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# Peter's Denial--and "Atmosphere"

By Donald Gee

● SOME MONTHS AGO in England my personal morning reading in the Word of God happened to be that familiar story of Peter's denial of Jesus. All that day I travelled to one of our large Pentecostal Holiday Camps. When the Supervisor met me at the station several hours later my natural question was, "How is the Camp progressing?" He answered with enthusiasm, "There is a splendid atmosphere." I knew what he meant, and in some strange way that word "atmosphere" became at once linked in my mind with my morning reading of Peter's denial.

It has been usual for us to explain Peter's sad failure by the impulsiveness of his nature, and a corresponding streak of instability. I am sure there is much truth in all that. But we might well remind ourselves that "likewise also said they all." Peter was not alone in his failure of loyalty to Christ. With that thought of "atmosphere" in our minds, I want to suggest that a large part of the explanation of Peter's lapse may be found in the circumstances *without* the man, and not only in weaknesses of character *within*. Atmosphere literally is the air around us that we breathe, and by "atmosphere" my friend the Camp Supervisor had meant the spiritual and social tone that happily was permeating the Camp and making it easy for God to work and bless the hundreds of happy holiday-makers, until one seemed to breathe something holy into the very soul. For Peter and the others on that tragic night of his denial there were spiritual, emotional and physical surroundings and circumstances that created an atmosphere in which first of all boasting, and later denial, became fatally easy.

## The Atmosphere of the Boasting

This possessed four elements that all conspired to lift Peter to a height of self-confidence that could boastfully affirm, "If I should die with Thee, I will not deny Thee in any wise." And so said they all.

### (a) CONGENIAL COMPANY

Judas had gone out from them into the night, and the little company left in the

This message was given at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Durban, Feb. 26, 1950. Brother Gee and his wife were booked to sail home to England on April 21 after ministering for several weeks in South Africa.

upper room were all of one heart and mind. In such unity we always experience an enlargement of spirit that temporarily blinds us to the difficulties without.

### (b) THEY HAD LISTENED TO GREAT WORDS.

Our Lord has spoken to them the glorious messages of comfort and promise recorded for us in John 14, 15, 16, and after that they had been privileged to hear His intense intercessory prayer for all His disciples. They were experiencing that burning heart within that we also feel after we have listened to great preaching under the anointing of the Spirit, or shared in a passionate prayer-meeting.

### (c) THEY HAD JUST PARTAKEN OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The ordinances that have been instituted by the Lord for our observance in the Church are divinely intended to help us to "grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace," and they usually and rightly quicken sacred emotions of love and gratitude towards the Redeemer. In addition to the supper there had been the previous foot-washing. The whole occasion, with the Lord physically present and personally presiding, was enough to create a spiritual and emotional atmosphere charged to the full with affectionate devotion.

### (d) UNITED HYMN-SINGING.

This is the only recorded occasion when Jesus sang, and our imagination dwells with pleasure upon the scene as their male voices blended in singing together the appropriate Passover psalms. There is, as we too have proved almost to our danger, a tremendously emotional power in our united hymn and chorus singing that produces an "atmosphere" in which men and women are lifted beyond their ordinary selves to affirm great swelling words of protestation of love and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ. United singing of great hymns can be almost intoxicating to the soul.

## The Atmosphere of the Denial

Within a very few hours their environment underwent a tremendous change. They went from one extreme to the other in their spiritual circumstances. Even so, it is almost incredible that Peter could

have begun to curse and to swear saying, "I know not this man of whom ye speak." Perhaps a consideration of the vastly different atmosphere will help us to understand and sympathize.

### (a) PETER WAS PHYSICALLY MISERABLE.

The hour was about 4:30 a.m.—and all experience will confirm that we are apt to feel very different then from about 10 p.m., the night before. Peter was feeling wretchedly cold as he tried to steal some warmth from the fire lighted by the servants in the courtyard. Added to the chill he had had very little sleep, and what he had snatched had been broken and guilty. We do well to admit that our physical condition has an important effect upon our spiritual vitality. It is easier to succumb to temptation when physically and nervously exhausted and run-down.

### (b) HE WAS IN UNSYMPATHETIC COMPANY.

Peter looked around the fire in vain for a kind and friendly face. He was in utterly unsympathetic company. The whole staff of the High Priest's household must have been made cynical towards any religion through intimacy with formalism, hypocrisy and hatred towards all that Jesus stood for. Added to all that, Peter was sneeringly recognized by his speech as a Galilean, a provincial, a rank and crude outsider in Judean circles. He was socially lonely and outcast, and the whole atmosphere of the company was against loyalty to Christ. Many today who have to live and work in similar social and spiritual surroundings know only too well how antagonistic and frigid they can be.

### (c) THE MASTER WAS UNDER ARREST.

Jesus had been arrested and bound, and even now was standing before the chief priests, who were taking the first judicial steps to try and ensure His condemnation to death. The full force of the fact had suddenly burst upon Peter that it had become very dangerous for his own safety to be recognized as a disciple of the Nazarene. To become labelled as "one of them" contained most unpleasant possibilities. When discipleship becomes socially unpopular the Christian has to

**Never** TOO BUSY  
TO PRAY



Away with work that hinders prayer,  
'Twere best to lay it down;  
For prayerless work, however good,  
Will fail to win the crown.

face a very different atmosphere from times and places where it is respectable and even honorable to be known as a servant of Jesus Christ. None of us know our own hearts when we have lived only in nominally Christian lands. Testing times are again upon the earth when it has become unpopular and dangerous to avow Jesus Christ as Lord.

(d) PETER'S SENSE OF PERSONAL FAILURE.

Answering to the misery and loneliness and danger of his outward circumstances there was in Peter's heart a stinging sense of having failed by going to sleep in Gethsemane after Jesus had particularly asked him to watch with Him one hour. A consciousness of having failed a loved one in some time of need cannot but be profoundly depressing to a naturally gen-

erous spirit. Peter's condition of inward misery answered to his outward circumstances, and drove him to an extreme of passion. It was the surrounding atmosphere of the courtyard that supplied the final element to provoke the denial. Peter had no inward strength left to meet it.

**What Can We Do About Atmosphere?**

Since atmosphere plays such a large part in leading us into temptation we face a very important question as to what we ought to do in recognizing it, controlling it, and overcoming it. The Christian ought not be content to be merely the victim of spiritual circumstances.

1. WE MUST CONTROL IT AS IN US LIES.

This we can do to a great extent by carefulness in choosing our companionships and surroundings in both our work  
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# "Heal the Sick!" —Luke 10:9

William A. Caldwell

● REVIVALS RATE HEADLINES these days! A spiritual awakening of gigantic proportions is apparently at our doorstep. Even among the ashes of religious movements long cold, revival fires are once more bursting forth. This mid-century revival is being spearheaded by the Pentecostals, with their fervid evangelistic message of the full gospel.

Especially are divine healing campaigns attracting widespread attention. In overflowing gospel tents and crowded auditoriums souls are being reaped by the thousands. Multitudes have been healed of practically every known disease and infirmity. From the ranks of the mediocre and virtually unknown, God is constantly raising up men whose ministries are being marked by the miraculous.

Yet, the need in this field remains appalling. According to the report of a national medical society, one out of every six Americans is sick enough to require the services of a physician. In the United States the number of sick would exceed the combined populations of New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, and the six New England states. From other sources we learn that despite the much-heralded advancements of medical science, one out of every three will die of heart disease and one out of every seven will be killed by cancer.

This article is written because of a firm conviction that this supernatural healing ministry is not restricted to a

few score men and women, but rather that God is quite anxious to use every Spirit-filled believer in a ministry of power. Almost unbelievable results await all who are willing to step out in faith, taking God at His Word. Pentecostal Christians are traveling hundreds of miles to obtain deliverance in the healing lines of famous evangelists. *Without exception, all of these might have been healed right in their home assemblies, through the ministry of the elders of the local church.*

Among the greatest hindrances to a healing ministry are a number of our favorite "traditions," some of which are actually faith-destroying and unscriptural. For example:

1. Tradition says, "One must have a special 'Gift of Healing.'" Scripture says, "These signs shall follow *them that believe*. . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18. Faith alone is legal tender in the kingdom of God. Hebrews 11:6.

2. "If the sick are not healed it is because of sin in their lives." We agree that failure to confess sin may impose an impediment to healing (James 5:16), but certainly not an absolute barrier. Scripture fails to disclose any incident where Christ refused healing to the sinner, even where the sickness was obviously a result of sin, as in the case of the one whom He told to "sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14.

3. "Because of the unbelief of the people, even Christ failed to heal all." The



incident here referred to occurred at Nazareth, but even there "He laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them." Mark 6:5. What the unbelief actually did was to prevent the sick from coming or being brought to Christ for deliverance. Time and again the Scriptures reveal the truth that He "healed *all* that were sick." Matthew 8:16. "Jesus Christ the same . . . today." Hebrews 13:8.

4. "One needs a gift of discernment to determine who should receive healing and who should not." Healing for the body, as well as salvation for the soul, is for all. Psalms 103:3. "He laid his hands on *every* one of them, and healed them." Luke 4:40.

5. "There are certain obstinate cases which respond only when the would-be deliverer has prayed and fasted." Well, if that is what it takes, why not do it?

6. "None of us has perfect faith, so we might make mistakes." Yes, but you already made a worse mistake when you violated the Great Commission and failed to launch out into the realm of divine healing. Greater error is likely to occur on the side of extreme caution than on the side of boldness. After all, what have you to lose? Reputation? Public opinion? Don't let spiritual pride hinder you from appropriating the fullness of a Holy Ghost ministry.

7. "If one is not healed immediately, we shall hope for a gradual recovery." The average human body will often repair its ailing members gradually, by natural physical processes. In the Bible divine healing is identified by such expressions as "immediately," "straightway," and "that very hour." Let us bear in mind, however, that divine healing is not a result of that which we feel or see, but of that which we believe. Paul measured the assembly at Corinth not by what they knew, but by what they did; not by what they said, but by what they had. The Biblical yardstick is not theory, but practice: "The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." 1 Corinthians 4:20.

This thing really works! God's Word is true; all His promises are yea and amen in Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:20. Ours is but a small home missions work of about 40

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# Editorial

## A THEOLOGICAL PROBLEM

General Douglas MacArthur has said: "A third world war will mean the end of civilization, but we are no longer faced with a military problem—it has become a theological problem. Christianity contains the only answer." That the General means what he says is being proved by the wholehearted encouragement he is giving to every agency which will spread the gospel in Japan. Would that every ruler throughout the world had as much insight as this great statesman, and could see that men must be properly related to God before they can be properly related to each other. Only by becoming sons of God by the New Birth can men become spiritual brothers and live together in peace.

## FRIGHTENING POSSIBILITIES

While a few, like Professor Urey, can speak light-heartedly about the dangers of the hydrogen bomb, the majority are clearly frightened. Professor Einstein says: "The H-bomb appears on the public horizon as a probably attainable goal. If successful, radio-active poisoning of the atmosphere and, hence, annihilation of any life on earth, has been brought within the range of technical possibilities." Some are calling it the "hell-bomb." If men refuse to be frightened into the arms of a loving Lord by the preaching of hell-fire, we pray that they may be roused from their sin by the prospect of the "hell-bomb."

## ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING

An interesting article in the London *Daily Mail* (Feb. 14) described an artificial thunderstorm in a "Soviet Valley of Death." It was written by a scientist who formerly worked for Russia after being captured during the war. It vividly described an artificial thunderstorm, created by scientific means and designed to be the "last word" in mountain warfare. Here is an extract:

"Directly the trail touched the smoke-cloud, a thunderstorm broke loose as though the doors of hell had opened. Lightning followed lightning. Thunder followed thunder. The lightning struck the rocks behind us, the very mountains trembled, and the valley seemed a sea of flames . . . not a mouse could have survived down below. . . . The next day . . . everywhere we found traces where lightning had struck. There was no rock, no tree, no bush that had not been hit."

Woe unto any who are trapped in a valley when a ruthless enemy touches off

such deadly lightnings as this! Yet it is but a little sample of what will happen throughout all the earth when the wrath of the Lamb is poured out. A third of the trees shall be burnt up and all the green grass shall be burnt up, the Bible says, in that terrible day. Revelation 8:7. Sinner, flee to Christ today and escape the wrath which is to come!

## NO NAILPRINTS

An old saint lay dying. For over eighty years she had been on pilgrimage to Zion, until her face had grown bright with heaven's approaching glory. A Catholic priest, under the entire misapprehension that none of his parishioners could find access to the city unless he unlocked the gate, called to visit her. "Madam," he said, "I have come to grant you absolution." And she, in her simplicity, not knowing what the word meant, inquired, "What is that?" "I have come to forgive your sins," was the reply. "May I look into your hand?" she answered. Gazing for a moment at the hand of the priest, she said, "Sir, you are an impostor." "Impostor!" the scandalized cleric protested. "Yes, sir, an impostor. The Man who forgives my sin has a nailprint in His palm."—*R. Moffat Gautrey*

## LOVE . . .

### AND A COMMUNIST

By HERMANN A. PARLI

a Pentecostal Pastor in Switzerland

Only a few moments remained before the Youth for Christ rally at a town near Cannes, France, was to begin. Delegates from 18 countries were meeting at Cannes for the European YFC Congress. I was strolling past the door of the meeting hall when a stalwart fellow stopped me, and addressed me:

"Where is the political protest meeting tonight?"

"Not here," I said, "here we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Which Gospel?" he asked, "Luke's?"

"No," I replied, "all four of them—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John."

"Communism is my religion," he retorted. "We are all brothers, but this filthy world of ours is filled with hatred."

He went on exalting communistic principles, cursing and mocking God and making fun of the Christian religion.

I tried my best, for a few moments, to refute all of his arguments, backing my words by the Scriptures. Aware of my weakness and of my utter failure in convincing him, I suddenly remembered Christ's Words, "Without Me ye can do nothing." Looking up to Him, I raised inwardly a silent but fervent prayer, "Lord,

give me Thy love, Thy passion and compassion for that lost soul!"

Hardly had I expressed that earnest cry when I found myself overwhelmed with a surging wave of love, encompassing and filling me to overflowing. Every atom in my being was bathed in love. I looked at the man, put my hand on his shoulder and said in a tender tone,

"My brother, God knows your sincerity. He loves you. And . . . I love you too!"

My look must have reflected something of the love which was melting my heart, for the change was sudden. The man stared at me; something caused him to tremble. There was no more arguing. Tears filled his eyes. Looking me in the face, he said,

"I love you, too! I am head of the customs here in town. Come any time, won't you, and speak to my men?"

He went away. I remained still, pondering. No arguing or human wisdom will draw men to Christ. But a passion for the lost and a heaven-given love will melt the strongest will and the hardest iron heart in the twinkling of an eye. We often charge politics, worldliness or formalism for our lack of success in winning souls to Christ. Yet *all* doors are thrown open wide when we show the love of Christ. John 13:34, 35.

Friend, have *you* caught the vision of a lost world? Is the passion for lost souls burning in *your* heart?

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# The Ingredients of Salvation

● HOW MANY OF YOU have picked up a package and by examining the label have discovered what the contents of that package were? At last Christmas time we had a lovely cake brought to us. It was a fruit cake, but it was a very exceptional fruit cake. It had some things in it that I had never tasted before. So, I said to the friend that baked it for us, "Say, what did you put in that fruit cake that made it taste so exceptionally good?"

There are many people who are saying, "What is it about Christianity and about this thing they call salvation that attracts people?" My friend, I can tell you what it is. It is the ingredients of salvation. These dear friends who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, who have been filled with the blessed Holy Spirit, who have experienced the touch of healing when their bodies were sick and laden down with disease, know there is something to this glorious salvation and they glory in testifying about the ingredients.

One ingredient of salvation is peace. Oh, how much we talk about peace, but how little we have of it in the world today! What a pathetic thing it is to have people meet in great peace conferences and never reach any conclusions! All the while people are trembling and saying, "Is there going to be another war? Is the hydrogen bomb going to explode? Are we going to be wiped out of existence?" These questions are troubling people's minds, but the true Christian, the born-again child of God, is not troubled about the hydrogen bomb or the atom bomb or any of these things, because in his heart there is peace. In Romans 5:1 we read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Many think of peace as a solitary calm, something that comes when you are surrounded by an atmosphere that is perfectly quiet. I want to tell you that God's peace is more than that. I remember reading of an occasion where a prize was offered for the best picture of peace. One painted a lake. All was tranquil; there wasn't a ripple on the surface; the trees stood there so beautifully reflected in the calm water—and he labeled it *peace*. Then another artist came with his offering. There was a little bird clinging to a twig of a tree as it hung out over a waterfall, and the little bird was singing there amidst all the dash and spray and roar of the cataract. This artist won the prize because he truly

depicted peace. It is one thing to talk about peace; it is another thing to have it. But the peace of God that passes all understanding is keeping the hearts and minds of those who will put their trust in Christ—and that is one of the ingredients of salvation.

Another ingredient of salvation is rest—rest to the weary soul. Oh, how many there are who lay their heads on the pillow and all through the night fears and worries beset them. They wish they had not done those things which they had been tempted to do and to which they had yielded. They wish they could undo some of the things they have done in the past. They wish they could recall the words they have uttered. Their hearts and minds are troubled until their bodies

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are worn and their nerves are strained. But oh, what a rest there is for the child of God. This, too, is promised in the Word of God, for the Saviour says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Believe me when I say that rest for the soul is a very important thing. There are some who can find rest for their mind and rest for their body, but, oh, there is rest for the soul that has found a reclining place in the bosom of the Father. There is perfect tranquility. There is no turmoil. There is no distress.

And happiness—oh, how many are looking for it and craving it today. God has a different word for it. We talk about pursuing happiness and the Scriptures talk about joy. The Psalmist David, who had seen many a day of hardship, knew what it was to have a joy that was above all his difficulties. In Psalm 16:11 he says, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy

right hand there are pleasures for evermore." How many there are who would barter half of their livelihood, they would give all they have in the bank, if only they had happiness.

Then there is hope. What a wonderful thing hope is! The Scriptures tell us that we are saved by hope. In Romans 8:24 we read, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." The Christian has a hope in eternity; he has a confidence and an assurance that that in which his hope is fixed will not fade away, will not disappear, will not vanish like the dew in the bright sunlight, but it will be realized. When hope cometh, as the Proverb tells us, it is a tree of life. I often think of those who have hope in eternity. What a glorious thing it is going to be to have the full realization of all that hope dawn on them—to see Jesus, to be there with all the worship and rejoicing that is going on, and to know that no sin, sickness, sorrow, or death shall ever overtake them again. It thrills my soul until I can scarcely contain myself when I think of it.

Added to these ingredients is that release, or shall we call it freedom, that salvation brings. The bondage that we suffer here on earth is a terrible thing—many are bound by habits, bound by sin, bound by chains of environment and influence. But oh, thank God, there is One who can break all that bondage and bring release and freedom to men. In John 8:32 we have this precious word, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Have you been listening to the truth on these broadcasts? Have you had a consciousness that there is a glorious deliverance offered to you in this blessed message? It is not the message of a church or a denomination or a group of people who advocate certain teachings, but it is the message of the very Word of God.

Another of these ingredients of salvation is strength, or shall we use the Scriptural term of power. We read in John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Thank God for these wonderful ingredients! I could add many more. There is purity—a freedom from all contamination and influences of sin that would stain and mar the life. Listen to what the prophet Ezekiel says, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you." Ch. 36:25. That is what God does when He saves us from sin and washes us. I wish I could describe

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# OUR HOME FRONTIERS

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## NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED

A fine new church has been opened at Havre de Grace, Maryland, within the past few months, and the congregation is victoriously declaring, "Our help cometh from the Lord."

Pastor and Mrs. John Pittam of Wilmington, Delaware, felt led of God to open a small building in Havre de Grace in 1944. The community responded well, and the Potomac District assisted until the new congregation could support the church and pastor. When the crowd became too large for the small building, they began planning toward building their own church home. Last fall their faith became reality when their beautiful new church was dedicated.

T. B. Pierce, District Superintendent, mentions that Brother Pittam and a neighboring pastor, William Hoard, have also opened a Sunday School in Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, and they report a good attendance there.

### New Mexico Reports

"We are presently in the process of opening two new works, one in Albuquerque and the other in Springer, New Mexico. At Silver City our fine people and pastor are erecting a new building. Last summer we dedicated a fine new church at Las Vegas." This report comes from H. M. Fulfer, District Superintendent.

Remember to pray for all our District expansion programs and the pioneer churches. Again we repeat our Home Missions goal: "An Assembly of God in every town."

## OUR COVER PHOTO

London, Kentucky, has known Pentecost since the early days of the century. The present Assembly of God Church was organized through the leadership of M. A. Jollay, and became affiliated with the General Council in March, 1937. Brother M. A. Jollay served as pastor of the church from its beginning in 1937 until March, 1942. When he resigned, Lyman A. Jollay was called as pastor, and he continues to serve in this capacity at the present time.

The house of worship was built of red brick in 1937. The auditorium seats about 200. It has a beautiful baptistry and one Sunday School room upstairs. In the basement there are six Sunday School rooms and a nursery, besides a secretary's office. The building is heated with gas furnaces. It was a happy occasion on Nov. 23, 1944, when the last note of indebtedness was burned.

This fine church of 83 members has a large and active group of C.A.'s who have helped in the establishing of a number of new works



## WE WON'T LET THEM DOWN!

Each month the General Council sends 131 checks to our veteran preachers who receive help from the Old Age Assistance Fund. This is an increase of ten during the past nine months, and the prospects are that the number will be increased to 138 within the next half-year. This means that there will be a need of \$30,000.00 to enable us to meet our responsibility during the next six months.

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(or a date more convenient to the local congregation) is the time designated to receive this benevolence in all of our Assemblies. The Pentecostal people always respond to the needs of God's work when they fully understand them, and we know that they will not let our aged and infirm brethren down.

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in Kentucky in the past few years. The Lord has called many good workers from this church into His vineyard, including the Kentucky District Superintendent, S. Willis Brewer.

There is a well-organized Sunday School and a growing Junior Department. Other active groups are the Women's Missionary Council and the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

"God is graciously moving in our midst," reports Pastor Jollay. "Men and women, boys and girls are finding Christ as their Saviour. The Assembly of God Church in London, Kentucky, is on the forward march for Christ."

### SALVATION FOR A MURDERER

Dr. Clark tells in his journal of missionary travel how once in Africa he listened in a humble tent to the song of a lot of coolies who had been a band of cut-throats and murderers but who had been marvelously redeemed. One of them, named Kothabye, had been the chief of a robber band and at last had been captured and sold as a slave. But no master would keep him, he was so wicked. At last a missionary bought him with the hope of saving him.

One day he heard the missionary tell how the blood of Christ could cleanse a sinner. At the close he came up and in a stealthy voice asked, "Could He cleanse a murderer?"

"Yes," said the missionary.

"But if he had killed five men?"

"Yes," said the missionary, "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."

"But if he had killed ten men?"

"Yes," said the missionary, "all manner of sin shall be forgiven unto men."

"But if he had killed twenty men?"

"Yes," said the missionary, "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

"But if he had killed thirty men?"

"Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool," answered the missionary.

"Then," said he, "I am that sinner, for I have killed thirty men."

But the blood of Jesus Christ saved even that man, and he was now the leader of a coolie band of soul winners, and they were singing every night the song of thirty murders and the blood that could wash them all away.—D. M. Pantou.

# Fellowship NEWS

## Church Dedicated at La Jolla, Calif.

The new Assembly of God church building at La Jolla, Calif. was dedicated March 5. The building was erected during the ministry of Troy Blair, who resigned in February. Gene Forrest is the new pastor.

## Sunday School Enrollment

There are now 344,516 pupils enrolled in the Sunday Schools of the Assemblies of God in U.S.A. Busily engaged in training this great Christian army is an officers' corps of 5,950 Sunday School Superintendents, 6,000 Secretaries, and 34,000 teachers. Directing these forces is a general staff of 28 National Sunday School workers and 270 District and Sectional Sunday School Representatives. Their leader is Christ; their chief weapon is God's Word. May victory crown their efforts as they press forward in His name.

## Bible School Enrollment Shows Increase

The total enrollment for the Spring Semester in our Assemblies of God Bible Schools is 2,890, an increase of 12 students over the Fall enrollment. This is around 10% less than the 1948-49 enrollment. Totals according to schools is as follows:

Southwestern Bible Institute Waxahachie, Texas	733
Central Bible Institute Springfield, Missouri	665
North Central Bible Institute Minneapolis, Minn.	346
Southern California Bible College Pasadena, Calif.*	237
Northwest Bible Institute Seattle, Washington	191
South-Eastern Bible Institute Lakeland, Florida	166
Glad Tidings Bible Institute San Francisco, California	148
Eastern Bible Institute Green Lane, Pa.	140
South Central Bible College Hot Springs, Arkansas	109
Metropolitan Bible Institute Suffern, New York	48
Great Lakes Bible Institute Zion, Illinois	47
Peniel Bible Institute Stanton, Kentucky	39
New England Bible Institute Framingham, Mass.	21

The State showing the largest number of students attending any of our Bible schools is California with 354. Texas is next with 318, Minnesota third with 150, Washington fourth with 148, Pennsylvania fifth with 143, Missouri sixth with 134, Oklahoma seventh with 123, Arkansas eighth with 121, Michigan ninth with 116, and Illinois tenth with 95.

Eight students are from Alaska and six from

Hawaii. There are 12 from Canada and 33 from 17 other countries.

## A New Home for Latin American Bible Institute

The new buildings and home of the Latin American Bible Institute of California, at Puente, were dedicated on April 2. Speakers included Fred Vogler, Asst. Gen. Supt.; F. C. Woodworth, Southern California Dist. Supt.; D. Bazan and Jose Giron, Supt. and Secy. of the Latin American Branch.

## Glad Tidings Bible Institute to be Moved to Bethany Park

Glad Tidings Bible Institute is to be moved from San Francisco to a beautiful new home at Bethany Park, the District camp ground near Santa Cruz. Glad Tidings is one of the oldest and best known schools in the Pentecostal Movement. It was founded in 1919 by Robert J. Craig, who is now with the Lord. For a number of years it has been operated by the Northern California and Nevada District Council, and a few weeks ago the District Council made the momentous decision to move the school to the new location where it will be able to expand and grow into a place of even greater blessing than in all the fruitful years of the past.

Dining facilities already exist at the camp grounds, and a building which will house the administration offices and classrooms is half built. Work is now proceeding on the erection of two dormitories.

## Educational Program at Southern California Bible College to be Expanded

Not only will Southern California Bible College have a new campus next year. When it moves to the new location at Santa Ana, Calif., it will also have a new division of arts and sciences in its educational program. The expansion was authorized recently by the Southern California District Council, which sponsors the school, according to a report from Irvine J. Harrison, President.

The institution now offers a number of the arts and sciences as well as Bible subjects. The new plan calls for a division of the subjects into two fields of study, so that there will be a college of arts and sciences separate from the college of the Bible. Each of the colleges will have its own Dean of Education, but both will function under the same administration. The students of both colleges will live in the same dormitories, and be under the same spiritual supervision. All of them will participate in the same school activities, such as chapel services, missionary prayers, street meetings, etc. Only in the class work will the division be apparent.

The reason for the new division, explains Brother Harrison, is that approximately half of the students in our Assemblies of God Bible Schools at the present time are not training for the ministry, and would be better equipped for their life's work by having a regular course of college education. Under the new arrangement such young people will be able to get a college education in a thoroughly Pentecostal atmosphere, under the guidance of Spirit-filled teachers.

Two other Assemblies of God schools are offering junior college courses at the present time. Southwestern Bible Institute and South Central Bible College both offer two years of college

work in addition to their Bible school work. Southern California Bible College will be the first to offer a four-year college course.

Full details of the new program have yet to be worked out. However, one stipulation is that only saved young people will be accepted. Students will be able to major in English, Social Science, History, Modern Languages, etc. Brother Harrison expects that students in the college of arts and sciences will be required to take 30 hours of Bible and doctrine scattered over their four-year course.

For further information, write to the Registrar, Southern California Bible College, 450 Avenue 64, Pasadena 2, Calif.

## Training Teachers in Germany

Brother and Sister Walter Waldvogel are in Europe. On March 22 they wrote: "We are very happy here in the service of the Lord. We expect to start teacher training courses in Northern Germany on April 13. There is an open door in Germany and we are earnestly praying that God will make these courses a source of great blessing. We shall appreciate your prayers. We recently held some meetings in Northern Germany in a refugee camp where it was a joy to see the hunger among people who have lost all in this world but who greatly love Jesus."

## District Leaders Re-Elected in Montana

Both the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Montana District were re-elected for a two-year term at the annual business meeting. It was the Fifteenth Annual Session of the Montana District Council. The meetings were held in the new Assembly of God Church in Missoula, March 27 to 31.

One of the highlights of the Council was the dedication of the beautiful new \$90,000 church in Missoula. Charles E. Butterfield, President of Northwest Bible College in Seattle, Wash., preached the dedicatory message. Other speakers of the evening were Eugene A. Born, pastor of the church, and Frank Lang, who supervised the construction.

Officers chosen during the business session were as follows: Currell Muirhead, Dist. Supt.; Lyle B. Spradley, Dist. Secy.-Treas.; Walter A. Buck, Dist. C. A. Pres.; Owen S. Hodges, Dist. C. A. Secy.-Treas.; Mrs. Roy R. Munger, W.M.C. Pres. The following were elected to serve as Sectional Presbyters: H. Westley Fine, Vernon D. Griggs, C. A. Brown, Earl W. Goodman, Leon P. Mitchell, and Charles H. Jackson.

Guest speaker for the evening services was Joseph E. Neeley, Wyoming District Superintendent. According to Brother Spradley, who sent us this report, Brother Neeley ministered the Word with power and unction and his stirring messages will long be remembered. Souls sought Christ for salvation and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Council Meeting closed with an ordination service when John J. Barger, Jene J. Wagner, and Oscar K. Will were set apart for the work of the ministry.

For spiritual blessings, let our prayers be importunate, perpetual, and persevering; for temporal blessings, let them be general, short, conditional and modest.—Jeremy Taylor.

When Henry Martyn reached India, he knelt and cried, "Here let me burn out for God."



Some of our works among the various islands are experiencing remarkable growth. Sunday Schools have been fully organized in many instances with classes for different age groups. Here is the Beginner Department—pupils and teachers—of one of our assemblies in Batavia.

## Opportunities for Service

A. J. Morrison, Hawaii

● WE HAVE HAD an increase in attendance in our local church. Many are becoming interested in the gospel. A week ago a Japanese Buddhist woman came to the altar. She is hungry for the Lord. There is a feeling among some of the Buddhists that they can be Buddhist and Christian too—can adopt the good points of both. We feel, though, that this Japanese woman soon will see the full light.

Last Sunday a Chinese woman and her three children were at church for the first time. The mother was once a public school teacher. She was reared a Catholic but she also is hungry for God.

I was in Hilo for a month helping with the work there. Hilo is 200 miles from us. I flew down by plane. Besides ministering in Hilo I had the opportunity to minister at various outlying points.

At one place I had services in a Buddhist temple. I stood in front of a little shrine with an idol directly behind me, and ministered to a group of Japanese young folk. I felt such joy to bring the gospel of Christ to them. Several of them lifted their hands for prayer. The idol did not bother me at all.

Pastor Yamada and his two daughters took me to a camp where there were Japanese boys. They were so bashful it took us nearly half an hour to persuade them to enter the hall. Once inside, however, it was surprising how they could sing.

Pastor Yosuhara and his wife were invited to attend a midweek service of another denomination at Mountain View. They invited me to go with them. The pastor of the congregation asked me to speak to the group of Japanese young men and women. There was such attention and conviction! Some of the group had

never heard an evangelistic message. Three men and five women asked for prayer. Even the minister's wife had tears in her eyes, but she was not certain whether she should ask for prayer or not. I believe that God will be saving many of the group as the Yosuharas are opening a work not far from the church.

En route to a service on my last Sunday at Hilo I turned off on the wrong road, endeavoring to find one of our young Christians. I came to the little Hawaiian fishing village, Hookena. It was one o'clock and a number of the nationals were on the beach where they had been eating their noon meal. After inquiring where I was and getting directions to the Christian's home I took my ukulele from the car and started strumming, and looking over the rock sea wall at the water. The children were digging *opiis* below. (This is a small shellfish that fastens itself to the lava rocks. The Hawaiians dig the fish off the rocks and scoop the live meat out of the shells with their thumbs and eat it raw. It is not as bad as it sounds.)

When the men heard the ukulele they asked me to sing for them. I sang gospel choruses in English and in Hawaiian. When I sang in Hawaiian they were much interested and ready to listen to anything I had to tell them. I felt that God sent me to Hookena "by mistake" on purpose. Two men, three women, and five of the young folk asked for prayer. I trust that I will be able to visit the village again some day. We do have a new work starting some 70 miles from Hookena.

How many places there are in these islands that need Jesus! How we long to reach all of them!

## Bethel Bible Institute, Manila

The following are extracts from an air mail letter received from T. Glenn Dunn, principal of the Bethel Bible Institute in Manila. The letter reached our hands later than the writer anticipated, but we can still join the missionaries in prayer in some of the needs mentioned in connection with Bethel Bible Institute.

"Here at Bethel Bible Institute we are beginning the last month of school. God has given us a good year. Arthur J. Ahlberg supervised the construction of two big dormitories with classrooms. We still need a tabernacle, wash-rooms, and a dining room and kitchen. The army tent we are using now will not last much longer.

"The thirty students made spiritual progress this year. About fifteen of the men students, however, are still seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them. The students have been a big help in the outstation work. They testified in sixteen of the national dialects of the Philippines.

"Here in the tropics, schools close by the first of April and reopen in July or August. Our baccalaureate, dedication of buildings, and commencement exercises will be March 30 and 31.

"We would appreciate your joining with us in prayer in the following matters:

"1. Pray that God will give us a consecrated staff of teachers for next year. Some of the present ones are leaving.

"2. Pray for students who will be witnessing in their home villages during the summer vacation.

"3. Pray for the Vacation Bible School teams as they go out among the Filipino assemblies.

"4. Paul W. Davidson is suffering with acute anemia, and I also am anemic. The conditions have been brought on by malaria. Please pray for us, and pray that all of the teachers will be kept from sicknesses during the hot weather of the next few months."

## Men and Missions Sunday

The twentieth annual observance of *Men and Missions Sunday* is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, this year. The theme recommended by co-operating mission boards and laymen representatives for the day is "Men for the Master's Mission." It is suggested that the text Romans 10:14, 15 be used. Pastors should mark the date on their calendars and start planning at once to observe the day. A layman could be selected to speak briefly on the theme preceding the morning message in which the pastor could follow with the same thought.

Comforting indeed is the truth that God is never confronted with the unexpected, nor is He ever uncertain of what course to take.—Selected.

When we try to do for God's glory that which seems humanly impossible, we discover God's resources.—Selected.



J. R. Shaver  
South India



Mrs. J. R. Shaver  
South India



Eugene J. Bascue  
Upper Volta



Mrs. Eugene J. Bascue  
Upper Volta

## Land for Malayalam Bible School

● THE SECRET of evangelizing any mission field is Christian witness by consecrated, Spirit-filled, trained nationals. The means under God used for the training of the national ministry is the Bible School. It is not surprising, then, to find the enemy of the souls of men causing all kinds of obstacles to arise to hinder the work of the Bible School.

God has blessed the ministry of graduates from the Malayalam Bible School in South India, though our missionaries and nationals have had to work against odds for many years. At first there were few teachers. God has now graciously met that need, so that the students enjoy instruction from a capable staff of missionaries and nationals. The school has been held in rented buildings with the location being changed from time to time. Some of the rented buildings have been far from ideal. God has met this need through the gifts of His people in the United States, and the school at present is being conducted on the property recently acquired at Punulur. Additional buildings will have to be erected soon to house the students who desire to attend, and for additional class rooms.

The greatest difficulty facing the school is the lack of food. Rice and many other commodities are still being rationed in India. Sufficient rations have not been available for our school so the catering has been given to a contractor. Since his interest has been to make a good profit, the food has often been of poor quality. On more than one occasion the school has had to close because food was unobtainable.

Last year new complications arose. Some of the students and teachers became ill with typhoid fever, evidently as a result of unsanitary conditions in the hotel where the students and teachers ate. One of our most valuable teachers and national workers died of typhoid. School had to be closed.

We cannot feel that it is God's best for our school to depend upon such an unpredictable source for food. The solution seems to be in purchasing land where the students can raise sufficient rice to care for the needs of the school. Rice land is scarce and very expensive in this densely populated section of South India. However, we now have an opportunity to purchase this much needed land. We trust that God's people will help by giving

\$2,000 to make this purchase possible. Your offerings should be sent to the *FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated, "Rice Land for Malayalam Bible School."

## Batavia Bible Institute

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Busby, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lanphear,  
U. S. of Indonesia

● DURING the past school year we had an enrollment of close to sixty students in our Batavia Bible Institute. For all there were times of testings and trials, but we felt victory, too, and we feel that the year was profitable indeed. God's presence was with us.

Teaching classes is not all there is to conducting Bible School in Java. Lessons must be translated, then stencils cut, and copies run off for the students' use for there are few textbooks



Here are some of the students who have just been graduated from the Batavia Bible Institute. The picture was taken when they were Freshmen. They will be going out to minister among their own people. Let us remember to pray for the nationals trained in our Bible Schools. The instructors shown are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busby, and Miss M. Brown.

in their language. It means hours of work each day for every member of the faculty.

Nearly every day while school was in session services were held either at the church or at one of the branch churches. These were conducted by the faculty, the students, and former students. Sundays were full. Between school and church services everyone was kept busy.

Keep praying for us and we will keep working. The time is short and there is much to be done. Only eternity will reveal the value of teaching and training the national workers to carry the gospel message.

## News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Bascue, new missionary appointees, recently sailed for France for language study. They will go from France to Upper Volta (Africa) where they will be stationed.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shaver, new missionary appointees, sailed for South India the last of March.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bauer, missionaries to Peru, on April 17, a daughter, Rebecca Marie.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Guenther, missionaries to Liberia, announce the birth of a son. He is Steven Gordon Guenther, born on April 2.

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Missionaries going to Africa aboard the AM-BASSADOR on April 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman, Gold Coast; Miss Minnie L. Ecklund and Miss Lillian Bach, Nigeria; and Miss Marie Johnsrud, Upper Volta. (Their pictures will appear in a later issue.) Missionaries returning from Africa were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin McCorkle, Gold Coast; Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Wright, Nyasaland; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Zents, Upper Volta.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Mock, missionaries to Cuba, are in the States on furlough.

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May 16 and August 1 are tentative dates for future flights of the AMBASSADOR to West Africa.

# Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

## SAUL REJECTED AS KING

Lesson for May 14

1 Samuel 15:13-23

The Amalekites were a nomadic people who inhabited the desert between Judah and Egypt. They were warlike and plunderers. It was the Amalekites that fought so bitterly against Israel when they came out of Egypt, at the time when Israel prevailed only as Moses held up his hands. The word Amalek is said to mean, "A people that licks up." Exod. 17:8-16. They were descendants from Esau. Gen. 36:12. They took advantage of any weakness of the pilgrim Israelites, "and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble . . . when thou wast faint and weary." Deut. 25:17, 18. In this they may well illustrate how Satan seeks to take advantage. He pounces on us when we are worn, feeble, lagging. May we be strengthened with might by God's Spirit in the inner man, that we might overcome when attacked.

Because of their unwarranted attack on Israel, the Lord proclaimed their doom to extinction. "And the Lord said . . . I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." Exod. 17:14. In our lesson Saul is given the duty of carrying out this determination of God, more than 450 years later. Thus we learn that although judgment against an evil work is not executed speedily, it will overtake the transgressor.

### 1. Saul's Duty to Exterminate the Amalekites

Samuel reminded Saul that the Lord had anointed him to be king over His people Israel. Then God said, "I remember that which Amalek did to Israel." v. 2. This was followed with instruction that Saul should utterly destroy Amalek. v. 3. This ought to teach us that position carries with it more than honors. Some love position and titles. Some would like to be deacons; others to be teachers in the Sunday School. Let me ask, If you are put into such positions are you faithful? Do you work at the job? If you are a teacher, have you studied, are you prompt, do you give your best to your work, or is it the title that you want while you do your work haphazardly? If you are a deacon, do you do the work of a deacon, or is it just the title that you want? Questions of this kind may be asked of all in the church of Christ, from the minister to the feeblest member. Let us not seek for titles. Let us do the work.

Another lesson is that God does not forget. Although God waited long before requiting the Amalekites for their mistreatment of Israel when they were feeble, He did not forget. Let us remember that reaping time is coming, and "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

### 2. Saul a Disappointment

With what promise Saul became king in Israel. He was a perfect physical specimen. In

addition, he was possessed of deep inward humility. It appeared that a better choice could not be made. Moreover, he received a gracious anointing of the Holy Spirit to be with him in his ministry. ch. 9:2; 10:1, 9, 10. But high office soon spoiled him. In our lesson Samuel reminds him, "When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" v. 17. It seems strange that office and titles should make such changes in people, but it seriously affects some. May it not affect us. May we keep that same lowliness of spirit and consciousness of unworthiness that we enjoyed before honors became ours. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." James 4:6.

Saul's self-esteem helped him to his downfall. He had become a king. Agag also was a king. They met. Each thought he was somebody. Agag probably met him with all the trappings of position. With him were the finest of Amalek's flocks and herds. Although Saul could slay the common and the defenseless, he bowed to station and saved Agag and the best of the herds. Do we have a warning against this weakness in the New Testament? Yes, it is a warning that comes to the Christian Church. "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons." James 2:1. Read verses 2, 3.

### 3. Saul a Pretender

When Samuel came out to meet Saul, Saul said, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." v. 13. I wonder if Saul thought he had? Too many think that doing part of the will of God is doing their whole duty. They do those things which are agreeable to themselves and leave undone that which brings to them neither pleasure nor profit. Saul had slain the many of Amalek and at Carmel had erected a monument to his success (v. 12), probably a pillar "to call attention to his victory." He had been sent to "utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed." v. 18. He had failed because he had destroyed only that which he thought to be ugly or common.

Let us apply this to our own hearts. God wants the last vestige of sin and unholy self destroyed in us. Too many would get rid of whiskey and other vile things, but how they hold on to self-

esteem, provision for self, all the elements of self-love. Jesus laid all this aside and made Himself of no reputation. Paul followed and could say, "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Phil. 3:7. Paul was not content with doing this once as an initial consecration; he made it his life business. "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss." In other words, "I made the consecration back yonder; I live the consecration every day."

### 4. Saul, an Excuse-Maker

When Samuel confronted Saul with his failure, Saul sought to pass the responsibility on to others. How like us he was. How few are willing to stand up and take proper blame for their errors without bringing others into it. It is old Adam in us that wants to ease our guilt by dragging others in. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. In the parable they "all with one consent began to make excuse."

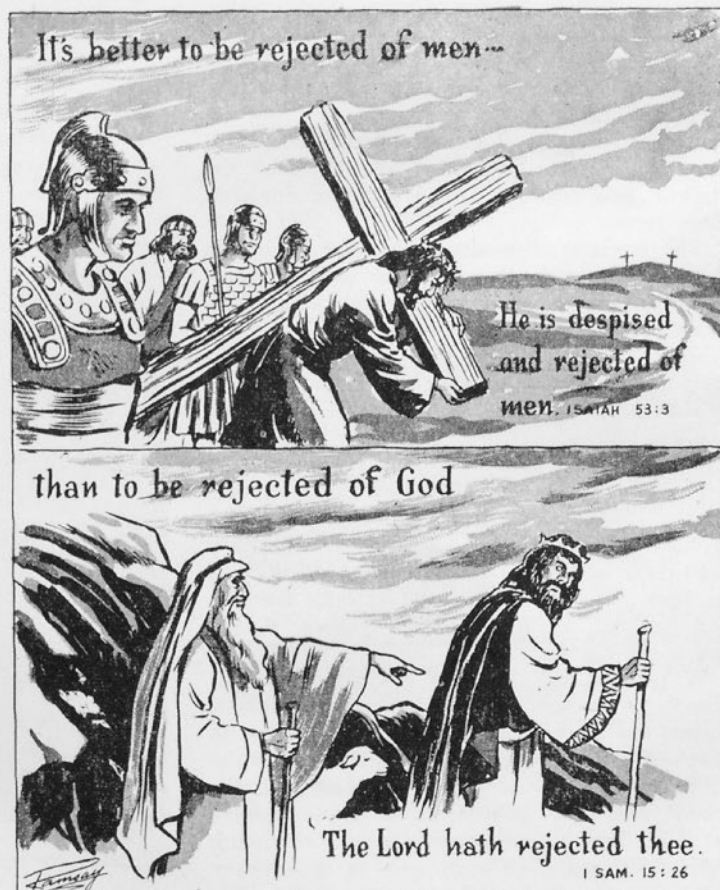
Saul's soldiers were confederate with Saul. They hated to "destroy the precious with the vile." They probably said, "Why this waste?" Although confederate, they were not alone. Saul headed them. v. 9. See how Saul continued to pass responsibility on to others. vv. 15, 21, 24.

### 5. Heart of the Lesson

"To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Saul said, "We have brought these excellent things that we might add them to our worship." Let us remember that no worship, no religious service, no sacrifice however grand can take the place of obedience to the will of God. See verses 15, 22. Disobedience makes our worship no better than idolatry.

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Samuel's Farewell Address (Lesson for May 7). Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 12:13-25.



TWO REJECTED KINGS

# The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

## GOVERNMENT EVANGELIST

For the first time in the penal reform history of this Canadian province, an evangelist is making a tour of Ontario's prisons and reformatories at the request of the Ontario Government. The evangelist is trumpet-playing Col. Bob Munro. At one evening service recently in the Guelph Reformatory, 45 took a stand for Christ.

## THE ROAD TO PEACE

Said Drew Pearson, writing in his newspaper column a few weeks ago: "If war should come again it would mean the end of civilization. In other words, the next generation faces about the same prospect that Noah's generation faced—either annihilation or reform. It is time we throw out the moth-eaten diplomacy upon which we now depend, and adopt some of the revolutionary doctrines which Christ preached in the Sermon on the Mount."

## LIVING ON BORROWED CAPITAL

Said Princess Elizabeth, at Belfast, Northern Ireland: "Men's consciences are uneasy. Much that seemed built on the rock has shifted as if the foundations were sand. But beneath that sand is one solid layer which nothing has been able to break. All that was best in us came from that layer, from the habits and wisdom bred by centuries of Christianity. Today we are living largely on borrowed capital, inherited from previous generations, and bearing no increase now. Our children will suffer if we have nothing more, nothing fresh to offer them."

## ISRAEL'S GROWING POPULATION

Israel's population has grown until it is now more than a million, of whom the majority are Jews; and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the American Jewish Agency for Palestine, predicts that the Jewish population will reach two million within the next five years. Rabbi Goldstein lived in Palestine for a year. He says there is room in the State of Israel, with proper economic developments, for four or five millions. More Jews are returning to Israel every month. (Read Ezekiel 26 and see how this agrees with Bible prophecy.)

## IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION

A new pattern, says Jeremiah Ben-Jacob in *The New Palestine*, is clearly emerging—a pattern in the shape of "an international crusade of world forces fundamentally hostile to each other, but united upon a single objective—to deny Jerusalem to its present occupants and to throw its gates wide open to the international struggle for world prestige." These world forces, represented by the Arab states, the Vatican, and the Kremlin, have agreed to differ, says the writer, but "they have agreed to challenge Israel and to let into the Valley of Decision the onrush of ideological conflict and political maneuvers."

The reference to "the Valley of Decision" connects the writer's thought with Joel 3:12-14 and the Valley of Jehoshaphat. One day the nations shall indeed be locked in battle in that valley—multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision—and it may be that even now the day of the Lord is near, very near, in the valley of decision.

## NO CANADIAN ENVOY TO THE VATICAN

A deputation from the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor interviewed the Prime Minister of Canada, L. S. St. Laurent, and urged him to appoint an envoy to the Vatican. The Prime Minister refused, saying that such an appointment would give the Roman Catholic Church a special status in Canada not possessed by any other branch of the Christian community.

## A PENTECOSTAL HIGH SCHOOL IN A SWEDISH CASTLE

The latest issue of Donald Gee's quarterly magazine *Pentecost* tells of a Pentecostal High School that is housed in Kaggeholm Castle in Sweden. The boarding school was opened in 1942, with 29 students; today there are 62. It offers a two-year course. It is located on a lake 18 miles from Stockholm, and is operated by the Filadelfia Pentecostal Assembly of that city.

## A "CHRISTIAN LAND"

A Pasadena parent who is putting his son through college wrote the editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, asking, "What is your interpretation of the expression, 'A Christian land'?" The editor replied, caustically but correctly, "A 'Christian land' is one where people support colleges to destroy the faith they have taught their children."

The Church is faced with a challenge to build and support Christian schools where faith is encouraged, not destroyed.

## A TRIUMPHANT HOME GOING

The triumphant homegoing of Dr. Walter A. Maier, on January 11, 1950, is beautifully described in *The Lutheran Hour News*.

Monday, January 9, was the last day he talked very much. He had been confined to bed for two weeks, during which time he suffered five heart attacks. His wife, who was at his side almost constantly, would often read to him or repeat well-loved hymns, and when he was strong enough Dr. Maier would repeat them with her or make some comment.

Mrs. Maier thought her husband was becoming delirious on Monday when he began saying, "Divine justice!" Then she realized he had a message for the thousands of radio listeners who so faithfully prayed for his recovery; for after the exclamation he quoted Romans 3:23, 24—

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

"Praise the Lord!" he said. "We have a Redeemer!"

After a moment he began quoting 1 John 2:1, 2 slowly: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. . ."

At this point a nurse began administering to him, and he paused. Then he asked, "Now may I go on?" Again he quoted the words:

"And He is the propitiation for our sins:

and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

The blessed comfort of these words lighted his face, and once again he repeated the entire passage. His face broke into a radiant smile as he stressed the scope of Christ's redemption: ". . . and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Then he fell into a restful sleep.

A great comfort to Dr. Maier during his last hours was the lovely hymn, "I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds." Though repeated for him in German, the English translation is equally beautiful:

"I fall asleep in Jesus' wounds;  
There pardon for my sins abounds.  
Yea, Jesus' blood and righteousness  
My jewels are, my glorious dress.  
In these before my God I'll stand  
When I shall reach the heavenly land.

"With peace and joy I now depart;  
God's child I am with all my heart.  
I thank thee, Death, thou leadest me  
To that true life where I would be.  
So, cleansed by Christ, I fear not death.  
Lord Jesus, strengthen Thou my faith."

Hearing these words of Christ's love, of comfort and faith, the dynamic radio preacher relaxed, his lips parting as if to say "Amen." Thus Walter A. Maier laid aside the robe of flesh and rose to seize the everlasting Prize.

## RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN BULGARIA

Children of Christian ministers are refused milk by their school teachers in Communist-dominated Bulgaria, Miss Mary M. Haskell, 81-year-old Congregational missionary to that Balkan country, said in Boston.

Back in the United States after 60 years of work in Bulgaria, Miss Haskell was the last American to leave that country. The United States broke relations with Bulgaria a few weeks ago.

She told newsmen that a teacher told the son of a minister he could not have milk supplied by the United Nations, although all the other children got it. "The son of a traitor does not deserve to have milk," he was told.

The wife of an arrested minister, she said, came to visit him carrying a Testament. "That trash," a guard told her. "We are educating him to be a man. He won't have time to waste on that trash."

Another woman asked Miss Haskell to pray for her husband who must choose between the gallows or renouncing God.

Children are taught to deify Stalin and disbelieve in God, she reported. They are asked to pray to God for candy, which, of course, does not appear; then to pray to Stalin—after which they receive candy. In place of hymns they sing:

"Uncle Stalin is our daddy,  
From him come all good things,  
He it is who cares for all the children,  
He is our heavenly father."

She blamed the "confessions of guilt" by the fifteen convicted Protestant leaders on torture, and pointed out that one of the ministers—a total abstainer—"confessed" he attended a cocktail party with the British minister. The British minister could not have attended the party as he was in London at the time, she said.

## "HEAL THE SICK"

(Continued from page three)

members, yet we have seen many healed. Here is a partial account of what God has done for us in a recent period of about two weeks. (We have purposely withheld these testimonials for several weeks for the purpose of thorough verification.)

A great-grandmother, 77 years of age, blind for several years, with an extremely bad heart, gall stones, and severe head pains resulting from an operation, was instantly delivered from all these ailments. About two weeks later, visiting our Mission for the first time, she received a further touch so that now she sees quite well without the aid of glasses.

A young married woman had been afflicted with epilepsy for about eight years, growing gradually worse until she was suffering as many as two or three attacks per week with very weakening after-effects in spite of medical and chiropractic treatments. When prayed for, wave after wave of healing power swept over her body. The next day she did the family washing for the first time in months, and has since made a very definite consecration of her life to God. She attends our services regularly and is tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A woman, partially blind as a result of a slight stroke, having also an inward condition which caused her body to swell, sometimes being confined to bed for long periods of time, was healed immediately when anointed.

A grandfather, trying to run a footrace with his grandson, was injured and partially paralyzed, suffering intense agony for about 20 hours. When prayed for, he immediately arose, dancing for joy.

A dear Methodist lady, nearing 80 years, was raised from a near-pneumonia coma, later discovering that she had been healed at the same time of a chronic asthmatic cough with which she had been afflicted for seven years.

A coal miner was instantly healed of sinus trouble of 16 years' duration, and also of a back injury which had resulted in an abnormal and extremely painful growth of bone in the region of the spine. Previously, an X-ray had been taken and doctors advised a bone grafting operation, the cost of which was estimated at one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, plus a year's absence from work. He testified to having felt what he believed to be the finger of God moving down his spine and encircling the affected area. He is well today.

God has given us boldness to declare that all pain must leave immediately, in the name of Jesus! Any Spirit-filled pastor who is willing to deny self and step out in faith, should see equal or greater results. The procedure is simple:

First, be positive that you have a firm foundation in God's Word, making sure that everything you do is Scriptural. Before you pray for the afflicted one you may question him as to his spiritual state. If he is unsaved, here is your opportunity to point him to Christ, not merely as a prerequisite to healing but because here is a soul that otherwise is bound for hell.

Next, acquaint him with the Scriptures that are most appropriate for his case. Get him to put his faith in Jesus and His atoning death on Calvary's cross. When Moses lifted up the ser-

pent in the wilderness, healing came by a look at the provision God had made for the need of those poisoned by the fiery serpents. Similarly, healing comes today when we see the truth of the Atonement and appropriate the provision thereof. Many are healed when they hear the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. "He sent His word, and healed them." Psalm 107:20.

Generate an atmosphere of faith. Faith on the part of those prayed for may not be absolutely essential, but it certainly helps! If the person is a believer in Christ, then he already has the healing power within him in the Person of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Romans 8:11. It needs only to be roused into activity by the operation of faith.

Prayer may be accompanied by the laying on of hands (Mark 16:18), or by anointing with oil (James 5:14), but whichever way you do it you may expect healing to be the result. When you pray, *believe!* Mark 11:24. Expect that which ordinarily is unexpected. Believe for the impossible. Have the faith of God, who "callesth those things which be not as though they were." Romans 4:17. Prayer is not a matter of coaxing God or persuading Him to change His mind, but rather it is an *act* of reaching forth and taking possession of the promises and provision that God has already made.

Be bold in asserting your authority (Greek, *exousia*) over the power (*dunamis*) of the adversary. Luke 9:1; 10:19. Power versus power implies simply a conflict, but authority *over* power constitutes dominion. Hallelujah! Command the infirmity to leave and the body to be made "every whit whole," and it is done!

Now give thanks to God for the deliverance, refusing to receive any credit for yourself. *This is very important.* Remember, God *must* get all the glory.

When you see the results you will not find it difficult to praise the Lord. He who is noted for His exceeding abundant giving will not fail to surpass your expectations. The lives of others, too, will be affected. Hope will spring forth anew in the hearts of many who had long since despaired of ever seeing a great revival. Even though a congregation may forget the best sermon they ever heard, the memory of the paralytic they saw rise from his cot, the goiter which vanished before, their eyes, will remain with them forever.

Certainly, a continuous outpouring of Latter Rain blessing and power will be your portion as you cast off the shorelines of fear and unbelief, and venture forth into the depths of faith, right there in your own assembly.

## THE INGREDIENTS OF SALVATION

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this glorious experience to you. I wish I could tell you in words that will grip your heart and stir your soul. I would like to make you so eager for it that you could scarcely wait until we finish our message; that you would run to the fountain of cleansing, that glorious fountain that washes away every sin and stain, that blots out even the memory of it, so there is nothing even to indicate that sin ever existed.

Then there is a refuge. Oh, hallelujah for that refuge and shelter in the time of storm. In Psalm 46:1 we read those blessed words, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Do you need help? I want

you to know this message is for you as definitely as if I were sitting beside you. We are interested in your salvation. We want you to know this blessed Saviour that we know; and the peace that we have, we want you to possess. We want you to have all the ingredients of salvation. You can have it if you only ask the One who gives it—our blessed Saviour.

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## PETER'S DENIAL—AND "ATMOSPHERE"

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and our play; by insisting upon a holy cheerfulness in the face of any surrounding gloom or pessimism; and by courage in the midst of danger and fear.

We all react upon one another far more than folk realize. There are women and men whose very entry into a company automatically silences the smutty tale and the scandalous gossip. We can recall incidents during the war in Britain when the courage of one individual calmed a whole assembly during a raid and comforted us during journeys home through the streets while the shrapnel was falling around. One such night in Derby stands vividly in my memory, when a young sister piloted me to my lodging through the black-out. It is said of John Wesley that he so diffused cheerfulness that his entry into a room seemed almost like the sun coming out from behind the cloud. Some leaders can alter the whole atmosphere of a meeting. Instead of being the tame victims of spiritual atmospheres we can, by the gracious Pentecostal fulness of the Spirit, become largely the masters and creators of them for the glory of God. Did not Christ imply the same thing when He affirmed, "Ye are the salt of the earth"?

### 2. WHEN BEYOND OUR CONTROL WE MUST "WATCH AND PRAY."

That had been the precise warning given by Jesus to Peter. We all have many occasions when the duties of life, and in that sense the will of God, compel us to live and work in an uncongenial spiritual atmosphere, fraught with much temptation to our souls. All we then can do is to commit ourselves to God for His keeping and power. It was Peter's self-confidence without humility that caused his failure. We need confidence, but it must be based in the grace of God to keep us. We need to know very well our own weaknesses and constant need of the Saviour.

Christ helps us in this matter of atmosphere by preparing us for it beforehand (His prayer for Peter undoubtedly saved him from the worst) and we need to watch and pray with our Saviour by making the most of every opportunity that is afforded our souls to gather strength for trials that are to come. Every time Christians gather together in His Name there is a forward look of preparation for future testings and victories.

Christ helps us by shutting our souls in with Himself even though we are set in the midst of an atmosphere like spiritual poison-gas. His grace provides spiritual "oxygen." In this the ministry of the Holy Spirit is very real. I

have read of a certain water-beetle that takes a little bubble of air down with it into the muddy waters of the pond. It is something like that for the Christian that Christ is keeping in the world every hour.

And finally let us stretch out for such a plentitude of Pentecostal power that we can be more than conquerors over an unfriendly atmosphere for the Christian, and turn it into an opportunity for triumphant witness. Paul did this in the court before kings, until he made Felix tremble, and wrung a half-confession of conversion from Agrippa. But even more comforting is the remembrance that Peter himself, after his baptism in the Holy Spirit, became so victorious over an unfriendly and antagonistic atmosphere that he could challenge the very men who had crucified his Master and boldly declared, "We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." A little later in the day God came down and confirmed such an atmosphere of dauntless courage that the very place "was shaken where they were assembled together." What an Atmosphere was there!

## Among the Assemblies

**GILBERT, ARIZ.**—We have just closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Barnett. There were 28 saved. We broke our Sunday School record with 114 in attendance. We thank God for this revival.—Ernst W. Norman, Pastor.

**ENGLAND, ARK.**—The Richwood Assembly of God has just closed a two-week revival with Evangelists Francis Moss and Margaret Vann of Sheridan, Ark. The power of God was present in every service. Nine were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. We feel our church has been greatly blessed. Our Sunday School has also been helped.—Harland Combs, Pastor.

**ROME, GA.**—We had a successful revival with Evangelist John D. Williams of Augusta, Ga. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed of various ailments. Our Sunday School reached a new record attendance of 157.—Verna (Secrist) Flanders, Pastor.

**TOLEDO, OREG.**—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelists Meyer and Alice Tan-Ditter. Although the weather was bad we had good crowds. Seventeen were saved and the saints were blessed and built up in the most holy faith.—R. L. Casselman, Pastor.

**LUMBER CITY, GA.**—In March we had a revival with Evangelist O. K. Stevenson. It was the best meeting we have had in a number of years. There were 18 saved, and 18 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Most of this number were young people. The last Sunday 13 were baptized in water.—H. T. Kesler, Pastor.

**MARIANNA, ARK.**—On March 12th we closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Fay Wakefield of Dallas, Tex. and co-worker Peggy Sanes of Iowa. Twelve were saved, and five received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Our church was revived. People from other churches attended this meeting and saw God's power manifested.—Boyd Smith, Pastor.

**DALLAS, OREG.**—We had one of the most glorious revivals that we have had in years. Evangelist W. O. Ziegler of Redondo Beach, Calif. was with us for three weeks. There were 16 saved, and six were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed of bodily afflictions. Since we came here six months ago, the Lord has given us 24 new converts, 8 have been filled with the Holy Ghost, and many outstanding healings have taken place. We see new faces in nearly every service.—Alfred R. Brown, Pastor.

**LYONS, KANS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. I. D. Rayborn of Rich Hill, Mo. were with us recently in a meeting, and they were a real blessing to our church. Three young married couples were saved. The large Bible chart that our Evangelist used helped us to understand the Scriptures, and their anointed singing and music was an inspiration.—Ray and Anna Robertson, Pastors.

**CULLENDALE, ARK.**—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Claud Wallace of Warren, Ark. Several were saved, a number received the Holy Ghost, and 13 united with the church. We trust that we shall continue to reap from this meeting. We appreciated our Evangelist's ministry in song and music as well as his preaching.—H. Jewel Murry, Pastor.

**OMAK, WASH.**—We are rejoicing in an old-fashioned revival. It has been a thrill to see sinners move to the altar to find Christ as our Canadian Evangelist, Fulton Buntain, gave the invitation. Believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for these two weeks of soul-searching meetings. Our Sunday School has increased in attendance, and a program of house-to-house visitation established.—R. J. Gerla, Pastor.

**HARRAH, WASH.**—In February we had a glorious working of the Lord in our church and community. It was some time since we had had a revival, and we were so hungry for God. Evangelist W. R. McDonald of Hoodspert, Wash., came to us, and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the first service. In the next three weeks 18 were saved, 15 received the Holy Ghost, and 15 were baptized in water. Three were delivered from the tobacco habit, and the healing power of the Lord was manifested. At the close 16 united with the church. We are all encouraged in the Lord.—L. R. Brasier, Pastor.

**DETROIT, MICH.**—We have just closed a glorious four-week meeting in the Brightmoor Tabernacle with Evangelists Gladys Pearson and Margaret Plunkett. Our people appreciated the forceful, anointed ministry of these evangelists. The services were Biblically Pentecostal and soundly spiritual. In a number of cases husband and wife came to the altar for salvation, and in a night or two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In a few instances some were saved and filled with the Spirit the same night. Over 60 came to the altar for salvation, and 49 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We humbly thank God for this gracious moving of His Spirit.—Bond P. Bowman, Pastor.

**WELLINGTON, TEX.**—It is our pleasure to report the blessings of God in our midst. We closed a five-week meeting Mar. 12 with Evangelist Otis Runyon of Loveland, Colo. This was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Ninety-four came to the altar for salvation, 61 received the Holy Ghost, and 52 were baptized in water. Thirty-five members were added to the church, and we have many more prospects. Many were delivered from the tobacco habit, and others gave definite testimonies of healing.

Our Sunday School reached an all-time high record of 259. Our previous attendance record was 201. Our present building is crowded and preparations are being made to build a new church. A lot has been purchased at a more suitable location, and actual work will begin in two weeks. When completed there will be a 50 x 80 auditorium with a Sunday School annex.—R. Austin Jolliff, Pastor.

**SPENCER, IND.**—Three years ago we came to our home town and pioneered a work for God. We started with a 13-week tent meeting, and then went into the courthouse auditorium for the winter. In the spring of 1948 we obtained a vacant church in a nice neighborhood and have been there since. God has blessed in spite of much opposition. People have been saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. Three have been called into the ministry, one of them to the mission field. We have enjoyed revivals with William Van Winkle of Plymouth, Ind., E. J. Bruton of Arkansas, Beulah Brasker of Covington, Ind., and Alan Benson of London, England.

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**DAVENPORT, IOWA**—The El Bethel Assembly of God has had a meeting with Evangelist Roy L. Buckley. There were 11 at the altar for salvation, and 21 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We had special prayer meetings prior to the services, as we felt that was a necessary foundation for a revival. Our evangelist spoke from his large dispensational chart, and our people were benefited by it.—Ralph E. McCaulley, Pastor.

**PRYOR, OKLA.**—We have had one of the best revivals in the history of our church with Christian-Jewish Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick. We broke our Sunday School record twice. Many people were saved and healed. The attendance was good throughout the meeting. Many nights it was necessary to bring in extra benches, and still there was not sufficient room. The daily newspaper published a picture of the crowds on the front page of their paper. We gained favor with the people of the city, and many from other denominations attended the revival. People from the surrounding towns also attended the meeting. The church was benefited in every department, and we expect to see results for years to come.—Jay Beebe, Pastor.

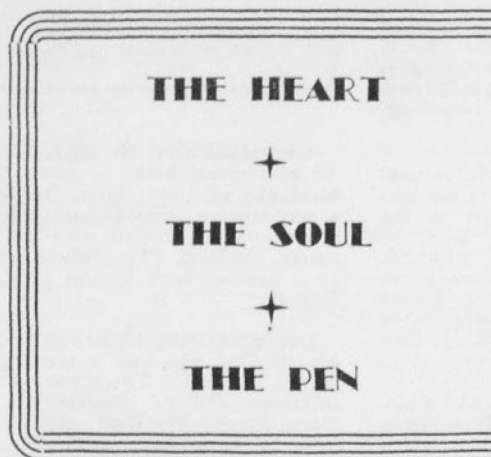
**BIGFLAT, ARK.**—We wish to report how God is blessing in the church here. We came to the church last September and began to encourage the saints to pray and believe God for a revival. We started a meeting the last of January with Evangelist O. E. Carwile. In spite of the ice and snow we had a good meeting. Forty-nine prayed through to old-time salvation, 22 received the Holy Ghost, and 15 were delivered from the tobacco habit. Some saw visions of the soon coming of our Lord. The meeting closed with an all-day fellowship meeting, basket dinner, and water baptismal service. Sixteen were baptized. Our Sunday School attendance climbed to 171. Our church is greatly encouraged.—E. L. Martin, Pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.**—On January 29 we had a homecoming day. All former members and pastors were invited. Earl Mincey of Fullerton, Calif., a former pastor, spoke in the afternoon. Ben Hardin of Santa Ana, District Superintendent when the church was organized in 1940, was the night speaker. At noon the ladies of the church served a chicken dinner.

This service marked the close of my first year as pastor of the church. During this time our Sunday School has shown a 56% increase in attendance. We have purchased a house and lot adjacent to our church for a future Sunday School annex. Forty-two new members have united with the church, 22 persons have been baptized in water. In the past three weeks five have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and several have been saved in our regular services.

Evangelists whose ministry has been a blessing to us are the Smith and Rogers team, and Kenneth Schmidt. Robert Fierro, was with us for one week. On the closing Sunday afternoon we had a city-wide mass meeting in the municipal auditorium. There was an estimated attendance of 1200 people. A missionary offering of \$1,274 was received during the week.—L. B. Lewis, Pastor, Long Beach Assembly of God, 1200 Atlantic Ave.

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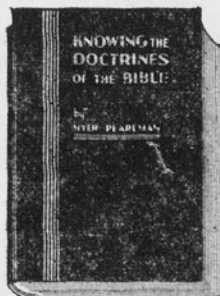
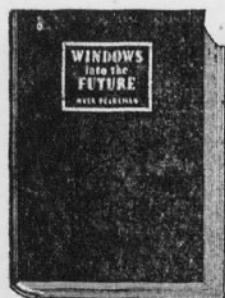
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SUTHERLIN, OREG.—We have closed a four-week revival with Evangelist Paul F. Baugher. A number were saved, including several men. Our church was greatly revived and stirred by the heart-searching messages of our Evangelist. Our Sunday School averaged 182 in attendance during the meeting, and a week after the close of the revival we had 205.

We accepted the pastorate here the first of January. We have a fine group of people, and a nice church building and parsonage. Betty Williams pioneered this work six years ago, and she did a splendid work.—Edmond L. Rey, Pastor.

## Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

CANEY, KANS.—Assembly of God, May 15—28; Eden Evangelistic Party, Coffeyville, Kans.—by W. C. Crowder, Pastor.

ARDMORE, OKLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly, meeting in progress; Eden Evangelistic Party, Coffeyville, Kans.—by S. W. Watterson, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Assembly of God, 337 Stephens Ave., May 7—21 or longer; Evangelist D. Mark Buntain.—Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

WINNIPEG, CANADA—Calvary Temple, meeting in progress; Evangelist Kenneth R. Schmidt, La Crescenta, Calif. Howard Correll, song leader and soloist.—by Theodore E. Ness, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Edwards Street Assembly of God, Apr. 25—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb.—by J. C. Kofahl, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 23—; Evangelist and Mrs. Austin Wilkerson, Tulsa, Okla.—by Edgar L. Newby, Pastor.

BOULDER, COLO.—Assembly of God, May 7—21 or longer; Marbles Moore Evangelistic Party.—by D. J. Hixenbaugh, Pastor.

UNION, OREG.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (C. H. Finley is pastor.)

COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.—Children's revival, May 9—14; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Willis Hirschy is pastor.)

PORTAGE, WIS.—Assembly of God, May 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. Orrin Kingsriter, Paynesville, Minn. (Ortwin Hanson is pastor.)

MCCRACKEN, KANS.—Assembly of God, May 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Barnes, Waxahachie, Tex.—by J. J. Krimmer, Pastor.

DRAGERTON, UTAH—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Fort Morgan, Colo. (Lee Francis is pastor.)

CUMBERLAND, MD.—North Cumberland Assembly of God, May 2—14; Evangelist Lloyd Christiansen, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Frank J. Fratto, Pastor.

FLINT, MICH.—Riverside Tabernacle, 2215 Lewis St., May 7—28; Chaplain Howard Rusthoi, Pasadena, Calif.—by M. A. Jollay, Pastor.

TOWANDA, PA.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 718 S. Main St., May 9—28; Evangelist Lillian Overstreet, Philadelphia, Pa.—by Peter and Jennie Bedzyk, Pastors.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Gospel Tabernacle, 2631 E. Willamette, meeting in progress; Evangelists Elvera Harmon and Carol Bartholomew.—by R. E. Silvers, Pastor.

LINCOLN, NEBR.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. T. O. Murphy, Hutchinson, Kans.—by Lester W. Dickinson, Pastor.

CLINTON, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 13th and Dunn Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla. Broadcast "Morning Devotion," station KOWE, 1320 kc., 9:00 a.m., May 8 to 13.—by Paul F. Gilbert, Pastor.

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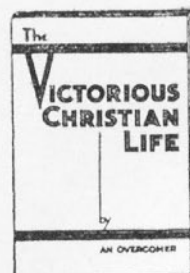
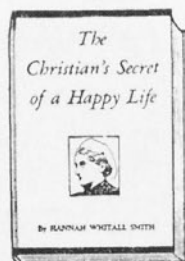
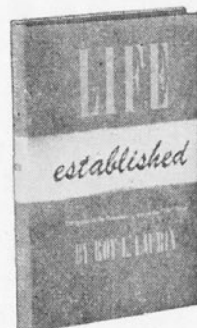
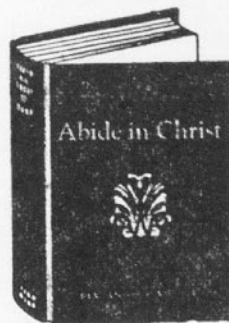
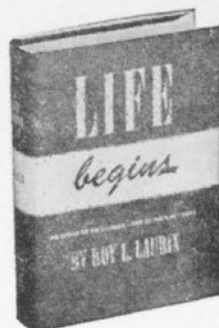
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SPRINGFIELD, MO.—All former students and members of the faculty or staff of Central Bible Institute are invited to Springfield for Homecoming Week, May 22-25. Monday night, Alumni Rally. Tuesday night, Alumni Dinner. Wednesday night, Baccalaureate. Thursday morning, Alumni Breakfast and Business Meeting. Thursday night, Commencement. For tickets to Alumni Dinner (75c a plate) write to Carl I. Erickson, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

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The 17th Annual Georgia District Council, First Assembly of God, Macon, Ga., May 9-11. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. Committees meet for a fellowship luncheon at noon Tues. Credentials committee will meet candidates Tues. afternoon. W.M.C. annual business meeting, main auditorium, Tues. 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Ernest Pruett, president, in charge. C. M. Hicks, host Pastor.—by R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES**

NEW ADDRESS—J. Bashford Bishop, 2240 Post St. (highway 17), Jacksonville, Fla.

NOTICE—Assembly of God folk in or near Lake City, Fla., please contact N. George, V. A. Hospital, for Cottage Prayer Service.—by N. George.

NOTICE—L. C. Ramsey, Box 682, Forrest City, Ark. "After six years of pastoral and evangelistic ministry in Arkansas, am resigning my work here to minister elsewhere as soon as the school term ends."

NOTICE—We have organized a daily prayer band in San Pedro, and will pray over urgent requests. Write Irwin U. Salzman, 540 W. 6th St., San Pedro, Calif.

**OPEN FOR CALLS**

**Evangelistic**

Thomas D. Rachels, 2030 Olive Rd., M. R. 38, Augusta, Ga. "Have new tent. Will go anywhere. Travel alone. Ten years in ministry; ordained with Georgia District."

Kathleen B. Briggs and Myrtle Adamson, Box 121, Siloam Springs, Ark. "Entering evangelistic field again. Have house trailer. Will go anywhere, large or small. Play guitar, mandolin, and sing. Licensed with Arkansas District."

**Pastoral or Evangelistic**

Kenneth H. Rapp, 633 "Q" Ave., Nevada, Iowa. "Will go where the Lord directs. Licensed with West Central District."

John J. Yoder, 625 Homewood Ave., Hubbard, Ohio. "Available for pastoral or evangelistic work. Experience in Potomac and Ohio Districts."

Thelma Osborne, Box 175, Quapaw, Okla. "Open for calls in evangelistic work, or will take church while pastor is on vacation. Licensed with Oklahoma District. Would join others in evangelistic or pastoral work."

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Paseo Assembly of God, 3238 Paseo Blvd., May 7—; Evangelists Smith and Rogers.—by L. R. Sturgis, Pastor.

BRYAN, TEX.—College Heights Assembly of God, May 24—June 4; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree.—by W. W. Cothern, Pastor.

CLANTON, ALA.—First Assembly of God, 300 1st Ave., May 14—28; Evangelist Robert Boddy, Columbus, Ga.—by J. H. Aplin, Pastor.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.—Apr. 30—May 14, Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn.—by J. C. Burks, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Mt. Auburn Assembly, 703 S. Beacon, meeting in progress; Evangelist J. S. McMullen.—by Lonnie R. Mullen, Pastor.

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—Assembly of God, 6th and Sycamore, May 17—; Evangelist and Mrs. Theodore O. Murphy, Hutchinson, Kans.—by H. D. Champ- lin, Pastor.

**WORKER'S TRAINING COURSE**

Section-wide Workers' Training Course, First Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo., May 1-5. Paul Miller, National S. S. Representative. A. A. Wilson, Pastor.—by Milton Beckett, Sectional S. S. Representative.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

Forty-first Annual Missionary Convention, Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., May 14-28. Speakers—H. S. Lehman, Arthur Johnson, George Clark, Vernon Pet- tenger, and others.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

**SOUTH FLORIDA S. S. CONVENTION**

South Florida S. S. Convention, Evangel Temple, Miami, Fla., May 8-10. William E. Kirschke, Chicago, Ill., guest speaker.—by Goldie Runyon, District S. S. Rep.

**INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Indiana District Council, First Assembly of God, 2210 N. 13th, Terre Haute, Ind., May 8-11. W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, speaker. D. LeRoy Sanders, host Pastor. For reservations write Mrs. Archie Brown, 119 N. 6th, West Terre Haute, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, Dist. Supt.

**OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ohio District Council, Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., Akron, Ohio, May 1-4. Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker. C. A. Rally Mon. night. Ordination service Wed. night. For reservations write to church. James Van Meter, host Pastor.—by Paul J. Emery, District Secretary-Treasurer.

**KANSAS C. A. CONFERENCES**

Youth-gear'd conferences in each section of the District. Bert Webb, National C. A. Director, speaker. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pittsburg, May 9; Lawrence, May 11; Jewell, May 12; Oberlin, May 15; Dodge City, May 16; Wichita, First Assembly, May 18.—by Paul Witten, Dist. C. A. Pres.

**ALABAMA W.M.C. CONVENTION**

Women's Missionary Council Convention, Alabama District, First Assembly of God, Montgomery, Ala., May 22-23 (not May 29-30 as previously announced.) All pastors and W.M.C. workers urged to attend. Carl E. Perry, host pastor.—Mrs. A. T. Hickman, State W.M.C. President.

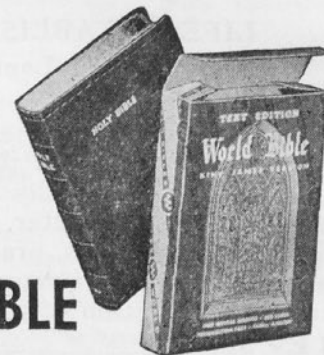
**NORTHWEST DISTRICT C. A. RALLIES**

Northwest District C. A. Rallies, May 1-11. Services at 7:30 p.m. John Tappero, speaker. May 1, Kelso; May 2, Olympia; May 3, Port Angeles; May 4, Everett; May 5, Tacoma; May 8, Wenatchee; May 9, Yakima; May 10, Walla Walla; May 11, Spokane. For further information write B. P. Birkeland, 1505 Franklin St., Port Townsend Wash.—by B. P. Birke- land, District C. A. Pres.

**CAMP MEETING AND BIBLE CONFERENCE**

Visalia, Exeter, Ivanhoe, and Woodlake Assemblies are sponsoring a camp meeting at Cutler Park, 5 miles N.E. of Visalia, Calif., May 18-June 1. Evangelist, Bobby Clark; Bible Teacher, Arthur G. Osterberg; Edgar White, Committee chairman. C. A. services Friday nights. For further information write Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Corresponding Secretary.—by Pastor Monroe S. Thompson, Woodlake, Calif.

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