

Suppose I am in my house in St. Louis. I want to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma. I understand that the Frisco Railway makes that run. They will take me all the way. But *first* I must *go* to the station, must *board* the train, must *trust* myself inside the particular coach which they guarantee will take me.

We are right when we insist that all who wish to be saved must *come* to Jesus Christ. He said, "Come unto

me... and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Of some He said, "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40). To come to Him as Saviour, to submit to Him as Lord, are definite *acts* of the will.

It may yet be contended there is nothing to do—only to come to Jesus; only to trust Him; only to receive Him; only to obey His call. Indeed, yes! But are these *nothing*? For a proud man who has found his need of salvation, is it *nothing* to come to a world-rejected Saviour, acknowledging his own worthlessness and his lost condition?

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Does this scripture agree that in order to be saved you need do nothing? For a man thus to confess Christ often means taking the gravest step of his life. Under some conditions it may cost him everything.

There is no salvation without submission and obedience. Christ is the Author of eternal salvation *unto all them that obey him* (Hebrews 5:9). He is the Way to the Father, and there is no other (John 14:6). I have nothing to do in *providing* the way, but I have something definite to do to *avail* myself of it.

In this world of sin, our need of a Saviour endures throughout life. To be continually safe, we must keep coming to God by Jesus Christ. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost [or end] that come unto God by him" (Hebrews 7:25). Note, it is not those that *once* came, but "them... that *come*."

Let none fear that I am letting go the completeness, the perfection, the sufficiency of the atonement of Christ, His advocacy and intercession. These I hold dear, but I make no apology for earnestly contending that God has laid down distinct conditions of salvation: conditions such as coming to Christ, receiving Him, confessing, obeying, trusting Him.

Someone may suggest, "We know it may cost a man a great deal to live the Christian life, but may we not correctly say that it costs a man nothing to become a Christian at the start?" I contend that this is not open dealing. When a man turns to God, it is only right that he face the cost—not only of the start, but of the whole journey. The Bible says that everyone who repents of his sins and comes to Christ has entered on a fight.

I am impressed with the difference between the way Christ puts the facts before us and the way the popular preacher puts them. Yet He invited all to come. Meditate on Luke 9:23; 14:26, 27, 33.

Will you come to Christ? Do you desire to be the man God originally intended you to be? Good. But if you are seeking an inactive, easy-chair, nothing-to-do salvation, I am not writing to direct you.

If you, created in the image of God, want to aim for a goal worthy of your existence, let me introduce you to the Captain of your salvation, Jesus Christ. He will make a man of you. You will be happy to be with Him, even in the thickest fight—more happy than to be in the most coveted position in the world without Him.

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