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# Sickness and Demon Possession

Evangelist Lorne F. Fox

*And he ordained twelve that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach: and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils. Mark 3:14, 15.*

● IT IS OUR PURPOSE this evening to deal with a question of vital interest to us all—the relationship between sickness and possession by demons. Some teach that all sickness in its ultimate end is active demon possession. Many sincerely believe this to be a fact. We have always appreciated sincerity in people. No higher word of commendation can be spoken of a man or woman than that he or she is a *sincere* Christian. However, in regard to the attitude that ALL sickness is demon possession, while very sincere, yet it is unscriptural. There is no doubt that sickness is of the devil, in that when man first sinned he brought upon himself the curse, and sickness is a vital part of that curse. However, possession by demons is something very different. Please note once again, will you, the final words of our text? “He ordained twelve . . . that he might send them forth to preach: and to have power to heal sicknesses, AND to cast out devils.” Two definite supernatural works of the power of God are mentioned here—“to heal sicknesses, AND to cast out devils.”

It is also evident that many sicknesses represent *direct* attacks of Satan upon the body, but this still does not constitute direct possession by Satan or demons. We are very much aware of the high pitch of battle in the spiritual realm at this time. Never has the conflict between the forces of good and evil, righteousness and sin been as fierce as in our times. This battle is due to intensify. The Scriptures evidence this fact, and events around us prove it beyond shadow of doubt. The sinister forces of hell are marshaling all of their evil powers for one grand onslaught against the Kingdom of God. The child of God, knowing the Word of God, and the almighty power of our Redeemer, need have no fears, for “though the enemy come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him.”

My blessed Lord conquered the power of Satan in the consummation of His redemption plan atop Calvary's mountain. The precious blood of the Son of God, shed on Golgotha's brow, spelled doom and defeat to the plans of the evil one. The plan of God will go on to its ultimate fulfillment regardless of men or devils. So, children of God, do not fear the clouds of darkness clouding our mortal skies, for CHRIST HAS CONQUERED! Victory is assured beyond question. We are the Lord's, and if God be for us, who can be against us? He conquers in our lives now, when we give Him FULL possession of body, soul and spirit. And one of these glorious days, our King with the hosts of heaven will march down the pathway of the stars to set up His literal kingdom upon this earth, for “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof!” Hallelujah!

## Oppressive Infirmities

There are times when Satan seeks to OPPRESS the physical being with sickness and suffering, but this is *not* possession. For a personal example, many friends in this audience have heard me give my own testimony of healing. Part of the infirmities which afflicted my body left my

nervous system in a totally prostrated condition . . . unable to feed myself much of the time, could not walk without falling, my body trembling, jerking, twisting with disease. A few times when my testimony has been given, well meaning friends have come to me afterwards and have tried to convince me I was actively demon possessed. I am glad that allowance is made for “righteous indignation,” for this is one time when I do become highly indignant, for I happen to know I was *not* possessed of devils during my years of sickness. The reason why I know? I KNEW JESUS CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOUR and loved Him with all of my heart. It is neither practical nor scriptural to teach that Christ and Satan can *both* occupy the throne of a man's heart at the same time. The Lord was my chief source of comfort in those dark days of sickness and suffering. We had not been taught, as the Bible teaches, that the Lord Jesus is the Physician of *both* soul and body; but He *was* living within my heart. I was His, even as I am His tonight. That being the case, it was not possible for me to be demon-possessed. To even think that I was would be a sacrilege and a travesty on the saving, keeping power of my precious Lord! My body was OPPRESSED with infirmities, even as the Bible states it, but there was no condition of active demoniac possession.

Just the other day someone asked us regarding the relationship between mental illness and demons. Medical science has proven that it is just as possible for the brain to become diseased as any other portion of the human body. We do know that when Satan strives to possess a man, he works first to occupy the mind, for

## A Message of Cheer to All Who Are Sick

TAKE YOUR BIBLE AND LOOK UP THESE REFERENCES

Jesus went about teaching, preaching, and healing. Matthew 4:23.

He commissioned the twelve to do the same. Matthew 10:1.

He gave the seventy the same commission. Luke 10:9.

He gave all His followers the command to preach the gospel and to lay hands on the sick for their recovery. Mark 16:15-18.

He did not limit this commission to the apostles, but said, “These signs shall follow them that believe.” Mark 16:17, 18.

Believers who were not apostles proved this promise true after the ascension of Jesus. Acts 3:6; Acts 6:8; Acts 8:6, 7; Acts 9:34, 40, etc.

James, in his Epistle, directs the sick to “call for the elders of the church.” James 5:14.

He instructs the elders to pray over the

sick, “anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14.

He says, “The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.” James 5:15.

He says, “Pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” James 5:16.

There is not a single text in the Bible that intimates that healing in Jesus' name was ever to cease. Instead it says that He who healed the sick 1900 years ago is “the same, yesterday, and today, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8.

There are thousands of people living today who testify to Divine Healing.

If you are sick or afflicted, take courage. Have faith in God. Jesus was cursed and crucified that you might be free.

Come to Jesus with your sins, and He will save you. Come to Him with your infirmities and He will heal you.

This message was given in the Shrine Mosque at Springfield, Mo., Nov. 18, 1949.

in doing this he shortly has possession of both body and spirit. Mental sickness frequently takes the form of OBSESSION, in which case the victim becomes obsessed with the idea (right or wrong) that certain conditions exist in his or her case. We have heard it spoken of lightly sometimes as having "a one-track mind." Unhappy home life in our times is a leading cause for much of this thing. Suspicion and fear are often responsible for the forming of certain opinions which are many times wholly unwarranted. To convince the persons in case that they are mistaken is impossible; such persons become *obsessed* with the idea that they, and they alone, are right, and they live in a little world of their own.

I have talked with several medical authorities of these things, and they voice the very thing I have just spoken. In some cases there is an organic breakdown of the brain causing these unhappy results. On the other hand, these same medical authorities have agreed that in looking into the eyes of some of these demented people, it is as though you were looking right into the eyes of Satan. Through lives of sin, those individuals had opened the way for Satan to come with his imps of hell, and to take active possession. The doctors knew there was no hope or cure known to medical science for such cases, and as a doctor remarked to me regarding one case, it "looks as though the devil has taken him over completely!"

#### Beyond Medical Help

Doctors and medical science cannot cure active demon possession. Whoever heard of being able to cut out demons by means of surgery? Or to remove them by pills, or medicines, or hypodermics? In outright cases of demon possession medical science can do nothing. This opinion has been openly expressed to me by several medical men.

By this I do not infer that all incurable illnesses of the body are demon possession; for they are not, by any means.

To be very practical, we have seen a great number of cases of hysteria that have been labeled demon possession by well meaning folks. For example, we were holding meetings in one city not too long ago, and one night after service when we were about to leave the Tabernacle office for home, some anxious friends came asking us if we would come into a side room to pray for a young woman who they declared was certainly demon-possessed. They had carried her into the side room,

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and when we walked in the parents of the girl were wringing their hands in dismay and embarrassment. The young lady was prone upon the floor, appearing much like one dead or nearly so. We questioned her parents and they volunteered the information that their daughter had always been very strong willed, and that for many years they carefully avoided crossing her will and desires, for to do so brought on these "attacks" when sometimes she would seem to be totally unconscious and near death for hours at a time. Something had displeased her this night!

I got down and prayed quietly a few moments, and then, venturing to follow the conviction that came, I whispered a request that a glass of ice cold water be brought to us. A few moments later that glass of ice water was in my hand. It took some earnest silent prayer for courage to follow the plan through . . . and suddenly I did it! I threw the entire glass of cold water in the young woman's face. She gave a cry, a loud gasp, and sat up. That was the last "attack" she ever had! Over a year later her father said that she was perfectly normal.

We tell this for a reason, my friends. This girl was commonly believed to be demon-possessed. Be assured that a glass of cold water will never frighten the devil, nor could you cast out demons by such absurd measures.

In the case just related, the parents were in an agony of torment because of what people said regarding their daughter being filled with devils. Let us be reasonable. . . . THERE IS ONLY ONE POWER THAT CAN CAST OUT DEMONS in the case of genuine possession. THAT IS THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! We must be careful not to make unwise statements regarding people being possessed of devils unless we know what we are talking about, for lack of wisdom along these lines has only succeeded in placing sincere people under a dark cloud of apprehension, and has added immeasurably to their sufferings. We speak with authority, because we have been called to deal with many such cases in our travels.

There is no mincing matters when we come face to face with genuine demonic power. Many times we have witnessed Satan or demonic spirits evidence their presence and occupancy of the human being beyond the shadow of a doubt. In such cases only ONE POWER can deliver such a victim. I speak of the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST! Only in the name of

the Lord Jesus Christ can demons be brought to bay, and made to obey. Hallelujah for the precious Blood!

"What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!"

#### Victory in Jesus

We were conducting meetings in a Canadian city. It was late in the evening following the service. The multitudes of people had left the auditorium for their homes. We were just about to leave, when we were asked to come to the main auditorium to pray for a man whom the friends said was possessed of demons. On entering the auditorium we met a man and a woman standing together near one of the altars. Asking concerning their need, the man spoke up saying, "I came here tonight, and then started home. While waiting for our bus three blocks from the auditorium, I suddenly felt led to come back and ask you to pray for my healing. For four years I have been demon-possessed, but I believe that if you will pray I will be set free. I do believe that Je—" But he was unable to finish the name of the Lord. Suddenly, as though violently convulsed in some agony, he writhed and fell to the floor in a sitting position, leaning against the altar. In spite of valiant at-

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# Editorial

## MIRACLES OF TODAY

It is remarkable what science can do with the elements God has created. By patient study and experimentation, man has learned to take the materials God has placed in his hands and utilize them to a greater and yet greater extent.

Medical science has learned how to prolong life—but not how to create it. Surgeons can restore sight by replacing the cornea of a blind eye with a good one taken from a dead man, but they cannot create a good eye. Inventors can produce hearing aids but cannot cure one who is stone deaf. Agriculturists can develop bigger and better crops but they must have seed from which to start. Chemists can combine the elements of matter into many useful forms but they cannot create a single atom. Only God can do that.

The atom is the basic unit of all matter. Previous to 1940, students in chemistry were taught that there were only 92 elements in matter. That is, there were only 92 different kinds of atoms, and everything in nature was said to consist of these 92 elements combined in various forms.

With the advent of nuclear fission, however, a "miracle" has been proclaimed. The hitherto indivisible "atom" has been smashed and new atomic elements have been "created." What actually has happened, however, is not a miracle of creation. Science simply has discovered some new elements which, although previously unknown, have existed all along.

This very year two new synthetic elements have been discovered. Just three months ago a group of scientists in Berkeley, California, discovered element 97, and named it Berkelium. Now this same group has discovered element 98, and they have named it Californium after the University and State in which it was discovered.

Element 98 is the heaviest atom yet known, standing six steps up the periodic table from Uranium, the most massive atom in nature. It was made by bombarding Curium, element 96, with 35 million electron volt alpha particles, the nuclei of Helium atoms, fired from the University's 60-inch Crocker cyclotron. The new element does not exist in nature, and it never has been observed on earth.

Man can do wonders with matter, but he cannot create matter. How vastly superior to human science is the wisdom and power of our heavenly Father. His power is seen in the creation of the universe. The Bible says that He simply spoke the planets into existence. "The

worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:3. He did not need raw materials out of which to manufacture the heavens and the earth. He made them out of nothing.

Our Christian faith is based upon the creative power of God. We believe the miracles recorded in the Bible because we know that all things are possible with God. We believe miracles are possible today because God has never changed. The fact is attested by experience. God answers prayers that could not be answered except by supernatural means. He actually creates a clean heart in the life of the defiled sinner that repents. God does not simply take the elements that are already residing in man's sinful nature and develop these in the direction of Christlikeness; instead, He creates a new nature and a righteousness in man's life that was not there before, so that the saved man is a new creation.

The same is true of God's healing power. Our mighty Creator is not dependent upon the forces of nature to effect a gradual cure, though oftentimes He does cause sickness to be cured in this manner. When it pleases Him to perform a miracle He can instantly restore sight to an eye that is totally impotent, or hearing to one who is stone deaf. He can create new organs in the body, if necessary, to replace organs that are diseased or decayed. He can heal the hardest cases. Thank God, the days of miracles are not past. Miracles of healing are still being performed in the lives of people who will believe the Book and trust the Lord with all their hearts.

## KEEPING GOD'S SECRETS

Has the Lord ever confided in you? Has He whispered to your heart that He is going to heal you, or save some loved one, or send a gracious revival? If so, do not betray His confidence by telling the secret to everyone you meet. Just wait humbly, prayerfully, expectantly, until it actually comes to pass, and then give Him all the glory.

An evangelist writes: "Once we prayed through for a big revival in a certain church. The answer was so real and so definite, that we could see souls coming from every direction to the altar, the house filled, and the whole country stirred. But when God gave us this vision He said, 'See thou tell it to no man.' Somehow, without a thought of disobedience, we told it in public and made our faith known by letters and by postal cards. We were going to have a big meeting. God had given the confidence, and we wanted this one or that one to be sure to come. What was the actual fact? That meeting proved to be the biggest failure that was ever in that church. It amounted to absolutely

nothing. We did the preaching and it was all pulling. There was no liberty. Nothing happened. Oh, what a disappointment! We felt we never wanted to preach there again, and for years God did not let us.

"What was the trouble? God had answered and given us His secret, but we became inflated, and spiritual pride got in, and God could not afford to answer prayer. He could not afford to pour out His Spirit and make known His grace in that community. It would bring the glory on us instead of Jesus Christ, and He will not give His glory unto another."

The Lord does reveal His secret unto His servants, but often He wants His servants to keep His secrets. Mary kept the secret, when the Lord revealed to her the truth regarding the divinity and destiny of her Son. Doubtless Abraham did likewise, when the Lord revealed to him that his aged wife Sarah was to bear a son. If he had divulged the secret perhaps God would not have confided in him regarding Sodom and Gomorrah immediately after this.

Had Abraham shared the wonderful secret with everyone he met, there might have been many other laughs besides Sarah's, and the miracle might have been blocked. Many a blessing has been thoughtlessly forfeited by betraying the Lord's confidence or testifying prematurely regarding the thing God wanted to do.

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# The Victorious Christ

● GREETINGS, dear friends! It is indeed a privilege to share with you our new broadcast, *REVIVALTIME*. It is our fervent prayer that it will bring revival to hearts, to homes, to cities, yes, to our whole nation. We do not mean to imply that our program is sufficient of itself to do this, but we are looking to God to so bless every song and every message that it will accomplish God's purpose to the very uttermost. We covet your prayers and trust that you will tell others about the broadcast. Our sole purpose is to so publish the good news of salvation that all who hear shall come to know our lovely Christ and enjoy the abounding benefits that He has provided through Calvary. It is inspiring to talk to you in this first message over *REVIVALTIME* along the glorious lines of truth that pertain to Christ's triumphant resurrection.

We are not concerned with the keeping of the day or the observance of tradition, but we are thrilled by the truth that our Saviour arose from the dead. He said to us, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Thank God we are not serving a dead Christ! We are serving a living Christ. We are not standing by the tomb remembering what He was like, but we look away to the heavenlies from whence we expect Him soon to appear, and we shall see Him face to face in glory for He is risen from the dead. The eternal triumph of the resurrection can never be over-emphasized for it is the pivotal truth of all the Scriptures.

The Scriptures tell us, in 1 Corinthians 15:12-17: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." Oh, the solemnity of that truth, and yet withal the glory of it!

I want you to consider with me a few of the outstanding factors of this glorious truth of the resurrection, the truth of the resurrection in its reality. You know, the patriarchs of old believed in the resurrection. You say, "I doubt that." Well, my friends, if you will turn with me to the Scriptures you will soon find that they did. Away back when Abraham took his

son Isaac up to the mount where he was to offer him as a sacrifice, Abraham said to his young men, "Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." He verily believed that God was going to raise his son from the dead even though he should plunge that knife into the breast of that lovely boy.

The prophets believed in it. Over in Isaiah we have that glorious truth so clearly revealed in the 26th chapter where we read, in the 19th verse, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Hallelujah for this wonderful



truth! It has been proven by demonstration. Oh, what a glorious demonstration we have of this over in 2 Kings. We remember that Elisha had died and was buried, and his loved ones mourned the passing of this great man. Then we read that one day a funeral cortege passed by. The Scripture says, "And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet."

The importance of the resurrection is something that so many people overlook. They say, "Well, if Christ died, that is all that matters. But if He died and rose not again, then, my precious friend, we have no hope that He was the efficacious sacrifice for our sins. So we must be definitely sure that Christ is risen from the dead, as well as that He died. The importance of the resurrection may be centered in several truths that I give you at this time.

First of all, *it confirms prophecy*. It was prophesied of Jesus Christ that He should rise from the dead. Over in Psalms

16:10, we find the words, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption." What an assurance there is in that prophecy! Had Christ not risen from the dead, He would have made the Psalmist a liar.

It is the foundation message of all the Scripture. We find the apostles as they preached had one glorious truth that they emphasized over and over again, and they kept repeating it because they wanted men to know that they believed in the resurrection. God wants us likewise to emphasize the truth of the resurrection. At Easter time so many think of bunnies and little Easter eggs. The thing that should grip all hearts and stir all souls and lift all of us to a triumphant place of rejoicing is the consciousness that we celebrate the most glorious, triumphal victory of all time and eternity—Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. I read it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Oh, what a glorious testimony is this!

*It also vindicates the claims of Christ*. We know that there are many who want to challenge the word of our Master, but thank God, His word is not to be challenged. He spoke the truth and the truth sets men free, for which we praise God. We read in Matthew 16:21, "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." Thank God that His Word was vindicated. No one need challenge it. He rose to prove it.

The certainty of the resurrection is assured in the empty tomb. The linen wrapping was laid there in order. There on that stone slab where they laid Him was only the clothing that had been His shroud. He lived! We know that the Scriptures record His appearances to His disciples, and to friends. One of the most glorious evidences of the truth that Jesus rose is that the blessed Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost to confirm the fact that Christ had presented Himself before the Father.

The conquering power of the resurrection is manifest! God has answered His enemies! There are many enemies who challenge God, but I am so glad to tell you that even though they attempted to

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### DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS AT THE ROTARY PRESS IN THE NEW PRINTING PLANT

The Lord has given us a new rotary press at the Gospel Publishing House, and our hearts are humbled at His goodness. The new press operates at a much greater speed than any of our other presses, and prints two colors in one operation. Last week's *Evangel* (the Easter issue) was printed on this new press, as were also *Gospel Gleaners* and *Junior Trails* for March and April.

During the National Sunday School Convention the leaders in

the Sunday School work in the various districts of the U. S. and Canada visited the new printing plant, and the picture shows them gathered at the rotary press. Paul Copeland and Lou Bina Stoner, editors of *Our Sunday School Counsellor*, can be seen examining a sheet that has just come off the new press. It is the April issue of the *Counsellor*. When cut in half and folded this sheet will make two copies.

## Convention Highlights

● IT IS ESTIMATED that more than 8,000 persons attended the Eighth National Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God, which met in Springfield, Mo., March 15 to 19. It was the largest yet. From the very first service the big Shrine Mosque was filled with Sunday School enthusiasts. There were people turned away each night for lack of room, and the attendance at the morning sessions was almost as great as at night.

Our cover picture shows a part of the crowd on the opening night. Extra chairs were brought in, as many as the fire marshal would permit, but at 7:05 the doors were locked and hundreds were turned away. It was a matter of deep regret that some who had come great distances to attend the convention were unable to secure a seat.

A visual demonstration opened the program. It pictured the rescue operations of the good ship "Sunday School Evangelism" in winning people of all ages to Christ. The scene in one life buoy showed a Cradle Roll worker visiting a home where there was an infant child. As a result of the visit, the parents decided to board the "ship" and walked up the gangplank carrying their little one to Sunday School.

The spotlight moved from one life buoy to the other as the work of each department of the Sunday School was demonstrated. The Extension Department brought on board a man in a

wheel chair, a waitress, and a policeman. The Adult Department won a business man and his family. The Young Married People's class rescued a couple of newlyweds. The Beginner teacher brought in a little child. The Teen-Age teacher led some lively high-school students up the gangplank. Soon the giant platform-ship was filled with people representing the converts of our Sunday Schools.

The hour-long demonstration depicted the four phases of Sunday School responsibility: "Reach them," "Win them," "Prepare them," "Send them."

Each afternoon the convention delegates divided into work-study groups according to their particular interest. One group studied Beginner work; another Primary; another Junior; another V.B.S.; and so on. A closing "panorama" brought the highlights of the various work-study groups before the whole convention.

Saturday night was devoted to a great C. A. Rally with Melvin M. Brewer, Jr., preaching. On Sunday afternoon the convention speaker was J. R. Ton, children's evangelist. The convention concluded with a missionary rally Sunday night at which the speaker, Glenn M. Horst, a former missionary to China, defined evangelical Christianity as "the strongest force with which to combat the evils of Communism."

A full account of the convention, including

many pictures and a number of the messages that were given, will be found in the April and May issues of *OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNSELLOR*. This monthly magazine is devoted entirely to the solution of Sunday School problems. Each issue contains practical help for teachers and officers in the Sunday School. Price \$1.00 per year, 3 years for \$2.50 (or in Canada, \$1.50 per year, 3 years for \$4.00). Order from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Mo.

### HINDRANCES TO HEALING

Spiritual conditions are inseparably connected with our physical life. The flow of the divine life-currents may be interrupted by a little clot of blood; the vital current may leak out through a very trifling wound.

If you want to keep the health of Christ, keep from all spiritual sores, from all heart wounds and irritations. One hour of fretting will wear out more vitality than a week of work; and one minute of malignity, or rankling jealousy or envy, will hurt more than a drink of poison. Sweetness of spirit and joyfulness of heart are essential to full health. Quietness of spirit, gentleness, tranquillity, and the peace of God that passes all understanding are worth all the sleeping draughts in the country. We do not wonder that some people have poor health when we hear them talk for half an hour. They have enough dislikes, prejudices, doubts and fears to exhaust the strongest constitution.

Beloved, if you would keep God's life and strength, keep out the things that kill it; keep it for Him, and for His work, and you will find enough and to spare.—A. B. Simpson in *Alliance Weekly*.

# "I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee"

Testimonies by some who have proved Him

## HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS

In March, 1949, I had measles. My health began to fail pretty rapidly after that. By the end of May I had become so weak from loss of sleep that I was almost afraid to close my eyes, as it seemed I would not have strength to open them again. Christian people were praying for me. The first of June two ministers came to my home and prayed for me. I slept for 11 hours that night and I felt like a new person next morning.

The next day, however, the doctor X-rayed and said that I had tuberculosis in both lungs and that treatment must begin at once. I was so happy resting in the Lord that I did not want to be disturbed, but they kept telling me that I was in a serious condition and would not live long without treatment.

I started the treatments which were very uncomfortable. After a period of time I began to weaken under this strain. By the middle of November I was almost helpless again, and I could no longer stand the treatments. The doctor told me there was no more that he could do and advised me to go to the sanatorium where I could remain in bed and get complete rest.

At this time the Fox Evangelistic Party were holding meetings in the Shrine Mosque in Springfield, Mo. On November 18, 1949, friends took me to the meetings in an ambulance to be prayed for. Praise the Lord, Jesus healed me. The next morning I got up and prepared my own breakfast. I attended services that afternoon and again at night. I have been doing my work and attending church regularly ever since. I feel perfectly free from all tuberculosis symptoms, and am gaining weight. I give God all the glory.—Mrs. Esther Whetsten, Route 6, Box 468, Springfield, Mo.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Schaffer of the Glad Tidings Assembly, Springfield, Mo.)

## CHILD HEALED OF POLIO

On Friday morning, Oct. 21, 1949, our six-year-old daughter Barbara started complaining about her back. At that time the Spirit of God warned me that it was polio, but I didn't think much about it. She grew steadily worse, so the next morning I told my husband what I felt God had told me. We knew God was able to heal, so trusted Him for deliverance. Our pastor and his wife came three times to pray for her, and some friends also came. By midnight Saturday she was healed.

She was weak all day Sunday, but Monday she was ready to go to school. Since she was required to have a written permit from a doctor before going back to school, we went to see a doctor. He agreed that she had had polio but that now she was completely well. On Tuesday she went to school and she has not been sick since.—Mrs. Ervin Koehn, Route 3, Dodge City, Kansas.

(This testimony is verified by G. A. Gaddis, Pastor of Dodge City Assembly of God. He writes, "When we prayed for Barbara she had a high temperature and was suffering with pain

in her back and limbs. The Lord delivered her. She is perfectly well now and her limbs are normal.")

(Mrs. Koehn, in a letter received in February, states that for two weeks Barbara limped and her legs were crooked; but now you cannot tell that anything had ever been wrong with them. Barbara has been taken to the second doctor, and he also said that she has had polio. Today she is normal and healthy.)

## HEARING AID DISCARDED

Eight years ago two specialists told me that there was no chance of my hearing becoming better, and that I could expect to wear a hearing aid the rest of my life. They also said that someday I might lose my hearing entirely. The eustachian tube in my middle ear was growing shut because of enlarged tonsils pressing upon it. I wore a hearing aid for six years and could not conduct a service in my church without it and be able to hear.

On June 15, 1949 I came into Sister Louise Nankivell's meeting with the express purpose of receiving healing. I praise the Lord that I was not disappointed. When prayer was offered for me my ears were immediately opened.

The next night I went to church and heard the prayer requests without the help of my hearing aid. I have not worn the hearing aid since, and I hear better than at any time for ten years. The day after I was healed I looked in my throat and my tonsils have become smaller. Praise the Lord.—Harold L. Zuch, Midlothian, Md.

(Brother Zuch is one of our ordained ministers.)

## BABY HEALED OF EPILEPSY

When our baby girl was five months old she began to have spasms. Four doctors, including a brain specialist, said that she had epilepsy. God spoke to me through His Word about having more faith for her healing. I read everything I could about healing, and my husband and I fasted and prayed at different times. We took her to a service and when she was prayed for, God healed her.

She had been having spasms every six to twelve hours. After God healed her she went a week without a spasm and then had two bad ones. We called our pastor, Claude A. Thompson, and together we stood on God's promises and rebuked the spasms in Jesus' name. The baby went to sleep and has not been bothered with epilepsy since. At the time of her healing she was nine months old, but she could not sit up nor move her body or legs. After God healed her she began to move her legs and body as an infant should, and continued to develop as any normal child. She has been normal now for two years, and we cannot thank our Lord enough.—Mrs. Roy Holliday, Jr., Crescent, Okla.

(Claude A. Thompson, Box 213, Melrose, N. Mex., was Mrs. Holliday's pastor at the time the baby was healed. He endorses this testimony and states that although the baby used to have terrible spells, she is now wonderfully healed.)

## DISLOCATED SHOULDER HEALED

I fell in a mill over a year ago and dislocated my right shoulder. I could not raise my right arm without great pain. When Evangelist J. C. Markin said prayer was going to be offered for the sick on June 2, 1949, I could hardly wait. When hands were laid on me and prayer offered, I was instantly healed and could raise my arm above my head without any pain at all. That night when I went to bed I felt and heard my shoulder pop back into place. I am giving God all the praise.—Jess T. Lawson, Drasco, Ark.

(Endorsed by Evangelist J. C. Markin, Cardwell, Mo.)

## HEALED OF NEURITIS

For several months I suffered with neuritis in my left arm. The pain was so intense that I was unable to do my work, or even walk a short distance without great distress. In the spring of 1948 I attended the meeting conducted by Evangelist Roy A. Sherrill in the Bryce Tabernacle in Meridian, Miss. I knew the Lord would heal me if I would only believe. I entered the prayer line, and was anointed with oil and prayed for according to James 5:14. I felt the mighty healing power of the Great Physician surge through my arm and I was made completely whole. Since then I have been able to do my work, and I am well today.—Mrs. Mamie S. Watkins, Route No. 4, Meridian, Miss.

(W. W. Watkins, son of Mrs. Watkins, states that he knew of his mother's suffering prior to her healing, and that she is well now.)

## HEALED OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND OTHER AILMENTS

For four years I suffered without much rest day or night. I constantly sought the aid of doctors. I took penicillin shots, medicines three times a day, and sleeping pills every night trying to find some way to ease the pain and agony in my body. I was suffering from high blood pressure, T.B., an inward goiter, and a stomach ailment. The goiter had weakened my heart until it was difficult to take a deep breath.

God knew how to get into my heart. One night my baby had an attack of polio, and we started to take him to the doctor. God spoke to me then and told me to get right with Him and turn away from the world. God seemed to impress me that it would be useless to take the baby back to the doctor as he would die unless I turned to the Lord. I began to seek the Lord with all my heart and soul. While I was praying the baby's fever broke. I was saved and healed of high blood pressure right then and there. Within a week I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

God called me to preach, but my throat was in such a bad condition that I could not speak at length or very loud. I learned that Evangelist William Branham was in Frankfort, Ky. On November 28, 1948, I attended the meeting and was completely healed of all my diseases. I have not suffered from any of these troubles since. I gained weight, and I am able to do my work.—Mrs. William B. Hughes, Route 3, Stamping Ground, Ky.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor T. B. Lawhon of Beechwood, Ky., who witnessed her healing and states that she has gained weight and looks healthy.)

The Field Secretary for Latin America tells of two republics, Brazil and Paraguay, visited recently. Brazil is highly developed in mission work; Paraguay is undeveloped. He has termed it,

# "A Contrast in Missions"

Henry C. Ball

● THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD have been highly successful in developing the work in Brazil. Paraguay, on the other hand, bordering on the south, is still in the early stages of missionary development.

## BRAZIL

I visited twelve congregations while in Brazil. The membership of three of the congregations numbered in the thousands. Of course there are many small congregations in Brazil just as in other countries where a work has been going on for some time.

At Rio de Janeiro, the capital of the republic, I looked over a new church edifice being built by the Brazilians without outside financial help. It is designed to house a congregation of 3,000.

In nearly every service in Brazil sinners come to the altar for salvation. In no country have I seen it so easy to win men and women to Christ. They seem hungry for Him.

The Brazil Assemblies of God have their own publishing house, located at the capital. It is well situated and can operate with present facilities for some time yet. Eventually it will have to expand, but the Brazilians no doubt will be able to take care of any necessary expansion. Two of our missionaries, Andrew W. Hargrave and Orla S. Boyer, are shouldering the great task of supplying the congregations with literature in the Portuguese language. They are printing quarterlies, hymnbooks, books, and tracts. Their official organ has a circulation of well over 30,000 which means that one out of approximately every four believers in Brazil is a subscriber to the paper.

Julius O. Olson and Lawrence N. Olson are opening a Bible School in Lavras to be run in conjunction with the local church. There has long been a need for a Bible School in that section of Brazil.

It was my privilege to contact all of our Assemblies of God missionaries in Brazil. I found them quite busy in efforts to expand the work. Mr. and Mrs. Gustav A. Bergstrom, for instance, have been opening stations along a 600-kilometer stretch [approximately 375 miles], a colossal understanding.

I visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Smith at the Joinville (Santa Catarina) Church. They have a large congregation. They cover an area almost as large as Oklahoma, besides opening new works and pressing the battle forward in various towns and cities.

## PARAGUAY

Paraguay presents quite another picture. The people seem friendly enough, but there is not the response to the gospel that one finds in Brazil.

Paraguay has suffered from many revolutions. The people are impoverished and broken in spirit. They seem feelingless; dead to suffering as well as to hope for better things.

There are few highways in Paraguay, and only one city (the capital, Asuncion) is served with airlines. River transportation is used almost altogether and it is slow. The land is rich

and there is plenty of rainfall; however, the heat is not conducive to activity.

Until recently our Assemblies of God work was confined largely to the European immigrants, but some effort is now being put forth to win the nationals. During the past few weeks Pentecost has been outpoured among them.

I attended two conferences while in Paraguay. I spoke in Spanish and my messages were interpreted into the Russian language. The Indian dialect, Guarani, is used extensively, but most of the nationals who use Guarani also understand some Spanish. Spanish is the official language.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Stawinski, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Thomas, missionaries to Argentina, have been caring for the work in Paraguay. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giordano are to join them in the near future.

Pray for the people of Paraguay that they will become hungry for God.

## MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

February, 1950

Alabama .....	\$1,106.46	Nebraska .....	1,884.26
Arizona .....	958.45	Nevada .....	120.75
Arkansas .....	1,928.17	New Hampshire .....	16.60
California .....	18,995.87	New Jersey .....	2,325.96
Colorado .....	2,228.56	New Mexico .....	828.42
Connecticut .....	741.75	New York .....	5,373.35
Delaware .....	360.16	North Carolina .....	164.31
District of Columbia .....	726.31	North Dakota .....	1,671.66
Florida .....	3,272.80	Ohio .....	7,063.08
Georgia .....	653.53	Oklahoma .....	5,355.48
German Branch .....	460.57	Oregon .....	6,370.48
Hungarian Branch .....	45.00	Pennsylvania .....	7,391.17
Idaho .....	746.80	Rhode Island .....	131.53
Illinois .....	6,208.12	South Carolina .....	105.93
Indiana .....	2,295.57	South Dakota .....	1,912.21
Iowa .....	2,834.34	Tennessee .....	516.10
Italian Branch .....	226.46	Texas .....	14,810.41
Kansas .....	6,064.94	Ukrainian Branch .....	152.24
Kentucky .....	872.58	Utah .....	48.34
Latin American Branch .....	136.90	Vermont .....	15.00
Louisiana .....	538.93	Virginia .....	1,054.22
Maine .....	190.75	Washington .....	10,213.72
Maryland .....	1,219.05	West Virginia .....	352.44
Massachusetts .....	429.13	Wisconsin .....	4,344.48
Michigan .....	4,722.23	Wyoming .....	341.68
Minnesota .....	6,562.87	Alaska .....	49.74
Mississippi .....	580.77	Canada .....	385.00
Missouri .....	8,354.99	Foreign .....	385.02
Montana .....	1,414.24	Legacies .....	162.36
Total Amount Reported .....	\$186,128.60	Miscellaneous .....	37,706.42
District Fund .....	9,794.02		
National Home Missions .....	1,709.64		
Office Expense Fund .....	3,792.86		
Literature Expense Fund .....	154.72		
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	20,705.23		36,156.47

Amount Received for Council Foreign Missions .....	149,972.13
Amount Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions .....	2,920.24
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions .....	\$152,892.37
Amount Received for Home Missions .....	\$ 10,235.09

## FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For February, 1950

Belgian Congo .....	\$ 4,097.85	Nyasaland .....	825.00
Dahomey .....	1,299.15	Sierra Leone .....	1,241.78
Egypt .....	3,851.25	Union of South Africa .....	5,251.61
Gold Coast .....	4,860.49	Upper Volta .....	5,772.27
Liberia .....	4,815.88	China .....	9,887.80
Nigeria .....	4,706.95		

Ceylon .....	1,738.57	British West Indies .....	1,840.59
India .....	41,751.57	Burma .....	1,140.65
Europe .....	8,974.54	Fiji Islands .....	441.50
Palestine and Near East .....	1,110.98	Hawaiian Islands .....	1,405.70
West Indies .....	8,872.47	Indonesia .....	1,579.80
Mexican Work in the United States .....	450.23	Japan .....	5,529.45
Mexico .....	849.27	Malaya .....	1,345.68
Central America .....	5,430.27	Philippine Islands .....	10,822.71
Argentina .....	2,563.80	Samoa .....	176.60
Bolivia .....	1,621.60	Entertainment of Missionaries .....	1,780.81
Brazil .....	2,844.51	General Transportation .....	9,964.72
Chile .....	1,658.83	Retired Missionaries .....	964.00
Colombia .....	397.00	Spanish Literature .....	512.44
Paraguay .....	230.00	Miscellaneous .....	4,202.85
Peru .....	3,896.57		
Uruguay .....	612.00		
Venezuela .....	3,890.77		

Total Distribution to Council Foreign Missions .....	175,210.51
Non-Council Missionaries .....	2,801.30

Total Disbursements .....	178,011.81
Charged from Hold Accounts .....	25,119.44

Total Receipts .....	\$152,892.37
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## The WORD in Japan

Marie Juergensen, Japan

● DURING an evangelistic effort in the city of Hamamatsu some time ago I was invited, together with other Assemblies of God workers, to have services in one of the large county hospitals. The management arranged for us to hold meetings in different sections of the building. Of those to whom we ministered only one person had a New Testament. We left enough Japanese New Testaments for all the patients to have a copy and, at the request of the superintendent of the hospital, a complete Bible to be used by all the patients.

A national tuberculosis sanatorium is located up in the mountains from Hamamatsu. We were invited to speak there, too. The public address system carried our message to every bed. Some of the patients and about fifty nurses gathered in the auditorium to hear us. At the end of the service 70 hands were lifted in response to our invitation. We do not know how many of our unseen audience lifted their hearts to the Lord at the time. Some weeks later we were able to send the Gospel of John for distribution in the sanatorium. The believers are now gathering for a period of study together. Letters of gratitude have come to us from some of those who have found new life and joy at the institution. Here are a few words written by a former officer of the Japanese Air Force:

"I used to laugh at Christianity. I thought it was childish, but when I broke down in

We are suggesting that churches desiring to help the American Bible Society with its great work of supplying Bibles, New Testaments, and gospel portions to the peoples of the world take an offering for the American Bible Society on Sunday, April 16. The offering may be sent to the FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "American Bible Society." The American Bible Society has worked closely with the Assemblies of God in supplying the Word where needed.

health I realized the emptiness of all my worldly joy and position. Now I have come to know God loved me enough to give His only begotten Son for me. Through your words on the occasion of your visit to us I believe God spoke directly to me. I now have a deep peace in my heart, and I know that not even life's trials and sorrows can take it away from me."

There are more than six hundred patients at the sanatorium.

We also have been giving out the message over a public address system in front of the railroad station in the heart of Tokyo. We have had a good response. The names and addresses of those interested are taken, and a letter sent to them exhorting them to pray and read the Word of God. Some have written back to tell us of new-found peace and joy. Since many of the folk live at a distance they do not have access to full-gospel churches. The Word is their source of strength and encouragement.

The Japanese New Testaments, Gospel portions, and Bibles we have distributed have been furnished us through the American Bible Society.

## On Japanese Soil

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nipper, Japan

● GREETINGS FROM JAPAN! It seems some time since we left the States, though it was only in December. Our plans for sailing were changed several times. We had intended to sail from San Francisco on December 10, but instead we sailed from Tacoma on December 13. As we headed out into the ocean we sensed the presence of the Lord and were confident that we were in the center of His will. Rough weather slowed our travel. We were still in the middle of the Pacific on Christmas instead of at Yokohama as scheduled.

We were met at Yokohama by J. J. Clement and Arthur Chestnut. After spending several days in the Yokohama-Tokyo area, meeting other missionaries and adjusting ourselves to the feel of Japanese soil, we took a train for Kobe.

We had our first experience in a typical Japanese home our first night in Kobe. Yes, you have guessed it, we did leave our shoes at the entrance and in our stocking feet we made our way to a guest room; and we sat on the floor and ate our *sukiyaki* dinner with chopsticks. The food was tasty. The house did not have any heat so for several days we were uncomfortable. Finally our circulating oil heater arrived.

At present we are living in a three-room apartment on the ground floor of the mission home. The home is now being repaired for use as an orphanage. The partitions in the house are sliding doors made of many little window frames covered with thin tissue paper.

We have visited a number of our churches in Japan and have been thrilled to see the buildings packed with eager listeners.

There is a chapel in the mission building, and services are being held regularly though it has not been opened officially. We are confident that, after the chapel has been opened and a sign erected, many will be attracted.



If you would like the thrill of joining a group such as this boarding the AMBASSADOR for West Africa, enter the 1950 Subscription Increase Effort and secure more subscriptions than anyone else for *The Missionary CHALLENGE*.

## The Missionary CHALLENGE Offers Trip Abroad

As a choice of the first national award in the 1950 Subscription Increase Effort for *The Missionary CHALLENGE*, official organ of the Foreign Missions Department, a trip to West Africa aboard the B-17 AMBASSADOR is being offered by the *CHALLENGE* for late summer this year.

First award in the Subscription Increase Effort goes to the person obtaining more subscriptions than anyone else to *The Missionary CHALLENGE* during May and June. Only subscriptions secured from May 1 to June 30 midnight will count toward the awards.

This is the second year that an offer of like nature has been made by *The Missionary CHALLENGE*. Last year, however, there was some restriction on the number of entries from each church in the Subscription Increase Effort. There is no restriction on the number of entrants this year, the only requirement being that the name and address of the entrant's pastor be furnished the *CHALLENGE* office.

The Foreign Missions Department is anxious to get *The Missionary CHALLENGE* into the hands of as many persons as possible that they may be interested in missions for their own spiritual benefit, and that they may join in the effort to expand the fellowship's missionary program. The Subscription Increase Effort is one means to that end. It is felt that every home should have access to *The Missionary CHALLENGE*.

If the person obtaining the most subscriptions to the 36-page magazine does not wish to take the trip abroad he may have as a further choice a year's tuition at one of our Assemblies of God Bible Schools, or \$200 in cash. One hundred dollars in cash is offered as a second award, and \$50 in cash as a third award, and every entrant who secures 10 or more subscriptions will be given a valuable premium.

Anyone may enter the Effort by sending in his name and address and the name and address of his pastor to *The Missionary CHALLENGE*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Subscription order blanks and Effort rules and information will be mailed him through his pastor.

The entrant should indicate how many official subscription blanks he will require at the beginning. Other blanks may be

secured if the supply is used. Subscription blanks must be made out in triplicate—one form to be retained by the entrant, one form to be given to the subscriber as his receipt, and one form to be mailed to *The Missionary CHALLENGE*.

Entry in the Effort can be made before or during the two-month period, but it will be to the solicitor's advantage to be ready to begin when the Effort opens. The aid of others may be enlisted in winning an award, but if so the name of the entrant must appear as the solicitor on all subscription forms.

Pastors, C.A. leaders, W.M.C. officers, evangelists, and Christian workers are encouraged to enter the Subscription Increase Effort. Subscription rates on *The Missionary CHALLENGE*: \$1.00 a year, U.S.A.; \$1.50 a year to foreign countries.

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# Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

## ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

Lesson for April 23

1 Samuel 8:1-10

"And it came to pass, when Samuel was old." v. 1. Old age with its infirmities usually is not a happy time. Many were the years that Samuel had traveled throughout Israel, holding court and instructing the people. Now he realized that he could not continue as he had. He lived at Ramah. It was a long distance to Beer-sheba. He would put his sons at Beer-sheba as junior judges to him. Speaking after the manner of men, why should he not? Did they not have educational advantages? Had they not been raised in his home and under his counsel? Nature would conclude that they were worthy. Unfortunately they were not. They "walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." v. 3. This must have been a bitter disappointment to Samuel. Many godly parents are disappointed in their children. It shows that, unless a thorough work is done in the hearts of the second generation, they are likely to forget the example of their parents when presented with the temptations of this present evil world.

### 1. Israel's Call to Separation

For Israel's call to separation we must go back to Abraham. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." Genesis 12:1. Abram had been living in a land of idolatry; God would separate him and his posterity from idolatry, making them witnesses to the one true God, Creator of heaven and earth.

### 2. Israel's Place Among the Nations

In Deuteronomy 32:8 we read, "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." Time and again He reminded them, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he." Isaiah 43:10. That they might be separated unto God, His witnesses among the nations, He gave them just laws and holy commandments. To them He could say, "For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them. . . . And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" Deut. 4:7, 8. Paul says, "What advantage then hath the Jew? much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." Rom. 3:1, 2.

Let us now apply this to us. God has not chosen us because we are many. It is true of us, as of Israel, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people, for ye were the fewest of all people." Deut. 7:7. God has chosen us to be His witnesses, endued with power from on high, living examples of the

grace of God. It would be too bad were we to sacrifice these "that we might be like the nations round about us."

### 3. The Request for a King

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel." Their coming was very impressive. They were united and they were a number while Samuel was alone. They were young and vital while the old seer was burdened with years. Beware of pressure groups which may not have the mind of the Lord.

How long an undercurrent of desire to be like the other nations had been at work we do not know, but usually such strong desires do not rise in a moment. Be that as it may, the corrupt handling of affairs by the sons of Samuel provided the opportunity. Let this teach us how carefully we should walk lest we give occasion to the enemy. If we may speak of pomp, all that Israel had of such was associated with the worship of the Lord. It was all sanctified and spiritual. There were the priestly robes, the furnishings of the tabernacle, the odor of incense, and the sacrifice of animals. It was these that brought the children of Israel together every year. The pomp of other nations centered largely about their kings. There was pageantry, dancing, music, hailing the king, and, sorry to say, usually debauchery as the aftermath. That which was spiritual and holy was becoming commonplace in Israel; they wished for that which would be more exciting and appeal to the natural man. God was their king, but they were letting Him slip from their presence. Therefore substitution must take His place.

### 4. Courtesy of the Approach

When the elders came to Samuel with their request they came as gentlemen. They recognized and honored the age of their leader and said, "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." v. 4. We like the approach even though we may not approve the purpose. Discourteousness and cruelty are not required if a change is needed, especially among the people of God. Some seem to feel that the only way to put their desires into effect is to raise as much havoc as they can. This is very un-Christian. We need to learn to be civil

and considerate. The elders wished to keep Israel united, not divided, and their approach is to be commended.

### 5. The Mistake of the Elders

Their petition grieved the heart of Samuel. Long had he served, looking to God for guidance, knowing that the Lord was the Ruler of His people. For them now to get their eyes on the world of the ungodly and wish for a king such as the kings of the heathen, grieved his heart. Of course the elders would say, "We do not want a heathen king; we just want one like them." We think we are not going to be like the world when we take a backward step; we are just going to absorb their good things and reject that which is objectionable. But do we?

### 6. God Was Grieved at the Request

As Samuel grieved and prayed the Lord spoke saying, "Hearken unto the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." v. 7. Then God unfolded what the results of their choice would be. vv. 8-18. This warning fell on deafened ears. Their minds were made up. They wanted a king and they saw no farther than their present desire. "Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us." v. 19.

The poor and aged prophet, who had listened for the voice of God through the years, gave place to the royal robes of a king, with a guard and officers of state. External show expanded while inward worth receded. God keep us from admiring the external and losing in the soul.

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Child Samuel (Lesson for April 16).  
Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10.



"BEHOLD THE KING WHOM YE HAVE CHOSEN!"

# The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

## TOP NEWS

In the past six months *New York Times* has given over 40 columns of news space to matters concerning Jerusalem—more than to any other city in the world except its own home town.

## ISRAEL'S OPEN DOOR

Israel is the only country on earth with an open door to all immigrants. No other nation today is ready to face the burden and responsibilities of unlimited immigration.

## A MIXED MULTITUDE

Even the non-Jewish *Sobotniki* sect in Western Canada, who observe Saturday as their day of rest, have informed the Jewish Agency that they want to establish an agricultural settlement in Israel. In the exodus from Egypt there was a "mixed multitude" that accompanied the Jews as they set out for the promised land (Exodus 12:38) and evidently history is being repeated.

## A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

God blessed the soil of the U.S.A. last year and gave us the second largest harvest in our nation's history. It was 32% larger than the 1923-32 average and was exceeded only by the harvest of 1948. There were such large surpluses in 1949 that winter-wheat acreage in 1950 is being reduced 15%. Planting allotments have been ordered for wheat, potatoes, cotton, peanuts, and tobacco. In the midst of a hungry world this country will deliberately reduce its crops in order to keep prices high!

## A PILE OF POTATOES

It is reported that the Secretary of Agriculture has just dumped 25 million bushels of fine potatoes, because to turn them loose would bring down the market price, and to send them to the hungry would cost too much in transportation. The Government paid the farmers over 31 million dollars (\$1.25 per bushel, tax money) to raise these potatoes. The twenty-five million bushels would be quite a pile if they were all in one place. They would feed a lot of people. We wonder what the hungry people of other lands will think of America, "the country where they have billions to spend on H and A bombs, but destroy mountains of food because they can't afford to transport it to the starving!"

## "A FEAST OF FAT THINGS"

*Dansk Missionblad* says: "Pobjendonostow, a persecutor of the Jews in Russia, once asked a Jew what he thought would be the result of the persecutions if they continued. The answer was: 'The result will be a feast.'"

"The Jew illustrated from history. Pharaoh desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the Passover. Haman desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the Feast of the Purim. Antiochus Epiphanes desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the Feast of the Dedication of the Temple.

"Shall the present trial of the Jews be a feast of reconciliation between Israel and their eternal King Jesus, the Son of David, and the Son of God?" Read Isaiah, chapter 25 (especially verse 6) for a description of that feast of reconciliation which is yet to come.

## EVERY-MEMBER EVANGELISM

It is reported from Indonesia that in one area of Sumatra alone there are 10,000 people under instruction for Christian baptism, entirely as the result of volunteer evangelism by the lay members of the Church. They adopted for themselves the slogan, "No day without a witness for Jesus," and trained themselves for the task; then they went out into every part of the community to win their fellow-men for Christ.

## GRAHAM'S GREATEST AUDIENCE

Evangelist Billy Graham drew his largest audience yet at the end of his meetings in Columbia, S. C., when more than 40,000 overflowed the stadium at the University of South Carolina on March 12 to hear a straightforward gospel message on sin, on righteousness, and on judgment to come. When the invitation was given 2,000 stepped forward to accept Christ.

## THE "HONEST PREACHER" AGAIN

Last week we published a shocking example of real apostasy, quoting from *The United Church Observer* of Jan. 1, 1950. Presumably the article to which we referred was written by a minister in the United Church of Canada, though it was simply signed "Ambrose." It was enough to cause one to fear and wonder just how far from the old paths the former Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians who now comprise the United Church are being led. However, we are glad to report that the editors of *The United Church Observer* received voluminous and vigorous protests against the views expressed by "Ambrose." Evidently there are still many Canadians in the United Church who will earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

But "Ambrose" himself seemed not to be greatly moved by the adverse reaction his article received. In the issue of March 1 there appeared another article from him in which he set forth his personal "beliefs" ("doubts" might be a better word). Concerning the inspiration of the Scriptures, he says:

"I believe the Scriptures become increasingly profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness when we read them from what we might call the 'modern point of view.'" (Compare 2 Timothy 3:16 which says nothing about the "modern point of view.")

As to the deity of Christ, he writes: "I believe God brought Jesus, His Beloved Son, into the world by the normal methods of procreation, the divinely appointed way and the only way that we have any knowledge of. . . ." The Bible says He was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23) but "Ambrose" thinks the Bible is outmoded.

Concerning the Second Coming he has this to say: "I believe that Jesus is with us here and now as the Living Eternal Christ of the Spirit. In very truth He never left His friends; He is with us always, the constant companion of our Emmaus way. He doesn't need to come again for He is here now. . . ." This is a denial

of Acts 1:9-11 which clearly states that Jesus physically ascended into heaven and that He shall come again in the same manner.

"Ambrose" also denies the Resurrection, saying: "I believe that Jesus triumphed over death; his body undoubtedly suffered the same fate as John Brown's, but His soul goes marching on and some day all men shall acclaim Him King of kings and Lord of lords. When I speak to my people of Christ's coming again, I tell them that that is what I mean, not some physical return except that He is returning in physical form as He becomes incarnate in us." There was another "honest preacher" who doubted the literal resurrection until Jesus showed him His wounds, and then the doubter cried, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28.

Though "Ambrose" does not believe in taking the Scriptures literally, his very statements prove the exact truth of the Scriptures. For it is written, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." 1 Timothy 4:1, 2.

The apostle tells us to "turn away" from proud, heady, highminded blasphemers who deny the truth of God's Word, for they are "traitors" to the gospel and to the flock of God. They love pleasures more than God, and have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. 2 Timothy 3:1-5. "From such turn away," he says—though we ought to pray for their souls.

## TIBETAN BIBLE REACHES LAMAS

A thousand copies of the complete Bible, translated into the Tibetan language, have been printed and distributed in Tibet, even in the lamaseries, where it is believed the Holy Scriptures are being read. The story of the translation is fascinating.

It was almost 80 years ago that the work was begun. A young political counsellor of the Dalai Lama, head of the Buddhist world in Central Asia, was suspected of trying to kill his master. He fled to Kashmir. There, while giving lessons in Tibetan, he helped two Moravian missionaries to begin the task of translating the Scriptures. His son, who became a Christian, helped to complete the work. During World War II the precious manuscript was hidden in a vault of Ripon Cathedral. After the war it was printed in India, on American paper.

Penetration of the Bible into the lamaseries is quite remarkable in view of the lamas' violent hatred of Christian missionaries. Let us pray that the Word may enter the hearts of many Tibetans and lead them to the True Light.

## PRAY FOR THE PRISONERS IN RUSSIA

Christians throughout the world have been asked to pray for the Germans who are still prisoners of war behind the Iron Curtain, and to appeal to their governments for the prisoners' release. The appeal was voiced by the Assembly of the EKD in Wurttemberg, Germany, which termed the present lack of information on German war prisoners "absolutely inhuman to vast numbers of wives, children and parents who are living in tortured uncertainty."

"We ask Christians all over the world to appeal to their governments to take definite steps against this iniquity," the statement concluded. "And we ask all those who are able to pray to maintain an unwearying intercession on behalf of our brothers and sisters."

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## ECHOES FROM BEHIND THE BARS

A short time ago we made known to our Evangel fellowship the appeals we have been receiving for correspondence Bible courses from numbers of men "behind the bars." From many parts of the country they are pleading for study help, some of them reporting classes of as many as one hundred who are trying earnestly to study the Word of God. Having insufficient funds to provide materials for these groups, we called upon our readers to come to our aid for the sake of these men. Some of them will one day be out, when they hope to give full time to preaching the gospel; some of them will never be out, but they want to grow in the knowledge of God; and all of them are desirous of leading their fellow-prisoners into the light of the gospel.

The response has been splendid, as we were sure it would be. Correspondence courses have been sent to a number of Bible study classes in prisons, and we want to thank sincerely all who have contributed to make this unique work possible.

### Thank You

We were thrilled beyond measure to receive a letter of gratitude from a young man in one of the prisons, who has been teaching a correspondence course to a large class of prisoners. Let us share a portion of the letter with you, who have had such a vital part in this work:

"On behalf of the Protestant Fellowship Club of the — — — State Prison, I want to express our deepest thanks for your kind and loving help in supplying us with the excellent material from your Home Missions Department. This material far exceeds what we had in mind to receive. We would have been glad for just anything which would give the inmates the opportunity to utilize their time in a prayerful study of the Scriptures, and become better acquainted with the truths therein. As I calculated the expense involved because of my recent plea, I must confess that I felt very much ashamed of myself. However, my emotions were pacified as I rededicated myself to make the most of this great gift you have presented to us.

"I am personally undertaking the responsibility of teaching these men in accordance with the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and thus assure you that the cost of these materials is well worth the investment, because of the growth in grace which shall be developed from them.

"Thank you, dear brother, for clasping your hand with ours in this movement behind the bars. We do give thanks unto God for 'your fellowship in the gospel.'"

When we see what our correspondence courses are doing for the prison boys, and especially when we realize that the pleas for Bibles and study materials originated with them, in prisons

in widely separated parts of our country, we are spurred on to meet the challenge. We must not fall short of giving them the helps they need when they are hungering for the Word of God. We trust the Lord will continue to lay this burden on many hearts, so that this work may go forward in increasing volume and power, to the glory of God and the salvation of many precious souls.

## OUR UKRAINIAN BRANCH

By Fred Smolchuk, Superintendent

We are thankful that we can report God's blessing upon the Ukrainian Branch. Among our assemblies, several have received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and souls are being saved.

With the arrival in this country of displaced persons from Germany and other parts of Europe, our assemblies have had a new challenge issued them. Many of these D. P.'s are of Slavic origin, and not knowing the English language they are finding great blessing in our churches where their language is spoken.

### Fellowship Meeting

On January 20 and 21 the Ukrainian Branch had a two-day fellowship gathering in New York City at the Ukrainian Assembly of God, of which B. Hutzaluk, Secretary of the Branch, is pastor. Many of the brethren came from a distance, and some of the D. P. brethren who recently arrived in this country were also present. On the opening night Joseph J. Matolina, Treasurer of the Branch, brought an inspiring message on "Waters to swim in." On the second day, the special periods for discussing problems of ministers and assemblies proved to be a great blessing. Nicholas Nikoloff, Principal of the Metropolitan Bible Institute, gave a very helpful lecture on "The Preacher and His Congregation." The audience of pastors and

laymen certainly appreciated the solid teaching of our brother.

The grand rally service, climaxing the fellowship gathering, was an overflow meeting. The Superintendent delivered a message on "Fellowship," dealing with the meaning, the benefits, and the challenge of fellowship. The presence of the Lord and the anointing of the Spirit filled the entire session.

### Relief Ministry Abroad

The Ukrainian Branch is still engaged in sending food and clothing relief to our Pentecostal brethren in the D. P. camps of Europe. We are also actively engaged in publishing evangelical literature in the Ukrainian language, and supplying Canada, Europe, South America, Australia, etc., with gospel tracts, booklets, song books, periodicals, etc., in Ukrainian for the saved and unsaved. Raymond Stawinski, Assembly of God missionary to Paraguay, who has labored among the Slavs there and is now on furlough, gave convincing testimony of the value of this literature, and of how it is appreciated by the Ukrainians there.

At present there is a need for funds for the publishing of additional material in the Ukrainian language. The field is large, yet the workers are few and the implements meager. Pray with us that God will touch hearts in regard to this tremendous field of 45,000,000 Ukrainians. Those desiring a sample copy of the Ukrainian gospel periodical, "Evanhelski Palomnyk," in the Ukrainian language, may obtain one by writing to the Ukrainian Branch, 9 East Seventh Street, New York 3, N. Y.

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## THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST

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challenge God, He is not to be challenged in the sense that He has no answer to give. In Acts 3:15, we read how Peter told the populace that they had "killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses."

It *vanquishes death*. Death has no sting for those who put their trust in Him. He has conquered death, hell, and the grave. Because He conquered death, we too shall conquer death. The resurrection demonstrates God's ability to raise men from the dead. Christians who walk here below are not concerned as to what their end may be in the sense of how it shall come. Oh yes, we would like to live as long as we can to serve God, but if the Lord chooses to take us home we know that we shall enter into His presence. And if we wait until His coming, we know it will be resurrection power that will lift us to meet Him.

My dear friends, if you have not given thought to the resurrection and to its importance in your life, I beg of you for Jesus' sake to consider these truths. If you have not partaken of His glorious life that lifts you above the power and the guilt of sin, you cannot hope to partake in the resurrection glory in that day when the trumpet sounds. I entreat you in the name of Jesus that you will bow your knee even there where you are listening. I pray you, give heed to the knocking of the Spirit at your heart's door, and surrender to Him.

(All correspondence and offerings toward the support of "Revivaltime" should be addressed to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.)

## SICKNESS AND DEMON POSSESSION

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tempts he could say no more. His face colored purple with effort, the cords stood out in his neck.

He cast an appealing look at his wife, and she spoke for him, telling that four years earlier they had attended a revival in one of the city churches. One night, when the evangelist gave his appeal, she had gone forward for salvation. Her husband, too, had been deeply moved, but had become angry when a worker kindly invited him forward, and he had said, "I'd rather give my heart to the devil than to walk down to that altar and humiliate myself by kneeling before that crowd." The wife continued by saying that her husband had felt great spiritual darkness come over him after making this statement. From that time on he had begun to have these violent seizures, but ONLY WHEN HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO READ THE BIBLE, to pray, or to talk much about the Lord. He stayed away from church, for twice

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his condition had broken up meetings. But he had dared to come to the auditorium that night, and had been able to sit through the entire service. (On the side, friends, just before going to the platform that evening, we had turned to a group of workers in the room off the platform and remarked that we felt Satan would try to disturb the meeting somehow, somehow, that night and to keep people from Christ by that means. Together we had pleaded the blood of Christ over that service. Once again the power of Christ had proven greater than the forces of evil. The man had sat quietly through the meeting, and that night the altars had been crowded with the unsaved!)

The little wife told us the doctors were puzzled over her husband's unusual case. They couldn't find the brain pressures which so often cause epilepsy. In fact, they could not lay hands on anything organically wrong. One doctor had ventured that the man could control himself if he wanted, but the wife declared that it was all too real a nightmare to them both! It was significant that this man suffered *only* when he turned toward the things of the Lord. We prayed quietly for some moments, and suddenly, in a strained voice through the lips of this man, the devils spoke out saying, "Leave us alone, leave us alone. You are a servant of God, leave us alone!" We knew immediately it was a case of active demon possession . . . not one, but many demons. The spirit of the Lord came upon us, and we prayed, commanding the demons "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" to come out telling the man at the time, "Brother, through the blood of Jesus you are clean!" The man fell completely prostrated on the floor.

Feeling the Lord's guidance, in a few moments we went to the man and raised him by the hand saying, "In Jesus' name, rise to your feet; you ARE clean." He stirred like a man

dazed from a deep sleep. He was finally on his feet, when suddenly he began to weep and with upraised hands he said, "Oh, thank God, thank God I am clean, and they are gone." He left the building with those words upon his lips. Three weeks later, after the closing service of the campaign, that man was one of the last to shake my hand and bid me farewell. He said in parting, "I've just come back, Brother, to tell you that I'm still clean." That man is going on with the Lord today, completely free!

### Let Us Believe God!

Some folks believe that if they stub a toe, or accidentally hit a finger with a hammer, it is the devil. Or, if they over-eat and get a headache that it is the devil. Or perhaps they ate some pie at night, and the crust was tough and a nightmare resulted. That, too, in their opinion was the devil. My friends, this is nonsense. A little common-sense care of the physical body will avoid many upsets. Some of our dear people would be much better off if they would quit worrying so much about the devil, and be more concerned about serving the Lord Jesus Christ. We are living in a time when even many of God's people are magnifying the power of Satan. They talk more about his power than the power of God, and this is just what he wants. Let's "TURN OUR EYES UPON JESUS." If demon power has to be dealt with, as it does in some cases, remember that JESUS IS ALREADY THE CONQUEROR! He is able to meet the emergency. The battle is His, not ours; and remember, our Captain has *never* lost a battle.

Let's have implicit faith in the Lord. In John 4:50 we read, "The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way." That was faith! It was the Master who also said, "These signs shall follow them that BELIEVE!" Oh, friends, LET US BELIEVE GOD! He is the God of the impossible. If we lack active, appropriate faith, He has prom-

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ASHLAND, OREG.—Assembly of God, Apr. 11, 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist John F. Hauck.—by O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

DAYTON, TEX.—Old River Assembly, Apr. 9—30; Evangelist Leona Newberry. (L. P. Thomas is pastor.)

SULLIVAN, MO.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist James Eastman, Springfield, Ill. (Joseph Ragsdale is pastor.)

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley R. Hurst, Sr. of Wisconsin. (Gerald F. Houk is pastor.)

TRAVELER'S REST, S. C.—Little Texas Assembly of God, Route 1, Apr. 9—; Evangelist T. J. Reeves, Anderson, S. C.—by T. F. Marsh, Pastor.

MONTROSE, COLO.—Apr. 16—30 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Ft. Worth, Tex. (R. H. Bishop is pastor.)

BILOXI, MISS.—First Assembly of God, 438 Oak St., Apr. 9—22; Evangelist James Eastman.—by A. A. Bradley, Pastor.

HORNELL, N. Y.—Apr. 16—May 7, Evangelist and Mrs. Loren Case of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.—by Ira E. Elliott, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Revival Tabernacle, 1831 Richardson, Apr. 16—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Culpepper, Bellflower, Calif.—by R. G. Helvey, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Assembly of God, Apr. 11—23; Christian Jewish Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—by Everette Ewing, Pastor.

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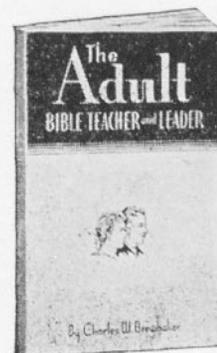
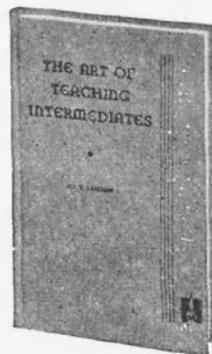
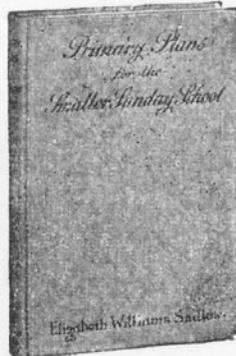
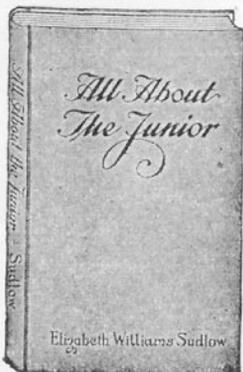
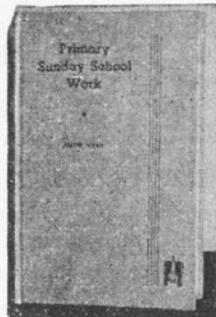
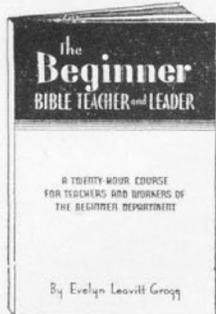
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The annual District Council will convene at District headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., May 1—4. Rally, Mon. 7:30 p.m. Council proper opens Tues. 9:30 a.m. Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker.—by J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Thirty-fifth District Council of the West Central District convenes in Des Moines, Iowa, First Church of the Open Bible Standard, 19th and Crocker Sts., Apr. 17—20. Edgar W. Bethany, Columbus, Ga., principal speaker. First service Mon. 7:45 p.m. Services Tues. and Wed. 9:30 a.m.; 2:00, 6:30, and 7:45 p.m. Missionary service Wed. afternoon and ordination service Wed. evening. All officers to be elected.—by Stanley H. Clarke, District Superintendent.

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#### APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The thirty-first annual Appalachian District Council will convene at Mt. Hope, W. Va., Apr. 24—27. Monday night, general fellowship meeting. Tuesday, Christ's Ambassadors business meeting. Wednesday morning, District Council business session. Every member of the District is urged to be present, and also a delegate from each assembly.—by S. W. Sublett, District Secretary.

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The Fifth Annual Ministers' Institute will be in Reading, Pa. Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 330 W. Windsor St., Apr. 25—27. Bert F. Webb, Byron D. Jones, and James D. Menzie, speakers. Morning and afternoon sessions for ministers and their wives only. Evening services open to public. Free rooms provided as far as possible. For reservations write J. Clifford Hall, host pastor, 318 W. Douglas St., Reading, Pa.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

#### GEORGIA PRAYER CONFERENCE

Prayer and Fasting Conference, Apr. 24—26, at the District camp ground, Jenkinsburg, Ga. Conducted mainly for ministers, but anyone may attend. Meeting to begin Monday noon and close Wednesday noon. No planned program; purpose is to seek God and become of greater service to Him. Sleeping facilities free. Bring your own linens.—by R. C. "Kectah" Jones, District Superintendent, 848 Piedmont N. E. Atlanta, Georgia.

#### ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 28th Annual Illinois District Council will meet in Springfield, Ill. at the First Assembly of God, cor. Carpenter and Kline Sts., May 2—4. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. Credentials committee will meet May 1 at 3:00 p.m. to consider candidates for ordination. Free rooms as far as possible. For room or hotel accommodations write Dean Heady, host pastor, 524 N. Klein St.—by W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

LINDSAY, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Apr. 17—30; Eden Evangelistic Party, Coffeyville, Kans. (Fred James is pastor.)

GILLETT, WIS.—Assembly of God, Kosten St., Apr. 30—May 14; Evangelist C. C. Wilcox, Appleton, Wis.—by John R. Timm, Pastor.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 50 Lupine St., Apr. 18—30; Evangelist W. C. Nelson of Canada.—by Paul R. Buchwalter, Pastor.

BRAWLEY, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 7th and C. Sts. Apr. 18—May 2 or longer; Evangelist Arthur S. Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif.—by Neville E. Carlson, Pastor.

#### MISSISSIPPI SECTIONAL COUNCILS

South Section, First Assembly, Hattiesburg, Apr. 25. South-Central Section, First Assembly, Laurel, Apr. 26. South-West Section, Bethel Temple, Jackson, Apr. 27. Central Section, Eighth Street Assembly, Meridian, May 2. North-East Section, Assembly of God, Aberdeen, May 3. North-West Section, Assembly of God, Water Valley, May 4.

Services in each section at 9:30 a.m.; 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Those applying for credentials or renewals are requested to meet the credentials committee.—by Jeff Gibbs, District Superintendent.

#### ANNUAL N. A. E. CONVENTION

Eighth Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals, Apr. 18—21, in Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Outstanding speakers of many denominations, including the Assemblies of God. Simultaneous morning sessions will be conducted on Sunday School work, war relief, foreign missions, religious broadcasting, Christian higher education. Christian day schools, youth, home missions, army and navy chaplains, and evangelism. For further information write N. A. E. office, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

#### GRAND CANYON CAMP MEETING

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.—Plan early to spend your summer vacation at the Grand Canyon Camp Meeting. Assembly of God camp ground, Aug. 1—11; one mile high, ideal climate, tents or dormitory space reasonable. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, main speaker; George and Billie Davis of the Sunday School Department, Springfield, Mo., in charge of the Children's work, Sunday School promotional work, and assisting in the Christ's Ambassador's program of the camp. For further information write J. K. Gressett, District Superintendent, 1719 E. Verde Lane, Phoenix, Ariz.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—Apr. 9—; Evangelist Joseph Wilderman of Washington.—by R. E. Smith, Pastor.

GREAT BEND, KANS.—Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Apr. 21. Revival, Apr. 25—May 7 or longer; Evangelist Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by J. Orley Rosenberg, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church, 407 Capitol St., Apr. 9—30; Evangelists Stanley and Ethel MacPherson and Bob and Ruth Ferguson. (Joseph Gerhart is pastor.)

PORTLAND, ME.—West End Gospel Tabernacle, 1090 Congress St., 3rd anniversary services, Apr. 4—10; J. Haskell Woolridge, speaker. Northern Section Fellowship Day, Apr. 10, 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.—by Robert Wallace, Pastor.

LORAIN, OHIO—Gospel Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Evangelist G. L. Johnson, Beaumont, Tex.—by Earl J. Hance, Pastor.

DURANGO, COLO.—Assembly of God, cor. 5th Ave. and 6th St., Apr. 9—23 or longer; Evangelist Frazee, Gallup, N. Mex.—by Paul Perry, Pastor.

#### CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS CONVENTION

Northern California and Nevada District C. A. Convention, Eureka, Calif., Civic Auditorium, Apr. 28—30. Kenneth Haystead, speaker. For further information write Dick Fulmer, District C. A. President, 123 West St., Woodland, Calif.—by Dick Fulmer.

#### NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

North Carolina District Council and Ministers' Institute, Elizabeth City, N. C., Apr. 24—27. Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker. For reservations write W. P. Odum, 714 Greenleaf St., Elizabeth City, N. C.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

#### SOUTH FLORIDA S. S. CONVENTION

South Florida Sunday School Convention, Evangel Temple, Miami, Fla., May 8—10. William E. Kirschke, Chicago, Ill., guest speaker. For information write Goldie Runyon, P. O. Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.—by Goldie Runyon, District Sunday School Representative.

#### WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 20th Annual West Texas District Council will convene in the First Assembly of God, Amarillo, Tex., Apr. 24—27. J. Roswell Flower, guest speaker. First service Mon. night Apr. 24, C. A. Rally. For room reservations write E. R. Foster, host pastor, N. E. 8th at Pierce Sts., Amarillo, Tex.—by S. E. Eldridge, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### TENNESSEE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The twenty-fourth annual Tennessee District Council will convene in Memphis, Tenn., First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore St., May 2—4. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. May 1, pre-Council rally at 7:30 p.m. James E. Hamill, host pastor. W. G. White, District Superintendent.—by H. E. Darnell, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

The following Texas District sectional conventions will convene for two days and one night, first service 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated:

Lufkin Section, Apr. 13—14, Clawson Assembly, Clawson.

Greenville Section, Apr. 18—19, two nights and one day. First service 7:30 p.m., Denison Assembly, Denison.

Fort Worth Section, Apr. 20—21, Rosen Heights Assembly, Fort Worth.

San Angelo Section, Apr. 27—28, two nights and one day. First service 7:30 p.m., First Assembly, San Angelo.

Wichita Falls Section, May 2—3. Olney Assembly, Olney.

Those desiring either exhorter, license or ordination certificates must fill out an application sheet and appear before the committee in your section. Those desiring to renew exhorter or license must fill out an application sheet. All ordained ministers are required to fill out a questionnaire and hand to your Presbyter. All application blanks to be furnished at time of conventions. For further information write your Sectional Presbyter or the District Council office.—by J. O. Savell, District Superintendent.

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