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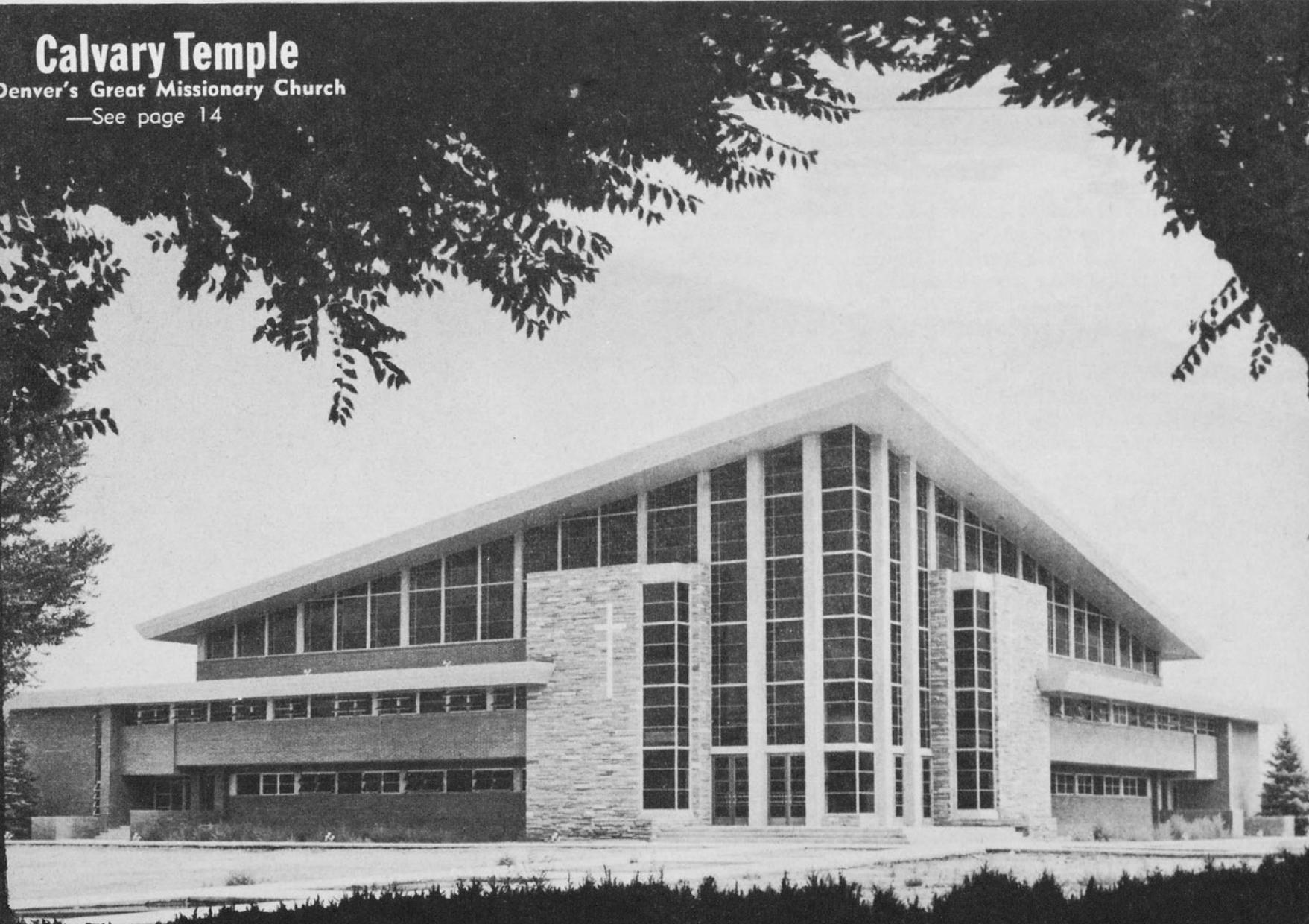
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The Christian views the crisis in the southeastern Mediterranean area with mixed feelings. The appearance of the names of Bible cities in the news electrifies the mind and makes the ancient Scriptural prophecies vivid and real. One immediate reaction is an attempt to fit present events in with God's revealed plan for the last days. Another reaction is a feeling of sympathy for both sides in the struggle—sympathy with the Jews' aspirations to have a national home of their own, and sympathy for the Arabs who have lost their land (particularly the hundreds of thousands of refugees who, after nearly eight miserable years, are still crowded together in refugee camps in Jordan). Where the blame belongs for the plight of the Arab refugees we cannot say. Some blame the Jews for dispossessing the Arabs of their houses and lands. Others, however, point out that the Arabs fled of their own free will (or on the advice of the British) before the war of 1948 actually began, and that the Jews have made various offers to settle their claims. There are also those who accuse the Arab nations of making a propaganda weapon out of the refugees and refusing to absorb them in Arab lands. Whatever the reason for the sad situation, we hope the refugees soon will find a better home for themselves and their families, and in the meantime we are glad the American people are helping to feed and clothe them through various missionary agencies and other channels, including the UN.

Egypt and other Moslem nations are vowing that they will not rest until the Jews have surrendered at least part of their national territory. The Jews, however, show no signs of doing so. What will happen next is highly unpredictable. As we look into Bible prophecy we see many dire predictions concerning Egypt's future and many golden prophecies regarding Israel. But God's Word assures us that eventually there shall be peace and harmony between these nations. It shall come when the people of both nations submit to God and accept the Lord Jesus as their Messiah and Redeemer. In that day the Lord will say, "Blessed be Egypt my people and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (Isaiah 19:25).

Our responsibility as Christians is not to worry over international affairs but to preach the gospel to every human being. Individuals in Israel, Egypt, and every nation need Christ; that is why there is jealousy, strife, and bloodshed among the nations. It is our task to point individuals to the Lamb of God who can take away their sin. It is God's task to work out His great plan among the nations and He will do it.

The focusing of attention on Palestine, however, does focus attention on the Bible doctrines concerning the last days. It reminds us that the coming of the Lord may be very near. How soon the Great Tribulation may begin we do not know, but we do know that the Blood-washed believers in Christ may be caught up to meet Him in the skies at any moment. Let us be sure we are ready to hear the heavenly trumpet that shall signal the Homegoing of the saints; and in the meantime let us do all in our power to win people of every nationality to Christ.



This is a partial view of Sidon's ancient man-made harbor. The cities of Tyre and Sidon are often mentioned together in the Scriptures. Sidon still exists as a small but flourishing seaport, but Tyre has disappeared completely in fulfillment of Bible prophecy (Ezekiel 26:14).

# Biblical Prophecies Fulfilled

*In fulfillment of Bible prophecy, several ancient cities were wiped out completely. How imminent is God's judgment today?*

by **Dr. A. P. Guruswamy, Ceylon**

**T**HE BIBLE FORETELLS THE HISTORY of all the leading nations of the ancient world. Prophecies in God's Word are an unexplainable mystery to the unbeliever. No one can account for them on natural grounds. God claims to be the only One able to foretell the future. In Isaiah 46:9, 10 we read: "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done."

Prophecy cannot be disproved. Of all the books that have been written I know not a single one devoted to showing that Bible prophecies have failed. An examination of some of the innumerable prophecies contained in the Bible will readily prove that the Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God!

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## TYRE

Tyre flourished for 2,000 years. She was the New York of Asia. When she was at the height of her power (about 590 B.C.) Ezekiel prophesied, "They shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. . . . And they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. . . . Thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God."

Immediately after this prophecy King Nebuchadnezzar besieged Tyre for thirteen years and destroyed it, but for two and a half centuries the rest of the prophecy remained unfulfilled. Then Alexander the Great came along and attacked New Tyre. Finding that it was built upon a rock, and that there was half a mile of water between him and Tyre, he ordered a causeway to be built. Alexander the Great took the walls, towers, timber, and other material from the ruins of the old city and used it for this purpose, and so short of material was he that the very dust

was literally scraped from the site and laid in the sea to build the causeway. And true to Ezekiel's prophecy, no attempt has ever been made to rebuild Tyre. God challenges anyone to rebuild Tyre and disprove His infallible Word. Many ancient cities have been rebuilt, but never Tyre.

## ASHKELON

Another prophecy is found in Zephaniah 2:4: "Ashkelon [shall be] a desolation." And Zechariah 9:5 says, "Ashkelon shall not be inhabited." Ashkelon was founded in 1800 B. C. and was in the height of its power at the time of Christ—a fertile land abounding in vines, olives, and other fruits. Twenty-five hundred years later the *Encyclopedia Britannica* describes this city in the same terms as does the Bible: "Ashkelon, now a desolate site on the sea-coast twelve miles north of Gaza. . . . The remnants of ruined buildings and broken walls bear ample testimony to a past magnificence."

## MEMPHIS

Several chapters of Ezekiel are devoted to prophecy about Egypt. In  
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# In The Pathway of HIS TRIUMPH

*Only as we live the "chained life," fettered to Christ, are we able to say with Paul, "He makes my life a pageant of triumph."*



**T**HE APOSTLE PAUL WAS BOLD AND daring. In seeking to describe his life of constant triumph in Christ he borrowed his imagery from an ancient Roman triumphal procession. "It is He who everywhere leads me, leads me in Messiah's triumph-procession," he declared. "By me, He wafts abroad through every land the knowledge of Jesus, the incense of His triumphal march" (2 Corinthians 2:14, *Way*).

To the people of that day, the triumphal march of a returning victorious general into the imperial city of Rome was one of the most glorious spectacles ever to be imagined. Apart from the coronation of the emperor himself, it was the most spectacular pageant of that time. The whole population turned out to welcome the conquering commander. As they watched in breathless excitement, they saw the incense-bearers preceding the procession, wafting aloft spices of sweet fragrance, while the captives taken in the spoils of battle were dragged along, chained to the chariot wheels.

Paul, the warrior of the Cross, saw in such a pageant his vital position in his conquering Lord. Possibly nowhere else in the pages of the New Testament do we find such a picturesque illustration of our glorious relationship with "the Ransomer whose clothes are wet and dyed with blood," as Samuel Rutherford called Him.

In his epistles Paul was always telling the believers that the death of Christ was a glorious victory: "And the hostile princes and rulers He stripped off

by James A. Stewart

from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them" (Colossians 2:15, *Weymouth*). "He has captured the spoils" (Ephesians 4:8, *Knox*). "He paralyzed him that held the dominion of death" (Hebrews 2:14, *Rotherham*). Incidentally, the old Latin of Psalm 96 is beautiful: "The Lord hath reigned from the tree."

Christmas Evans exultingly declared, "He not only silenced the cannon on the spiritual Gibraltar, but He took fortifications and all! He not only silenced the horrible and destructive battlements of the powerful enemy, but He threw down the towers and razed the castles and took away the key to the dungeons." No sooner had He left the grave than He began to distribute His gifts, as a mighty conqueror loaded with treasures with which to enrich and adorn His followers (Psalm 68:18 and Ephesians 4:7-11). Knox translates Colossians 2:14 as follows, "And the dominions and powers He robbed of their prey, put them to an open shame, led them away in triumph through Him."

Paul was a captive in the train of Christ's triumphal procession. He was a part of the spoils of Christ's victory (Isaiah 53:12). As the chained captives were exhibits of the power of conquering Rome, so Paul was a living exhibi-

tion of the power of the message he proclaimed. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," he wrote to the Romans, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The greatest enemy of the Cross had now become Christ's greatest captive! And the remarkable thing about this captive is that he had become a *willing* bondsman (Romans 1:1).

Oh, that we also might realize that we are saved first and foremost to manifest the absolute captivity of our lives to Jesus Christ our Lord; that we might glory in all the implications of Calvary's victory! It was the vision of Calvary, spiritually discerned by the "unveiling" of the blessed Spirit, which gave the early Christians their constant victory over the powers of hell. It is the lack of the vision of the Cross which is the primary cause of defeat and failure in the ranks of the army of God today. It is only as we live the "chained life," fettered to Christ, that we will be able to say with the Apostle, "He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph!"

It is well for us to remember that the victory is not ours. We, in ourselves, are no match for the wiles of Satan. It is only as we assume our authority with our risen Lord on the throne that the powers of darkness are overthrown. It is His triumph that we celebrate. We are only exhibits of

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# The Giants and the Grasshoppers

*One little God-filled, God-controlled,  
God-directed "grasshopper" can slay every  
giant that comes along its pathway*



by Evangelist Louise Nankivell

**W**HAT A STUDY IN CONTRAST—giants and grasshoppers! Picture them in your mind—great, colossal, strong, towering giants and little, weak, puny, flimsy grasshoppers!

Imagine some of God's own chosen people making such an appraisal of themselves. The ten spies said, "There we saw giants...and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers" (Num. 13: 33). They were terrified because *they saw the giants*—big, strong, powerful giants at every turn. And they saw nothing but giants.

As a result of this evil report, the children of Israel, despite the miracles which had attended their journey from Egypt to Canaan, failed to move forward into the Promised Land. And has it not always been more or less true that God's people have been hindered from moving forward because of so-called giants? There are folk who want to love the Lord and serve Him faithfully, but all they can see are the giants in the way.

There are so many giants that must be defeated. Only recently I received a prayer request from a lady who has an unsaved family. "It's hard," she said, "to live a Christian life in this sinful world. It's hard to make ends meet." Outside of the salvation of her loved ones, her big problem is financial. Yet she is just one of many struggling with this giant.

Some have other giant problems—drunken husbands, irresponsible wives, family friction, unfavorable environment, adverse conditions, strained cir-

cumstances. Add to these the giants of sin, unrighteousness, temptation, delinquency, trial, infirmity, sickness, and many others, and it becomes vividly apparent that there are formidable giants!

Perhaps you are harassed by a giant of impurity—an unclean spirit, a secret vice. You have given this giant an inch, and he has taken a mile. Stop excusing yourself. Face the issue. It is extremely dangerous to play along with this giant. Such sins bring the wrath of God upon those who are guilty of them. Uncleanliness will shut you out of heaven, for no unclean person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God. Suffer defeat no longer in the grip of this besetting sin. Slay the giant or the giant will slay you. The Bible exhorts us to cleanse ourselves from *all* filthiness of the *flesh* and of the spirit. This is God's command, and we must obey it.

A filthy *spirit* may be the battle for many—the giant of pride, that ugly temper, the "green-eyed monster" of jealousy, hatred, lying, backbiting, unforgiveness, hypocrisy. God expects us to be punctilious in these things which we wrongly term "lesser sins." We are estimating sin too lightly. We have not seen the heinousness of it. Sin of any description is obnoxious to a holy God, and "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Certainly these soul-destroying sins must be put away. It is imperative that we refuse to let Satan control any area of our lives.

Some of you are being attacked by sickness and affliction. The giant of

arthritis is silently, stealthily slipping its arms around your body. That towering cancer giant threatens your tenement of clay with destruction. That giant of tuberculosis preys upon your lungs with devastation and ruin. Or it could be the giant of multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, or any number of others.

That terrifying disease has just about taken the heart out of you, suffering one, but don't allow discouragement and doubt to rob you of your inheritance in the promised land of healing. Line up with God and His Word. Stop looking at the bigness of your symptoms and behold the greatness of your all-powerful Lord. Rise up in His name and take dominion over every working of the enemy. Give God a chance, and He will perform that which He has promised.

Sometimes even the common duties and responsibilities of life can assume staggering proportions and look too big to handle. These giants can get you terrified.

And that tremendous soul-winning job; those Herculean tasks for the Master! When you look at them you feel no larger than a grasshopper. There are giants everywhere! How Satan has tried to hamstring us with the immensity of it all.

Why are we so hampered when confronted with the difficulties of life?

One reason is that we are seeing the giants instead of God. We are looking too much at the opposing forces and too little at the Lord. We are permitting

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# 'Incurably' Pentecostal

by GENE PETERSON

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**W**HEN I ENTERED COLLEGE MY DENOMINATIONAL experience was rather limited; most of the Christians I had known were Pentecostal Christians. There had been a few notable exceptions to this, but they had been so scattered that they had offered no challenge to the opinion I had unconsciously formed that to be a "good Christian" one must be "Pentecostal."

After a few weeks of college life, I began to find that this was not entirely true. I had chosen a Christian college which had representatives of almost every church group in its student body. It was inevitable that in such an environment I should meet Christians—and good ones—with a great variety of denominational tags on them. But the disconcerting thing was not that they were Christians, but that they were *better* Christians than I was. I was challenged to a deeper study of the Bible by a Baptist. A Presbyterian gave me new insights into prayer. I learned discipline and the value of consistency from a Methodist. A Free Methodist challenged me to be concerned for others. A student from another denomination set an example for witnessing—and on and on it went. Denominational boundaries grew dim until I became a denominational liberal, retaining Pentecostal leanings only because of background and training.

Furthermore, even these leanings began to weaken as I continued my college course. I majored in philosophy and the more I became enthused in its study, the more I began to feel that my background in religion was crude, earthy, and rustic. I began to demand logic and reason for all religious practice. It didn't seem to me that loud, apparently undirected sessions of prayer and praise, informal testimony services, the emotional freedom, and the practice of speaking in tongues—all common components of a Pentecostal service—could be de-

fended in a straightforward, logical manner. These four characteristics of a Pentecostal service seemed entirely unnecessary.

But I changed my mind. Here is how it happened.

In conversations with my friends, one of the common points of agreement was that what the church needs today is a resurgence of power in the individual believer. The reason that many churches are nominal and weak is that their members are nominal and weak—having never had their lives invaded by the Person of the Holy Spirit. If one could just actualize the potential of the Holy Spirit in the life of the average Christian, most of his problems would either vanish or at least be soluble. The trouble is that Christians depend on the pastor or the church for spiritual support.

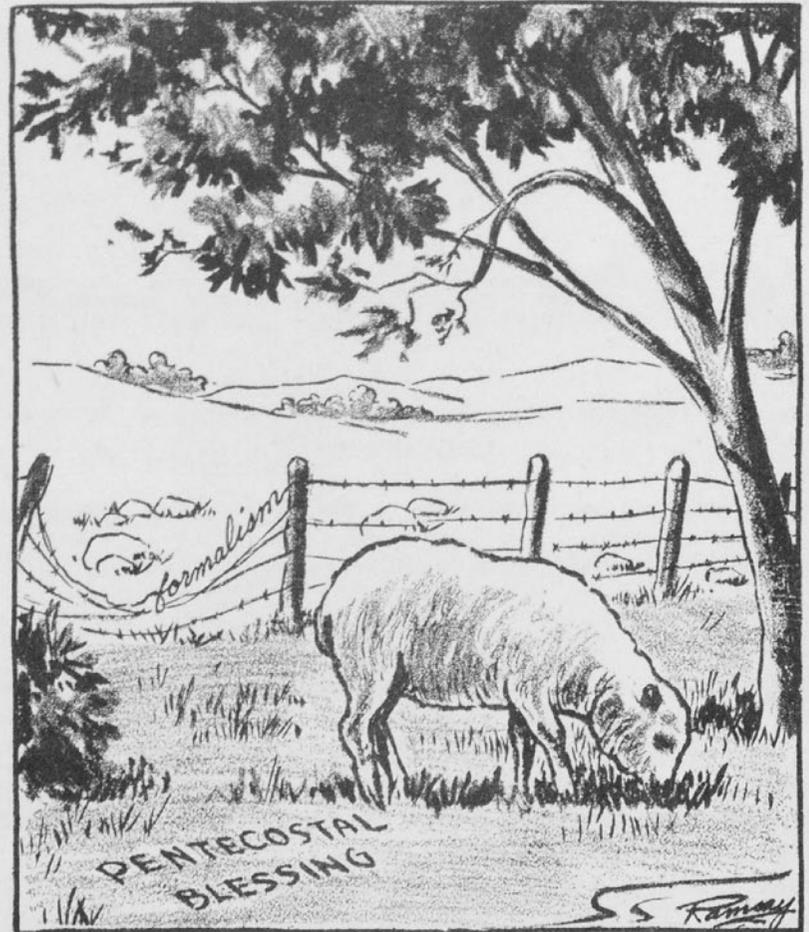
There has always been a tendency on the part of the average church member to let the pastor or someone else take care of the spiritual areas of his life. This goes back, I suppose, to the era of papal domination in the Middle Ages when the rift between pulpit and pew was so pronounced. Then Luther levelled

the ground. His religious courage helped obliterate the distinction between preacher and parishoner.

Each Protestant movement has encouraged this "individual priesthood" of believers in its congregations. But in spite of this, there has always been the human tendency to become dependent on the minister to pray the prayers, read the Bible, visit the sick, comfort the disconsolate, and, in general, live the Christian life.

As I looked at the various church groups, I saw different degrees of this malady of "dependence" in their congregations. Each church ranged itself upon a scale—at one end the independent members and at the other end the dependent members. One church might have a membership made up of ten percent vigorous, vital independents; another twenty-five percent; another fifteen. One thing is certain, though—the *independent type members are almost always in the minority.*

However, when I examined the average Pentecostal group, I noticed an amazing thing—ninety to ninety-five percent of the members were the independent



type. One of the characteristic things about Pentecostals is the almost total feeling of independence that pervades the group. In most other churches, if the minister doesn't show up, the meeting is dismissed. If he is absent in Pentecostal groups, there is still a service; for almost anyone present is willing to lead the singing, say a few words, or call the people to pray. Nobody seems to depend overmuch on the preacher. He is dispensable because the people are used to "standing on their own feet," spiritually speaking.

The Person who makes this independent life possible is the Holy Spirit. His name certainly was not in absentia in the other groups, yet the fact remained that His work was more in evidence among the Pentecostals. Now how did the Pentecostals manage to attain this spiritual independence? I wrestled with this problem, and my answer came by reflecting on the things I had once considered barriers.

I had objected specifically to four things: the prayer meeting, the testimonies, the emotional freedom, and the tongues. Now I looked at them in a new light.

The prayer meeting—it was disorganized and loud. Everyone prayed his own prayer with no regard to his neighbor. All seemed to think that God was interested in his prayer only. Each member was independently praying.

Independently praying—that was just what I was after! Here was no dependence on the preacher to do the praying. Everyone was doing his own praying, conscious that his prayer was worth while and served a real purpose. Here was one way in which the independent life could be taught, almost unconsciously, to growing Christians.

Then there were the testimonies. Anyone could—and usually did—get up and talk to the people. There were the growing Christians with a new insight; someone with a burst of praise; wise saints with some timely admonition; even the church dullard dutifully saying his "word." Here they were—the learned and the unlearned, the appropriate and the inappropriate, the deep and the superficial. All this was heaped together in the testimony meeting.

I had criticized this before, but now I was beginning to see what such an arrangement did for the individual. Here was a place in which everyone was made to feel that he had something worth telling. There was no pre-service screening to get only good, well-arranged testimonies. Everyone was encouraged to ex-

hort, admonish, give a psalm, etc. No premium was placed on eloquence, and this helped a great deal to secure a sense of confident spiritual independence. It was another means by which the message of Pentecost was being taught by demonstration.

Then, too, there was the emotional freedom. I had thought there was no reason why a person should be encouraged to parade his emotions in church. While I realize that there is an emotional decor that ought to be observed, yet at the same time it is a tremendous advantage to have some way in which a person can give expression to his emotions without being conspicuous. It is emotionally healthy to be able to cry on occasions. It is emotionally healthy to express joy freely when you feel it. If these emotions can be expressed in a religious situation, it is spiritually healthy. The needed inconspicuous religious situation is provided in almost all Pentecostal services. Because this does so much to include the whole person in the religious experience, it also builds his sense of spiritual independence. A person doesn't have to leave out an important part of his life—his emotions—when he comes to church.

Finally there were the "tongues." Previously they had been embarrassing to me. Now I saw them and the other gifts of the Spirit as the means by which a person is conscious that he, by himself, is receiving something directly from God. Here in actual experience God works in a man's life, demonstrating to him some aspect of the supernatural. If this doesn't serve to make a Christian feel independent in the spiritual realm, I don't think much else will! The gifts of the Spirit equip a man to function as an ambassador for Christ. In Pentecostal churches these spiritual gifts are exercised by both the laity and the ministers. Where could one find a better way to bridge the chasm between pulpit and pew?

These are some of the means that have built the Pentecostals into individual priests. I have dealt especially with these four because they had been troublesome to me. I don't think that these four are either indispensable or total, but that they have been very useful and are capable of defense. But this is not intended as a defense or argument—it is a description of the experience of one young person who through misunderstandings, frustrations, and seeming inconsistencies has found that Pentecost has solid foundations which can be discovered if one will only take the time to look for them.

## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

### Message in "Tongues" Recognized as Latin

For thirty years I attended a nominal church. During that time I was a teacher, officer, and superintendent of the Sunday School. I had a fine class of teenage boys who loved and appreciated the Bible.

The time came when that particular denomination sponsored literature which gave naturalistic explanations to the miracles of the Bible. Because I did not confine my teaching to the literature, I was asked to resign my class. I did, and also resigned from membership in that church.

I then joined a group who claimed to be "full gospel" but who did not believe in speaking in tongues. I embraced and experienced Divine Healing. However, I stayed away from Pentecostal churches, for our pastor told us that speaking in tongues was of the devil.

But one day when I was attending an outdoor meeting, a lady stood up in the congregation and gave a wonderful message in Latin. I had been studying Latin and understood every word. After the service I went to the woman's husband and said, "Your wife is a very fine Latin scholar."

"My wife is no scholar of any kind," he answered. "She went only as far as the fourth grade in school and does not know a word of any language but English."

I was surprised when I heard this, but after getting better acquainted with the family, I found that this was true. The woman had only enough education to be able to read the Bible. Her speaking in Latin had been by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This convinced me that speaking in tongues was of God and was for us today. I began seeking God and was wonderfully filled with the precious Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is an experience that is different from all other experiences I have ever had.

Since I came into Pentecost, I have been healed repeatedly of many sicknesses. Now, at the age of almost 80, I am hearty and well. I enjoy living and hearing the gospel. I feel far better—and even younger—than I did eighteen years ago when I found out for myself that Jesus still heals and baptizes with the Holy Spirit. I thank God for all these blessings.

—Early Van Deventer, Glendora, Calif.

# Thoughts on the Book of JOB

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*The riddle of life is answered  
in this ancient but neglected classic*



**T**HE BOOK OF JOB, ONE OF THE GREATEST writings in ancient literature, is a neglected book. It has been said that over one hundred fifty thousand books have been written on the Twenty-third Psalm, but this ancient classic of Job has been woefully overlooked.

It is undoubtedly the oldest book of the Bible, and one of the oldest pieces of literature in existence. An important evidence of its great age is the fact that while it mentions the sin of Adam and other ancient events, it contains no reference to the Mosaic law. Someone has said, "It would have been impossible, in a discussion covering the whole field of sin, of the providential government of God, and of man's relation to Him, to avoid all reference to the law, had the law then been known." Job apparently lived about the time of the building of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. This book is a masterpiece of ancient literature.

## *AN EPIC OF PATIENT SUFFERING AND TRIAL*

Job did not know the reason for his suffering, yet he "patiently endured." He knew that God was above all the things that came upon him, and that out of the fiery trial he would emerge as refined gold (Job 23:10; see also 1 Pet. 1:7; 4:12, 13). It is in this book that we see behind the "frowning providence" the hidden but smiling face of a loving God; and in the final double portion bestowed upon Job, we see the wonderful truth that "all things work

together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

## *THIS BOOK IS ALSO A DIVINE ALLEGORY OF THE FALL AND REDEMPTION OF MAN*

Even though it is allegorical, the characters are real. An allegory need not be a thing of pure imagination. Paul calls attention to Agar, Isaac, Ishmael, Sarah, Abraham and the events of their lives (as well as the natural and the heavenly Jerusalem) as being allegorical to the covenants of law and grace (Gal. 4:22-31). Yet the allegorical aspect did not destroy the literal existence of actual persons or places. Thus it is with the inspired drama of Job. Its characters are real; its events historical. This may be seen by the fact that Ezekiel associates Job in righteousness and character with Daniel (Ezek. 14:20). James classes him among the heroes of faith (James 5:10, 11).

As an allegorical type of the fall and redemption of man, Job is first stripped of all that he possessed. He is brought to a place of severe suffering and trial, a type of the present suffering of mankind as a result of the fall. His final restoration is a type of the redemption which is in Christ.

In this book we see the *why* and *wherefore* of evil. The question has often

been asked, "Why does God permit evil?" Sincere individuals have wondered and skeptics have sneered, "If there be a God of omnipotence, why does He not destroy the devil?" The answer is in this book, for it plainly shows

## *THE JUSTICE OF GOD*

Satan and evil are allowed to exist so God's justice can be clearly seen. This is not a justice measured by standards of the finite mind, but the eternal and perfect justice of Him who cannot err.

After the introduction of the book, in which Job appears as a righteous, wealthy man, we read of an important scene in this great drama of life which was enacted in heaven. "Now there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them" (Job 1:6). Satan is the fallen cherub (Ezek. 28:12-19) known also as Lucifer (Isa. 14:12-17). He has access to the presence of God where he stands as the "accuser of the brethren." God, knowing his purpose, asked, "Whence comest thou?" Satan answered, "From going to and fro in the earth." Satan's purpose in being there was to accuse Job, but the Lord forestalled him with the question, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a

perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth [hateth] evil?" The verses that follow show how Satan accused God of "hedging" Job about. He insinuated that God, knowing Satan was loose on the earth, was fearful of his power and therefore "hedged" his favorite about.

Here we can see the impartial justice of God even to Satan. He permitted him to take from Job everything he possessed, and gave him every opportunity to exert his power so that there would be no room for Satan to say: "God gave me no chance at Job, for He was fearful of my power."

### SATAN'S CHALLENGE

Satan's enmity primarily is not against man—it is against God. The great warfare of the ages is between Satan and God, and Satan strikes at God through His creation. God permits evil because He must give the fallen prince every opportunity to defeat Him if possible, so that in the age to come Satan will have no chance to say that God was not just. He will be silenced forever in the face of the perfect Jehovah.

### GOD'S MASTER STROKE AGAINST SATAN

God had confidence in Job. He knew that Job would maintain his faith. So God also has confidence in mankind today through the One who stands at the head of the new creation, Jesus Christ.

If I may be permitted to use this illustration, I will say that the contest is like that in a gambling house. A young man, confident of his ability, enters the place and is dealt a hand. He uses every trick he knows and is apparently winning every game. His opponent does not appear worried, however. At length the young man gets a hand that seems to be a winner. He stakes everything on that one hand. But his opponent with a smile lays down a winning hand, and the young man has lost all.

Satan has appeared to win in many encounters with God. His final play on which he will stake all is the "man of sin," after whom the whole world will wonder. God's "winning hand" will be laid down—the Man Christ Jesus! Redemption will be complete, and the Blood-bought believers, of whom Job is a type, will be restored to Edenic bliss and happiness—and even more; for they, through following Christ, have learned the lessons of trial and trust, patience and faith.

### JOB'S THREE FRIENDS

The three friends of Job (Job 2:11-32:1) were not, as some have said, "silly comforters." Theirs was a sublime philosophy. They erred not in truth, but in application of truth. Their mistake lay in the fact that they applied their philosophy to the wrong man. While philosophy may be ever so true, it takes a personal knowledge of God and His divine power to lift mankind from the ash-heap of suffering. It was not good advice that Job needed, but a revelation of the Person and power of God. This revelation came after Job's discussion with Elihu (Job 32:2-37:24), one who stood as in "God's stead" and who with Job was "formed out of the clay"—a mediator between Job and God, typical of the Man Christ Jesus, through whom the revelation of God's Person and power comes to mankind.

### THE DIVINE PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

In this book is the true philosophy of life. It answers the question of the soul: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The sages of earth have failed to answer this question. Emerson said, "We

know not from whence we came, nor whither we go." Richard Burton in his agnostic poem, "The Kasadah," concluded that death ends all. But the book of Job speaks of life after death. Job's triumphant declaration of faith was this: "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though *after my skin* worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold" (Job 19:25-27). The Redeemer's blood erases the handwriting which was against us. Thus the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" is answered with the ringing assurance of the resurrection.

The philosophy of this great book is that out of death comes life, and out of sorrow and pain everlasting joy. It is the answer to the questions of the sages and the agnostics. It answers the question of the perplexed Christian, "Why do the righteous suffer?" It gives the unbeliever an explanation to the problem, "Why does God permit evil?" If there is no natural answer to the riddle of life, then there is a supernatural, divine answer; and in the book of Job we find that divine answer.

## HEALING TESTIMONY

### *Goiter Completely Gone*

I want to thank God for His wonderful saving and healing power. Three years ago at the age of thirteen I accepted Christ as my Saviour in an evangelistic service. Since then the Lord has been very precious to me, and just recently I have been healed in a miraculous way.

Several months ago I began to suffer from pains and swelling in my neck and throat. I also had much difficulty in breathing at night. Soon the discomfort became so severe that I decided to go to the doctor. He advised me to go to the hospital for tests to see what was causing the disturbance. From tests made there it was definitely determined that I had a goiter. The doctor said it would be just a matter of time till I would have to be operated on. I kept putting off the operation, hoping that our prayers would be answered and that I wouldn't have to go.

My mother requested prayer for me at a Wednesday night prayer meeting in our church. The following night I at-

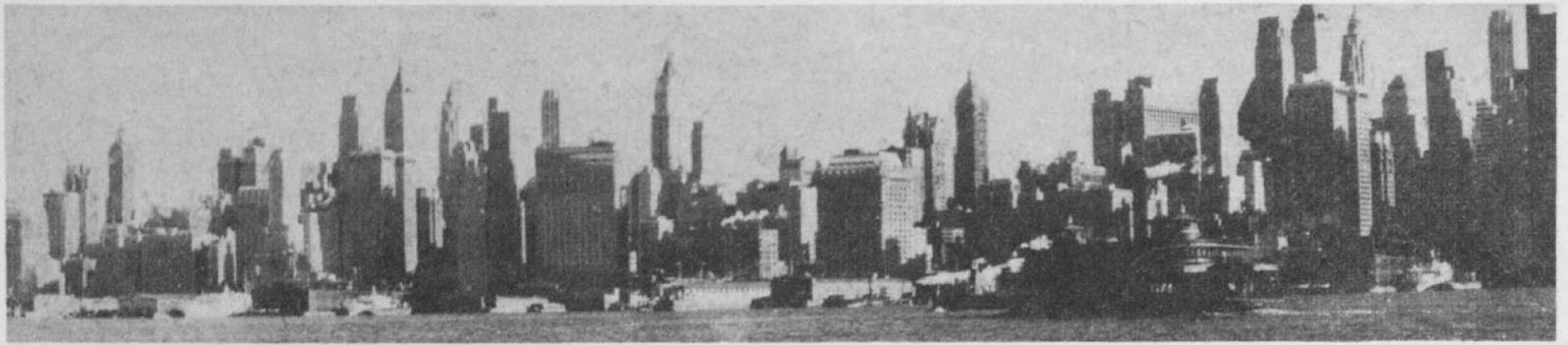
tended our radio broadcast practice, and God honored my faith and the faith of those who prayed for me. As the group laid their hands upon me and prayed, the Spirit of God came upon me and I realized that I was being healed. A short time later the goiter passed out through my mouth. Foul matter continued passing for about a half hour. The swelling and discomfort left, and my throat was back to normal again.

About a week later I returned to the doctor for an examination, and he could not find a trace of the goiter. I told him that God had healed me, and he affirmed that it definitely had been a goiter though it was gone now.

This healing has meant so much to me and also to my family and church. I am thanking God daily for His goodness and mercy to me. I can say from experience that God will meet the faith of anyone who will trust Him and take Him at His Word. I hope someone else's faith will be strengthened through my testimony.—Mrs. Keith Smith, 627 Hemlock Way, Glassport, Pa.

(Endorsed by A. E. Davies, Pastor, Assembly of God, Glassport, Pa.)

Our adversary the devil hates any mention of the Blood of Christ, because it sets the believer perfectly free from all Satanic bondage.



## **THIS PRESENT WORLD** . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

### **Israel Plans to Triple Irrigation**

An overall development plan for the maximum exploitation of Israel's water resources, designed to triple the irrigated area of the country within a decade, was signed by the members of the National Water Planning Board recently in Tel Aviv.

### **Racial Prejudice in South Africa**

According to *The Pentecostal Testimony*, there appears to be no racial prejudice in the Assemblies of God of South Africa. In spite of world-wide publicity of the South African government's policy of separating the races, this was not done at the 21st Annual Conference of the Assemblies of God of South Africa. It is reported that ministers, missionaries, and workers shared together profitable sessions for business, fellowship, and the ministry of the Word—without regard to race, color, or background. Excellent reports were given of progress in the areas served by this group, which includes the Union of South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, the Rhodesias, and Basutoland.

### **Ministers Urged to Preach "Safety Gospel"**

A plea to local ministers to "preach a gospel of safety" was made by an Alabama state official. Harry B. Cargile of the state education department urged the clergymen to help in the fight against traffic deaths.

"We simply can't cope with the situation in which people ignore not only the laws but the rules of safety," he said. "The highway patrol and the police are doing everything possible. Maybe the ministers and civic club leaders can try to impress the people, or maybe the figures themselves will show them the slaughter.

"At least, I think it would help if the ministers urged safety."

Certainly in view of the alarming auto death and accident toll, ministers should, at least by example, urge their people to obey the laws and the rules of safety. Christians ought to be the very best drivers because they realize the value of a human life and because they are courteous.

### **Congregation Withdraws From Presbytery**

The Central Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Fla. recently withdrew from the St. John's Presbytery on the grounds that it did not want to be related to the National Council of Churches. Furthermore, it charged that the Presbytery was Modernist-controlled, and as a third reason for withdrawing it objected to the denomination's endorsement of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The Presbytery, in return, deposed the pastor, Dr. Barnard, who had been a minister for 30 years, and claimed the church building and other property. Judge Dayton of the Circuit Court, however, upheld the action of the Central Church. The Judge affirmed that the congregation had a right to withdraw and to take its property with it, and that the Presbytery had no equity in the property.

If this decision is upheld it probably will have a far-reaching effect on many other Presbyterian congregations whose members deplore the creeping Modernism.

### **Christianity Taught in Syrian Schools**

A course in Christianity will be taught to Christian students in government and private schools of Syria, under a new order issued by the Ministry of Education. For two years, courses in Islam have been compulsory for Moslem students in government schools while teaching of Christianity was prohibited.

### **"Mail it to God"**

A pastor in Daytona Beach, Florida, ran a check list in his church bulletin that ran somewhat like this: "I CANNOT ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES BECAUSE . . .

Too busy     Pleasure trip     Company     Have to go fishing  
 Disinterested     Radio and TV programs  
 Need to rest

*Check your reason, then tear and mail it to God."*

### **Arkansas Protestants Organize to Outlaw Gambling**

At a meeting in Little Rock, Ark., 500 Protestant churchmen organized the Arkansas Citizens Committee seeking to "outlaw race track gambling and pari-mutuel betting" in the state. They will endeavor to get the signatures of 33,513 qualified voters from 15 or more counties, which will be sufficient to initiate an amendment to the constitution and get it on the general election ballot by November 1956.

The keynote speaker at the meeting said, "Arkansas race tracks are oases for racketeers and attractive to riff-raff." He described race tracks as "incubators of evil," and said that gambling of any kind violates two of the Ten Commandments—the law against stealing and the law against covetousness.

### **Jewish Mystic Predicts Messiah's Coming**

Shlov Dov London, student of the Jewish Cabbala, recently made a prediction that the Messiah's reign over Israel will begin in 1968. "Years of study into the mystic writings of the Cabbala, Talmud, and the Midrashim," he said, "have convinced me that the beginning of the long-awaited redemption of Israel will take place in 1968, following a decade of strife and wars such as the world has never witnessed before. . . . I base my conclusions on mathematical calculations arrived at by the ancient prophets and cabbalists."

The Cabbala is a mystic "science" of Jewish rabbis, supposed to be based on oral traditions handed down from Moses. In it every letter of the Hebrew scriptures has a symbolic and mystical meaning. By it the scriptures are interpreted and predictions made about the future.

While we do not put confidence in this or any other method of date-setting, it is interesting to note that the Jews are anticipating the coming of the Messiah to reign over them, and a period of world turmoil before that reign. Such things certainly are in harmony with the Word of God. Jesus said no man knows the day nor the hour of His return. However, He said we should discern the signs of the times, and these indicate that He may return for His own at any moment. Let us be sure we are ready.

### Union Begins Study About Loafing on Job

According to *World-Wide Christian Conservative*, the University of Kansas City has set up a unique course in which union men are being offered the opportunity to study loafing on the job and ways of preventing it. The idea was born in Local 124, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, of which Andrew Harvey is president.

In a precedent-shattering statement, Mr. Harvey confessed that productivity in the construction industry had reached a new low. He further stated, "If a worker... doesn't give a full day's work for a full day's pay, he is multiplying the costs of the employer. Some foremen are fearful of offending workers by reprimanding them for loafing, but workers can't expect to maintain a \$3.20 hourly scale without giving good work for a period."

The editor of the *Conservative*, commenting on the story, observed, "A true Christian would recognize that if he does not give an honest day's work for his pay, he is actually guilty of stealing from the man who pays him... The Bible teaches that an employer ought to treat an employee as if he were a brother, not a servant, and at the same time commands the laborer not to defraud his employer. What a wonderful world this would be to work in if we would only live up to the Scripture in such relationships."

### Clergyman Sees Abandoning of Old Testament

At the 37th annual Ohio Pastors Convention, a Presbyterian clergyman charged that the average Christian would scarcely notice if the Old Testament were removed from the Bible.

Dr. James D. Smart of Toronto, Canada, told his fellow ministers that a large segment of the Protestant Church has abandoned the Old Testament.

"For the average Christian the Old Testament is not a living book," he said. "It would make very little difference to him if the Old Testament were removed from the Bible."

According to Dr. Smart, foremost among the factors contributing to the neglect of the Old Testament has been what he termed a totally false conception of the relation of God's revelation in the Old Testament to the revelation of God in Christ.

He concluded, "The abandonment of the Old Testament

has as its consequence the elimination of the prophetic element and the destruction of the prophetic character of the Christian ministry."

We need to remember that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable..."

### 70,000 New Suburban Churches to Be Needed

At least 70,000 new suburban churches may have to be built in the next twenty years, as a result of the increasing population shift, according to the Bulletin of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel. The Bulletin cited estimates that the suburban population, which now stands at 45,100,000, will reach 83,400,000 by 1975. No doubt the churches are needed in the suburbs, but what will happen to the people in the heart of the big cities if all the Protestant churches move to "Suburbia"?

### The Aim of Alcohol Advertising

The question of whether alcohol advertising is designed to sell brand names rather than win new customers—as some of the liquor interests claim—was answered in the October, 1955, issue of *Spirits*, a trade magazine of the liquor industry. It said: "With complete and admirable frankness, the LBI (Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., public relations voice for the liquor traffic) freely admits that its goal is an 'expansion of sales.' Or in other words... to influence more people to become consumers."

Although the brewers' representatives say that alcohol advertising does not influence the nation's youth, the industry's own trade publication proclaimed in June, 1955: "Soon now the large group of 'war and post-war babies' will be reaching legal drinking age and the brewers will have that bigger market for their product. And, it should be the best group of beer drinkers to come along in a long while, because more of these people have seen beer served in their homes and (have) come to accept it as a perfect social beverage than ever before in history. Nothing we can do (will) speed up their entry into the market, but it's bound to come, just as sure as night follows day."

These facts were brought out by church and temperance leaders who testified against liquor advertising at recent hearings of special Senate and House Committees in Washington.



### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAIN CONDUCTS RELIGIOUS RETREAT IN JAPAN

Chaplain (Captain) Wayne Rowland, front row, left end, is pictured with American servicemen who attended Ashiya Protestant Laymen's Retreat at Kapaun Retreat House, Oiso, Japan, February 23-26. Chaplain Rowland, featured speaker of the retreat, is an Assemblies of God chaplain stationed with the Air Force in Japan. He reported three known conversions during the retreat.

Chaplain Rowland is one of 18 active Assemblies of God military chaplains. The Assemblies of God also have 114 contact pastors who pastor near military bases and contact Assemblies of God servicemen. For information on this ministry write to the Servicemen's Division, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

# THREE HOURS IN A TREE

by HARLEY VAIL, Mexico

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1955, I was visiting our church in Motul, Yucatan, Mexico. While I was in the temple waiting for Sunday School to begin, there entered a villager whose appearance revealed that he was a stranger to the congregation there. Since his language was principally Maya, I let the pastor's wife take over as she is fluent in that dialect. The visitor, Ramiro Pech, was a native of the village of Baca. He had heard of a recent Salvation-Healing campaign held there and had come to get more information as to this doctrine.

Upon learning Ramiro's life story I found it most interesting. I would like to tell you his story because it is one more proof that the God of Daniel and the three Hebrew children still lives today.

When only a child, Ramiro heard the gospel from some Presbyterian brethren who had come to his village. At that time there arose a terrible persecution which caused the small group of believers to completely disappear. The boy had no father and worked hard to support his mother, but he had sacrificed a part of his meager earnings to buy a copy of that precious Book which all these evangelicals had—the Bible.

In the persecution the village authorities forcibly gathered all the Protestant literature, including Bibles, that they could find and burned them with much ceremony. The men came to take Ramiro's Bible but his mother refused to surrender the Book, saying that her son had sacrificed to buy it and that she was going to use it to teach her boy. Ramiro Pech has kept the Bible as a prized possession until this day.

During the persecution the new believers were forced to kneel before images and were beaten as punishment for unfaithfulness to their ancestors' religion. From that date to the day when Ramiro heard of the Pentecostal campaign in Motul he had not attended another evangelical meeting. But the

Lord had not allowed the seed which had been sown in his heart to die. Now he began to make the trip to Motul to attend the services as often as he could, bringing his family. The Pentecostal joy was contagious. Soon Ramiro was one of us.

Eudaldo Lopez, our pastor in Motul, tells you the rest:

"One day this brother invited us to have a special service of praise to the Lord on the occasion of his daughter's birthday. That was the starting of the Pentecostal work of the Lord in Baca. At first it seemed that we were entering among a people receptive to the gospel. We took a good group of our own people from Motul who love to sing and praise the Lord wherever the door opens. At first the attendance was small, but soon the town woke up to the fact that a good group had already accepted the gospel and that many more were becoming favorable to it.

"This will never do,' decided the opponents who met to discuss the problem of the heretics. 'They must be expelled from our village.' These men threatened to burn the Christians' homes or to use any force necessary

to carry out the decision. Their plan was presented to the president of the town who offered to stand with them in it.

"We reported the need for protection to the state authorities in Merida who, thank God, do recognize the present constitution of Mexico which defends religious liberty for the citizens of this land. As it so happened, when we went to present the case to the Governor's secretary, who should be present but the very president of Baca! (It is wonderful how the Lord prepares the circumstances to bring justice to His servants, just as He brought Haman to the gates of the palace at the opportune moment.) The president had come on another matter, but instead was reproved for the action which he was permitting in his village. He was given specific instructions to orient his people on the provisions of Mexico's constitution and to give ample protection to the believers.

"At the moment he seemed willing to comply, but his later actions proved that he was highly indignant and hungry for revenge. He hurried home and informed the people of the village of the

## MISSIONARY News Notes



A cable has been received from Takoradi, Gold Coast, Africa, informing us of the safe arrival of the Burdette Wiles family.

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Violette Wilcox recently returned from South Africa. Her address is: 2601 Spring Ave., N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones wish to inform their friends that they can be reached at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

The Alfred McGrew family has a new address. They are now located at Kotak Pos 2156, Djakarta, Raja, Indonesia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker left the U. S. in March and arrived safely in the Dominican Republic.



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker

day's happenings. When Ramiro returned to his home, happy for the victory gained, he learned that since noon of that day the people were waiting for him. They were prepared to arrest him, throw him in jail, then force him to go on his knees before the images. They had threatened to beat him and some hoped to kill him, but the Lord prepared a way of escape.

"Ramiro took refuge in another believer's house. Two policemen and the mob followed him there where he was telling the brother how God had helped him that day. Those who saw the crowd estimate that around 2,000 (a good part of the village population) had gathered to see the stamping out of the 'heresy.'

While the brother was defending the rights of his own home, Ramiro escaped by the back way. Someone saw him and pursuit started. The night was dark and he was able to get into a tree without being noticed. The mob came looking for him with rocks and clubs and flashlights. They even shone their lights into the tree where he was, but an unseen Hand hid him from their eyes. For three hours (until 1:00 a.m.) Ramiro waited in the tree for a chance to escape. Then he came down and ran to the highway where a passing car brought him to Merida.

"There he remained several days away from his home, while reporting these incidents. Meanwhile, the confusion of

the village was quieting. The state authorities called the president again and reproved him strongly. He pleaded that he was helpless before the mob. They gave him two days to arrange matters. They said that if he did not correct the situation, soldiers would come to the town to keep the peace by order of the Chief Justice of the State.

"Praise our God, the town is now calm, and at present the president and many of the people are sympathizing with the cause of the gospel. Thanks be unto Him who leads the battle, because another victory has been won in Mexico and another town has the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

## God's Jewels in Kaohsiung

by HOWARD C. OSGOOD, Formosa

Gene took me to visit his mother, who as yet is unsaved, but for whom he is earnestly praying. We came to their very humble abode in an alley no wider than ten feet and literally overflowing with pigs, chickens, dogs and bicycles. We stepped through a doorway right into the main room of the house.

Most of the space in the room was taken up by one great, square bed hung with heavy mosquito netting. A small room upstairs was occupied by an older brother, his wife and Gene's grandmother. A rear room was rented out.

The place was dark and smelly, but the cramped quarters were "home" to Gene. After a talk with the mother we felt she was near a decision for Christ. Gene himself has been a Christian for a little over a year, and already is in training for the ministry.

Gene is a member of the Kaohsiung Assembly of God. Four years ago this assembly began with twenty-five members. Under the consecrated and earnest leadership of Pastor Peter Young, a Chinese from Amoy, the church has doubled its membership each year until now it totals 200. We held three evangelistic services in the Assembly and forty-one made decisions for Christ. The workers of the church are careful and prayerful, and we know these young converts will be well shepherded and will grow in the things of the Lord.

The church has had many struggles

—and at present is going through many difficulties. But God is faithful and the believers true. Poverty stalks practically every member. Those who have jobs earn from fifty cents to one dollar per day, which will barely provide food for a small family. Weakness and disease is evident everywhere. A large percentage of the people are tubercular due to malnutrition, unsanitary conditions, etc. How could it be otherwise? It is a miracle that Gene can be such a strong, handsome young lad among such surroundings.

The congregation desperately needs an adequate church building. Their present upstairs hall has been enlarged more than once but is still too small.

What is more, the building has now been purchased by a newspaper company for editorial offices. The building sold for \$10,000, a price these poor folk could never afford to pay.

The offerings toward a new church building add up pitifully slow. Yet something must be done soon or this fine Pentecostal Assembly will be without a home.

What will you do to help? Five thousand dollars are needed urgently for this cause. Your help now would mean jewels in eternity.

Make your gifts as generous as possible and send it to the Foreign Missions Department, Kaohsiung Church Building Fund, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

A new semester has begun at the Bible School. Mrs. Osgood is busy teaching organ and setting up a new school library. Two new courses have been added to my teaching schedule. It thrills our hearts to see the young people developing into trained workers for God. Pray for them and for us.



Interior of upstairs hall of Kaohsiung Assembly of God

# Denver's Great Missionary Church

**C**ALVARY TEMPLE, THE NEW ASSEMBLIES of God church in Denver, Colorado, has pledged to give \$70,000 to World Missions in 1956.

Ever since 1952, when the congregation started planning and working to erect its new \$620,000 building, Pastor Charles E. Blair has been telling the people that when the new temple was constructed World Missions would have a high priority in the church program. Accordingly, one of the first great events in the temple was a missionary convention. The challenge of Missions was laid before the people and they responded with great enthusiasm. By the time the convention ended (on March 18) the church had reached its missionary goal of \$50,000 in pledges and had gone over the top by pledging \$70,000. Last year, by way of comparison, the church gave \$16,000 to Missions.

In spite of the fact that the new building is not paid for, it has been the regular custom for some time to designate



C. E. Blair

all Sunday night offerings to Missions. Brother Blair and his congregation have a great burden for the souls of men. They believe that if they put God's kingdom first He will supply all the needs of their church. All church receipts above operating expenses now are going to World Missions.

The need in foreign lands is not blinding the Calvary Temple workers to the need in Denver. They are building a great Sunday School and during the month of March they reached an average attendance of 1,470. On Easter the Sunday School reached an all-time record with 3,000 present. A total of over 4,500 people attended the two morning worship services that day.

These large crowds would not be possible without the fine new building

which they dedicated to the Lord last July. The main auditorium will seat 2,100. In erecting this building Brother Blair and his co-workers learned some valuable lessons. They found that God leads His children one step at a time. In early 1952 a site was chosen and purchased on which to erect the new temple, but as plans were being drawn they learned that Sears Roebuck and Company desired to purchase the same property. After several weeks of negotiation the church accepted a nine-acre plot of ground at University and Alameda streets, plus a check for \$75,000, in exchange for their first property! The new location was even more desirable than the first!

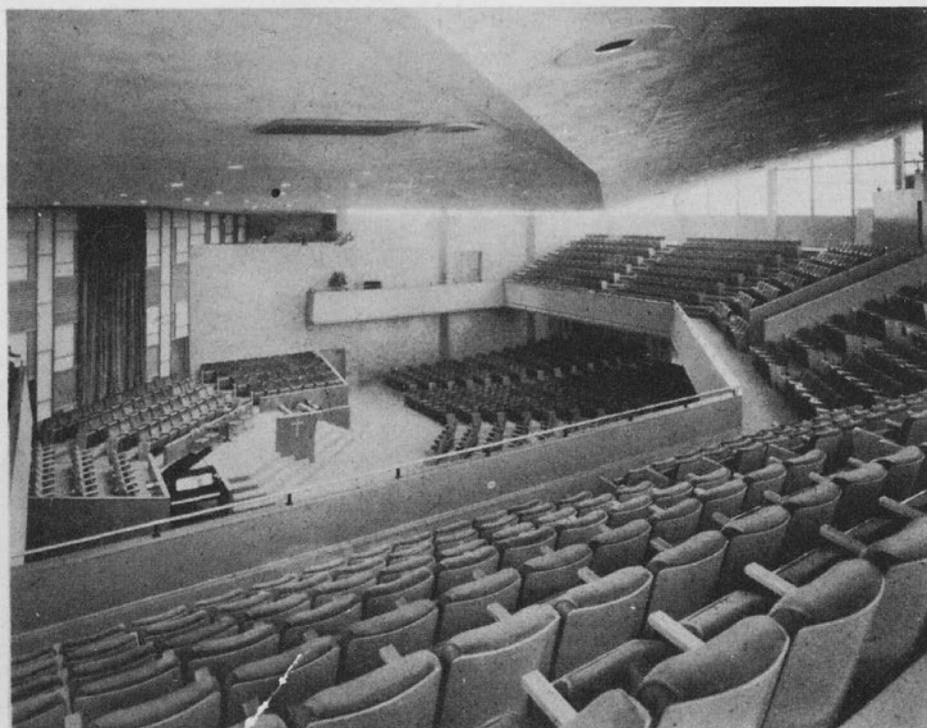
The first bond issue for the new Calvary Temple was launched in April 1953. In November of that year (with \$100,000 in the building fund) groundbreaking services were held. Less than two years later the congregation was worshipping in the new building.

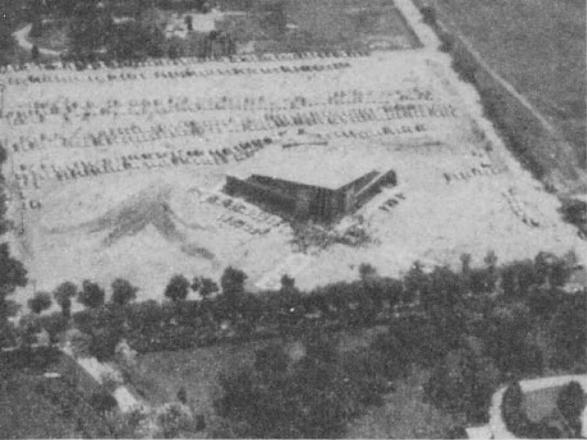
Calvary Temple was organized as Central Assembly in January 1944. Vernon J. Crews was founder and first pastor. R. A. McClure served as second pastor in 1946-1947. In June 1947 Brother and Sister Blair accepted the call to become third pastor of the church.

God has blessed the ministry of the Blairs. During these eight years the church membership has grown from under 100 to over 1,000. There is a staff of dedicated workers at Calvary

Oswald J. Smith, convention speaker, points to the thermometer as it reaches \$50,000. Later the missionary pledges reached \$70,000.

Varying shades of color give warmth and beauty to the interior of the auditorium. Colors range from turquoise-toned carpet to brilliant red opera seats, and the softer tones of salmon brick walls and mahogany panels. The building seats 2100.

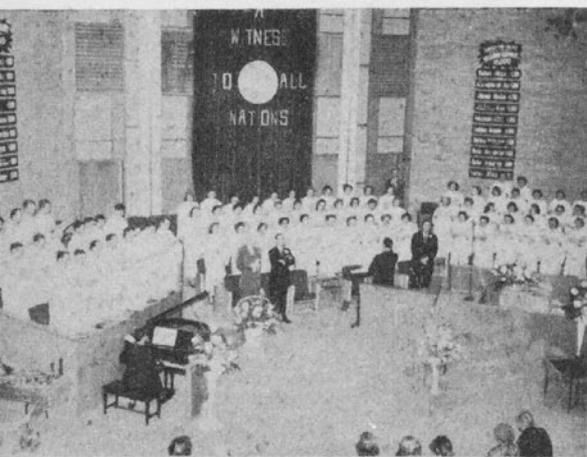




Aerial view of Calvary Temple



Part of the Convention audience



The Temple choir stood and sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" when pledges reached \$70,000.

Temple. Russell Pratt is Minister of Music. Paul Miller assisted during the building program (he is now pastor in Colorado Springs, Colo.). Eight other full-time workers are employed by the church. A new member of the staff is Guy A. Davidson (formerly in charge of publicity for the National Sunday School Department at Springfield) who joined Calvary Temple as an Associate Pastor in March.

We join with the pastor, staff, and members of Denver's Calvary Temple in thanking God for the house of worship He has enabled them to build and for the progress He has helped them to make.

## We Have Been Asked...



*"Are the Assemblies of God going on television soon?"*

**C. M. Ward says:**

"I can only give you a personal impression for what it may be worth. "I think this might be the direction for the next little while: *let the experimental stages of our Assemblies of God telecast pioneering begin on the local level—begin with the local Assembly.* Just as our radio broadcasting began."

This is an excerpt taken from an article in the *NEW "HANDBOOK FOR GOSPEL BROADCASTERS,"* prepared by the National Radio Department of the Assemblies of God. There are very few books of this nature on the market today, and we know that you will find many interesting and helpful ideas for a local radio gospel broadcast. Whether you have conducted your own radio program for years or whether you are planning to start a local broadcast in the future, you will find valuable information in this 34-page book that will be of real help.

If you are already conducting your own religious broadcast, you will find tested and proved promotional ideas which have resulted in excellent radio audience response. You will also find, in picture form, the adopted radio hand signals used. Then, too, there are some very important points on the use of a microphone. Included in this manual is an article on an extremely pertinent subject, written by E. M. Clark, on "The Three Biggest Problems in Broadcasting" (finance, talent, and mail response).

If you are planning to begin a broadcast in the future and are yet a little confused as to the type of Broadcast that would be most satisfactory, there is an article in this "HANDBOOK" on eight different types of religious broadcasts.

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# Newspaper Clippings Tell Story of Five Regional

Seen Confining Iron Curtain

## Lauds Contribution Of World Missions

ASBURY PARK — Delegates representing 650 churches attended the opening session of the Assemblies of God World Missions Convention at Convention Hall last night.

If it were not for world missions, the iron curtain would circle the globe, the Rev. C. M. Ward, radio voice of the Assemblies of God, declared in outlining the history of world evangelism during the past 50 years. He told his listeners, "These are encouraging days for missionaries."

Stresses Teacher Need

The Rev. Mr. Ward questioned why fundamental denominations not done more to train teachers.

## Assemblies of God to Stage Missions Convention Tuesday

More than 3,000 persons from five states will arrive here Tuesday for the World Missions Convention of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Noel Perkin, executive director of the denomination's foreign missions department, has reported that Assembly of God churches in Texas contributed more than \$315,000 to foreign missions in 1955.

The Fort Worth meeting, which opens at 7 p. m. Tuesday in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, is one of eight for Assemblies of God throughout the nation.

Purpose of the conventions is to inform the public of the worldwide ministries of the Assemblies of God, Rev. Mr. Perkin says.

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# WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTION of the ASSEMBLIES

## Assemblies Of God To Convene

Some 3,500 persons are expected to attend the opening services of the Assemblies of God World Mission Convention which opens Tuesday in Metropolitan Methodist Church, Woodward and Chandler.

The Rev. Charles W. H. Scott

## Assembly of God Delegates Slate Missions Meet Here

This is the fifth of eight conventions being held throughout the United States by the Assemblies of God to acquaint the public of the worldwide ministries of the denomination.

Evening speakers will include the Rev. C. M. Ward, international radio voice of the Assemblies of God, and the Rev. Willard Cantelon, evangelist.

The convention ends Thursday evening.



## 1,000 New Churches Is Goal

A missionary pageant featuring costumes was the highlight of the opening of the Assemblies of God regional convention in the St. Paul Auditorium theater Tuesday evening.

Church's work in Latin America, the Philippines, the prisons of America and among American Indians was dramatized.

Day revealed in St. Paul the formula which is creating a thousand new churches for the group in 1955 and 1956.

Rev. Victor Trimmer, national secretary of the home missions department, told delegates in the regional convention in the St. Paul Auditorium theater today that the Assemblies of God formed 468 new congregations in the United States in 1955 and expect to organize at least 532 in 1956, to meet the goal of the "1,000 Church Crusade."

"What is the formula?" he was asked by newsmen.

## Delegates Begin 'World Missions' Meet Tuesday

A portion of the crowd attending the convention in Asbury Park, New Jersey. This group is typical of the 36,000 pastors, delegates, and visitors who received renewed missionary vision at the eight regional World Missions Conventions and returned to their home churches spiritually enriched and invigorated.

One of the many workshop conferences which helped make the convention a great success. This one, on church architecture, Joe Colombo. Other workshops were on a wide variety of projects. All were termed helpful in implementing the work.



# World Missions Conventions

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MISSIONS  
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of GOD

group's Aim

"We have at least 500 teachers who are at work in new areas with the title of Pioneer Pastors," Rev. Mr. Trimmer said. "Most of them are in new churches not yet self-supporting, but the genius of this plan of extension and church expansion is the willingness of established congregations to sacrifice in order to 'mother' the new churches." The secretary said it is the

philosophy of God leaders in nomination without a cor expansion of home. He told from Minne Iowa, South Dakota that God have shown gain in ment year goal of 1,000 new church-10 years.



REV. NOEL PERKIN.

Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, general superintendent of Assemblies of God, and Noel Perkins, executive of the foreign mission department, will preside in sessions.

Opening exercises feature the Speed-the- vision of the church department which tributed approxima



Rev. Cantelon

The film, produced in Africa by Rev. Willard Cantelon, world traveler and evangelist, contains pictures of an actual Mau Mau uprising against Christianity in East Africa. Rev. Cantelon

## Assemblies of God Gain 433 Churches

The Assemblies of God established 433 new churches in 1955, it was reported today at a regional world missions convention of the denomination in St. Paul.

The Rev. Victor Trimmer, Springfield, Mo., national secretary of the Assemblies of God home missions department, predicted that the denomination will reach its two-year goal of 1,000 new churches by the end of 1956.

Feb. 23, 1956 St. Paul Pioneer Press

## Church Convention To See African Film

By GERALD B. SMITH

Africa's new spirit of nationalism, as seen in the Mau Mau uprisings, will be studied by the Assemblies of God regional convention here today.

A premier showing of a film, "African Conflict," is scheduled as the convention's climax at 6:30 p. m. in the St. Paul Auditorium theater.

gram of new Assemblies of God churches in the United States.

"There are still 2,500 cities of at least 1,000 population without an Assemblies of God church," Rev. Victor Trimmer said. He is national secretary of the home missions department of the denomination, which has headquarters at Springfield, Mo.

He also pointed to the potential existing for the Sunday school in the nation, indicating 129 million persons are not enrolled in any Sunday school.

Between 1,800 and 2,000 persons attended the day's sessions.

Conferences for church leaders and laymen from churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota will continue through the day in the Auditorium and the

St. Paul, Minn. Following the evening session of the convention, the team of Assemblies of God officials will be on to Minneapolis for the identification of a "mystery missionary" by a panel.

Following the youth presentation, under the direction of Rev. Richard Fulmer, national secretary of the youth department, a missionary pageant will be held with participants wearing native costumes of various lands.

Music in the evening service will be under the direction of the church's international revivaltime radio broadcast, as a great revival is in the offing in Africa.

Workshop and visual demonstrations will be held in the morning and afternoon sessions Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Trimmer also announced that world missions contributions last year totaled \$4,113,498, of which more than 2,500,000 was used for foreign mission work.

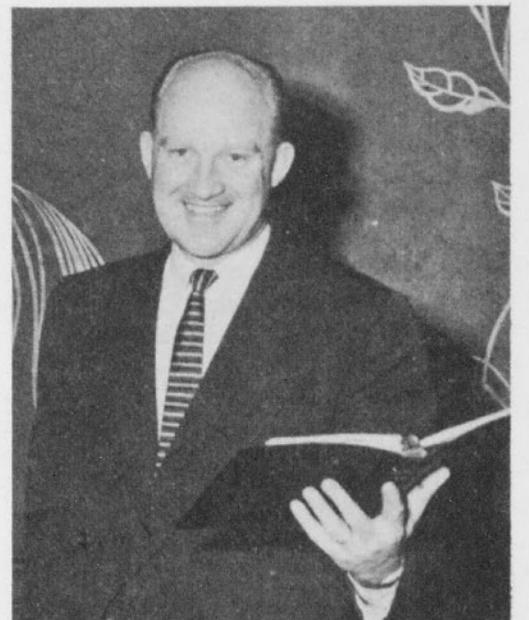
At the opening service yesterday night, the keynote speaker said that Africa is the "swiftest stakes continent" and a "swiftest goes in the race for power, so will go the world."

The Rev. C. M. Ward, Springfield, Mo., speaker of the church's international revivaltime radio broadcast, said a great revival is in the offing in Africa.

He noted that only 9 percent of the world population is English-speaking, but 90 percent of the world's Christians



C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME speaker, brought the principal message in the Tuesday night services.



National Secretary of Home Missions, Victor Trimmer (above), was the featured speaker each Wednesday evening.

make the regional conference, was conducted by a series of missions-related subcommittees of world missions.

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions, and Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, who were in charge of the regional world missions program; and G. Raymond Carlson, Minnesota District Superintendent and regional co-ordinator for the St. Paul convention.



Willard Cantelon (below), world evangelist, spoke in the closing night services at each convention.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

*Sunday School Lesson for May 6, 1956*

1 Kings 6:1, 2, 11-15, 20-22, 37, 38

The sixth chapter of First Kings begins with a most significant date. "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord" (1 Kings 6:1, 2). The Holy Spirit links the building of the Temple with the deliverance from Egypt. This carefully given date emphasizes the importance of the Temple. It was not merely a beautiful work of architecture or a grand display of wealth. It marked a high point in the great plan of redemption, and it is linked by the Holy Spirit with the mighty, redeeming power of God in delivering Israel from Egyptian bondage. "And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 29:46). "And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people" (Leviticus 26:12).

### SOLOMON'S PURPOSE

"And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God" (1 Kings 5:5). Solomon's deep purpose was to build for God's glory. Later, men called the building *Solomon's Temple*, but it was not in Solomon's heart or mind to receive the recognition of men. He built as "unto the Lord." It was not his intention to glorify himself. However, it is inevitable that something of a man's personality, of his individuality, should be stamped on the service he renders to God. In our human way, we identify the work with the worker. And thus we speak of *Lillian Trasher's Orphanage*, or *Sister Marie Brown's* great missionary church, etc., even though these precious workers do not want or invite such a designation. For at the heart of every enduring work for God there must be this pure and worthy motive—"unto the Lord!" Service stripped of self-glory and clothed with God's glory is blessed, and brings blessing. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23, 24).

### ENCOURAGEMENT TO BUILD

It must have been a surprising, and yet an inspiring thing for Solomon to receive words of encouragement from Hiram, King of Tyre, in regard to building the Temple. "Hiram... rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people... And I will do all thy desire... So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire" (1 Kings 5:7-11). Encouragement to do the work of God does not always come from expected sources. Occasionally the Lord uses a heathen man, as He used Hiram, to strengthen the hands of His servants! Sometimes He uses

even deep disappointment to spur us on to greater achievement! Thomas Carlyle had worked arduously and long on his famous history notes. He left the notes on his desk as he went to confer with a friend. On his return, to his deep dismay, he learned that the maid, by mistake, had thrown the notes into the fire! It was his only copy! Precious notes and references had been reduced to ashes! Carlyle says that in the depth of gloom and depression that settled upon him, he heard a sweet voice within, which said, "Write it again, my son, and this time, do it even better!" And Carlyle did rewrite the entire work. And it became a classic in the field of history.

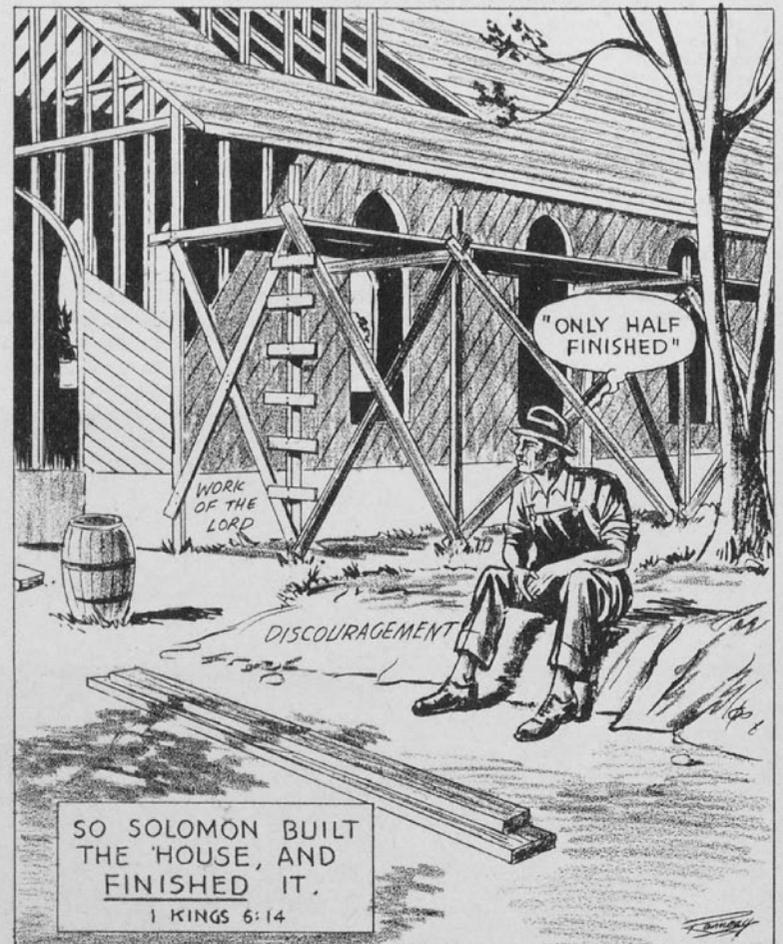
### THE WORK OF MANY HANDS

The building is called *Solomon's Temple*, but the structure was the result of the work of many hands. There were 70,000 who bore burdens, and 80,000 hewers in the mountains, besides many thousands of skilled masons and artisans. Each worker had his place and his part.

The Lord's work is not limited to a few select people who possess certain special gifts. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work" (Mark 13:34)! Each individual believer bears definite responsibility. The Temple of the Lord is not erected by a gifted few! The apostle Paul speaks of "the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part..." (Ephesians 4:16). Each believer, no matter how obscure or seemingly unimportant, has a valuable contribution which he may and *must* make to the work of the Lord.

Ivan O. Miller, of North Central Bible Institute, has a

### DO IT SOLOMON'S WAY



favorite story which he tells concerning a children's meeting conducted by C. C. Beatty. In the course of the meeting they built an imaginary train, right on the platform. Brother Beatty invited the children to choose the part they would like to be in the erection of the train. Most of the boys wanted to be the bell! But some said, "I'll be the headlight," or, "I'll be the wheel," or, "I'll be the cow-catcher." And so it went until it seemed that all the parts had been named. Finally, one little lad raised his hand and said, "I'll be the coal!" It didn't sound like much, but the truth is that a fine, shiny locomotive with bell, headlight, and all, would not get anywhere without humble, black coal.

And so in God's great work! The bell and the light may get the attention, but power to move forward comes from the burning out of humble, obscure pieces of "coal"—His many faithful workers.

#### GOD'S PROMISE

"I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel" (1 Kings 6:13). This was not an unconditional promise! His promised presence was conditioned on obedience. "IF thou wilt walk in my statutes, . . . and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee . . ." (1 Kings 6:11-13). God placed conditions on His continued blessings, because He desires and re-

quires holy conduct! The glory and the grandeur of Solomon's Temple were meaningless to Jehovah if the lives of the people were unholy and unclean! Beautiful buildings and beautiful rituals do not take the place of lives that are clothed with the beauty of holiness.

#### A HISTORIC BLUNDER

In the erection of the Temple an event took place which is clothed with significant meaning in both Old and New Testament Scriptures.

"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building" (1 Kings 6:7, 8). So cleverly and so accurately did the stone masons cut and bevel the huge stones, that each fitted into its proper marked place. Tradition says that one huge stone could not be accounted for by the builders. Apparently it was not needed. They assumed that an error had been made, and they ordered the stone removed. It was taken outside the city and dropped there. However, when it came time to put the chief cornerstone in its place, the workers could not find it. After a long search, someone remembered the stone which had been rejected. They hurried outside the city, measured the rejected stone, and found that it was the chief cornerstone for which they had searched! To their great embarrassment, they had to return the stone to its rightful place. It was the only stone that would fit.

The Holy Spirit seized this happening and used it to illustrate a much more dramatic and serious event that would befall the Messiah. Like the ancient cornerstone, Christ would be rejected and carried outside the city of Jerusalem. However, the day will come when "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes" (Matthew 21:42). Cf. Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7.

—Emil A. Balliet

ED. NOTE: Brother Balliet has informed us that he will not be able to continue to write the weekly comments on the Sunday School Lesson. We regret this very much. However, we know that the Assembly of God in North Hollywood, Calif. of which he is pastor, recently completed a \$75,000 addition to its building in order to accommodate a larger Sunday School and this expansion program is keeping him very busy. We understand that the Sunday School attendance has climbed from around 350 to an average of 633 for the month of March.

We take this opportunity to thank Brother Balliet for the excellent comments he has written on the Sunday School lessons.

## REVIVALTIME

### News Flash!

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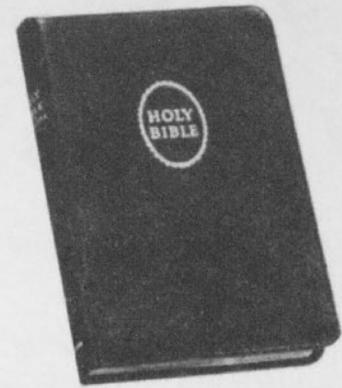
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# Daily Devotions

Daily Bible Readings Based  
on Next Sunday's Lesson



MONDAY, April 30

PREPARING FOR BUILDING—1 Kings 5:1-18

"Behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name" (v. 5).

More than one generation was responsible for the preparations leading to the erection of the Temple. Those preparations were both spiritual and material.

It is heartening to read that Solomon, a representative of *another* generation, purposed to continue and to complete the work of his father. How sad when a new generation fails to catch the vision of the former generation! How unfortunate when children fail to give due credit to previous generations for preparations already made, thus placing in their hands strength to complete a given task.

Solomon remembered his father David and was grateful. But rising above the realm of human sentimentality, he also saw the task before him as a *divine* commission. He must be faithful to God. The temple was to be more than an edifice built to either David or Solomon. It was to be a "house unto the name of the Lord."

We too are in the building business, though not necessarily erecting material buildings. May we with gratitude acknowledge the preparations past generations have made. When the work has been completed, may it be indeed a monument to Him who has given us victory over all our foes!

—PAUL COPELAND

TUESDAY, May 1

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE—Exodus 35:30 to 36:8

"Then wrought... every wise heart-ed man... according to all that the

Lord had commanded" (ch. 36:1).

These were wise-hearted men, men in whom the Lord had put wisdom and understanding, men whose hearts stirred them up to come to do the work—these were the men who built the Tabernacle of the Lord.

And the model of the Tabernacle was God's plan. The designing was not left to the discretion or creative imagination of the workmen, nor to the passing fancy of the people. God gave every detail concerning its construction. He gave the measure of every board and curtain. All things were to be made according to the pattern shown to Moses in the mount. And the workmen did "according to all that the Lord had commanded." After the Tabernacle was erected, God came and took possession of it.

Likewise, when we prepare our hearts as the Lord has commanded, He will come and make His abode with us. Where God has an altar in a clean and holy heart, there is a living Tabernacle in which Christ will dwell and diffuse His glory.

—LOUISE NANKIVELL

WEDNESDAY, May 2

PREPARING TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE—Ezra 1:1-11

This is a fine example of a church building program. First, there must be the unshakable conviction that the program is the will of God. There was no doubt about this in the mind of Cyrus. He said, "The Lord God of heaven... hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah" (v. 2).

Second, there must be the breath of heaven upon the spiritual leaders. This is beautifully illustrated in verse five, "Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them *whose spirit God had raised*, to go up to build the house of the Lord..." The spirit

of a preacher must be *raised*, his faith quickened, before money or buildings can be raised.

Third, there must be the co-operation of every member in the group. Everyone has a part to do. This is beautifully put in verse 6, "And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, *besides all that was willingly offered.*" These three elements, under God, will get the job done.

—C. M. WARD

THURSDAY, May 3

LAYING THE TEMPLE FOUNDATIONS—Ezra 3:8-13

There were mixed emotions at the laying of the foundation of this new Temple. Some wept and others shouted. The older ones were sad, for they remembered the grandeur of Solomon's Temple—its size, its wealth, its glory. The younger folk, who had not seen the former Temple, regarded this as the moment of victory and an occasion for shouting.

Israel was enjoying the revival begun by a remnant who came into the land to erect this sanctuary. This was a step toward the fulfillment of a vision given to a few to revive the worship of the Temple. The weeping was brought about because failure is a costly thing. God does forgive and forget, but there are instances like these when one remembers the days before failure. The old men wept, for judgment is always difficult. Judgment always causes weeping. But the young men shouted, for this was a new day. They were started in the right direction.

Notice the change in emphasis. In another scripture regarding this incident, we have the promise of God that "this latter building would be more glorious than the first. This excellence was not to be in its size or cost, but in the glory that would be manifested. Here the emphasis was on the spiritual. Regardless of the size of the church, or the prosperity of its members, or the detail of its organization, the emphasis should now and always be on the spiritual. This is the principle upon which any church must be built.

—JAMES W. VAN METER

FRIDAY, May 4

GOD'S COMMAND TO BUILD HIS HOUSE—Haggai 1:1-15

"And the Lord stirred up the spirit

of Zerubbabel... and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord" (v. 14).

We need things to stir us up, to get us excited, to make us realize the need for reform and revival. We must not grow complacent. Someone asked the old colored preacher the meaning of the term *status quo*, which he so frequently used. Said he, "*Status quo* am Greek for the mess we is in!"

God repeatedly has to send His messengers to cry aloud, to sound the trumpet, to awake His people! Sometimes He speaks to us with the voice of illness; sometimes through an accident; sometimes through a man of God; sometimes through the voice of our own conscience. Happy is that man who listens to the voice of "Zerubbabel" and "does the work" which God would have him to do. Is there something we

should do today, which we are postponing? There is no time as promising as the present! —M. L. KETCHAM

SATURDAY, May 5

BUILDING THE CHURCH—Ephesians 2: 19 to 3:12

"... That now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known *through the church* the manifold wisdom of God" (ch. 3:10, ASV).

Not only to heavenly powers but also to the world is Christ made known through the Church as the only Saviour, Baptizer in the Spirit, Healer, and soon-coming King. The Church is God's masterpiece.

God manifested divine wisdom in the creation of the universe, and in the making of the animal and vegetable life upon this planet. His wisdom is seen in the making of the seasons, and in the

laws to govern all He made, and keep the galaxies of heaven forever where they belong. But in the Church God manifested His greatest wisdom. She is made up of people of all races that are born of the Spirit and led by the Spirit. They are not the fleshly sons of one man or of one tribe that, behave as they may, can still claim to be the sons of so-and-so. As members of the body of Christ, the Church, they must walk in the light of Truth; otherwise they are separated from God and are no longer His (2 Timothy 2:19).

The Church is in love with God, and God loves her. The Spirit works through her and manifests His supernatural gifts in her. She awaits the happy hour when she will become the bride of Christ. Until then she is occupied in proclaiming the message of the Cross. "Like a mighty army moves the church of God." —HENRY C. BALL

## The Giants and The Grasshoppers

(Continued from page five)

the giants to intimidate us and are forgetting that there is Someone bigger, greater, higher, and mightier than any giant that comes against us. The giants may be stronger than we are, but they are not stronger than God! There is no giant too big for God; no enemy can withstand Him.

Not only have we looked at the giants too long, but we have been seeing ourselves as grasshoppers. To be sure, ours is about "grasshoppers strength," and there is not much a grasshopper can do—it is such a tiny thing. But it can hop; and one "hop" in the right direction will bring us under the shadow of the Almighty where nothing can harm us. In ourselves we are no match for the enemy. It would even seem presumptuous for helpless grasshoppers to go forth to meet ruthless giants. However, we do not meet the vicissitudes of life alone. The Christian has a "plus" in his life, and that "plus" is God! *One little God-filled, God-controlled, God-directed "grasshopper" can slay every giant that comes along its pathway.* It is time we put our feet forward and contended for the terrain which belongs

to us. God has given us the Holy Spirit that we might conquer every giant that would try to overcome us.

The report of the ten spies regarding the giants was not shared by Caleb. He was one who also went to spy out the land. He saw, as did the others, the great walled cities; he saw the giants. But with his confidence resting in God he said, "There's nothing to it; we can take the land."

Let us look at Caleb again, years later. He was eighty-five years old and had lived a long, fruitful life. He was still strong in body and spirit. Listen to what he said: "I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in." He was as strong at eighty-five as he was at forty! He was as able for battle as for the ordinary duties of life. What great physical strength he possessed—but even more magnificent was his spiritual strength.

Stretching to his full stature, with clear vision and firm determination, he cried out, "Give me this mountain."

He asked for a mountain occupied by giants. Imagine challenging a mountain full of giants. It might appear suicidal—as if Caleb were asking for trouble. What courage at eighty-five years of age. What courage at any age! Caleb wasn't asking for the smooth path. He was really up against a hard and difficult proposition—a mountain full of giants. It appeared to be an unequal situation, but Caleb won a complete victory.

What was the secret? The Bible gives the answer—he "wholly followed the Lord." It also tells us that "he had another spirit with him." He had the spirit of a victor.

God yearns to find the same spiritual qualities in us. And He *will* find them if we dispossess Satan in our lives, set our affections on things above, walk carefully and prayerfully before the Lord, earnestly seek to do His will, and yield to the working of His blessed Holy Spirit.

Determine now that every hindrance to spiritual advance shall be removed and that nothing shall stand between you and victory. Seek God for His help, strength, and grace. Christ has the dynamic power before which every giant will fall. With God's help we can defeat every adversary and also take possession of that which is rightfully ours.

"Giants" dwindle in size and vanish completely as we "grasshoppers" become strong in faith and in the power of God.

# In the Pathway of His Triumph

(Continued from page four)

His redeeming power, so that in our evangelistic ministry the praise must be His and His alone. "Always exhibiting us as the captives in the triumphs of Christ Jesus."

*"His be the Victor's name,  
Who fought the fight alone;  
Triumphant saints no honor claim,  
His conquest was their own."*

In this glorious verse the mighty soldier of the Cross goes on to say that he is, as it were, a "thurifer," an incense-bearer. As we have said, the Roman victory was heralded not only by the blare of trumpets, but also by the scattering of incense all along the historic route that led to the capital. Paul saw himself not only as the captive, but as one who wafted abroad to the Grecian and Roman worlds the incense of the Redeemer's triumphal march. "By me, He wafts abroad through every land the knowledge of Jesus, the incense of His triumphal march."

We must not for a moment think that Paul's victory was due to any life of ease. His was a life of constant travel and privation. "What we bring you," he said in this same letter, "is a treasure of great value, but we who bear it are but vessels, and that of fragile earth-

ware, in order that it may be evident that the irresistible power of the Gospel does not originate with us, but is of God. We are hard-pressed incessantly, but never cornered; we are frequently at a loss, but never in despair; frequently persecuted, but never abandoned to our persecutors; hurled to the ground, yet ever rising undestroyed. Always and wherever we go, in the deadly perils that beset us, we accept death."

Odors recall to mind some scene of the past with which we are indissolubly associated. For example, the smell of newly mown hay will carry us off to merry scenes of childhood days on the farm. Paul's life was a fragrance which reminded people of Christ. It is the breath and fragrance of a life hid with Christ in God which derives its aroma from fellowship with Him. "Wrap the habits of your soul in the sweet lavender of the Lord's character," said F. B. Meyer. What a tremendous impact we would make upon this poor sinful world, if, like the Apostle, we wafted abroad through every land the fragrance of the Christ-life. How sobering the contemplation that we are making so little impact upon the world's teeming millions. Only a small percentage of the world's population are evangelical be-

lievers. Our responsibility is great. The worldling will never believe our testimony concerning our glorious Redeemer unless we carry with us the fragrance of His knowledge. So often there is a great gulf between our testimony with our lips and that of our lives. McCheyne lamented in his day that few believers carried the odor of heaven along with them. In contrast, the living Christ was so radiant in Adoniram Judson's countenance that the heathen called him "Mr. Glory-face."

Traveling home from his work one day, a manufacturer of chocolate in Scotland was surprised to see many people smile as they came near to him and then seek to remain as close to him as possible. When he arrived home he noticed that his wife received him with that same smile he had noticed on the faces of the others. He spoke to his wife about it, and she exclaimed, "But you have such a pleasant aroma about you!" He then remembered that just before he had left the office he had been testing some flavoring which he planned to use in a new kind of chocolates, and that he had placed the small, expensive vial of highly concentrated flavoring in his pocket. It was the odor of this flavoring which had attracted strangers to him.

The incident was a message from God to his soul. He went immediately to his study and, falling on his knees, begged God fervently to make him always to bear in his life the fragrance of Christ his Lord, thus attracting men to Him.

Let us even now cry to God that Paul's pageant of triumph might be ours also:

*"Let it be seen that with Thee I have  
been,  
Jesus, my Lord and my Saviour;  
Let it be known I am only Thine own  
By all my speech and behavior."*

## FILTHY RAGS

*What have I done in life that's right,  
That I may stand before the throne  
And in the brightness of His light  
Say, "It was good"?  
What if I'm clothed in righteousness  
Woven by self throughout the year,  
'Tis rags before His holiness —  
Unclean, not good.  
So when before the throne I stand  
I want the robe bought by His blood,  
Designed and formed by His own hand.  
His choice is good.*



This is the famous Coliseum in Rome, where early Christians were martyred.

# Biblical Prophecies Fulfilled

(Continued from page three)

chapter 30:13 the prophet said, "Thus saith the Lord God; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph [Memphis]." Memphis was known as the Great Temple of Egypt. It seldom rains there, and consequently images and ruins should preserve well, as in Thebes where conditions are much the same. But what do we find? Egyptologist Amelia Edwards in her book, "A Thousand Miles up the Nile," says, "And this is all that remains of Memphis, eldest of cities: a few rubbish heaps, a dozen or so of broken statutes, and a name."

## EGYPT

The history of Egypt for the past 2,500 years is an amazingly accurate proof of the words to be found in Ezekiel 30:12: "I will . . . sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers." For centuries Egypt was not ruled by any of her own princes. Instead, strangers wore the crown—Persians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Saracens, Turks, French, and British.

## ISRAEL

In Leviticus and Deuteronomy Moses clearly outlined the political and religious history of the Jews for 3,400 years, from 1500 B. C. to date. Deuteronomy 29:12 predicts: "And the stranger . . . shall come from a far land." How very true. Jerusalem is a land of pilgrimages. Folk from all over the world come to see her ruins, and as many as a hundred languages are spoken in Jerusalem.

The Jews are returning to Israel in unprecedented numbers today. Since 1918 the number of Jews has multiplied phenomenally. In 1915 there were only 50,000 Jews in the land; today, about two million. The Jews are feeling a strange urge to go back to their ancestral home and are returning accord-

ing to Christ's timetable, thus fulfilling Bible prophecy.

## BABYLON

Mighty Babylon in the heyday of her glory seemed destined to last forever, because she was economically self-sufficient. Jeremiah, however, prophesied in chapter 51:26: "Thou [Babylon] shalt be desolate for ever"; and in verse 37: "Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons [jackals], an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant." Mighty Babylon has disappeared from the face of the earth like a dream.

## JERUSALEM

About A. D. 300 the Roman Emperor, Julian, with vast resources and wealth at his command, decided to disprove the words of Jesus Christ in Luke 21:24: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Julian was determined to overthrow Christianity by falsifying this prophecy and making Jesus a liar. What happened? I am now quoting from the English historian, Edward Gibbon: "Julian resolved to erect, without delay, on the commanding eminence of Moriah, a stately temple. While Alypius, assisted by the Governor of the Province, urged with vigor and diligence the execution of the work, horrible balls of fire breaking out near the foundations with frequent and reiterated attacks rendered the place from time to time inaccessible to the scorched and blasted workmen, and the undertaking had to be abandoned."

## JESUS CHRIST

There are more than three hundred prophecies and references to Christ in the Old Testament which are expressly cited in the New Testament. A thousand years before Christ was born the details of His birth, life, and death were foretold.

Two infidels once sat in a railway

car discussing Christ's wonderful life. One of them said: "I think an interesting romance could be written about Christ." The other replied: "You are right; and you are just the man to write it. Tear down the prevailing belief as to his divinity, and paint him as he was, a mere man among men."

The suggestion was acted upon, and years later the romance appeared in print. The man who made the suggestion was Colonel Robert Ingersoll, the world-famous infidel; the author was General Lew Wallace; the book was *Ben Hur*. The more Lew Wallace studied the Gospels the more profoundly was he convinced that Jesus was more than a man, and he was constrained to acknowledge, like the centurion under the cross, "Truly this was the Son of God."

## THE APOSTLE PAUL

Sir William Mitchell Ramsay, brilliant research scholar, brought up to regard the Bible as fraudulent, satisfied himself that the weakest spot in the whole New Testament was the story of Paul's journeys. He sought to traverse the same ground and prove that Paul could never have made that journey as described in the Book of Acts. Equipped as no other man had been, he went to the home country of Paul, spent fifteen years searching for evidence, and wrote the book *St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen* in which he repudiated his unbelief, established in detail Paul's missionary journeys, and himself accepted Christianity! Sir William Ramsay also wrote several other books in which he demonstrated beyond the possibility of refutation the absolute and minute trustworthiness and truth of the New Testament.

Notwithstanding the efforts of skeptics through the centuries, not a single Bible prophecy has so far been disproved, and there is no other book in the world which contains real prophecies. The Bible predicts the rapture of the saints, the second coming of Christ, the Great Tribulation that is to come upon the wicked, and the final triumph of the Lord over sin, Satan, and all His enemies. As assuredly as the other prophecies have been fulfilled, these predictions likewise will come to pass. Wise is he who accepts this fact and who prepares for these events.

"The brightest souls which glory ever knew were rocked in storms and nursed where tempests blew."

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## Weeping or a Well?

by Mrs. Howard Taylor

WHICH IS THE LONGEST, WIDEST, MOST populous valley in the world?" questioned the white-haired professor of his Bible class students. For a moment there was silence—more than a hundred young men waiting with interest. But the teacher desired an answer.

"Who will name me the longest, widest, most populous valley in the world?"

"The valley of the Amazon," ventured one.

"The valley of the Yangtze," suggested another.

"But there is another valley, longer, wider, more populous than these." And the keen, inquiring eyes searched the group. "Have we not just read of it here, in the eighty-fourth Psalm? Yes, 'the valley of Baca' or Weeping. Does not every life, sooner or later, pass into the valley—wide as the world, long as time—that place of lamentation, suffering, tears?"

"But, young men, the important thing is not what we find in that valley, but what we leave behind us there. For I would have you notice the words 'passing through.' Some there are who do not tarry in the place of weeping, and they are spoken of as 'blessed.' They have a strength and inward renewing not from themselves. It comes from a source inexhaustible, like the water from the smitten Rock that attended the wanderings of Israel in the great wilderness. 'Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee . . . who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.'"

It was a memorable hour, as the beloved teacher went on to unfold the secret of inward peace, of the untroubled heart, even in the midst of sore distresses. He spoke of songs in the valley, rising above the lamentation and weeping—songs that tell of heart-gladness amid surrounding sorrow. Such songs were heard from the dungeons of the jail at Philippi, when Paul and Silas were there in cruel

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bonds. "Spring up, O well! sing ye unto it." And has it not been flowing ever since through the pages of the sacred record, a source of life and healing, age after age?

And today, when the whole world seems a Valley of Weeping, are there not songs that tell of the passing of pilgrims who have found the well that is always there? For One is with us in the valley who has said, "I will never leave thee, no, never forsake thee." And to find Him close beside us, pouring the consolation of His love into the suffering heart, is a joy the wonder of which heaven itself cannot surpass. For there the Valley of Weeping will be a memory only, left far behind when faith is lost in sight. But now there is a fellowship amid the shadows, with Him who as the Man of Sorrows passed this way for love of us—a fellowship that angels might well envy, but can never know. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. . . . Fear not" (Isa. 43:2, 5).

Spring up, O well of divine consolation in the soul! Sing ye unto it, that others may catch the heartening strain and go on to prove the faithfulness and tender love of God, turning even the Valley of Weeping into a place of praise.

Praise God for suffering believers everywhere, whose passing through the valley is not marked by laments, but by the wells they leave behind them. Are we too in that valley? What manner of "passing through" is ours? Can we be traced by our fears, our forebodings, our complainings—or is there a note of confidence, even praise, to cheer those beside us as we journey?

Yes, we are in the valley, but are we so casting our burden, whatever it may be, upon the Lord day by day, that we go, not from weeping to weeping, not from fear to fear, but from strength to strength? Our Lord is with us as we go through the valley. Have our eyes been holden that we did not know Him? Do not let us disappoint Him. Do not let us fail to leave behind us, by His grace, the testimony which shall be to His glory and for the blessing of others.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." And joy comes, even in the darkness, to those who "forget to weep" because of the comfort of the Everlasting Arms.

"Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her Beloved?"

—"The Millions," China Inland Mission

We all must visit the valley of weeping, but we do not have to dwell there.



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Heartbroken at the doctors' report, I went home and prayed all night long. In the morning I phoned Mrs. Erxleben, wife of the pastor of the Assembly of God, and asked if I might come and talk with them. At that time I was not a saved person, and did not attend the Assembly of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Erxleben and E. G. Lawrence prayed for me. While they were praying the pain left me, and I felt a warm sensation all over me. In about three days the skin cancer was completely gone. I thank God for my wonderful healing. Since that time I have been filled with the precious Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I am so happy that I belong to Jesus, and I mean to make every word, thought, and action express a vigorous faith in Him.—Mrs. Irene Schuman, 119 Fifth St., Gustine, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. W. Erxleben, Gustine, Calif. who states, "Mrs. Schuman is the wife of the assistant postmaster of Gustine. I heartily endorse this testimony. Since this marvelous healing took place her husband has been gloriously saved, too.")*

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April 29, 1956

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### Pentecostal Assembly of God

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February 15, 1956

E. M. Clark  
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Dear Bro. Clark:

I am writing you in the interest of the Rev. Kenneth Brann, pastor of the Assembly in Pocomoke City, Md. As you know, there is no A B C station on the Eastern Shore of Maryland which is an area of some 8,000 square miles. The independent station in Pocomoke City covers this entire area which consists of parts of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia and at the present time is releasing Revivaltime.

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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► GRINNELL, IA.—Good crowds attended the revival in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. John Wetzell of Columbus, Ga. Some seven were saved and there were definite healings. It was a good revival in every way, thanks to the fervent prayers of God's people.

—Thomas G. Skoog, Pastor

► WILLMAR, MINN.—Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Tex. recently concluded a brief evangelistic campaign here. This revival was a blessing to all the church and was profitable in every way. Many church people said the attendance was larger than ever before. Plans are made for a longer campaign with Brother Hayes at a later date.

—Harry M. Myers, Pastor

► CHILDERSBURG, ALA.—A very fine evangelistic meeting has just been concluded here by Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler of Gardendale, Ala. The meetings brought a closer unity to the church. Eighteen were saved, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. During the campaign the all-time Sunday School record was broken.

—Emmett Jones, Pastor

► KEOKUK, IA.—All departments of Faith Temple were greatly refreshed during the two weeks of meetings conducted by Evangelist Jerrell E. Snyder of Santa Cruz, Calif. From the very first service the church was stirred by the excellent preaching.

—W. J. Lewis, Pastor

► SEATTLE, WASH.—One of the best revivals of recent years was experienced by Calvary Temple under the ministry of Evangelist Earla McKinley. Large crowds attended and accepted Christ as Saviour. The Power fell as in the early days. The young people experienced real revival, and oftentimes the prayer meetings lasted until late.

—Watson Argue, Pastor

► PASCAGOULA, MISS.—Approximately 35 persons were saved or reclaimed, and several were filled with the Holy Ghost, in meetings recently conducted by Evangelist H. D. Pieratt of Magnolia, Ark. There were also some very definite healings. Aside from the anointed preaching, much credit for the success of the meeting was due to the morning prayer meetings that were well attended. Real intercession was the rule rather than the exception in those meetings. Brother Pieratt's personal work in the services and also in the town was a tremendous factor in the success of the meetings. The Sunday School reached 243 in attendance during the meeting and now stands at about 200.

—G. L. McKinney, Pastor

► BEECHWOOD, KY.—The church here was blessed recently in 12 nights of revival with Evangelist Jimmie Hearn of Columbus, Ga. Attendance was excellent and the whole church was stirred. Eleven young people came forward for salvation, four or five were re-filled with the Spirit, and many received healing touches.

—Fred E. McDonald, Pastor

► OAKRIDGE, OREG. — Evangelist Joe Yates of Eugene, Oreg. ministered for some three weeks here. Although this is a small church with only 40 in Sunday School, 12 were filled with the Holy Spirit and six were saved. The whole church was lifted and edified. The people look forward to continued revival spirit and growth in numbers.

—Wayne Neal, Pastor

► GALENA, KANS.—The First Assembly of God just concluded a very successful revival campaign with the R. Alan Davis Evangelistic Party of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The church was greatly blessed by the musical numbers and special singing of the party, as well as the anointed preaching. There were 38 decisions for Christ, and 14 were wonderfully filled with the Spirit. It was a real Pentecostal revival.

—Taylor H. Davis, Pastor

► SYRACUSE-SOLVAY, N. Y.—There is much rejoicing over the fine evangelistic meeting conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. D. J. Paglia of Slocumb, Ala. During the meeting 17 young people were filled with the Holy Spirit, two were saved, and several backsliders were reclaimed. A total of 10 were baptized in water. A real revival spirit is still manifested in the church and souls are drawn closer to God. Many new people have been coming to the services.

—Frank MacCarone, Pastor

► JERSEY SHORE, PA. — The Musical Cavallinis of San Francisco, Calif. conducted two weeks of profitable meetings in the church here. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and many sick bodies were healed. Some people were healed while sitting in the congregation. A lady was delivered from a tumor which dissolved, and in one meeting everyone who was prayed for testified of healing.

The Cavallinis ministered at a C. A. Rally in Wellsboro, Pa. and at the close of the service nine people came to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. All nine received. Most of these were young people and some were from other churches. The Sunday School record was broken two Sundays during the campaign.

—Fred Haddad, Pastor

► ST. LANDRY, LA.—Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Wright of Houston, Texas, recently concluded revival meetings in the Lone Pine Assembly of God. The attendance was good each night. Souls were saved and two received the Holy Spirit. During the meetings the Sunday School attendance record was broken with an increase of 43.

—J. M. Parker, Pastor

► BLUE ROCK, OHIO—Stone Station Assembly of God recently experienced a splendid two-week revival with Evangelists Elsie Bolton and Barbara Goodwin of Canton, Ohio. On the first night, a young mother was saved who was present for the first time in the church. The following night she returned and received a glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Another young person received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several others were reclaimed, refilled, and healed. Miss Goodwin's singing and chalk drawings along with Miss Bolton's preaching were a good combination to edify the church and attract newcomers.

—James M. Bryan, Pastor

► EDWARDS, N.Y.—A special dedication revival followed the completion of the new Assembly of God here. Evangelist William Caldwell of Lancaster, Pa. was the speaker and was greatly used of the Lord. Christians were thrilled as they saw God perform signs and wonders for those who exercised faith in His Word. One night was especially outstanding as nearly 20 young people filled the altar weeping through to God. Brother Caldwell's ministry to the sick was very encouraging and many testified to deliverance. However, the greatest results of the meeting were in the souls that were saved. A Sunday School Rally was held during the campaign, and the school which had an average of 35 hit an all-time high of 104. The fruits of the meeting remain in the church.

—Gerald Smeltzer, Pastor

► HOUSTON, TEX.—A mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit has come to Evangelistic Temple during the past weeks. From the time of the New Year's Eve Watch Night service until this writing, good things from God have visited the congregation. First came a revival with Evangelist David Nunn, followed by a thrilling series of meetings with Richard Vinyard. Following that, H. E. Hardt brought messages and teaching from the Word, and currently Philip Green is carrying on the meetings. Each evangelist's ministry has been different, but each has been used of God, and each followed right along with that which came before and which follows after. Souls have been saved, a number filled with the Spirit, and many healed and delivered from habits and from various things the enemy had put upon their lives.

—Raymond T. Richey, Pastor

►EXETER, MO.—The entire church has been edified by the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. George O. Flora of Hutchinson, Kans. in a recent two-week revival. Two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 11 were saved or reclaimed. There were also some outstanding healings.

—Edwin W. Raymond, Pastor

►NEDERLAND, TEX.—Many hearts are still burning with revival because of the two-week meeting with Evangelist Melvin McKnight of Houston. Night after night God blessed in the worship and the soul-stirring messages. Many of the people of the church say it was one of the best revivals they have had.

—G. M. Willis, Pastor

►LISBON, OHIO—A two-week meeting with Youth Evangelist Eddie Roush left an indelible impact upon the church here. Twenty souls were saved as God convicted men and women of their sins. A 14-year-old girl was instantly healed of deafness as prayer was offered for her. A middle-aged lady was healed of a serious back injury and rupture. She is now able to do her own housework because of the miracle-working power of God. A middle-aged man was healed of bleeding ears. Many others testified to being healed of various disorders. The Sunday School record was broken the last Sunday of the campaign.

—Vernon Griffin, Pastor

►BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The Norwood Assembly of God enjoyed two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles R. Shuss. The campaign concluded on Easter Sunday. In addition to the evangelistic services, there were morning Bible studies and prayer meetings twice a week. Special emphasis was laid upon Decision Day in the Sunday School, and the Shusses presented a complete service for children under twelve. (Brother D. Herbert Browne is pastor.)

—Mrs. Kate Caffee, Secretary

►MULESHOE, TEX.—God marvelously moved in every service of a three-week revival under the leadership of Evangelist Jack Branscum of Dallas, Tex. Twenty-five people were saved, and 43 were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Some testified to outstanding healings. At the close of the meeting 25 were baptized in water, and 43 new members were received into the church. The wonderful revival spirit that prevailed during the meetings continues to rest upon the congregation.

—R. V. Luna, Pastor

►STATESVILLE, N. C.—There was a wonderful moving of God's Spirit from the beginning of a Salvation-Healing campaign here conducted by Evangelists Richard Owens and Donald Sterling of Wilmington, Del. Twelve came to the altar the very first day. In the first week at least 20 came for salvation and 10 claimed salvation in the concluding services. A number testified to physical healing. Three were delivered from the cigarette habit and three claimed healing from stomach ulcers. Other sicknesses were also healed. The Sunday School broke all attendance records with 127 present.

—Ernest L. Powlesland, Pastor



### PAUL EVANS TO SPEAK AT CBI HOMECOMING

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Paul Evans, pastor of the Southside Assembly of God, Bloomington, Indiana, has accepted an invitation to be the Homecoming speaker at Central Bible Institute next month. Theme for the alumni homecoming will be "Dedicated."



Paul Evans

W. I. Evans Hall, the new education building at Central Bible Institute, will be dedicated in memory of Paul Evans' father. The last five days of the school year will be marked by a series of interesting and inspiring services, beginning with the Baccalaureate which will be on Sunday afternoon, May 20, in the school chapel. On Monday night, May 21, there will be a Student Recognition Service.

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22-23, will be marked by several Homecoming events including the annual Alumni Banquet on Tuesday evening. Paul Evans will speak at the Banquet and also in the morning chapel services on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dedication services for the W. I. Evans Hall will be on Wednesday night, May 23. The General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, will be the speaker of the evening.

The school year will come to a climax on Thursday night, May 24, with the annual Commencement exercises. Hundreds of visitors are expected to be present, including many alumni, parents of students, and other friends of CBI.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE BRINGS REVIVAL

LAYTONVILLE, CALIF., Feb. 20—Our Sunday School made a six-week attendance drive and broke the all-time record with 121 present. The average attendance was 95.

This brought a revival in the church, and 17 prayed through to old-time salvation. Nine adults were filled with the Holy Spirit, and seven were added to the roster roll. A lady was healed of a face cancer. All this was done in our regular services.—Olen C. Vest, Pastor.

### DISTRICT OFFICER DIES

George E. Gould, 40, Secretary-Treasurer of the South Carolina District, died suddenly from a heart attack on March 13, 1956. Brother Gould was elected to the District office about three years ago. He also pastored the First Assembly of God in Greenville, S. C. for nearly seven years.



George Gould

Brother Gould was ordained in 1941. He pastored a church in Pensacola, Fla., and then pastored the Freeport Gospel Tabernacle in Freeport, Pa. for over seven years before coming to Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted by Walter Dixon, South Carolina District Superintendent, and J. C. Hunnicutt.

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## TWENTY-TWO WORKERS GET TRAINING CERTIFICATES

TRENTON, TEX.—We have just concluded a most interesting and beneficial Workers Training Course. We studied the book, "Into All Truth," by Stanley Horton. On the closing night, 22 certificates were issued.

Earl J. Rogers of McKinney, Tex. was the instructor. Our people expressed their appreciation for the way God's Word was presented. We have received lasting good from this training course.—Chester C. Cook, Pastor.

## ROANOKE CHURCH PURCHASED

ROANOKE, VA., Mar. 24—The Assembly of God here has purchased a church on Melrose Avenue, in the northwest part of the city. We praise God for the many prayers that have been answered, and also for the co-operation of the Appalachian District which has backed our efforts here.

While we had calls in other fields, God burdened our hearts for the closed doors in Roanoke. In May, 1954, we started with an average of six in Sunday School. The present average is over 50, and we believe the attendance will increase when we move into our new church. The opening service will be on Sunday, April 1. W. Glenn West, Superintendent of the Appalachian District, will conduct a revival for us in April.—Beulah Skidmore, Pastor.

## 114 ENROLLED IN AREA-WIDE WORKERS TRAINING COURSE

YPSILANTI, MICH.—In January an area-wide Workers Training Course was conducted at the Ypsilanti Assembly of God by a former Army Chaplain, Mel Jennings, now of Plymouth, Mich. The book, "Into All Truth," was studied. The churches in Belleville, Carleton, Chelsea, Plymouth, Wayne, and Ypsilanti united in this endeavor. There were 114 enrolled and nearly 100 certificates were issued. The five nights of two-hour class periods were a time of blessing and inspiration.—John Walaskay (pastor of Plymouth Assembly), Training Course Registrar.

## REACHING NEGROES FOR CHRIST

SEATTLE, WASH.—I am the white pastor of a "colored church" (Weller Gospel Mission, branch of Calvary Temple, Seattle, Washington). We had 186 in our Sunday School on March 4. Since 1948, when I began pastoring the mission, God has blessed our efforts. The Sunday School average attendance has increased from 60 to 159, and God has moved in such a way that I am now able to give my full time to this work.

Our ministry here has been mostly among the children—they come from more than 125 families. It is now our desire to reach their parents and get them into the Sunday School and church. I am using the EVANGEL in my visitation work. I know God is working and going to do many more things for us as we work and pray.—N. C. Hutchcroft, Pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REACHES 135 IN FIVE YEARS

GARLAND, TEX.—In June 1951, V. E. Tipton came here to build an Assemblies of God Church. We began with a Sunday School of 12. In less than five years we have increased to an average attendance of 135.

We secured our present property of approximately eight lots located on Axe Drive just off Highway 67. We worshiped in a tent until we built the Sunday School annex. We used it for an auditorium and classrooms until March 1954, when the present auditorium was dedicated. The building is solid masonry of pink ripple brick with lovely stained glass windows. It is approximately 50 x 90 of modern design. The inside is finished in pastel colors of rose and green, and is furnished with natural birch opera seats. The property, valued at \$65,000, has only about \$20,000 against it.—Ruth Anderson, Education Director, Southside Assembly of God.

## NEW CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

NEW BRITAIN, CONN.—On December 16, 1955, we started a new church in this city of approximately 100,000 people. There is no other full gospel church here. We acquired an auditorium at 19 Glen Street, just off Main Street, at a very reasonable rate. We have named the church, Assembly of God Revival Center. The attendance was good at the opening service.—Thomas A. Grundy, Pastor.

## NEW ASSEMBLY DEDICATED

HATFIELD, ARK.—On February 24, the Hatfield Assembly of God dedicated a new church to the Lord. G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, brought the dedicatory sermon. H. W. Culbreth, Sectional Presbyter, had charge of the service and offered the dedicatory prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Smith pioneered the work here. In March 1952 they started the building. Services were held in a tent until late summer and then they moved into the building. The Lord blessed the work and the building was paid for as it was built.

Robert Kirby followed Brother Smith as pastor; and then in September, 1954, Lowell Snitker became pastor. Later that year a parsonage was started and it is now nearing completion. It also is being built free of indebtedness. The church plans to build Sunday School rooms as soon as the parsonage is completed.

## COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Begins May 6 at Assembly of God, Baca at Nevada; George Gospel Team, Hobbs, N. Mex.—by R. H. Bishop, Pastor.

ALMA CENTER, WIS.—Begins May 1 with Evangelist Mel Lager, Havre, Mont. (C. W. Nutter is Pastor.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—May 6-20 at First Assembly of God, S. Pennsylvania and 40th Sts.; the Vandermerwes.—by Don L. Collins, Pastor.

WAYCROSS, GA.—Begins May 6 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Ray. (E. L. Gilliland is Pastor.)

VELMA, OKLA.—Begins May 13 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Riggs, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by C. E. Doan, Pastor.

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Begins May 7 with Evangelist C. B. Roberts, St. Joseph, Mo.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

EL CAJON, CALIF.—Begins May 6 with Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex. (Earl L. Ayres is Pastor.)

OPELIKA, ALA.—May 6-20 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Daniel Mosier, Pensacola, Fla.—by C. E. Sims, Pastor.

PASADENA, MD.—May 1-20 at Pentecostal Assembly of God; Evangelist Arthur E. Moore, Knoxdale, Pa.—by Harold L. Zuch, Pastor.

OAKLAND, MD.—Began Apr. 8 at Sand-Flat Assembly of God; Evangelist Walter C. Long, Mt. Morris, Pa.—by Irvin G. Steiding, Pastor.

GLASSPORT, PA.—Apr. 29-May 13 at Glassport Assembly of God; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa.—by Arthur E. Davies, Pastor.

CAMAS, WASH.—Begins Apr. 24 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Johnny Hoskins, Prineville, Oreg. (Ernest Mattson is Pastor.)

EAGLE BEND, MINN.—Apr. 24-May 6 at Assembly of God; the Joel Palmers.—by L. A. Miller, Pastor.

TONASKET, WASH.—Apr. 29-May 20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ferdie C. Jay.—by Frank Gray, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Sunday School Training Course at Calvary Tabernacle, 5100 W. Diversey Ave., May 6-13; John Hall, Aurora, Ill.—by Loren D. Doss, Pastor.



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CANTON, ILL.—May 6-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Virginia, Ill. (Willis Akridge is Pastor.)

LEBANON, IND.—Apr. 24-May 6 at Assembly of God; Evangelist L. M. Chappell, London, England.—by J. M. Washler, Pastor.

UNION CITY, IND.—Began Apr. 15 at Calvary Assembly of God, 722 N. Plum St.; Evangelist Carrie Hunsberger.—by David E. Dean, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—Begins May 6 at Assembly of God; Kenneth Marshall Evangelistic Party, Hartford, Ill.—by C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor

WARREN, OHIO—May 6-13 at First Assembly of God, 235 Highland Ave. S. W.; the Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn.—by Herbert Eicher, Pastor.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—Apr. 25-May 13 at South Side Assembly of God; Evangelist A. R. Vanderploeg.—by Paul A. Evans, Pastor.

FORT HALL, IDAHO—Apr. 29-May 7 at Indian Assembly of God; Evangelist Manuel Cordova.—by John Bennett, Pastor.

SLOCOMB, ALA.—Apr. 26-May 13 at Assembly of God; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Lancaster, Pa.—by D. J. Paglia, Pastor.

AMES, IOWA—May 8-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Cummings, Edgemont, S. Dak. (Vinton Huffey is Pastor.)

DECATUR, ILL.—Begins May 6 at Assembly of God, 1600 E. Moore St.; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (W. V. Drake is Pastor.)

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—May 6-20 at Bethel Assembly of God, 7th Ave. and 43rd St.; Evangelist Velmer Gardner. (George W. Clark is Pastor.)

POMONA, CALIF.—May 6-20 at First Assembly of God, 177 W. Monterey; Evangelists Oran and Audrey Duncan, North Hollywood, Calif. (William H. Robertson is Pastor.)

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Begins May 6 at Zion Temple Assembly of God, 109 Roberts Cut-off S. at 5200 White Settlement Rd., Evangelist Billy Keen, Ada, Okla.—by B. R. Griffith, Pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 7-9 at First Assembly of God, Richland St., Columbia, S. C. Thomas F. Zimmerman, guest speaker.—by Walter G. Dixon, District Superintendent.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—May 6-20 at Calvary Assembly of God, 3688 Clayton Dr.; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex.—by Ira M. Bryce, Pastor.

ELLENSBURG, WASH.—Dedication revival at First Assembly of God, Apr. 29-May 20; Evangelist and Mrs. Orin Kingsriter, Paynesville, Minn.—by B. P. Birkeland, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—39th Anniversary Rally at First Assembly of God, May 6; J. O. Savell, guest speaker. All former members invited.—by V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

GARY, IND.—May 9-27 at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 8th and Connecticut Sts.; Busse Evangelistic Team, New York City. (James Menzie is Pastor.)

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SILSBEE, TEX.—Begins Apr. 29 in tent located next to First Assembly of God; Evangelist Hilton Sutton. (James Hendrix is Pastor.)

LINCOLN, NEBR.—Began Apr. 22 at Glad Tidings Assembly, 12th and "D" Sts.; Evangelist J. C. Burkey, Seattle, Wash.—by John W. Smith, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANS.—May 1-13 at Highland Park Assembly of God, 25th and Indiana; Evangelist F. W. Paalanen, Ironwood, Mich.—by A. M. Selnness, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—May 6-20 at First Assembly of God, Carpenter and Klein Sts.; Evangelist D. C. Ogdan, Memphis, Tenn.—by G. E. Mandel, Pastor.

CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.—Begins May 1 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Al and Wilma Wyrick (Singing Wyricks), Covelo, Calif. (D. L. Rhodes is Pastor.)

CAMDEN, N. J.—Apr. 22-May 6 at Calvary Assembly of God, 570 Walnut St.; Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad of California.—by Harold W. Barnes, Pastor.

HOMESTEAD, FLA.—Apr. 15-29 at Bethel Evangelistic Center, 50 N.W. 9th Ave.; Evangelist Dorothy Ponge, Dade City, Fla.—by H. Emerson McBride, Pastor.

MCGEHEE, ARK.—Apr. 15-29 at Assembly of God, 6th and Seaman; Evangelist and Mrs. James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by C. B. Anderson, Pastor.

CRESCO, PA.—Apr. 27-May 13 at Paradise Valley Assembly of God; Evangelist William B. and Edith McKay, Orlando, Fla.—by David M. Wellard, Pastor.

ALLEN, ALA.—Begins May 6 at Magnolia Assembly of God; Evangelists Dalwyn and Duane Holcombe, Columbiana, Ala.—by W. R. Bush, Pastor.

ARKANSAS CITY, KANS.—May 6-20 at Assembly of God, Cor. 5th and Vine; Evangelist and Mrs. David Sandall and family, Augusta, Kans.—by Clifford L. Barnes, Pastor.

WINDBER, PA.—May 1-13 at Pentecostal Assembly of God, 1305 Midway; Evangelist and Mrs. A. Alan Alaimo, Brooklyn, N. Y.—by Clifton E. Wilkins, Pastor.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Begins May 6 at First Assembly of God, 804 Second Ave.; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by E. L. Stalons, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—May 6-20 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 15th at Park Pl.; "On to Pentecost" revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Wayne Brashear, Tulsa, Okla.—by Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—47th Annual Missionary Convention at Stone Church, 70th St. and Stewart Ave.; May 13-20. Speakers: Glenn Horst, Maynard Ketcham, John Hall, Bronnie Stroud, and Melvin E. Jorgenson.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Speed-the-Light Rally at Assembly of God, Cor. 3rd and Marr Sts., May 13, 2:30 p.m.; Kenneth Short, speaker. "Deeper Life" revival, May 15-18 with Edward Lutz, Milwaukee, Wis.—by O. W. Apple, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Apr. 22-May 6 (not Apr. 25-May 13 as previously announced) at Glad Tidings Church; Evangelist Charles R. Shuss.—by Sarah P. Strazzeri, S. S. Secretary. (William E. Varney is Pastor.)

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 7-10 at First Assembly of God, 645 S. Broad St., Elizabeth, N. J. Edgar Bethany, Columbus, Ga., speaker. Church institute at 9 a.m.; business sessions at 1:30 p.m.; WMC nickel march, Wednesday night; and ordination service, Thursday night.—by R. J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

NEW YORK DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 8-10 at Vine Pentecostal Church, New York Ave. and 14th St., Huntington, L. I., N. Y. Evening sessions at South Huntington High School Auditorium, 31 Walt Whitman Rd. (on Route 110 near Jericho Turnpike), C. M. Ward, guest speaker. Norman S. Farrington is Host Pastor.—by Paul R. Buchwalter, District Secretary-Treasurer.

INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 7-9 at Hulman Street Assembly of God, Terre Haute, Ind. Ralph M. Riggs, main speaker. Jimmy Brown preaching at opening Rally. Some free rooms for ministers. For information or reservations write host pastor, Nolan D. Lee, 706 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

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OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 30-May 3 at Highway Tabernacle, 1519 Hillman St., Youngstown, Ohio. Howard S. Bush, South Florida District Superintendent, guest speaker. For accommodations write host pastor, T. E. Hollingsworth, 1519 Hillman St., Youngstown, Ohio.—by T. E. Hartshorn, District Secretary.

WESTERN INDIAN CONVENTION—May 8-10 at Fort Hall, Idaho. Indian speakers: J. McPherson, G. Effen, and M. Corova. Meetings open to all. Free meals; limited accommodations. For information write John Bennett, Box 26, Fort Hall, Idaho.

Near DARMSTADT, GERMANY—Retreat for servicemen and their dependents at the Bible School in Erzhausen (near Darmstadt in Central Germany), May 29-June 3. For further information write Paul Willisroft, Erzhausen bei Darmstadt, Germany.

## MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The Beulah Assembly of God, Calhoun, La. has been changed to Assembly of God.—Arthur C. Bristol, Pastor.

VOCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED—Would like to see a young couple (or family with some young people move here) to help in a pioneer work.—Roswell Dillingham, Route 3, Wabash, Ind.

CHURCHES MERGED—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 8218 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. has merged with the Lennox Assembly of God, Lennox Calif. The name Glad Tidings Assembly of God will be used. The address is 3839 W. Imperial Highway, Lennox, Calif.—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor.

CHOIR TOUR POSTPONED—The western tour of the King's Choralists Choir, mentioned in the January 1 EVANGEL, will be postponed until fall. The name of the choir has been changed to The Evangelizers Choir and announcement of the fall tour will be made later.—Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom, Box 565, Florence, Ore.

TEACHERS WANTED—Teachers who are qualified and interested in teaching in Christian elementary and secondary schools are urged to correspond at once with the Education Department (J. Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

# You Have the Time

by NATHANAEL OLSON

**H**OW TO LIVE ON TWENTY-FOUR Hours A Day," is the unusual title of Arnold Bennett's excellent essay on *time*. He says, "The supply of time is truly a daily miracle. No one can take it from you; no one receives either more or less time than you receive. Talk about an ideal democracy! In the realm of time, there is no aristocracy of wealth, and no aristocracy of intellect. Genius is never rewarded by even an extra hour a day." Yes, you have as much time as anyone else has!

Another writer says, "Most people would tell you that they never had a lucky break, or that they were too honest to get very far in the world. I am afraid most of this is sheer bunk! We all have twenty-four hours a day. Those who make full use of those twenty-four hours will do very well. Those who waste them will do poorly, and blame it all on luck, or the political system, or the bad weather—but seldom on themselves!

David wrote, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12). Have you ever numbered your days? If you'd like to know how many days there are in 70 years (an average life time), multiply 70 times 365. You'll be amazed to find that there are only 25,550 days in 70 years. Add 17 extra days for the leap years, and you'll still have only 25,567 days!

But in spite of the brevity of life, you have the time to do what you desire.

You have time to sleep. An average adult sleeps 8 hours out of every 24. Just think! People sleep away one third of their lives! That means that if you



live to be 60 you'll have slept away approximately 20 years, as the fictitious Rip Van Winkle did!

You have time to eat. A person spends an average of at least one hour at the table daily. A humorist once wrote, "Eating is America's favorite pastime."

You have time to work—approximately 8 hours a day. "The best way to kill time is to work it to death."

You have time to be saved from eternal punishment. The Bible says, "NOW is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). You have TODAY. "To day if ye will hear his [God's] voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 3:7, 8). Remember, "there is no such thing as tomorrow. When it comes, we call it today."

Satan wants you to live a wretched life of sinful seconds, miserable minutes, and horrible hours. Christ wants you to live a worth-while life of sacred seconds, meaningful minutes, and happy hours. He not only wants you to, but He has made a way for you to do it. Here's the plan: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

When you are "in Christ" you will love the sacred things you once hated, and you will hate the sinful things you once loved. You can be "in Christ" only by having Christ "in you." It's

simply a matter of receiving Christ as your Saviour and Lord. "As many as received him [Christ], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

You have the time to receive Christ today! To be almost persuaded is to be altogether lost. Therefore, repent, believe, and receive Christ today, while **YOU HAVE THE TIME!**

## A CABLE FROM AFRICA

The hearts of the brethren at Springfield were saddened upon the receipt of the following cable, addressed to J. R. Flower:

PASTOR ABELINES SCHOEMAN, GENERAL SECRETARY, PASSED AWAY FIFTH APRIL. (Signed) HEAD-QUARTERS, APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION, SOUTH AFRICA.



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