

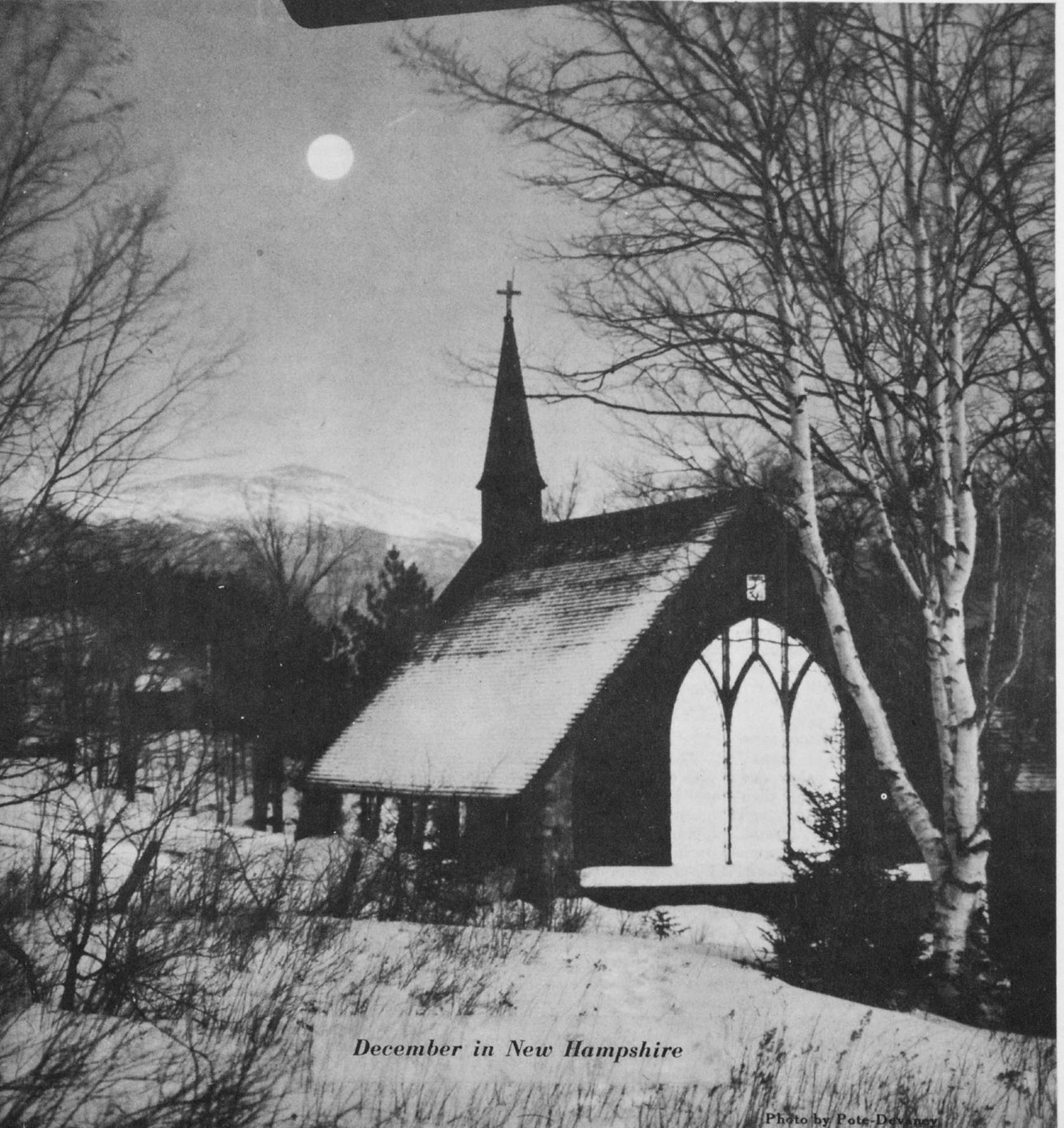
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS

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# "Every Knee Shall Bow"

by MELVIN B. HANSON

"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Romans 14:11).

THE BENDED KNEE HAS BECOME A SYMBOL of humility, reverence, worship, and prayer. Multitudes of people throughout the world in all ages have bowed their knees and their hearts in acknowledgment of the authority, wisdom, and salvation of the great and mighty God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Happy, indeed, are those who have thus knelt and received those manifold blessings which are reserved for the contrite in heart!

## STIFF KNEES

However, there are even far greater multitudes which have as yet refused thus to bow humbly before Him and acknowledge Him as Lord of their lives. But let it be remembered that even those will some day be compelled to fall down and confess that He is God, to their own shame and everlasting remorse.

There are also many professing Christians who stiffly refuse to bend their own wills low at His feet that He might perform His perfect will. To these may we humbly and earnestly say, "God's way is the best way." So hesitate no longer to yield everything to Him in a full and complete surrender. Even though we cannot fully understand it now, there is nothing better for us in this life than to lose our will in His!

## FEEBLE KNEES

On the other hand, there are some whose knees are as "weak as water." While they ought to stand boldly and strongly for God and righteousness, their knees seem to buckle beneath them, and they fall disgracefully to the ground. Isaiah says, "Confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not" (Isaiah 35:3, 4). Perhaps there are times when even the best of us totter tremblingly in the thick of the battle. But even fear and weakness may be no disgrace unless we succumb to them. And "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young

men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:29-31).

## WAITING ON THE LORD

So there is strength to be had for each one of us in "waiting on the Lord," on bended knee! It was while the disciples were "waiting in the upper room" that they were "endued with power from on high." Surely each one of us who wishes to be at his very best for the service of the Lord will need to be anointed, charged, impregnated with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And this will demand more than a single initial experience; it will require a daily contact with the Source of all blessing. Our bodies are just so much human clay until they become channels and instruments for the Spirit's use. Our "living sacrifice" is but a putrefying carcass except it be aflame with the fire of God!

## The Elements of Prayer

This brings us to the very important subject of prayer and the prayer life, so essential to spiritual victory and effective Christian service. Since prayer is such a tremendous and many-sided subject, we will consider briefly just a few of its aspects.

### SILENT PRAYER

Though prayer has become associated with the posture of the bended knee, the real essence of prayer is not the physical prostration, or the saying of words—it is, rather, an *attitude of the heart*. It is a spiritual communion with our heavenly Lover. So even in the silent moments of adoration and meditation rich fellowship may be enjoyed. Then, too, we believe real prayer is not all talking, as in a monologue, but rather a conversation, so that part of the time is spent in listening! We should take time to listen to the gracious words of warning, instruction, comfort, and encouragement which He wishes to speak to us.

### VOCAL PRAYER

But while there is a time for silent listening and meditation, there is also a time for speaking audibly and earnestly the things that are on our hearts. The Bible records many spoken prayers, some of which were literally *cried* out in anguish, urgency, and need. It is true that the Lord is not deaf and does not have to be shouted at to be heard, but it would hardly be expected that a drowning man would whisper softly, "Please rescue me." The saintly martyr, Stephen, "kneeling down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:60).

Jesus gave us a beautiful example of prayer when He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye..." He believed in definite prayer with words, and not only a mystical silence of nothingness. On the other hand, He warned against using "vain repetitions; as the heathen do: for they think that they

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shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matt. 6:7). Pointed, personal, persevering prayer, with faith, will prove effective and rewarding.

### CONFESSION

Every real prayer life must begin with a humble confession of the individual's own sin and unworthiness. At the same time, in coming to Him we acknowledge His invitation of love and forgiveness and His infinite majesty.

Confession is that willingness to voluntarily expose ourselves and our personal sins, calling them by their proper names, without excuse or alibi. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). We might say then that confession is one of our first steps toward God, after which we become eligible for further blessings.

Confession is necessary not only to establish proper relationship with God, but also to restore communion with Him whenever we sin or deviate from the way of righteousness in any way. Sometimes people wonder why God does not seem to meet them in prayer and grant them their requests. Psalm 66:18 holds the answer: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Until sin is dealt with, we cannot expect God to answer our prayers.

### PETITION

We now come to the phase of prayer which is perhaps most universally considered in its primary meaning, that of "asking God for something." Yes, Jesus did say, "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matthew 7:7). However, this stupendous "blank check" is elsewhere qualified by the necessity of faith, and the limitation of "the will of God." "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

Though this may seem at first to be a severe limit on the power of prayer, who of us, loving Him supremely, could wish for ourselves anything with which He would not be fully pleased? It is only the unselfish "pray-ers" who can anticipate having all their prayers answered.

There are a good many degrees of this form of prayer, from simple asking to earnest intercession. Prayer is the Christian's great privilege. More than that, it is his responsibility! We need to "watch and pray, that we enter not

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# Healing Testimonies

## HEALED OF CHRONIC ANEMIA

Over two years ago our pastor, Harold Champlin, prayed for me, and God wonderfully healed me of chronic anemia.

I had taken iron, liver, and vitamin B<sup>1</sup> by shot and by capsule for thirteen years. This of course had caused me much expense and inconvenience. I could not do my work if I was without these vitamins for even a few days. The doctor had told me there was nothing he could give me that would be permanently effective.

Just a few months before Brother Champlin prayed for me, my anemic condition grew much worse. Besides the other drugs, the doctor had begun to give me the new wonder drug B<sup>12</sup>, and still my blood count would not respond.

But when God touched my body in answer to prayer, my healing was complete. Even my eyes when recently examined proved to be much stronger. I truly thank God for this deliverance, and I want to encourage others to trust Him for their every need.—Dorothea Walthall, 624 West 15th, Grand Island, Nebr.

(Endorsed by H. D. Champlin, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Grand Island, Nebraska.)

## HEMORRHOIDS DISAPPEAR

I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. For about eleven years I suffered with hemorrhoids. They had become so bad that the doctor told me I must go to the hospital and have an operation. They had formed cancerous pockets.

But, praise God, on April 24, 1955, when Pastor Glenn Utley prayed for me, God wonderfully healed my body. Now I don't need an operation. I thank my Great Physician every day for healing me.—Mrs. Lonnie Floyd, 2178 "G" Court, Augusta, Ga.

(Endorsed by Glenn Utley, Pastor, Lakeview Assembly of God, Augusta, Ga.)

## GALL BLADDER AND COLON TROUBLE HEALED

I had been in ill health for two and a half years. I suffered from gall bladder and colon trouble, and had a fat tumor on my left hip. Twice a rib was fractured on the right side. My condition grew steadily worse until I could not walk without leaning heavily on someone.

Burdened with ill health, sin, and grief, I went forward in a church service

to ask God's forgiveness for my sins and to ask healing for my left leg. After the pastor and members of the church prayed for me, I was healed. I walked out of the church without help and have been in good health since. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus. He never fails those who trust Him.—Mrs. Zedena Washam Sloan, Sumner, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor John Mead, Sumner, Mo., who states: "I am happy to say that after several months have passed, this healing still holds good. Sister Sloan is happy in the Lord.")

## DELIVERED FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

On June 14, 1949, I had a very serious and sudden attack of high blood pressure, which caused a blood clot in my head. It happened at Fordyce, Ark., twenty-five miles from my home, as I was returning from the Sectional Council at El Dorado. I was rushed to the home of Carlton Ethridge (now my pastor) and put to bed.

O. B. Hubbard, who was then pastoring the Fordyce church, was called, and prayer was offered for my recovery. I was delirious most all the night, but prayers were going up for me. My husband and two sons were called to my bedside, as it seemed I could not live.



Mrs. Garner

The next morning I revived. My family called a physician, but he gave no encouragement. I was taken to my home and the doctor there said I must undergo brain surgery.

But I kept holding on to God, believing He would deliver me. Praise the Lord, He heard and answered. As soon as I reached the hospital a brain specialist was called in, but he could not find any trouble. Then I was rushed to the X-ray room, where four pictures were made of my head, but still no trouble was found. Praise God, the Heavenly Physician had undertaken and I was delivered without an operation. After eight days in the hospital I was taken home, and in a few days I was about my household. All praise be to our wonderful Lord.—Mrs. Laura B. Garner, 606 Chamberville, Fordyce, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor Carlton Ethridge, Como Assembly of God, Rt. 1, Kingsland, Ark.)

# The General Superintendent SPEAKS



## Holiness

AS APPLIED TO CERTAIN CHURCHES, "Holiness" is considered a term of reproach. The Holiness churches are the "fringe" Methodist churches. They had and still have "protracted meetings" and camp meetings. It is my personal rich heritage to have been converted at the age of ten in a Holiness camp meeting, twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad. How well I remember the occasion!

After a fifty-mile ride on a hot-cinder-making six-wheel-driver, my sainted mother dragged her little family off the train and onto horse-drawn carriages for the long drive into the country. The distribution of people to available vehicles left my younger sister and me to ride in a one-horse buggy, and I was to drive. We jogged along with the caravan most of the day and reached camp well after dark. I end my reminiscence with the comment that I sat under "Holiness" preaching for a number of days, sought "religion" at the altar every day, and finally, when I was alone, down by the spring, a half-mile from camp, the Lord met my hungry childish soul. I testified at the first opportunity, saying that all the devils in hell could not tell me I wasn't saved. I WAS saved, and still am, praise the Lord!

I am somewhat jealous of these Methodist friends who apparently have a monopoly on the "Holiness" epithet. Down South they include the Pentecostal folk in that bracket. I like that. Please, Brother Nazarenes, Free Methodists, Wesleyan Methodists, and Primitive Methodists, move over a bit and let us Pentecostals get under the same tent and title. Pray God we too shall be worthy of the name "Holiness."

Let me preach to you a little on the subject of Holiness. Get your Bible or get out your memory and recall the texts of the following Scriptures: Ephesians 5:25-27; Exodus 33:16; Romans 12:2;

*In January 1954 the Editor requested that R. M. Riggs should write a monthly article under the heading, THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS. Brother Riggs consented to do this, and his articles appeared regularly from that time until the end of July 1955. Literally scores of readers have told us that this feature is one of their favorites. They are grateful to the General Superintendent for using the "pulpit" of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL to "speak" to them.*

*We have asked Brother Riggs to resume his monthly messages, and he has very kindly agreed to do so. He speaks to you with the God-given burden of a pastor who faithfully exhorts the flock over which the Lord has made him overseer. His articles contain a message for you. Be sure to read every one of them.*

—R. C. C.

1 John 2:15; and James 4:4. All of these Scriptures speak of and demand separation from the world—strict, strong, definite anti-worldliness. Our interpretation and application of this doctrine to present-day life is that we believe in withdrawing (or being ejected) from the companionship of sinners. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1). "They think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you" (1 Peter 4:4). "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:17). Specifically this includes not attending theaters, nor the public movie houses where modern sin and crime are often pictured and indirectly taught and incited. This is indeed "the seat of the scornful," and it is no place for the righteous. An Assembly of God person in an atmosphere and environment like that is like a sheep in a pigpen. Such a person has wandered into a far country and has lost his distinctive character as a separated child of God.

The question is asked, What about good moving pictures? Good pictures are good but even a good picture can be damaging to one's reputation if seen in an evil place. If good pictures are shown and seen in a good place, then no evil will result. But there is danger of compromise and guilt by deliberate evil as-

sociation and consequent loss of a pure pilgrim reputation if a full gospel Christian attends a theater or movie house.

There is a twilight zone of public ball games, newsreels in a down-town theater between the regular shows, and public roller-skating rinks where a person mixes with a crowd of sinners. Personally, I apply the text, "Abstain from all appearance of evil," to these in-between entertainments and sports (and am not afraid for my example to be followed).

Holiness also includes abstinence from certain physical habits which have become known as symbols and expressions of worldliness and sinfulness. I refer to the use of intoxicating liquor of any kind, or the use of tobacco in any form. This is the personal standard for people of all Holiness churches, not just Pentecostal or Assemblies of God. Thank God for a clean, righteous, holy standard. Woe be to the person who sullies or stains it. We hesitate to claim superior holiness to other churches and Christians, but we openly insist and contend that we are not less separated from sin and the world and questionable personal habits than others. "Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds around her are against her" (Jeremiah 12:9). Intoxicating liquor and tobacco are harmful and damaging to the human body which is the temple of the Holy Ghost. The poison of it deadens and resists the influence of the Holy Spirit. It is the practice and symbol of worldly society and is a definite badge of worldliness. Good Christians positively refuse to be thus identified. Let there never be a smoker or liquor user as a member of any Assembly of God, to say nothing of an official board member or a singer in the choir or player in the orchestra. We charge our pastors and "keepers of the vineyard" through the length and breadth of our church to keep our membership clean! Any exception to the rule is unthinkable. We alert all pastors, evangelists, Sunday School teachers and members of Assemblies of God churches, Hold the line in Jesus' Name! Renew your vigilance, if you have relaxed to any degree. Better recover your stand and standard now before it overwhelms you and you find yourself and your church like others that have lost out with God.

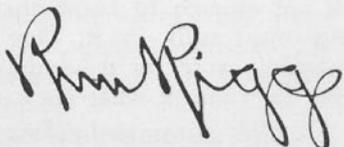
There is another phase of this Holy Church standard which needs talking about plainly. I refer to the attire of our sisters, particularly facial make-up. The Bible mentions a certain woman with whom our sisters would not like to claim kinship, who painted her face and tired her head." Her very name is damning—Jezebel! Isaiah was no "clothes-line preacher" but he inveighed against the daughters of Zion who are "haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go. In that

day the Lord will take away... their round tires like the moon... the bracelets... the headbands, and the earrings, the rings and the changeable suits of apparel... and the hoods and the veils. It shall come to pass that instead of... well set hair, baldness... and burning instead of beauty" (Isaiah 3:16-23). This description of wicked worldly women of that day is that which could be made of worldly women of this day.

We are grateful to God that through the length and breadth of our land, in our churches and in our Bible schools, our women and our girls are distinctive in their dress. They are not conspicuously dressed as people of a previous generation, but neither do they smack of the generation to come. They do not follow fast the styles of Hollywood, are not "stylish" nor ultra modern in their attire. There is a chaste, conservative, clean, sanctified look about them which commends itself to the passers-by as becoming daughters of the church and daughters of the King.

Don't look now, but I hear that a few sisters of ours in a few isolated places have slipped away from this godly standard. When I was a boy I sometimes dreamed I was out in company in my nightgown! Was I ever embarrassed! I should think some ladies would have the same feeling. They actually barge down the church aisle dressed like a rank worldly, and occasionally they wander up into the choir loft. Somebody ought to wake them up. This is sanctified somnambulism! They belong back home in bed, or in their private dressing rooms where they can attire themselves as becometh saints before returning to church. Surely our pastors do not need warning to be on the lookout for such folk. As long as we all are shocked by such reckless acts, we are safe, and such offenders "run for cover" (which many times is just what they need). But may the dear Lord protect us from getting callous to this thing. It could happen once in any church. Let all "officers" of the "holy law" be on their guard. It must not become a practice among us. Let us purge ourselves from such leaven, lest it spread and leaven the whole lump. Our godly sisters are too great an asset in the Kingdom and too highly prized among us for us to allow them to be corrupted by ultra-modern styles and worldly practices.

"Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). We run up the flag of "Holiness" and rally around it to a man (and woman)!



## The Stranger at the Well

THE SUN SHONE DOWN WARMLY ON THE busy city of Sychar, causing the adobe houses to glimmer in the brightness of the noonday sun. The woman brushed a hand across her moist brow. Though she had not reached middle age, her face was finely chiseled with careworn lines. Her slightly drooping lips were suggestive of unhappiness and discontent. She looked round about her at the hundred and one things that needed to be done—but first she would go to the well and get a pitcher of water, for she was so thirsty for a fresh, cold drink. And where could be found water more satisfying than from Jacob's well?

Placing an earthen pitcher on her shoulder, she set out for the well. She would take a short cut through the city market place, where men were selling their ware. Men! Why did they have to be? She had suffered much because of them, yet what pleasure did one have living all alone? She forced back disappointing memories, and bitterness filled their place. She was quite young and beautiful when she had first become a bride. But all the assets of beauty did not induce a successful marriage. They had gone their separate ways and she had hoped the next one would be more congenial, but it wasn't—nor the next and the next, and the fifth one had proved to be equally as disillusioning. Then she had vowed never to try again, but when Jabee came along, despite her rebellious resolutions she had found herself responding to his loving advances. Besides, what difference did it make any more? Everyone in the village knew her and held little regard for her.

As she neared the well her cogitations were interrupted by the presence of a Stranger sitting in the shade of the well. And strangest of all, He was a Jew! Jews never tarried in Samaria, for in a Jew's estimation Samaritans were dogs. The Jews disdained all others, just because they claimed to be the only chosen of God and because they offered sacrifices at Jerusalem. Well, the Samaritans had a mountain where they too worshiped Him.

She held her head high as she fastened the rope to the handle of her pitcher and proceeded to lower it down, down into the deep well. She pretended to ignore the tired Stranger, but she felt strangely uncomfortable and ill at ease, for His gaze upon her seemed to be penetrating her whole life. Why should this Jew be noticing her? She pulled faster on the rope that she might get away the sooner.

Thirsty as she was, she would not take time for a refreshing drink of water, she mused indignantly as she drew the dripping pitcher up, placed it on the rim of the well, and proceeded to untie the knot.

Just as the pitcher was released from the rope and she was about to place it upon her shoulder He startled her by requesting a drink of water. And she found herself replying, despite her resolve to ignore Him completely, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?"

The Stranger answered her, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

The woman looked questioningly at Him as His eyes searched hers with a tenderness and sincerity that dispelled the uncomfortable self-consciousness. "Sir," she said, "thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" She could inform Him that she too had a religious background.

"Whosoever drinketh of this water," replied the Stranger, "shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

"Sir," she said as she released her pitcher and came a step closer, "give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

"Go," He motioned toward the city, "call thy husband, and come hither."

The woman looked dubiously at Him and meekly confessed, "I have no husband."

"Thou hast well said, I have no husband," He replied, His eyes piercing her very soul, "for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly."

"Sir!" she looked sharply at Him, "I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

"Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is

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4. Nebraska .....	69.45
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7. Northwest .....	63.58
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of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The woman listened with deepening interest, and her heart burned within her. Never had she heard salvation explained like this before—and by a Jew! He had satisfactorily answered a question that had been a wrangling discussion of long standing between the Jews and the Samaritans, and the Jews were right. But now He was giving her a new and startling revelation—that God could be worshiped anywhere by anyone! And it sounded good to her. Her soul overflowed with a surging peace, like a river. He had not preached a sermon on her past sinfulness; instead He had opened to her the fountain of the waters of life. She was keenly aware of His close association with the Father of whom He spoke so intimately. Perhaps He would tell her more of the mysteries of God if she pressed Him. "I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things."

For a full endearing moment He looked at her; then He said, "I that speak unto thee am he."

In that moment as her eyes beheld His, the wonderful revelation filled her soul with joy unspeakable, a joy too full to retain. An impulse to kneel at His feet and worship Him was checked by the

unannounced appearance of a group of Jewish men, obviously His followers, who looked upon her and their Master in evident astonishment. Therefore, with a heart full of her new-found joy she left her waterpot and hurried back to the city. At last her thirst for happiness was quenched.

Merchants in the market place observed the fact that she was hurrying back without her waterpot; they took notice of her radiant face and wondered, and a few minutes later saw her returning to the well, evidently not for the pitcher of water, for a crowd was following. As they looked questioningly, she called to them also, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did! Is not this the Christ?" Curious customers left off buying their wares and joined the crowd, and the disgruntled merchants scowled after them.

Meanwhile, back at the well the disciples looked askance at one another and set down their basket of food, saying, "Master, eat."

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of," He said. Therefore the disciples whispered among themselves, "Hath any man brought him ought to eat?"

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The disciples seated themselves about their Master and listened

in rapt attention; their appetites had been subdued by His deep concern for the needy souls of men.

Presently their attention was attracted by the sound of excited voices, and looking down the dusty road they saw the Samaritan woman returning with a multitude following—a multitude of despicable "dogs," as they would say—and she was directing them to Jesus! But He beheld them earnestly as they flocked about Him to listen, hungry of heart as He expounded the sacred Word to them with no hint of racial prejudice.

Then they besought Him to tarry in their village, and they opened their homes as well as their hearts to Him. He stayed with them two days, whereby many more believed, saying to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

Now there was much rejoicing in that city because they had heard Him for themselves and had accepted His words of life, and He had imparted to them that satisfying portion that only can make a life complete. They had not taken the woman's word for it—they went to see for themselves.

There is an erroneous teaching among some people that no one can know that he is saved. Not only are they deceiving themselves, but many others are taking their word instead of going to Jesus for themselves. They are making the Lord Jesus Christ a liar.

"But how can we know?" This is a foremost question with a lot of people. "There are so many religions, how do we know what to believe?" Well, you will know the instant you let Him come into your heart. For when He comes in there will be a transformation—you will love Him with all your heart, and your fellow man as well. The lusts that you formerly enjoyed will have no place in your heart, for you will have become a "new creature" in Christ Jesus, and you will see God's Word in a new and wonderful light. You will have the mind of Christ through His Holy Spirit which is come to you.

We can never make ourselves good enough to come to Him. That is why Christ, the only perfect sacrifice without blemish, gave His life for us. And "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Jesus is the Way, the only Way to heaven. The Holy Bible is the guide map to show us that Way. But it is not enough to know about this Way; we must walk in it. Don't take other people's word for it—come to Jesus and see for yourself what He can do for you.

—by Saint Anonymous

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

TONGUES OF FIRE (James 3:5, 6)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR DECEMBER 4

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



# "How Shall They Hear?"

by EARL L. WALPOLE



Are you acquainted with any deaf folk? "Surely," you say, "there's Great Aunt Harriet. She's very deaf now in her old age. And then there's the man down the street who wears a hearing aid."

I beg your pardon, but that is not whom we mean when we speak of the Deaf. Let's see what the authorities have to say on this point. The official definition as adopted by the Conference of American Schools of the Deaf is as follows: "THE DEAF: Those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life. This general group is made up of two distinct classes based entirely on the time of the loss of hearing: (A) The congenitally deaf—those who were born deaf; (B) the adventitiously deaf—those who were born with normal hearing but in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional through illness or accident." "THE HARD OF HEARING: Those in whom the sense of hearing, although defective, is functional with or without a hearing aid."

So you see, Aunt Harriet and the man down the street are not deaf at all, but hard of hearing. It is important for us to understand the difference between the two groups. While the basic problem of both groups is one of communication, the solution of this difficulty is vastly different. The hard of hearing have some hearing which they can use with the assistance of a hearing aid. The Deaf, however, have no hearing, and no amount of amplification of sound will help them.

We have found by our own experience and by the experience of others down through the years that for the Deaf there is no satisfactory substitute for the sign language as a means of communication.

Think what it would mean never to hear the birds sing! How would it be never to hear the voice of the one you love, or the tender "coo" of the baby's voice! Imagine then how much more tragic it would be never to hear the words of the Scripture, the very Bread of Life, the message of God to man! But God has with His message of life given the means whereby all may hear it. There is a way for every kindred, every tribe, and every nation to know that Jesus saves. The sign language opens to the deaf person doors that would otherwise be closed to him.

The challenge lies before us. We are

commissioned of Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature." The full gospel message is the answer to the hunger of the deaf person's heart, too. His spiritual needs can be met as the Word of God, by means of the sign language, reaches and touches his heart. Christ said, "Go." He did not specify conditions. He wanted all to spread the Word. "And teach all nations." Yes, even those who live in silence.

Since 1948 sign language has been an important part of the curriculum in several of our Assemblies of God Bible schools. From these classes have gone out those men and women, called of God, to the harvest fields of the "silent world." These recruits, along with those pioneers of many years standing, have swelled the ranks of Assemblies of God workers among the Deaf to the present number of thirty-eight. But how few these are to reach some 500,000 deaf people living within the United States alone! The task is great! Almost daily calls come from various cities and churches asking for workers among the Deaf. Who will go? Who will carry to these hungry, silent souls the Word of Life?

The past five years have found a number of our Pentecostal young people filling positions as supervisors and counselors in state schools for the Deaf. For the minister to the Deaf, or for the counselor, there is a wide range of chores to handle. He becomes philosopher, interpreter, parliamentarian, counselor, peacemaker, and, in short, a friend in any need. There is ample opportunity to live and demonstrate daily the truth of new life in Christ Jesus. For the lone worker, there are times when the battle grows heavy, but how sweet and wonderful are the victories as souls are born into the kingdom of God one by one.

Now is the time for a Pentecostal revival among the Deaf. In recent years deaf people in small numbers and in scattered locations have been filled with the Holy Spirit. It is a unique experience for the deaf person to feel the power of God in his being. For him it is an experience nothing short of miraculous to speak out in a clear language as the Spirit gives utterance. Since 1952 when the Assemblies of God Deaf Fellowship came into being, these people in increasing numbers have been receiving the



## New Representative of "Deaf" Work

Our growing work among the Deaf, under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department, now has its own full-time representative. Earl Walpole, minister to the Deaf for a number of years, has come to Springfield to take up his new duties, which will include promoting and co-ordinating our gospel work among the Deaf.

precious baptism of the Holy Spirit. Plans are now being formed for six Assemblies of God camps for the Deaf in 1956. The *Silent Ambassador*, official organ of the Assemblies of God Deaf Fellowship, now reaches a large number of deaf people in all parts of America. Young people are being trained. At present a Sunday School quarterly, *The Deaf Student*, is printed. We are on the march to victory! God is faithful to those who will sacrifice and share in the work.

Would you have a part in this great work of God? At present the National Home Missions Department is compiling a mailing list of deaf people all over America. You may be of great assistance in this task by sending to this department the name and mailing address of any deaf person you know. He will be contacted through gospel literature and will possibly at some time be contacted by a Pentecostal worker. You, too, can share in the great harvest of the "silent world."

You may send offerings designated for the work among the Deaf to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

"How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher" (Romans 10:14)?



## *The Cross Above the Pagoda*

by MRS. E. WALTER EROLA, Burma

"O MAMA, I LOVE JESUS WITH ALL MY heart. If no other Burman followed Jesus, I would, for He is not dead, He lives; I truly know it." As Ma Tin spoke these words to us her eyes were so filled with the glory of heaven it made us tremble. This Burmese woman had just been filled with the Holy Spirit, the first convert among the Burmese Buddhists in our knowledge to receive this experience.

Three months previously my husband and I had discussed our need for a washerwoman, for God had just blessed us with a new baby and all the washing must be done by hand. We asked the Lord to send the right person. Our Burmese teacher suggested Ma Tin, a woman who was completely untrained but was in desperate need of work. She had three children, and her husband was in a very nervous state and could not work.

Ma Tin came to us and worked faithfully. One day we questioned her about her husband and learned he spoke English well, so asked her to send him up so that we could talk with him. Tun Gaun, her husband, came. We discovered he was the son of a wealthy man, known as the "King of Sapphires." Sin, however, had wrecked the home, and all his father's fortune had been wasted through gam-

bling and drinking. In addition, Tun Gaun had lost his government job and was now in the state of nervous collapse. We gave him a Bible, which he began to read earnestly. He also attended our services regularly. God did a real work in his heart, and he was thoroughly converted. He had been a heavy smoker but was immediately delivered. In this land we have thousands of nominal Christians who do not consider smoking a sin; therefore we felt this was a real victory.

A week or so after her husband's conversion, Ma Tin came to us with tears running down her cheeks, thanking us for praying for him, for he was a new man. Not only had he given up smoking but his bad temper had left him, and he had begun a night school in their home. Heretofore he had remained in the house brooding and troubled. But Ma Tin herself was not yet a believer.

At this time their eldest daughter became very ill, and the mother begged for medicine. We were hesitant and wanted to trust the Lord; however, since the Buddhists often pray for the sick instead of buying medicine because they are too stingy, we gave the girl some pills. In spite of this her fever was still 103 degrees after three days. We ex-

plained to Ma Tin that the same Lord who delivered her husband would heal the child. During prayer the Spirit spoke that within two days the child would be normal. In two days the child was well and the mother came to work with real thanksgiving in her heart. This experience not only increased Ma Tin's faith, but thoroughly convinced her fourteen-year-old daughter that Jesus was Lord.

Soon after this Tun Gaun came to us with a sad countenance. His wife had always been a staunch Buddhist and spent many days in fasting and prayer before the image of Buddha in the various pagodas. Her mother had left her some jewels to cover the cost of having the eldest boy, Shin Pyued, confirmed as a Buddhist. For this reason she refused to become a Christian until she had obeyed her mother's dying wish. Tun Gaun was upset; however, we assured him that we would bring the matter to the Lord, and He would prevent her from doing this thing, and open her eyes to the truth.

The next day a beaming Tun Gaun came to our home! His wife, who had never heard the story of our Saviour's death upon the cross, had had a dream. She had seen Jesus hanging on the cross

above the largest pagoda in Mogok. Pagodas are worshiped as gods, and the Burmese name for them is "god." She was fearful to tell this dream to anyone for fear the fanatical Buddhist neighbors would stone her for such an insult to their pagoda. Finally she explained the dream to her husband and asked him what it could mean. He then read her the old, old story from the Bible. You can imagine the thrill in Tun Gaun's heart when he realized God was answering prayer.

This night vision convinced Ma Tin that Jesus was Lord and had died for her sins. Within a week she surrendered her heart to Jesus and knew the peace that passes understanding. This was amazing to her and her Buddhist neighbors for she had sought desperately for peace in Buddhism, but now she received it by simple faith in Christ.

Within a month Tun Gaun and Ma Tin were both filled with the Holy Spirit. This made their experience in the Lord much richer, of course. They have been serving the Lord faithfully now for many months.

Surely there are many more Ma Tins and Tun Gauns in Burma. Let us pray that the Christ and His cross, which tower far above the earthly pagodas, will be made real to them personally.

## Christmas for Missionaries

In just a few weeks the Foreign Missions Department will be sending special Christmas offerings to more than seven hundred missionaries and their children. The money for these gifts cannot be taken from the General Fund because that is sufficient only for the regular disbursements.

Would you like to encourage our missionaries by giving them an extra gift at this season of the year? Remember, they put forth special effort to provide a Christmas treat for all their national co-workers and for many of the poor and underprivileged with whom they work. As we share with them, it is possible for them to bring more joy and happiness into the lives of these to whom they minister.

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# IMPRISONED

## For Preaching the Gospel

by STERLING STEWART, El Salvador

A group of our native pastors in El Salvador visited one of our new churches near the Guatemala border to help in a revival effort. The blessing of the Lord was being manifested in a special way, and all went well for three nights. There was good interest, and some were accepting Christ as their Saviour.

However, on the fourth day the priest from a nearby town sent word that he would arrive there that night. Our national brethren, not afraid to suffer for the sake of the gospel, continued with their plans for the meeting that night, and at service time the people were gathering while the Christians raised their voices together in prayer and praise to God.

The priest soon arrived with nearly a hundred of his followers, many of them drunk, armed with sticks and stones to break up the meeting. Carrying his gun and machete, the priest led the group right up to the pulpit. He ordered his people to seize the believers and drag them outside. Some were thrown against the rocks and across the stone fence which surrounded the house. Several were bruised considerably, and clothes were torn from the backs of our pastors. During the scramble two of their own men were also bruised, due to the carelessness in which they slung their sticks and rocks.

The priest then slipped away from the crowd to get to the nearest telephone, where he called the national police to come and arrest the Christians who, he said, "had caused a disturbance and almost killed some of his people."

Five police arrived about midnight, after walking ten miles over the rocky, rough trails, and arrested eight of the brethren and one of our faithful sisters. These nine Christians were thrown into a stinking cave which the police called a "jail."

The next day we were notified of the trouble there, and early the following morning we went to them. The priest had brought false charges against the brethren and we could do nothing until our brethren had been tried. This takes several days in Latin America. If we brought charges against the priest, it would only lengthen the trial, and the brethren would continue to suffer in the dirty jail. We had to return home apparently defeated, for our hands were tied.

It seemed that Satan had once again

stopped the message of salvation from entering into the hearts of this people. But had he? God works in all things for His good. These modern Pauls and Silases asked for liberty to preach in the town plaza, just in front of the jail. This was granted, and the crowd quickly gathered as they began to sing, testify, and preach, apparently unmindful of their plight. Five hundred came to listen to their message, and the Christians even prayed for the sick. Next day one man, formerly crippled, came running across the plaza joyfully exclaiming that he had been healed!

Four days later the brethren were freed, their spirits not dampened at all. They plan to continue where they left off. This is what it means to preach the gospel in Latin America, a land which is still in bondage and darkness.

Our hearts cry, "Why is there not justice? Where is our liberty to preach?" And then the voice of the Lord comes to assure us of His presence and power to conquer, and He makes us know that we are the ones who have been set free, while this priest and his followers continue to walk in blind slavery and darkness. We must continue to do what we can with every means available, for we must preach the message of liberty to these who are bound in sin.

To accomplish this we need more and better trained national workers. Constantly we are realizing that the trained national must be the one to get the job done. This year we expect about eighty applications from young men who have heard the call of God and desire to attend Bible school. However, many of these will have to be turned down unless we are able to finish an enlargement program for our Bible Institute buildings.

Last year we were forced to maintain school and classes under crowded conditions—one classroom had to be turned into a dormitory and the dining room was used for classes. We plan to turn our present dining room and kitchen into dormitories and construct a new kitchen-dining room unit. One thousand dollars will finish this work, and then we will have room for all our students.

If you would like to have a part in training these men who are willing to give their lives for preaching the gospel, send your offering to 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated "El Salvador Bible School Building Fund."



# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, December 5

PAUL IN ROME—Acts 28:16-29

"Yet was I delivered prisoner... into the hands of the Romans" (v. 17).

Paul was in Rome, not as "the great world traveler," nor as "the internationally known evangelist" seeking fame and popularity, but as the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. He was there in chains, suffering for his testimony to the gospel.

He was not in despair, however. He thought of his incarceration as another opportunity to preach the gospel of salvation. With the degree of freedom which was allowed him while still chained to his guard, he might reach people from all parts of the known world, who would be passing through that imperial city. And it turned out that he did reach many, even some in Caesar's palace, and let them know that "the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles."

God's ways are not our ways. Paul must go as a prisoner to Rome, but the Word of God is not bound. Those who carry that Word may be imprisoned, persecuted, maligned, and severely tried, but the Word will travel on, accomplishing the work whereunto it is sent, and God will be glorified. Many of God's servants have been shamefully mistreated, but souls have been saved and the kingdom of God has enlarged its boundaries thereby.

If we, like the prisoner of Rome, bear with patience the trials of the present life and the persecutions of the world, we may, like him, rejoice in the crown of righteousness that is to be given to those who have fought the good fight and kept the faith.

—W. B. McCafferty

TUESDAY, December 6

THE GOSPEL OF FAITH—Romans 4:1-13

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (v. 5).

These words are almost repugnant to the natural mind. Man would ever seek to DO good in an effort to solicit divine approbation. Like the man of great possessions who came to Jesus with the query "Good Master, what shall I DO to inherit eternal life?" men today would continue to court divine favor by acts of good living, charitableness, philanthropy, neighborliness. They would seek to DO something, while all the time ignoring the blessed and glorious fact that it has all been done!

When Jesus cried, "It is finished!" the WORK of salvation was done. How precious to know that there is no need of work, debt, or wages. No, "the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ!" We cannot base our salvation on works, lest the crimson flow of Calvary be made of none effect. "To him that... believeth

on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

—GORDON F. PREISER

WEDNESDAY, December 7

MINISTRIES FOR BELIEVERS—Romans 12:1-13

In the first eleven chapters of Romans Paul dealt with doctrinal teachings, and in chapter twelve he began to apply those teachings to some practical lessons. The first of these is the matter of the believer's being devoted to Christ and conformed to His will.

Beginning with verse six, the Apostle mentioned the various gifts and ministries to be exercised in the Church. No Christian can claim that he has been omitted from this list, for it is all-inclusive. It even mentions the ministry of giving—surely everyone can give!

Another ministry listed is that of teaching. Some who have this ministry are Sunday School teachers. As the angels announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds on the Judean hills, so the Sunday School teacher has the privilege of bearing the glad tidings of the gospel to their classes. The debt the Church owes to her teachers is so great that only eternity can reveal it. At the same time, the teachers have opportunity to express their devotion to Christ by giving of their time and service to the local church.

Believer, there is a job for you to do. Christ wants to control your life that He may use it to bring blessing to others. Remember, there is a ministry for everyone who has presented his life to Christ!

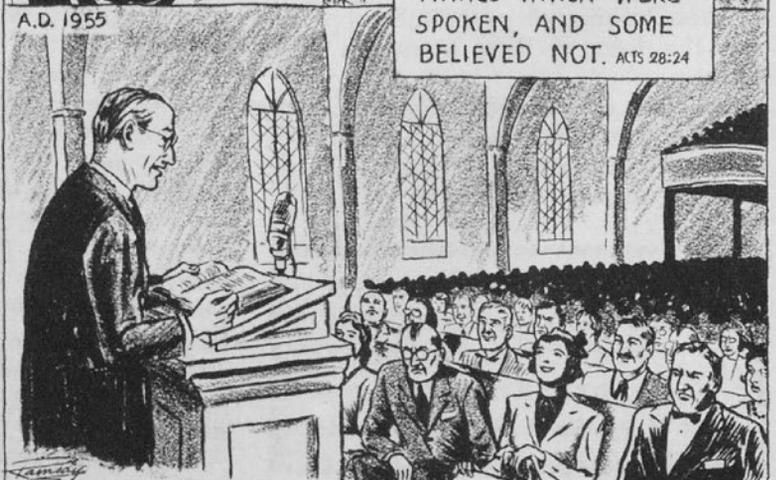
—CHARLES W. DENTON

THURSDAY, December 8

WHY CHRIST SUFFERED—Isaiah 53

It is hard to comprehend the sufferings of our precious

## THE WORLD HASN'T CHANGED SO MUCH



Lord, and only as we enter into that sacred chamber of fellowship with Him can we understand a little of what those sacred wounds meant. It is only by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit that we are made to realize that He was wounded for our transgressions. It is the Spirit who opens our ears to hear the cry of the Saviour in dark Gethsemane, who opens our eyes to see the sweat as great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And this sore travail was for the lost world. Knowing the desire of our Saviour's heart that the multitudes might come to a knowledge of His great love, what can we do but fall at His feet and say,

"Oh, then shall my heart with anguish break  
O'er the little I have done.  
Can I show Him one scar or pain  
That I wear for His dear name?  
Can I there unfold to His shepherd gaze  
One single bleeding lamb?"

—MARIE E. BROWN

FRIDAY, December 9

REVIVED THROUGH FAITH—2 Chronicles 15:1-12

"The Lord is with you" (v. 2).

Only as we recognize God's presence with us will we experience revival. Asa had ascended to the throne after the reign of three wicked kings. Judah's spiritual state was low. In the natural Asa would have followed the way of least resistance, but this king was of a different spirit. We read, "Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God." This kind of faith will bring revival to the individual, church, or nation. Asa was faithful in putting away the abominable idols out of Judah and Benjamin. He not only destroyed the heathen idols, but also "renewed the altar of the Lord." Christianity is not all negative. There is a putting off of the old man with his evil deeds, but we are also admonished to "put... on the Lord Jesus Christ."

We must faithfully deal with the sin question in our lives; then there must be

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## New Book Written for Training Month

"Into All Truth," by Stanley Horton,  
Chosen for Training Course in January 1956

A new book entitled, "Into All Truth," has been written by Stanley Horton for use during Training Month. In its ten chapters it deals with the doctrines of Salvation, Healing, the Holy Spirit, and the Second Coming in a most informative and refreshing manner.

The book will be a valuable study guide for ALL members of our churches. "Every Christian a Worker and Every Worker Trained" is the goal of Sunday School leaders in the Assemblies of God. In order to reach this goal they have set January aside as Training Month, a time when Sunday School teachers and others all over the nation join together in local groups to study and better equip themselves for the ministry to which God has called them.

Each year a book for Training Month is suggested by the National Sunday School Department. Visual aids and a Teacher's Manual are prepared for use with the books selected. The book recommended last year was on the motivation and methods of teaching in the

Sunday School. Those of the three previous years were on Bible Doctrines, Witnessing, and Administration and Organization. The selection for 1956 will help to provide a well-rounded course of study. Brother Horton, the author, is a talented Bible teacher. He has been teaching Bible and Hebrew in Bible Institutes for ten years, and he writes the *Adult Teachers Quarterly* for the Gospel Publishing House.

For information concerning the cost of the books, visual aids, teacher's manual, etc., write to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The training courses have been a great blessing to our Sunday Schools in years gone by. Workers have been inspired, as well as informed, and have been moved to rededicate their lives more fully to the important ministry of the Sunday School. Be sure to conduct a training course in your church this January. Start the new year with this forward move. In 1956, ADVANCE!

a seeking of God with all our hearts. God never disappoints the seeking soul. We read in verse 15, "And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about."

Seek Him with all your heart, friend, and you too will find Him.

—O. L. HARRUP

SATURDAY, December 10

LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP BY BELIEVING CHRIST—John 21:12-25

"Peter seeing him [John] saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith to him, ... What is that to thee? follow thou ME" (vv. 21, 22).

Peter needed to learn that believing Christ not only means having faith in His existence but also necessitates utmost devotion to Him. Since Christ is *the Way, the Truth, and the Life* we must be supremely loyal to Him. We must also confess that devotion and loyalty before men.

When we were baptized in water we thus testified to the world that we were

united with Christ in the likeness of His death, that we were buried with Him, and that we were raised together with Him to walk in newness of life.

This close abiding in Christ brings us into intimate contact with Him. We learn to know Him, and His love becomes the most glorious and wonderful gift that we have received. That love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and we then realize that the greatest of all experiences is to be filled with the love of Christ. We cease to interfere with God's dealings with His other children and we devote ourselves to following Him.

We also find the most wonderful fellowship in the world—the fellowship of those who have been brought by the Holy Spirit into a supreme devotion and love to the Lord. There is no joy that can compare with the joy of having fellowship "with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" and the many other sons who have been brought into the glory of the Father's family.

—ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

Sunday School lesson for December 11, 1955—  
"Paul in Rome" (Acts 28:16-29).

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**SHARE — BECAUSE YOU CARE**

## Every Knee Shall Bow

into temptation" (Matthew 26:41). It devolves upon us to "pray one for another," for laborers for the harvest, "for all men," for a lost and needy world. The world and Christendom need today a host of mighty "prayer warriors" who will "stand in the gap" and intercede for a great visitation of God's power in conviction, salvation, and revival! God give us power in prayer! But let us not forget that the price of that power is the abandonment of our easy chairs and our indifference for an all-consuming zeal and passion which may well tax to the limit our faculties and strength.

We believe the Lord would use us in prayer for the salvation of individuals.

*"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me;  
And may I humbly do my part  
To win that soul for Thee!"*

Someone may be asking, "But is it not the will of God for everyone to be saved? Then why are some of these prayers not answered?" Here we come to grips with the great issue of "human sovereignty," or the right of every man to make his own decision as to whether or not he will serve the Lord. God certainly is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). But He will not force anyone to violate his own will in this matter. So, even while He knows that a great many will reject His mercy, it is His sovereign will that we pray for them, witness to them, and urge them to come, that in the day of judgment

they may be entirely without excuse. Furthermore, He knows that persistent prayer and evangelistic preaching, plus the conviction of the Holy Spirit upon an individual soul, may result in the surrender and salvation of someone we thought most unlikely. Who of us can tell who may be nearest the kingdom of heaven?

### WORSHIP

But we feel that real prayer and communion cannot be complete without the element of worship—adoration, praise, and thanksgiving! Someone has likened prayer and praise to the two wings of a bird; it is impossible for it to fly without both! It would certainly seem improper in the human realm for us always to be asking for something without ever saying "Thank you." "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright" (Psalm 33:1). Praise is normal, becoming, spontaneous for those who have come to behold Him as the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" We have a little preview of the glorified saints in Revelation 19:6: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia—(Praise ye Jehovah)." *Hallelujah* is the language of praise! How fitting to rehearse, even now, the song of everlasting adoration!

But, again, worship is something more than the repetition of a "magic word"! There is the story of a man who was converted from an irreligious life, who when the joy of salvation burst in upon his soul began to exclaim, "Hurrah for God! Hurrah for God!" He was apparently quite unacquainted with our re-

ligious vocabulary, but there is little doubt but what the Lord happily accepted his praises.

Even as wise men of old came to Bethlehem "and fell down, and worshipped him," "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker!" (Psalm 95:6).

### PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

What Christian can live in these days without having his righteous soul vexed with conditions as they are in our sinful world? And what a challenge to know that there is right in our hands the mighty rod of prayer by which many great changes may be wrought!

We will not be ridiculous enough to suggest that a few sentences of "prayer" will suddenly revolutionize society and change the nations of the world. But we have no hesitation in positively declaring that if every nominal Christian would assume an earnest, energetic prayer life, there would be world-shaking consequences!

Consider, first, the tremendous reaction upon ourselves! If every lukewarm, halfhearted church member would pray himself into a fervent, "first love" experience, the world-wide revival would be on!

Imagine, then, the mighty impact of spiritual fervor that would come to all the local churches, and the powerful influence they then would have in their own communities.

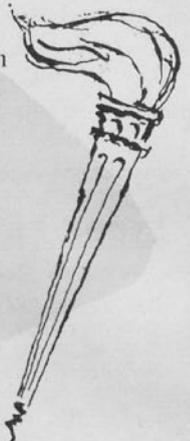
With such zeal burning brightly at home, it is not hard to visualize a mighty wave of world-wide evangelism and missions that would reach into every country of the globe.

And as a result of this, it would not be amiss to expect that even governments



# I'm going again!

We have planned this 1955 Evangelism Convention with enthusiasm because so many people at last year's convention said they were coming back again! Statements like, "This is just what I've been needing—something I haven't received at other conventions. You can expect me back!" were heard repeatedly: There will be two full days packed with soul-winning subjects, ranging from *personal evangelism* to *overseas evangelism*. Truly this promises to be a time of spiritual refreshing. See the November 27 issue of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL for more details, or write immediately to: The Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.



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and peoples would be profoundly affected by the superior philosophy of Christianity. Thus even the course of history itself might well be changed. It is believed to this day that the great Wesleyan revival in England exerted a tremendous influence upon the political conditions of that day.

Nor would the results of such prayer be merely subjective, but also greatly objective, as the Lord in direct answer to definite intercession found it consistent to grant the petitions of such Spirit-moved pleaders of compassion. We can scarcely begin to list the innumerable answers that await those who will abandon themselves to the kind of praying that does business with God! "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16)!

### CALLOUSED KNEES

And there is another type of prayer ministry which demands long periods of waiting on God, as "the Spirit itself making intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). Such was the experience of Praying Hyde of India. For hours, and even days, he would stay upon his knees in behalf of the lost souls of that dark land—and God heard and answered. Missionaries in foreign lands continually express the sense of need, and effect, of praying people at home.

One missionary on furlough was accosted by a woman who inquired, "Brother, did you have a boat in Borneo?"

"Yes, I did; and why do you ask?"

"Well, one time it seemed that I could see you in a boat, and sensed that you were in danger; so I was constrained to pray for you until the burden lifted."

"Do you remember when that was, Sister?"

"Yes, I distinctly remember that it was just about Christmas time."

On checking the time, our missionary remembered that he had been on a trip into the interior by boat, and in the meantime a heavy rain had swollen the river very dangerously. Still, he felt that to get back to the station for Christmas was imperative, and he started out. At one place there was a swirling whirlpool ahead. It seemed impossible to be able to navigate it safely, but just then there was as it were an Unseen Hand that fairly lifted that boat over the dangerous waters, and they proceeded safely to their destination. How wonderful that God had even revealed this need to a woman in America and made her a prayer partner in the safekeeping of His missionary in faraway Borneo!

Perhaps it is this, a ministry of prayer, that God is giving you, dear friend. Every phase of the great work of God needs this kind of support. Though it may seem to be a hidden, unapplauded serv-



## A Letter to You

from

C. M. Ward

Revivaltime Speaker

Dear EVANGEL Reader:

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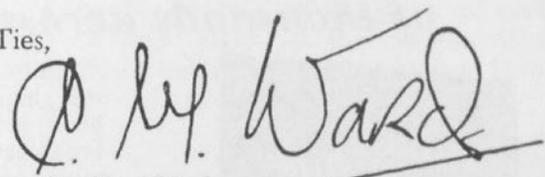
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### KNEES AS AN ALTAR

Someone has said, "I was brought up at the knee of a godly mother, and over the knee of a determined father!" Fortunate, indeed, are the sons and daughters who have been given the heritage of early training and Christian discipline. And how serious will be the judgment of those parents who have so tragically neglected these responsibilities to the children God has given them! The current wave of "juvenile delinquency" has been restyled "parental delinquency" by many authorities who have investigated the problem.

May our knees become, literally, an altar of prayer, decision, and consecration!

(The foregoing article is a chapter from Brother Hanson's excellent new book, "PRESENT YOUR BODIES." Other chapter titles include "Pure Minds," "Shining Faces," "Long Noses," "Skin for Skin," "All That Is You," etc. Cloth bound, 167 pages. Price \$2.00. Number EV 577. Order from The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. Kindly mention both number and title when ordering.)

## REGIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN DENVER

There will be a Regional World Missions Convention in Denver, in spite of the fact that this convention was not listed in some of the publicity that was released in recent weeks.

For some time there was uncertainty regarding the auditorium in which the convention would be held. Later it was decided not to have the convention, and it was at that time the publicity was released in which the Denver convention was omitted. However, a final decision has been reached and the original plans will be carried out.

The World Missions Convention for the Rocky Mountain region (consisting of Wyoming, Nebraska, Rocky Mountain, Kansas, and New Mexico districts) will meet at Calvary Temple, University and Alameda, Denver, Colorado, February 7-9, 1956.

—GAYLE F. LEWIS and  
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Regional World Missions Conventions

### 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.

EADS, COLO.—Begins Nov. 30 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Jackson, Huttig, Ark.—by Edwin P. Lack, Pastor.

DAZEY, N. DAK.—Dec. 6-18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (David Smith is Pastor.)

BOYERTOWN, PA.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 with Evangelist Mildred Willey, Lewistown, Mo. (Leroy Wiley is Pastor.)

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Begins Nov. 28 at Full Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist Marrles W. Moore, Paonia, Colo.—by U. S. Grant, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—Begins Nov. 27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Frank and Gladys Lummer. (H. Smith is Pastor.)

ALTUS, OKLA.—Dedication of new First Assembly of God, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., speaker.—by M. Carl McCoy, Pastor.

TUPELO, MISS.—Begins Nov. 29 at Southside Assembly; Evangelist Harry Hampel, Denver, Colo.—by J. C. Burks, Pastor.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Began Nov. 27 at Bethel Temple; Evangelist Bob Pruett. (Leonard L. Norville is Pastor.)

TENINO, WASH.—Begins Nov. 29 at Tenino Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, Findlay, Ohio.—by R. C. Gunderson, Pastor.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Barnes, Tullahoma, Tenn.—by Charles R. Inman, Pastor.

BELLAIRE, TEX.—Begins Dec. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jim Anderson. (N. L. White is Pastor.)

STANTON, TEX.—Begins Dec. 5 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Don George, Hobbs, N. Mex. (J. R. Caldwell is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Begins Dec. 31 at Evangelistic Temple, 2000 W. 11th St.; Evangelist David Nunn. Watch-night service, Dec. 31—by Raymond T. Richey, Pastor.

HIGHLAND, CALIF.—Dec. 6-18 at Harlem Springs Assembly of God; Evangelist Bill Lewis, Wilmington, Calif.—by George D. Scott, Pastor.

BOISE, IDAHO—Begins Dec. 1 at Bethel Assembly of God; Evangelist W. Keith Reed, Denver, Colo. (R. H. Buck is Pastor.)

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.—Dec. 6-18 at Assembly of God, Pleasant and Niagara Sts.; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Conyngham, Pa. (James Dickinson is Pastor.)

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—Dec. 4-18 at First Assembly of God, 15th and Oak Sts.; Evangelists Elsie Bolton and Barbara Goodwin, North Canton, Ohio.—by Edwin R. Douglas, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at First Assembly of God, 337 Stephens Ave.; Evangelist Wesley Fleming, Sunnyside, Wash.—by Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

SERVICEMEN'S WEEK-END CONFERENCE for service personnel in Europe, Dec. 31-Jan. 2 at Bibelschule Berea, Erzhhausen (near Darmstadt), Germany. For further information and registration write Paul Williscroft, Erzhhausen bei Darmstadt, Germany.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Pastor Dennis Finch, Box 327, Fairfield, Mont.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hargis, 1165 "F" St., San Bernardino, Calif. "Pastoring Central Assembly of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Piper, Fayette, Mo. "Pastoring Fayette Assembly of God."

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Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Manning, 611 N. Van Buren, Mt. Pleasant, Tex. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

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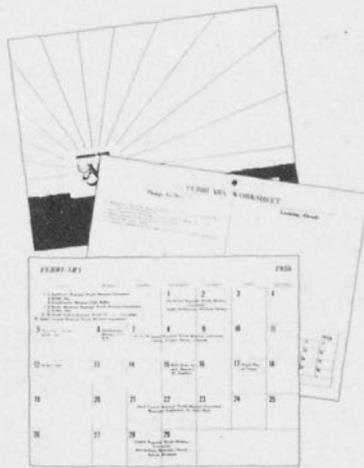
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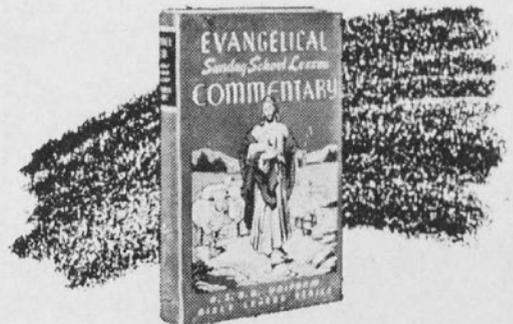
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NEW WORK—We are opening a new Assemblies of God church in La Mirada, Calif., near the borders of Los Angeles and Orange Counties.—Samuel S. Congelliere, 11969 Pantheon St., Norwalk, Calif.

CONTACTS WANTED—If you have friends attending New Mexico A and M College at Las Cruces, N. Mex., please send me their names and addresses.—Kenneth D. Barney (Pastor of First Assembly of God), Box 229, Las Cruces, N. Mex.

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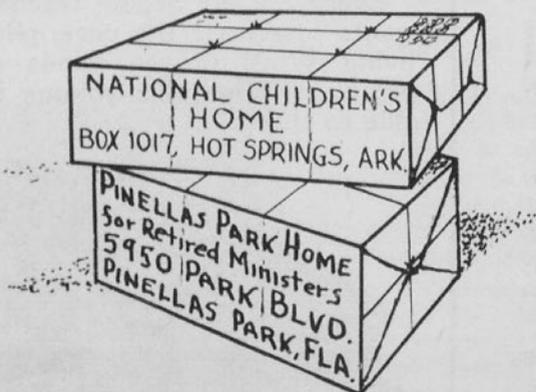
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