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

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Quietness

STRONG emotion has its place in religion as in all of life, but the mood in which we find God most real to us is more often one of quietness. Only in quiet waters are objects mirrored without distortion, and only in a quiet mind is there a clear perception of truth. "Be still," we are told, "and know that I am God." Those who have not learned to be still miss life's profoundest lessons.

May God make our souls like quiet pools reflecting the stars that have guided men through the ages.—Walter L. Moore, in *Christian Herald*.

For a Happy Summer

Officially, summer is still "just around the corner," but in most parts of the northern hemisphere its heat, at least, is already here. May it be a happy summer for you. It will be, if you will put God first in all your plans.

In many churches the congregation thins out noticeably during the summer. One would think that worship was less important in warm weather; or that people no longer needed the Lord's help; or that sinners had stopped dying and slipping into a hopeless eternity!

Every summer there are those who take refuge in a very familiar argument. They say, "I can worship God beside a cool lake, or under a shady tree, as well as in church." Yes, they can—but they don't. Either they relax so comfortably that their mind wanders in every other direction, or their time is absorbed with recreation and pleasures so that God is not in any of their thoughts. One value in going to church is that it shuts us away from material things and exposes us to spiritual considerations. The hymns, the prayer, the testimonies, the preaching, the fellowship of the saints all combine to stimulate a spirit of worship within us and to strengthen us for holy living. There is the moving of the Holy Ghost in a church service that is vital and glorious beyond words, and you never experience it when you are separated from those of like precious faith.

For a happy summer, remember that you need the church as much as the church needs you. The war between the flesh and the spirit rages at its fiercest pitch in the summertime. Here are some good resolutions to make at the very outset of the season that will keep you in victory.

First, plan all your outings and trips so they will not keep you away from church. Read Hebrews 10:25.

Second, participate in whatever gospel projects your church may undertake, such as tent revivals, brush arbor meetings, street services, V. B. S., etc. Remember—the best insurance against backsliding is the policy of Ecclesiastes 9:10—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do (for God), do it with thy might."

Third, take advantage of all the summer activities your church provides for your spiritual edification, such as camp meeting. "Wait thou only upon God. . ."

Fourth, if a vacation trip or some clear call of duty takes you away from home for a time, be sure to look up a good church wherever you go and attend the services. You will find Assemblies of God churches in most communities. Keep your eyes open for any customs or methods they follow that are different. You may be able to gather some good ideas to take back home with you.

Fifth, if you cannot attend your own church, remember that the expenses will be just as great in your absence as they are when you are present. Happy is the man who, before leaving on a vacation, not only arranges for the flowers to be watered, and the chickens to be fed, and the mail to be forwarded, but also digs down in his purse and pays his tithes to his home church before he departs. Such a man is a faithful steward, a pillar in the church, and he shall have no guilty conscience to mar his vacationing pleasure.

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Peter's closing prayer was indeed a "benediction"—a pronouncement of great spiritual blessing.

An Apostolic Benediction

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:10, 11.



HOW LITTLE ATTENTION WE PAY TO benedictions! We are apt to look upon them as merely the formal pronouncements that close the service, the empty bit of cant or formalism in which the preacher indulges to send us on our way. Actually they are means of grace through which the pastor invokes the blessing of God upon his flock. Have we ever paused long enough to examine the contents of these closing prayers uttered on our behalf?

The apostle Paul offered a beautiful and purposeful benediction for one of his infant churches. He prayed thus: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." It was a sincere prayer for a church deeply in need of the very help requested. How that early Corinthian church needed the grace, the love, and the communion of the triune God if it was to survive as a church and carry out the divine purpose in sin-rotted Corinth. It was beset with many dangers, inside and out. And how desperately we need the same help today if we are to survive and thrive. We need this grace; we need this love; we need this communion and fellowship.

This benediction of Paul's is very

popular—probably more than any other. But the benediction we would dwell upon here is found in 1 Peter 5:10, 11. You have the words in the text at the head of this article. In this beautiful prayer of Peter's we find many things worthy of consideration.

I. A PICTURE OF THE GOD WE SERVE

Peter begins with the words, "But the God of all grace." In these simple words he gives a wonderful picture of our God. He is no heathen god of terrible countenance and ugly distorted features, no god of cruelty and blind wrath, no hateful, vengeful god. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the lowly Carpenter who taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven." This is Peter's God. This is our God—"the God of all grace"; or, as the American Translation has it, "God the giver of all mercy." A God whose synonym is love!

THE STORY OF THE GOLDEN CALF

There is a story in Exodus that illustrates the character of our God. Moses went up into Mount Sinai that he might be alone with God to receive the law for the people. Moses had been gone many days and the people in the plain had grown restless and discon-

tented. Without the presence of their able leader they felt helpless in this vast wilderness. True, their faith should have been pinned on God, but human nature wants something visible. Moses was gone (and perhaps would not come back, it was whispered) and so their God was gone. Tragic are the churches that have gone to pieces when the leader or leaders have fallen! Pitiably are the people who set their hope in men rather than in God. Poor Israel! In their time of distress and bewilderment, they said to Aaron, "Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses... we wot not what is become of him." Israel wanted a visible god such as other nations had. They were weary of following this God who is a Spirit. And so, in response to their plea, Aaron made Israel a "god" of gold, fashioned from their readily offered trinkets, made in the form of a molten calf.

When Moses came down from the mount where he had fellowshiped with God, and heard and saw the debauched and defiled revelry of Israel as they danced about the golden calf and shouted, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of

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Testing the Spirits

*Before accepting any person as a servant
of God, there are five tests you should apply.*

JOHAN WROTE, "BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1). Read also the following scriptures in this connection: 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15; Matthew 24:4, 24; 7:15; 2 Peter 2:3; Acts 20:29, 30; 2 Timothy 4:3, 4, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained" (1 Timothy 4:6).

There are five specific tests whereby we may "try the spirits."

I

The first is the *Blood* test. "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ" (Philippians 3:18). "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14). If any individual or group of individuals deny the power of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, reject them instantly. Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins, and without the sin question being settled we are lost—hopelessly and eternally. What helps it if we have a sweet disposition, or belong to a fashionable church, if we are lost and hell-bound? Honor the Saviour and exalt His precious blood for it alone cleanses from sin and opens heaven for us.

II

Another test is the *Word* test. At the first great General Council at Jerusalem, the minutes of which are preserved for us in Acts 15, Peter told how God through his mouth at the first did visit the Gentiles, and Paul and Barnabas declared what miracles and wonders

God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. But James the moderator took care to confirm this work of the Spirit by citing, "To this agree the *words* of the prophets, as it is written."

The stalwart evangelist of the Old Testament declared: "When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:19, 20). Let no spiritualistic phenomena or modern hypnotic powers, wherever you find them, be accepted as divine. The Word of God condemns them as Satanic and their practitioners as worthy of death. Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses with their signs and miracles but Moses' rod swallowed their rods and truth triumphed. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9). "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Let the Word of God be honored and exalted. The signs of Mark 16:17 and 18 confirmed the Word but did not displace or outshine its holy proclamation.

III

There is also the *morals* test. "For this ye know, that no whoremonger,

nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be ye not therefore partakers with them" (Ephesians 5:5-7). "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:15, 16). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name have done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you. Depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). There are still "filthy dreamers who defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities" (Jude 8). They despise government—"presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities" (2 Peter 2:9).

IV

There follows then the *character* test. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17). "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). What is the Spirit of Christ? The Saviour said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart" (Matthew 11:29). "Like-

wise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder; yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." Contrariwise, the Antichrist exalts himself and magnifies himself in his heart (Daniel 11:36 and 2 Thessalonians 2:4).

V

There is, finally, the *unity* test. There will be those who would rend asunder the church of God. We are told to mark them and avoid them. "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:17, 18). "Grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30). And the Bible also gives us a further motive which prompts their evil deeds. *Through covetousness (the love of money) shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you* (2 Peter 2:3).

Ask this question before accepting any person as a servant of God: Does this man respect and assist the groups of believers which he contacts? *Does he honor his fellow workers, particularly the pastors, and work in harmony with them?* Does he take care of his converts and build them into the church? *Does he do solid, constructive work edifying the church and building the kingdom of God?* Disruptive, inharmonious so-called Gospel work which advances a person, his name or his own financial interests, should be immediately suspected. *Let Jesus Christ and Him alone be exalted.* Let His precious Body, the church, be edified and advanced. Let His blood-bought sheep be protected and preserved unto His heavenly kingdom.

It is not wrong to judge so-called disciples of the Lord. The Bible says, "Let the others judge" (1 Corinthians 14:29). And, more specifically, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God." Jesus Himself warned us, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Be not among the "simple" of Romans 16:18. "The simple believeth every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going" (Proverbs 14:15).

Russ Riggs



Precious Blood and Holy Oil

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IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PENTECOSTAL movement much emphasis was placed upon the precious blood of Christ, particularly in seasons of worship and tarrying before the Lord. Over and over again hungry hearts would sing such choruses as, "When I See the Blood," "Hide You in the Blood," "Whiter than Snow," "Oh, the Blood of Jesus," and many others. With eyes reverently closed, and often in tears, believers worshipfully repeated these songs of faith, gratitude, and devotion.

This singing about the Blood would continue, and the Holy Spirit would fall on the waiting company. And as we follow the same pattern today, again the Spirit will fall; for the Spirit falls where the Blood has been applied.

At this season we are joining with possibly three and a half million Pentecostal people around the world, thanking God for the outpouring of His Spirit during the past fifty years. But we are also asking God for another great outpouring—for a fresh Pentecostal effusion of the Holy Spirit. In seeking this outpouring we must remember that God's order is still the same today as it was in the Old Testament—first the blood, then the oil. First the cleansing, then the anointing. The oil was always placed where the blood had been applied.

A beautiful Old Testament type of the Pentecostal outpouring is found in the cleansing of the leper (Leviticus 14). Leprosy is a scriptural type of sin and the leper is a type of the sinner.

How sad it is to view the leper who, because of his disease, was separated

from family, camp, and the tabernacle. What a picture of the sinner—separated from God and godly people now, and from God for eternity.

The leper was in a helpless condition. Just as he could not cleanse himself, neither can the sinner, for in God's sight all our righteousness is as filthy rags.

It was the priest who sought the leper, not the leper the priest. The priest went outside the camp to where the leper was and bade the leper come to him. So Christ went outside the camp of heaven, and the Holy Spirit draws the sinner to Him.

Two doves were taken as a sacrifice for the lepers cleansing. The birds were to be "clean," symbolizing Christ's purity. One bird was slain over running water, representing Christ crucified. Blood mixed with running water reminds us of the Blood and water which flowed from His wounded side. Upon the leper the blood was sprinkled seven times, symbolic of perfect cleansing (and *perfect* indeed is the cleansing of the precious Blood).

The two aspects of our salvation are seen in these two birds. The one that was slain represents Jesus dying for our sins. The living bird, which was dipped in the blood and then released to fly into the heavens, speaks of our risen and ascended Lord, who took the sacrifice of His blood beyond the veil into the presence of the Father.

All of this sacrifice could be accomplished and yet the leper be not cleansed, however. It was not until the blood was applied that he became officially clean. So the sinner today must appropriate the sacrifice of Christ in

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Holiness Unto the Lord!

CRUDEN STATES, "TRUE HOLINESS consists in a conformity to the nature and will of God, whereby one is distinguished from the unrenewed world and is not actuated by its principles and precepts." A book by a well-known religious author limits the meaning of the word sanctified to "separated for a special use." Cruden, however, in one of his eight excellent definitions of this word, declares that to sanctify is "to cleanse a sinner from the pollution and filth of sin, to free him from the power and dominion of sin, and endue him with a principle of holiness; thus God by His Spirit sanctifies the elect, or true believers—'and such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified'" (1 Cor. 6:11). Some may differ with these definitions, but all will agree that it is tremendously important to be cleansed from the pollution and filth of sin, to be freed from its power and dominion, and to be endued with the principle of holiness.

WHAT WESLEY TAUGHT

There is no questioning the fact that John Wesley and the early Methodists had something real from God. They saw that Paul exhorted the Corinthian Christians, "Be perfect" (2 Cor. 13:11). They noted the prayer of Epaphras for the Colossians—"that they stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12). They further recognized that above all they should put on love, "the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:15). These and similar scriptures were the foundation of Wesley's doctrine of "Christian Perfection." Many have dubbed what he taught as "sinless perfection" and have denounced it as a false doctrine. Wesley, when accused of teaching this, replied that he did not know whether the name credited described the salvation he preached, and said, "It is not worth while to contend for a term. What I teach is *salvation*

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth.

—John Wesley

from sin." And surely the most serious opponent of Wesley's teaching will have to admit that salvation from sin is taught in God's Word. This truth, "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not," needs reiteration today.

FLETCHER'S TEACHING

One of the outstanding texts of the early Methodists was, "Reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Preaching on the subject, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound," Fletcher said:

"How did sin abound? Had it not overspread your whole soul? Were not all your passions, tempers, propensities and affections, inordinate and evil? Did not pride, anger, self-will and unbelief all reign in you? And when the Spirit of God strove with you, did you not repel all His convictions and put Him far from you? Well, my brethren, 'ye were then the servants of sin, and were free from righteousness; but now, being made free from sin, ye become servants of God,' and holiness shall overspread your whole souls; so that all your tempers and passions shall henceforth be regulated and governed by Him who now sitteth on the throne of your heart, making all things new. They shall therefore be all holy. And as you once resisted the Holy Spirit, so now you shall have power as easily to resist all the subtle frauds or false attacks of Satan. Yes, his suggestion to evil shall be like a ball thrown against a wall of brass. Who will thus be saved? Who will believe the report?

You who reject this are only in an improper sense called believers. Who is a believer? One that believes a few things which God hath spoken? Nay, but one who believes all that ever proceeded out of His mouth. Here, then, is the word of the Lord, 'As sin abounded, grace shall much more abound.' As no good thing was in you by nature, so now no evil thing shall remain. Do you believe this, or are you a half believer only? Come, Jesus is offered to thee as a perfect Saviour; take Him, and He will make thee perfect."

BRAMWELL'S EXPERIENCE

The early Methodists testified to very clear experiences on this line. The following is the testimony of William Bramwell:

"I was for some time deeply convinced of my need of purity, and sought it carefully with tears, entreaties, and sacrifices; thinking nothing too much to give up, nothing too much to do or suffer, if I might attain this pearl of great price. Yet I found it not; nor knew the reason why, till the Lord showed me I had erred in the way I sought it. I did not seek it *by faith alone*, but, as it were, 'by the works of the law.' Being now convinced of my error I sought the blessing of faith only. Still it tarried a little, but I waited for it in the way of faith. When in the house of a friend, while I was sitting, with my mind engaged in various meditations concerning my present affairs and future prospects, my heart now and then lifted up to God, but not particularly about this blessing—Heaven came down to earth; it came to my soul. The Lord, for whom I had waited, came suddenly to the temple of my heart. My soul was then all wonder, love and praise. It is now about twenty-six years; *I have walked in this liberty ever since.* Glory be to God! I have been kept by His power. *By faith I stand.*"

JESUS HIMSELF

It is possible, however, for us to strain after an experience and miss the whole secret and simplicity of a holy life. Nothing better on this subject has been written, as far as we know, than Dr. A. B. Simpson's tract entitled "Himself." He says:

"I often hear people say, 'I wish I could get hold of divine healing, but I cannot. Sometimes they say, I have got it.' If I ask them, 'What have you got?' the answer is sometimes, 'I have got the blessing.' Sometimes it is, 'I have got the healing.' Sometimes it is, 'I have got the sanctification.' But, thank God, we have been taught that it is not the thing, it is not the *it* that you want, but it is something better. It is the Christ, it is *Himself*."

"I prayed a long time to get sanctified, and sometimes I thought I had it. On one occasion I felt something and I held on with desperate grip for fear I should lose it, and kept awake the whole night fearing it would go; and of course it went with the next sensation and the next mood. Of course I lost it because I did not hold on to *Him*. I had been taking a little water from the reservoir when all the time I might have received from *Him* fullness through the open channels. I went to meetings and heard people speak of joy. I even thought I had the joy, but I did not

keep it because I had not Himself as my joy. At last He said to me, oh, so tenderly, 'My child, just take *Me*, and let *Me* be in you the constant supply of all this.' And when at last I got my eyes off my sanctification and my experience of it, and just placed them on the Christ in me, I found that *instead of an experience, I had a Christ larger than the moment's need, a Christ that had all I should ever need, who was given me at once and forever!*" Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us SANCTIFICATION!

A SUMMING UP

We learn from Cruden that holiness is a conformity to the nature and will of God. We believe this is a scriptural definition, for God has said to us, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." We see that Wesley summed up his teaching on holiness in three words—"salvation from sin." This we also believe to be scriptural, for the Lord declares to His own, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." We gather from Fletcher that this is *wholly of grace*—far removed from pharisaical, legalistic, merely outward conformity that tries to camouflage itself as scriptural holiness. Bramwell showed us that a holy life was one attained and maintained by faith. Dr. A. B. Simpson opened up to us the simplicity of it all—*Christ in us*, made

unto us sanctification, working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure.

PRACTICAL PRECEPTS

Holy men, moved by the Holy Ghost, have blazed the way of holiness for us in some very practical counsel set forth in the Holy Scriptures. "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; ... come out from among them and be ye separate." "Abstain from all appearance of evil." "Owe no man anything." "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying." "Flee youthful lusts." "In nothing be anxious." These and other similar principles are set forth as the will of God for us, and *the way of holiness is just a life of yielding sweet, joyous obedience to the revealed will of God, moment by moment*, realizing like one of old that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us; knowing this, that our old man, or carnal nature, was crucified with Christ at Calvary, in order that the body of sin should be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Sin met its death at the cross of Calvary; and through the risen Christ of Calvary, and through the abundance of His grace, we can be more than conquerors over the world, the flesh and the devil.

—by Nobud E. Much.

DEDICATION

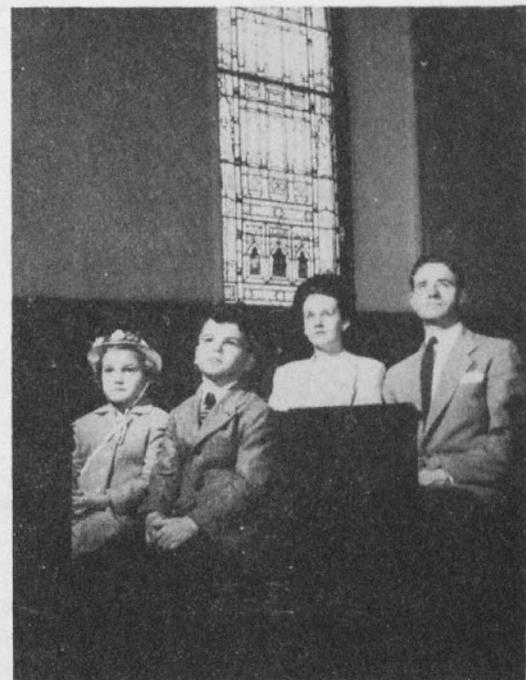
In my inner life I desire to be kept absolutely pure and lovely. O Holy and Spotless One, be in me the crystal fountain of purity! O Lamb of God, be in me the source of absolute meekness and humility! O Lover of men, be in me a fire of unwaning, all-subduing tenderness! Make me instantly sensitive to the least taint of impurity and uncharity. Before ever the suggestion has assumed a tangible shape, may I detect it and shelter in Thee.

In my home life may I be made a blessing; its sunbeam when the days are dark; its inspiration when the days are sad and hopeless; its tender comfort when the days are full of pain and tears. Always thinking of others before myself; never imposing my private sorrows or moods; ever with the girt loin and the lighted torch; washing my face, and anointing my head and confiding my griefs to Thee only, that I may ever have

"A heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize."

In my religious life may the neglect of prayer and Thy Holy Word be things of the past. Wake me morning by morning to hear as a disciple. Enable me to spring up at Thy call, and, like all Thy true servants, to rise up early in the morning to gather the manna ere the dew be gone from it. May my fellowship with Thee be unbroken through the day, that I may often look up into Thy face, even if I have not time to speak. Draw me, and I will run after Thee.

In my daily calling make me diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. May I do my work, not for the wages I may get, not to secure an advance, but so as to please Thee. May it be the one object of my daily striving to do all to the glory of God.—F. B. Meyer



by Herbert Bruhn

THREE YEARS AFTER THE GENERAL Council was formed, the full gospel message was taken to Alaska by a young Pentecostal couple, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Personeus. They pioneered in Juneau, capital of the Territory which is one-fifth the size of the United States.

Today there are 26 Assemblies of God churches and mission stations in Alaska with a number of other preaching points. Our missionaries in the Territory travel by air, by dogteam, and by boat with the gospel message. With only 1,500 miles of roads in the Territory, the problem of transportation remains a difficult one.



A partial view of downtown Anchorage, Alaska

The Assemblies of God in Alaska

Here is a resumé of the ministry of the Assemblies of God in the Territory today.

ANCHORAGE

Anchorage is the largest and newest city in Alaska. In 1952 its population was less than 3,000 and today it is 72,000. A beautiful Assemblies of God Church stands right in the heart of Anchorage. The church is growing with the city, under the ministry of David Hogan, formerly pastor at Muncie, Indiana and formerly Treasurer of the Indiana District. The church serves the thousands of military men stationed near the city as well as the civilians. A Christian Servicemen's Center is maintained in the church basement. Other Alaska churches receive regular help from the congregation at Anchorage.

ANIAK

Several years ago James Reb built the church and parsonage at Aniak, and it is now pastored by Mr. and Mrs. James File. Although the Eskimos of Aniak have been slow to respond to the gospel, there has been some progress in this work. Mr. File is diligently studying the Kuskokwim dialect of the Eskimo, and is now able to bring the gospel to them in their own language. The only way to enter the village is by plane, or by slow river steamer during the summer months. Mr. File recently made a six-day trip down the river by dog team with the gospel.

BARROW

Our Eskimo church at Barrow, pastored by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Capener, was opened in 1955. On the shores of the Arctic Ocean, this village is so far north that it is considered fortunate if there are as many as ten days when the shoreline is free of solid ice. God has signally blessed the ministry of the Capeners and their helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Welker. Souls have been saved, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. They have already outgrown their present quarters, and hope to add a second story to the building soon.

BEAVER

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bills from Long Branch, New Jersey, are ministering at Beaver on the Yukon River. The inhabitants of the village are Indians, and they are responding to the gospel. The Bills are also flying regularly to Steven's Village down the Yukon River. In this village too there is good response to the gospel.

CHUGIAK

Wilburn Craig pioneered this work some seven years ago. In addition to the ministry to civilians, the church has a good ministry to servicemen stationed nearby. The village of Eklutna has also felt the spiritual impact of the Chugiak work. For many years the Russian Orthodox Catholic Church held sway in Eklutna. But today, even open perse-

cution has not succeeded in putting out the fire that burns brightly in the lives of a number of fine Alaskan Indian converts in that area.

CIRCLE CITY

Circle City is a small village, some twenty miles south of the Arctic Circle. Mr. and Mrs. Donel Leach minister in Circle, and also in surrounding villages. God has given them favor with the people and the work is making good progress.

CORDOVA

Until very recently Mr. and Mrs. George Geesey ministered at Cordova, a beautiful little coastal city. The Geeseys have assumed responsibility of the work at Seward, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Personeus recently accepted the pastorate at Cordova.

FAIRBANKS

Located near the center of Alaska, this city was at one time the largest log cabin city in the world. It is the second largest city in Alaska now. The Assemblies of God has an attractive log church in the downtown area. No racial barriers are recognized in Fairbanks, and this results in a varied and interesting congregation. Many hundreds of servicemen from nearby bases have been won to Christ at the church altars, and at the Christian Servicemen's Center. The leaders of this church are Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Wilson.

FORT YUKON

Mr. and Mrs. John Covlasky are the new missionaries at Fort Yukon, eighteen miles above the Arctic Circle. The village population is Indian, and the work has called for patient sowing of the gospel seed. God is blessing His Word and it has not returned void.

HAINES

Haines is the only southeastern town in Alaska into which a highway leads. The highway known as the Haines Cutoff was constructed during World War II as a military lifeline to the interior. Military activities have brought new people to the area, giving pioneer pastors Leonard and Genevieve Olson an excellent opportunity for ministry. They have built a church and living quarters recently. They also minister in the nearby village of Klukwam. Mrs. Olson is suffering from a form of tuberculosis; let us pray that God will deliver her.

HOMER

Near the southern tip of Kenai Peninsula on the shores of a beautiful bay lies the town of Homer. Here too are hungry souls. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nichols minister the Bread of Life to them. As pioneers they face many problems, but the Lord is giving the victory.

JUNEAU

Juneau is the only southeastern coastal city on the mainland. All others are on islands. The church at Juneau is 39 years old now, and during that time three ministers have served the church: C. C. Personeus, Ralph Baker, and the present pastor, Harold Maley. Completely self-supporting, this congrega-

tion built a lovely new church last year, and they are reaching out to win the lost to Christ.

The Juneau Children's Home is located here also. It is the oldest of our three Homes in Alaska, and is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson.

KETCHIKAN

Ketchikan is the port of entry to Alaska when one is traveling by boat, and is known as the *King Salmon Capital of the World*.

Alaska's newest industry, a \$57,000,000 pulp mill, is located here. Near the water's edge stands our Assemblies of God Church as a spiritual lighthouse, beckoning men and women to cast anchor in the Haven of Rest. The congregation is a mixture of whites and native Alaskan Indians. This church also carries on an effective ministry to prisoners in the city and federal jail. Homer Rugwell is pastor.

KODIAK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschy, who have pioneered two other Alaskan Assemblies, are pioneering at Kodiak. They have Sunday School classes in each room of their apartment, and look forward to the day when they can invite more people to attend. At present they are crowded out. Recently three government buildings were purchased and are being torn down to provide material for the new church. Alaska's large naval base is located here, and the Hirschys have already been instrumental in winning a number of fine servicemen and their families to Christ.

MINTO

Few villages in Alaska have felt the impact of genuine revival as has Minto, some fifty miles by air from Fairbanks. Women's Missionary Council groups in the States which gave used clothing and some food paved the way for this work to be opened. B. P. Wilson, pastor at Fairbanks, saw that the much-needed clothing and food were delivered to the village. These and other acts of kindness brought an invitation to preach the gospel and later an opportunity to purchase property in the village. Nearly two years ago, the Gordon Olsons moved into a humble one-room log cabin at Minto. God has blessed their efforts so that souls have been saved, Christians have been filled with the Spirit, and the sick have been healed.

McGRATH

The Assembly of God at McGrath is the only Protestant church in that village. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Geedy pastor the work, and have opportunity to minister both to native Indians and to the local white employees of the Airline and Civil Aeronautics Association.

NOME

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Capener pioneered the work in Nome in 1944, building the church and living quarters the following summer. Later they were led of the Lord to go to Barrow, and Miss Harriet Brown was placed in charge at Nome. God has done a wonderful work of grace in the lives of the Eskimo people there, and the servicemen of the area have also been reached by the church. Our first Eskimo couple to enter the ministry are from the Nome church.

NORTH POLE

New communities spring up almost overnight in Alaska. The little city of North Pole is an example of this. Until recently only a few scattered houses existed there, but it is growing rapidly now. Much of its population is made up of military men and their families. Veteran missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Teeter, have built a church and gathered about them a good congregation. Thirty-five were saved in a revival

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hughes, our ministers at Petersburg, Alaska.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Olson, pioneer missionaries at Haines. Mrs. Olson is suffering from tuberculosis and needs our prayers.



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

Urges Christians to Enter Politics

The National Holiness Association, at its 88th annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a resolution calling upon Christian laymen to run for public office.

New Hymn Book Published in Braille

A volume of 100 hymns commonly used in Protestant churches has been published in Braille by the John Milton Society of New York City. The book will be offered free to any blind person.

Schools to Warn of Evils of Liquor

The governor of Oklahoma, a dry state by law, said in a statement to the State United Dry Association that formal instruction on the evils of liquor will be added to the curriculum of Oklahoma public schools by fall.

Daily Religious Program for Prisoners

New Mexico State Prison officials have decided to start a "seven days a week" religious program for inmates of the state penitentiary. Two chaplains (a Protestant minister and a Catholic priest) will be hired on a half-time basis to get the program underway.

Congregation Must Pay to Use Own Building

A Mexican evangelical congregation has been required to pay 1,000 pesos (about \$81.00) for permission to hold worship services in its own building. Mexican law requires that titles to church buildings must be given to the government, which, in turn will grant written permission to hold public services in the building.

Communist Order Hits Religious Periodicals

Communist authorities in Poland, seeking to lessen the influence of the religious press, have cut newsprint allotments to religious publications another 10 to 15 per cent. This action, the Communists hope, will further reduce the circulation of such periodicals.

NBC Accepts Second Paid Religious Broadcast

The second paid religious broadcast to be released over the National Broadcasting Company network facilities will be radio's oldest sponsored religious program, the Lutheran Hour. The broadcast, which will go on many NBC stations on July 1, will also continue on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Initiated in 1930, the broadcast became widely known through the ministry of the late Dr. Walter A. Meier who was the program's speaker for 20 years.

Canadian Church Gives \$290,000 for Missions

Toronto's Peoples Church, pastored by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, broke all its previous records for missionary giving when it pledged \$290,000 at its annual missionary convention this year. Speakers for the month-long convention included Premier Ernest C. Manning, of Alberta; industrialist R. G. LeTourneau; and missionaries from all over the world.

The record missionary giving will enable the church to support its 350 missionaries for another year and also send 12 new workers to foreign fields.

POAU "Impounds" \$55 Million in Tax Money

Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State "have impounded more than \$55,000,000 of tax money being diverted to sectarian activities, contrary to our constitution," an official of the organization told the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

"If we see a church getting tax funds for its activities in violation of the law, we suggest it desist," he said. "If it does not desist, we will go to court, if compelled, to secure observance of the law."

Methodist Goal: Three Million New Members

The Methodist Church must win three million persons in the next four years if it is to keep up with the national population increase, according to the Methodist Board of Evangelism. The board's executive secretary told the church's general conference that the evangelistic fires that characterized the pioneer Methodist circuit riders need to be lit again. He called for hundreds of thousands of laymen who will go from door to door in rural communities, new housing developments, and in the cities to win those who need Christ.

Decry Breakdown in "Christian Discipline"

A serious breakdown in "Christian discipline" was cited by the 75-member council of bishops of the Methodist Church at their recent meeting in Minneapolis. They attributed this development to a "cult of freedom" which "distorts the word to mean the lack of all restraint." They further stated that this "has become the real competitor to the disciplined life which is the badge of a redeemed society."

"Self-imposed and Church-imposed restrictions," the bishops noted, "are alien to popular mentality; spiritual oversight is resented; and the admonition of one by another through testimony and correction is a vanishing practice in human relations."

Campaigning on Platform of Intolerance

Of interest to evangelicals everywhere is the presidential election in Ecuador this month. The Conservative Catholic candidate for the presidency has stated that, if elected, he will force all Protestant missionaries out of the country.

Minister Fined for Soliciting Wedding

A Mississippi Baptist minister was fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to the charge of approaching a young couple in a courthouse corridor and asking that they let him perform their wedding ceremony. A new Mississippi law prohibits soliciting the performance of a marriage ceremony.

Says Russian Churches Controlled by Government

A former Soviet spy testified before a Senate subcommittee investigating internal security that two bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church are secret police agents and that all religious activity in the Soviet Union is completely under the control of the M.V.D., the Russian intelligence police agency.

Bible Still the Best Seller

According to *Christian Life*, Bible sales are continuing to soar. Six million copies were sold in the U.S. in 1955—a 33 per cent increase over 1954. (The second-best seller netted less than half a million copies.) Prospects for this year are even better. In spite of a 10 per cent increase in prices due to rising costs, Americans are expected to purchase seven million Bibles during the year.

Irish Presbyterians Pray for the Sick

The *Elim Evangel*, in an article by E. S. Coulter, said that the doctrine of divine healing is "finding an ever-widening acceptance in the Irish Presbyterian Church."

The article reported that some congregations have regular weekly or monthly healing services, and it also told of sufferings from cancer, ulcers, tuberculosis, arthritis, and leukemia being healed.

Population Grows Faster than Christianity

Because spiritual rebirths are not taking place as rapidly as natural births, there are some 400 million *more* people today who have not been reached with the gospel than there were a generation ago.

Also, it is estimated that 750 million souls went into eternity in the last generation without ever hearing of Christ and His great salvation.

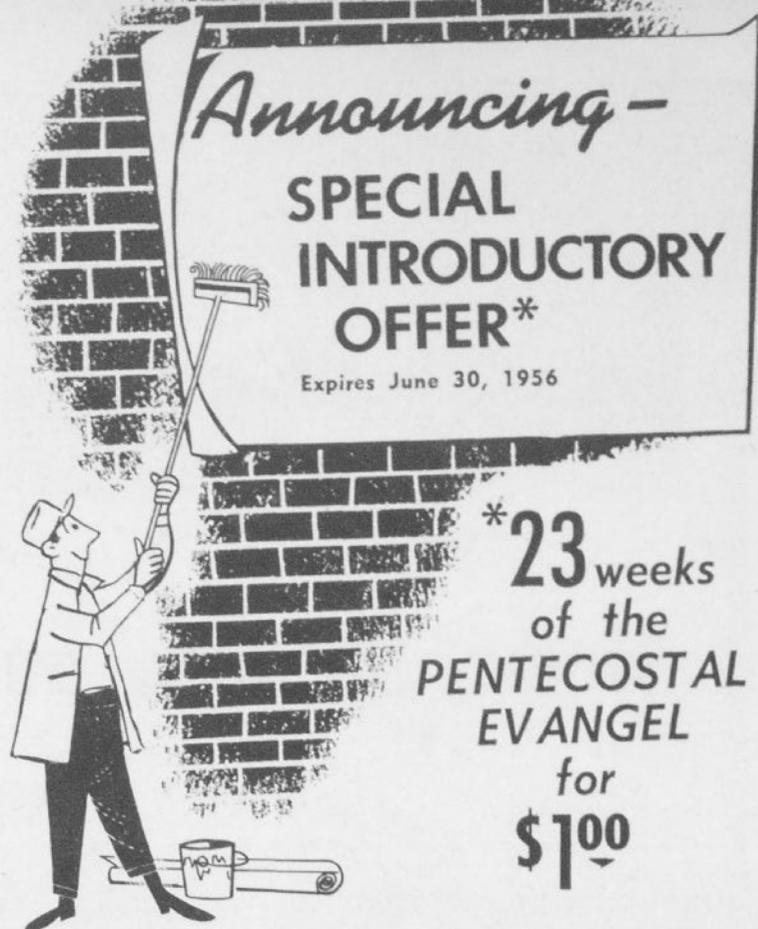
These thought-provoking figures should stir every Christian to realize that our task is far from completed. We must do all we can to preach the gospel to every creature.

Street Meeting Request Shows Code Unconstitutional

When the Latin American Assemblies of God Church of San Jose, California, requested permission to conduct a street meeting, it helped bring the city's code in line with the Constitution of the U.S. The city attorney found a code section which forbade permits for street meetings advocating political parties and for religious gatherings. He reported to the city council, however, that such a code was not in accordance with the U.S. Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech and assembly.

The city council, granting the church's request for the street service, instructed the city attorney to prepare an amendment to the existing code to bring it into conformity with the Constitution.

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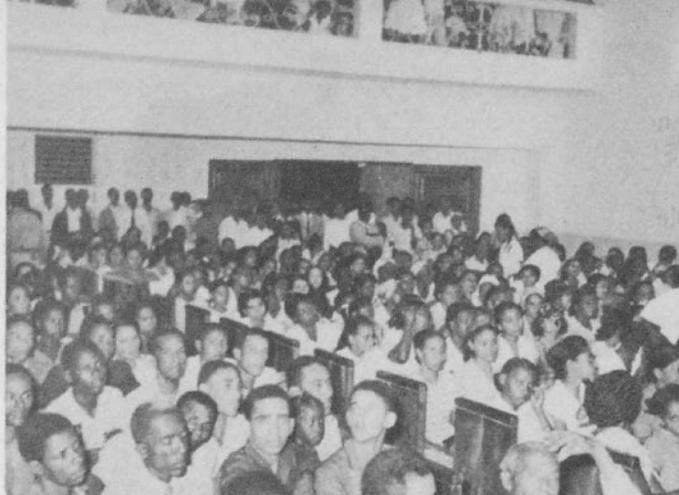
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Congregation at Ciudad Trujillo



Interior of Evangelistic Center, Ciudad Trujillo

Home Missions on the Foreign Field

by ROBERT TURNBULL, Dominican Republic

CHRISt's COMMAND, "GO YE INTO ALL the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was not directed just to His disciples or just to future Christians in America or England, but it was a command given to Christians of all ages, races and nations. It includes converts on our mission fields.

Nothing has thrilled us more here in the Dominican Republic than to see our native brethren, relatively new converts, catch the vision of Christ's command and begin to shoulder the leadership and financial responsibilities of evangelizing their own countrymen.

Ciudad Trujillo is the capital of the Dominican Republic. It is a large, clean, beautiful city of some 250,000 inhabitants. About fifteen years ago the first Assembly of God was founded, using a rented store building as the church. Through the years God blessed the work, and the congregation grew in number. A larger building became imperative to accommodate the crowds. In 1953 a building loan was secured from the Foreign Missions Department and by careful planning a large and

very attractive Evangelistic Center was completed for only \$24,500. Its present value is conservatively estimated at \$75,000. God continued to bless the church. Members were added and finances increased. Crowds of more than 1000 filled the pews.

Now here is the important part: Christ's commission "Go ye" did not go unheeded by these saints. The pastor and people began to think of the thousands of others in the city without Christ. Their slogan became "Ciudad Trujillo por Cristo" (*Trujillo City for Christ*). Their burden and faith grew and led to concrete action. The church income was budgeted. In February 1956, after paying the pastor's salary, payment on church loan, utilities, etc., they had \$85.00 to be used to open a new church. A suitable building was located and rented in a very needy and populous area. Paint brushes flew and hammers pounded as the building was made ready and benches constructed. A former Bible School student was appointed pastor and March 21, 1956, was set for the inauguration service. How

thrilling it was to see the church packed out the first night in spite of a drizzling rain. It was a glorious, victorious service. Hearts were made happy to see the fruits of their labor. At the close of the sermon twenty came forward for salvation—eighteen men and two women. In the first week of the revival that followed fifty-one made decisions for Christ. We are now in the second week and the crowds and conversions have continued. Praise be to God!

The "baby church" is off to a wonderful start. The "mother church," because of her sacrifice and obedience to Christ's command, is experiencing a spiritual rejuvenation. This is missionary work according to the Bible plan. This is *Home Missions* on the Foreign Field!

Christian friend, wouldn't you like to have a part in this native evangelism? You can. Our Bible School is desperately short of space to accommodate students. There are villages waiting for a worker grounded and instructed in the Word of God. Yet we are forced to turn consecrated young men away from

Pastor Rodriguez of the new Assembly

The congregation of the "baby" church



the doors of the Bible School because we have no room for them. We thank God for \$1600 we have in the building now, but we need \$4000 more. Think what a blessing your sacrifice of \$1000 or \$500 or \$100 or \$10 would be to the work for God here in the Dominican Republic. It will bear fruit for all eternity. Send your offering to Dominican Republic Bible School Building Fund, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

TRUCK FOR SALE

The World Missions Conventions are now a matter of history, but the remembrance of some of the meetings lingers with us. At times there was such a sense of God's overshadowing presence; as one of our district representatives expressed it, he could not tear himself away even though he was responsible for some of the business arrangements that had to be taken care of.

We are thinking particularly of the meeting in St. Paul where the appeal was given for a practical demonstration of our consecration and love to God. It was there that the little boy came running up the aisle and placed his Christmas watch upon the altar. And others sent up notes saying that they did not have money but they would give from the produce of their farms.

It was in this same meeting that a brother sent up a note saying that he did not have money but he wanted to give something that would really involve some sacrifice and he was offering his truck that it might be sold and the proceeds given for missions.

We know how at times the strong emotional effect of a meeting of this kind might cause some people to act impulsively; but this good brother, weeks after the meeting, has written that his 1954 Chevrolet two-ton truck, with nearly new tires, valued by a local dealer at \$1900, is available for anyone who would buy it, with the understanding that the money is going for missions. This truck has what is known as an Anthony 5-6 yard end dump with batch board.

If you would be willing to make an offer for this truck, knowing that your money is really being given for missions, please write to the District Superintendent, G. R. Carlson, 910 Elliot Avenue South, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota. We are told that the truck is in A-1 condition.

In Honduras

Hundreds Saved, Many Healed!

The Lord was with us in a definite way during our two-week meeting with Evangelist Roy Stewart. We have no organized church here in San Pedro Sula—just a small group of faithful believers. We had no adequate building, but we rented a lot and put up a platform and some crude benches, and the people came! We estimated our crowds at 400; probably there were more some nights. Their interest was keen. Several hundreds accepted the Lord as their Saviour, and out of that group we are confident that many will go on with the Lord and be faithful. The work to be done now is to visit them and keep them coming to church, and to find a building adequate for our church.

We were thrilled at the way God answered prayer and healed the sick. One woman had had trouble with her eyes for eight months and was blind from it. God healed her instantly and she went on her way praising Him. We praised the Lord when He healed deaf-mutes too. Children who had never spoken nor heard in their lives had their ears opened and could hear.

I cannot mention all the cases but God did marvelous things and we do give Him the glory. We are grateful for Brother Stewart's ministry too. His preaching was simple and clear so our people could understand. He made the way of salvation plain and showed how to have faith in God for receiving healing. The Lord used our brother because he prayed much, and depended on God, and refused to take any glory for himself.—Paul Cooper, San Pedro Sula

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morocco have a little girl born in India on April 28.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull and daughter of Dominican Republic have arrived in the States on furlough. They can be reached at 1140 E. Baseline, San Bernardino, California.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

March 1956

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. Oregon	192	175	91
2. Northwest Dist.	259	234	90
3. North Dakota	50	45	90
4. Kansas	151	135	89
5. Nebraska	81	72	89
6. Eastern Dist.	220	193	88
7. Potomac Dist.	159	136	86
8. New Jersey	90	77	86
9. Rocky Mtn.	120	99	83
10. Montana	67	55	82
11. Minnesota	138	113	82
12. New York	130	106	82
13. Ohio	172	140	81
14. Michigan	161	131	81
15. South Idaho	53	43	81
16. Wisc.-N. Mich.	134	105	78
17. S. Missouri	321	250	78
18. New England	99	77	78
19. W. Central Dist.	213	162	76
20. N. Calif.-Nev.	320	241	75
21. Illinois	192	140	73
22. Wyoming	33	24	73
23. South Dakota	47	34	72
24. South Florida	138	99	72
25. German Br.	17	12	71
26. S. California	335	236	70
27. West Florida	135	89	66
28. Tennessee	88	58	66
29. Alabama	243	153	63
30. West Texas	120	75	63
31. N. Carolina	71	44	62
32. New Mexico	81	48	59
33. Louisiana	136	79	58
34. Oklahoma	468	271	58
35. Appalachian Dist.	64	37	58
36. South Texas	259	149	58
37. Indiana	151	85	56
38. Texas	497	249	50
39. Yugoslavian Br.	4	2	50
40. Arizona	78	39	50
41. Kentucky	66	31	47
42. Mississippi	86	39	45
43. Georgia	119	53	45
44. S. Carolina	49	21	43
45. Arkansas	429	174	41
46. Hungarian Br.	19	3	16
47. Italian Br.	65	9	14
48. Greek Br.	15	2	13
49. Ukrainian Br.	23	3	13
50. Russian Br.	10	1	10
51. Lat. Amer. Br.	285	27	9
52. Polish Br.	21	0	0

If each worker realizes himself a temple of the living God, an instrument possessed and governed and used by the Almighty, there is no place for discouragement. Before Him, the hard, dry rock shall be turned into a pool, the flint into a fountain of water.—Hudson Taylor.



The Anthony Giordanos (above) returned to Cuba for further missionary work, arriving there on April 10.

Christ IS ALL!

What will it profit us to gain the whole world, if we do not possess Him who alone can satisfy all our longing?

by ADOLPH SAPHIR

CHRIST IS ALL. THUS SAITH THE Scripture. Moses, through whom the law was given, wrote of Christ, and testified that grace and truth would come by Him. In Genesis we see the promised seed, the true Isaac, offered on Mount Moriah, and raised from the dead; the true Joseph, sold by his brethren into Egypt, and exalted by God to be a prince and a savior. In Exodus we behold Him as the Paschal Lamb; in Leviticus, as the High Priest and the Perfect Offering; in Numbers, as the Sin-bearer lifted up; in Deuteronomy, as the Prophet raised from the grave to be the all-sufficient guide of His people. Angel of the covenant, Revelation of Jehovah, Source of Blessing to all nations, Prophet and King, Tabernacle, Priest and Sacrifice—*Christ is all.*

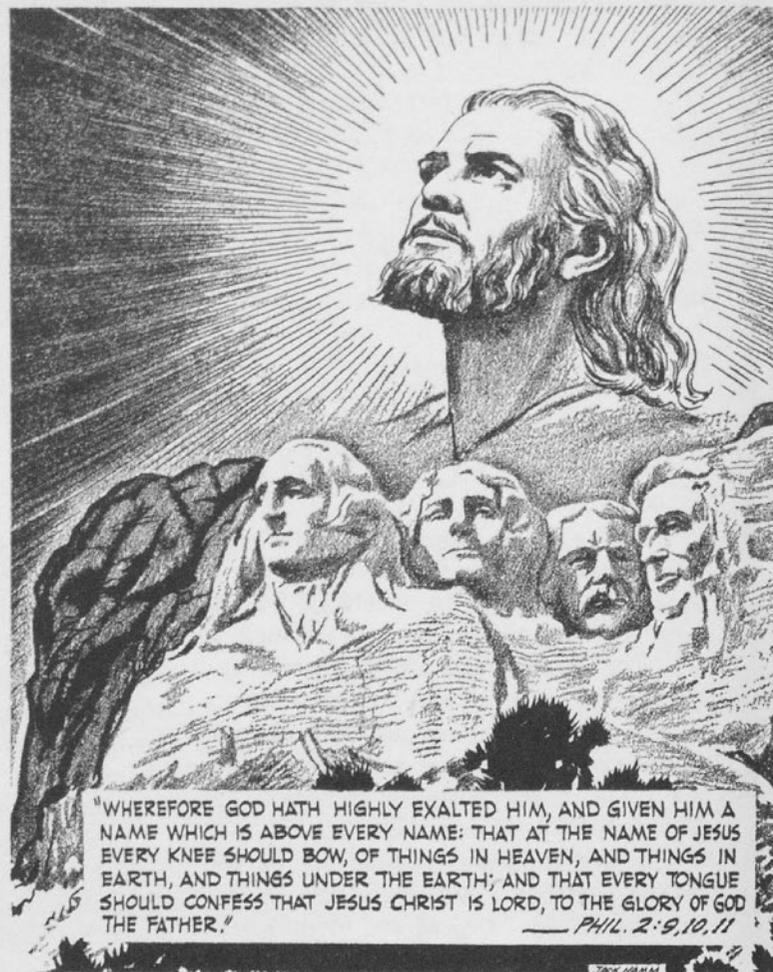
Christ is all. Thus say the Prophets. Isaiah beheld His glory, and wrote of Immanuel, the Child born, the Son given, who is Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father. He speaks of the Servant of the Lord, in whom God's name is revealed, who is rejected and bruised, bearing the iniquities of His people, and exalted to be the light

of the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel. Christ is all, witness Jeremiah and Ezekiel, Daniel and all the prophets. He is the Lord our Righteousness, the Shepherd and David, who shall reign for ever, Messiah the Prince, the Man that is God's equal, who sends forth the Holy Ghost, and is King of all the earth.

Christ is all. Thus say the Evangelists. Israel's Messiah, David's Son, fulfilling the promise given to the fathers; endowed with all power in Heaven and earth, and sending forth His messengers to all nations; this is the testimony of Matthew. Strong Son of God, Power of the Most High, unwearied Servant of the Lord, who went about doing good, and was obedient unto death; so testifies Mark. Perfect Man, the Son of Man, Friend of Sinners, Saviour, Shepherd and Physician of the lost, full of grace and tenderness; thus witnesses Luke. Only-begotten of the Father, dwelling among us and revealing His glory, manifestation of life, and light, and love; thus saith the beloved disciple. *Christ is all* is the fourfold harmonious chord of the Gospels.

Christ the Head in Heaven of the Church on earth, the exalted High Priest on the Father's throne, gathering by the Holy Ghost the Church from

among Jews and Gentiles; this is the record of the Acts of the Apostles. *Christ is all*, is Paul's teaching in all his Epistles. Christ our righteousness and our new life, in the Epistle to the Romans. Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God; Christ above apostles and above all gifts, he writes to the Corinthians. Christ is all, he declares with earnest and anxious zeal to the Galatians; in Him is adoption, from Him comes the Spirit, in Him is our sanctification. How triumphant is his "Christ is all" in the Epistle to the Ephesians—chosen in Christ, redeemed in Him, accepted and adopted in Him, blessed in Him with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, we shall be glorified in Him, who is the Head and the Bridegroom of the Church. High above angels, center of all God's counsels, keystone of creation, he exalts him to the Colossians, lifting them above the rudiments of the world and the elements of the law into the glorious liberty of their standing as risen with Christ, to seek the things which are above. What shall I say of his sweet Epistle to the Philippians, so exquisitely subjective, where he reveals his inmost heart? To know Christ, to glorify Christ, to be transfigured by Christ at His coming, is his only aim; even as Christ is to



"WHEREFORE GOD HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, AND GIVEN HIM A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME: THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THINGS IN HEAVEN, AND THINGS IN EARTH, AND THINGS UNDER THE EARTH; AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER."

—PHIL. 2:9,10,11

him—to live, to be able to do all things, to rejoice. Waiting for the Son of God from Heaven, even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come, is the ground-tone of his Epistle to the Thesalonians. And all the solemn commissions, and terse, minute practical directions of his pastoral epistles to his beloved sons, Timothy and Titus, are based on the faithful saying worthy of all acceptance, on the grace of God which bringeth salvation and disciplines us.

Christ is all. This is specially the motto of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Higher than angels, greater than Moses, Joshua, and Aaron, Christ is the full, comprehensive, all-sufficient, ultimate Revelation of God; our Mediator and ever-blessed High Priest; Author and Finisher of Faith; the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

And what need I say of the other inspired Epistles, showing forth the same truth?—of Christ, the living stone, chief corner stone, elect and precious, testifies Peter; reminding us of Him, whom, having not seen, we love, and of the end of our faith, even salvation at the appearing of Jesus Christ. James, continuing the Master's testimony against the Pharisees, exhorts us to have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, in singleness of heart, thought, speech, and action.

Most prominent and most supplementary to Paul stands forth John. Paul ascends from earth heavenwards. Ruin by the fall, Redemption in Christ's blood, Regeneration by the Spirit sent from Christ—such is his teaching. John descends from heaven to earth. Not the three R's, but, if I may so say, the three L's—Life, Light, Love eternal, but manifested and given unto us in Christ.

Christ is all. This is the majestic conclusion of that grand Apocalypse, with which the sacred Scriptures close; the First and the Last, the Lamb that was slain, adored by angels and saints, to whom the Father hath given kingdom and glory.

Christ is all. Thus saith the Father. He has made Christ to be wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. He draws us to the Son. It is His voice which saith, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him." Christ is all. Thus saith the Spirit. As He was sent after Jesus was glorified, so is it His now to reveal Christ unto us, and the things which are freely given unto us in Him.

Christ is all. Thus testifies all Christian experience. Hemmed in between the accusations of his past guilty life and the terrors of eternity, the penitent thief sees that Christ is all—pardon, renewal, the hope of glory, and Paradise itself. Left alone with Moses—the condemnation of the law—Saul of Tarsus sees that Christ is all—the salvation of God to all helpless sinners, who put their trust in Him. *Christ is all*, is his growing experience, which enables him to glory in infirmities, in weakness, in reproaches. With the thorn remaining in the flesh—nay, himself dying daily—Christ is all. "My grace is sufficient," is Christ's assurance. *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*, is his response. Christ is all—in life, in



COMPARED WITH CHRIST

Compared with Christ, in all beside
No comeliness I see;
The one thing needful, dearest Lord,
Is to be one with Thee.
The sense of Thy expiring love
Into my soul convey;
Thyself bestow; for Thee alone
I absolutely pray.

Whatever else Thy will withholdeth,
Here grant me to succeed:
O let Thyself my portion be,
And I am blest indeed!
Less than Thyself will not suffice
My comfort to restore:
More than Thyself I cannot have;
And Thou canst give no more.

—Augustus Montague Toplady



death, and in eternity. He is the model, object, joy and source of our life. In Him we see, and love, and have the Father; from Him we receive the Spirit. Our fruit is found of Him. In Him are all the promises Yea and Amen; in Him are all our good works, fore-ordained by the Father, that we should walk in them. *Christ is all*.

Christ is all; thus say the glorified saints. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain," is their song. Christ is all; thus say the angels. In Him was revealed unto them the manifold wisdom and the exceeding great love of God. Having made peace through the blood of His Cross, God has by Him reconciled all things in earth and in heaven. Christ is all, is the testimony of creation, made in and for Him, groaning now in bondage, but waiting to be transfigured at the revelation of the Son of God. *Christ is all, to the glory of the Father*—this will be the burden of the song of eternity.

If Christ is all, then let us rejoice. Everything else is fragmentary. Here alone is perfection, unity, fullness.

Light for the mind, peace for the conscience, love for the heart, strength for the day's work, consolation for the night's sorrow, victory in death, glory in eternity—*Christ is all*. God has given us the greatest of all gifts; the highest of all blessings; the greatest and highest that He can give in time or eternity—His own Son. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, praise Him and rejoice in Him. If Christ is all, and Christ is yours, you can bear the loss of all things, and yet be rich; you can be nothing, and yet be complete in Him, in whom dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

If Christ is all, what will it profit us to gain the whole world, if we do not possess Him? *Oh! come to Him*. Christ is the Saviour of the chief of sinners, and Christ sends grace abounding to draw the worst sinners unto Himself. If Christ is all, let Him be all in you. Let Him wash your feet, and receive in humility from Him the remission of sins. Let Him direct your steps and control your actions; let His gentle and loving voice be heard in your words; let His meek and lowly character be reflected in yours. Above all, let Him dwell in your hearts. Let Christ be all; as dear old Gossner said, "Pereat Adam, Vivat Christus"—deny self, assert and confess Christ. Mortify the members which are on earth; give the members to Christ the Head which is in Heaven. Show forth Christ to the world—"whatever things are true, beautiful, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." Let the world see your good works, for remember that Christ is all your righteousness in Heaven and all your good works on earth. You who have stood at His cross, and have known the power of His resurrection, go back now to His life in Nazareth, in Jerusalem, in Galilee, in the wilderness, in the Temple, and walk in His footsteps. But remember that *Christ is all*. He is the way and the strength of the way. He is the example and the life within you to follow His example:

"Great High Priest, who deign'st to be
Once the Sacrifice for me,
Take this living heart of mine,
Lay it on Thy holy shrine.
Love, I know, accepteth nought
Save what love itself hath wrought;
Offer Thou my sacrifice,
Else to God it cannot rise."

—The Wonderful Word



Flannelgraph helps tell the gospel story



"We can smile, because Jesus is in our hearts!"



A VBS group at the Plymouth Canning Co. Camp

America's Neglected

by WILLIAM VAN WINKLE

Indiana District

WITH THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER, EVERY year, more than a thousand migrant workers come driving into our five labor camps around Plymouth, Indiana. The large tomato and pickle canneries anxiously await this cheap labor, but when the harvest closes, the community with equal anxiety awaits their going.

Yes, they are America's forgotten people. A mission field, ripe for the harvest, right here beside our town! The ministers of Plymouth decided to do something about the needs, spiritual and temporal, of these Spanish-Americans. An intensified summer

program to evangelize these shifting, unwanted vagabonds was launched and God is blessing our efforts in a wonderful way.

Crowded under the roof of a ramshackle pavilion, hundreds of the pickle pickers gather to see and hear young people play trombones, sing gospel songs, pray and preach. Many of the children have never been inside a church. Our workers seize the opportunity to preach Christ to them.

Our work is not limited to Sunday afternoon services. All week our workers and committee serve as an important liaison between the migrant and the English-speaking community. For example, one Friday evening about supper time, a migrant rammed his two-ton truck into a car at an intersection. His large family on board was badly shaken up. His wife, mother and two children were hospitalized immediately and were having a very frustrating time trying to understand the "English gibbering" of the nurses. When I learned there were four injured migrants in the hospital, I contacted two of our workers who knew Spanish and we immediately visited these injured folk. Our Spanish-speaking helpers established contact between nurses and patients dramatically. After we had read the Bible and prayed, the Spanish wife and mother gladly trusted Christ and both were converted. Just two days later the old lady died. Her body was shipped south to a Texas grave, but her soul was saved for glory.

Today, after eleven years, our work has taken a more aggressive course. Each summer two co-eds or a man and his wife come down from a special training school in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where they were taught Spanish and Christian education courses. They are paid a small wage and live near the camps. They use audio-visual aids to illustrate Bible stories, plan recreation for the camps (espe-

cially V.B.S.), lead the worst of the local churches to promote

Our workers, Ruth Weigand, had this to say about last summer: "Ninety-eight per cent of the migrants are White and Negro and Puerto Rican. Their living conditions are generally poor, and bathing facilities are sadly inadequate. Cabin accommodations: a double decker ironing couple of chairs usually make up a room. Some camps may have a small kitchen. The children are expected to attend school and only on rainy days can we get them and girls to attend the Bible school."

The constant illegal influx of migrants across the border into our country is a headache. The scramble to get them into the country with thousands who work for very low wages, often nudging them to need the jobs. Many Negro migrants from the South to find seasonal work, especially along the Atlantic seaboard. This tire camp here was populated with

Ellis Marshburn, Midwest representative of the Home Missions Council, says: "It's easy to see what a mess our United States system of immigration operate without this gigantic influx of short, intensive periods."

"Many have become migrants because of drought, dust storms, or crop failures of poor crops, a collapse of prices or unforeseen economic crises which drive families from their land, or compel them in search of employment. Very often by choice. Usually it's the last resort. It is estimated that only one million migrants are converted by a spiritual ministry."

The United States government has neglected the million migratory farm workers and families. Many of these workers are on the land but do not enjoy the human rights which the General Assembly of the United Nations has agreed should be a right of achievement for all peoples. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights "everyone is entitled to all the rights... without the distinction of race or status."

ted Mission Field

Wm. Van Winkle, Plymouth, Indiana

District Treasurer

worship services, and visit to promote the migrant work. Wm. Van Winkle and Judy Behrens, at summer's work: "Almost all the migrants are Mexican. They are made up of Southern and Puerto Rican stock. Their families are generally poor. Sanitation is lacking and washing facilities are scarce. Cabin furniture is at a premium—a iron cot, a table, and a chair make up their happy home. They have a small cook stove. Many are expected to help with the crops, but can we expect all the boys to attend Bible school."

The influx of Mexican citizens from their country is giving officials a hard time to get hired fills our fields who will work for ridiculous wages pushing out Americans who are being driven out. Migrants are coming for seasonal employment, especially on the seaboard. Last year one migrant was entangled with southern Negroes. The Midwest Migrant Supervisor Council of North America, which makes men migrant in the field of agriculture could not find an army of workers for

migrant due to circumstances like control, such as floods, crop failures. A succession of farm-product markets, crises have displaced families, compelled them to move in. Very few become migrant in the last resort of the desperate. One migrant in ten is reached

Government is concerned about farm workers and their families are citizens of our fair human rights and priviledge. Assembly of the United Peoples and all nations." The Human Rights insists that all the rights and freedom of race, religion, origin

While most of us applaud that statement, few bother to do anything about it. Nothing happened in our city until one of our godly ministers, S. W. Joiner, caught the vision almost twelve years ago and went to work in earnest. Brother Joiner was a veteran missionary to East Africa before coming to the pastorate in Plymouth. He looked out over the fields one day and observed the foreigners who trucked their enormous families into shady groves to live in bleak, one-light cabins eight feet by twenty. He saw them breaking their backs for the small wage, only to move on again in poverty at the close of the harvest.

"Something must be done for these people!" he told himself, and went back to town to enroll the youth of his church to bring them the gospel. He found he must have additional help and asked other pastors and churches to co-operate. Our own Assembly of God church together with other Christian groups found a wonderful harvest field right outside our very doors. The Lions club at Argos, Indiana, donated their projector equipment for use at the camps. The local Dorcas Society provided milk for the children. The American Bible Society provided Spanish Gospels of John and Spanish Bibles. Layettes were furnished by the Women's Society of the Plymouth EUB church. Then various church groups (including Methodists, Presbyterians, Church of the Brethren, Nazarenes, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Evangelical and Reformed, Assemblies of God, Christian Church) started contributing clothes, literature and finance to bring the gospel to these people. Our County doctor rolled up his sleeves and visited the camps giving special attention to the children, especially those suffering from malnutrition. The Plymouth Canning Company and the H. J. Heinz Company co-operated fully and gave us a free hand in visiting the camps. Our work here in Plymouth is a convincing testimony of what can be done for these unsettled, unchurched, unsaved people.

Do you know that behind every teaspoonful of sugar you dump in your coffee, behind almost every can of fruit you open, there has been a brown hand at work? Our local committee this year consisting of Pastor Homer Kiracofe, Pastor Charles Haney, Mrs. D. Hokanson, Mrs. Margaret Wolf and myself realize there will be migrants in heaven because Christians decided to work together. One of our committee said, "They're responsive to the gospel, but you've got to get them quickly or they'll move on and be forgotten again."



Wm. Van Winkle



"Will the missionaries be here soon?"



Ice cream time—a gift from the local churches



C.A.'s from Plymouth minister on Sunday afternoon



Harvest time—for the precious souls of migrants



Revivaltime Leads Campaign To Mend Broken Homes

RADIO PASTORS ACROSS THE NATION are joining hands with REVIVALTIME for the month of June in presenting a remedy for the divorce disease in America. One marriage out of every four ends in divorce. A recent report by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, states that juvenile delinquency is still increasing and authorities agree that uncertainty and unconcern in the home is largely to blame. Parents who have no time for God, no time for their children, and no real love for one another, will eventually find themselves in the divorce court unless they kneel before God in repentance and yield their lives to Him.

REVIVALTIME has asked Assemblies of God radio pastors across America to join in presenting to the public a book written by C. M. Ward entitled, "Marriage Insurance." This little book was prepared to meet the need of thousands who have written to Brother Ward concerning their marriage problems. Approximately 150,000 copies of this book were distributed last October through our Sunday Schools. The REVIVALTIME goal is to place a copy of "Marriage Insurance" in every home and in the hands of every couple planning marriage.

Pastors who have read this book commend it highly. Here is what some of them say:

"It is a very forceful presentation of present-day conditions in the home, school and social life of America."

"The convincing, convicting, revealing material in this book will leave an indelible mark in the life of each reader."

"I feel this message should be placed in every home in America."

"It is a rare experience to find such a forthright answer to this important problem."

"I believe this booklet will be used of God to bring real help and deliverance to young and old. It should be read by everyone."

"The author clearly identifies the enemies of a successful marriage, shows that man



cannot overcome these enemies by methods of his own, and suggests a wholehearted surrender to God as the only safeguard against broken homes."

"Brother Ward has come to basic issues facing the problems of marriage today, showing the responsibilities of married people to each other and to their children."

"From the captivating title to the last page, I felt a drawing force which I took as the approval of the Holy Spirit on its contents. It is an illuminating book for this benighted world, and should be placed in every home and in the hands of every person contemplating marriage."

This book presents the Word of God as the only answer. That is why REVIVALTIME and radio pastors across the nation are offering it on the air during the entire month of June.

The disease of sin that is gnawing at the American home must be destroyed. The Radio Department would urge every EVANGEL reader to join in praying that this concentrated effort will be successful in mending broken homes and saving those that are threatened with divorce.

REVIVALTIME News Flash!

REVIVALTIME is now being released over the following new stations, beginning the week of May 6.

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His power is greater than all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that every reigned.—*Phillips Brooks.*

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BENEDICTION

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Egypt," what chagrin and agony there must have been in his soul! And yet there was something else in his heart as well. There was the knowledge that he had stood in the gap and saved this people from annihilation. For up in the mount God had forewarned him of what had transpired in the plain. God had ordered him to stand aside and let His wrath be poured out in destruction upon this rebellious race. But Moses would not stand aside. He faced the just wrath of God and interceded with Him for the lives of the sinners of the plain, offering to have his name blotted out of God's book. God might have overridden the plea of Moses. He could have thrust Moses aside in His anger and destroyed all these miserable idol servers—but He didn't. He spared Israel, for He is the "God of all grace—God, the giver of all mercy."

THE STORY OF THE CROSS

But there is a far better story of grace than this in Sacred Writ. It is the story of redemption through the cross of Jesus Christ. It is not from Mount Sinai, but from Mount Calvary—not the fearsome mount that cannot be touched by human hands, but the mount to which all humankind can come for cleansing, for healing, for life. Not the steep mount of law, but the low hill of grace. Not the mount of cold stone and colder letters, but the hill of warm blood and the life-giving Spirit! For on this mount Jesus Christ, the Son of God, actually gave His life for the redemption of the human race. On this mount a new law was given, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that makes us free from the old law of sin and death. Here a divine Intercessor mediated and prayed for His people—not Israel only, but the people of the entire world. What matchless grace and love we see in this gift of salvation to the people of God through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. A DESCRIPTION OF A NEW RELATIONSHIP

The second great truth of the prayer of Peter is found in the words, "Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus." After directing us to the God of all grace, he describes a wonderful new relationship that we may

enjoy—sharing the eternal glory of God through union with Jesus Christ.

SHARING THE GLORY OF GOD

What does it mean to share the glory of God? Briefly, it is: (1) *To enjoy the glory of His presence.* He says, "Lo, I am with you always." (2) *To delight in the glory of His promises,* which are "yea and amen" to them that believe. (3) *To rest in the glory of His providence.* The apostle wrote, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." (4) *To share in the glory of His eternal purpose.* "Not willing that any should perish"; or, to make it plainer still, the eternal glory of God is His love, and the glory of love is to impart something of itself to the beloved. How God delights to impart His love and share His benefits with us! And how He longs for us to enter into that love and share the glory of imparting salvation and redemption to a lost world.

UNION WITH CHRIST

Yet we cannot share the glory of God without a vital living union with Christ Jesus. As all life flows from the tiny seed, so all spiritual life flows from this fundamental association, this seed of all things of the spirit—union with Christ. And as we enter into this experience of union with Christ, we discover that it makes us new men and new women. In the words of Paul, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new." Gone are the old sins, the old habits, the old attitudes, and in their stead Christ gives us new desires, new Christ-like attitudes and new pleasures.

We also discover that union with Christ brings us freedom from condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." And, further, we find ourselves bearing fruit as a result of this new relationship. As we abide in Christ and let His Word abide in us, we bear much fruit. Our roots go deep into Him, our life is joined to

His life, and from Him flow the rich benefits of this experience—victory, freedom, and Christlikeness.

III. A CONCEPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF GOD

"After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." Peter does not pray for the suffering to be removed. He knows it is permitted by God for a purpose—that His people might be perfect, established, strengthened, and settled.

As gold is burnt in the furnace until the dross is consumed, and it comes forth in all its precious purity, so He would have us tried until all dross is consumed, and we come forth from the fire as pure gold—holy, without alloy. As the wind-swept oak, buffeted by the wintry storms and icy blasts, only sends its roots down deeper to better endure the conflict, so He would have us buffeted and wind-swept that we might learn the secret of having our roots securely fastened within the depths of His eternal heart. As the muscle is taught its peculiar strength by being put to greater and greater feats of physical prowess, so He would have our hearts put to greater and greater measures of spiritual testing that we might learn to be strong and unshaken in our faith.

We are like the untamed colt which must be saddled and harnessed until its wild spirit is broken and made pliable. The Lord wisely puts us to the saddle and harness of everyday life, perhaps with a few strokes from the sharp whip of hard circumstances, that we might learn the lessons of a settled spirit. Yes, God has His own peculiar designs and purposes in our suffering. Peter's prayer is that after the suffering we may be found perfected, established, strengthened—having benefited by the test.

It is only as Christ is King of our hearts that we can truly know "the God of all grace," and can fulfill our calling "unto His eternal glory," and can obtain the benefits that He wants us to receive through the suffering He permits us to have.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

BUT SOME DOUBTED (Matthew 28:17)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JUNE 3

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



Daily Devotions

Daily Bible Readings Based
on Next Sunday's Lesson



MONDAY, June 4

GOD REJECTS A KING—1 Samuel 15:13-23

Saul, once chosen as king because of his humility, is now rejected because of his pride. It was pride that caused him to spare King Agag, for the prestige of a warrior rose when he returned home with a royal prisoner. It was pride that caused him to lay the blame on his people rather than taking it himself. Pride caused him to go to Samuel with these hypocritical words, "Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord."

How miserably Saul had fallen! Once the Spirit of the Lord had come upon him and he had prophesied. Once he had been little in his own sight. Once he had companied with men "whose hearts God had touched." Once he had been "higher than any of the people," both in physical and spiritual stature.

But look at him now! Pride had led him on to the sins of rebellion and stubbornness. He rejected the Word of the Lord through disobedience. He became greedy and desired to enrich himself with the forbidden spoil of the Amalekites.

Oh, that God might plant within our hearts the grace of humility! "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

—GLEN D. ANDERSON

TUESDAY, June 5

GOD TEACHES A KING—Daniel 4:28-37

One of the failings of human nature is that in spite of a history of thousands of years of God's dealing with mankind, we do not learn the most obvious lessons except by personal experience. History accumulates the evidence, re-

ords the case, and declares the verdict. We read it and show a fleeting interest!

The occasional wise one among us exhorts, coaxes, pleads for us to learn a serious lesson from the experiences of others, but we have a smug self-complacency; we seem to think that though they were stupid enough to fail or get caught, we can "get away with it."

Nebuchadnezzar was like that. Though Daniel had interpreted his dreams and he had seen God deliver the three Hebrew worthies and he knew the power of God, yet he refused to hearken to Daniel's plea to break off his sins by righteousness. God gave him a full year to consider the warning. When he became inflated with pride, God taught him a severe lesson—seven years of lost reason.

—RUTH E. GARLOCK

WEDNESDAY, June 6

GOD JUDGES A KING—Daniel 5:17-31

"God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. . . . Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (vv. 26, 27).

"Numbered . . . weighed . . . wanting"—these three solemn words spelled out the doom of Belshazzar and still serve as a warning to us all.

"Numbered." Time had run out on Belshazzar, and the very night the words were spoken "Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans [was] slain" (v. 30). "So teach us to number our days," to redeem the precious minutes and hours, to live them in the light of eternity, for none of us knows how few our days may be!

"Weighed." On the night of his greatest wickedness Belshazzar was called to judgment. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). For the sinner there awaits the great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15); for the Christian, the Judgment Seat of Christ

(2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15). Are we living and serving in the light of this inescapable test?

"Wanting." In spite of all his privileges and opportunities, Belshazzar's life was summed up with a zero. His was a wasted life, lacking completely in divine righteousness. What are we doing with our opportunities and talents for service? And what is the quality and spirit of the motives that move us to action? May each of us hear Christ's "Well done," and not be found wanting!

—J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THURSDAY, June 7

GOD USES A KING—Esther 8:1-11

Haman, a type of Satan, used his influence over King Ahasuerus and caused a decree to go forth over the king's signature which, if carried out, would have meant the destruction of nearly all of God's chosen people, the Jews. But God had other plans. He, as well as Satan, can use the rulers of earthly kingdoms to carry out His plans.

Because of the prayers and supplications of the Jews, God caused the king to change his attitude toward the Jewish people. The king sent out another decree which permitted the Jews not only to protect themselves, but also to destroy their enemies. When the Israelites, led by Queen Esther and Mordecai, humbled themselves in sackcloth and ashes and became desperate because of their plight, God heard their cries and intervened in their behalf.

God's people of today ought to become as earnestly concerned about the welfare of His Church and about His will being done on earth as were Esther and her people. If we will humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, then God will hear from heaven, according to His promise, and He will forgive our sins, and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

—NOAH P. WHITE

FRIDAY, June 8

GOD SPEAKS TO A KING—Nehemiah 2:1-9

"So I prayed to the God of heaven" (v. 4).

The walls of Jericho were broken down, and the gates of the city had been burned. Nehemiah, a cupbearer to the king of a foreign land, wept and mourned at the condition of the city of his fathers. He had no help, no armies or friends to join with him. Only one path was open to him—the path to the Throne of Grace.

Though he lived in an atmosphere of corruption, and in the court of a faraway land, he had not forgotten how to pray. His God was a very present Help. The opportunities of advancement and a great career were laid aside in order that he might bear the affliction and reproof of his people.

Nehemiah claimed God's character as the ground for expecting an answer to his prayer. First, he recognized the sinfulness of his people and declared them to be unworthy servants. Confession of sin preceded his request. Second, he prayed that God would grant his request to the king. And third, he indicated his willingness personally to undertake this tremendous task, and he asked God to bless that effort.

God had heard Nehemiah's prayer and had prepared the king's heart so that the king not only permitted Nehemiah to make the journey, but also sent with him captains of the army and horsemen as additional help. God often supplies many pleasant surprises for those who will dare to believe with all

their mind, soul, and strength.

—DAVID B. DRAKE

SATURDAY, June 9

THE DEATH OF A KING—Acts 12:20-25

"The Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory" (v. 23).

"What was the cause of his death?" is a familiar question. One doubts whether any coroner's report ever summed the cause of death in these words—"because he gave not God the glory." Nevertheless, God's Word warns us distinctly against any attempt to rob God of His glory. The apostle Paul admonishes us, "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31), and points out why God has ignored the worldly wise. He is determined "that no flesh should glory in his sight."

Once Jesus sat on Jacob's well. There He ministered to a woman whose soul was tired and thirsty. His disciples had gone to the city to purchase food. When they returned, they offered food to Jesus. He replied, "My meat is to do the will

of him that sent me." Doing God's will nourishes one's spiritual life whereas doing our own will poisons it!

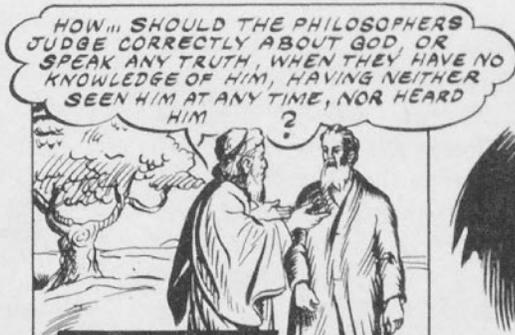
Let us be as Jesus, and do the will of God. Let us be as Abraham, who "was strong in faith, giving glory to God." Let us be as the apostle Paul, who declared, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—PAUL COPELAND

LIVE AND LEARN

Roger Babson, one of America's greatest statisticians, once sent each of his customers a leaflet bearing the title "Essentials of Business Success." The leaflet contained only the Ten Commandments and the "New Commandment" as given by Jesus. Among the letters of approval which poured into his office from all parts of the country, was one from a businessman in the West, who wrote very enthusiastically, "I have never seen such a fine statement of the essentials for business. May I ask, where did you get it?"

—S. S. Worker



ONE DAY WHILE JUSTIN WENT TO A FIELD TO BE ALONE, A MYSTERIOUS OLD MAN APPEARED TO HIM AND LED HIM TO THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.



AFTER HIS CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY, HE WENT ABOUT FROM PLACE TO PLACE TRYING TO WIN THE EDUCATED PAGANS TO THE LORD.



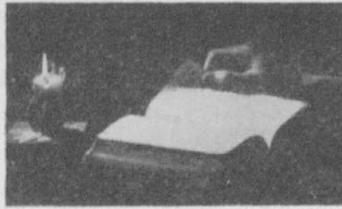
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SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE RISE OF JEROBOAM

Sunday School Lesson for June 10, 1956

1 KINGS 11:28-33, 37, 39

Let us consider the subject under three headings—

I. AN INDUSTRIOUS MAN (v. 28)

While it is true that parents and tutors generally play an important role in the shaping of a life for public service, nevertheless the quality of a man's conduct and achievements is largely determined by his own character and choices. In Proverbs 18:16 we are told that "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." Asaph's declaration that "promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south," confirms the central truth of today's lesson. "But God is the judge: he putteth down one and setteth up another" (Psalm 75:6-7).

Of the early life of Jeroboam we have no record. Concerning his parents we know only that his father was Nebat and his mother Zeruah, Ephraimites of Zereda. In the providence of God this obscure individual was singled out for advancement to the high honor and responsibility of kingship. Through the unseen working of God, the sagacious eye of Solomon discovered the activities and abilities of this young Ephraimite at the time when he constructed the fortifications of Millo below the citadel of Zion. The diligence young Jeroboam exhibited at the task assigned him, as also his capabilities for greater responsibilities, impressed Solomon, whereupon he elevated him to the rank of superintendent over the taxes and labors from his own tribe.

Instances in the Bible are replete in which God chose individuals both for civil and religious leadership while they were engaged in the faithful discharge of ordinary tasks. It was the daring diligence of Gideon in providing sustenance for his father's household in a time of imminent danger (Judges 6:11-14) that proved him qualified to be Israel's judge and deliverer from Midian's cruel oppression. Elisha was supervising an agricultural project when God chose him to become Assistant Prophet to Elijah (1 Kings 19:19); and again, while exhibiting unusual diligence in that office, he received the double portion of a full-fledged prophet (2 Kings 2). David, while applying his attention to the duty of tending his father's sheep, rather than enjoying the much more desirable festivities at the sacrifice (1 Sam. 16:1-13), was chosen by God to the highest national office.

II. AN AMAZING MESSAGE (vv. 29-33)

Leaving Jerusalem, on one occasion, Jeroboam encountered Ahijah, the prophet of the ancient sanctuary at Shiloh. This God-sent prophet, using visual aid as a means of emphasis, tore his own outer garment into twelve shreds, declaring that each piece represented a tribe. Giving Jeroboam ten of these, he announced to him he was chosen by God to rule over that many of the tribes of Israel.

Here let us notice that in some respects, David and Jeroboam were alike as far as their call to rulership was con-

cerned. (1) Both were chosen for promotion because of their faithful performance of assigned duties. (2) Neither would have been chosen had their predecessors remained true to God. Had King Saul not departed from the Lord, his dynasty would have continued through the accession of his noble son, Jonathan. Similarly, had not Solomon transgressed so grievously in allowing himself to be softened by luxury, and defiled by licentiousness whereby he became prey to idolatry (1 Kings 11:6-11), his son Rehoboam would naturally have fallen heir to the entire, undivided kingdom.

III. AN ENCOURAGING PROMISE (vv. 37, 39)

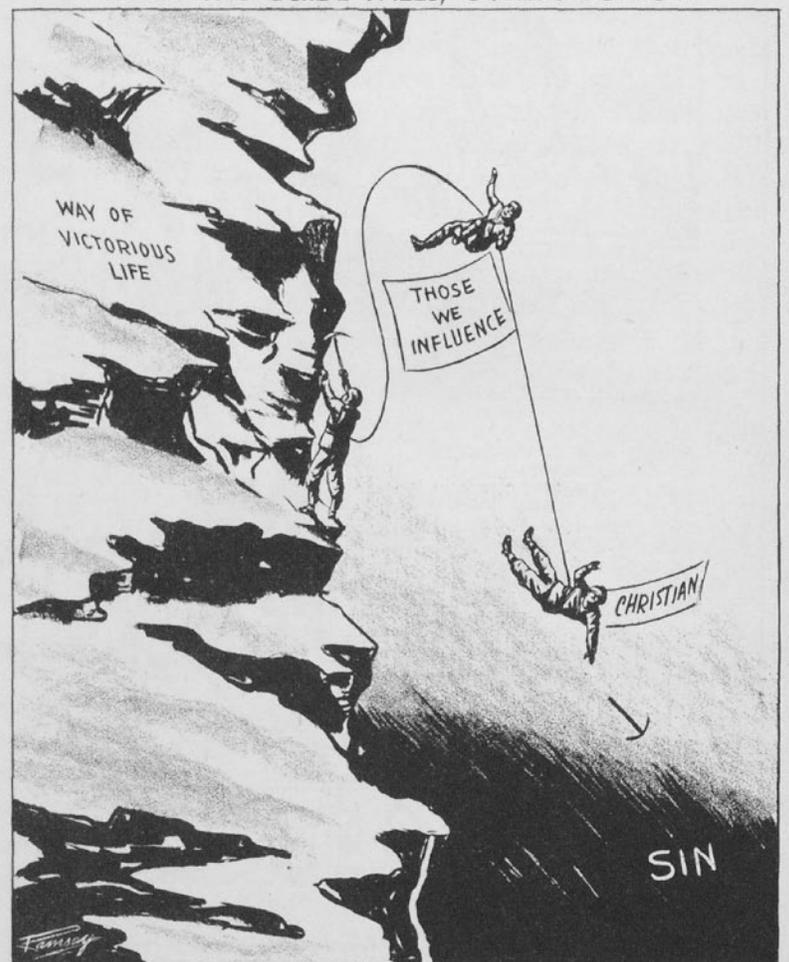
Jeroboam was assured that, if he would be obedient, God would establish for him a kingdom and a dynasty equal to that of David. "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, . . . as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee" (v. 38).

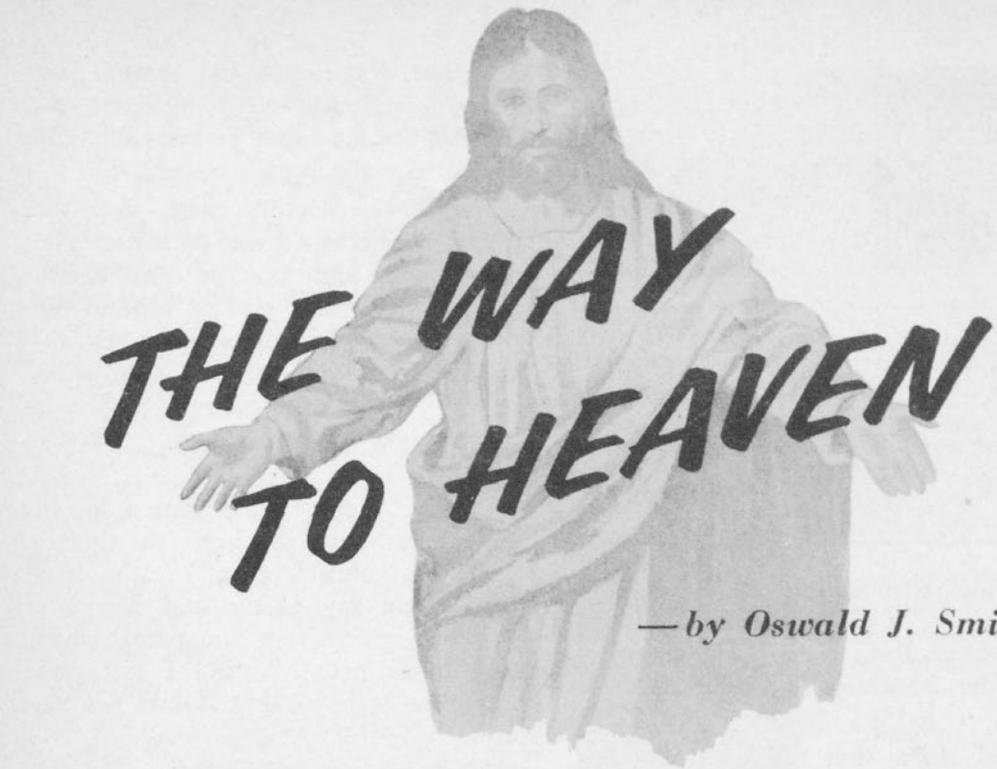
What a sobering thought that Jeroboam had the same opportunity as was given to Jesse's sheep-tending son. How sad that the history written by Jeroboam's deeds and actions are so dissimilar to those of David!

God's method in dealing with men and women has not changed. See two young men at the altar. The one arises with grateful heart and yielded spirit, and goes forth to contribute generously to the building of God's kingdom. The other leaves the same trysting place and, motivated by carnal ambitions, wastes the grace lavished upon him by engaging in activities which sadden those who later read the record. Oh, the responsibility which accompanies the choices we make! Yield to God and you have His divine help; follow your own promptings and the course results in a chronicling of deplorable actions, a tragic misuse of talents, and eternal loss.

—by J. J. Mueller

WHEN THE GUIDE FALLS, OTHERS FOLLOW





THE WAY TO HEAVEN

—by Oswald J. Smith

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION ever voiced was asked by Thomas in John 14:5-6—“How can we know the way?” And Jesus’ answer was, “I am the way.” Hence, though there are five ways by which men try to get to Heaven, only one is the right way.

THE WRONG WAYS

1. THE CHURCH.

Millions believe that the Church can save them, so they commit the salvation of their soul to the Church.

But why, I ask, didn’t Jesus say so if the Church can save? Because there is no Church, no religion, no priest or minister, no Church sacrament or ordinance, that can save your soul. You may join the Church, be faithful to it, give all your money, and still be lost. The Church cannot save.

2. MORALITY.

“Be good, treat your neighbors as you would have them treat you, do not do anything wrong, observe the ten commandments and the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount, obey the Golden Rule, do the best you can, and all will be well.” Such is the advice we get from a multitude of others. Man would be his own savior. He would live such a good life that he would be worthy of heaven.

Well, why didn’t Jesus say so? Why didn’t He tell Thomas that morality would save him?

My friend, if I can be my own savior then I do not need Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact, the death of Christ was

the greatest atrocity in history if man can save himself.

3. THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

No, my friend, not His teachings. He didn’t point to His teachings when Thomas questioned Him. His teachings tell you how to be saved, but they do not save.

4. HIS EXAMPLE.

There are those who tell us to always ask the question, “What would Jesus do?” and then to go and do likewise. Beautiful advice—if it could be followed! But, you have a cancer, a great sin-cancer. And until that sin-cancer of yours is dealt with, you simply can’t take Christ as your Example.

THE RIGHT WAY

5. CHRIST.

His answer was, “I am the Way.” Christ is the only Saviour. There is no other. Not the Church, not your works, not His teachings, nor yet Christ as an Example, but Christ Himself. He is the only Way.

All ways lead to God, we are told. But Jesus didn’t say so. Different roads lead in different directions. The wrong road will lead to the wrong destination.

Only one road leads to Heaven and that road is Christ. “I am THE way,” He said. Not “a” way, but “the” Way, the one and only way. The roads of religion and morality do not lead to God.

He does not merely *show* us the Way. He *is* the Way. Hence, you cannot ignore Him, for there is no other way that

leads to God. “I am THE WAY,” said Jesus. “No man cometh unto the Father, but by ME.”

Not by the priest, mark you. Not by the minister. Not by Moses or Mohammed, Confucius or Buddha, but by Christ. And not by the Church and religion; not by baptism or the Lord’s Supper. Not by good works and a moral life. Not by anything that you are, or can do, or that anyone else can do for you; but by Christ and Christ only.

“No man cometh unto the Father, but by ME.” There is no way to God except Christ. There is no other way to Heaven. Turn from all other ways and accept Christ as your personal Saviour. Do not delay. Do it NOW.

TO THE UTTERMOST

One night some years ago an old man entered my church, walking with two canes. He had thick, dark glasses on. When the altar call was made that night he came forward and God not only saved him, but He also touched that old man’s eyes so that he didn’t need glasses the next morning. He came back to the tabernacle for the morning prayer meeting, and God baptized him with the Holy Ghost and fire.

I went to him and said, “What is your name?”

“My name is Cross.”

“Brother, God has been doing things for you,” I told him.

“Oh,” he said, “you don’t know the half. I had my ticket bought for the northwest to enter a sanitarium because of tuberculosis. I was in the last stages, and the doctor said I had to leave immediately. Last night I didn’t cough once, and there was not a drop of blood came from my throat. I also took off my glasses. God has been doing such miraculous things.”

I said, “Mr. Cross, where are you from?”

“Where am I from? Why, I’ve been here in Kansas City all of my life. I was on the police force for over 28 years.”

Other policemen in my church told me he was the most hardened man in the police department at that time. They said his heart was like an adamant stone. But his conversion proved again that God is able to save to the uttermost.

—A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.

HEALING TESTIMONIES

Accident Victim Healed

On Saturday (December 31, 1955) I was in a car accident about 55 miles from my home town. The car turned over several times, but we were mercifully spared from death. I was taken to the hospital, and X rays showed that I had a cracked pelvis, a hip injury, and possible spine injuries. I was put to bed and on Tuesday, January 3, was able to be brought to a hospital in my home town.

On Thursday X-ray pictures were again taken. While on that table waiting for them to get adjusted I prayed that they wouldn't find anything wrong. My pastor, Ernest Illum, and the people of the church had been praying for me, too. The Lord answered prayer. The new X rays showed no cracked pelvis and no fractures—only a very badly bruised hip. In six weeks I was back at work. Praise the Lord, He still performs miracles.—Mrs. Cecil DeArmond, 138 S. Ransom St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest Illum, 1523 W. Finley Ave., Ottumwa, Iowa.)

Delivered From Tumor

In 1954 I began to have fainting spells. I would cramp until I could hardly stand it. Then after the cramping I would be so sore that I could hardly bear to walk, sit, or lie down.

In December 1955, after another bad spell, we asked our pastor, Brother Batson, to come and pray for me. We prayed and prayed, and it seemed as though we couldn't get the victory. So I was taken to the doctor and given a shot, which seemed to help me for a while.

In February 1956 I had another bad spell, and the doctor came again. He checked me and gave me a shot and said, "As soon as you are able I want you to come to my office for a thorough check up. On February 26, after a thorough examination and two X rays, the doctor told me that I had an enormous tumor. The doctor wanted me to go to the hospital for an operation.

We made an appointment with Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for a further ex-

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

amination, and on March 3 I entered the clinic for a check up. They clipped some tissue from my uterus and sent it to the laboratory to be tested for cancer.

But I knew that the Lord had already healed me. I had written to an evangelist and requested an anointed cloth. My church was praying, and the Assembly in Maplewood, Missouri, was praying, too. The night before I went to St. Louis I had received the prayer cloth. That same night my husband's two sisters came to see me and we all prayed together. The Lord surely did bless me and I felt I was healed. I know God performed the operation that night.

The following week I returned to Barnes Hospital for the final examination. I was examined again, and the doctor said, "Mrs. Nash, I can't find any trace of tumor, and the tissue that was sent to the laboratory was not cancerous."

I said, "Thank the Lord!" I know there was tumor and that it passed from my body in answer to prayer. I feel better now than I have in a long time and my stomach has gone down to normal size. The Lord performed the operation. Praise His wonderful name! To Him I give all the glory.—Mrs. Marie Nash, Eminence, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. G. Batson, Eminence, Mo.)

Healed of a Stroke

Just before Christmas 1955 I suffered a stroke. I could not move any part of my body. My head and limbs were helpless. My mouth was open, and I could not shut it. I could not swallow very well, or talk so that anyone could understand me.

Two doctors examined me. Both of them said that medicine would not do

any good. They told me that I just needed juices and quiet, with no responsibilities, and that perhaps I would be able to walk in two weeks.

One of the doctors came back the next night and said I was no better. The second night after that he came again, I was walking as I pleased around the house. He stood in amazement just inside the door and asked, "You walking? Where did the blood clot go? It has not had time to dissolve. Where did it go?"

I said, "Well, I have had a lot of good prayers, and the Lord has undertaken. My church people came and prayed, and my pastor and his wife [Brother and Sister Langston], and many other people." And I am sure the doctor believed that it was prayer, too.

It was not two weeks before I could walk, as the doctors had said, it was only two days until I had full use of myself. I can never praise the good Lord enough for His love and mercy and healing power.—Mrs. M. L. Bagwell, 351 Cherokee Ave., Atlanta 12, Ga.

(Endorsed by Grover Langston, Pastor, Bethel Temple, Atlanta, Ga.)

Fever Departs

We wish to praise the dear Lord for His wonderful healing power. For several days our two-year-old daughter was sick with a high fever which came on quite suddenly. The fever would go as we prayed, but always seemed to return within a few hours.

Then Brother and Sister G. R. Conrow prayed for her. Within a few minutes the fever left, and has not returned. We do praise the Lord for raising our little girl up in answer to prayer.—Mrs. J. R. Watson.

(Endorsed by J. R. Watson, 5952 Cortland St., Chicago, Ill.)



Be a Good Neighbor

SEND THE EVANGEL TO THAT FRIEND FOR WHOM YOU ARE PRAYING AND THAT NEIGHBOR WHO IS HUNGRY FOR THE DEEPER THINGS OF GOD. THIS MAY BRING AN ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYERS.

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ALASKA

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which began in the Sunday morning service on New Year's Day, and the spirit of revival is still in the church.

PELICAN CITY

The only church in Pelican City is the Assembly of God. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Personeus, who have been missionaries in Alaska for thirty-nine years, pioneered the work and are its pastors at present. In addition to its ministry to the towns-people, the church has a ministry to those who work seasonally with the large fishing fleet and the canneries.

PETERSBURG

Until a few years ago the Pentecostal message was foreign to this city, but Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschy took the full gospel to the town and built an Assemblies of God church. Now, each time the doors of the church are open, a fine group of people attend. The growth of the work has made necessary an enlargement program which is nearing completion. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hughes are the missionary pastors of the work now.

SEWARD

Mr. and Mrs. George Geesey minister at our Assembly at Seward. They report that in addition to their church work, they are permitted to visit the tuberculosis sanatorium, and minister to Assemblies of God people there. (Alaska has some villages whose inhabitants are almost 100% tubercular.)

SITKA

Our Assembly of God mission in Sitka is approximately ten years old. The congregation is made up of Alaska natives and whites. Mr. and Mrs. James Reb are the missionaries here. They have almost completed the task of rebuilding the church after its destruction by fire two years ago.

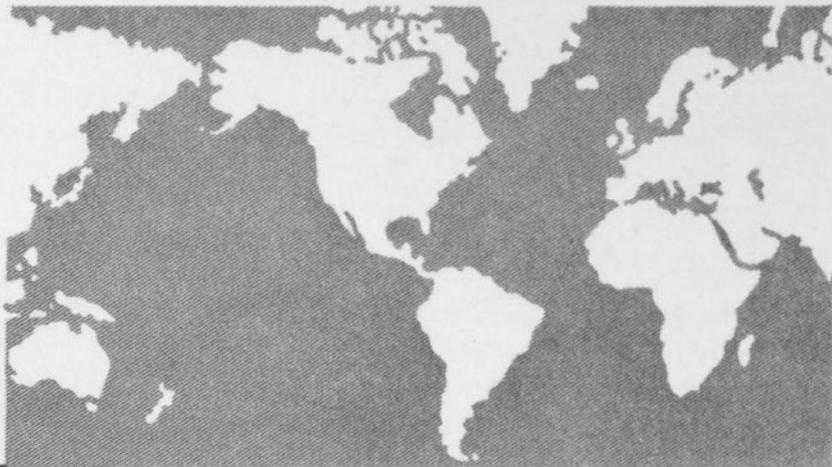
SKAGWAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, who have been in the States for a while, are now back in Alaska, ministering at Skagway where they have bought property for a church. The Lord is blessing their efforts and the work is progressing.

SPENARD

Spenard is a suburb of Anchorage, and it is already larger than Anchorage

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was ten years ago. The little church here, pastored by Mrs. Abby Steeley, was the first effort in the area outside our main church in Anchorage. God has blessed the work and souls have found Christ as their Saviour.

VALDEZ

Valdez is known as the "Switzerland" of Alaska. Towering mountains on which fresh snow falls almost the year round makes it comparable to the Swiss Alps. The Assemblies of God Chapel and Children's Home stand side by side in this little city. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson have pastored the church and Mr. Wilson has also served as superintendent of the Children's Home. Miss Dorothea Whelan is matron of the Home. The Wilsons plan to leave for the States following the All-Alaska Convention which will be held in Valdez, June 19-24. John Owens of Ajo, Arizona, will be taking charge of the Valdez church after the convention.

WASILLA

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riley pastor the work at Wasilla, and have built a basement church. They hope to complete the church building soon. Part of the congregation at Wasilla comes from the Children's Farm home, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cather near Palmer.

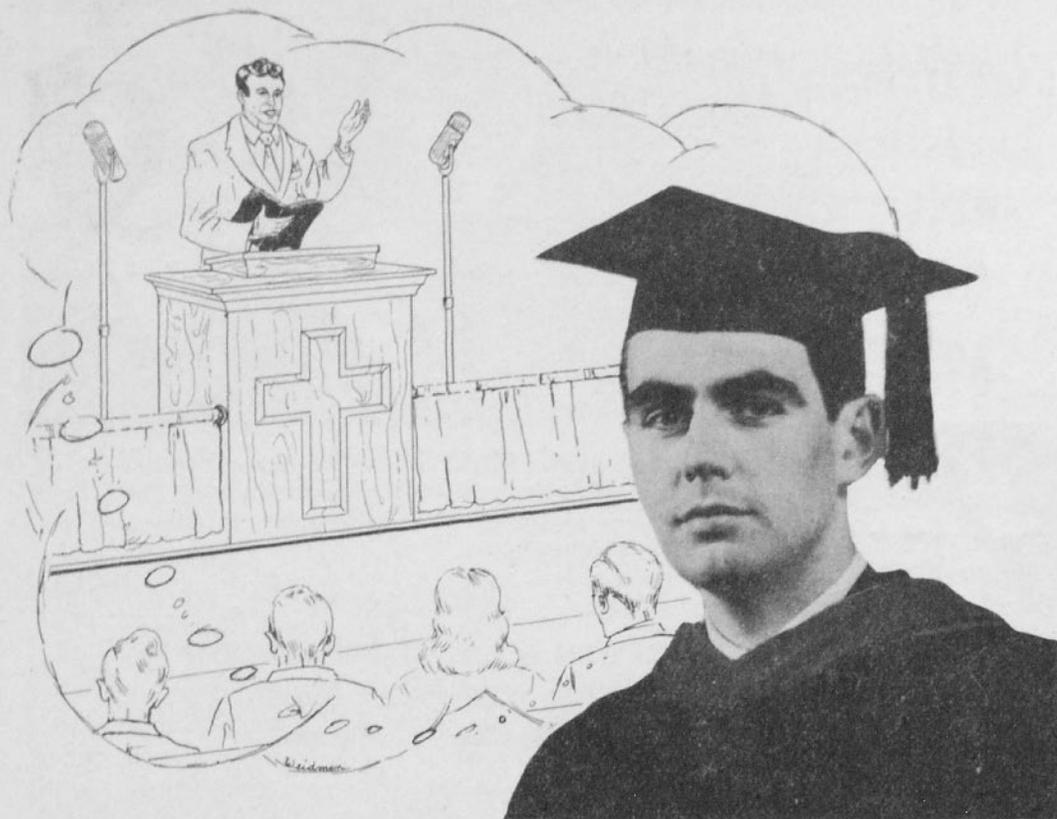
WRANGELL

The names of Wrangell and veteran

missionary W. R. Gunn, were inseparable for 18 years. So faithfully did this man of God witness for the Lord that no one, not even the tourist who was there for a short time, can have the excuse that he did not hear the gospel. In 1955 Brother Gunn went to be forever with the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hendricks are now carrying on this work. God is blessing their ministry there.

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Perhaps you are acquainted with one or more of our Alaska missionaries. Have you prayed for them? Their burdens are often heavy and the work is hard. They see in Alaska more than a fisherman's paradise or a tourist's delight: they see the souls of men and women, lost without Christ. Let us remember them in prayer, and be faithful in our support. Some of the missionaries who are mentioned here labor under handicap because of inadequate support. Others need help with building programs, stalled or hindered for lack of funds. All of them need prayer. Your offering, designated for ALASKA MISSIONS, will help them. Or, if you desire, you may designate your offering for any one of the missionaries mentioned. Every offering sent to the Home Missions Department is disbursed exactly as designated. Address your contributions to the HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



“TAKE MARK... HE IS PROFITABLE”

by J. ROBERT ASHCROFT
National Secretary of Education

ELIJAH HAD HIS ELISHA... PAUL had his Timothy . . . Peter had his Mark! Each “son” in the gospel is a thrilling story. Of them all, John Mark stands out as a giant. Though an apparent failure as a novice, he later wrote a Gospel called Mark.

A Pentecostal Background

John Mark’s home was Pentecostal. Few homes in Jerusalem had such memories attached to it as his. There such pastors, evangelists and missionaries resorted as Peter, James the brother of Jesus, and no doubt Paul himself. Most remarkable was the climate of prayer in John Mark’s home. It was there that “many were gathered together praying.” This was a “house of prayer.” And the praying was effective. Peter was delivered from the hands of Herod and from prison.

John Mark is typical of many youths today who grow up in a rich Pentecostal atmosphere. They know the power of prayer—know Pentecostal preaching!

A Pentecostal Training

Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch from Jerusalem. They took Mark with them! His Bible school training was in the “Antioch Bible Institute”—it was there that the Holy Ghost led and taught. Like a missionary training school, Antioch felt the tug of missions. When Barnabas and Saul launched their first missionary journey Mark went along. What his capacity was is not known. It apparently was not a public ministry. Acts 13:5 may refer to Mark. If so, he was their attendant. Like Elisha, who held the basin while Elijah washed his hands, it may have been that Mark was a menial servant—perhaps a song leader, “campaign arranger,” “personal secretary.” The Greek word for attendant could be translated “under rower”—relating to the slaves who rowed the ships of Saul’s day. But what a thrill to hold the basin for Elijah’s hands, or to carry the luggage for Paul!

Internship is one of the world’s best training grounds for greatness. The best surgeons, lawyers, artists, and profes-

sional people have their understudies. The Bible sets a precedent that has been followed and copied for centuries. Both patron and protege should profit by such examples.

Mark failed! He couldn’t take it. He went home to “mom.” Was it the persecution? Was it the hardships? Was it a personality clash? Youth has adjustment problems. All should understand this. Adults should be patient. Youth should be teachable. For five years Mark did “secular work” in obscurity! What a waste of precious time.

Barnabas was patient and forbearing, whereas Paul was disciplinary and firm! Such a combination leads to growth and development. If there had been no discipline—there might never have been a Gospel of Mark. If there had been no patience and forbearing there would have been no young John Mark to write that Gospel. Barnabas provided Paul with a “profitable one.”

Time healed Mark’s chagrin. Antioch forgave and forgot. Mark matured . . . he was ready and was needed.

A Profitable Pentecostal Ministry

Paul’s last letter instructs Timothy to go out of his way to fetch John Mark. “Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11). Now a minister—not a luggage carrier, not only a menial servant, but profitable for gospel ministry.

Apprenticeship paid off! Mark writes a Gospel. Paul writes in Colossians 4:10, “Mark saluteth you.” Praise God—Mark is back in service in Rome! Paul, though bound in prison, can now use the disciplined youth to communicate throughout Rome and to write.

Pastor, evangelist, there is an Elisha, a Timothy, perhaps a Mark (though faltering and young) who will live to honor you and glorify our Lord. An internship in the ministry may be the “key” to a better trained minister, a more productive home missionary, and an “attendant” needed by those so pressed by the increasing ministerial responsibilities of the clergyman in modern society!

About 475 young people have graduated from our Bible schools this year and they are looking for doors of opportunity in the ministry, both in the home field as evangelistic workers or assistant pastors, and on the foreign field. Can you offer one of them a gospel apprenticeship?

Remember—the second Gospel is called Mark!

Fellowship With God

by ANDREW MURRAY

THE FIRST AND CHIEF NEED OF Christian life is fellowship with God. The divine life within us comes from God and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need the air to breathe every moment, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong. The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from Heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

HUMILITY

To this end let the first act in your devotions be a setting yourself humbly before God. In prayer or worship everything depends upon God taking the chief place. We must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate Himself to you. God, the Almighty One, who worketh all in all, is even now waiting to work in you and make Himself known. Take time till you know God is very near.

When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint let God's love overwhelm you, and bow still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to His goodness and mercy.

BOLDNESS

Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing so much as in His beloved Son, and can be satisfied with nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence, in the boldness which the Blood gives and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well-pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship

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with God, that we may have more of God in our life and that God may see Christ formed in us.

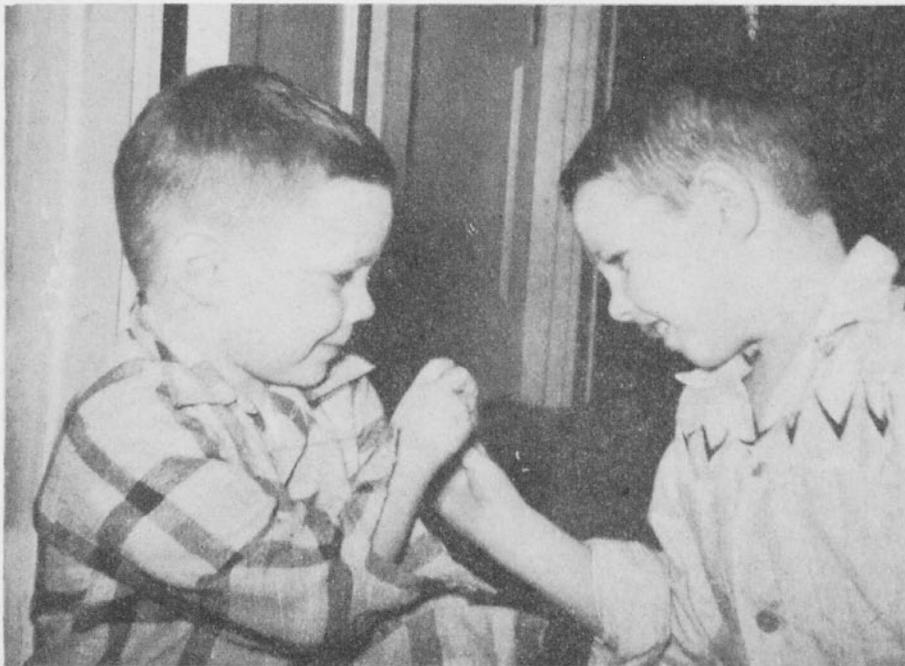
Christ is a living Person. He loves His people with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into His face with trust till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him that you love Him.

CONFORMITY

We have not only Christ's life in us as a power, and His presence with us as a Person, but we have His likeness to be brought into us. He is to be formed in us, so that His image can be seen in us. Say to God, "Father, here I am for Thee to give as much in me of Christ's likeness as I can receive." And wait to hear Him say, "My child,

I give thee as much of Christ as thy heart is open to receive."

The likeness of Christ may be described as the likeness of His death and resurrection (Rom. 6:5). The death of Christ was the consummation of His humility and obedience, the entire giving up of His life to God. In Him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of His death works in us, and we are made conformable to His death. And then we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life. Therefore, every morning present yourself unto God, as one that is "alive from the dead." He will bestow the grace to live as a risen one.



Whatcha' Got There, Junior?

It's a nickel for the National Children's Home! You see, next Sunday, June 10, is Children's Day. Our Sunday School class is saving pennies, nickels, and dimes to help the boys and girls who don't have moms and dads to pay their bills.

Send **your** Children's Day offering today to:

Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Count upon Him to glorify Christ in you. Seek in God's presence to have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ so truly that your whole life may every moment be spiritual.

SURRENDER IN FAITH

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation, and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on Him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful is the giving up of all to receive Him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Jesus did. Let every approach to God and

every request for fellowship with Him be accompanied by a new, very definite and entire surrender to Him.

"By faith." Here, as through all Scripture and all the spiritual life, this must be the keynote. As you tarry before God let it be in a deep, quiet faith in Him, the invisible One who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving; in a deep restful faith, too, that all the blessings and powers of the Heavenly life are around you and in you. Yield yourself to the faith of a perfect trust to the ever-blessed Holy Trinity to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.

viction. Plant the feet of faith upon the God-breathed Word, and remain steadfast upon that unassailable foundation.

A PRAYER

Take from this heart, dear Lord, the spirit of impatient restlessness. Show me that to transplant a life does not necessarily mean to transform it. Teach me that self-prompted movement may expose me to the risk of missing Thy best. Hold this soul steadfast by the lordship of Thy loveliness. Save me from the prodigal complex which seeks fulfillment outside the house-circle of Thy plan. Make me to understand that depth means strength; that the abiding life is the abounding life; that fixity of heart brings fulness of blessing. Conquer my propensity for wandering by the passion to please Thee. Let Thy cords of love and grace bind me to the altar of surrender.

I bless Thee for Thy patience which hath borne with my impatience; for Thy faithfulness, which sought me in my folly; for Thy love which overshadowed me in the valley of my despondency, and for Thy forbearance in the hour when this heart was disposed to forsake Thee.

—Elim Evangel

THE INCONSTANT HEART

by E. C. W. BOULTON

THE PROPHET CRIED, "WHY GADDEST THOU about?" (Jeremiah 2:36). These words denote inconstancy and instability; life without any deep anchorage, possessed of no sovereign loyalty, coming under the power of no supreme and splendid attraction. Yielding to each new emotion, obeying each fresh impulse, experience becomes erratic and irregular, lacking spiritual coherence and design.

"Why gaddest thou about?" It savors of opportunism—making the most of any wind that happens to be blowing—a kind of all-weather type of conviction, adaptable and adjustable to life's changing influences—made up of a series of twists and turns of expediency.

One's thoughts instinctively turn to those revealing words relating to Reuben: "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel." No deep rootage in God, no fixedness of purpose, no alluring goal, but a life largely composed of unfulfilled impulses, yielding to no great master motive, dominated by no absorbing passion.

The wanderlust in a Christian life can never produce a harvest of satisfying achievement. Such a life becomes possessed of an enervating restlessness, a ceaseless and insistent demand for change. Under such constraint a sort of spiritual vagrancy is begotten which denies that stability and strength which should characterize the life of the believer.

If there is one thing that will mark the God-filled life, surely it is constancy and steadfastness. Partaking of the divine nature, it must in some degree share in God's changelessness. Undeviating obedience to "the law of the Spirit" will stabilize the life, eliminating those irresponsible elements which send it off at a disturbing tangent at times. Such a soul will move onward and upward in answer to the call of God, ever responsive to the one Voice and the one Mind, and thus spiritual constancy will be established and maintained, the whole life growing into a shapely, symmetrical temple in the Lord. There will be an absence of those perplexing distortions of design for which God is sometimes held responsible by His people.

How different is the spiritual experience

suggested by the Apostle! "Rooted and grounded." Unshaken, unmoved—like the oak, able to withstand the storm because its roots go down into the depths—held by an invisible constraint "within the veil" of the eternal purpose. A life "companioning always with the unseen."

"Why do you cheapen yourself by shifting your course?" is another translation of this passage. In all spheres of life and service instability of character unfits for responsibility, and disqualifies for authority. "Having done all, stand" is the inspired injunction. Refuse to be allured from the path of God-given con-

*Three men were walking on a wall!
Feeling, Faith and Fact;
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And Faith was taken back;
Faith was so close to Feeling,
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But Fact remained and pulled Faith up,
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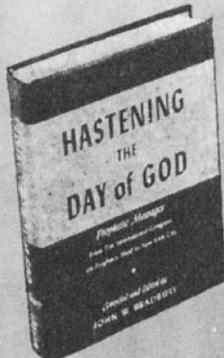
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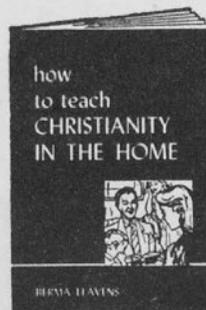
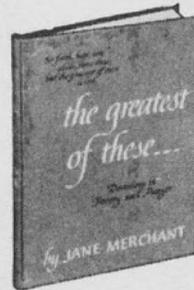
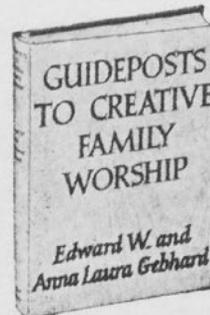
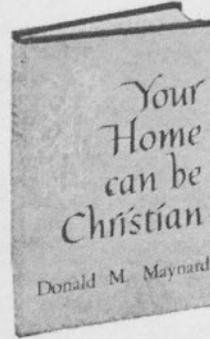
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Precious Blood and Holy Oil

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order to be cleansed from his sins.

Next the leper must bring an offering of three lambs, one of which was a trespass offering. The blood of this offering was placed by the priest on the right ear, the thumb of the right hand, and the big toe of the right foot of the leper. What a beautiful picture of salvation—the Blood applied.

After the blood was applied, the holy anointing oil was placed on the leper, *but only where the blood had preceded it.* The oil, symbolic of the Holy Spirit, was placed on the right ear, the thumb of the right hand, and the big toe of the right foot. Then "the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head." How sweetly this typifies the fulness and overflow of the Holy Spirit's anointing. "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

God's order today is the same: first the Blood must be applied; then comes the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Some assert that there is no oil of the Spirit for us at the very end of this

age. But there is oil for us! We are in the body of Christ, of which He Himself is the head. The oil of the Spirit, poured upon Him at Jordan, is still flowing down over the body—and it reaches even down to us at the skirts of His garment—the end of this age.

Do not compromise on the baptism of the Holy Spirit because of stigma or reproach. If we do, we will lose the power and usefulness which the Spirit brings, and will follow the trend of others before us who have denied the Blood and the Cross because of the reproach. Let us follow God's pattern of exalting the precious blood of Christ, fully aware that the fulness of the Spirit-filled life comes only as the Blood is applied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY CONVENTION for North Bay Section at Assembly of God, Santa Rosa, Calif., June 6-10; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock, speakers.—by L. R. Anderson, Host Pastor.

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MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 12-14 at First Assembly of God, 716 Water Works Rd., Columbus, Miss. W.M.C. meeting at 2 p.m., June 12 and C. A. Rally at 7:30 p.m. Council session opens at 10 a.m., June 13. A. A. Wilson, guest speaker.—by E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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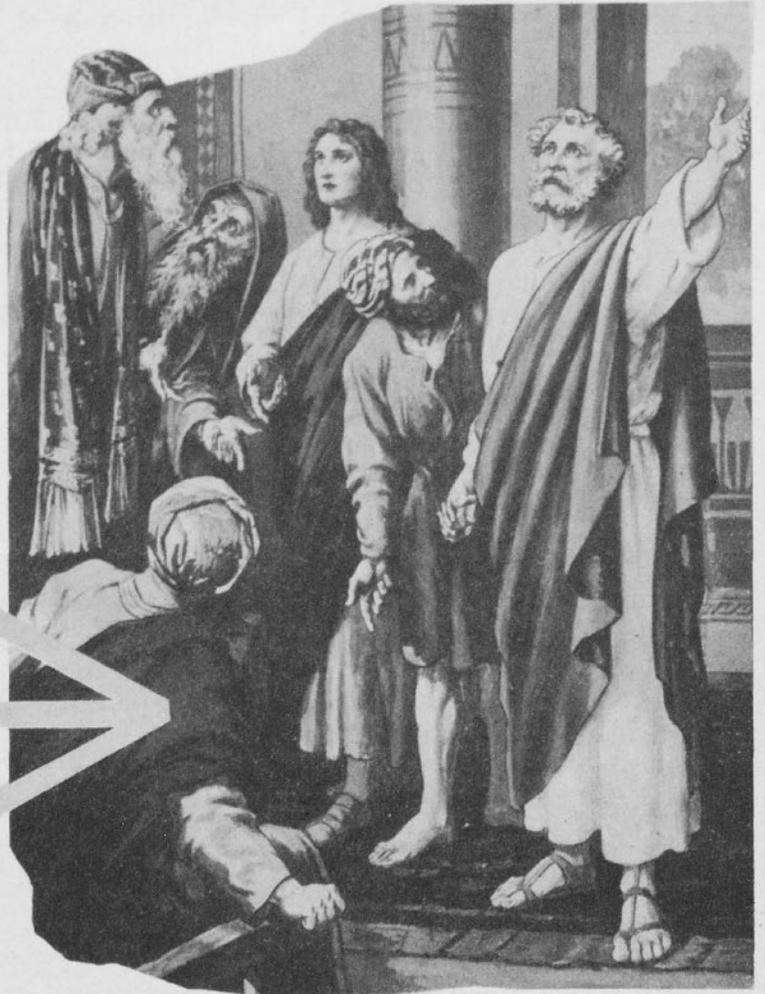
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	San Jose	First	June 3-17	Philip A. Megna	R. J. Thurmond
	W. Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	June 3-17	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Walter E. Larson
Colo.	Rocky Ford	A of G	May 13—	Evelyn Bethurum	E. C. Phillips
Ga.	East Point	A of G	June 3—	Jesse Ray	L. G. Grice
Ill.	Pekin	First	May 29—	C. Struck & wife	C. E. Richeson
Ind.	Kokomo	First	May 27—	D. C. Ogden	Cecil J. Enochs
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Kans.	Manhattan	A of G	May 29-June 10	J. F. Pepper	E. Camery
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Wash.	Newport	A of G	June 5-10	** Mel Johnson	Willis Munson
	Seattle	Rainier Valley	June 12—	Ferdie C. Jay	Evert Tornfelt
W. Va.	Clarksburg	* Area wide	June 1-17	Velmer Gardner Party	R. W. Harvey, Chm.
		* Tent revival		** Children's Evangelist	

Suppose They Had Quit!



SUPPOSE that twenty years after Pentecost, when the first enthusiasm of missionary adventure had worn off, a group of our Lord's disciples had met on a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee to discuss their labors to fulfill the Lord's commission to carry the Gospel to the regions beyond.

Suppose one of them had said, "An old fisherman friend of mine has just inherited his brother's estate and has offered me a share in his fishing business with everything provided and an established trade in Capernaum. It seems providential to me. I could earn a good living five days a week and have the Lord's Day for evangelistic work in the cities around the lake. I am getting older and should settle down to a less strenuous life."

Suppose a second had added, "I, too, have been offered a good salary at my old trade in Ephesus. I would be responsible to supervise the business in all Macedonia. It seems logical to accept the position, for I have been trained for it and can easily do the work and still have opportunity for evangelism in all that area."

Suppose another had said, "My story of the life of Christ is having a large sale, but my business experience tells me I ought to have a wider margin. I have a chance to take my old position which would enable me to support my family in comfort. I would have more leisure for writing and could support the work financially."

Suppose there had been such inclination to choose the easy road! Surely as they gazed at the

sandy shore where their boat had beached after the miraculous draught of fishes, they would have heard the Master say again, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Surely as they lifted their eyes to the hillside across the lake where the Lord had fed five thousand, they must have remembered His compassion on the multitudes as He had commanded them to pray that laborers might be thrust forth into His harvest.

Suppose they had been discouraged. These familiar scenes would have brought back the fire to their eyes, and again they would have seen the Master Himself on the shore calling to them, "Launch out into the deep!" and heard His words, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground, and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

And so, they must have prayed that God would give them courage to leave all and follow Christ. One would have departed for Ephesus to reach the lost multitudes in Asia. Another would have forsaken family and loved ones to take the caravan route to Babylon, and another would have pushed on to Ethiopia where the people were stretching out their hands to God.

As the stars came out and the waves rose like the sound of many waters on the shores of Galilee, they must have prayed, "Lord, we are ready to face life or death for Thee!"

But—suppose they had quit!

—Gospel Call