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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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LET US PRAY

Prayer is a high privilege, an essential spiritual exercise, and a ministry available to all.

Recognizing there is no substitute for united intercessory prayer, the executive officers of the

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designate January 1-8, 1967, as a special week of prayer in all the churches of our fellowships. We pledge to lead the way in renewed personal dedication and intercession for the work of God throughout the world.

LET US PRAY BECAUSE . . .

Prayer revives and unites God's people.
Prayer opens doors closed to the gospel.
Prayer provides means and men to advance God's kingdom.
Prayer draws the lost to God.

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

Our national leaders—"I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2).

Our pastors and all spiritual leaders—"Pray for us, that, the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified" (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Our Pentecostal youth—"That [they] may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:17).

The extension of the gospel at home and abroad—"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

As we give ourselves to prayer during this first week of the new year, we may confidently expect God to meet us; for He has said, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

**WEEK OF
PRAYER
JAN. 1-8**

Moses Kulola, an Assemblies of God evangelist of Tanzania, East Africa, has been greatly used of God to bring revival to his country. Many people are being saved, others healed, and large numbers filled with the Holy Spirit. Here is his personal testimony:

I AM MOSES KULOLA. I am of the Msukuma tribe of the Mwanza area of Tanzania, and my language is Kiswahili.

When I was a boy, I attended an interdenominational mission school. I loved my salvation then and I worked for God. The missionaries taught me how to draw. Soon I was doing all the drawing for our Sunday school literature. I loved to pray for long times alone.

Then my spirit began to return

Moses Kulola TANZANIAN EVANGELIST

As told to JIMMY L. BEGGS
Tanzania, East Africa



backwards. I quit my work in the church and got a job herding sheep and cattle. I began to do the things of the world until I had sinned very greatly in the sight of God.

But on the night of August 8, 1952, when I was sleeping soundly, suddenly it seemed to me that the whole country began to rumble and shake. The graves began to open up. I was astonished to see the mountains begin to fall and the Sea of Mwanza begin to run. Then I saw heaven opened up and one dressed in white robes came down in the clouds. He had His right hand raised and in His left hand He held a long staff. A great fear came over me. I began to repent, but He refused to hear my confession.

I saw a huge rock come rolling

down at me. I fell on the ground hoping this rock might fall on me that I die, but it did not strike me. Just then people began to go up; it seemed like millions of them were ascending at the same time. I climbed a coconut tree like a monkey, hoping to catch the feet of one as he went up, but it was too late.

Then I heard the voice of the One with the staff say to me, "Moses, if you do not repent today, you will be judged!" He showed me people crying and wailing in what appeared to be a fire of gasoline; but the people were not burned up and did not die. I awoke trembling and very much afraid. That very minute I repented of my sins.

In 1958 I was given back my job of doing artwork for the church, and that year I also entered a school for

pastors. In 1959 I was placed in the Makongoro church as assistant pastor, and was placed over four churches as director of Sunday school. That same year I was elected chairman for the committee to start new churches.

One day in 1960 while I was alone praying, I heard the voice of God saying to me, "Moses, I need you to serve Me." That very week I stood in my church and told of my experience.

In 1961 a young man came into my office giving out tracts. His name was Mwosi Cornelius Fortunatus. He and another young man named William Magilali were from the Assemblies of God Bible school in Arusha. They were going about passing out literature and preaching the gospel.

A few days later I went to the



People wait their turn to receive a healing touch from God.

market. As I came near, I heard someone preaching with such power that afterward I could not forget him. William also was in the market, and God told me to give him some money. I said, "Here is some money God has sent you." Immediately he began to cry. He had been praying for two days and had no food.

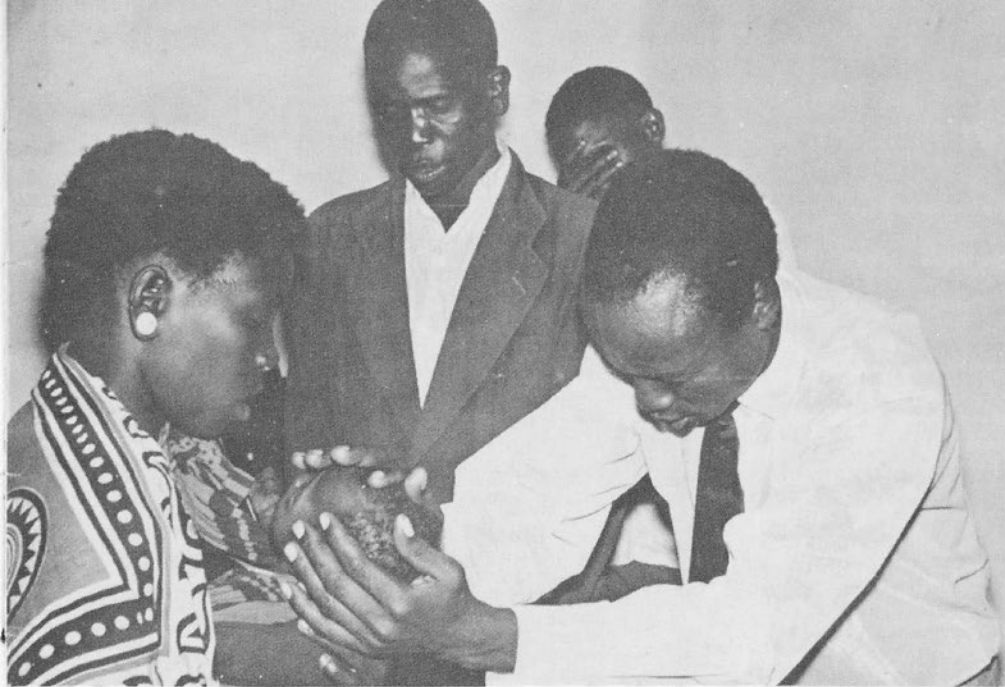
Now for five years I had not been well. About this time I became so ill I was near death. My wife went to tell William about my sickness, and he came and laid his hand on me and prayed. Three times he prayed, and the last time God healed me completely.

William talked to me about the Holy Spirit and the great power that comes from God. My heart became hungry for this experience, and for many days I fasted and prayed. On November 26, 1963, I prayed, "Oh, God, today if You do not fill me, I will stay here kneeling until You do. I know I am not worthy or able to do Your service without the Holy Spirit." At that very moment the power of God fell on me. It seemed as if my soul was being bathed in a sea of grace. My tongue became heavy so that I could no longer speak Kiswahili. God was filling me with His Spirit.

That week I went to one of my churches to preach, and the power of God came upon me. Twenty people came forward for salvation. The Christians were very astonished at my changed manner of preaching. Some said I had gone crazy for fellowshiping with those boys from the Assemblies of God.

The next Sunday I went to Ngudu where there were about 200 people in the church. Some 60 came forward to be saved. The following Sunday at

This typical Dodomo bush church, 5½ feet high, presents problems for a 6-foot preacher.



Moses Kulola has been greatly used of God in praying for the sick.

our church in Kijama, a larger church with about 450 people, over 100 were saved.

Some said that I was preaching in the power of Satan, others that I was a prophet, and others that I had gone crazy. It did not take the church leaders long to meet and discuss the matter. I was called before the executives for a hearing and was told that I could never preach in one of their churches again.

God only knows the sorrow of my heart. I had helped build their churches and teach their people. I wrote asking for another hearing, but they told me the same as before and sent out 800 letters telling the churches not to accept me or my preaching.

For six months I was so heart-broken that I did not go to church; but then Pastor William of the Assemblies of God came to visit me. I started going to the Assemblies of God church and on weekends I would go from village to village preaching the gospel.

God had given me a good job in

the government as works inspector. Soon after I joined the Assemblies of God, I learned that I had been recommended to go to Israel to study. This was an opportunity that only a few had received. But God came to me again. I told Him I would serve Him after I returned; but the words of God came to me: "Do not be like Jonah." I surrendered to the will of God and told Him once again that I would serve Him.

The next day I wrote out my letter of resignation and gave it to my superior. He did not want to accept it, but I told him I would not change my mind. So on December 19, 1964, I quit my government job and started to preach and work for God full time.

In January 1965 I entered the Assemblies of God Bible school. Between terms God has opened doors of ministry to me. In a wonderful way He has blessed my ministry in Mwanza, Tabora, Dodoma, Arusha, and other places. Many have been saved and healed as I conducted these meetings.

WHAT GOD DID AT DODOMA

Moses was invited to the Dodoma area to have a series of meetings, and with the help of all the Dodoma workers we labored to make these meetings a success. We printed announcements and distributed them in the area, and later we went from house-to-house inviting people. A team of altar workers was formed to instruct the ones coming for salvation.

God mightily anointed the ministry of Moses Kulola. At each service many testified of healing. One man was carried to the meetings and was helped to stand in the prayer line. God healed him, and the next week he walked 25 miles to be in the meetings at the next church. An old man who had been blind over half his life leaped with joy and shouted, "I can see! I am healed!" A Muslim woman came with her deaf daughter; the girl began to hear immediately after prayer and by that evening she was learning to talk. These are but a few of the many healings that we saw in Dodoma.

At every meeting the front of the church was crowded with people seeking salvation. The little churches just were not big enough for the crowds that attended. As many as 200 people would try to pack into our little 12-by 40-foot churches.

One of the most glorious services that we witnessed was on a Sunday morning. We were at a little "bush" church called Swaswa. After Moses had preached on the baptism in the Holy Spirit for about 15 minutes, the Spirit of God came down upon us. Some eight or ten were baptized with the Holy Spirit at once; and as the people continued to worship and praise God, others also were filled.

As a result of these meetings, our churches in Tanzania have been blessed and their numbers increased; the pastors have a new zeal and vision for the Lord's work, and many who had never witnessed such heavenly power before have seen the mighty acts of God.



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Last Year's Calendar

THE TIME HAS COME to hang the 1967 calendars and dispose of the old ones. What good is last year's calendar?

Not much good, as far as those 365 numerals are concerned. If we keep it around it will only lead to confusion. Use of the wrong calendar could work havoc in our weekly schedule!

But perhaps the old calendar has a picture that's too beautiful to destroy. We can save the picture and discard the rest.

That is what some of our dear friends are doing with their memories of the past year. It really was a bad year for their family. Prolonged sickness caused heartache, unemployment, and serious problems but the Lord has brought them out into a happier situation now and they are "forgetting those things that are behind." The Christmas cards they sent out were as cheery as any we saw. The message on their cards was one of gratitude to God for blessings enjoyed in 1966.

Nothing is gained by grieving over losses. Time is too precious. Francis Bacon said, "That which is past and gone is irrevocable; wise men have enough to do with things present and to come."

While saving the pretty parts of last year's calendar, let's also save the beautiful memories, discard the rest, and thank God for the new year. It's filled with opportunities. The 1967 calendar has just as many days as last year's and it has an extra Sunday! The Lord proved His faithfulness in so many ways during 1966. Let's believe His promise that He will not take His loving-kindness from us in the new year, nor suffer His faithfulness to fail, but trust Him to make it a "plus" year with some *extra* blessings.

Some of last year's calendars will still be useful—the perpetual type, for example, and also the kitchen variety printed on linen. Those cloth calendars with their pretty colors have not outlived their usefulness. They will make excellent dish towels.

The same is true of some experiences. The memory may still be very useful if we will apply the lessons we learned from them to the experiences we face in the new year. As Madame Chiang Kai-shek said, "We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past."

And here's another thought: the new calendar will soon grow old, just like last year's. A year can pass so quickly. If we knew we were going to have 969 years to spend on this earth, like Methuselah, we might have some excuse for being careless in the way we spend some of them; but due to the time limit on our lives we cannot afford to take a leisurely attitude. We must make each day count. Someone said that "yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have—so spend it wisely."

We enter the new year like Abraham of old, who "went out not knowing whither he went." Who knows what decisions, what responsibilities, what problems or happy surprises the year may bring forth? It is like the famous St. Gotthard Tunnel through the Alps, which was opened on a New Year's Day. Travelers entering it for the first time had no idea what to expect at the other end—and we can hardly guess what will have happened by next December 31—but, like Abraham, we may be sure that God is leading, and if we keep our eye on Him all will be well.

Let 1967 be a year of freedom from sin, a year of service, a year of trust in God, and it will be a happy year from beginning to end.

—R.C.C.

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THE UNUSUAL NATION of Gambia in West Africa seems to me to be an interesting type of Pentecost.

While we were in Senegal recently on a preaching tour, Missionary Talmage Butler flew us over this little nation which is an enclave inside Senegal.

Gambia would not exist were it not for the Gambia River, and it exists only where the river flows. The country extends eastward from the Atlantic Ocean for 300 miles along both banks of the Gambia River. At the mouth of the river the nation is 30 miles wide, and inland it is only 15 miles wide. Ocean-going vessels can go inland on the river for 150 miles, and small steamers can proceed 140 miles farther.

Vegetation, birds, and wildlife are abundant along the river, and the nation's nearly half a million people enjoy a very agreeable climate.

Jesus compared the Pentecostal experience to flowing rivers in John 7:38, 39: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit.)"

Just as the Gambia River attracts people and brings fruitfulness, life, and activity, so the river of Pentecost from our lives should attract men and women who thirst for pardon, peace, reality, satisfaction, joy, and power.

Ezekiel 47 tells of the waters that flowed forth from the altar, and states, "Everything shall live whither the river cometh."

Isaiah 32:2 foretells that "a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind . . . as rivers of water in a dry place."

A RIVER HAS A SOURCE

A river does not originate its own waters. It has another source. The source of the Gambia River is outside of Gambia, in the Futa Jallon Mountains of Guinea, hundreds of miles away. God is the Fountainhead of the river of the Holy Spirit that fills our lives. We have no life or fruitfulness in ourselves. What we have comes from God.

We must keep close to the Lord for the continual flow of the Spirit into our lives and out to others. To look for a substitute source is to dry up. "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). May God's own love, life, and grace continually flow into and through us. He is our only unailing source.

A RIVER HAS VITALITY

From the air we could easily see that where the Gambia River flowed there was life and activity. A river attracts people, and they settle nearby. It is a good place to live. Similarly, the Euphrates brought Babylon into existence. The Tiber made Rome. Great cities have sprung up along the Mississippi in our own country.

The flowing of the river of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our churches will attract hungry and thirsty people as nothing else can. As they find abundant life they too will want to live their spiritual lives close to this mighty river.

A RIVER HAS MOTION

A river moves. It is not still, as a lake, nor does it stagnate. Pentecost is a movement, not just another denomination. Acts 2:4 states, "They were all filled with

the Holy Ghost, and began. . . ." When we are filled with the Spirit, we *begin* to speak and to do many things for the Lord. Spirit-filled people are active people.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Holy Spirit moves us to activity in our towns and communities as soul winners, and He moves some witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. Four of our assistant pastors have gone to the mission fields of the world: to the Caribbean, to Samoa, to Central America, and to Africa. We have visited them there and have seen the grace of God working in the lives that have been touched by the river of Pentecost.

We were impressed on our recent visit to Nigeria to see how the river of Pentecost is flowing there through more than 600 churches and five Bible schools. The river of Pentecost is truly flowing to many nations of the world, and Spirit-filled people are abounding in the work of the Lord.

Much has been done, and more must be done. May the Lord never need to ask any of us, "Why sit ye here all the day idle?"

A RIVER GROWS

The Gambia flows toward the ocean, widening and deepening as it goes. It can support more people, and it can carry greater vessels. It is ever growing and becoming stronger. And the Spirit-filled life is also a growing life. The infilling of the Spirit is only the beginning. God desires to add to our lives new fillings and blessings so we might carry greater responsibilities. Do not rest on the experience of yesterday or be satisfied with the memories of past service. Let us "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

A RIVER PRODUCES FRUITFULNESS

Along the Gambia River are farms, gardens, and trees

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The River of PENTECOST




producing much fruit. The nation of Senegal which surrounds Gambia has much dry farming. There are few rivers, and the people must depend on the rainfall for their crops. While we were there, the people were hoping and praying for rain to save their groundnut crop. The fortunate people of Gambia were glad for their river.

The people of God have an unfailing river of spiritual blessing. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord. . . . For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,

and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

Jesus said, "I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16).

May the river of God's Spirit ever flow into our lives and out to bless a needy world. 

Text for the New Year

"Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12).

FALLOW GROUND is ground which once was tilled but now lies waste and needs to be broken up and mellowed before it is suited to receive grain.

To break up the fallow ground is to *break up your heart*, to prepare your mind to bring forth fruit unto God. The reason so few Christians know anything about the spirit of prayer is because they never take the pains to examine themselves properly.

Christians should never satisfy themselves or expect a revival just by starting out of their slumbers and blustering about and talking to sinners. They must get their fallow ground broken up. You may get into an *excitement* without this breaking up, but it will not last long and it will not take hold of sinners unless your heart is broken up.

How does this examination take place? Your sins were committed one by one; and as far as you can, you ought to review and repent of them one by one.

SINS OF OMISSION

Ingratitude

Write down all the instances you can remember wherein you have received favors from God for which you have never exercised gratitude. How many cases can you remember? Was there some remarkable providence, some wonderful turn of events, that saved you from ruin? Go on your knees and confess your ingratitude to God. The very act of confession will bring up other blessings to your memory. See what an astonishing number of mercies there are for which you have never thanked God.

Want of love to God

Think how grieved and alarmed *you* would be if you discovered any flagging of affection for you in your wife, husband, or children. God calls Himself a jealous God. Have you given your heart to other loves and offended Him?

Neglect of the Bible

Put down the cases when God's Word was not a pleasure. Some people read whole chapters and afterward could not tell you what they have been reading. No wonder that their life is spent at random and that their religion is such a miserable failure.


Unbelief

Recall the instances in which you have virtually charged the God of truth with lying, by your unbelief of His promises and declarations.

Neglect of prayer

Think of the times when you have neglected secret prayer, family prayer, and prayer meetings.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHECKUP



By CHARLES G. FINNEY

Want of love for the souls of your fellowmen

Look around at the unsaved and remember how little compassion you have felt for them. You have stood by and seen them going to hell and it seems as though you did not care. How many days have there been in which you did not make their condition the subject of a single fervent prayer?

Neglect of self-denial

Many are willing to do almost anything in religion that does not require self-denial. They will not willingly suffer reproach for the name of Christ. Nor will they deny themselves the luxuries of life to save the world from hell.

SINS OF COMMISSION

Worldly-mindedness

Have you looked at worldly possessions as really *yours* as if you had a right to dispose of them as your own, according to your own will?

Pride

Recollect the instances in which you have exercised pride. Vanity is a form of pride. How often have you spent more time decorating your body to go to church than you have spent preparing your mind to worship God?

Envy

Look at the cases in which you were envious of those who you thought were above you in any respect. It has been more agreeable to dwell upon their faults than upon their virtues—upon their failures than upon their successes.

Censoriousness

Are there instances in which you have had a bitter spirit and have spoken of Christians in a manner devoid of love? Does not love require you always to hope the

best the case will admit, and to put the best construction upon any ambiguous conduct?

Slander

Perhaps you have spoken behind people's backs of the faults, real or supposed, of members of the Church or others—unnecessarily, or without good reason.

Levity

How often have you trifled before God as you would not have dared to trifle in the presence of an earthly sovereign?

Lying

Lying is *designed* deception. If you design to make an impression contrary to the truth, you lie. How innumerable are the falsehoods perpetrated every day by words and looks and actions, designed to make an impression contrary to the truth!

Hypocrisy

Set down instances in which you have prayed for things you really did not want. (The test is whether, when you have finished praying, you could tell for what you prayed.)

Robbing God

Think of the instances in which you have misspent your time in vain amusements or foolish conversation or in doing nothing; cases where you have misapplied your talents and powers of mind; where you have squandered money on your lusts or spent it for things you did not need and which did not contribute to your health, comfort, or usefulness.

Bad temper

Perhaps you have abused your family.

Hindering others from being useful

Perhaps you have weakened the influence of others by making insinuations against them. You have not only robbed God of your own talents but tied the hands of somebody else. This is done sometimes by taking their time needlessly, sometimes by destroying Christian confidence in them.

CONFESSION AND RESTITUTION

If you find you have committed a fault against an individual and that individual is within reach, go and confess it immediately. If the individual you have injured is faraway, sit down and write him a letter and confess the injury. If you have defrauded someone, send the money—the full amount and the interest.

In breaking up your fallow ground, you must remove *every obstruction*. Break up *all* the ground and turn it over; do not turn aside for little difficulties. Drive the plow right through them and turn the ground up so that it may all be mellow and soft and fit to receive the seed and bear fruit “an hundredfold.”

As you go over the catalog of your sins, be sure to resolve upon present and entire reformation. Wherever you find anything wrong, resolve at once, in the strength of God, to sin no more in that way. It will be of no benefit to examine yourself unless you determine to amend that which you find wrong in heart, temper, or conduct.

Let there be this deep work of repentance and full confession, this breaking down before God, and you will have as much of the spirit of prayer as your body can bear up under.

Will you break up *your* fallow ground?



A Spring Shut Up: A Fountain Sealed

By CHARLES W. HOLT

ONE OF THE MODERN-DAY engineering miracles was the completion of the seven-mile highway tunnel—through solid rock under Mont Blanc, tallest peak of the Alps. French and Italian engineers, drilling from opposite sides, met and embraced in the world's longest tunnel on August 14, 1962, after a mighty blast shook down the final wall of stone that separated them.

Completion of the project was delayed for more than a year due to falling rock and the unexpected release of underground streams and rivers. The water gushed forth under such pressure that the outflow on the Italian side exceeded 25 million gallons a day at times.

No one had dreamed that a river capable of supplying water to a large metropolis existed in the granite heart of Mont Blanc, awaiting release and a chance to flow out.

How much like the human heart this is. In the beautiful language of the Song of Solomon, the bridegroom says of his promised bride, “A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed” (4:12).

A song we sing puts it this way:

*“Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.”*

Jesus pointed the way to the release of the heart's fullest and most complete expression when He said, “He who believes in me as the Scripture has said, out from his innermost being springs and rivers of living water shall flow (continually)” (John 7:38, Amplified). He was speaking of the Holy Spirit, whom those who believe on Him can still receive today.

Earlier Jesus had spoken to the woman by Jacob's well, saying, “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14).

There are many hearts sealed and shut up, unable to express their own deep longings or to be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can flow out to a needy world. But God, by His Word, can penetrate the hardest heart in convicting power, opening up a channel through which His mighty Holy Spirit can flow.

Ezekiel had a vision of the results of this kind of outflow through a yielded life: “It shall come to pass, that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live... everything shall live whither the river cometh” (47:9).

If your life is a spring shut up, and if your heart is a fountain sealed, then a richer life awaits you. It can be yours as you yield to the probing of the Spirit of God in your innermost spirit. Let Him make you a channel through which rivers of living waters can be poured in blessing upon the dry and thirsty men and women around you.

CANADA IS 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!
Most outsiders respond, "But I thought Canada was older than that!"

She is. But 1967 is the 100th anniversary of Canada's central government—a confederation for common defense and other benefits. July 1, Dominion Day, is the exact anniversary—and it is to Canadians what the Fourth of July is to the people of the U.S.

And the idea of the Dominion of Canada is based on Scripture: "His dominion shall be from sea even to sea" (Zechariah 9:10)—emphasizing this great land stretching from Atlantic to Pacific to Arctic. (Canada is the second largest nation in the world, exceeded in area only by the USSR.)

Canadians are planning many birthday celebrations, the biggest of which will be Expo '67 in Montreal from April 28 to October 27. It promises to be the largest international exposition ever, with over 70 nations officially represented. The hundreds of exhibitors will spend some \$300,000,000 to "provide an astonishing tour of discovery and pleasure." Some 30 million visitors are expected. The official theme will be, "Man and His World."

There will be two major religious exhibits at Expo '67.

DURING THE CELEBRATION, PENTECOSTALS ARE FINDING WAYS TO REACH MAN IN HIS WORLD.

CANADA'S CENTENNIAL

One will be the Christian Pavilion, an ecumenical project. The other will be Sermons from Science. Through live demonstrations and motion pictures, dedicated Christian men of science will show many previously unpublicized facts and phenomena of nature—and extend an invitation to accept Christ as Saviour.

Sermons from Science was one of the most popular exhibits at the Seattle and New York world's fairs, receiving many favorable mentions and resulting in the salvation of thousands of persons. The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, sister organization of the Assemblies of God in the U.S., is cooperating with Sermons from Science in its presentation of the gospel.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) is growing rapidly. The 1961 Federal Census listed it as the fastest growing denomination in Canada during the census period—increasing in membership by 52 percent. PAOC now numbers some 700 churches and 144,000 adherents. It is strongly evangelistic, with 120 home missionaries and 140 foreign missionaries.

PAOC has set a goal of establishing 100 new churches during the centennial year—20 in Canada and 80 overseas. Linked with this enlargement is the goal of a 20 percent increase in undesignated giving to world missions.

Through special radio and TV programs, literature, and emphases on Dominion Day (July 1), Canada's Thanksgiving Day (October 9), and Remembrance Day (November 11), members of PAOC hope to stress to

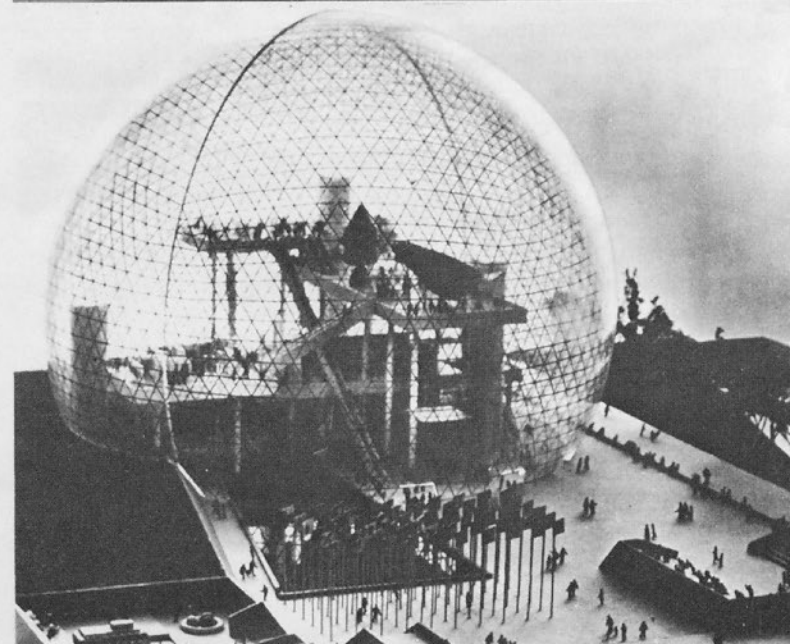
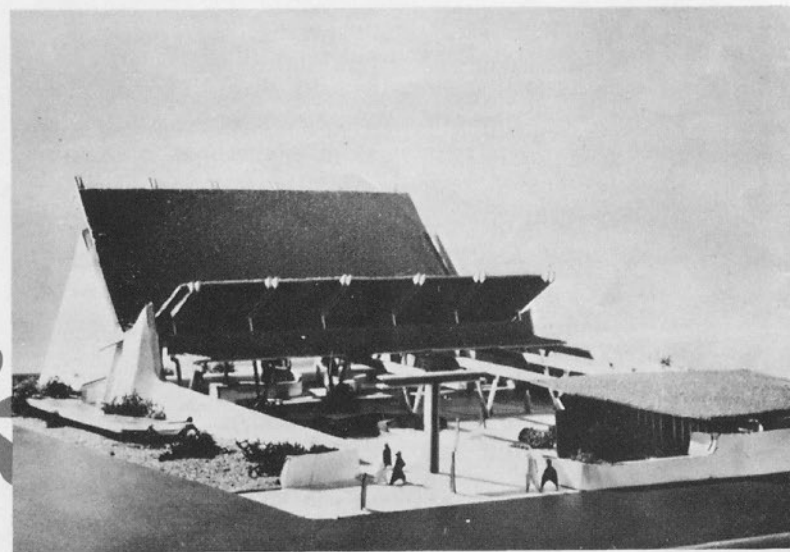
The \$1.3 million Christian Pavilion (top photo) will be sponsored by seven Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Catholic denominations. The U. S. Pavilion (at right) will be topped with a 187-foot-high geodesic dome of plastic and glass, reflecting its surroundings.

fellow Canadians the place of the Bible and the evangelical ministry in building a strong nation.

The Bethel Pentecostal Church in Ottawa, Canada's capital, is sponsoring the Centennial Handwritten Bible—registered with the Centennial Commission as an official Centennial project. Participating, besides members of the church, will be Lester Pearson, Canada's prime minister; John Diefenbaker, Conservative party leader; Don Reid, mayor of Ottawa; and other prominent persons.

Another Canadian church is offering private accommodations for those attending Expo '67. (Accommodations throughout the city will be in great demand.) Evangel Pentecostal Church, Montreal, pastored by Fred H. Parlee, is now accepting reservations for lodging in Christian homes during Expo '67. Brother Parlee says that a \$5 fee must accompany each reservation. For reservations, rates, or other information write to: Evangel Church Expo Lodging, 5165 Hingston Avenue, Montreal 29, Canada.

The Pentecostal Evangel says happy birthday to our Canadian neighbors and urges its readers everywhere to pray that this anniversary will give Canadian Pentecostals unprecedented opportunities to present Christ as the answer to all problems that man faces in his world—so that men will find their place in God's world.



WARNING OF THE KING

Sunday School Lesson for January 8, 1967

MATTHEW 24:32-51

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

IN THIS LESSON WE CONTINUE to study Christ's Olivet discourse which was a response to His disciples' question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world [age]?" (See verse 3.)

The Restoration of Israel Before His Coming (vv. 32, 33). In the Scriptures the fig tree frequently symbolizes Israel. (See Jeremiah 24; Joel 1:6, 7; Hosea 9:10; Luke 13:6-9.) Furthermore, there is abundant Scripture in the Old Testament concerning Israel's restoration. (See Ezekiel 37.) One of the most significant events in recent years has been the Jews' return to Palestine and the reconstitution of Israel as a nation.

The Survival of Israel Until His Coming (v. 34). The word *generation* may also be translated "race." This translation clears up an otherwise difficult statement. Jesus symbolically stated that the revitalization of Israel was to be recognized as a sign that His coming was near. He then pointed out a second miracle. Although this race would suffer terrible persecution, it would survive until His return. The survival of Israel—maintaining her national identity in spite of attempts through the centuries to destroy her—is one of the greatest miracles of all time.

The Certainty of His Word Concerning His Coming (v. 35). Christ's predictions were startling. Men would scoff at them. Heaven and earth would indeed "pass away" (2 Peter 3:10-12), yet Christ's predictions would be fulfilled without deviation or change.

The Mystery of the Exact Time of His Coming (v. 36). Though the fact of His coming was certain, the time of His coming must remain unknown to any but the Father. (See also Mark 13:32.) Even Christ did not know the time of His coming for He had voluntarily refused to lay hold of certain prerogatives of His essential Deity while here on earth. How foolish then for men to attempt to set dates for His coming!

The General Unpreparedness of Men at the Time of His Coming (vv. 37-39). Although Noah's witnessing and building the ark warned that wicked generation, men continued in their ordinary round of daily living—in utter ungodliness and indifference. But just as God judged them with a catastrophe, so Christ shall judge the ungodly at His second coming.

The Destiny of Men Determined at His Coming (vv. 40, 41, 50, 51). Contrary to what is often taught, I believe the Rapture is not in evidence here. Those "taken" are the wicked, who are taken in judgment—just as the wicked of Noah's time (mentioned in the preceding verse) were taken in judgment. Those "left" are the righteous who remain to enjoy the blessings of the Millennium which will follow Christ's return to earth.

The Importance of Right Living in View of His Coming (vv. 42-51). Watchfulness is stressed in Christ's

sermon. In the brief illustration in verse 43 the man could hardly be blamed because a thief invaded his home. In fact, had he been warned of the thief's coming, he would have been prepared. How inexcusable then were those to whom Christ had spelled out the signs of the times!

Christ, in speaking of His coming for *believers*, does not liken Himself to a thief! Paul specifically tells us that that day shall not overtake us as a thief (1 Thessalonians 5:1-10). The Christian ought to think of it as the coming of a Lover and Bridegroom, rather than view His coming with apprehension and dread.

Verses 45-49 clearly indicate that true watchfulness consists of "faithful and wise" service for the Master. Also, verses 48 and 49 make it clear that one who begins to indulge in wrong living because his Master has delayed His return is an "evil servant" whose punishment is dreadful to contemplate.

These verses lead to a number of considerations. Some professing Christians' only reason for refraining from questionable conduct is the fear that the Lord might come and catch them. Is such a person in a state of grace at all?

On the other hand, there are those whose dedication to God is contingent upon their belief that He is coming very soon. But are we not to "occupy" and be at our best for Him *until* He comes—whether it be tomorrow or a hundred years from now?

ONE OF THE SIGNS



THERE SHALL COME IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS, WALKING AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS, AND SAYING, WHERE IS THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING? FOR SINCE THE FATHERS FELL ASLEEP, ALL THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY WERE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION. 2 PETER 3:3,4

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

Pentecostal Groups Plan Trial Merger

The Pentecostal Church of Christ has voted to join the larger Pentecostal Holiness Church on a trial basis. The announcement was made by Chester I. Miller, general overseer of the smaller body.

During 1967, he said, the church will retain its name and enter joint projects with the Pentecostal Holiness Church. In 1968, the congregations will vote on whether to merge with the Holiness Church—possibly to function as a conference while retaining the original name—or to withdraw. The Pentecostal Church of Christ numbers about 39 congregations in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Maryland.

Liquor Shipments to Vietnam Criticized

Sharp criticism of liquor shipments to military forces in Vietnam was voiced by Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union which recently held its 92nd annual convention in Portland, Oregon.

She said that 22,500 cases of whiskey, gin, vodka, and rum went to the war zone in one month.

"The charge that the American military has become a 'school for alcoholism' is substantiated by this and by the fact that alcoholics in veterans hospitals are increasing," she commented.

Senator Dirksen's Eye Saved Following Prayer

Senator Everett M. Dirksen (Illinois) says he is not discouraged by the fact the Senate voted against his bill which would have amended the U. S. Constitution to state that prayer is permitted in public schools. He says he will renew his efforts in 1967 aided by a new nation-

wide organization which will promote effective legislation supported from the grass roots.

Reporters asked Senator Dirksen why he was so intent on pushing for school prayers. In reply, he related the story of a 1949 illness in which four doctors recommended removal of his right eye.

As he rode the train to the clinic where the operation was to be performed, the Senator said he prayed "to the great big Doctor way up there in the sky," and got the reply that there should be no operation—and there wasn't. "I have a good eye, with no scar tissue," he told reporters. "Don't ask me what happened."

ABS Publishes New Translation

A new English version of the New Testament in the syntax and vocabulary of everyday conversation (and illustrated with hundreds of sprightly line drawings) has been produced by the American Bible Society.

Published as a paperback, the book is arranged in paragraph style. Liberal use of boldface subheads contributes to readability. *Today's English Version* sells for 25c and may be obtained from the Society at 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023.

THE ORIENT

Red Guards Destroying Bibles in China

Militant youth gangs called "Red Guards" have rampaged in China recently, attacking everything they consider foreign or of the "old China." This apparently is calculated to destroy the old culture and increase the revolutionary turmoil.

According to Riley Kaufman, an Assemblies of God missionary in Hong Kong, reports from behind the Bamboo Curtain indicate these Red Guards are "breaking into homes and, among other things, destroying Bibles wherever they find them."

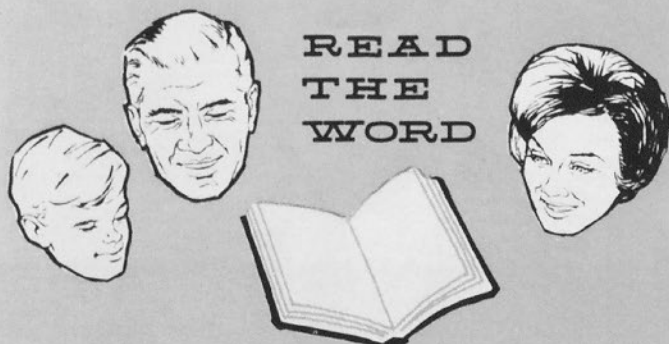
Over 16 Million Japanese in New Buddhist Sect

Postwar Japan has seen the organization of 171 new religions, the most militant and dynamic of which is Sokagakkai (literally, "value-creating society"). An extensive report on the phenomenal growth of the Buddhist sect was included in a recent issue of *Christian Life*.

"Aggressive, powerful, anti-Christian and anti all other religions, Sokagakkai is a militant, Buddhist lay sect which believes it is divinely destined to build a third civilization in Japan by 1980. Global racism, or a universal Buddhist brotherhood, is their ultimate goal," according to Donald E. Hoke, *Christian Life's* Far East editor.

"With Japan as a base, we will throw a bridge to every nation on earth," they claim.

From only 3,000 members in 1942, they have grown to include over 16,000,000—one in every six Japanese. Over 69,000 families were "converted" last September alone, the report said.



CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1-8

Sunday	Genesis 1, 2	Thursday	Genesis 9, 10
Monday	Genesis 3, 4	Friday	Genesis 11, 12
Tuesday	Genesis 5, 6	Saturday	Genesis 13, 14
Wednesday	Genesis 7, 8	Sunday	Genesis 15, 16

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3).

WORLDWIDE

Pentecostal World Conference Program Announced

Speakers from 12 countries will highlight services at the Pentecostal World Conference slated for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 18-23, 1967. Ministers and their subjects are:

Tuesday, July 18

EVENING—Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Unifying the Church."

Wednesday, July 19

MORNING—Philip Duncan, Pastor, Assemblies of God, Australia. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in the Ministry of Prayer."

AFTERNOON—Jack Wooderson, Superintendent, So. Natal and Zululand District, Bantu Department, Durban, South Africa. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in Producing Spiritual Graces."

EVENING—Cho Yonggi, Pastor, Assemblies of God, Korea. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ as Saviour."

Thursday, July 20

MORNING—Noel DeSouza, International Evangelist, Mexico Church of God. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in Anointed Preaching."

AFTERNOON—Veiko Mannenin, Pastor, Pentecostal Church, Helsinki, Finland. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in Spiritual Gifts."

EVENING—Jose Maria Rico, International Evangelist in Latin America. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Regenerating the Sinner."

Friday, July 21

MORNING—N. M. Van Cleave, Pastor, Foursquare Church, Portland, Oregon. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ Through the Written Word."

AFTERNOON—A. P. Vasconcelos, Pastor, Belem, Brazil. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Revealing Christ as Healer."

EVENING—R. Leonard Carroll, Assistant General Overseer, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Empowering for Service."

Saturday, July 22

AFTERNOON—Erling Strom, Pastor, Filadelfia Church, Oslo, Norway. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in the Lord's Supper."

EVENING—Willis Sawe, Pastor, Filadelfia Church, Stockholm, Sweden. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ in World Evangelization."

Sunday, July 23

MORNING—Robert Taitenger, Pastor, Central Pentecostal Tabernacle, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Subject: "The Holy Spirit and the Victorious Life."

AFTERNOON—Alexander Tee, Elim Church, Cheltenham, England. Subject: "The Holy Spirit Inspiring the Blessed Hope."

"Then Will I Hear" Theme for World Day of Prayer

Theme for the 1967 World Day of Prayer observance, scheduled for Friday, February 10, is "Then Will I Hear," announced Arthur M. Climenhaga, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Churches in hundreds of communities across America and around the world observe this special prayer day each year.

The theme comes from 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: *then will I hear* from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Bible-centered worship materials for the World Day of Prayer are produced by the NAE, including a devotional guidebook by Charlotte B. Meredith. For a sample copy, write to the National Association of Evangelicals, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Does God love the ungodly the same as He loves those who serve Jesus?

God so loves the sinner that He is willing to forgive him all his sins and bring him into the family of God—if he will turn from his sin to accept and serve Jesus. This is love for a person outside the family. He loves His children as a father loves his own, those who are in the family.

Our human relationships might serve in a limited way to illustrate this. We should love everyone, but those of our own household are especially dear to us.

Does "The love of money is the root of all evil" mean we should avoid having any of this world's goods?

There is nothing wrong in money as such. The danger is that desire to acquire material things may become uppermost, leading us astray: "Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith" (1 Timothy 6:10). We need to be careful lest the desire for gain strangle our spiritual life, and the "cares of this life, and the deceitfulness of riches" choke out the good seed of love and devotion.

Some Pentecostal people believe in sanctification as a second definite work of grace. What do you believe?

When I was saved, the ministers taught complete consecration to the will of God, consecration of the life and all its abilities, as well as all that a person possessed. It caused those who wanted to be wholly dedicated to God to examine themselves and make a full surrender to God. I would like to see more of this kind of preaching.

But I am not at all sure that every root of evil in a person's nature is completely eradicated in an instantaneous work of God. Walking in holiness requires walking in the Spirit, taking up our cross day by day. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

Daniel kept his window open when he prayed (Daniel 6:10). Should we do this too, so others might hear us pray?

Jesus said, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray" (Matthew 6:6). Daniel opened his window toward Jerusalem, remembering that in the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the temple, he had pleaded, "And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel" (1 Kings 8:30). Solomon also made reference to spreading forth the hands toward "this house" (v. 38). Daniel was in a foreign land but he longed for the blessing of God again upon his people. He did not pray to be heard of man, but of God. Read the entire prayer of Solomon in 1 Kings 8.

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.

PRAYER—THE FIGHTING FORCE

By GORDON WATT

PRAYER IS WORK. The thoroughness with which we do that work is the measure of the thoroughness with which God will be able to do His work through us.

Prayer is a warfare. It is a destructive work in a very real war. In Paul's description of God's armor for the Christian, prayer is one of the two offensive weapons (Ephesians 6:18).

This is an aspect of prayer with which some are not familiar, but which is absolutely necessary if in this spiritual warfare we are to occupy that position of strength and understanding which is essential to victory. We are called to engage in aggressive warfare against the methods and plans of Satan and his agents. Prayer is the weapon which, more than any other, is "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Turn to Luke 18. The point of this parable is not that men should pray, but that they should learn how to concentrate prayer on a special need, and hold on until the prayer has been answered.

Every battlefield of earth illustrates the value of a focal point and the necessity of persistent concentration of men and weapons upon it until the hoped-for result has been achieved. In the spiritual fight with evil, one great secret of victory is to focus our prayer forces on the point or points where obstruction is manifested. Search out the point of obstruction, and hold on there. Bring all your faith, power, and prayer to bear upon that. Apply all your force at that point, not with carnal methods, but with the spiritual weapons provided for you by the Lord.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood; our enemies are not men and women; we must look beyond human personalities and recognize the power of the evil one. Behind all hardness in Christian work there is a malicious power responsible for it. Focus prayer upon that power. Where there is antagonism to the gospel of Christ, look beyond the antagonist to the demonic forces that are the real enemies. Behind the sinful deeds of a man there is an evil force gripping him. Focus your prayer power on Satan's hold of the man's will, of the man's desires and faith. That is the focal point. In each battle there is a key position which the devil holds until, through the victory of Calvary, he is evicted from it and put to flight. Persistent, believing prayer is the weapon that brings the power of the Cross to bear upon the enemy to drive him from his key position.

When our Lord said of His Church, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," He did not mean the Church was to sit down and wait for the powers of evil to attack. He meant she was to assail them. The best defense is a strong offense. Christ's words show that He expects His Church to be unconquerable when she attacks. If she will enter upon this fight in the strength of God, realizing her superior position in Christ, she will soon see the principalities of evil and the powers

of darkness beaten down and put to flight.

Prayer is not pleading for something that God is unwilling to give. It is cooperating with God in that which He is trying to do. Prayer is warfare. Prayer is allying oneself with the Holy Spirit in His attitude of judgment on sin and in His antagonism to Satan. Prayer—intelligent, ceaseless prayer in the Spirit, used as the Bible instructs us to use it—is the most aggressive weapon we can employ in the spiritual fight.

"Prayer," writes one, "involves a fight. There is a real spiritual force of evil to be conquered; the powers of darkness are to be met. It is vital to ask whether our prayers possess the mark of *earnestness* or not."

Now that is exactly what the Scriptures say to us. Ephesians 6:12 shows the spirit in which we should pray—"we wrestle," says the apostle. It is a word taken from the old games, when each wrestler sought to lay his opponent on the ground and put his foot upon his neck.

Colossians 4:12 is an illustration of this. It says Epaphras was "always laboring fervently for you in prayers." The word in the Greek has its English equivalent in "agonize," which is also taken from the old games. We have a real foe. He is implacable, though not invincible. He is a terrible personality with unnumbered legions of evil spirits at his beck and call. He is at the head of a well-organized, disciplined, and obedient host. He is ever attempting, through wiles and lies, deceits and stratagems, to force himself in upon your mind and spirit. His goal is to capture the lives and powers of all God's children.

Today you can see his power at work in seven great facts which show how he is controlling the wills of men:

God's day desecrated
God's house forsaken
God's Book neglected
God's commandments broken
God's warnings disregarded
God's promise scorned
God's Son despised and rejected

All along the way we are up against the challenges of the devil. We are not parading on the drill ground; we are fighting on a battlefield. We are not taking part in practice maneuvers; we are engaged in a real war. It demands, as in the case of Epaphras, an expenditure of brain and blood. It calls for clarity of mind, singleness of purpose, strength of nerve, determination of will to get through, and a full and perfect union with Christ for life and victory.

God is calling for intercessors today. "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor" (Isaiah 59:16). The Lord, in this chapter of Isaiah, is seen as a man of war: He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His


head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. *Who will enlist and fight alongside Him?* God is looking today for men and women who will use prayer as a mighty offensive weapon, who will join battle with the powers of darkness, who will grapple in hand-to-hand combat, wrestling fervently in prayer to the point of agony.

The Captain of our salvation says to us: "Behold, I give you power over all the power of the enemy." Will you take the whole armor of God, including the weapon of prayer? Will you assume the position which Christ invites you to assume, believing completely in His victory at Calvary?

Calvary stands for the complete defeat of Satan *by* Christ, and complete victory for us over Satan *through* Christ. We are called to claim that victory by focusing the power of believing prayer upon the situation until the power of the devil is destroyed.

Wherever you see Satan's power at work in your own life, in the lives of others, or in any situation, use your weapon of prayer against him. Hold unceasingly the fact

and power of the "finished work of Christ" over Satan and all his forces until the victory has been won. Do not only pray for the blessing of God, but pray against the blight of the devil. Pray *out* his lies; pray *in* the truth of God. Pray *out* his forces of deception and destruction; pray *in* the life and light and power of Christ. Dislodge Satan from any place he occupies. Do not only stand your ground; strike out against evil. Go on the offensive in prayer. Attack the invisible foe; bring the power of God to bear upon the forces behind the drunkenness, the impurity, the malice, the hypocrisy, the indifference and resistance to the truth and to God.

Victory is assured if you will concentrate your faith and prayer power in determined aggressiveness against the entrenchments of wickedness. Be wrestlers like Paul. Be agonizers like Epaphras. Be the intercessors that God is looking for, the men and women who will be alive and alert to the devices of the devil and who, in union with the living Christ, will ally themselves with the divine purposes and attack Satan, pull down his strongholds, and bring deliverance to many captives. 

BY THE VISION OF ONE CHURCH

MISSIONARY RADIO REACHES WORLD'S SMALLEST NATION

AN ENTIRE NATION is now being reached with the Gospel by radio through a missions project launched by one Assemblies of God church.

Riverview Assembly, St. Louis, Missouri, (a faithful supporter of *Revivaltime*) is now sending the broadcast to Tonga, the little nation located some 400 miles southeast of Fiji, which recently received its independence from Great Britain.

Tonga is the world's smallest nation. The South Pacific archipelago is composed of more than 150 islands, with a total land area of 270 square miles. Some 69,000 Polynesians inhabit the "British-oriented" islands.

Both the queen and prime minister of Tonga have invited the Assemblies of God to officially enter the country, and already plans are underway to erect a church in a strategic area of Nuku'alofa, the capital city.

Bernice Proctor, one of the Assemblies' pioneer missionaries to Hawaii, has gone to Tonga to develop the work and help it to become firmly established.

Radio promises to be a key factor in reaching Tonga's people with the gospel. *Revivaltime* will be aired through the facilities of Tonga Broadcasting Commission's station ZCO, which covers the entire island chain.

According to Maynard L. Ketcham, field secretary for the Far East, "It is a miracle that we are able to release *Revivaltime* in this new nation. Under the British system of broadcasting, practically no time is sold to religious broadcasters."

Riverview Assembly's decision to support the Tonga release resulted from a special appeal by Evangelist C. M. Ward during his recent visit to the church.

Pastor James R. Wilkinson writes:


"My wife and I were very much impressed with the need presented by Brother Ward. After discussing it

with our church board, we agreed this would be a fine undertaking, since the church had not previously been committed to a definite missions project. We have just completed our first year at Riverview Assembly.

"The Sunday school, the Christ's Ambassadors, and a number of older persons are contributing. Several junior and senior high school students are paying a dollar a month from weekly allowances. One young man, employed as an engineering technician, has made a sizeable pledge. So our support is really from a cross-section of age groups and individuals within the church.

"We have always been interested in both *Revivaltime* and missions, so the combination seems natural for us as our first missionary project. We feel this is one of the most important steps we have taken.

"One thing we know: every church member is behind our missions endeavor. When this need was presented, the full amount necessary was raised in just five minutes."

Certainly Riverview Assembly should be commended for joining hands with pioneer missionaries to reach a nation for Christ—through radio evangelism. 

Pastor James R. Wilkinson assists Roxie Montes (left), Joyce Wilkinson, Sherry Jones, and Debbie Jones in locating the nation of Tonga, which the church is reaching through "Revivaltime." The girls have pledged monthly offerings from their allowances to help meet the cost of the broadcast.



THE QUIET HOUR

By **SISTER EVA** of Friedenshort

DO NOT THESE WORDS—the *quiet hour*—sound like music from a higher world?

Thousands of people know no quiet hour. Life to them is one flowing stream of restless labor, of rush and anxiety, of tumult and breathless distraction. They are never still. Even when they lie down at night, they find

no rest; sleep often eludes them for hours, only to come at last accompanied by dreams which fill the hours of the night with perplexity and anxiety, as actualities have done the day. The Scripture truthfully says, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1).

Quietness requires grace. Only the heart that has experienced the free grace of God can say: "My soul waiteth only upon God." Emancipation from this inner disquietude, with its inevitable outward restlessness, can only come through the holy disquietude of repentance. Repentance leads us to the Cross of redemption, to the open arms of the Father God. There is peace; it is there our hunted souls find rest.

The want of time spent thus in quiet meditation, drawing fresh supplies from the well of life, often accounts for spiritual powerlessness and stunted growth. I remember speaking to a gathering of 40 young girls who belonged to various Christian associations. All professed themselves to be children of God. I asked them whether they had ever spent a whole hour in quiet, alone with God; and only one could say she had done so.

We know from much experience that the enemy does his utmost to prevent us from having a quiet hour. He is only too well aware of its importance in a healthy believer's life and knows what wealth of overcoming power lies hidden for us there. Public worship, Bible-study circles, meetings, prayer services—are all good, and we should attend them whenever possible; but they can never take the place of the quiet hours.

Our Lord Himself ordained these times of stillness when He said: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).

It is vitally important that we make right use of our quiet hour. It must be sacred, an hour when we faithfully keep tryst in conscious realization of our responsibility before God and men.

While traveling, I met an old Christian gentleman whose eyes were alight with the peace of God. He seemed as though he were living in God's immediate presence with never a shade between. He told me that a friend once gave him a word of counsel which he has since followed: *always to spend the first 10 or 15 minutes of his quiet hour in silent waiting and adoration before God, and then to present his requests and supplications.*

I would emphasize the value of that counsel and to recommend the practice of starting with silent worship.

We must come to God in full consciousness of our own poverty, helplessness, and lowliness. We must lay bare every spot and stain, every little unfaithfulness, every sin, in the light of His holiness; and then His forgiving grace cleanses by the power of the shed Blood. There must be no shadow between the praying soul and God, the All-holy, and there must be no barrier raised by dissension, coldness, or resentment to separate us from our neighbor.

A due portion of our quiet hour should be spent in reading the Word of God. You may find it helpful and stimulating to follow a plan for systematic Bible study; the Holy Spirit will guide you. You may decide to read through the whole Bible every year, or you may spend



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a longer time studying separate chapters or books of the Bible, so as to allow the Word to penetrate thoroughly into your heart and be transformed into life-giving energy. Each must judge for himself what best meets his need. Many holy men of God have found blessing and food for their souls, and power for life and service, as they have read right through the Scriptures within a short period. Others have stilled their hunger by giving themselves to prolonged, deep meditation of shorter passages in the Word.

It is a curious fact that those who have lived the busiest lives have often been most faithful in keeping tryst with God. Men like Hudson Taylor, General Gordon, August Herman Francke, George Muller, and many others found time for prayer in the midst of an extraordinary amount of activity. But all too frequently those who have far more time at their disposal allow it to be filled with secondary, nonessential things so that they do not find time for quiet with God. The most glorious fruit these hours of stillness bring forth is the practice

they engender of continual abiding in the presence of God.

And so, in closing, just a few more precepts:

Face yourself in unqualified honesty and stand in the full light of God.

Do not allow any known sin in your life.

Yield your will to God in full obedience and unconditional surrender.

Be at peace with all men.

Love all men, even your enemy.

Forgive and be forgiven. Do not keep any bitterness or resentment hidden in your heart.

Withdraw yourself from all that distracts; resign whatever is a hindrance to you and unfits you to meet with God and to do His will.

The more faithfully you practice the quiet hour, the dearer and more indispensable it will become to you and the greater will be the blessing welling up in your life.

May He who said, "Without me ye can do nothing," grant us the help and guidance of His Holy Spirit in this sacred ministry in holy hours, for the glory of His name.

I WAS THERE

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

Revival in the PHILIPPINES

By MAYME WILLIAMS

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS after I was ordained in 1927, God gave me a fruitful evangelistic ministry. Then cancer struck!

With the verdict of three doctors ringing in my ears, I went before the Lord in deeper consecration. I heard the Lord saying, "I want you to go a step further in your ministry." I responded that I would go to the ends of the earth with the gospel if He would spare my life. God healed me, and within one week the cancer disappeared.

During a revival about the close of World War II, I was praying for a woman suffering with cancer when I heard God's voice again: "I healed you of this very thing to send you on a mission."

I wept and prayed as I faced the final decision. Now as I look back, I regret that I ever shed a single tear; for those years on the mission field have been glorious ones.

I thank God for the brethren of the Foreign Missions Department who recognized my call and approved my going. In a miraculous way God answered prayer in supplying my support, fare, and equipment, and He opened the door for me to go to the Philippines in 1949.

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The people were hungry, although there had never been a major move of the Spirit in that land. About a year later we witnessed a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that was just the beginning. I have been permitted, along with other missionaries, to share in great open-air meetings in which thousands have heard the gospel for the first time.

Out of this revival, which reached the major population centers of the country, many young people entered the ministry. Four Bible schools have been built, as well as an advanced school for teachers and pastors. Some 300 churches have been opened, and approximately 700 young people have graduated from our Bible schools, many to become the district leaders, teachers, and pastors.

Looking back over 40 years of evangelistic and missionary ministry, I realize how faithfully God has led. How little did I know when I came into this Pentecostal experience in 1923 what things the Lord had in store.

The Pleasant Grove Campground in Florida, founded by the Methodists, had become the center of a great revival which spread far and wide. People still talk about the wonderful things which happened in those meetings. Joel 2:28 was being fulfilled as many young people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and were called to preach. I was one of them!

My father did not believe that women should speak in public, and he issued a stern command that I stay away from that "fanatical crowd" or pack my clothes and leave home. Knowing I could never give up what God had done for me, I packed my clothes to leave.

As I came down the stairs, my father asked me where I would go. All I could tell him was that I did not know, but that wherever I went I would serve God. For the first time in my life I saw my father back down. He handed me the car keys and told me I could go to church.

Thirty-five years later I returned from the mission field in time to witness my father's conversion. When he knew death was near, he asked to be taken to his "preacher daughter." There in my home he gave his heart to God, and 16 days later went to be with the Lord. It pays to be faithful!



Sights I Shall Never Forget

By SIR JAMES SIMPSON

WHEN I WAS A BOY at school, I saw a sight I can never forget—a man tied to a cart and dragged through the streets of our town, his back already torn and bleeding from the lash. It was a shameful punishment.

For many offenses? No, for one offense. Did any of the townsmen offer to take some of the lashes for him? No; he who committed the offense bore the penalty all alone. It was the penalty of a changing human law, for it was the last instance of its infliction.

When I was a student at the university, I saw another sight I can never forget—a man brought out to die. His arms were tied to his sides, his face as pale as death. Thousands of eager eyes were upon him as he came into view.

Did any man ask to die in his stead? Did any friend come and loose the rope and say, "Put it around my neck; I will die instead"? No; he paid the penalty himself. For many offenses? No, for one offense—robbery. He broke the law at one point and he died for it. It was the penalty of a changing human law in this case also; for it was the last instance of capital punishment being inflicted for that particular offense.

I saw still another sight I shall never forget—myself a sinner, standing on the brink of ruin, condemned to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. For one sin? No; for many, many sins committed against the unchanging laws of God.

I looked again and saw that Jesus Christ became my Substitute. He bore in His own body on Calvary all the punishment for my sin. He died on the Cross that I might live in the glory. He suffered—the *Just* for the unjust—that He might bring me to God. He redeemed

Sir James Simpson, a Scottish physician of the 19th century, was famous as the inventor of chloroform.

me from the curse of the law. I sinned and was condemned to eternal punishment; but He bore the punishment, and I am free.

The law of God required a perfect righteousness which I never had. Again I looked to Him and found that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth."

The law required spotless purity, and I was defiled with sin. Again I looked to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

I was a son of Satan, a child of wrath; "but as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." And I found in Him not only my Substitute, but the full supply of every need of my life.

I commend this wonderful Savior to you, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).