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



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Into the trash basket they go!

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"THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"

October is Evangelical Press Month. Read CHRISTIAN Literature

Healed of Spinal Meningitis

A Personal Testimony by Evangelist

Horace E. Roberson

When E. R. Scratch, Pastor of the First Pentecostal Assembly in Akron, Ohio, went on vacation, he and the board of deacons very kindly asked me to fill the pulpit in his absence.

During the regular Wednesday evening service, I had begun to read the text for the sermon when suddenly my vision became impaired. It was impossible for me to read any more. However, I did not feel sick otherwise, so I continued with the service.

But that night (July 23, 1954) I suffered greatly with a severe headache and very sick stomach, a condition which continued through Thursday and Friday. Kind neighbors, knowing that I was alone in the parsonage, came over on Friday morning to ask about my health. After questioning me for a few minutes they insisted on calling a doctor. Soon a physician arrived and he promptly assigned me to the St. Thomas Hospital.

On being admitted to the hospital I found I could not write my name without help. I was hurried into a four-patient ward, where they gave me a spinal test. Then I was suddenly transferred to a private room for further observation.

A few hours later the doctor returned and told me that I had contracted spinal meningitis. I was too ill to realize the gravity of the situation. This disease is an inflammation of the meninges (membranes enclosing the heart and spinal cord). It is a disease which often proves fatal for adults and children alike. If the patient does recover he is virtually certain to be left with paralysis in the joints or other parts of the body.

The natural reaction in such circumstances would be to fear and worry—but instead we prayed. The people at the First Pentecostal Assembly prayed, and so did the members of surrounding Assemblies. On Saturday, to the great surprise of the hospital attendants, I was able to eat three meals and retain them.

Since I showed signs of much improvement, the doctor decided that the second spinal test, scheduled for Friday the 30th, would be advanced to Monday the 26th. Following the test he returned with a big smile and good news. He informed me that all symptoms of meningitis had disappeared.

The doctor said he would let me return home early in the first week of August. I told him, however, that I must be out of the hospital in time to prepare

my sermons for Sunday. He smiled and said, "They'll find someone for Sunday." But, praise God, I was discharged from the hospital on Friday, July 30; and on Sunday I took charge of the large Bible class, the morning worship service, and the evening evangelistic service. God had heard the earnest prayers which had ascended on my behalf, and had definitely healed me of spinal meningitis. I am now almost sixty years of age. I have no ill effects from this very serious malady and I am enjoying the best of health. During four weeks I gained ten pounds.

Since the Lord brought me through this experience I am more convinced than ever of the power of united prayer. It is through prayer, and only through prayer, that God is going to be able to work out His plan in our individual lives and in the church, the community and the whole world.—Horace E. Roberson, 627 E. Walnut St., Lewistown, Pa.

Healed of Ulcers and Gall Bladder Trouble

My trouble commenced on January 10, 1954, when I began to have severe vomiting spells. They became so severe that I was unable to keep even water in my stomach. I began to lose weight rapidly and became very weak. After about two months my stomach began to dry up, and even my skin became scaly. By April I was vomiting blood.

My condition became so serious that finally I went to see a doctor. He X-rayed me seven times. He found that my gall bladder was about five times its normal size and that it was not emptying properly. He began to treat me for this condition, but all the while I was getting worse.

One day while I was in the doctor's office I began to feel chilly and my fever suddenly rose to 104. The doctor took me home, and for a week I stayed in bed, taking the medicine he had given me.

When I had lost 55 pounds and still continued to grow weaker, my husband took me to a specialist in Corpus Christi, Texas. There my stomach and gall bladder were X-rayed 23 times, and it was found

that I had a chronic ulcer at the mouth of my stomach. The lining had dropped into my upper colon two inches, closing the opening so that no food could pass.

The doctors put me on a milk diet and told me I could have nothing else for at least six months. Then I would have to eat baby food, they said. With these instructions, I was sent home.

Several ministers in our section began to call for special prayer meetings in my behalf, and some of them fasted to pray for my healing. Three days after I came home from the hospital I went to a meeting, and there the ministers of the Corpus Christi section prayed for me. As I sat on the altar I felt something within me begin to burn like fire. Then I became cool inside. I shouted and praised God, for I knew I was healed.

When we got home I ate a bowl of soup and several crackers. The next day I ate a steak dinner without any ill effects. My skin didn't look dry any longer, and I began to gain weight.

When I returned to the doctor one week later he hardly recognized me. He had planned to X-ray me to see how the milk was treating my stomach, but when he saw how well I looked he decided just to fluoroscope my stomach. He found the lining of my stomach to be in perfect condition without any trace of ulcer. With great joy I told of the healing power of Christ.

Since my healing, my husband and I have launched out into the evangelistic work. God is saving souls and healing the sick, for which we give Him all the glory.—Mrs. W. W. Wright, 707 Allston Street, Houston, Texas.

(Both Sister Wright and her husband are Assemblies of God ministers. They have resigned their pastorate in Portland, Texas, to enter the evangelistic field. At present they are preaching in eastern Canada.)

Heart Is Healed

On April 14, 1953, I had a severe heart attack. My heart almost stopped beating at the time, and afterwards I had heart flutters and much pain. The doctor told me I would just have to slow down. He sent me to a specialist, who gave me an electrocardiogram test, which showed that I had some ruptured vessels.

But all this time God's people were praying for me. God sent one sister to pray with me, and in ten days my healing was complete. Another electrocardiogram showed that my heart was back to normal. I thank my Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart for healing me.—Fay C. Ray, 672 Clark St., Elgin, Ill.

(Endorsed by C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor, Assembly of God, Elgin, Illinois.)

A wise old rabbi said: "The time to make preparations for death is the day before you die. But, since it is true that you may die tomorrow, today is the day to make the necessary preparations."

No Time to Lose!

Noah P. White

THERE ARE NO MORE SOLEMN WORDS in all the Bible than those found in Amos 4:12—"Prepare to meet thy God."

We must meet God! This is one meeting which is inevitable. Sinful men usually do not like to meet the faithful Christians who talk to them about their souls' welfare. They sometimes cross the street to avoid meeting them, or slip out the back door to escape from them. Some husbands do not want to meet their wives whom they have wronged, and some wives try to shun their husbands to whom they have been untrue. We might be able to avoid meeting here on earth those whose presence is a rebuke to our conscience, but we must meet God. We cannot evade Him.

A FAIR CHALLENGE

Our text is a challenge. Israel had sinned and rebelled against God. They had refused God's overtures of mercy and had spurned His love. They had rejected His offers of reconciliation; therefore the prophet Amos declared that God had now put on His battle armor and was coming to meet Israel.

If you have rebelled against God, you too must meet Him in battle. You have made yourself His foe; therefore you can meet Him only as an enemy.

Men's attitude toward God's challenge to them varies according to their philosophies and personalities. Many try to justify themselves for being God's foe: some argue that many of His followers are not what they claim to be; others contend that Providence has been unkind to them or that circumstance and environment prevent their being at peace with God. Others choose to take a chance, perhaps with the false hope in their minds that everything will eventually turn out all right if they do the best they can.

There are others who try to run from God. They try to flee from the wooing, convincing Spirit who troubles their conscience. They seek to drown out the reproving voice of the Holy Spirit by indulging in sinful pleasures. But theaters, the dances, card games, drunken spree and riotous living cannot prevent nor postpone anyone's destined meeting with God. These diversions are only temporary

sedatives or anesthetics which deaden the sensitiveness of the soul and sear the sound judgment of the conscience. People in this class intend to make preparations for eternity someday, but not now.

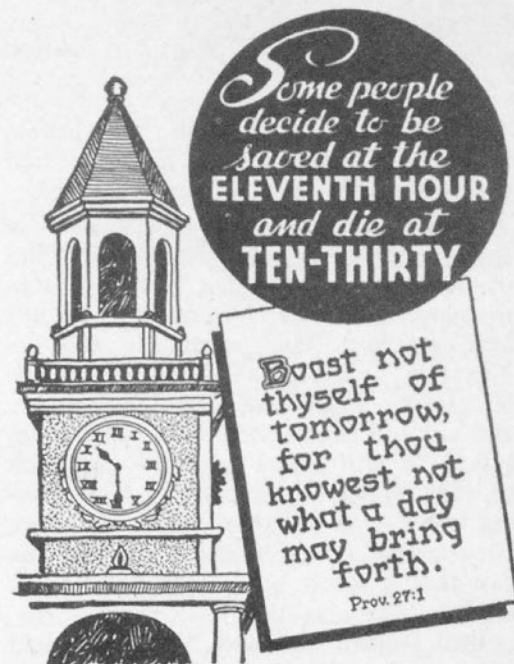
Then there are a few who willfully and obstinately resist God. They seem to think that they can stand the punishment for their sins. The illogical reasoning of all of these enemies of God is plainly evident. Do not allow yourself to be reckoned among their number.

A GRACIOUS INVITATION

Our text is not only a challenge, but it is also an invitation. The opportunity to meet the great Creator and the Holy God is the greatest privilege accorded to human beings, if we are permitted to meet Him in peace. And there is only one place where we can meet Him thus. That place is Calvary. Thank God for the Cross of Calvary! There a sinful, rebellious enemy of God may bow in humility and become a friend of God, an heir of God and a co-laborer with God. Why fight against your Creator who wants to extend to you the blessings of His mercy and the riches of His grace through His son, Jesus Christ? Why run from the Ruler of the universe who desires to have fellowship and communion with you and make you an object of His matchless, divine love?

I heard the story of a wayward boy who, because of his misdeeds, was ordered by his father to leave home, and was told never to return. Years passed by—years of heartaches and anxiety for the mother who loved her boy and longed to see him again. She continually entreated her husband to forgive their son and invite him back to their home, but her entreaties were in vain. The son wrote to her a few times and she wrote to him, but the father would have nothing more to do with his disobedient and wayward boy.

The mother became very ill, and the father was advised by the physician that nothing more could be done to save her. He said that she could live only a few more days. The husband was grief-stricken. He went to his wife's bedside and asked if there was anything that he could do for her. She replied: "Yes, send for our



boy to come home."

The father hesitated for a while, but finally decided to send for the son. He wired him to come home at once if he wanted to see his mother alive again. The boy came home. He entered his mother's room and went to her bedside immediately. The mother was so glad to see him—she embraced him tenderly and lovingly—but the father stood on the opposite side of the bed and would not speak to his son.

The mother was growing weaker and it was evident that she could not last much longer. Just a few minutes before she died she looked up at her son and motioned for him to come closer to her bed; then she turned to her husband and beckoned for him to come nearer. She took her boy's hand in her right hand, and her husband's hand in her left hand, then slowly drew their hands together across the bed. She slipped the son's hand into the hand of his father. The son and the father looked into the face of the dying mother and wife, then looking understandingly at each other, with tears streaming down their cheeks. Then they embraced each other. They were reconciled across the body of their loved one who brought them together in peace by her death.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and took upon Himself the form of man. He suffered heartaches, loneliness and temptations of every kind. He was despised and rejected by the ones whom He loved and whom He came to save. Finally He submitted Himself to that shameful, agonizing death on Calvary's Cross: all of this He did to reconcile rebellious, sinful mankind to a holy and just God. Do you love Him

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Things God Does Not See

Alice E. Luce

Balaam said, "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel" (Num. 23:21).

Here is an astonishing statement. We think of God as seeing everything, and of nothing being hidden from His omniscience; and that is eternally true. But here we find Him voluntarily and deliberately hiding some things from His own view. Israel had been "a perverse and crooked generation," and many times called "a stiffnecked people"—so much so that Moses, their patient, longsuffering leader, had to say to them: "Ye have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you" (Deut. 9:6, 24; 32:5).

But Balaam declared that God had not seen iniquity in Israel. God was not looking at their unworthiness, but at what He could make them.

Turn to the first chapter of the Bible, and above the chaos caused by Lucifer's fall you will see the tender, loving Spirit of God hovering (or brooding) over the face of the waters, just as a hen broods over her nest to bring forth new life.

Oh, the marvel of our Triune God's forgiving and re-making love! See the Son of God on His way to Jerusalem a few days before she crucified Him, bursting into uncontrollable weeping over the rebellious city, and crying: "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day!" He was not looking at her sinful treachery, but at what His Father had planned for her, and what she could have been. God had planned for Jerusalem to be the center from which the saving knowledge of God would radiate forth to all parts of the earth. (Study Deut. 32:8, 9; Ezek. 5:5.)

My friend, how does this attitude of God affect you? With what spirit do you look at the work He has entrusted to your care? As you contemplate those wild, unmanageable boys, do you see them as they are now, or as the intrepid, pioneer missionaries which God's grace can make them? Are you gazing at actualities or potentialities? Look at David when he heard of the death of his unworthy son Absalom, crying in agony of frustrated love: "Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" See the prodigal's father as he weeps over his returning boy, and clasps him to his heart. He is not looking at his unworthiness, but at the son he might have been, and might yet be, in the father's house.

This little life may be just the training school for our real lifework through the ages of eternity. Short as this life may be,

it is of inestimable importance; because upon the way we react to the training and discipline down here will depend our usefulness to God in all the ages to come. Study the Parables of the Pounds and Talents in this connection. Sometimes we see God's choicest saints going through such fiery trials that we wonder whether His love for them has failed. On the contrary, it is because He loves them so dearly, and because He knows they will trust Him through everything, that He permits the severe testings and discipline. This will prepare them for a ministry in the Glory which could never be attained without the unmitigated sufferings in the training school.

"Now no chastening (child-training) for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11). "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18).



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Don't Mistake Rattle For Revival

NO MAN IS GREATER THAN HIS PRAYER life. The people who are not praying are playing. If the pastor is not praying the sheep are straying. The pulpit can be a shop window to display one's talents. The prayer closet allows no showing off.

The church has many organizers but few agonizers; many who will pay and plenty who will play but few who will pray; many resters but few wrestlers; many who are enterprising but few who are interceding. Failing in prayer, the people of God will surely fail everywhere.

Two prerequisites to dynamic Christian living are vision and passion, and both of these are generated in the closet of prayer. The ministry of preaching is open to a few. The ministry of praying (the highest ministry of all) is open to everyone. How much do you know of "binding and loosing"? The intercessors who take this authority over the forces of evil are the Christians who keep the church on her God-given course.

This world has hit the trail for hell with a speed that makes the fastest plane look like a tortoise. And yet, how many of us can remember the time we missed our bed for a night of waiting upon God for a world-shaking revival? Our compassions are not moved. We fiddle while the world burns.

Don't mistake the scaffolding for the building. Beware of that present-day preaching with its pale interpretation of divine truths which would cause us to mistake action for unction, commotion for creation, and rattles for revivals.

The secret of praying is praying in secret. A sinning man will stop praying and a praying man will stop sinning. We need to say, "Lord, teach us to pray." A veritable Niagara of words may leave God unimpressed and unmoved. When we pray, God listens to our heartbeat. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was one of the most effective intercessors, yet she had no language. "Her lips moved, but her voice was not heard." There are groanings when we pray in the Spirit which cannot be uttered. We know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit can help our infirmities.

Tithes may build a church but tears will give it life. That is the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our accent is on paying; theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the place is taken. When they had prayed, the place was shaken.

In this matter of hell-shaking, sin-breaking, world-taking prayer, never have so many left so much to so few. Brethren, let us pray—or perish!

—The Flame (adapted).

HOW TO FORGET

Olive Bishop Branch

"I don't need to know how to forget," you may say. "I do that too often. What I need to know is how to remember. Tell me that. It's already too easy to forget."

While it is true that there is much which we may profitably remember, it is equally true that there are many things we ought to forget. Some people allow their minds to become like a city dump, filled with useless, broken things. And it isn't so easy to forget as one might think.

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I will forgive, but I won't forget"? Would we want God to say that to us when we come asking His forgiveness for our sins? Actually, we really have not forgiven a person if we continue to remember the wrong he has done us, and harbor some of our old resentment.

While there is nothing God does not know, there is one thing He promises to forget—our past sins which have been confessed and forgiven. "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isa. 43:25). If God reminded us of our many failures and sins of the past every time we came to Him in prayer, we would become too discouraged even to try to live happy Christian lives. But God does not continue to hold our sins against us, once they have been confessed and forsaken.

Many people remember what God has forgotten, and the memory of their past sins haunts them so that they are unable to live victorious, fruitful, Christian lives. A fine young woman who was engaged in full-time Christian service kept remembering a time, many years before, when she had failed God. Because of this she was defeated. Every time she prayed, the memory of her failure came up before her. When she sought to witness for Christ, her efforts were paralyzed for the same reason. She felt that God could not bless her and use her any more. When she came to the place, after years of struggle, where she could believe that God had forgiven and forgotten her sin, her life was completely changed. She became happy and free, and her work for the Lord was rewarded with much fruit.

When Simonides offered to teach Themistocles the art of memory, he said, "Ah! Rather teach me the art of forgetting; for I often remember what I would not, and cannot forget what I would."

Forgetting is an art, just as remembering is. Studying to increase our powers of memory is helpful and useful, but knowing how to forget is something we also need to learn. It is not easy to forget the slights, the insults, and the wrongs done us by others. But when they flash back into our minds, we must push them out immediately and not allow them to lodge there. If we relive a painful experience in memory we will become bitter and resentful. And the memory will have the power to hurt us over and over again unless we can discard it into forgetfulness.

Perhaps you have wronged someone else. Should you try to forget that? No, the memory will continue to haunt you until you have made it right. You may not be able to undo completely the harm you have done, but you must be big enough to ask forgiveness and make the wrong right so far as is possible.

I know a man who wronged another by becoming angry at him and saying harsh words and seeking to discredit him in the eyes of other people. When his temper cooled, he sought to take up the relationship on the same basis as before—without apologizing, without admitting his wrong or seeking to undo the harm he had done his friend. The other man was big enough to forgive and forget, but the one who wronged him will never know real peace until he apologizes and seeks to make it right.

How are you to forget? First of all, root out and discard all the memories that ought not to be in your mind. Once you have done that, don't visit the junk heap again to take out a few treasured ones to put back into your mind. True forgetting is substituting another thought for the one you have taken out. Concentrate on living for God and fill your mind with positive, healthful, wholesome thoughts. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "Whatsoever things are true, . . . honest, . . . just, . . . pure, . . . lovely, . . . of good report; . . . think on these things" (ch. 4:8). If a mind is filled with thoughts of this kind, there will not be room for the wrong kind.

What we are depends so much upon what we think, that we must learn to govern our thoughts. We can do that only as we ask Christ to help us have the right thoughts—to thrust out those that are unworthy and fill our lives with His presence. It is profitable to learn how to forget.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETIRE
AT AGE 65 TO HOEING AND
PICKING COTTON?



the long, long row

Summer is ended, and across the land the sound of thanks is heard for the season's blessings. Here is a letter of thanks from an aged minister who has been very sick, written to the Department of Benevolences:

"... I've improved some but have never fully recovered my health. For the past three years I have been receiving some assistance from your department. Although it is less than half of what it takes for my crippled boy, my wife, and myself, it is such an encouragement to me to know I am not forgotten by my brethren. Since this is the Cotton Belt, I have helped some on the farm through the hoeing season, and in the fall have helped in gathering till we have made it all right so far. My faithful wife, who is a convert of the first revival I ever held (back in 1910), has for forty years stood by through thick and thin. We still have the work of God on our hearts and join in prayer daily for all of God's ministers."

It is sad indeed that financial struggle should join the spectre of increasing infirmity to haunt the last years of a faithful servant of God. Yet there are some who still ask, "Why should we be burdened with these—why don't they trust the Lord now as they did in the early days? Or why don't they get State aid?"

The answers are easy. They are trusting God. But God is trusting us! This is the plain teaching of the Scripture. And as for State aid, in case after case it is so meager that it will carry only a small part of the load. Many times a technicality makes the minister ineligible to receive any State aid.

November 21, the Sunday just before Thanksgiving, has been set aside for the Harvest Time Offering for our aged ministers and missionaries. Join us in easing the lot of our aged brethren at the end of their long, long row.

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Children who were dedicated at gospel service, with the group baptized standing at right.



Bbajam singers with headmen of village who were baptized. Shantwan seated left front.



C. B. Anderson (left) with national workers and the Mission Speed-the-Light vehicles.

“MI BHIJAYALA TEYAR AHE”

(I Am Ready To Be Soaked)

I. H. Wills, South India

OUR FIRST YEAR OF BIBLE SCHOOL was over, and small groups of workers had been sent to different villages to preach the gospel, give out tracts and visit from house to house.

One of the young men, Shantwan by name, asked my permission to go and preach in the village for ten days. There were three weeks left before school started so I gave my consent, and Shantwan went on his way.

Several days later a letter arrived. Shantwan wanted to stay a little longer; God was blessing his ministry. Before my reply could reach him he arrived at our mission thrilled and excited. He said he wanted permission to return to the village for a longer period to preach. Since school was going to be one week late in starting due to the arrival of little Michael Owen, Brother and Sister C. B. Anderson's new baby, it was decided that Shantwan could return to the village for ten more days. A few days later we received word to "come quickly" and hold a baptismal service. Shantwan said the entire village had turned to Christ!

We requested one of our young preachers to visit Shantwan and view the results of the revival. One week later this brother returned from the revival with a notebook in which were recorded the names of over one hundred men, women and children who had turned to Christ. We rejoiced with our brethren; and immediately arrangements were made for Brother Anderson and me to go and conduct the baptismal service.

We loaded the Speed-the-Light station wagon and Jeep trailer with supplies and bedding. Accompanied by a national pastor and a group of singers, we started our journey. We traveled most of the day

through villages and towns, stopping to visit acquaintances of the national brethren. Finally we arrived at a road which would lead us down through the village and to our destination just one mile farther on.

The villagers had worked for several days preparing the road, but it was unusually rough. We had gone only fifty yards when we had to stop. Everyone but myself had to get out and walk the remainder of the journey, while I drove the car slowly over the dangerous bumps.

Mud and stone huts loomed up before us—a typical Indian village. We saw the village children running at the sight of our car lights—it was the first car they had ever seen.

We had our evening meal, and by the time the service began it was ten o'clock. Three hours later, Brother Anderson and I went to bed, using the station wagon for our resting place. The next morning the noises from the village awakened us. Breakfast over, we started services again in which from fifty to sixty children were dedicated to the Lord. There followed a message by our national pastor to those who were to be baptized.

The group of new converts marched to the stream about half a mile distant. They sang choruses as they went. The men shared the same apparel for baptism. When one group was finished their clothes were dipped, wrung out and handed to

the next group. The women proceeded in like manner. Some thirty-four men were baptized and fifteen women.

While our three national workers were coming out of the water, they heard a weak, frail voice. Looking up, they saw an old man making his way down the bank into the water. He doubtless had accepted Christ some time before but, considering the cost, had hesitated about being baptized. We watched him walk slowly into the water. The top of his head had been clipped except for one little lock of hair on the back of it which the Hindu believes the gods will grasp to pull him into heaven.

The old Indian turned to the brethren on shore. "Mi bhijayala teyar ahe" ("I am ready to be soaked")! Then he knelt down in the water and waited for the national pastor to baptize him, who did so without delay.

This is India's day for revival and turning to God. For many years much labor has been bestowed in these areas but now God is giving the increase. In the last year we have formed our Marathi District Council; now we are confronted with the problem of sending workers to each of these groups as well as to three other places that are looking to us for spiritual help.

Much support is needed at this time for our Bible school students and national ministers. At present it will take \$15.00 per month to support a Bible student and family; \$10.00 per month for a single student; \$20.00 per month for a national minister.

Please send offerings marked "Bible student or preacher, the Marathi District," % Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., U.S.A.

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brief chats



Come in, folks! We are always glad to have visitors who are interested in missions, although so often my office seems to be occupied just when you are here.

You want to know about the possibility of leaving something in your will for foreign missions. Personally, I think this is a very noble Christian thing to do. It seems so much better to use funds which become available at the death of a Christian for the erection of a church building, rather than for an expensive tombstone. The church building would be a living memorial in which many "living stones" in the church of Jesus Christ would gather for worship.

Talking quite recently with some of our missionaries who are in Peru, I was impressed with the tremendous possibility of getting churches established at a minimum cost. Our Peruvian pastors are almost entirely self-supporting; usually they have to do some secular work to help support themselves. Around \$2,000 will provide a church and living quarters for the pastor in many sections, especially in Indian country. How we wish we could loan them some money on a "revolving fund" basis!

This plan not only is valuable for Peru, but for almost every country. Such a plan might mean a number of churches would eventually be established. Some of these churches can pay back little by little the funds advanced for their buildings. In this way the "revolving fund" would be replenished and thus we would be able to start other church buildings wherever needed.

Legacies to the Foreign Missions Department could be designated for any purpose desired. It is a source of justifiable pride and cause of confidence that our Foreign Missions Department consistently uses all funds exactly as designated by the donors.

The manner in which legacies for the Foreign Missions Department should be worded in a will is: "To the Foreign Missions Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri."

Thank you so much for stopping, friends! I hope to see you again shortly.

—NOEL PERKIN

SCHOOL EXPANDED AT HARDOI

Marguerite Flint, North India

IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR WE STARTED our joint Bible school in Hardoi, realizing that God was entrusting us with a tremendous responsibility to meet the challenge of these most crucial days in India.

We began with seven young men and thirty-six young women, and dared to ask God for twenty more young men for our Bible School the first year. God answered prayer and gave these students to us. It has been amazing! Now in the second month of our second year the students number eighty in all, of whom thirty-four are young men. Without advertising of any kind—except for letters from happy students who are enjoying Bible school—they have come and are still coming. Three young people came from Bhutan, eleven from Nepal, one from South India, two couples from Junnar, Pakistan, Bengal, Bihar, Central India and the United Provinces. Already one young man has been filled with the Holy Ghost; a precious soul was saved through the love and victory in the heart of another Indian brother—praise God! A number of these students were saved only recently—for our God is in the soul-saving business in India, praise His wonderful Name!

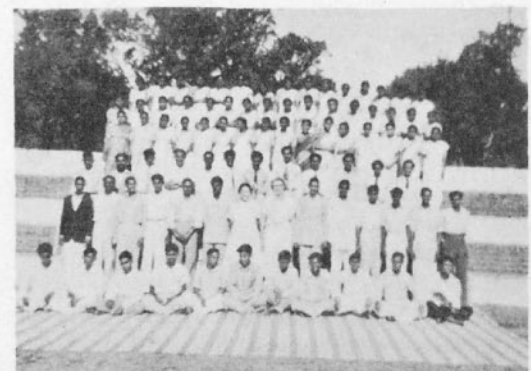
Again and again the Lord has met with us in holy anointing and blessing. One wonderful answer to prayer has been the healing of Lawrence Lal, one of our fine boys. Lawrence was studying for his final exams, hoping to pass out of High School with honors, when it was discovered he had tuberculosis. He was in the hospital for a number of months. Prayer was made without ceasing by the church for him. Praise God, Lawrence has been pro-

nounced absolutely healed and last week he came home. Such is the power of prayer. His grateful father invited our pastor to their home to thank God with them the day of Lawrence's homecoming. They are indeed a happy family in Christ.

We covet the prayers of all God's children in the homeland that we may have His very best for the Hardoi Bible School in India. This school is an ideal place for India's young people to grow in grace and become rooted and grounded in God, ready for the days that lie ahead in this land of an uncertain future.



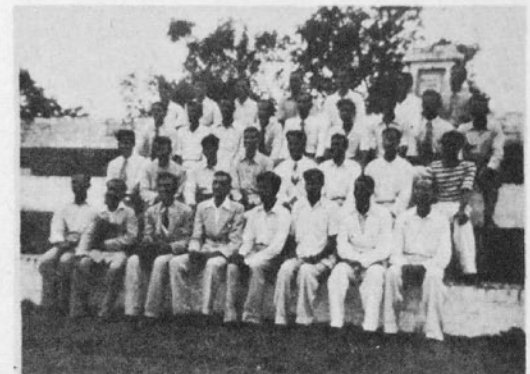
The school staff at Hardoi.



The staff and student body.



Families in need of quarters.



The young men students.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE BIBLE OUR TEMPERANCE GUIDEBOOK

Lesson for October 31

Psalm 119:1-16

All of Psalm 119 is a hymn of thankfulness for God's Word. It is the longest psalm, having 176 verses, and all but two of them mention the "Word" or a synonym for that term. This psalm is beautiful to contemplate and affords much inspiration to the Christian. Though this Scripture portion is worthy of admonition by all, the unregenerate cannot follow it, because they are subject to "the law of sin and death." "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Fallen nature is "not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). The natural man embraces the principles set forth in the Scriptures as "holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12); but sin, which indwells his nature, keeps him so bound that when he wants to do good, evil is present with him (Rom. 7:21). To walk in obedience to the law of righteousness requires the saving grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

a. *Purity of Heart.* "Blessed [happy] are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord" (v. 1). Though everyone desires happiness, not all men have found it, for the lives of many are impure. Worldly men pursue happiness through their vices and follies. But riches, honor, and pleasure are often found to bring misery rather than bliss. The sinner who has his "happy" moments, has also many hours of regret as he thinks upon the error of his ways.

True happiness results from purity of heart and obedience to the will of God. Only a life of purity and communion with God is able to satisfy every craving of the soul; therefore, every Christian ought to be holy. The "undefiled" take the law of truth as their guide, and they seek God with the whole heart (v. 2). As they walk with God they do not commit iniquity (v. 3), since they walk in His ways. Those who love God and His truth are guided by the truth. There is no standing still in life: every day brings its new temptations. But to meet these experiences properly, the heart and mind need guidance by the Word to maintain purity, and thus to ensure happiness.

b. *Obedience to God.* God has commanded those things which result in the happiness of man. "Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently,"

says the Psalmist (v. 4); certainly it is the will of God that we should walk in harmony with His truth. God's commandments are for our well-being. He is our Father, not an arbitrary Judge. He has a kind, personal interest in each of us. If earthly parents have an interest in their children and give them advice which they believe will be for their good, can we think of our Heavenly Father as having less interest in us?

c. *Walking in the Spirit.* While the Psalmist embraced the blessings of the law and rejoiced in admiration of it, he found himself unable to fulfill its requirements. And so he cried out, "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes" (v. 5). Verses 7 and 8 indicate a struggle. At times there was depression, and he prayed, "O forsake me not utterly" (v. 8). Yet in it all there was an undertone of confidence and victory. This victory is achieved through beholding the saving and keeping grace of God and by laying hold of it in faith.

A Christian cannot be happy in Jesus until he has learned the secret of walking in the Spirit. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). It is delightful to value the beauty and truth of the law. But he who would enjoy its blessing must realize that it can provide only the "knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20), and can only reveal the need of a Saviour who can redeem us from our sins (Gal. 3:24). The Old Testament law stands in all its holiness and majesty, demanding righteousness. The New Testament grace shines forth in the glorious victory of the Holy Spirit, who is given to us so that "the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4).

2. THE SECRET OF VICTORY

a. *Heeding the Word.* "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" He certainly cannot do so by relying upon much of the teaching that is prevalent in these days. There are valuable and responsible teachers who through their teaching and exemplary lives are a blessing to youth. But there are many others whose influence is most damaging; they are corrupt persons who delight in undermining the faith and integrity of this generation. The one guide

which youth may safely follow is the Scripture of truth. He who follows the principles which are laid down in this Book will develop a morality pleasing to God, will be honored by all truth-loving men, and be a blessing to himself.

b. *Memorizing the Word.* Not only does the Word set us in the right path, but it ensures victory in our new way of life if we follow its teaching. It is not enough that we embrace truth, merely consenting to its integrity. One of the best means of being prepared to meet crises in our spiritual experience is to be able to say, with the Psalmist, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (v. 11). The purpose of memorizing the Word is to have a life that is pleasing to God. This puts integrity on the highest plane. If God's commands are dear to us, we certainly will not wrong our fellowmen, nor will we pollute our own soul.

c. *Meditation on the Word.* What people think about usually determines their character. Meditation on the Word is a soul-strengthening practice. The Psalmist testifies that he will declare the judgments of the Lord (v. 13), that he will treasure them above all riches (v. 14), and that he will meditate in them (v. 15). This means that he will think deeply on them, and that he will not forget them (v. 16). He who will do these things will find life satisfying, and will be held in honor by both God and man.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Books of the Law (lesson for Sunday, October 24) Lesson text: Deut. 31:9-13; Neh. 9:13, 14.

(TEMPERANCE?)



THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Evangelist Paul Hild

A REAL BATTLE IS RAGING BETWEEN THE Holy Bible and sinful literature, between God's Book and the devil's books! The rottenest reading material ever to pollute American magazine stands is now offered to a corrupt-minded public! How many passengers on trains and busses are reading the Bible? How many children in the corner drug store, grocery store, or in the home are reading Christian literature?

Statistics show that in 1948 sixty million copies of "comic books" were printed each month. This year ninety million is the startling figure!

In an effort to determine how many lives were being hurt by these magazines, 450 students from grades four to six were asked how many "comic books" they devoured each week. These youngsters, according to their own testimony, averaged nineteen books a week, while two juveniles reported having read as many as one hundred a week!

Most of this reading material consists of the worst crime stories ever conceived by man. Even the titles of these magazines are gruesome and sinful—anything Satan himself can think of to degrade our precious youth. And yet this "literature" is recommended and sold to juveniles. And why? Only that the publishers may gain filthy lucre, regardless of the loss of Christian character among the young readers. These "comics" destroy everything good and build nothing but trouble.

The name "comic" is misleading and hypocritical! Something comical brings laughs and grins. But the millions of "comic book" readers don't laugh or grin at the crime suggestions and sinful pictures and stories. They are tense with nervous excitement as they read the filthy stuff.

Who are behind the writing and composing of this corrupt, devilish trash? They are atheists, sinners, Communists—men of the lowest morals. The right name for the magazines would be "Commie" books! The Commies are out to undermine our pure-thinking, right-living youth, and thereby to weaken and poison our nation.

America, awake to your danger! Arise and act at once! Christians, lead the way in a great campaign to clean up this mess, and substitute Christian literature for it. I know a woman who carries extra Sunday School supplies to work with her and gives them out to the children she meets on the way.

In Ohio this year we publicly burned such sinful books at Akron, Youngstown, and Girard, with the motto, "Up with God's Book—down with the devil's book!" Such an act demonstrates our love for the best and hatred for the worst, and re-enacts the scene of Acts 19:19,20.

The late Henry Ford said he wanted a Bible in every room in his home. He and Woodrow Wilson vowed together to read a chapter of the Bible each day. Once a hundred prominent men in Great Britain were asked what three books they would choose to be their literary companions if they were to be isolated for one year; and ninety-eight of them named the Bible as their first choice!

One of the finest appraisals of the worth of the most wonderful Book is given by Douglas MacArthur: "It gives me great pleasure to commend the reading of the Bible, God's immortal gift to the human race; for in its pages there is revealed that righteousness which exalteth a nation. In the sacred Scriptures you will find the Saviour of the world, who is the chief cornerstone of all liberty, the basis of fair and honest government, and the foundation for a true and living faith in God, whose promises never fail."

Yes, we need to read God's Word and feed on it—to love it and to live it! This is the lamp and light to guide our children, youth, and adults in the paths of right and truth. (Phil. 4:8).

So let us join in the fight to destroy the vicious "comic books" (Commie books) that lead only to sin and sorrow. Let us buy and distribute more Bibles, gospel magazines, and Sunday School literature, which will build better lives, happier homes, and stronger Sunday Schools!

SPECIAL OFFER

During October we are making a special offer on short-term gift subscriptions. For one dollar we will send the EVANGEL to two of your friends anywhere in the U.S. for five full months (November to March, inclusive).

Here is your opportunity to place a gospel magazine in the mail boxes of relatives, neighbors, business associates, and other friends every week for twenty-one weeks. Simply send us their names and addresses, with a check or money order. No limit on the number of names at this fifty-cent rate.

NOTE: This offer will expire Oct. 31, 1954. No renewals at this low introductory rate. This offer does not apply on addresses outside U.S., except American servicemen.



All over the country, Christian people are rising up in righteous indignation against the so-called "comics" which reek with horror, lust, and lawlessness. In Akron, Ohio the young people of Bethel Assembly of God gathered up this printed trash and burned it publicly, after which Bibles were distributed. Cigarettes and poker chips also went into the flames at this revival meeting under the direction of Evangelist Paul Hild.

(Photo by Akron "Beacon Journal.")

No Time to Lose!

(Continued from page three)

for what He has done for you? How can anyone reject such a Saviour and fail to show his gratitude to Him by giving himself to Him?

AN INESCAPABLE SUMMONS

Our text is not only a challenge and an invitation, but it is also a summons. If I were summoned to appear before a king, I would try to find out how I should act and what I should say in his presence. If he spoke a language which was different from mine, I would study and endeavor to learn some of that language so that I might speak intelligently with him. I would probably spend much time, energy and money in order that I might be properly prepared for the meeting. But I am summoned to appear before One who is greater than any earthly monarch who ever lived; He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Therefore, it is altogether fitting that I should make full preparation for that all-important meeting.

Across the street from my boyhood home in a small lead-mining town in southeastern Missouri, there lived a family which never attended church. They were highly respected neighbors, good moral people, but they cared nothing for spiritual things. They had no time for religion.

One day death entered the home and laid its icy hands upon the mother of that family. I was only eight years of age at the time, but as long as I live I

shall remember the screams of that dying woman. She pleaded with her children and her husband to keep her from dying. She begged the doctor to do something to stay the hand of death, "because," she said, "I am not ready to die—I can't die!" But she did die. She went into eternity screaming, pulling her hair and writhing in agony of soul and body. Strong men had to hold her in bed.

Several years later in that same town my own mother died. She was in greater physical pain than the other woman had been, yet there was no screaming nor confusion as she passed away. She was calm and peaceful. She wanted to go, and requested that we do nothing to hinder her departure. She wanted to be relieved of bodily pain and she longed to see her Lord in heaven. She was as peaceful and contented as she would have been if starting on a journey to visit some earthly loved one whom she had not seen for a long time.

What made the difference? The same "grim monster" visited both homes, so death itself did not make the difference. It was the way each lived before death came that made the difference. While Mother was living she made preparations for this summons which she knew would come someday. She was ready when the time came.

Those who are afraid to die are not afraid of death itself; they are afraid to face the result of the lives which they have lived on earth. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Fear of death is really fear of the judgment. "The sting of death is sin" (1 Corinthians 15:56), and if the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and cleansed us of our sins, there is no sting left in death.

Naturally we all recoil from the sufferings which often accompany death, and we are reluctant to part with our loved ones, but there is no fear of death nor sting for the Christian who is acquainted with the Lord. Christ tasted death for every man. He went into its strongholds and arose victoriously over death, hell and the grave. He removed the stinger, after having been stung by it Himself, so that we might escape its power by believing in Him.

"But," you may say, "do not talk about dying; talk about living." The man who is not ready to die is not ready to live. He who is prepared to die is also prepared for a happy and successful life. Those who have a peaceful departure from this life are the ones who have peace in their hearts while living.

If you are young, perhaps the question arises in your mind: "When should I prepare for death?" A wise old rabbi once said: "The time to make preparations for death is the day before you die." And then he added: "But, since it is true

that you may die tomorrow, today is the day to make the necessary preparations."

How about you? How is it with your soul at this present moment? You, too, must stand before the Ruler of the Universe some day, perhaps very soon. Have you made the necessary preparations for that important meeting?

With the pen of Amos, God informs you, implores you, and warns you: "Pre-

pare to meet thy God." If your sins have not been washed away by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, you are traveling a perilous path; and not only are you taking unnecessary chances, but you are also missing the "more abundant life." In order to get the most out of life and enjoy it to the fullest extent, give Christ first place in your heart and life. He alone can satisfy the deepest longing of your soul.

Human Driftwood Changed to Stalwart Christians

Phillip Board

Can a jail be charged with the atmosphere of a church worship service? From my ten years of experience among prisoners in the Amarillo jails I can say heartily, "Yes!"

Often the harsh, iron-barred cell blocks have echoed to the ring of the songs of Zion. Frequently there has been loud rejoicing as souls of men are re-born in the jail. Many are the testimonies of those who have escaped the inner prisons of the heart as a direct result of the prayerfully prepared services in both our city and county jails.

From among the shiftless, purposeless wrecks of human driftwood, stalwart men and women have emerged. There is no shortage of personal workers and witnesses

to testify of Christ at our jail services. A fine group of young people from the First Assembly of God in Amarillo (where E. R. Foster is pastor) attends the services. Our group sees its work blessed by the hand of the Lord and is eager to continue this effort for the Kingdom.

I do not recall the kind of testimony I gave the first time I visited a jail as a Christian worker. I was too conscious of my surroundings—the unclean cell conditions and the unconcerned attitude of the men in them.

But at our church that evening the service did not mean much to me. God was speaking to me. I could not keep my mind off the afternoon jail service. After going to bed and falling asleep,



This picture of the jail workers from the First Assembly of God, Amarillo, Texas, was taken while Evangelist L. B. Lewis was in a revival meeting at the church. Front row, left to right: Phillip Board, director of prison work; L. B. Lewis; Mrs. Alma Jean Vogel, assistant director; Mrs. Bobbye Stelle, secretary; Mrs. Lela Keener, assistant in women's department; Phyllis Board, musician. Brother Board, an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, has had charge of this local jail work for ten years.

NOVEMBER 14 IS NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY

The purpose of National Prison Sunday is to encourage pastors or some group from the local churches to conduct a service on that day, November 14, and regularly from that time on in the city or county jails; and, wherever possible, to make contact in state institutions. In view of the fact that every inmate of a state or federal institution FIRST spends time in a city or county jail, it is most important that the prisoner is contacted there, so that he can be carefully guided and develop himself to become a useful member of society when he is released. Pray that many people will be stirred to win souls for Christ among the inmates of our penal institutions.

I was awakened with thoughts of the men in the jail. It seemed they were calling for help. The missionary call came to me, not to go to the foreign field, but to the jail, only a few city blocks from my own home, where a great need presented itself.

Then came another Sunday. We went to the same jail. It was not the same. We rejoiced as we became conscious of God's presence. The men in their dirty, tattered clothes, with their unshaven faces and uncombed hair, looked different to me. Some of them were the same folk that had been there the week before, but this time I looked on them with love and pity. I was glad to be in their presence for I knew what the grace of God could do for them.

From the time I knelt up close to the bars and placed my arms around the shoulders of a sobbing teen-ager, I found it easy to take such outcasts to heart. That teen-ager found the Lord during this jail service.

After that service I was placed in charge of the jail services for our assembly. Now we hold services in the city

jail every Sunday and in the county jail every third Sunday.

On one occasion there was a large, rough-looking man in the jail who told us he did not want us there. As we had prayer, he kept shouting vile oaths. We sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and tried to raise our voices above his. Someone made a special point of telling how Jesus loved him and died for him. Suddenly he became quiet, and then bluntly came forward for salvation without an invitation. On his knees he began to cry to God for mercy. God gloriously saved him. Because of that incident some of the other prisoners knelt for prayer and others looked on in astonishment. An alarmed jailer came to investigate the shouting and rejoicing, but found everything under control.

One Sunday there was a well-dressed young man in jail. He seemed very much interested in our service, but would not pray. After the other workers left the jail, I called him over to the bars to discuss his troubles. He told me he once had been a preacher, but had stopped serving the Lord. Today that young man

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is back in God's service and is pastoring a church. He says that, while he was sorry for his sin, he was glad he was in that particular jail that Sunday, for through this experience he came back to the Lord. Not only was this young man's soul won through the prison ministry, but undoubtedly others will be won through his ministry.

Several years ago a boy was sent to Huntsville Penitentiary from our county jail. He had been saved in one of the jail services before he was sent away. Having been reared in a Christian home, he could quote the Scriptures freely,

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but had wandered away from the Lord. I continued to contact him by mail after he left the county jail. Although his opportunities were limited he continued to tell others about Christ, and informed me he intended to become a minister when he was released.

I received a letter from a lady in California informing me that her son had been saved in one of our jail services while he was AWOL from the army. Others have written that homes have been restored through the jail ministry. We are thankful for the way God moves in our services.

Alcoholics, street walkers, wine-heads, outcasts of society make up the usual congregation for our religious services in jails. Often the results are not obvious. Many times it is hard for the gospel message to penetrate the resentment and bitterness of the prisoners. Indifference and the tendency to look upon the service as a means of diversion test the purpose of the jail worker. As far as our group is concerned, good results far outweigh the discouragements.

The Amarillo jail group makes the following report for the last year's work:

Number Preached To	3,793
Number Who Came for Prayer	427
Those Who Testified to Salvation	198

The group reports that one or more was saved every Sunday.

Let "Revivaltime" Reach YOUR Son or Daughter Next

As Christians we all pray that our children will know and serve our precious Lord. Most of us dedicate them to the Lord when they are babies.

The Nicholases were no different. They dedicated their son, Leonard, to the Lord when he was young. What a joy it must have been to their hearts when Leonard accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

But then heart-break came. Leonard turned his back on Christ. In his heart he wanted to return to God, but the devil's strong arm kept him from it.

Then one night, the Lord drove the words of C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME speaker, deep into his heart. Here is the story in Leonard's own words.

I was raised by Christian parents and dedicated to the Lord as a child in Faith Tabernacle.



Leonard Nicholas

As a boy of eight I accepted Christ and was determined to serve Him all my life. But I began to mix with the wrong crowd and do things I knew were wrong, so I lost out with the Lord. Time and time again, I would make a start for the Lord, but I would fail every time, so I gave up even trying and sank deep in sin.

I was made to go to church every Sunday. I would listen to sermon after sermon and feel the call of the Holy Spirit, but I would walk out and refuse to accept Christ.

The early part of this year, I was at the end of the rope. Nothing satisfied me any more, and I wanted to get back to Christ. But the devil didn't want me to, so he put up a battle.

Sunday, March 7, was no different from any other Sunday. I went to C. A. service, but refused to stay for the evening service. I was at home when my brother and sister-in-law came home from church.

Our pastor, Brother Ralph Hughes, and his wife invited my sister-in-law, brother and me over to the parsonage for a snack.

We were in the dining room around the table when REVIVALTIME came on. All conversation stopped when Brother Ward began to speak.

One remark he made stayed with me. "Mister, you may be listening to your last call tonight; do not reject Him again."

After a talk about restitution, we all knelt around the dining-room table, and I returned to my Saviour.

Since that time, He has been very precious to me. He has filled me with the Holy Spirit, touched my body in time of need, and I thank and praise Him for it.

My determination is to go all the way with Him and be found working for Him when He comes.

It is because the Lord is using REVIVALTIME to speak to many hearts that the broadcast now faces a financial crisis. Satan is trying to destroy it because it is a weapon God is using against sin.

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NEWS

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED IN OHIO DISTRICT

The resignation of James Van Meter from the office of Ohio District Superintendent to become pastor at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, made it necessary for a special business meeting of the Ohio District Council to be called on September 15, 1954.

There were 154 ministers and 75 church delegates present at Columbus for the meeting. They elected the following officers: C. W. Hahn, District Superintendent; Paul J. Emery, Assistant Superintendent; T. E. Hartshorn, Secretary-Treasurer. Terry Diehl was appointed to succeed Brother Emery as presbyter of the West Central Section of Ohio.

A GOOD REPORT FROM CAMP AT MARANATHA PARK

GREEN LANE, PA.—Maranatha Park Camp, which was held July 16 through Aug. 15, was a time of great blessing as people gathered from many states to hear the Word of God.

Karl Steffens of Huntington, L. I., and Dwight McLaughlin of Seattle, Wash. ministered the Word the first two weeks. The second two weeks, T. G. Mill of Kingston, Ont., Canada spoke in the morning services, and J. Billy McIntosh of Miami, Fla. spoke in the evening. In several services the healing power of the Lord was manifested, and many testified to definite healing.

Richard J. Bergstrom, Superintendent of the

New Jersey District, was the speaker for Home Missionary Day. The Home Missions offering was \$563.76. Another great day was the World Missions Sunday when 21 missionaries, representing many fields, were present in costume. The missionary offering was nearly \$2,700.

The W.M.C.'s had a splendid handwork display for several days in the Grove Tabernacle. Successful children's services were conducted by several competent workers. The C. A. groups were under the direction of Sectional leaders. Many felt that this was one of the best camps we have had in many years.—Iola E. Smith, Secretary, Maranatha Park Association.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

ELK POINT, S. DAK.—Brother and Sister Jim Calvert of Lawrence, Kans. were with us for five nights in August. The people outside the church showed interest in the meeting. Brother Calvert illustrated his sermons with chalk drawings—H. E. Routier, Pastor.

SAN MARCOS, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Dugger Jr. were with us during the summer for a meeting. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit and the church was edified. The people greatly enjoyed Brother Dugger's ministry. Souls are being saved and new people reached for the Lord in our regular services. We are seeing a steady growth in our work here, and we give the Lord all the praise.—Tommy Ruth Zarnow, Pastor.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—I accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God here in June 1952. God has blessed our efforts in a marvelous way. All previous Sunday School records were broken with 505 in attendance. We have had several evangelists with us and each proved a great blessing to the church.

I have now resigned as pastor of this church and have accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God in Richlands, Va.—J. E. Winstead, Box 115, Richlands, Va.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA—Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Wright of Houston, Tex. were with us for nine nights. The Spirit of the Lord moved in revival power. Four were definitely saved, and five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Eric A. Homby, Pastor, Elim Tabernacle.

WAGNER, S. DAK.—The Spirit and blessing of God was poured upon us in great measure during the six-week meeting with Evangelist Harry E. Heidt of Waterloo, Iowa and co-worker Paul Crouch of Springfield, Mo. Brother Heidt's chalk drawings and oil paintings were greatly enjoyed by all.

For the first four weeks, we were in a tent at the Greenwood Indian Agency, and the last two weeks at the Assembly of God in Wagner. Ninety-six sought God at the altar for salvation, and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several followed the Lord in water baptism. The mighty healing power of God was manifested.

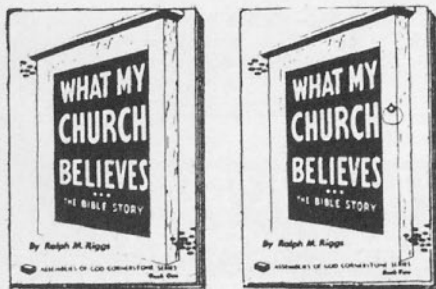
On the closing Sunday morning, three families presented their children to the Lord in a precious dedication service.—Harold A. Trout, Pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—On September 19, we closed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. D. Wells Jr. of West Monroe, La. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested in every service and the attendance was very good every night. We had a Sunday School Rally during the meeting and 184 attended. This is Brother Wells' home church, and his messages will be remembered for many days. The church and Sunday School have been increasing since Brother and Sister William S. Ramby came to pastor the church last April.

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DALLAS, TEX.—We had a good meeting with the B. D. Bennett Evangelistic Party of Rosemead, Calif. The attendance was very good. One received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our church was benefited by the dynamic preaching of Brother Bennett. We also enjoyed the singing of their 11-year-old girl, Linda.—Forrest R. Gibbs, Pastor, Trinity Heights Assembly.

STEELVILLE, MO.—Evangelist Fred Brand of St. Louis, Mo. was with us for three weeks. Night after night as the Word of God was preached, people came to the altar, weeping their way through to Calvary. Twenty were saved, four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and seven united with the church.—J. C. Washburn, Pastor.

FREEPORT, PA.—God visited us with a mighty revival when Evangelist Stanley Karol was with us for three weeks. Hundreds of new people were attracted by the power of God. Several were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and numbers came to the altar for salvation. There were many outstanding testimonies of healing. Brother Karol preached under the anointing of the Spirit each night, and the people were stirred by the old-fashioned, Pentecostal preaching. We appreciate the contributions of the neighboring assemblies to the success of this meeting. Every department of the church was strengthened.—Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle (Assemblies of God), Oct. 10—; Evangelist Paul Hild.—by Thomas O. Grams, Pastor.

LATIN AMERICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION—Templo Cristiano de las Asambleas de Dios, San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 16—18. R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, guest speaker.—by Jose Giron, District Secretary.

NEW JERSEY MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Trenton, N. J., Nov. 3—4. C. M. Ward, Springfield, Mo., speaker. For accommodations write E. Morgan, 445 Parkway Ave., Trenton 8, N. J.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

NEW JERSEY REVIVALTIME RALLIES—Calvary Tabernacle, Camden, Nov. 4 at 7:45 p.m.; Bethany Church, Paterson, Nov. 5 at 7:45 p.m. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

PENDLETON, OREG.—Assembly of God, Oct. 17—; Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Hoskins, Portland, Oreg. (C. K. Barnes is Pastor.)

GREENVILLE, ILL.—Oct. 20—, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. (A. L. Matejka is Pastor.)

MEETING CANCELLED—Meeting in Mascoutah, Ill., announced to begin Oct. 20, has been cancelled.—by Evangelist C. A. Waack.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Pentecostal Church, 23rd and Pine Sts., Oct. 17—31 or longer; the Singing Vanderploegs.—by Jacob Heinrich, Pastor.

EUDORA, KANS.—Assembly of God, Oct. 26—; Stephens Evangelistic Family, Comanche, Okla.—by Lloyd A. Clements, Pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Bethel Church, Oct. 31—Nov. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, musicians.—by Thomas G. Sutton, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—First Assembly of God, 6th Avenue at 15th St., Oct. 17—; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Davenport, Iowa. (M. F. Brandt is Pastor.)

CORNING, N. Y.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Oct. 24—Nov. 7; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight, Durant, Fla. Evangelistic services for the children also. (Norman G. Love is Pastor.)

CARROLLTON, OHIO—Assembly of God, Nov. 2—, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist Nickolas Golusin, Cincinnati, Ohio.—by James W. and Daisy Miller, Pastors.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Bethany Assembly of God, 1424 Pennsylvania Ave., Oct. 31—; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (Oris O. Holloway is Pastor.)

PENNSYLVANIA HOME MISSIONS CONVENTIONS—Victor Trimmer, evening speaker; A. Newton Chase, Eastern District Superintendent, afternoon speaker. Nov. 1, Huntingdon, Pa., Assembly of God; Nov. 2, Altoona, Pa., Pleasant Valley Full Gospel Church; Nov. 3, Indiana, Pa., Assembly of God.

AKRON, COLO.—Oct. 24—Nov. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. H. R. Parish, Fort Lupton, Colo.—illustrated prophetic messages. Northeast Sectional S. S. Conference, Nov. 3, with William Brandt in charge.—by Robert G. Chaffin, Pastor.

BARABOO, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 2—14; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer, Lake Wales, Fla. (V. N. Hillestad is Pastor.)

KEOKUK, IOWA—Faith Temple Assembly of God, 20th and Main Sts., Nov. 2—14; children's revival with Evangelists Dick and Betty Stevens.—by W. J. Lewis, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Highway Tabernacle, 1519 Hillman St., Oct. 26—, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist Evelyn M. Olsen, New York City.—by T. E. Hollingsworth, Pastor.

HAMBURG, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, N. Fourth St., Oct. 10—; Evangelist William L. Devereaux, Los Angeles, Calif. (Stanley Pugh is Pastor.)

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PITTSBURG, KANS.—First Assembly of God, 9th and Pine, Oct. 17—31; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin.—by Russell Rexroat, Pastor.

TRUESDALE, IOWA—Oct. 24—Nov. 7; Evangelist Dan E. Flaming, Tulare, Calif.—by LaVern Golbricht, Pastor.

WAMPUM, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Oct. 17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Pete Saleskey, Keyser, W. Va.—by Earl H. Ford, Pastor.

EL PASO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Oct. 17—31 or longer; Evangelist Paul B. Franklin, Pasadena, Calif. (Odis O. Shipley is Pastor.)

UNION, OREG.—Assembly of God, Oct. 19—31; Evangelist Oran Duncan, Delta, Colo.—by Claire Richards Jr., Pastor.

EVERGREEN, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Oct. 31—; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn.—by D. J. Paglia, Pastor.

CANEY, KANS.—Assembly of God, Oct. 31—Nov. 21; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex.—by W. C. Crowder, Pastor.

CLARINDA, IOWA—Beginning Oct. 17, Evangelist and Mrs. K. H. Lawson, Springfield, Mo.—by G. R. McGhghy, Pastor.

RYLIE, TEX. (near Dallas)—Bethel Hill Assembly of God, Oct. 17—; Evangelist Paul R. McGechie.—by Mrs. James Nesbit, Secretary. (C. J. Hurley is Pastor.)

PENNSVILLE, N. J.—Assembly of God, 76 Dolbow Ave., Oct. 10—; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Guthrie, Okla.—by Samuel Weidler, Pastor.

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TOLEDO, OHIO—Assembly of God, Oct. 13—31; Jonas E. Miller, Sarasota, Fla.—by W. J. Domm, Pastor.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Emmanuel Home Mission, 836 Union St., Nov. 5—14; I. E. Ade of Ohio, Bible teacher.—by Robert S. Beisel, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Assembly of God, 11 W. Iowa St., Oct. 27—; Musical Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (Hansel Vibbert is Pastor.)

ATLANTA, GA.—Revival Center, Little Five Points, Nov. 7—21; Evangelist Louise Nankivell.—by Bill Lee, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Home Gardens Assembly of God, Oct. 19—; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (J. R. Cissna is Pastor.)

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Oct. 17—; Evangelist and Mrs. Walter E. Lane, Hereford, Tex.—by Dean Underwood, Pastor.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Bethel Assembly of God, 4300 7th Ave., Nov. 3—22; Sunshine Evangelistic Party, Covington, Ky.—by G. P. Hertweck, Pastor.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA—Oct. 26—Nov. 7; Evangelist Oliver Johnson of N. Dak. (E. A. Hornby is Pastor.)

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Revival Tabernacle, Oct. 27—Nov. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Leland R. Evans, Breckenridge, Tex. (James Frazee is Pastor.)

PORTLAND, OREG.—Evangel Temple, Oct. 24—; Evangelist Merle Edwards, Denver, Colo.—by Joseph Dunets, Pastor.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Oct. 24—; Evangelist G. O. Baker, Medford, Oreg.—by Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

TAFT, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 314 Asher St., Oct. 31—Nov. 21; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Norman L. Fields, Pastor.

BISMARCK, N. DAK.—Assembly of God, 11th and Rosser, Oct. 26—; Evangelist James F. Pepper. (Kenneth Olson is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Evangel Assembly of God, 13881 Joseph Campau St., Oct. 17—31; Evangelist James Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by Fred Smolchuck, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Bethel Assembly of God, 15th and Buchanan, Oct. 15—; Evangelist Robert Rogers of Alabama.—by Holland Edmundson, Pastor.

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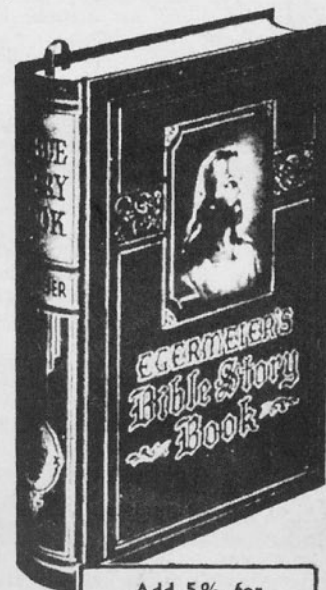


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