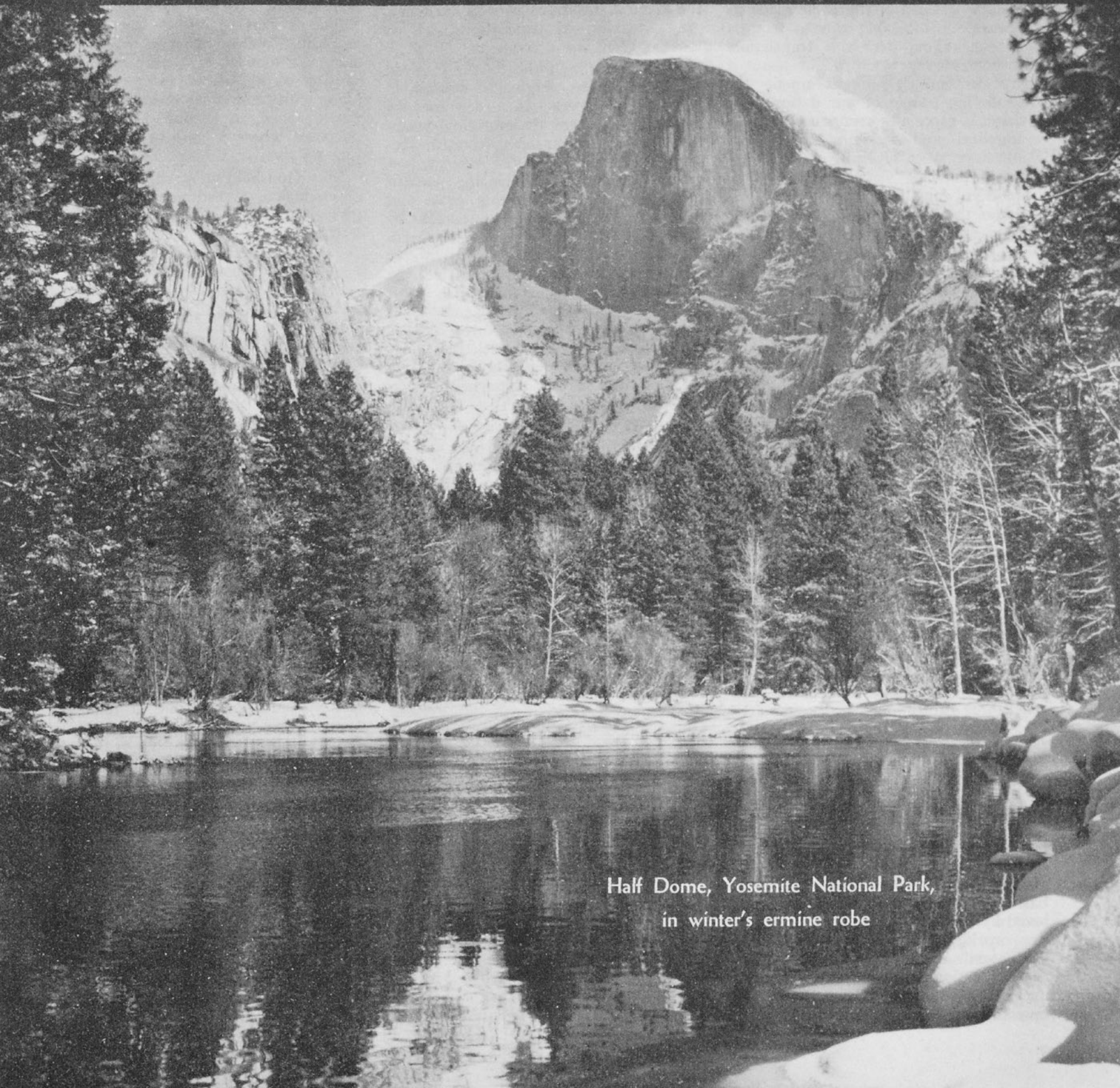


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Half Dome, Yosemite National Park,  
in winter's ermine robe

# An Official Statement by Our GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT Concerning the REVISED STANDARD VERSION

A few weeks ago the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible made its appearance. Since that time a tempest has been raging over this translation. The controversy has brought about a sharp division of opinion among the Bible-loving people of our nation. The division is especially pronounced among evangelical and fundamental leaders. Some have taken a strong stand in defense of the new Version while others have been equally opposed to it. The result is that many people have become greatly confused.

Scores of our people have written us for information on the subject and have requested to know the position of the officials at the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God concerning the matter. Therefore we feel that we should make the following statement regarding the Revised Standard Version.

The Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God does NOT endorse this new translation of the Scriptures. While we recognize that there are some passages which seemingly have been clarified by the translators, yet there are many other things in it with which we cannot agree. We have offered it for sale because hundreds of our people have asked for a copy in order to examine it for themselves and thus have first-hand information as to what it contains, but we cannot approve of the Revised Standard Version for general use.

Because of the many questions being asked, our Editor published a few articles in the *EVANGEL* designed to set forth both sides of the controversy in an effort to help the readers in their thinking; but none of these were intended to constitute our endorsement of this new Version.

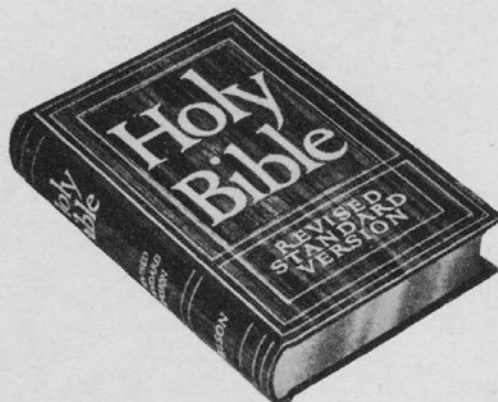
It is our opinion that the Revised Standard Version will NOT take the place of the King James Version which has been so universally accepted and loved by the English-speaking people of the world. The Gospel Publishing House will continue to use the King James Version as the basic text in all of its publications. We believe that in due time the Revised Standard Version will

find its level as merely one more among the many translations now in existence. And speaking of translations, let us look at them for a moment.

As is surely well known, the inspired Scriptures were originally written in Hebrew or Greek. In order for the world to read them, these original Scriptures had to be translated from the Hebrew and Greek into the various languages of the earth. During ancient times they had no printing press and the Scriptures had to be copied by hand. The Latin scholar, Jerome, translated the Bible into Latin. Wycliffe in the fourteenth century translated the Bible from the Latin into English. Tyndale and Coverdale were the first scholars to translate the Scriptures directly from the Hebrew and Greek into English. The first complete English Bible to be translated in this manner was published in 1535.

James I, King of England, interested himself in Bible translation and authorized 47 scholars to produce a new translation. This translation, known as the "Authorized" or "King James Version," was published in 1611 but did not become fully accepted by the people until the middle of that century. For three hundred years, however, the King James Version has held unchallenged a foremost place in the faith and affection of the English-speaking people of the world.

The English language has changed in these three hundred years, and many words used in the King James Version are no longer in use today or now have



a greatly changed meaning. These facts prompted English scholars to issue an English Revised Version in 1885. American scholars, seeking to further improve on this work, published their own revised version in 1901 which is known as the American Standard Version.

Individual scholars also have given us translations of the Old and New Testaments in recent years, including Weymouth, Rotherham, Verkuyl, Moffatt, Goodspeed and Williams.

And now another group of scholars, dissatisfied with previous revisions and translations, have produced the Revised Standard Version. We do not accept it as a substitute for the King James Version. We look upon it only as another version to be placed in our libraries along with these other translations mentioned above, to be used for reference purposes where it may be found helpful.

May God hold us steady in this hour of confusion, arresting every fear and giving us His abiding peace in our hearts.

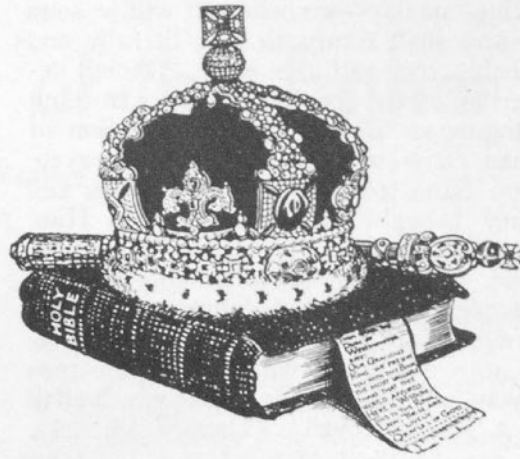
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## Rare Bible Found in Canada

A 370-year-old "Breeches Bible," one of the earliest printed in English, has been discovered in a woodshed in Clarence, Ontario. The Bible was printed in 1582, during the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth (29 years before the publication of the King James Version). It belongs to the Misses Margaret and Gladys Tucker, descendants of a pioneer Ottawa Valley family. They rescued it, along with nearly half a ton of other valuable historical papers, as workmen engaged to tear down an ancient woodshed on their property were about to burn the "trash" they had found in the shed.

The Bible, bound in leather and still well preserved, was brought to North America in 1663 by one of their ancestors. This particular version is called the "Breeches Bible" because of the way it translates Genesis 3:7. The translation reads, "Then the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig tree leaves together, and made themselves breeches." The King James Version reads, "made themselves aprons."

Bear up the hands that hang down, by faith and prayer. Support the tottering knees. Have you any days of fasting and prayer? Storm the throne of Grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down.—John Wesley.



# The Coronation of Our King

Phil Johnson \*

"THE MOST SPLENDID CORONATION OF ALL TIMES!" That is the way the newspapers are describing the spectacular ceremony at which Elizabeth II will be crowned Queen next June. But the Word of God tells us of a coming coronation compared with which the British event will pale into nothingness. That event is the crowning of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

To the fact of Christ's kingship the Scriptures bear abundant testimony. The Psalmist sang, "The Lord is King for ever and ever" (Psa. 10:16). And Paul acclaimed Him in these words: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be honour and glory forever and ever" (1 Tim. 1:17). Let us take three looks at this King—a look at the past, a look at the present, and a look at the future.

## RETROSPECTIVE

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah, the evangelical prophet, stepped into his prophetic observatory and, focusing his "fore-tellescope" on the Star that was to rise out of Judah, declared, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isa. 9:6, 7).

In fulfillment of this the angel said

to Mary in the annunciation, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32, 33). And when the Wise Men came to Jerusalem seeking Him they asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2)

Yes, He was born a king. But what strange insignia of royalty awaited Him! His palace was only a stable; His throne was a woman's knee; His vestments were swaddling clothes; His courtiers were humble shepherds. He came into this world in another man's stable; He died on another man's cross; He was laid as a babe in a borrowed manger; He was laid as a corpse in a borrowed tomb; the first thing His head felt in His earthly life was a pillow of straw, the last thing a crown of thorns; His first companions were donkeys and oxen, His last were thieves. King of the Jews He was, indeed! But when He offered Himself to them they rejected Him. True, for a few brief moments as He rode through the streets of Jerusalem on the colt they shouted, "Hail to the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!" But few scant hours later their fickle hearts were crying, "We have no king but Caesar. Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

He was not the kind of king they expected. They thought He would gird on a sword, mount a war horse, and conquer the world by force. Instead, He preferred to gird Himself with a towel and wash His disciples' feet; to mount a cross and die for the sins of

mankind; to conquer the world with love and grace. So instead of a coronation, they gave Him a crucifixion.

But death could not hold Him. After three days He arose, as He had promised, showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs, and then went away with a promise to come again.

Where has He gone, and why? The answer is in one of the parables—"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" (Luke 19:12). Jesus has gone to that "country far beyond the starry sky," and someday He will return to reign over Israel and over the whole world.

## PERSPECTIVE

Now let us see Him in perspective—that is, in His relationship to the world, the Jew and the believer today.

To the world in general He is still the unwanted, uncrowned King. There is no room for Him at the peace tables or in the deliberations of the United Nations. While we do not disparage these peace efforts, we do feel constrained to declare that there will be no lasting, universal peace until the Prince of Peace is crowned King.

The Jews, as a nation, are still crying, "We will not have this man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). They are returning to their own land of Israel in unbelief and ignorance of the fact that Jesus is their Messiah. One would like to ask their leaders the question that was put to that nation in another time of trouble and distraction, "Why speak ye not a word of bringing the King back?" (2 Sam. 19:10). But, thank God, a few individual Jews are accepting Him, saying with Nathanael

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## SERVICE IS ONLY DUTY

*Beloved, how much have you sacrificed for Christ? How often have you risked your health and life in the unwholesome garret, the damp prison, the pestilential hospital, the long vigil at some sick saint's bedside, who perhaps could not afford a nurse to watch her? How often have you given up a pleasant evening with your family to carry comfort or salvation to some other soul? How often have you denied yourself some gratification or necessity that you might have something to give to Christ to send the gospel to the perishing? These are the only badges of honor and reward in the kingdom of God. Service is only duty. When we have done all, we are unprofitable servants. We have just done what was our duty to do. It is only the crimson blood of sacrifice that can make us partakers of the sufferings and glory of our Lord.—A. B. SIMPSON.*

of old, "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49).

While He is never called the King of the Church, but rather Lord and Head (Eph. 1:22, 23), He does become the King and Master of all who will receive Him as Saviour. Through the Spirit He makes their heart His throne room, and rules their life from there.

"King of my life I crown Thee now,  
Thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,  
Lead me to Calvary."

One of the soldiers of Napoleon had been wounded in the chest, just over his heart, and the surgeon was probing for the bullet. The soldier winced and cried, "An inch deeper, and you'll find the emperor!" Thus, in a higher, holier, more real sense, Christ is enthroned in the hearts of all true Christians and we are willing to suffer anything for His sake.

PROSPECTIVE

Christ shall be crowned universal

King one day—we believe it will be soon—and shall return to rule literally and visibly over all the earth. Daniel describes His coronation in thrilling language: "Behold one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:13, 14).

On the lonely Isle of Patmos, John received a vision of His coming: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were MANY CROWNS. . . . And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations; and He shall rule them with a rod of iron. . . . And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11-16).

Those following Him are the ones who have acclaimed Him King during their earthly lives. They are called away, raptured, to receive their rewards and be placed in their respective ranks. Then they return to earth to rule and reign with Him. Friend, have you prepared for this great event by choosing Him as your King?

Two crowns will be used in the coronation of Elizabeth next summer. The one used in the actual ceremony will be St. Edward's, but it is worn for only a few moments due to its great weight—it is solid gold. The Queen will then wear the lighter Imperial State Crown instead. It was once the writer's privilege to see both these crowns displayed, along with the rest of the fabulous crown jewels, in the Tower of London. As he looked upon those beautiful diadems, he recalled a story connected with Queen Victoria, for whose coronation the smaller one was made.

The Queen's chaplain preached at Windsor on the Return of the Lord, and afterward the Queen said to him, "Oh, how I wish that the Lord would come during my lifetime!"

## SOLDIERS ALWAYS DO

*If you are so fine and nice and cautious that you never make a mistake, God will never use you. The man of God gets his fingers smashed and his eyes beaten in. Soldiers always do! Thank God for Nelson. He could command the British navy though he had but one arm and one eye. You would be a better man if the Lord cut down your arms or legs or eyes. As long as you have an eye left, the devil will be after you. He can't tread on your flag without getting into trouble; and when he starts his blows and fiery darts, it is time for you to shout "Hallelujah." This is no time to slip out. It is time to go in. That is why God lays down in His Word that your very shield is the most active thing in your life.—Faith.*

"And why does your majesty feel this very earnest desire?" asked the chaplain.

With deep emotion written on her countenance and a burning light in her eyes the Queen replied, "Because I should so love to cast my crown at His feet."

If self has been reigning in our lives, let us cast the crown at His feet and enthrone Him as our Saviour and King. Then we may happily anticipate His great coronation day.

### Too Late

The little boy was sick but he told his mother that his Sunday School teacher would miss him and call to see why he was absent. Surely enough, after seven weeks the teacher called. She did not find a warm reception, but was told by the mother that Billy had died, wondering why his teacher had failed him.

Many of us aspire to great deeds. It will be well if we perform faithfully the little worthwhile tasks. To be "faithful in that which is least" will be to have the approval of our Lord.—*Selected.*

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# The Promise of the Father

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THE OPENING verses of the Book of Acts give us the information that links the story of the Gospels with the Acts of the Apostles. The writer, Luke, tells us that for forty days the risen Christ manifested Himself to His disciples. What wonderful days they must have been! With many infallible proofs Christ showed Himself to be alive from the dead. And then, in the light of His glorious resurrection, the Lord Jesus carefully taught the disciples the grand truths concerning the Kingdom of God. What a thrill they must have had in hearing the Son of God reveal the grandeur and the glory of the Kingdom of God. With leaping hearts those disciples listened as Christ spoke of the rule of God in the lives of men and in the nations of the world. And then they were solemnized as the Lord Jesus told them that they were to be the heralds to the nations of the Kingdom of God!

What an assignment! And what unusual ambassadors were these disciples! Fishermen! Tax collectors! Little men! Ordinary men! Common men without prestige—without social, political, or financial standing. And yet, the Lord Jesus knew, in commissioning them as the heralds of the Kingdom, that they were destined to turn the world upside down!

How could they do it? The secret is found in the detailed commandment Christ gave them. The Lord Jesus said that they were not to try to fulfill the Great Commission until they were first baptized in the Holy Ghost. In referring to the Baptism in the Spirit, the Lord Jesus called this experience "the promise of the Father." In the power of the Holy Ghost the disciples went out to do a tremendous job. They worked with supernatural power, and they accomplished supernatural results. What a tremendous experience this Baptism in the Holy Ghost is! In one generation, the Spirit-baptized, first-century church evangelized all the known world!

What is the Baptism in the Holy

Ghost? And why is this Baptism called "the promise of the Father"?

The words of the Lord Jesus suggest that the Baptism in the Spirit is called "the promise of the Father" because it is intended for the members of our heavenly Father's family. Membership in the family of God is a prerequisite for receiving this experience. The Baptism in the Spirit is for the Blood-washed, the redeemed.

In the Old Testament ceremony, the oil was supplied to the priest after the blood was applied. This suggests a truth that is clearly taught in the New Testament. Every believer is a priest unto God, and the oil of the Holy Spirit is given today to those who have left the life of bondage and have walked out through the portals of redeeming Blood to a spiritual Promised Land.

The glory and the power of the Holy Ghost is intended not for sinners but for the redeemed. These very disciples to whom Jesus spoke in Acts 1:1-8 were Blood-washed men. In Acts 8 we are told that Peter and John came down from Jerusalem to pray for the Samaritan converts that they might be baptized in the Spirit. And so one might examine every instance in which the Holy Ghost was given to believers in the New Testament. He would find that in each instance the receiver was a saved, cleansed child of God.

That is why the Baptism in the Holy Ghost is called "the promise of the Father." It is a blessing prepared and reserved for members of the family of God.

Furthermore, I believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is called "the promise of the Father" because no promised blessing was more certain of fulfillment than this promise! Our heavenly Father always fulfills His promises!

How we earthly parents delight to make promises to our children, and then to fulfill those promises. Who can explain the warm joy a Father feels when he promises and gives some gift that will bring joy to his child? Like a mountain mirrored in a calm lake, these feelings reflect our heavenly Father's joy in making and fulfilling His promises to His children. The Lord Jesus illustrates this very thought in Luke 11:13 when He says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is called "the promise of the Father" because that is exactly what it is! God the Father loves His children with a love no earthly father has ever known. The apostle James said that every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father above! The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is God's perfect gift and it is promised to all of His children.

Finally, the Lord Jesus calls this blessing "the promise of the Father" because it is a gift. Again and again the Baptism of the Spirit is called a gift. Read Acts 2:38, ". . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Remember the words of Peter when he rebuked the sorcerer, saying, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money" (Acts 8:20).

Here is a gift. It is not to be merited, earned, or purchased, but to be received. We should come to God with the same confident expectancy as that with which a child comes to his parents. And God promises that He will give the gift of the Holy Ghost to them that ask Him.

If the first-century disciples needed the glorious "promise of the Father," how much more do we who live in the twentieth century! Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

## Don't Be Bluffed!

Needy miners and settlers in British Columbia, busily engaged in stripping abandoned Ft. Alcan of lumber, electrical appliances, and plumbing, made an amazing discovery. While dismantling the jail they found that, although mighty locks were attached to the heavy doors and two-inch steel bars covered the windows, the walls of the prison were only patented wallboard of clay and paper, painted to resemble iron. A good heave against the walls by a man who would not have had to be as strong as a football tackle would have burst the wall out. Nobody ever tried it because nobody thought it possible.

Many Christians are prisoners of fears that are nothing when pushed against. Satan cannot do anything against a child of God but he loves to put barriers of *papier mache* in the path of a believer to make him think that there is no progress in the direction of the will of the Lord. When by faith we push against it we will be free.—Eternity.

"Old age is like sitting under the trees of the garden in early winter; the bloom and verdure of summer are gone, but by their departure it becomes easier to see the stars."

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# The Protection of the Mind

D. W. Griffin

*Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.* Proverbs 16:3.

THE MIND is an entertaining room, and in some instances it is a very packed chamber. All visitors to one's threefold being come in through the mind. First they enter the mind, then drop down into the spirit and get root, then seize the tongue, and then put the hands and feet in action: and so possess the whole man. A scattered, distracted, wrongly possessed, wrongly centered mind is a calamity.

Thoughts are bold and daring and strong and persistent. Like personalities they charge us and force themselves into the mind. They come enticingly; they come offering gain; they come insinuating; they come in threat; they come in uncertainty; they come in a thousand ways; they come singly; they come in droves. Some wait at the door of the mind and push and crowd to get in and talk while the room is full; they occupy every available space and every moment of the mind, if allowed, and feed on one's peace until none remains and death is preferred. They keep up a din and chatter, and strain the nerves and weaken the brain and chill the heart.

Fear dashes into the mind and runs down and captures us. The heart palpitates while fear holds us fast, and some visiting sickness in the community grips us. How many souls have entertained fear and have been caught by the thing itself.

A thought knocked at the door of the mind. It was admitted and communed with. It was embraced and obeyed, and it led to the gallows.

Passion enters the mind. It is looked at a while and possesses the whole being, and it leads to sin and shame.

Anxiety, shaking and nervousness appear and drive off rest, and keep one sitting up all night for nothing.

Doubt, as full of death as hell itself, is let in and consulted with, and it blows out every light and fills the room with darkness.

Trouble, many-faced, many-handed, very suggestive, big and squatty and imaginary, will fill the room and stay all day, and return in the morning by the time you open your eyes.

Slander appears with a large mop dripping with filth, and wants to paint the whole being.

Poverty, long and thin and pale and empty, will come and lean against the wall and warn you like a ghost.

Care, as big as the earth, and with a thousand weights of a thousand pounds each, comes to unload in the room.

Old self, under God's judgment and refusing to die, wants to stay on hand all the time, with a ready sword of protection, and having pitying attendants on hand with fans and camphor bottles in case it is hit or wounded or slighted or knocked down. It wants the best chair in the mind, and the most attention, even though it is the most unwholesome visitor of all. It has been deposed by God and is under His everlasting curse, and yet wants to lurk around all the time.

And friends and foes, and husbands and wives and children, and tomorrow, and houses and lands, and the work on hand of whatever nature, and what is and what is to be, and this and that, real and imaginary, demon impressions and suggestions, and the thoughts of friends and foes toward you, coming to you in dream and while awake as swift messengers—all these things in the different shapes and sizes and sounds will harass and possess and occupy the mind, and claim all the attention possible, if allowed. If people are against you and talk against you, their thoughts and words, like demon spirits, can visit you and harass you almost to death.

Thousands are in the grave and in the mad-house, and other thousands are in physical torments and sickness, because of the mind being thus occupied—and many honest souls are craving deliverance. How is it found? These visitors cannot be humanly driven off. They are too many and too strong and smart for us. They have no shame nor feeling. Throw them out and they get up and come in again. Lock the door and they all have a master-key.

But thank God there is a way of deliverance from these tormenting thoughts, spirits, things. That way is through the precious blood of the Lamb once slain. I had been in trouble with people. I had done all I knew and all I was able to do. I was willing for all I saw to be God's will. Yet these thoughts would come into my mind every day and consume the whole day talking over in thoughts the old troubles, etc. When my eyes opened from sleep, they had made an early

start, and were on hand to torment, these old thoughts, these people in thought. I was helpless. I knew not what to do with them. And the Lord showed that door in Egypt, with the blood sprinkled over and around it, into which no evil, tormenting spirit could come. He showed me that I was just simply to be willing to commit my mind to Him in helplessness, and then to claim and believe and see the blood of Christ over and around it, just like that door, that room in Egypt.

It was a new and blessed thought to me. I did so. The thoughts came again and I said, "The Blood is over the door. The world is dead to me and I am dead to the world. You cannot enter under the Blood." They backed off. Again and again they would come, but I simply pointed to the Blood over the door, the mind. I thought on the Blood whenever they came; and soon their power was gone and they ceased to trouble me. My mind had rest, as I committed all to God and thought on the Blood. The spotless Lamb of God has shed His most precious blood for you, to cleanse and cover and free and keep you from sin, but to protect your mind from torments and distractions as well.

The Blood is your one safety. Not a death-dealing, troubling, tormenting, fearful visitor could enter the room that night in Egypt, where the blood was on the door. And a thousandfold more real and powerful than the blood of that little lamb is the precious Blood of the Lamb of God. See by faith His Blood sprinkled over the mind, the door to your being. When these things appear and knock for attention, point them to the Blood on the door. *By faith put death between them and you. Consent to your death in that Blood*, and take your place definitely and continually under its protection.

"I plead with you, therefore, brethren, by the compassions of God, to present all your faculties to Him as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to Him. . . . And do not follow the customs of the present age, but be transformed by the entire renewal of your minds, so that you may learn by experience what God's will is—that which is good and beautiful and perfect." Rom. 12:1-2, Weymouth.

Praise is our highest exercise. In prayer we often approach God for more or less selfish reasons; in praise we adore Him for what He is in Himself. However tired or weary you may be, see to it that the morning hour of devotion begins with the keynote of thanksgiving and adoration. It is marvelous how this quickens the pulse of the soul and reacts upon every moment that follows.—*F. B. Meyer.*

# A Lesson in Patience

A. G. Ward

ANOTHER LESSON learned while traveling the Pilgrim Way was the great need of PATIENCE. I know now that God is more interested in our moral and spiritual soundness than in either our intellectual or physical soundness; and that no one can truthfully claim to be spiritually sound unless he is sound in patience.

You ask what I mean by patience. I answer first in the negative. I do not mean stoical indifference, which is sometimes mistaken for patience. Holy men in India may swing for hours head downwards over a low fire, and apparently be the sum total of patience. But in their case it is stoical indifference to pain, inspired by the vain hope that such indifference



A. G. Ward

may make them more holy.

Neither do I mean natural indolence. Some men are so naturally indolent that they never manifest any impatience, so long as their wife earns the living and they are free to enjoy the rocking-chair.

"Patience is a gracious temper wrought in the heart of a believer, by the power of the Holy Ghost. It is the disposition to suffer whatever pleases God, in the manner and for the time that pleases Him."

Patience is to the soul what ballast is to a ship, and saves us from foundering and going to the bottom when on the high sea of life we encounter the storms which all pilgrims are sure to meet.

Take, for instance, the storm of oppressive mystery. What mysteries we are confronted with every day—life, death, sin, sorrow, pain—and a host of others. Why do some people have so much sorrow? I know sorrow has its own particular ministry. I know that clouds not only hide the sunshine, but they also help to keep the pastures green. I am sure God's subtractions are as much a proof of His love as are His additions. Still there is a lot about sorrow I cannot explain, and so it may well become an oppressive mystery; therefore the need of real patience.

*"Our burdens are our blessings in disguise;*

*Through battle, smoke and fire we win the prize.*

*Our weights of glory come from weights of woe;*

*Our Edens from transfigured thorns below.*

*Oh, suffering saint, take up the trying things,*

*Until they grow from weights to heavenly wings."*

Then there is the mystery of physical pain. It is so easy to tell the suffering one, "Only believe, and you will be delivered." But we must go deeper than that, if we are to bring the help needed. Is it correct to tell all believers, regardless of the depth of their Christian experience, that healing from all physical ills is, like salvation from sin, free as the air they breathe; and that if they will just look up and take their healing by faith it will become a wondrous reality?

Would it not be more comforting to remind some of God's mature saints who are great sufferers from some physical ill, and who have gone to all known lengths in seeking healing from the same, that God is Sovereign and therefore is not in bondage to any of His laws, not even the law of "Divine Healing"? Thus He may set aside, temporarily or otherwise, the law of healing, if by doing so He can more quickly accomplish His first great purpose in saving us from sin; namely, that we might be conformed to the likeness of the Son of His love. After all, Christlikeness is the supreme goal of all believers. To be Christlike one must be spiritually sound. And to be spiritually sound one must be sound in love, in faith, and in patience.

Then there is the mystery of burdensome disappointment. Not all disappointments become burdensome. Almost each day brings some trivial disappointment to most of us. But what about the disappointment that comes when we have made great sacrifices to help some needy person? We have spared neither time, money nor physical energy in ministering to them. We may have opened to them the sacred institution of our home, and there poured our love upon them, to be rewarded only by base ingratitude and even by false accusations which aim at destroying our Christian influence in the community where we have been so highly respected?

Oh, for soundness of patience as we pass through such an experience, so

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that we shall not lose faith either in God or in His people; but be ready and eager to lavish our love and sympathy upon some other needy soul who in the end may prove to be as undeserving as the former case mentioned!

There is also the mystery of loitering progress. I believe the great outstanding desire of all true Christians is to be as much like Jesus at it is possible to be in this life. I never have wanted to be mistaken for any of my fellow-beings; I prize my personal individuality too much to wish to be mistaken for someone else; but for many long years I have had the hope that some day someone might mistake me for Jesus. I have hoped that by my way of transacting business, or by my conduct in time of sore trial, or by the spirit I might show in some supreme hour of temptation, someone looking on might wonder if Jesus had returned to earth and had appeared before them in visible form!

But at the rate I am developing Christlikeness, there seems little likelihood that what I have suggested ever will happen. Still I must not lose hope. I must not grow impatient with my spiritual progress. I must continue my daily surrender to His sovereign will. I must remain pliable in the hands of the great Moulder, no matter how often and how bitter the disappointment in the development of personal, inward holiness. I must plod on, for the promise is that someday I shall awake in His likeness. I must be sound in love, in faith and in patience, until the day dawns and the Day-star arises in my heart.

*"More and more like Him, repeat the blest story*

*Over and over again.*

*Changed by His Spirit from glory to glory,*

*I shall be satisfied then."*



ALOHA BIBLE INSTITUTE DORMITORY IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION

## ALOHA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Eldon E. Vincent, Hawaii

THE ALOHA BIBLE Institute is located in Honolulu, the capital of the Territory of Hawaii, the 1600-miles-long chain of islands in the mid-Pacific. This chain is comprised of twenty islands, of which only eight are inhabited. Although Hawaii is 2,000 miles from California, it is an integral part of the United States.

Throughout our churches in the Hawaiian Islands the fervent wish is often expressed—"Oh, if only the Aloha Bible Institute dormitory were finished!"

In the 1951 - 1952 school year no less than 54 full-time or part-time students attended. Among these consecrated young people may be found those from Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, Portugal, Puerto Rico, China, the United States mainland, and other countries. Many of the students have to live in someone else's home or in hotels. From a disciplinary standpoint a situation is created which is far from ideal.

There are many who wish to study God's Word in preparation for the gospel ministry. However, the tremendous cost of transportation to and from the mainland makes schooling there prohibitive. Yet it is imperative that the Hawaiian Islands with its 500,000 inhabitants have national workers and ministers who are qualified to preach the gospel and win their own people to the Lord.

We already have three main churches on the Island of Oahu, four on the Island of Maui, four on Hawaii (the main island), and three on Kauai. There are at least 14 outstations. The First Assembly of God in Honolulu reports an average attendance of 604 in Sunday School for the month of October. Many of the young people there want

Bible School training; hence adequate quarters *must* be provided for them.

Aloha Bible Institute offers a full course of subjects and meets from six to nine o'clock each evening—five times a week. Graduation requires two years of study.

The Institute was started in the fall of 1949 when the need for trained nationals became apparent. Rooms being available in the First Assembly of God, we began our classes there. It was a step of faith!

There were some extremely battered and termite-eaten buildings adjacent to and owned by the church. On August 9, 1950, these old buildings were razed and on this site we placed a former officers' barracks which we had been able to purchase. A first story of hollow tiles was constructed; then the frame barracks building was lifted into position to form the second story (see photo)

The remodeling then began. The first floor, when completed, will provide a kitchen, dining room and laundry. All of the upstairs will be used for student dormitories and a few faculty rooms. There is still plenty of work to be done and funds are desperately needed. Only \$4,000 are required to complete the work. With Hawaiian prices as exorbitant as they are, this building will be worth about \$36,000 when finished.

We are praying earnestly that God will lay this need on some hearts. The establishment of the Bible Institute will bear much fruit not only now but in years to come as well. Kindly send your contribution for this important work to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and designate it for the "Building Program of Aloha Bible Institute."

## Understanding Some Missionary Problems

Dear Brother Perkin:

Your letter of September 10 gives me a better understanding of your missionary problems than all the rest of your letters put together. I believe that a reprint of this letter, which is really a classic in itself, should be placed on every bulletin board.

Cordially yours,  
J. E. . . .

Because Brother Perkin's letter was so helpful to this contributor, we are publishing it herewith.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

We deeply appreciate your offering of \_\_\_\_\_ which we shall be happy to forward according to your instructions. We are sending our check by air mail at once.

It is a great blessing to be able to contribute to a service that is directed toward the ministry of life for those who are in darkness and in the shadow of death. How very little actually is given for this work which has been commanded by our Lord and Master, and how much is given for the carrying on of warfare among nations! Our national defense budget for the year calls for something like \$53,000,000,000 in addition to another \$37,000,000,000 that has been held in reserve which may be spent during the year, or a possible \$90,000,000,000 for the carrying on of strife and armed conflict. This amounts to nearly \$2,000,000,000 every week or almost \$250,000,000 every day.

By contrast, the total we are giving in our Assemblies of God work for missions each year is a little less than \$3,000,000. With this we are supporting an army of nearly 700 missionaries and 3,500 national workers in other lands. Many of the latter are self-supporting. We thank God for over 220,000 who are saved and attending assemblies where these Pentecostal missionaries and ministers are working, but how many are still in darkness!

We are indeed grateful for your help and interest. We would ask for special prayer that God may help us in these days. Last month our general fund, from which we have to supply so many needs, was actually overdrawn more than \$7,000 when we made up the normal allowances for our missionaries. This means that unless more money comes in for the general fund we might have to cut down what we have been giving to many of our missionaries who are not supported fully from designated offerings. If every assembly contributing for missions would give a portion of its offerings to our general fund, this would help greatly. Many are doing this and we are thankful, but others do not realize the problem that faces us.

Thank you so much, dear friend, for your good help; and may God bless you abundantly and supply your every need.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) NOEL PERKIN  
Foreign Missions Secretary



## A PASSION FOR SOULS

Oh, for a passionate passion for souls!  
Oh, for a pity that yearns!  
Oh, for the love that loves unto death!  
Oh, for the fire that burns!  
Oh, for the pure prayer-power that prevails,  
That pours itself out for the lost;  
Victorious prayer in the Conqueror's name;  
Oh, for a Pentecost!

—Amy Carmichael

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coffey of Cuba announce the birth of a son, Ronald Errol Coffey, on December 7.

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Miss Jessie Wengler has arrived in Springfield, Mo. and is staying for a time at Mission Village.

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Elsie Bridgman of East Pakistan and Elsie Marialke of North India spent several days in Springfield recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Hillary, on furlough from Ceylon, spent two days in Springfield. They were accompanied by their daughter Gwen, a third-year student in Wheaton College.

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Mary Orphan of Athens, Greece, sends this encouraging news item:

"Last October during Evangelist Arne Vick's campaign we held the services in a large rented hall in the center of the town and were able to reach many people.

"For the past few weeks we have had with us Mrs. Campbell and Miss Englund. They have been conducting Bible studies and working with the young people.

"At last I am beginning to see results. The way has been lonely and hard, but it is encouraging to see God now working in our midst."

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Hilda Reffke writes from Cuba: "Our work centers for the most part around our main church in Victoria de las Tunas. However, we visit the outstations about twice a week.

"We have six country churches now under construction. These 'palm branch chapels' are the result of our thirty-minute radio messages. Our broadcast is heard by many and is a source of great blessing. Four young men from here are now in Bible School. At least ten girls want to go next term. These girls did splendid work in the eight Vacation Bible Schools which we held. We expected to baptize about fifty converts soon."

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Kathryn Schmidt of North India is living temporarily in California. Her address is: 825 S. Los Robles, Pasadena, California.

## From the Land of the Rising Sun

Richard Johnston, Japan

THE HOT summer has ended and we are now in the midst of our winter's work. Our summer activities closed with a wonderful tent meeting in Amagasaki, a city about ten miles from Kobe where we live. Amagasaki has a population of 40,000 and there are no churches whatsoever in this area.

How hungrily the people listened to the gospel message from night to night! Our little tent was far too small to hold the crowds that pressed near to hear the Word. Our hearts rejoiced, and we are sure there was rejoicing in heaven each night as the names of those who passed from death to life were recorded in God's Book.

The Lord has promised to give us treasures of darkness or treasures which are stored in dark places. One would have to come to this heathen land to actually realize the spiritual darkness of its people. In every high place and in every grove there is a place of worship to the heathen gods. In every home as well, there is a god shelf where each member of the family must bow in worship before he eats his breakfast. The darkness is great but we are thankful for the sixty or seventy souls gleaned and brought into newness of life during the Amagasaki tent meeting. These are faithfully serving the Lord and meeting weekly in a small overcrowded room. Please pray with us that a full-time worker will be available

soon. There is great need for a church building so that regular Sunday services may be conducted in addition to the mid-week service.

Yes, the summer is ended and now comes the cutting of the beautiful rice crops here in Japan. The tall, straight stalks will soon turn brown and heavy heads will bow, waiting to be cut to feed Japan's 83 million people. Soon the harvest will be over. As we behold this beautiful sight every year we are made to wonder just how much longer we will have before our time of reaping precious souls will be over.

Satan is bidding a high price for the souls of the Japanese people. He and his evil forces seem to be making a last determined effort before the end shall come. Communism is making great progress and some of those who have not accepted its horrible principles are filled with fear for what the future may hold.

Many young people have a desire to accept Christ but are afraid that if they become Christians they will suffer persecution in the future.

Like the rice which waits, with bowed heads, to be harvested, so the Japanese people are bowed beneath the oppression of Satan himself, and await the message of life and hope. May we not be too late in giving them the good news of salvation. Let us put forth every effort to harvest these precious souls in the Land of the Rising Sun.

JAPANESE WOMAN WITH ARMFUL OF FRESHLY HARVESTED RICE



# SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

## JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

### Lesson for January 18

Matthew 4:11-17, 23

The first verse of the printed text reads, "Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him" (Matt. 4:11). This takes us back to the temptation of Christ in the wilderness, a very important experience in preparation for His ministry. Jesus was to be the second Adam. In the first Adam "all die" (1 Cor. 15:22). Adam yielded to temptation (Gen. 3:1-19) and the effect of his transgression is described in Romans 5:12-19. Since Jesus had come to cancel the curse which had resulted from Adam's fall, it was necessary, before He entered His public ministry, that He overcome where the first Adam had failed.

Although we emphasize the importance of the temptations in the wilderness, we must not conclude that these were all the temptations that Jesus met. The Scripture says, "And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season" (Luke 4:13). Only for a season.

#### 1. His Ministry at Capernaum

**a. He Goes to Galilee.** The ministry of Jesus began earlier than the accounts in Matthew, Mark and Luke would indicate. We read in John 3:22, 23 that Jesus and His disciples were baptizing people while John was still baptizing. But "when Jesus heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee" (Matt. 4:12). There He preached in Nazareth, and was rejected. There an attempt was made to destroy Him (Luke 4:28-30). So He departed from Nazareth and made Capernaum His home.

**b. He Fulfills the Scriptures.** Jesus ever stayed within the boundaries of the Word of God. He had come to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matt. 5:17) and all that He did was a confirmation of those things which had been foretold concerning Him. Even His taking up residence at Capernaum was to fulfill the prophecy in Isaiah 9:1—"The land of Zabulon; and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles" (Matt. 4:14, 15). From this may we learn to stay within the boundaries of the written Word. May we also keep the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon us. Jesus could say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," because He ministered in conformity to the Word (Luke 4:18), and we also may have the unction of God upon us when unfolding Biblical truth. It is a mistake to think that a ministry of spiritual power requires novelty rather than clear Biblical exposition.

#### 2. His Denunciation of Capernaum

**a. He points to His Mighty Works.** The ministry of Jesus was not confined to any

certain city, yet Capernaum might well be considered the center of His activities. [Note the number of times Capernaum is mentioned: Matt. 4:13; 8:5; 11:23; 17:24; Mark 1:21; 9:33; Luke 4:23; John 2:12; 4:46; 6:17, 24, 59.] Jesus said: "And thou Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained unto this day" (Matt. 11:23). Capernaum was exalted through having in its midst the Christ of God, and in seeing the miracles which He wrought there, as well as hearing the teaching which He gave. It was wonderful to have Jesus living in their city, but awful in consequence when they did not accept Him as Saviour and Lord. "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). If we have light on spiritual truth, God will hold us responsible to walk in the light.

**b. He Remembers Zebulon and Naphtali.** Zebulon was one of the sons of Jacob's wife Leah (Gen. 30:20); Naphtali was the son of Rachel's handmaid Bilhah (Gen. 30:7, 8). Capernaum was central to both of these tribes in the allotment of land that had been divided among the children of Israel. God's purpose in the ministry of Jesus in their midst was that "the people which sat in darkness [might see] a great light" (Matt. 4:16). They were the first tribes to go into spiritual and tribal eclipse. Now He who was "the Light of the world" had come to live and teach among them. What a privilege they had! What a responsibility was theirs!

#### 3. His Message and His Miracles

**a. He Teaches Repentance.** While the message of Jesus was one of compassion and love, it presented also a requirement to man. Jesus announced that He had come to lift man out of the darkness of sin, to heal his broken heart, and to deliver him from all bondage (Luke 4:18), but He also showed that man must repent in order to receive such benefits. "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). Man cannot receive any of the benefits of the kingdom of God until he repents and is "born again" (John 3:3).

**b. He Commands the Church to Teach Repentance.** In giving the Great Commission to the Church, Jesus commanded "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations" (Luke 24:47). The apostle to the Gentiles said at Athens, "But now [God] commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Lack of repentance and forsaking sin

is the barrier against God in any life. Many would like the blessing of the Lord, if there were no price to pay. Repentance means to stop sinning and, in many instances, it requires making restitution and righting wrongs.

**c. He Lays a Foundation by Teaching.** The repentance which Jesus required was the result of sound instruction in the way of the Lord—"Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23). How greatly people need instruction in order that they might know what the will of the Lord is, and that, having accepted the Saviour, they might be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them. Truly the people who sit in darkness need the light of the gospel.

**d. He Confirms His Word With Miracles.** Jesus preached and Jesus wrought. As Messiah His teaching was confirmed by miracles—"Teaching . . . and preaching . . . and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matt. 4:23). The entire country was stirred, so much so that throughout all Syria, and from Galilee to Jerusalem, and beyond Jordan, "there followed Him great multitudes." Yet, we wonder how many, in the midst of all this enthusiasm, really repented with sorrow for sin? We can judge only from the comparatively small number that were disciples when the Church was constituted at Pentecost (Acts 1:15).

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Heralding the King (lesson for Sunday, January 11). Lesson text: Matt. 3:1-11.

"Men are no more right with God than they are with their fellow men."

#### PREREQUISITE FOR SERVICE



## MISSIONS AT HOME

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### A HOME MISSIONS JOB FOR "REVIVALTIME"

A new avenue for reaching Alaska with the gospel has been opened to us through an offer from the Alaskan Broadcasting System. For only \$110 per week the System will carry *Revivaltime* on each of its six stations. Six stations may not seem to be very many, but only six towns in Alaska have broadcasting stations. They are Fairbanks, Anchorage, Ketchikan, Sitka, Seward, Juneau. These strategically located stations virtually cover the Alaskan territory.

We have written our missionaries in these towns, asking for their reaction to the proposed release of *Revivaltime* in their localities. Every missionary contacted has welcomed the idea. Here are a few typical comments.

From Herbert Bruhn, Fairbanks: "For quite some time we have made it a matter of prayer that some type of Assemblies broadcast be made available to the people here. The program would be assured of a sizeable listening audience in Fairbanks and the surrounding area. The station has recently increased its power. . . ."

From Ralph Baker, Ketchikan: "We are sure it will be a great asset to our work here. . . ."

From Gunter Hutson, Seward, we received the following letter:

"We in Seward think *Revivaltime* is one of the best, if not the best gospel program on the air. In fact, last year we had *Revivaltime* on the local station for a period of six months. However, it was such a drain on our finances that we had to discontinue the broadcast.

"We missed the program very much, and people of the town who never attended church inquired concerning the program and told us they listened to it every Friday.

"Just a short time ago we took up pledges so that we could put the broadcast back on the air. It is now being sent out every Friday evening at 5:30. It would please us very much (if we could be relieved of the financial burden). The money we are now putting on the broadcast would go into our building fund.

"After we put the program back on the air, one of the local barbers told us how much he missed it during the time it had been discontinued. He always turns the radio on in his shop every Friday at 5:30, and anyone who is waiting for a haircut can't help but hear the gospel. He told me that every Friday evening one fellow came to the shop for the specific purpose of listening to *Revivaltime*. . . . Praise the Lord! I feel that *Revivaltime* is a wonderful means for spreading the gospel in Alaska."

Already *Revivaltime* is supplementing the

## OBSERVE HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

A time to get acquainted with the

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HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

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tasks of our missionaries in many countries. It can do the same in Alaska, and its ministry is needed. Offerings and pledges for the release of *Revivaltime* on the Alaskan Broadcasting System should be so designated and sent to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. Full missionary credit will be given for these offerings.

### TWO NEW COURSES AVAILABLE FOR HOME STUDY

Two new courses of study are now offered by the Correspondence School of the Assemblies of God. One is on the Book of Acts; the other on Pastoral Theology.

This brings to eleven the number of courses available to those who wish to study the Bible at home.

The course in Pastoral Theology is a compilation of the writings of R. M. Riggs, A. G. Ward, E. S. Williams, and Charles E. Jefferson. Among other phases of the life and ministry of the pastor, the following subjects are discussed: The call and preparation to preach; the character and private life of the minister; the minister's wife; church relationships; church organization; pulpit ministry; visitation work; and ministerial ethics.

As in all our courses, each chapter is followed by a list of suggestive questions as an aid to studying. This course would be invaluable to every young minister, and helpful also to many who have been in the ministry for years. The course consists of five textbooks. The total cost, including registration fee, books, grading of papers, and the certificate which is issued upon successful completion of the course, is \$10.00.

The course on the Book of Acts is written by Hart R. Armstrong. Prepared in work-

book form, it brings the student in direct contact with the Acts of the Apostles as he moves through the Book verse by verse by filling in the blank spaces provided. The questions are thought-provoking.

Anyone who completes this course will have an excellent knowledge of the beginnings of the early church and the work of the Holy Spirit which is foundational in present-day efforts to propagate the gospel and to establish churches. How profitable it is that we spend time in the study of such a book, since Acts reveals Christianity in its purity as it comes from the fountain. There we can trace the spiritual qualities which brought victory to the early warriors of the Cross.

The course consists of seven textbooks. The total cost of the course is \$12.00.

Other courses of study offered by the Correspondence School are: Old Testament Studies, Dispensational Studies, Prophetic Light, Life of Christ, Pauline Epistles, Hebrews and the General Epistles, Book of Revelation, Divine Healing, and Pentecostal Truth. For information concerning any of these courses, address a card or letter to the Correspondence School, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## Plenty of Room

The American Cemetery Association while in convention at Atlantic City, N. J., officially estimated there will be enough cemetery space for at least the next 200 years.

They decided that was one less item for the present generation to worry about; also that there was no need for the government to get into the cemetery business.

Although the matter of cemetery space may be nothing to worry about, the matter of death itself should be given careful consideration, for the important reason that death does not end all. After death "the judgment," says the unfailing Word of God (Hebrews 9:27).

There is one—but only one—way of evading the judgment which one's sins deserve; and that is by placing personal faith in the One who endured God's judgment against our sins.

That One is the Lord Jesus Christ! He, the just One, died for the unjust that He might bring us to God. The sacrifice He offered on the Cross has satisfied every claim of divine justice.

Listen to the offer which the Lord Himself makes: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

The important question is not what cemetery for your body, but what destiny for your soul?

"Heaven's fast filling,  
There's yet room to spare;  
Not a space will be vacant  
But will you be there?"

—NOW

"When thou hast thanked thy God for every blessing sent, what time will there remain for murmur or lament?"

# GROWING UP Emotionally

Thank God for emotions. This cold-hearted, unemotional life is not attractive, neither does it produce Christian graces in others. On the other hand, those whose emotions are not controlled do not make profitable companions or dependable servants. We should have the delightful combination of a meditative spirit and an enthusiastic heart. This is much to be desired. It may be obtained by the grace of God through the ministry of the Spirit and the knowledge of God's Word.

## *We Must Control our Spirits*

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Proverbs 25:28.

God looks at His children as a city filled with valuable treasures. These treasures are the rich graces of love, joy, peace, zeal, vision, earnestness, devotion, et cetera. All around are friends and foes who would take these blessings from us. They would gossip to us, tell us tales misrepresenting other people, and otherwise seek to turn love into hatred and joy into mourning. They would destroy our zeal. We must fight against such intrusions.

## *We Must Control our Bodies*

"I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Corinthians 9:27.

It is with the body that we live our earthly life. It is with the lips and the tongue that we convey our messages. It is with the eyes that we express love or hate. The hands serve either for good or for evil. The feet carry us in God's path or the path of the world. We must rule our bodies for the Lord. If we do not, then our emotions will be unbridled and will not bring glory to God. The lips that are praising our Lord will not be uttering evil words.

## *We Must Control Our Thoughts*

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5.

We may be exuberant without being reckless. The Christian who is meditating on the Lord may cry "hallelujah" to good purpose. The one who is not

thinking about the Lord may exclaim frequently but without purpose. The thoughts given to us by the Holy Spirit will keep us from being dull and unemotional, and will fill our souls with loving devotion and sweet earnestness which will express itself sanely. Thoughts which are not controlled by the Holy Spirit may lead to any kind of sinful expression and excess.

## *We Must Control Our Minds*

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Certain matters presented to our minds lead us to make definite decisions. If our minds are fixed on the Lord and His work, then we shall be filled with a deep desire to honor His name, to serve His church, and to spread His gospel. We will be enthusiastic in service. We will be earnest and urgent in our zeal for His glory. Our emotions will be guided by our thoughtfulness in making decisions under the guidance of the Spirit. The mind of Christ will lead us into the ways of Christ so that our emotions will be guided into godly channels.—*The King's Business, Bible Institute of Los Angeles (reprinted by permission).*

## **The Need of the Hour**

A mighty spiritual revival of the church of Christ is the fundamental need of the hour; it is the only thing that will avail. In view of the tremendous issues involved, both to an embarrassed church and to a dying world, unceasing prayer should ascend to God day and night from every loyal and discerning heart, for such a revival. When

it comes, the problems of missionary recruits and missionary support will be solved. When it comes, a new volume of missionary intercession will release the omnipotence of God, before which every obstacle will give way, every opposing force will be rendered impotent, the whole enterprise of world evangelization will move firmly onward to its consummation, and "the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."—Robert H. Glover.

## **The Rabbi and the Rapture**

Milton B. Lindberg tells in *Jewish Era* of his conversation with a Jewish Rabbi, "I asked him, 'Rabbi, in your study of the New Testament you doubtless learned of Paul's prediction that true believers in Jesus Christ, as distinguished from church members merely Christian in name, will suddenly be caught out of this world?'"

"Yes, I know of the prediction, but I do not believe it will ever happen," he replied emphatically.

"But suppose that you live to see it," I said. "Would such an event be sufficient proof to you that all those departed Christians told you the truth about Jesus Christ?"

"Absolutely," he replied without hesitation. "That would be convincing evidence indeed."

Mr. Lindberg adds: "Is it not obvious that such an event can be convincing proof to all the Jews of the deity of Jesus Christ and the veracity of the gospel, *provided they are faithfully witnessed to by Christians previous to the Rapture?*"

## FLASH FLOOD DAMAGES ONE OF OUR BIBLE SCHOOLS

South Central Bible College at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was struck by a devastating flash flood on December 3, 1952. We give God the praise that none of the students was injured. However, great personal loss was sustained by the students as the water rushed into the cottages, rising to the ceiling in some of them in a matter of minutes, forcing the students to flee for their lives.

Books, clothing, and other personal effects had to be left behind in the flight to safety, and were either damaged or destroyed. This has resulted in a real hardship for some of the students, and offerings to help with replacements would greatly encourage them at this time.

In addition to the personal losses sustained, the school's plumbing and heating systems were also damaged by the flood. It is estimated that several thousands of dollars will be needed to cover the damage to the school grounds and buildings.

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*Gayle F. Lewis*

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

## The Bible in Greece

Within twenty-four hours of arriving in Athens," writes A. M. Chirgwin, of the United Bible Societies, after a recent trip, "three professors of the University, all of them laymen, told me that they believed that a revival of religion was on the way.

"During recent years, something like a quiet revolution has been taking place," he says, "due in large part to the remarkable movement known as Zoé [Life]. The heart of the movement is a body of theologically trained men, most of them laymen, whose aim is to renew the life of the Orthodox Church from within. They have so far succeeded that the Church itself is now awake and is taking up various forms of Bible study and home mission work. The whole standard of preparation for the ministry has been raised; lay preaching has been started; youth work has been launched; laymen's organizations have been created. Twenty years ago preaching was rare; today it is common. Twenty years ago there was hardly a Sunday School in the land; today there are over 3,000. Twenty years ago the Bible was rarely seen and hardly ever read except in church; today it is a best-seller."

He added: "One of the most interesting developments I have come across in Greece is the organization of Bible

study in the prisons. The head prison chaplain told me there were fully 2,000 prisoners in various parts of Greece taking part in regular Bible study."

Many of the Bible classes are led by prisoners themselves. The effect of the classes is shown by what one prisoner wrote, when he was moved from one prison to another: "Before reading the New Testament," he said, "all my thoughts were of revenge. Now I have forgiven all, and pray to God for them, for only so will God forgive me."

## Discrimination in Italy

Moslems in Rome, Italy, are raising funds for the erection of a mosque in that city. There are Moslem mosques in London and Paris; one is nearing completion in Washington, D. C.; and the Moslems of Rome want to build a mosque in that capital city also.

It will be interesting to see whether the Italian Government will permit such a structure. Churches of various non-Catholic denominations are still having difficulties with the Italian authorities.

At least one Church of Christ pastor has been in trouble for trying to hold services. The Alessandria police apparently had not been informed of the Government's decision on October 3 to permit the Church of Christ to operate temporarily. Pastor Melvin J. Pownall said that after he had entered the church with his family and four Italian members, police barred other members from entering. He said police threatened with arrest.

## A Plea for Religious Freedom

The Congress of the Social-Democratic Party, meeting recently at Genoa, passed the following resolution:

"The Social-Democratic Congress, troubled by recent instances of religious intolerance culminating in a police ban on holding services in non-Catholic churches, declares that the marginal character of these events does not lessen their gravity, and recalls the responsible authorities to a more strict observance of the Constitution's guarantees of freedom of worship for all cults. Recognizing the cause of the above lamented incidents to be the survival of anti-Constitutional Fascist laws, the Congress requests the immediate formulation of a law on the freedom of cults based upon Italy's Republican Constitution."

## Medical Science Testifies

There has been some question relative to the statement made in Luke 22:44—"And being in an agony he prayed

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more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

For those who are not ready to accept the Bible for what it says, a recent report of medical science may be helpful. Doctors Walter B. Shelley and Harry H. Hurley, Jr., of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, have discovered "that the apocrine glands produce a pigment sometimes red in color that mixes with the perspiration, giving the impression that the person is sweating blood. The medical term for this condition is 'chromidrosis.' It will be seen only in adults and often in response to emotions."

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## QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY FRANK M. BOYD

**Do you believe that "lay elders" are Scriptural?**

By "lay" elders we presume the questioner refers to persons in the church who might bear this title, who are not what we call "ordained ministers." May we answer the question by giving a brief study of the subject. Refer to Acts 14:23; James 5:14, 15; 1 Tim. 5:17; Titus 1:5; Acts 20:17. The Scriptures clearly prove the presence of elders in the early church, showing that they received apostolic ordination or appointment (cf. Acts 14:23) and that they ministered in the Word and doctrine. Elders were appointed by Titus, Paul's son in the gospel, by his instruction.

It is clear from 1 Peter 5:1-4 that these elders were ministers of the gospel. Peter, being an elder himself, is exhorting these elders to feed the flock, etc. Therefore, these elders were ministers. John called himself an elder (2 John 1; 3 John 1). With reference to the elders in Acts 11:30; 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 43; 16:4; 20:17, 28; 21:18, it is clear that the words "elder" and "bishop" are synonymous, both referring to ordained ministers and leaders in the church. The word "elder" refers to the man and the word "bishop" or "overseer" refers to his office.

Evidently there was more than one elder in some of the early churches, but we must remember that the church as yet had no New Testament or "fixed standard of gospel truth by which all mooted questions could be settled." These elders associated together, counseled together, and ministered to the churches, some "in the Word and doctrine." These latter were considered seniors in some sense. The elders were supported by the church, as indicated in 1 Timothy 5:17, 18.

Ralph M. Riggs states:

"The development of our deacon boards to serve in something of a spiritual capacity as well as for the original purpose for which deacons were chosen (Acts 6:1-7), strengthens the hands of the local pastor and enables one man alone to be the elder of a local church. It seems that these considerations abundantly justify and render God-approved the practice of the present-day church of having one pastor only, dispensing with a plurality of elders. Our conclusion therefore would be that, although there were many elders in the early churches, it is not God's will that there be a board of elders in our present-day churches. By no means should there be a board of senior laymen who are called elders, for this is and always has been unscriptural."

"If I insist upon getting all my pay here and now, where shall I stand when Jesus comes with His rewards?"

"If your Christianity is worth having, it is worth proclaiming to others."—Brooks.

## PREACHING IS NOT ENOUGH

Some have zealously used truth to convert men, and laid very little stress on prayer. They have preached, and talked, and distributed tracts with great zeal, and then wondered that they had so little success. And the reason was that they forgot to use the other branch of the means—effectual prayer. They overlooked the fact that truth, by itself, will never produce the effect without the Spirit of God, and that the Spirit is given in answer to prayer.

Sometimes it happens that those who are the most engaged in employing truth are not the most engaged in prayer. This is always unhappy, for unless they have the spirit of prayer (or unless someone else has), the truth, by itself, will do nothing but harden men in impenitence. Probably in the Day of Judgment it will be found that nothing is ever done by the truth, used ever so zealously, unless there is a spirit of prayer somewhere in connection with the presentation of truth.

Others err in the reverse direction. Not that they lay too much stress on prayer. But they overlook the fact that prayer might be offered forever, by itself, and nothing would be done; because sinners are converted not by direct contact of the Holy Ghost, but by the truth, employed as a means. To expect the conversion of sinners by prayer alone, without the employment of truth, is to tempt God. Revival has always sprung from the right use of the right means.—Charles Finney in *Revival Lectures*.

## NO CATCHING POINT

The most severe criticism I have heard of our pulpit work was given not long ago by a lady. "It's nearly all knotless thread," she said. "No grip, no catching point in it. Much of it is clever; some of it is entertaining; a little of it is brilliant. But it can be all these and remain a knotless thread—a thing that slips through the mind, pleasantly it may be, like the sound of a very lovely voice, but ineffective, leaving no trace."—*J. R. P. Sclater*.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

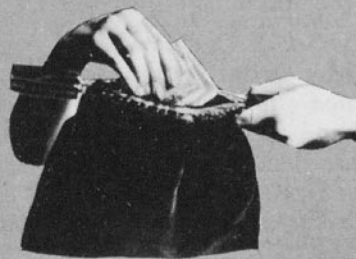
**EAST ALTON, ILL.**—We just closed a good two-week meeting with the Grafner-White Evangelistic party of Delroy, Ohio. A number came to the altar for salvation and for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed by the ministry of the Word and the music.—*A. I. Sherman, Pastor*.

**SNOOK, TEX.**—For three weeks Evangelist and Mrs. H. H. Sutton of Beaumont, Tex. were with us. The church was revived and the Sunday School attendance increased. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several were healed. Backsliders returned and are now regularly attending church. Sister Sutton has a special ministry with the children which we appreciated very much. (Homer Sartor is pastor.)—*Mrs. T. W. Giesenschlag, Secretary*.

**COOLIDGE, ARIZ.**—God met with us in a gracious way in a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl E. Reynolds Sr. Every service was filled with the rich presence of the Holy Spirit. Souls were saved and some were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The believers were especially built up in the most holy faith by the Spirit-anointed ministry of Brother and Sister Reynolds. The illustrated messages given each evening by Sister Reynolds for the children were a real blessing not only to the youth but to the adults as well.—*Charles O. Winters, Pastor*.

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PANA, ILL.—The Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio were with us for six nights. Thirty-nine accepted Christ as their Saviour, including some gospel-hardened sinners. The entire church received a spiritual lift through the music and preaching of the Vanderploegs.—William C. Russell, Pastor.

BILLINGS, MONT.—On November 30 we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Baxter of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Good crowds attended and many came to the altar for salvation. Our young people broke through to new spiritual vigor. One was baptized with the Holy Spirit. Every service was a soul-winning service and thoroughly Pentecostal. Our church profited greatly by this meeting.—Earl W. Goodman, Pastor.

DEER PARK, WASH.—We have just concluded one of the best meetings we have had in years. The windows of heaven were opened upon us. Ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Three were delivered from bondage and entered into the glorious liberty of the children of God. The church was richly blessed and enriched in God. The evangelist and teacher was C. Eylander of Everett, Wash.—H. C. Robinson, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—God met with us in a precious way in a meeting with Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. The average attendance was larger than at any other time. Several were saved or baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many testified to definite healing.

The Lord used these evangelists to raise over \$1,500 for our new building. We praise God for the willingness of the people to give. God is still moving in our midst and we have invited Sister Donnell and Sister Holler to come back soon.—L. R. Sturgis, Paseo Assembly of God.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Construction has begun on the new building that will replace the St. Paul Gospel Temple which was completely destroyed by fire last July. The building was valued at \$125,000 and only partially covered by insurance.

It was quite a blow to us when we received news, while on vacation, that the church had been destroyed. Although temporarily stunned, the congregation and board "rolled up their sleeves" and stood firmly upon Romans 8:28.

After praying and feeling that God was directing, the congregation decided to build on a new choice site, and to change the corporate name to Summit Avenue Assembly of God.

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At present the congregation is worshipping in a Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sundays and one of our own Assembly churches during the week.—W. E. Weides, Pastor.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The rich blessing of the Lord was upon our 18th annual Missionary Convention in November. The following missionaries were with us: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hale of Africa; Mrs. Mary Wagoner of China; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Marocco of India; Irene Crane of Africa; Kenneth Weigel, India; and Evangelist Clifton Erickson. We were also privileged to have our District Superintendent, C. W. H. Scott, and Mrs. Scott. Brother Scott presented the need of Home Missions.

Each speaker brought a stirring message and we felt the need to be more faithful to missions in the coming year. The church pledge for missionary giving reached \$10,600. We believe this money will make it possible for many souls throughout the world to hear the gospel and be saved.

Under the leadership of our new pastor, E. A. Manley, we expect God's blessing in our missionary effort in a greater way than ever before.—J. M. Wheeler, Church Clerk.



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**BICKNELL, IND.**—Calvary Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Evangelist Charles Northcutt and party.—by John L. Riggle, Pastor.

**BATON ROUGE, LA.**—Central Assembly of God, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist Will Smith.—by James V. Courtney Jr., Pastor.

**SHADY COVE, OREG.**—Trail Cove Assembly of God, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Mattson. (Ronald P. Curren is Pastor.)

**FORT MADISON, IOWA**—Assembly of God, Jan. 12—18; Evangelist Hilton Griswold, Des Moines, Iowa.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 20—25; Victor Trimmer, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

**LEVELLAND, TEX.**—Jan. 4—; Evangelist Gladys Pearson.—by Kenneth D. Barney, Pastor.

**MASON CITY, ILL.**—Jan. 11—; Evangelist Luther Tasker, Adams, Ill. (K. C. Wallace is Pastor.)

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**BRISCOE, TEX.**—Jan. 4—18 or longer; Evangelist T. R. Justus, Canon City, Colo.—by James D. Gitchell, Pastor.

**CONRAD, IOWA**—Assembly of God, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Harmon, Kent, Iowa.—by D. M. Crouse, Pastor.

**ROCKFORD, ILL.**—West Side Assemblies of God Church, Jan. 11—; Evangelists Helen Earley and Marjorie McCulloch.—by Oda Jones, Pastor.

**LONDON, ONT., CANADA**—London Gospel Temple, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist Evelyn M. Olsen, New York, N. Y. (W. R. Hornby is Pastor.)

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jan. 18—; Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers, Portland, Oreg.—by Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

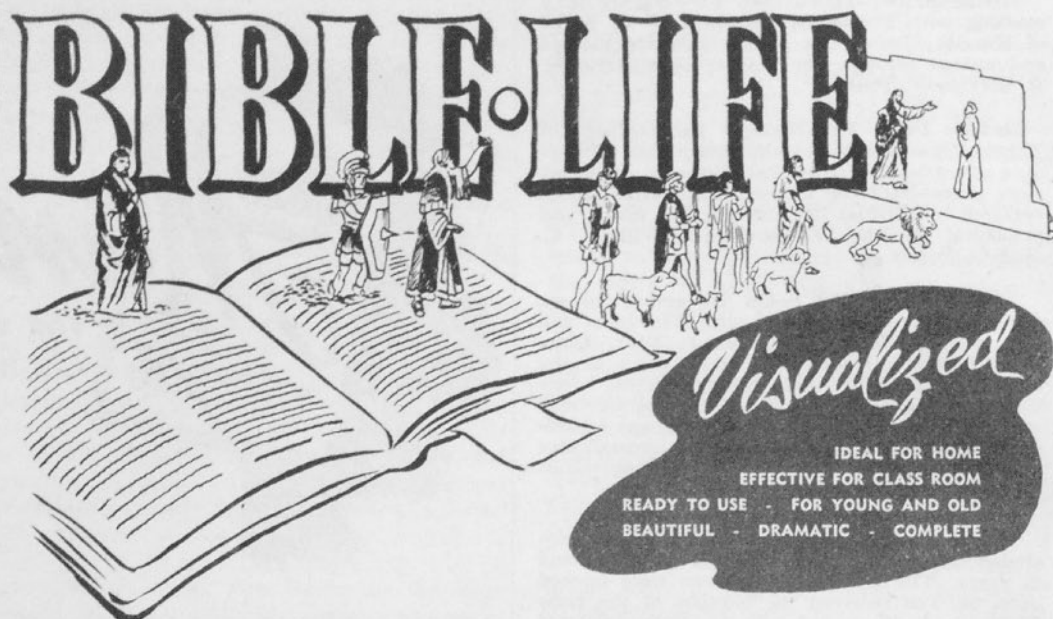
**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—First Assembly of God, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist and Mrs. Roy A. Harthern, London, England.—by Carl E. Perry, Pastor.

**HOLLY HILL, FLA.**—Tent meeting, Jan. 18—; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight.—by H. S. Gillespie, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—Lindale Assembly of God, Dec. 31—Jan. 18; Evangelist Bob Willis, Texas District C. A. President.—by James McKeehan, Pastor.

**TUCSON, ARIZ.**—Northside Assembly, Jan. 11—Evangelists W. G. and Katie McClure, Nampa, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Seattle, Wash. will furnish the music.—by Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor.

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