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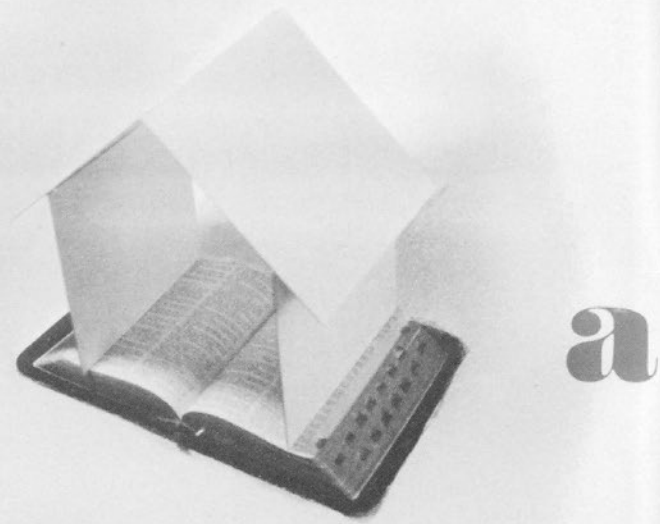
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# Building



**H**OME IS MORE than a roof to keep out rain, four walls to keep out wind, and floors to keep out cold.

Madame Schumann-Heink's definition was:

"Home is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, and the strength of a father. It has the warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, and comradeship.

"Home is the first school and first church for little ones—where they learn what is right, what is good, and what is kind. Where they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick; where joy is shared and sorrow eased; where parents are respected and loved, and children are wanted.

"There the simplest food is good enough for kings, because it is earned; and money is not as important as loving-kindness."

Is that the kind of home you want? It is the happy kind—the kind a Christian should have—though hardly typical of the modern home. Many today seem to think that happiness depends on money and things money will buy. The truth is that happiness still depends on love, as the poet said:

*"Home is where the heart is,  
In dwellings great or small;  
And a home lighted by love  
Is the dearest home of all."*

Unfortunately the idea of a "family-centered" home is now considered old-fashioned by many. The modern idea is to center everything in the individual. Husbands, wives, and children seem to go their separate ways and follow only personal pleasures even in Christian homes.

But wherever love has ruled the family circle, the word *home* brings a warm feeling and a pang of nostalgia to the hearer.

A magazine once asked its readers, "What is home?" Four of the best answers were:

1. Home—a world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

2. Home—the place where the small are great and the great are small.

3. Home—the father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise.

4. Home—the only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.

The tragedy of our times is that homelife has ceased to measure up to these ideals. There is a tendency to consider duty toward others unimportant and personal happiness all-important. As a result, homelife has disintegrated, causing divorce, juvenile delinquency, and heartache of every kind.

Take the case of Janet and Jim. They seemed to be deeply in love, and their friends thought they were well suited to each other. But after they had been married only a short time, they began to quarrel.

One day Janet said, "All I am is your slave. I wash your clothes, cook your meals, take care of your children, and you don't even appreciate it."

Jim promptly responded, "I work every day in a dirty shop, give up all my freedom, and when I come home, I hear nothing but nagging. I'm tired of it. I'm through!"

Both Janet and Jim were resenting the sacrifices that married life demands. They started out loving each other; but when the test came, their love was not strong enough to carry them through. It was a selfish love, not the kind of love a happy home is built upon.

The Bible speaks of "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). In other words, marriage should be entered into with the thought of giving, not of getting. Real love always has the element of self-sacrifice.

The Word of God commands wives to submit themselves to their own husbands and husbands to love their wives in the same way that Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. In the presence of a beautiful, sacrificial, unchanging love like that, a woman finds it easy to be subject to her husband.

Kay and Kenneth are a happy couple. After 15 years of married life their love is stronger than ever. Kenneth admires his wife. She is always willing to sacrifice and therefore has been able to manage nicely on his modest salary. Kay admires Kenneth's fine character and sense of duty. Together they have tried to fulfill God's purpose in marriage by rearing a family, serving one another, and making each other happy. In giving love to each other they have found individual happiness for themselves.

Our homes can never be better than we are. There must be peace in our hearts before there can be peace and harmony in our homes. We control the atmosphere by our own good humor,

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# happy home

cheerfulness, and optimism—or the lack of it.

The real staples of a household are patience, forbearance, kindness, forgiveness, loyalty, honesty. These essentials come through daily prayer and a constant dependence upon God.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told the story of a contractor who had suffered some financial reverses. A philanthropist took pity on the man and engaged his services to build a dwelling. He gave him authority to choose the materials and to decide all the details of its construction.

The contractor seized the opportunity to recover some of his lost money by using cheap material and careless workmanship. When the house was finished, the philanthropist said to the contractor, "This house is for you and your family. It is yours to live in and to keep forever."

When the poor fellow realized he had to live in that house, his heart sank. He had thought he was cheating the other man, but actually he had cheated himself.

Are you building a home? If so, build it well. Remember you will have to live there. Put your heart into it. Give it all the love, patience, and devotion you possess. Unselfish consideration of others is the best foundation.

If you rob the home of any good thing that ought to be there, you are cheating yourself, just as the contractor did. The reason many people find home a cruel, heartless place is that they themselves have failed in their responsibility toward it.

Above all, honor God in your home-life. He has given you the formula for a happy home in His Word, which tells people how to live together in harmony and joy. It says, "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). A husband and wife need to read the Bible together and to pray together—both at home and at church.

Christ said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Notice that the place of this gathering is not mentioned. It includes your home.

If only two or three of you unite in a daily devotional service in your home, singing a familiar hymn, then reading a chapter from the Bible, and praying together, Christ is there with you. He will sweeten home relationships. He will make your home "a little bit of heaven" and all who come beneath your roof will sense His blessed presence.

*O happy home, where Thou art loved  
the dearest,*

*Thou loving Friend and Saviour of  
our race,*

*And where among invited guests  
there cometh*

*One who can hold such high and  
honored place!*

*O happy home, where each one  
serves Thee lowly,*

*Whatever his appointed work may  
be,*

*Till ev'ry common task seems great  
and holy,*

*When it is done, O Lord, as unto  
Thee!" —Poem by CARL J. P. SPITTA*





# HOMES FOR MEN IN THE STARS?

By RAYMOND L. COX

**I**N THE SKY, spectacularly advertised by their starry beacon lights on a clear night, are 20 million million million acres of prime real estate going a-begging," enthused Fritz Leiber. "That's six billion acres for each of us elbow-jostling inhabitants of earth."

What sort of real estate was Leiber talking about as offering a possible outlet for the overflowing population of earth?

"It's good land," he insists; "not dust-covered rock like you'll find on the moon, nor smog-bound suffocating desert such as a sharp dealer might try to unload on you from Venus, nor the chilly lands of Mars, and certainly not the frigid unapproachable gaseous acres of planets like Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune." Supposedly this land is ideal for farms, homes, and cities.

But just exactly where can we find this real estate? "You can get your six billion acres," Leiber advises, "without going outside the star-swarm we call the Milky Way."

Twenty-five years ago ideas like Leiber's would have been scoffed at as scientifically unthinkable. Most astronomers doubted that there could be a couple dozen habitable planets in this entire galaxy. But that was before the Rand Corporation began its statistical scanning of the heavens

for stars like our sun and calculated the probability of finding planets like earth orbiting them.

It appears the Milky Way includes 600 million planets which may be fit to live on. And if you add Andromeda and four nearby galaxies, there would be enough for every earthling to own a planet.

Of course availability of such real estate (if it does indeed exist) and possession of it are two different matters. Accessibility is a virtually insurmountable problem. Unfortunately all this extraterrestrial land is a long way down the road.

Scientists say there is a possibility of locating a habitable planet like ours within 24 light-years of our earth. But who wants to travel 24 years reaching it? So homes for men in the stars are likely to remain vacant indefinitely.

However, there is celestial real estate which is accessible and available. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you (John 14:2). Every year countless earth dwellers go to take possession of their home in heaven.

We do not know how far heaven is from earth, but it seems likely that humans going there travel faster than the speed of light.

When Christ ascended to heaven, those who watched Him disappear into the clouds had not even lowered their



**O**N MARCH 30, 1969, about 3:30 a.m., I was thrown through the windshield of the Volkswagen bus in which I was a passenger. I was rushed to a small hospital nearby and then transferred almost immediately to a larger facility where specialized treatment was available. A seeming nightmare had begun.

Friends brought my wife to the hospital soon after the ambulance arrived. She was told I was in extremely critical condition. The frontal skull had been crushed, and tiny chips of bone were scattered into the membranes surrounding the brain. Flesh around my right eye was badly cut, and my nose was broken. Teeth were loosened, and my body was cut and bruised. Damage to the brain could be determined only by an operation after extensive X rays.

I was in a coma about 60 hours. When I first struggled to open my eyes, I saw a nurse beside my bed. I whispered, "What day is it?" When she answered "Tuesday," I asked what had happened to Sunday and Monday. She just smiled and didn't answer.

Heavy medication eliminated my pain, and as I lay on the hospital bed, my life—short as it has been—seemed to be projected on the screen of my mind. I remembered having been told that when a person is about to die, this phenomenon sometimes occurs. I wondered if death were near.

A wonderful peace filled my being. There was no need to cry out in fear and repentance, for I had settled the old account long ago. I did not have to search for some sin committed before the accident to ask God's forgiveness. Instead, like a spring of fresh water in a desert, there came a deep-rooted assurance out of my innermost being that my ways were committed unto Him, and His will would be done. I could say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12).

I thought I was on my way Home—about to meet my Lord and my loved ones in heaven. What joy it was to know that nothing was between my soul and the Saviour! I was ready to meet Him. No words can describe my joy and anticipation.

Later, the parsonage phone rang. There was this message: "We believe your husband will pull through, Mrs. Atherton." Prayers had been answered!

After 23 days I came home to my wife and the three God-given daughters I cherish. My broken body is still mending, but there was no brain damage. I thrill at the

glance from the skies before two messengers appeared and reported His safe arrival in heaven (Acts 1:9, 10). And there is no reason to believe the Christian's soul soars any slower on its journey homeward (2 Corinthians 5:8).

There may not be anything we can do at present to secure possession of the real estate on habitable planets, but every Christian has important guidelines to follow for possessing his heavenly home.

"Love not the world," enjoins the apostle John. And Paul proclaims, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life,

WHEN I THANKED THE CHIEF NEUROSURGEON  
FOR WHAT HE HAD DONE, HE GAVE ME  
THE STARTLING INFORMATION.

# ONE-HALF INCH FROM DEATH


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thought of what Jesus can do even in tragedy and what insights He can give us. "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

Just before being discharged from the hospital I had the opportunity to thank the chief neurosurgeon for his care and for his fight to save my life. It was then that he told me, "Had damage been done one-half inch deeper, no one on earth could have saved your life." Think of it—half an inch from eternity!


Thousands today are only a day or a week from eternity, and yet they are without Christ. Only those who love Him can have the joy, peace, and assurance I felt at the moment when death was near.

Are you ready to meet Christ, or are you saying, "I have plenty of time to prepare"? "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). Erase the fear of death; accept Christ today as your personal Saviour. 

shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

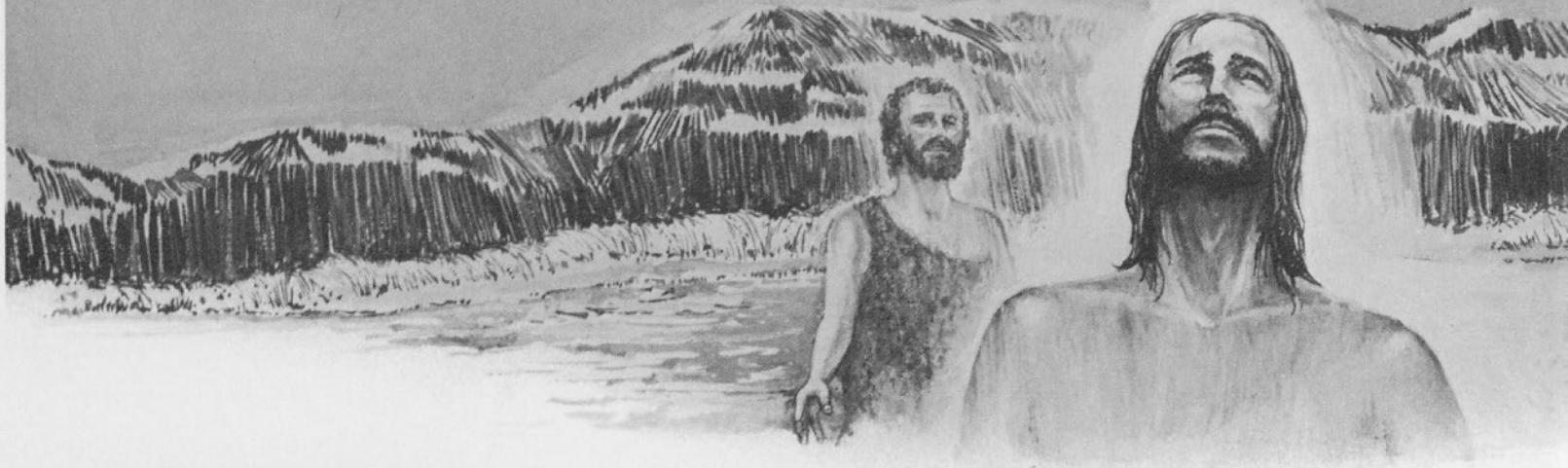
A Christian heading for his heavenly home should not be too attached to this world. Earthly joys do not satisfy the child of God, and earthly disappointments need not depress him.

Often it's easy to succumb to disappointing circumstances, but Christians can overcome their frustrations and unrest by focusing their affections upward.

Heaven is real because Jesus said it is. And it is prepared for all of God's children. Our heavenly real estate will be more meaningful if here on earth we seek those things which are above and set our affections on them rather than earthly hopes and possessions. 



A BRITISH CHURCH LEADER DISCUSSES THE WHY AND THE HOW  
OF THIS SCRIPTURAL ORDINANCE.



# WHAT ABOUT WATER

By ALEXANDER TEE / London, England

**T**HERE ARE CERTAIN ORDINANCES in the Scriptures which are not only meaningful but are sacred. It is our privilege to enter into them and receive the blessing and benefits they offer.

One of these ordinances is water baptism, and a careful study of the Scriptures will show clearly how important it is.

**1. Water baptism must be coupled with sincere repentance for sin.**

Water baptismal services were conducted by the forerunner of our Lord (Matthew 3:6, 10). This act was to witness to God and man that the candidate had repented of his sin.

When the Pharisees and others attended these baptismal services, John the Baptist preached very strongly about bringing forth fruits meet for repentance. Therefore, water baptism must be coupled with renouncing of all sin.

**2. Water baptism is involved in following Christ's example.**

Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. The sinless Son of God did not need to repent of sin but as our Leader and Example He needed to fill to the fullest degree all that was right.

He therefore stepped into the Jordan to be baptized and said, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). To comply with and do all that is right we must follow our Lord's words and example.

**3. Water baptism is commanded by the Saviour.**

After Jesus had risen from the dead, He commanded His disciples to evangelize the whole world. They were to preach and teach people about Him and every convert was to be baptized in water. It is clear from the Book of

Acts and from Early Church history that this ordinance was carried out by the apostles and other leaders.

This command holds as good for today as it did for the converts of the Early Church.

Water baptism is for believers: those who are converted to and are willing to be disciples of Christ. This ordinance is not for infants, for becoming a Christian is a personal matter; no one can make this decision for another. Thus water baptism is a personal step of obedience to Jesus' command.

**4. Water baptism uses the Triune formula.**

Jesus told His disciples to baptize people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).

The Jews would have been less furious had the leaders of Christianity simply baptized their followers in the name of Jesus. But to connect Him with God was intolerable to them, for it acclaimed Him as being divine and infallible.

This is why the Jews crucified Jesus. Jesus was asked the question, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am. . . . Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy" (Mark 14:61-64).

The Resurrection was the great proof of Jesus' claim to be the divine Son of God. Thus it was proper that after this infallible proof Jesus announce the formula to be used when people were baptized as His converts.

About A.D. 240 Sabellius started a new doctrine known as "Jesus only" and was put out of the church for doing so. This shows that the Early Church rejected the idea of being baptized in the name of Jesus only.

The name Jesus was quite common among the Jews 2,000 years ago. But the name Christ or *Christos* was

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different for it meant "the sent one" or "one sent from God." This is why Peter emphasized to the Jews that water baptism meant accepting Jesus as the Christ (Acts 2:38). They had to accept His divinity.

In both Acts 10 and Acts 19 the fact of the lordship of Christ is emphasized. The candidates for water baptism here had a heathen background. Now they must leave the practices of heathenism and accept the practices and teachings of the divine Son of God. He was henceforth to be the Lord of their lives. One can see why this needed emphasis on His lordship was given in each case, but at no time did this annul the formula that Christ gave. It is still to be used when a convert is following the Lord through the waters of baptism.

Jesus is a member of the holy Trinity. We firmly believe He is divine and we acclaim Him to be so when we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**5. Water baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21)**

While it is possible to be saved from sin and ultimately enter heaven without being baptized in water, it is impossible to be an obedient disciple of Christ and reject the opportunity of following the Lord in baptism.

The dying thief was not baptized in water but he did accept lordship of Christ. "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." To accept the lordship of Jesus Christ means to be willing to obey His commands and precepts. Peter states clearly that if our consciences are to be clear before God, we will follow the Lord in baptism.

**6. Water baptism symbolizes dying and rising from the dead into newness of life.**

Just as the bread and wine of the communion service

are symbols of something greater, so is being baptized in water.

In the Epistles we read about dying to our old life of sin, "putting off the old man and his deeds," and "putting on the new man."

The Bible says, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3, 4).

Here then is the vital meaning of water baptism: "I am declaring by this act that I have totally finished with my old life of sin and worldly ways (dying to it) and that from now on I am going to pursue a new life following in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ. This involves being dedicated to His will for my life."

**7. Water baptism in the Bible involves immersion.**

John the Baptist went to Aenon to hold his baptismal services. The reason is clearly given in John 3:23, "because there was much water there." A few water pots would have been sufficient to baptize hundreds of people had a mere sprinkling of water been used.

Jesus went down into the Jordan River to be baptized, for we are told that He came "up out of the water" (Mark 1:10).

The Ethiopian eunuch asked, "What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and *they went down both into the water . . .* and he baptized him. And *when they were come up out of the water . . .* he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:36-39).

The Greek word *baptize* means "to submerge, dip, plunge, or completely cover." The Bible way of baptism is that of total immersion in water.

**8. Water baptism is the New Testament equivalent of Jewish circumcision.**

Every male child born into a Jewish home had to be circumcised on the eighth day or eventually be excommunicated from his family.

Romans 2:28, 29 explains that the convert to Christ does not need to cut away the outward flesh but he must cut away worldliness and sin from his life. This is precisely what water baptism is all about. We cut out of our lives all the old sinful ways in which we indulged; then we enter into the family of God through Christ and receive all its benefits.

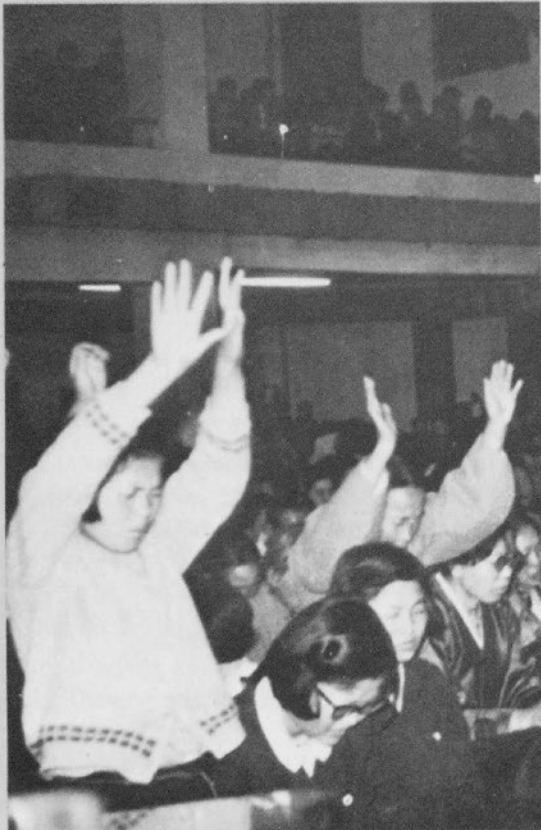
**9. Water baptism is for those who understand.**

Many children want to give their lives to Christ, and this is to be encouraged. Child conversion is an established reality. Many outstanding Christians date their conversion to their childhood.

However, when it comes to water baptism, we must be sure children clearly understand what is involved rather than press them into being baptized. Baptism will be more meaningful when they are older, and while there are exceptions, it is wiser to leave children to make the approach based on conviction than to encourage them to be baptized before they realize the significance of this step.



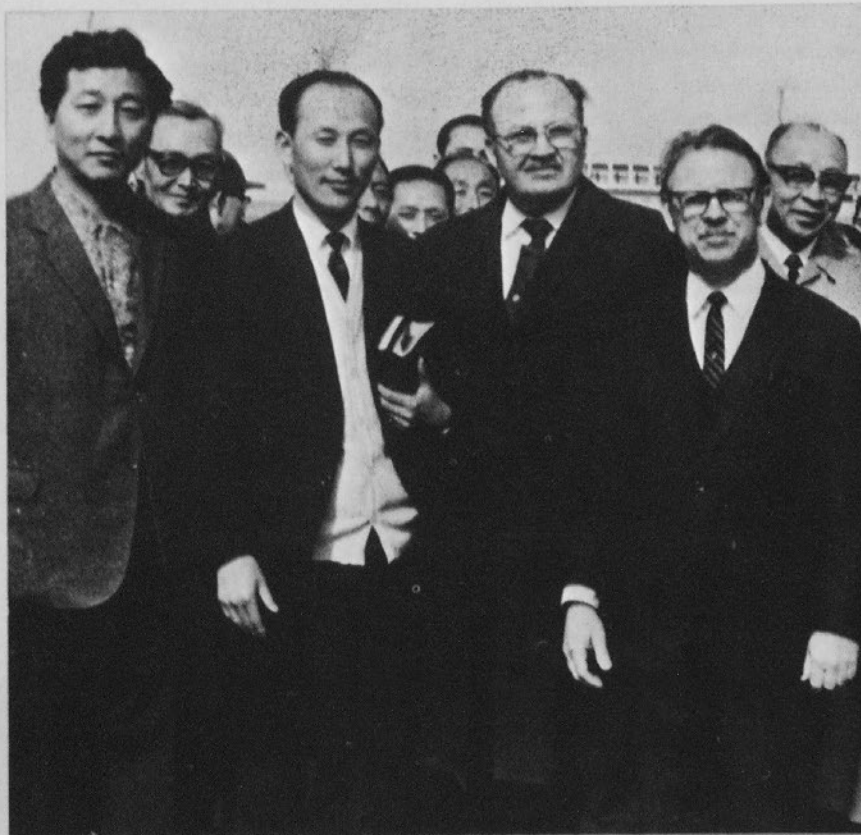
# WE SAW RI



Spontaneous praise is a part of revival.



A sea of hands reach with expectancy toward God.



LEFT TO RIGHT: The vice-mayor of Seoul, Pastor Cho, Evangelist Burnett, and Missionary Hurston broke ground for the new church in Seoul.

**T**HE JETS REVERSED and brakes screamed against the massive landing wheels as the great Boeing 707-320 landed at Kimpo Field in Seoul, Korea. It was Saturday afternoon, March 22, 1969.

I had left Tokyo less than two hours before, and my heart pounded within me as I realized that within a few hours my mission would begin. The crowd of elders from Central Full Gospel Church (the Seoul Evangelistic Center), together with Missionary John Hurston, came in Korean fashion to greet me. This sharpened my anticipation.

Less than six months prior to this, Cho Yonggi, pastor of the great Evangelistic Center in Seoul, had ministered in Craig Chapel at Bethany Bible College and had extended an invitation to me to come to Seoul for a groundbreaking revival in connection with the massive new church to be built in the heart of the government complex of buildings on Ye-Eo-Do Island. And now I was in Seoul.

This was not my first trip to this war-beleaguered city. In 1964 I had visited Korea and was appalled at the poverty, dirt, frustration, and hopelessness on every hand. I had seen Seoul struggling to rise out of the shambles of the conflict so recently ended. I looked on the city then with the feeling of utter and absolute futility. Could anything ever happen to change the hopelessness and helplessness of a people whose land and cities had been so devastatingly ravaged by the disaster of war?

In the midst of this terrible confusion, the only bright ray of hope had been the spiritual hunger in the hearts



# REVIVAL in Seoul, Korea

of the people. I had ministered one Sunday morning in two similar services at the Evangelistic Center and reached an almost unbelievable combined crowd of 2,500. Some 50 people came forward for salvation.

Now I was back in Korea. But things had changed. Poverty was still here. The cardboard houses, the oxen-pulled carts, the human burden-bearers—all were still here.

Yet it was different. Laborers swept the streets with hand-made brooms, express highways threaded their way through a teeming city of 4.5 million people. Buses, taxicabs, and thousands of privately owned cars thronged the streets. New buildings and towering hotels reached for the sky. It was a new Korea. Hope for a better world throbbed strongly within the hearts of these Oriental people.

Nowhere did this uplook show stronger than in the Evangelistic Center, a project started 10 years ago as a result of Good News Crusades (then called Global Conquest). Revival did not come with the evangelist; it was already there. From the first service at 8 a.m. on Palm Sunday to the last of six services on Easter Sunday, we saw revival.

The church that had begun with less than 100 people 10 years ago now had to have five services each Sunday to accommodate the crowds. From 1,500 to 2,000 met each evening of the week at 5 p.m.; then, at 7 p.m. 3,000 thronged the church.

When I look back on the week from Palm Sunday to Easter, I can hardly believe what I saw. As evangelist, I spoke in 27 services, reaching approximately 65,000 people in the combined services. Although we soon lost count, we know of at least 500 who were converted and 600 who were filled with the Holy Spirit, not to mention the hundreds who testified of being healed.

A typical service saw 3,000 Koreans pressed tightly together in an auditorium seating less than 2,000 comfortably. As the leader directed them, they swayed from side to side, inspired and captivated by the beauty of the music and the inspiration of the words that they sang.

When they prayed, they bent back and forth as if they wanted to prostrate themselves before God. The sound of their praises was unlike any sound I had ever heard before. The term "sound of many waters" is the best I can use to describe the heaven-blessed harmony of 3,000 voices lifted to God in unison praying in a tongue I could not understand but could certainly recognize.

Respect for authority, the church, the Word of God, and the moving of the Holy Spirit were obvious at every turn—even in the strange manner in which the events of the service were directed. When it seemed time to change the direction of the service, a little Sunday school bell in the pulpit sounded out above—or through—the sounds of praise, and as if led by the Holy Spirit Himself, the service changed, and God was still there.

One thing I think I will never forget is the great number, perhaps 300, who remained when the service was over. Through the hours of the night with no heat in the building, they prayed to God. At 5:30 in the morning they were met by an additional 250 to 300 people every day of the week. This was in addition to all the services that we conducted in the church. Perhaps here is the secret to the revival.

The high point of the week was on Easter Sunday when 600 elders, deacons, and laymen traveled by rented bus to the heart of the newly formed government island, Ye-Eo-Do, to participate in the groundbreaking service for the new church. This island, once the home of the poorest of the poor and


the most despicable of all slums, had been renovated by the government of Korea under the leadership of Il Suk Chi, vice-mayor of Seoul—a born-again, Spirit-filled member of Pastor Cho's great congregation.

Here on this island all the government buildings for both the city and nation are to be built—a tremendous government complex in the very heart of Seoul. In a strange and wonderful manner and with the assistance of the vice-mayor, Brother Cho has successfully acquired a large section of the island immediately across from what will be the Federal Congress Building of Korea.

Here we had come; here the vice-mayor met us with his great city trucks; and here we broke ground. The vice-mayor, Brother Cho, and I were the first to thrust in the shovels, but before the afternoon was over, 600 people had also dug in their spades.

At this point a new evangelistic temple will be built to seat 10,000 people. I asked Brother Cho, who now has three services every Sunday morning to reach 7,500 in Seoul, if he would be content with only one service when he had sufficient seating for all his people.

His answer somehow describes the reason for the success of this great church and acts as a prophecy for the future. "Oh, no," he said. "We shall have three services. Give God a chance!"

The week of meetings was over, but I knew I could never be the same. Someday I hope to return to Korea, perhaps for the dedication of this great monument to God. Until then I can only pray that God's richest blessing shall continue to abide on Seoul, Brother Cho, Missionary John Hurston, and all the saints of this great church. At the same time I pray that our own beloved America might see and feel a measure of this great revival. 





# FORGIVENESS

Sunday School Lesson for September 14, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

MATTHEW 18:21-35

CHRIST HAD BEEN TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES about their conduct toward those who offended them. Peter, listening with interest, probably thought at once of certain people who had repeatedly wronged him. Thus he asked, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?"

Peter undoubtedly thought his offer was generous and worthy of commendation. If so, he was sadly disappointed. Jesus as much as said, "Peter, your words indicate that you think there is a limit in extending forgiveness. True forgiveness knows no limit. How would you like it if God limited His forgiveness toward you?"

In order to teach Peter—and all of us—a much needed lesson, Christ told the story in this text.

## THE FORGIVING KING (vv. 23-27)

The servant in the parable (probably the king's minister of finance) either through mismanagement or dishonesty found himself owing his sovereign a sum equivalent to \$12 million. Of course, he could never repay the debt—any more than a sinner can save himself from his sins by any amount of good works.

When the servant pleaded for mercy, however, he was freely and fully forgiven. How amazing! Yet not as amazing as God's forgiveness of sinners through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!

## THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT (vv. 28-33)

Here amazing grace is contrasted with man's astounding inconsistency, ingratitude, and cruelty to his fellow-man. He who had been forgiven a debt equal to \$12 million refused to forgive a debt of about \$20.

Instead of thinking we are not like this monster of heartlessness, perhaps we should be hearing a voice saying, "Thou art the man." In our own lives there may lie hidden long-harbored grudges and unforgiving attitudes toward others. Observe:

1. *The vicious vengeance of the forgiven servant* (v. 30). The poor fellow servant used the same words the king's servant had used, but the king's servant had forgotten the mercy extended to him. He insisted on acting upon his legal rights by casting the poor debtor into prison.

2. *The ruler's rebuke* (v. 32). The king called his servant "wicked," not because he had been brought before him for his great indebtedness, but because of his base ingratitude. Unkindness is one of the greatest sins. The unforgiving servant proved by his actions that the king's grace to him had not transformed his life. His apparent sorrow when brought before the king was not sorrow for having done wrong but sorrow because he feared the consequences.

Similarly, those who appreciate God's grace will be changed persons, and one of the manifestations of the effective working of God's grace will be showing mercy, kindness, and forgiveness to others.

## THE ABIDING LESSON OF THE PARABLE (vv. 33-35)

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (See also Matthew 6:14, 15.)

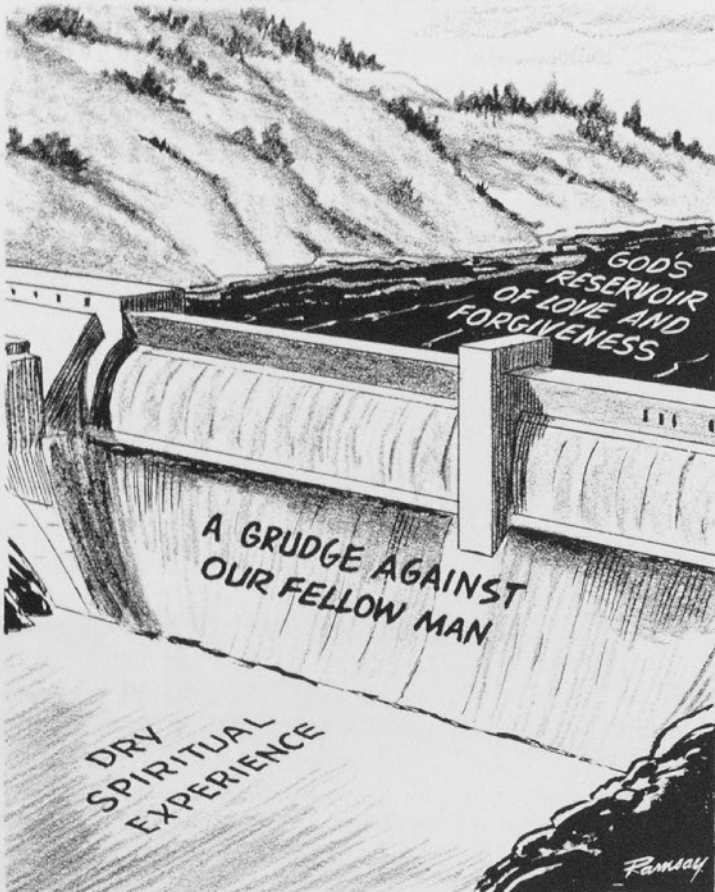
Did Jesus mean that God will not forgive us unless we forgive others? This is like asking if the electric power company will refuse to light our bulbs if we turn off the switch that connects them to the power plant. In both cases it is a matter of *cannot*—not *will not*. The person who turns off the light switch makes it impossible for the company to give him light. And the one who harbors an unforgiving spirit makes it impossible for God to forgive him. Such a person shows that he has fallen from grace and "hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins" (2 Peter 1:7-9).

Christ is the pattern of our forgiveness. Paul said, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, *even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you*" (Ephesians 4:32; see also Colossians 3:13).

Years ago in India, a famous brigand chieftain was converted to Christ through the personal work of Amy Carmichael, one of India's greatest missionaries. This man caught such a remarkable vision of the true meaning of Calvary that he repeatedly refused to take revenge upon numerous men who had horribly treated him and betrayed him. When asked why he behaved so strangely in a land where revenge was commonplace, his simple reply was, "I have been forgiven: must I not forgive?"

It is this kind of Christian philosophy that our harsh, unloving world needs to see exhibited today!

JUST OPEN THE FLOODGATES!





ONE MORNING when President Coolidge was in the White House, the head of the Secret Service, Colonel Edmond Starling, saw a boy standing with his face pressed against the iron fence, looking at the house with large sad eyes.

"What do you want?" asked Colonel Starling.

"I want to see the President," was the boy's timid reply.

"And what would you want to see him about?"

The boy hesitated, then explained that he had come to tell him how sorry he was that his son, young Calvin, had died.

The President had just returned to the White House



from attending his son's funeral—he had died suddenly from an infection. Colonel Starling took the young visitor by the hand, walked with him into the grounds, and met the President leaving for his morning walk.

When the boy found himself in the presence of the President of the United States, he was so overcome with awe that he was unable to talk. Mr. Starling realized the boy's shyness and delivered his message to the President.

President Coolidge was deeply touched and had difficulty controlling his emotions. Later as he and the colonel walked through Lafayette Park, he said: "Starling, when a boy comes to see me, always bring him in. Never make one wait and don't ever turn one away."

I remember how I felt when I read this and how the words rang in my ears that day, "... don't ever turn one away."

For some months I had felt as though I had slipped a long way from God in my life. I don't know how I had come into that position, but I knew I was there. My prayers were sporadic. I seemed to get no answer and had no sense of His presence in my life.

After reading this account, I started on my way to the supermarket. As I approached the market, this truth was impressed upon me: "I set before thee an open door" (Revelation 3:18). As I stood a few feet from the provisions for the health and growth of my family, the door was closed; but as I came nearer, it began to open. The closer I came, the wider the door swung open to welcome me.

At that moment God spoke to my heart. Jesus Christ, His Son, had been told never to turn one away. I realized again that Christ had shed His blood on the cross so that I would not be turned away.

The lesson I learned was that I must move ever forward to the door that brings me into His presence through prayer, study of the Scriptures, and meditation. As I ap-

proach, it will continually swing wider to admit me into His presence.

Thank God for a Saviour who will not turn us away and for a God who opens the door wide.

—KATHERINE BEVIS

## JUST 24 HOURS

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

*Just for today* I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said: "Most folk are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

*Just for today* I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everybody to my own desires.

*Just for today* I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

*Just for today* I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do somebody a good turn. I will do at least two things I don't want to do. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, even if they are.

*Just for today* I will be agreeable. I will act courteously, not criticize, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.


*Just for today* I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. During this time I will try to see my life in better perspective.

*Just for today* I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

## EMPTIED FIRST

I FIRMLY BELIEVE that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and self-seeking and everything contrary to God's law, the Holy Ghost will come and fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and pleasure and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. Many a man is praying to God to fill him when he is full already with something else.

—D. L. MOODY



**SCRIPTURES  
TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8-14**

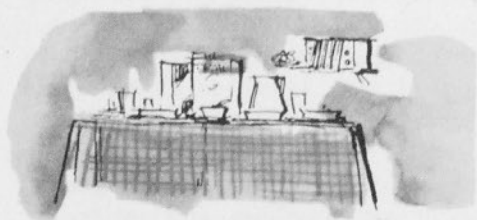
Theme of the Week: **WISDOM FROM ABOVE**

Mon. ....	Prov. 2:1-22	Thurs. ....	1 Cor. 2:6-16
Tues. ....	Prov. 3:13-26	Fri. ....	Eph. 1:15-23
Wed. ....	1 Cor. 1:18-31	Sat. ....	Col. 1:3-20
	Sun. ....		James 3:13-18

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17)



# THERE'S ROOM AT REVIVALTIME'S ALTAR



## GOSPEL BREAKFASTS

"After listening to *Revivaltime* for eight months every Sunday at the breakfast table, our family decided to attend a full-gospel church. My husband, 17-year-old son, 7-year-old daughter, and I accepted Christ in the very first service we attended. Our family has served the Lord ever since that day, and *Revivaltime* continues to help us."



"I have been hospitalized for 33 years. Some time ago I became a regular listener to *Revivaltime*. I want you to know that I accepted Jesus as my Saviour at the *Revivaltime* altar."



## CAMPUS TEMPTATIONS

"What wonderful strength I get from *Revivaltime* services each Sunday. Being a university student and a Christian is sometimes very hard. There are so many temptations to worldly pleasures from ungodly fellow students.

"The long *Revivaltime* altar reaches me here in Canada; I pray along with you. There is so much going on around me that is not good, and Sunday is my special day, for I can be alone and listen to your service which brings me so much joy and blessing."

## A NEW BEGINNING

"I thought I was a pretty good Christian until I left my small hometown in Texas and accepted a factory job in Flint, Michigan. I had never gone to shows or dances, didn't smoke or drink—but I was soon prowling the streets, and my moral restraint crumbled.

"Then came the shock of awaking behind bars after being involved in a barroom fight. The 90-day sentence gave me time to think.

"One night after 'lock up' I heard *Revivaltime*. Brother Ward's message showed me the way back to God. On my knees at the *Revivaltime* altar I found a new beginning with my Lord."



## CONVICTED IN MY CAR

"While driving from New York to New Jersey, I heard a *Revivaltime* message that stirred my heart so much that I began crying and had to pull off to the side of the road. I sat there 20 minutes before I could continue driving. About two weeks later I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

## YES, THERE'S ROOM AT THE WORLD'S LONGEST ALTAR

The invitation to find God's answer through prayer makes *Revivaltime* more than a religious radio program—it is, rather, an evangelistic service which provides room for every troubled listener to kneel at its altar.

This radio altar stretches around the world and from pole to pole, giving countless thousands an immediate opportunity to find the peace God offers through His Son. And it can reach into the home next door.

After heartwarming choir music and a straightforward message from God's Word, the familiar hymn of invitation, "There's Room at the Cross for You," serves as a background to *Revivaltime* altar calls. The invitation to kneel in prayer is given from more than 600 radio stations. And hundreds respond each week.





## FAMILY RECEIVES BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

### HUSBAND HEALED OF LIVER DISEASE

GOD HAS REVEALED His love to our family. He also healed my husband of liver disease. We have learned that the Lord will satisfy the need of anyone who loves Him and believes in His wonderful power.

It all started with a hunger in my heart to hear God's Word. I had been attending a Methodist church almost all my life. But the day I learned that a liver disease was slowly killing my husband, I knew I would need God's strength to lean on. I started searching for a church that would feed my soul.

Although I knew God was always with me, somehow I could not reach Him until one day I visited the Lenexa Assembly of God church. The power of God fell upon me, and I gave my heart to Him. I was a "born-again Christian."

I visited First Assembly at Overland Park where Evangelist Richard Vinyard was holding special meetings. The first night I attended God touched my heart and so anointed me with His Spirit I couldn't wait for the next night. This time my husband went with me. The evangelist began preaching about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. A few months before, I had heard an interpretation for the first time. I thought it was wonderful and wanted to learn more about it. I know I was led to these meetings to learn more about the Baptism.

Each night made my husband and me a little more eager to receive this gift from God. On Saturday night, when the Holy Ghost rally was called, we were the first to the altar. I received the Baptism, and there are no words to express my feelings. I knew I had been in contact with the Lord and felt so loved by Him.

After my husband and I told our 17-year-old daughter Chris about our experience, she wanted the gift also. The following week she received the Baptism.

The Lord has been so wonderful to us. During these meetings, my husband was healed of the liver disease. We love our Lord and Saviour with all our hearts and praise His precious name every day.—Mrs. Leta M. Garrison, Overland Park, Kans.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Larry Allbaugh, Assembly of God, Lenexa, Kans., who writes, "The testimony of the Garrisons has been a thrilling encouragement to our 'Break-through' church here.")*

## SAINTS IN CIRCULATION

DURING THE REIGN of Oliver Cromwell the government ran out of silver coins. Cromwell sent his men to a cathedral to see if they could locate any silver.

They reported, "The only silver we could find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners."

"Good!" he replied, "we'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation!"

Certainly the need of the hour is that the saints be melted down in revival fires and put into circulation winning the lost.

—VANCE HAVNER

# YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Please explain the following: "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away" (1 Corinthians 13:8).

The meaning is that present knowledge, prophecy (which is inspirational utterance), and tongues will no longer be needed when we have gotten to heaven and are free from our present limitations.

It could not mean, as some claim, that these blessings ceased when God finished providing us the New Testament, since without knowledge the Scriptures could not be understood.

Eventually all gifts which now accompany our present limitations will come to an end, but love will live forever.

Jesus claimed power to raise Himself from the dead, saying, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. . . . He spake of the temple of his body" (John 2:19, 21). Other Scripture verses say Jesus was raised by the Father or by the Holy Ghost. How do you explain His claim to power to raise Himself?

There are mysteries in the Deity beyond our present power to comprehend fully. But since "all power in heaven and in earth" was given to Jesus, and "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9), and "in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:19), it seems only reasonable to believe what He said: "No man taketh [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:18).

Please explain Jesus' words in Luke 21:29-32 concerning the fig tree and all the trees, and especially "This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."

In different passages the fig tree is used symbolically of Israel. (See Hosea 9:10; Joel 1:7; Matthew 24:32; Luke 13:6.) Jesus had been speaking of His second coming (Luke 21:27). He then used the parable of the fig tree and all the trees. "When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand."

For centuries the land of Israel (the fig tree) lay slumbering, which was true also of the surrounding nations (all the trees). Now there is a great awakening, which includes lands in Africa and other parts of the world. Are these not signs telling us the coming of the Lord draws nigh?

Concerning the meaning of *generation*, the concordance indicates that in most places where it is used, it means "birth, origin," Matthew 1:1; "progeny or produce," Matthew 3:7, 12:34, Luke 3:7. It is also used concerning race or kind, as in 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation."

*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.*

# Evangelical NEWS Digest

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PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGIAN SAYS

## Church Needs 'Devastating' Visit of Holy Spirit

AUSTIN, TEX.—“The Church stands on the verge of one of the most profound movements of the Holy Spirit since its early beginning,” says theologian J. Rodman Williams.

The professor at Austin Presbyterian Seminary here feels that “our plight is indeed a serious one” but he does not believe that

By ABS

## Scripture Dictation Is Broadcast into China

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The American Bible Society, through the use of four powerful Christian radio stations, is now broadcasting daily Scripture readings at dictation speed in the two major Chinese languages: Mandarin and Cantonese.

Shortwave radio receivers in China, estimated to number in excess of 6,000,000, provide an enormous potential in spreading the gospel.

A listener recently wrote: “Thank God that I have now written up to Genesis 28 of the Old Testament.”

Methodist Minister Says

## Country Churches Fill Vital Need

NEW YORK, N.Y.—A social scientist now in the Methodist ministry laments the demise of hundreds of rural churches each year and says more should be done to keep them alive.

Lyle E. Schaller, writing in a recent issue of *The Lutheran Magazine*, says country churches are filling a vital need.

When small schools and stores close, other provision is made for the citizenry, he wrote. But when a country church closes, residents are less likely to drive to an urban church where they would be reluctant to become a part of the worshipping community.

Another reason for keeping the country church, he said, would be to preserve a “sense of community” often lacking in larger congregations.

a more refined liturgy, better education, or deeper involvement with the world and its problems will resolve the situation.

“The Church and those who

compose it need desperately a new, perhaps even devastating, visitation by the Spirit of the living God,” Dr. Williams concluded.

## 60,000 March as Israel Turns 21

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Bands played, floats sparkled in the sunlight, and shouts of “Chai Yisrael” (let Israel live) resounded as 60,000 men, women, and children marched up Fifth Avenue here on June 1 to mark Israel's 21st anniversary as a nation.

At the end of the parade, several speakers, including Mayor

John Lindsay, briefly addressed the crowd of over 200,000 spectators.

Joseph Tekoah, Israel's chief delegate at the UN, said that his nation's primary objective was “peace with our neighbors,” and added that his country desired direct negotiation with the Arab states to achieve that purpose.

SAYS GRAHAM AIDE

## BIBLE DOES NOT TEACH RACIAL SUPERIORITY

PORTLAND, MAINE—Stressing that the Bible “does not teach racial superiority,” H. Norman Pell maintained here that the only basis for international understanding is the Scripture lesson that “all men are made in God's image.”

Three hundred young people and their leaders heard Mr. Pell's advice at the Portland Pilgrimage sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The pilgrimage launched Christian Endeavor's theme for the next two years, “Changing World . . . Eternal Christ.”

A member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Mr. Pell warned:

“Many liberal humanitarians of our day are more concerned with the dignity and freedom of man than professing Christ. They protest war and march for civil rights and take part in poverty programs,

To Begin Linguistic Work

## Wycliffe Goes to Panama

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Wycliffe Bible Translators, through its scientific arm, the summer Institute of Linguistics, has just reached agreement with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Panama to begin linguistic work and Bible translation in that country.

Panama has affirmed its desire for detailed studies of the separate language groups within its borders, and to see programs of bilingual education begun for the Indian peoples as an aid to integration into national life.

Wycliffe's linguists will comply with this request, adding to the program evangelism through Bible translation.

but they believe that man can solve his problems without God.

“Christian Endeavor affirms that without God, science, education, and culture would be the tools of terrible evil. There is no answer to the meanness and meaninglessness of our life apart from God. The difference between right and wrong is blurred. From its founding in 1881 . . . Christian Endeavor has stood for equality of all people.”

Israel Announces

## Entire Length of Wailing Wall To Be Excavated

Will Be Visible for First Time in over 2,000 Years

JERUSALEM—The entire length of the Wailing Wall (more often called the Western Wall) will be excavated and made visible for the first time in nearly 2,000 years, archaeologists here recently announced.

The wall is Judaism's most sacred shrine, but only 100 feet of it was accessible before Israel occupied East Jerusalem in 1967 and another 162 feet was cleared.

At present, a large mound of earth separates the Western Wall from the Southern Wall which is about 650 feet away. It is believed that when the excavation is complete, the two walls will be linked.

Archaeologists also believe that the still-buried wall covers the remains of the main entrance to the Temple Mountain, site of the

temple of Solomon. This gate was the chief means of access to the temple from the city proper in Biblical times.

## Bible Reader Geared for Schools Scheduled for Release This Month

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—A new book which may make it possible “to keep the Bible in the public schools” is scheduled for release this month.

*The Bible Reader: An Interfaith Interpretation*, was prepared by Dr. Walter M. Abbott, Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, the Reverend Carter Swain, and Dr. Rolfe L. Hunt.

The four scholars, working together, “chose all parts of the

Bible that any intelligent person should know about,” Dr. Abbott said, “because it [the Bible] has affected his history, art, literature, and culture and because it is used by the Catholics, Protestants, and Jews around him in their religious life and liturgy.

“With this book it will be possible to keep the Bible in the public schools,” the Catholic priest concluded.



## FREE CHURCHES IN NORWAY GRANTED ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

OSLO, NORWAY—Legislation granting additional rights to the Free Church in this country was passed here by the Storting (parliament).

The new law provides for refunding to members of the Free Churches that portion of income taxes earmarked for support of the state (Lutheran) church.

However, the refunds will not be paid to individual taxpayers but will go to the national offices of the Free Church denominations in which they hold membership, or be paid to the local congregations where they worship.

Under the new law, Free Church ministers attain the same

status as ministers of the state church. Formerly, a Free Church minister could perform marriages only when at least one wedding partner belonged to his denomination, but now he may officiate at any marriage.

Passage of the law does not change certain privileges of the state church. The Government will continue to pay the salaries of Lutheran ministers, and both state and local authorities continue to maintain the properties and buildings of the established church.

This new law was passed in the wake of legislation abolishing a law which barred Free Church members from teaching religion in public schools.

On December 25

## ENGLAND RETAINS CHRISTMAS DAY

LONDON, ENGLAND—Englishmen will continue to celebrate Christmas on December 25 as long as the Wilson government is in power.

This decision was made clear

in the House of Commons when Home Secretary James Callaghan rejected a motion introduced by six Conservative members calling for Christmas Day to be permanently fixed on the Sunday nearest to December 25.

The move was aimed to end the industrial disruption caused last Christmas when the holiday fell in midweek. Millions of workers made the whole week a holiday.

Fruit of Temperance Emphasized

## Fall 'Paraclete' Now Available

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Fall 1969 issue of *Paraclete* is off the press. The lead article is "Temperance and the Spirit-filled Life," by Zenas J. Bicket, dean of Evangel College.

He states, "In general, self-control as a fruit of the Spirit should operate in three areas of a Christian's life: his use of the provisions of God's nature, his use of man-made pleasure, and his response to inner emotions and passions."

Dr. Bicket claims that temperance is placed last in the list of the fruits of the Spirit because "it regulates all the other fruit or virtues of the Spirit."

The current issue of *Paraclete* also contains the following ar-

ticles: "The Charismata in the Post-Apostolic Church," by Andrew T. Floris; "The Holy Spirit and Worship," by A. D. Millard; and "The Cessation of the Charismata," by Jon Ruthven. This last of a three-part series by Ruthven carries the subhead: "A Biblical Defense for the Continuation of the Charismata."

An added feature of this issue is the Subject-Author index for the current year.

*Paraclete* is an excellent magazine to give to friends who are interested in gaining knowledge about the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. The 32-page publication is available by subscription and single or bundle copies.

*trimaran* out from Suva, Fiji, for Sydney on April 25 to have the boat's auxiliary engine repaired. He had not been heard from since.

On July 14 an American ship bound for Brisbane found the wrecked *trimaran* with a decomposed body aboard. Because the freighter's captain believed the boat could become a menace to shipping, he ordered it sunk with the body on board.

## Island Missionary Is Buried in Boat

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—The body of an old man of the sea—a missionary who worked alone, bringing the gospel to remote Pacific islanders, has been found in his wrecked boat.

He is Derek Watts, 82, an Anglican minister who sailed his

## ... at a glance

• • • "The greatest single obstacle to the economic and social advancement of the majority of the peoples in the underdeveloped world is rampant population growth," declared World Bank President Robert S. McNamara. He said a child born today and living into his seventies would know a world of 15 billion while his grandsons would share the planet with 60 billion people. He warned that if the population explosion is not dealt with reasonably, it will explode into suffering, violence, and inhumanity.

• • • Seventeen members of a hippie rock musical cast, internationally known for the low moral standards of their performances were recently ordered to leave Mexico within 24 hours. "Productions that counter morality will not be presented or tolerated," said Acapulco Mayor Israel Noguera Otero.

• • • Key national workers from all over India will gather in Deolali (near Bombay) to participate in the all-India Congress on Evangelism scheduled for June 4-8, 1970. The congress (sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of India as one of its 20th anniversary projects) will attempt to discover ways of implementing the proposed outreach program which was set forth by the World Congress on Evangelism (Berlin) in 1966.

• • • Brazilian municipal officials have launched a drive to erect monuments to the Bible in several key cities, according to a report by the Brazilian Bible Society. The mayor of Marilia, a city in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo, has erected such a monument, and sculptured in white marble are the words, in Portuguese, "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

• • • King Jeroboam of Israel once ordered that two golden calves be made—one to be placed in Bethel and the other in Dan. A man of God destroyed the golden calf at Bethel but nothing is known of what happened to the other image. Archaeologist Abraham Biran is now digging at Tel Dan in high hopes that he will find the missing golden calf which Jeroboam placed in that far northern city.

• • • Serious crime in the United States continued its upward trend during the first three months of 1969 with a national rise of 10 percent. FBI director J. Edgar Hoover noted that each crime classification used in the national Crime Index showed increases. Large cities with over 100,000 inhabitants experienced an average increase of 10 percent, suburban areas 11 percent, and rural areas 7 percent.

• • • Two first-time translations of the New Testament were dedicated in Mexico in July. The Ojitlan Chinantec and the Sayula Populuca Testaments were officially delivered into the hands of the Indian people by the Wycliffe Bible Translators. These are the 10th and 11th tribes of Mexico to receive complete WBT translations of the New Testament.

• • • Some 25,000 copies of the booklet "Good News by a Man Named John" were distributed by the American Bible Society to boys attending the recent National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho. Over 2,000 New Testaments in Today's English Version were also made available to the boys who came from all 50 states and Europe.

• • • The Latin American Bible Societies are observing the 400th anniversary of the Spanish translation of the Bible this year. The Bible was translated into Spanish in 1569 by Cassiodoro de Reina.

• • • For the first time, the Scriptures are being distributed throughout the Islamic Republic of Somalia in East Africa. Translation of the New Testament into the national language of Somalia was completed last year by linguists of the Sudan Interior Mission. The first portions were printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Most of the Old Testament in Somali is now ready for the printer.

What does it say to you?

# ...worth a thousand words

**I**T MAY BE TRUE that "one picture is worth a thousand words," but it does not necessarily speak the same words to all who see it.

Take the picture on this page for an example. It shows the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performing in the ancient Roman amphitheater at Caesarea. Roman ruins are visible behind the stage, with the Crusader port and breakwater in the background.

What the picture says to us will depend on our individual interests. If I were a Jew, no doubt it would say, "The Jewish race should be proud of its accomplished musicians." (And well it may, for the Israel Philharmonic is one of the finest orchestras in the world.)

If one is a music lover, the picture probably would say, "Judging by the capacity audience, the Israelis must appreciate fine music." (Yes, they do. I had the privilege of hearing the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Tel Aviv last year, and the 3,000-seat auditorium was packed. The great violinist Jascha Heifetz was guest soloist that night. At the close of the concert hundreds of exuberant people

rushed forward to congratulate the musicians on their brilliant performance.)

If one's particular field is history, the picture may say, "One can easily imagine Roman ladies and their toga-clad escorts filling the same seats as all those casually-attired Israelis." (I had similar thoughts the afternoon I sat on one of these stone tiers. The place was deserted that day, but of all the ruins at Caesarea that recalled the days of Caesar and other early civilizations, this amphitheater fascinated me the most.)

But if one is a Bible student, the picture has something else to say. It shouts so loud and clear, "These are the last days. Jesus is about to return. Be sure you are ready to meet Him."

Did you know that the regathering of the Jews in their ancient homeland is one of the greatest "signs of the times"? The Bible predicted it centuries ago, saying God would bring them back to the land of Israel at the end of the age, just prior to the revelation of His Son from heaven—and they have come by the hundreds of thousands. Today there are nearly 2½ million Jews in Israel—about four times as many as when the Israelis proclaimed their independence in 1948. They have come from 100 different countries and they have built 450 new villages and towns.

When the Lord Jesus taught His disciples what to expect at the end of the age, He said: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:32, 33). The fig tree is a Biblical symbol of the Jewish people, and the budding and leafing out undoubtedly speak of the blossoming of the new nation, Israel, which we have seen in our day.

If I was not trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and living for Him today, I would listen to the message of the photograph—and the voice of the Holy Spirit. And I would get right with the Lord now—without delay—for time is running out. —r.c.c.

