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## Thank God for Your Health!

If people would thank God more for good health, they would have more good health to thank God for. Divine healing is a priceless blessing. Divine health is equally so. If God has blessed you with good health you should thank Him for it, and tell the world about it, and do all you can to preserve it for His glory. Here are some simple rules that will help you to preserve it:

1. *Obey the laws of health.* There are natural laws you cannot break without suffering the consequences. Proper food, pure air, sunshine, exercise, and sleep are basic requirements of the human body. Give reasonable attention to these matters and you will seldom be sick.

2. *Avoid strain and fatigue.* Modern life sets a rapid pace. Strain and fatigue are causing many heart failures and nervous breakdowns. Sometimes the cause is over-work. Sometimes it is worry. In either case it is displeasing to the Lord. If you will quit when you are tired, pray when you are worried, and set aside one day of the week to rest and worship, God will keep you well.

3. *Maintain a good conscience.* This is essential to good health. A guilty conscience will react upon the body and disturb its natural functions, producing disorders and even diseases. Medical science has proved this to be a fact. A good conscience is a splendid stimulant to digestion, sleep, and vigor of mind and body.

4. *Keep happy in the Lord.* The Bible says, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). A morbid disposition is a feeder to physical breakdowns, whereas the singing of "psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs" will foster health.

5. *Have a sanctified tongue.* You can't afford to poison yourself by giving way to a bad temper. Anger is a destructive force. An eminent physician has said, "There are diseases that originate from anger and anxiety that no medicine known to man can cure." The Scriptures tell us that "a wholesome tongue [margin, *the healing of the tongue*] is a tree of life, but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

6. *Let brotherly love continue* Love is a divine force emanating from God and bringing life and strength to everyone who lets it in. Be kind to all, tender-hearted, forgiving anyone who may have hurt you, and favoring others more than yourself. Avoid self-pity. Think of other people's troubles and your own will vanish. Have an open heart and an open purse. A generous, unselfish, outgoing attitude will contribute immeasurably to your physical health. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Proverbs 11:25).

7. *Dwell in the secret place with God.* Live in the 91st Psalm. The promise is, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Under His wings you will be protected against every attack of the enemy. Here you will commune with your Lord and feed upon His Word. Here you will drink His life-giving Spirit and lay claim to the protection of the Precious Blood. What a wonderful place to abide! And not only will your life be protected—it will also be prolonged: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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Our bodies are not our own.  
God has bought them to be the  
dwelling place for His Holy Spirit



# We Belong to Christ

by *F. J. Lindquist*  
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**T**HAT GOD HAS A CLAIM ON US, most of us admit in a faint and haphazard way. We are willing to concede that tithing is scriptural and right, but the thought that stewardship goes beyond tithing seldom occurs to us. We must realize that our responsibility to God includes our time, our talents, and our very selves, as well as our money.

Our country does not hesitate to press its claims on both our person and our money. When payday comes, Uncle Sam puts his fingers in our pay envelope and takes some of our wages for income tax. And he also puts his claim on every boy who reaches eighteen years of age for military service. These boys may even have to give their lives in battle.

But our Lord has greater claims on our lives than does our country. I want to outline some of those claims for you.

## *WE BELONG TO HIM BY DONATION*

In His high-priestly prayer to God, Jesus noted that His Father gave the disciples and all believers to Him in the dateless past. "The men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me" (John 17:6). Therefore, we belong to Christ.

## *WE BELONG TO HIM BY CREATION*

He created us for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11). What delightful fellowship God and Adam had before sin entered the world! Adam, in the image and likeness of the Creator, walked with God in the cool of the day in the garden.

## *WE BELONG TO CHRIST BY REDEMPTION*

He has given His Blood as the price of our redemption. Sin has broken the bond of fellowship that existed between man and God, but the Blood has restored the way to fellowship. We have been redeemed, not "with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19). "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9). He paid the price and set us free.

Jesus has a two-fold love for us: He loves us not only as our Creator but also as our Redeemer. We belong to Him by the right of redemption.

## *WE ARE CHRIST'S BY DE- PENDENCE ON HIM*

Oh, how we need Him every day and hour! Never can we do without Him. Some people seek God only when they are in trouble; but, we are dependent on Him every moment, every hour, every day, every year. We cannot live without Him.

Just as the branch and the vine share a common life, so none of us can live independent of our Lord. We must be joined to Him vitally to share His life, and dependently to share His care. The power of God sustains us day by day as we walk with Him and trust Him. I love to meditate on that thought—my heavenly Father watches over me. As we abide in Him, He abides in us, and we share His life.

## *WE BELONG TO CHRIST BY DEDICATION*

Romans 12:1, 2 shows this clearly: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world [age]: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Many times we have knelt at an altar and promised to serve God. Over and over we have sung, "I surrender all." But did we really mean it? We do belong to God. If we dedicate ourselves to Him, we must keep our vows.

The thought of presenting our body as a living sacrifice refers to the priestly act of bringing the sacrifice to the altar and giving it to God. As believer-priests, none of us must ever come into His presence empty-handed. There are three types of sacrifices we must offer Him: our bodies as a living sacrifice; our praise as the fruit of our lips; our substance.

Paul said that such sacrifice is acceptable to God and he called it a reasonable service. God never asks anything of us that is unreasonable. He has already given us far more than we can ever give to Him. These verses show that our minds, too, belong to Him.

We may not be called upon to give our lives for our Lord, but He does want us to be *living* sacrifices—living daily for Him in continuous consecration. It is as we live for Him and dedicate ourselves to Him that we find

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*The Bible describes  
miracles  
of Divine Healing  
as late as A. D. 62—  
and nowhere  
does it say they  
should ever cease.*



# Why I Believe in Div

*by Charles S. Price*

**L**ET ME GIVE YOU FOUR REASONS WHY I believe in Divine Healing.

## 1. I BELIEVE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

God's name was and is and ever will be the great I AM; not the great I was, but *the great I AM*. The people of this world, with their burdens, with their sins, with their heartaches, with their cares, and with their disappointments, are not interested so much in the Christ of history; they are interested in the Christ who can meet modern emergencies and satisfy human needs, meet every contingency and prove Himself the Saviour of our souls and the Healer of our bodies. If Divine Healing is not for today, the name of God is not the great I AM.

There is no difference between the ministry of Jesus when He was here on earth in physical form, and the ministry of Christ in the days in which we live. I believe in Divine Healing because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8), and as long as that is the case He is sufficient to heal every sickness

because He always has been able. He is the great I AM.

Jehovah-Rapha (I am THE LORD THAT HEALETH thee) is one of the redemptive names of God. What right have we to take that out of the Word of God?

## 2. CHRIST ATONED FOR SICKNESS

The second reason why I believe Divine Healing is for today is that Christ paid for our sickness just as He paid for our sins. How do I know it? Because the Bible says so. The 53rd chapter of Isaiah, the great chapter that has to do with the atoning, vicarious, substitutional ministry of Jesus Christ, says so. If a man is walking down the street bowed beneath a heavy load on his back, and somebody comes along and lifts that load from his back and carries it himself, we call that substitution. The very heart of the gospel story is centered around the substitutional sacrifice that has been offered for sin. Christ not only came to lift the load of our sins from our backs, but He came to pay the penalty that was attendant because of our transgression and our sin.

"Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!"

And in the self-same manner in which He bore our sins, He bore our sicknesses too. Dr. Young, in his translation of Isa. 53:6, says: "Jehovah hath caused to meet on him the punishment of us all." In the marginal reading on that page you will find that he says: "Punishment, misery, tears, remorse, anxiety, fear and sickness." Did he only complete a partially redemptive work? *He hath caused to meet on Him* (or "God made Him bear, God made Him carry") *the punishment of every one of us for our sin*—and sin causes sickness. Jesus Himself declared it—the Gospels themselves emphasize it. "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16). Christ put sickness where it belonged—not as the work of God, but as the work of the devil, as an outgrowth of iniquity; and God caused it to be placed on Him in a substitutional way—the punishment of us all. And not only sin, but the result of sin. That is what Christ came to do—He came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

Do you mean to tell me that cancers come from God? Then darkness comes out of light! Then holiness comes from the devil! The thing is unthinkable; it

is unscriptural. Everybody ought to see that when Jesus, the matchless Son of God, endured the suffering and pain of having His body broken, and when He went to the cross and died, He not only atoned for our sins, but He atoned for everything that comes as a result of sin.

Listen to me—the man who denies that healing is in the atonement, makes the sufferings of Christ of no consequence and the scourging of Christ absolutely unnecessary. Why was He scourged? Why were the stripes put on the back of Jesus? Why the torture by the cruel soldiers on that day, until the Father hid His face and the angels could not look over the battlements of heaven at such a sight? Can you tell me why God the Father allowed the bruising of the Saviour the way He

the Holy Spirit out of the house of worship and have invented some creed to cover up our lack of power. When children come to us and say, "The Bible says that they shall recover," shall we tell them that it is not for this day?

#### 4. WHEN JESUS ASCENDED THE POWER REMAINED

The fourth reason is, the disciples and apostles healed the sick long after the earthly ministry of Christ had been consummated. When Paul was on the island of Melita, a man was healed, and because of that healing the news went all over the island, and they brought all the sick to Paul who prayed for them and they were healed. That was in A.D. 62, twenty-nine years after the ascension.

dropped down into a chair and put my arm round her waist and found a brace of steel, just about an inch thick, going completely round her body. I asked her how she wore it. She told me it was hinged in three places. She looked into my eyes and said: "When are you going to pray for the little children?" When I told her that I would be doing so on Saturday afternoon, she said that she hoped I would pray for her. I assured her that I would do so. She then said: "I know the Lord is going to heal me," and I replied: "I believe it."

I said: "Is your mother praying?" "Yes," she replied.

"And is your daddy praying?"

"Yes!" And then I noticed her lips quiver, and to my amazement she turned around and, without saying good-bye, she hobbled off the platform and went away.

On Friday she came back and came up to me and burst into tears. "Mr. Price, Jesus will never heal me, because I told a big lie. I told a big story, and He will never heal me because He does not love girls who tell lies."

I asked her: "What did you say?"

"You asked me if my mother and daddy were praying for me, and they are not. But I said, 'Yes.' My daddy curses and swears, and my mother whipped me the other day because I came to your meeting. I said they were praying because you told little girls to ask their mothers to pray, and my mother won't pray. They won't pray for me."

I just took her in my arms and said: "Let us get down on our knees and talk to the Lord about it." When she said, "I can't," I remembered that she could not kneel, and so I put her in my chair, and she put her little head near mine, and we prayed. I said: "There is one wonderful thing about the Lord—when you come to Him, He will forgive if you have sinned. He does not like little girls to lie, but He loves them just the same. He will pardon." She believed it and accepted it, dried her eyes and went away.

Saturday afternoon came. She was the third little girl I prayed for. When I prayed, nothing happened. The first two little girls were healed. But nothing happened to my little friend. I felt an absence of power—it was like a vacuum. I felt such a spirit come up against me. I opened my eyes; she was praying. I laid my hands on her and anointed her a second time. I opened my eyes again

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did? You say His death was necessary. Yes, but He could have died without the scourging; He could have died without the lashing; He could have died without enduring physical pain. But in order to give you health He had to bear pain, because pain and sickness and suffering were the penalty for sin, and if He had not borne your penalty you would have had to bear it.

#### 3. HE REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE

The third reason is, Jesus came to redeem us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13). If you will turn back to the Old Testament, you will find in Deut. 28:22, 27, 28 the curses of the law listed, and also every other sickness and plague which are not written in this book. Now that covers everything, doesn't it?

Was Paul right when he said that Christ came to redeem us from the curse of the law? Do you believe you can rely on the Word of God? I do. The Bible says that Jesus came to redeem us from the curse of the law and I am foolish enough to believe the Bible. I believe it is God's Word and that God wrote it.

I will tell you what has happened. We have become so worldly, so formal, so materialistic, so rational, that reason has overthrown faith. We have driven

I should like to ask somebody—by what authority did Paul do that work? Through what power were those people healed? Where can you find a statement in the Scripture, written subsequent to A.D. 62, that intimates or even hints that the healing power would be taken from the Church and would be lifted from the lives of the apostles and the ministers of Jesus Christ? I believe that the Early Church, with its order, its ministry and its power, should be in existence today; and I believe that when we go back to the New Testament order, we are going to have the old-time apostolic power. Listen to the testimonies of God's people and you will find that *Jehovah-Rapha* still lives. He is still the Lord that heals us.

I was once in Ohio during the late fall, when the snow lay on the ground. We were holding meetings in Convention Hall. One evening a little crippled girl came to the meeting. My heart went out to her and presently I became acquainted with her. We sat down together and had quite a little chat. I told her to come back to the meetings, and every day she used to come along.

Then one Thursday afternoon she came hobbling to the platform. The people had been dismissed and most of them had gone home. I could see that she wanted to have a little talk, so I

# The Ministry of HEALING

by A. J. Gordon

*Christ exercises a double ministry. Men believe on Him and are forgiven; they touch Him and are healed.*

WE DWELL MUCH ON THE SINLESSNESS of Christ, and the power which He thereby possessed of redeeming men from their sins; but have we thought also that He was the only being, so far as we know, who had perfect healthfulness? It must have been so. Sickness is the fruit and consequence of sin, either actual or ancestral. But Christ had neither personal nor hereditary taint. If He knew pain and suffering of body, it was imputed, not original; it was ours, not His.

## "IN HIM WAS LIFE"

In Him was that Divine, unfallen life in which no seed or germ of sickness could be present. Hence those who came in believing contact with Him received healing as inevitably as they received pardon. "And as many as touched Him were made perfectly whole," says the Evangelist. Man in his fallen state can impart disease, but not health. It is the most pathetic comment on our corrupt condition by nature, that sickness is the only thing we have that is contagious. We can give out an infectious disease from our very breath, or through the slightest touch of the body; but who has been able to communicate his health to another? This is the solitary glory of the virgin's Son. Here for once in our poor world is a contagious life. Here is a being in whom an abounding, infectious health is present, so that it

only needs the contact of a finger-tip that it may leap like the electric current to thrill and vitalize the sickly body.

This spontaneity, this outgushing fullness of the divine healing from the person of Jesus Christ, is to me a fact of the greatest significance. Whatever help man imparts to his brother is through medicine and the vital agencies of nature. If he attempts at all to cure by transmitting his own vitality, he does it only by the most strained and laborious effort, as though the life-currents in him were so low and feeble that they must be forced before they can be made to yield even the smallest assistance to another. But not so with the Son of Man. His healing was an overflow, not an effort. Witness the marvelous miracle of the recovery of the woman with an issue of blood. It is a work so unconscious and so utterly passive that it seems like a miracle spilt over from the fullness of His Divine life, rather than a miracle put forth. She came behind Him in the crowd and touched the hem of His garment, "and immediately He perceived that virtue had gone out of Him," we are told. No effort at healing here; no gathering up of the powers of His Divine manhood for the mighty miracle. Where human skill had exhausted itself only to fail, this heavenly Man succeed-

ed without even an effort of the will—as though it were an accident of His omnipotence, a spontaneous overflow from Him "in whom dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

## HIS TOUCH

Have you run through the list of Christ's miracles to notice how often the word "TOUCH" occurs in connection with them? Sometimes it is Christ touching the sufferer, and sometimes it is the sufferer touching Christ. But nothing more energetic or vigorous seems necessary. And this is a striking tribute to the life-giving power of Christ. Great forces need but small conductors to transmit them. The surcharged battery requires only a finger-tip to unlade its mighty energy. A locomotive needs but a single coupling to transmit all its prodigious force and momentum. And Christ, because He is mighty to save, needs nothing of us but our consenting faith; and because He is mighty to heal, needs only the touch of our faith that all His "saving health" may become ours. Touch, indeed, is but the gesture of faith. It is the visible confession of confidence in the power of Christ to make whole. Hence it is all one, whether it is said of the ministry of Christ that "as many as believed on

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Him were made whole," or "as many as touched Him were made whole." In either case, saving virtue went forth from Him.

You see, then, how all through His life the double ministry of Jesus was in exercise. Men believed on Him and were forgiven; men touched Him and were healed. His abounding grace made instant response to the sinner's faith; His abounding life gave instant answer to the sick man's touch. And so blended and interlaced are those two elements in the ministry of our Lord that they are constantly crossing; healing emerging in forgiveness, and forgiveness in healing. It is because sin and sickness are so related that grace must take such direction in pursuing them. Like two converging lines of an angle, each of which when followed leads to the other, so with transgression and disease. Follow sickness back to its remotest cause and you will find sin; follow sin onward to its last effect and you will find disease. Blessed be God, then, that in Christ we have the double Man who could confront and master the double problem. He was the Sin-pardoner, who could cleanse transgression back to its original fountain. He was the Life-giver who could reach disease in the last and remotest retreat and heal it. Hence the constant contact and interfusion of these two offices of the Son of God.

#### THE DOUBLE CURE

Recall that striking instance of His dealing with a man sick of the palsy. The first word we should expect to hear from His lips as He gazed upon the helpless sufferer would be, "Thou art made whole." That was what the man wanted, and that was what the friends who brought him expected. But instead of that, He said to the sick of the palsy, "Son, be of good cheer. Thy sins are forgiven thee." And when they which stood by murmured in themselves that He had presumed to pardon sin, He said, "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Arise and walk?" It matters not to the Lord whether He reaches the body through the soul, or reaches the soul through the body. He is the Redeemer of both. Did the sufferer expect healing and get pardon? Yes, but he got what he asked. The Master simply went behind the curtain of the flesh and healed the fountain of the soul's impurity. He laid His hand on the spiritual cause instead of dealing at once with the bodily result. He reached back over all the

### The Branch of Healing

*There is a healing branch that grows  
Where every bitter Marah flows;  
This is our health renewing tree,  
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

*There is an old appointed way  
For those who "hearken and obey";  
Above the gate these words we see,  
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

*There is "an ordinance" that has stood  
Since Israel crossed the parted flood,  
It stands today for you and me,  
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

*There is a great Physician still  
Whose hand has all its ancient skill;  
At His command our pains will flee,  
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

—A. B. SIMPSON.

turbid and troubled streams of disease and physical impurity, and cured the fountain of the heart by His authoritative absolution from sin. And then, as though to humor the ignorance that could not discern the cause, but only the effect, that could not see that pardon is healing in its utmost springs, He adds, "But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine own house." It is the two-fold grace of Christ which we discover running through all His earthly life.

He is the second Adam, come to repair the ruin of the first. And in order to accomplish this He will follow the lines of man's transgression back to their origin, and forward to their remotest issue. He will pursue the serpent trail of sin, dispensing His forgiveness and compassion as He goes, till at last He finds the wages of sin, and dies its death on the cross; and He will follow the wretched track of disease with His healing and recovery, till in His resurrection He shall exhibit to the world the first fruits of these redeemed bodies, in which "this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality."

—Selected

*"Teach me to sing my hymn of praise  
In joyful cadence all my days,  
So other souls who walk with me  
May know my gladness comes from Thee."*

### Healed of Severe Headaches

Last year I began to have pains in my head which became so severe at times that I could not bear them. When I awoke on Sunday, August 28, my head ached terribly, and in the afternoon it got worse. I had always said the devil would not keep me out of church, so I went in spite of the pain in my head.

I got worse by the time church had started, and the pastor stopped the meeting to pray for me. I was healed of my headache almost at once, and after church when I put my glasses on I found that I could not stand them. So I put the glasses in my purse and drove home without using them.

I thank God that He healed me. Ten months have passed, and I am still free of my headaches. I don't wear my glasses; I haven't needed them all winter and spring, though I do a lot of work where I have to use my eyes. I have sat down and read ten chapters in my Bible without stopping, and my eyes still do not bother me.—Charlotte Ewing, Hamilton, Ill.

(Endorsed by Fred Shields, Pastor,  
Fountain Green, Ill.)

### Restored After Heart Attack

We were preparing to attend a revival at our Assembly, when I was suddenly stricken with a heart attack. My family very hurriedly summoned our pastor, D. T. Newman. He came and anointed and prayed for me, and I seemed to feel better. But within less than an hour I became much worse and went entirely blind. I could not see my daughter who was standing right over me.

My daughter ran and called the pastor again, but by that time my life had begun to ebb away. Brother Newman and my husband prayed and praised the Lord and would not give up. I had already begun to turn black, but they kept rebuking the devil and praising the Lord for the victory they believed He was going to give me. After some time life came back into my body, leaving me weak but praising the Lord and talking in tongues. To God be all the glory for this wonderful deliverance!—Mrs. Shelby Farless, Box 1052, Cortez, Colo.

(Endorsed by Pastor D. T. Newman,  
Cortez, Colo.)

*Why should a person die again after being miraculously raised?*

# A Second Funeral for Lazarus

*by Don Mallough*

**F**OR THE SECOND TIME A FUNERAL procession made its way to the cave on the outskirts of Bethany. A long time had elapsed since the first sad journey, but the body on the bier was the same one. Most of the sorrowing relatives had also made the first trip. The same professional mourners headed this procession and made the air resound with their shrieks and lamentations. Again they laid the bound and anointed body on the prepared niche in the cave and rolled a stone in front of the door. The body of Lazarus was laid to rest.

Lazarus was one of the few men who died twice. There is no record in the Scriptures of his second funeral, but there must have been one. The first time he died, his body stayed in the grave only four days. His Friend, Jesus, performed a great miracle and raised him from the dead. Lazarus had testified to what happened, and others also had faithfully attested to the miracle. They had extolled the power of Jesus Christ to raise even a body that was in a state of putrefaction. Now the testimony of Lazarus was silenced, for again death had overtaken him.

As his friends and loved ones slowly walked away from the grave, perplexing

questions must have raced through their minds. How baffling were the doubts and misgivings that pried into their thinking. Puzzled minds must have entertained these and a host of other questions:

"What will the critics say now?"

"Will this discount the whole testimony of Lazarus?"

"Will he be raised again from the dead?"

"Why would God allow such a thing to happen?"

"Had Lazarus failed God?"

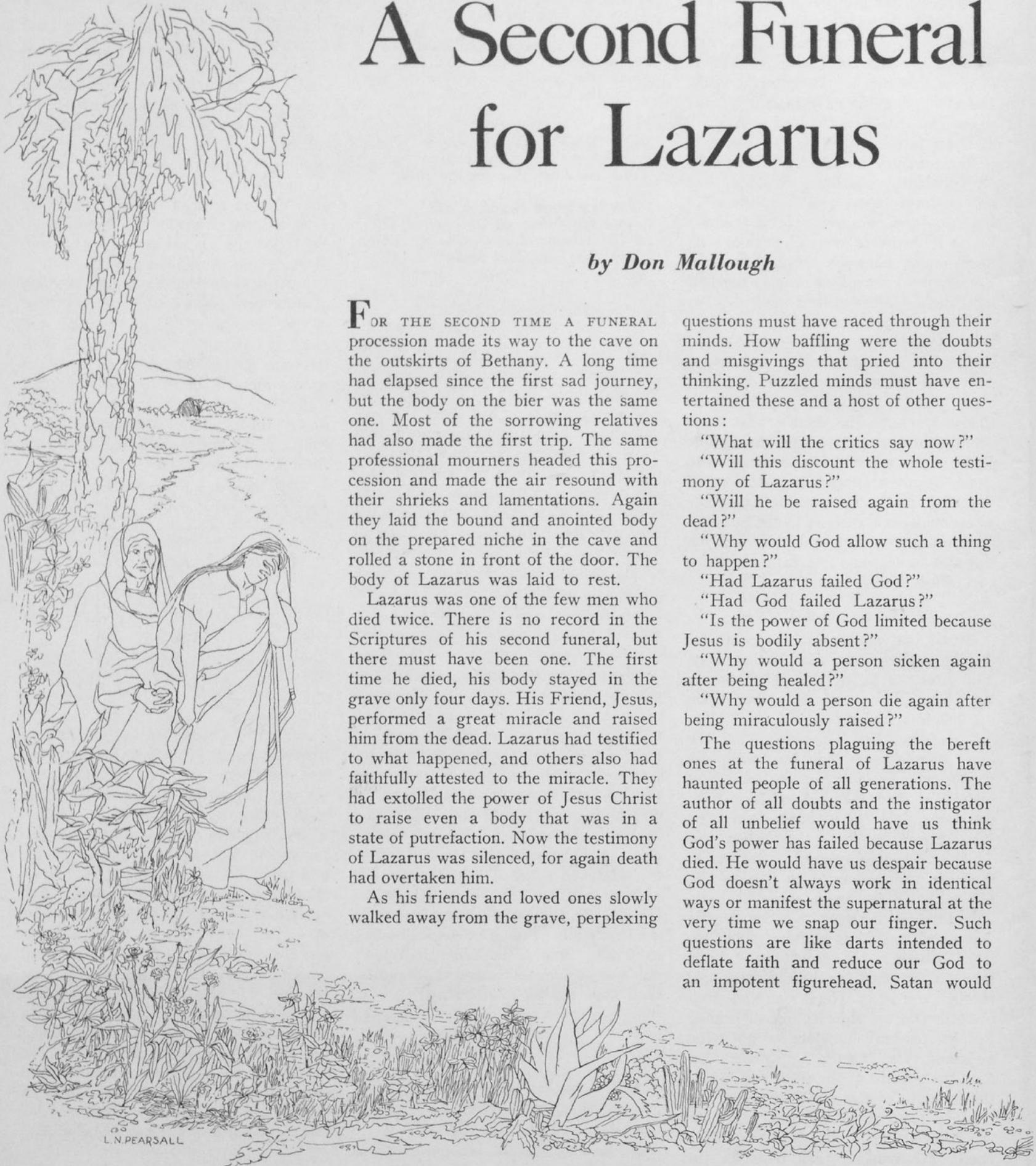
"Had God failed Lazarus?"

"Is the power of God limited because Jesus is bodily absent?"

"Why would a person sicken again after being healed?"

"Why would a person die again after being miraculously raised?"

The questions plaguing the bereft ones at the funeral of Lazarus have haunted people of all generations. The author of all doubts and the instigator of all unbelief would have us think God's power has failed because Lazarus died. He would have us despair because God doesn't always work in identical ways or manifest the supernatural at the very time we snap our finger. Such questions are like darts intended to deflate faith and reduce our God to an impotent figurehead. Satan would



have us believe such questions are insurmountable. At the time of apparent defeat he would make us believe that the cause is lost because Lazarus died the second time.

But to know God's Word is to know His ways. To know His ways is to resign to His infinite plan our limited understanding and to realize that "He doeth all things well." If we know and understand four basic rules of God's workings, we can dispel the haunting questions that come in our time of testing.

1. *God is not obligated to work in identical ways, the same way twice.*

As sovereign, God determines whether there will be a supernatural deliverance, when it will come, and how. We cannot draw boundaries for His power even by tracing the history of past events. He often deals with different individuals in different ways. He may deal with the same person in various manners at different times. There was supernatural deliverance for Paul at Philippi, accompanied by the rumble of an earthquake. Later, at Rome, he was not delivered but instead he was given dying grace to go to the chopping block without flinching. Peter had a glorious deliverance from prison, but later God let him die a martyr's death. Stephen had no unusual deliverance at all, but does that say he was loved less by our Lord? The disciples escaped from many plots against their lives, and yet eventually all but one of them suffered as martyrs. If God had done for all men what He did for Daniel and the three Hebrew worthies, there would never have been a martyr in the history of the Church.

Neither God nor Lazarus failed when death struck the second time. It was for God's glory that Lazarus was raised the initial time but not any less so that he was buried the second time.

2. *Everything that is done for the body is temporal.*

At the very best, the human body is a brief abode for man. We are prone to exaggerate the value of the flesh and pamper it as though it were eternal. Because the ills or ecstasies of the body so vitally affect our spirits, we overrate its importance. The average man evaluates the body well above its counterpart, the soul, and even some Christians have a tendency to do the same.

Nothing we do for this body will endure beyond the disintegration that is inevitable. In that sense every physical healing is only temporal. It somewhat

Dr. Charles Mayo, the greatest surgeon the world had ever known, made this statement before he died and signed his name to it:

"Christian healing has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and its value cannot be questioned. Spiritual healing is no longer the hope of a few, but the belief and practice of a large and rapidly increasing number of persons."

shocks us to realize that every person Jesus ever healed eventually died. There is no such thing as a permanent healing, because healing has to do with that which is basically temporal. With that thought in mind, the burial of Lazarus is less of a calamity and does no discredit whatsoever to the power of God.

3. *The motivating purpose is more important than the miracle.*

Miracles have always played an important part in the plan of God. We see them today as have the believers of all generations. They are the hallmark of God's power in our midst.

When viewed with the right perspective, the miracle takes second place to the purpose that lies behind it. Christ miraculously fed the thousands but rebuked those who followed Him for bread only. It is commendable to feed men, but He had a higher aim than that—to give them the bread of life. The loaves were but a means to that nobler end. Jesus did not heal just to remove the aches and pains of men. To do so is a splendid work, but His healing powers were intended to open the door to the eternal soul. If we see only His miracles, we lose sight of the more important motive for them. If the aim could be accomplished by a miracle, then a miracle was bestowed. If the purpose could be brought about without it, then the miracle was superfluous.

Christ plainly declared that the sickness and death of Lazarus was for the glory of God. If it was for God's glory that he remained dead four days, could it not be conceivable that he remain dead longer the second time? Whether or not there was a miracle mattered little, as long as God was glorified.

4. *Apparent defeat is often but delayed victory.*

Death takes every appearance of defeat. It seemed doubly so at the second funeral for Lazarus. This could be the crushing blow to the faith of so many. The body that had been raised by the Lord was again in the grave. In human reasoning, the hopes of many could be

buried with Lazarus in that grave. This looked like utter defeat.

Oh, that the ears of the bereaved could hear again the words that previously echoed against that hillside. "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus is gone, but the words are still true. Lazarus is dead, but the promise is sure: "Yet shall he live." Circumstances indicate defeat, but faith remains strong. Lazarus will yet rise from the dead. It might not be within four days, as men would wish it; but rise he will, because the Lord has spoken it.

In the first miracle, Jesus turned water to wine. He it was who devised the process by which a vine obtains moisture from the soil and makes it into grape juice. In the miracle, He did not defy natural laws but rather just speeded up the process. When Jesus raised Lazarus, He did what He will eventually do for all believers. He did it a bit earlier for Lazarus, to demonstrate what all of us can expect. In spite of his dying again, he will be raised to die no more. What difference does it make to our Lord whether it be four days or two thousand years? The emphasis is not on the intervening time, but upon the fact of the resurrection.

The bereaved at the second funeral for Lazarus had the same hope as all who have lost loved ones in Christ. Satan may raise questions and inject doubts, but we stand upon the promise of our Lord: "Yet shall he live."

## SPINE AND HIP HEALED

I thank God for healing me. I felt a pain in my spine, at times so severe that I was unable to get out of bed. Our pastor, Brother Watson, had been praying for me. In answer to prayer I was out of bed, but was still in pain.

In the revival meeting at the Signor Indian Mission, I asked prayer for healing. I mentioned only my spine, not my hip, which had begun to pain because of the way I was walking to ease the hurting in my back.

God touched my spine, and a few nights later as I stood at the altar God completely healed my hip also. I surely praise His name.—Mildred White, Stone Lake, Wis.

(Endorsed by James R. Watson, 5952 Cortland St., Chicago, Ill.; former pastor of Signor Indian Mission, Couderay, Wis.)

# Why Are You

# SICK?

by Evangelist William Caldwell

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Perhaps you need a spiritual diagnosis

more than a medical diagnosis

**A**RE YOU BEING AFFLICTED IN SOME way—spiritually, mentally, or physically? Then the question is, *By whom—God or Satan?*

Satan certainly is the instigator of many of the afflictions that buffet the Christian and hinder him in the fulfillment of God's will in his life. Yet, according to the Scriptures, *some of the afflictions of the Christian come in the will of God.*

When Satan afflicts a child of God it is an endeavor to defeat God's plan, challenge His will, bring to naught His Word, and nullify the benefits and provisions of the atonement of Christ.

On the other hand, when the affliction is in the will of God, it is for man's benefit and betterment. This is also described as chastisement—punishment from our loving heavenly Father to correct and improve us.

An honest appraisal of your life, in the light of the Word of God, will help determine whether or not your affliction is from God. The Holy Spirit was sent by Christ to be your Guide; if you will submit to His leadings, He will guide you into all truth.

## SICKNESS AT THE HAND OF GOD

If you are certain your affliction is from God, then seek to gain release by humbly learning the lesson; by repenting and making the necessary corrections; by dutifully rearranging your life to conform with His pattern and desire.

*Any affliction from the hand of God is actually a blessing* for it produces happiness and improvement. The Psalmist said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word." He had learned that "happy is the man whom God correcteth."

Then, too, *sickness may come from God as a judgment for sin.* This principle was expressed in God's warnings to Israel. He promised that if they would keep His word, He would put none of the diseases of Egypt upon them. But He further warned them through His servant Moses that "if thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, . . . then shall the Lord make thy plagues wonderful. . . . Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt. . . . Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee" (Deut. 28:58-61).

If you are certain your affliction is from God, then the only legitimate means you can use to gain relief from that sickness is spiritual, for *when sickness comes to you as an affliction from God, the remedy begins with repentance.* The warning from the Book of Revelation is appropriate here: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

The promise given to Israel is still held out to us today: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

## SICKNESS AT THE HAND OF SATAN

We must not forget, however, that sickness may be caused by Satan. It is recorded that Satan "smote Job with sore boils." One of the missions of Christ upon earth was "doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the

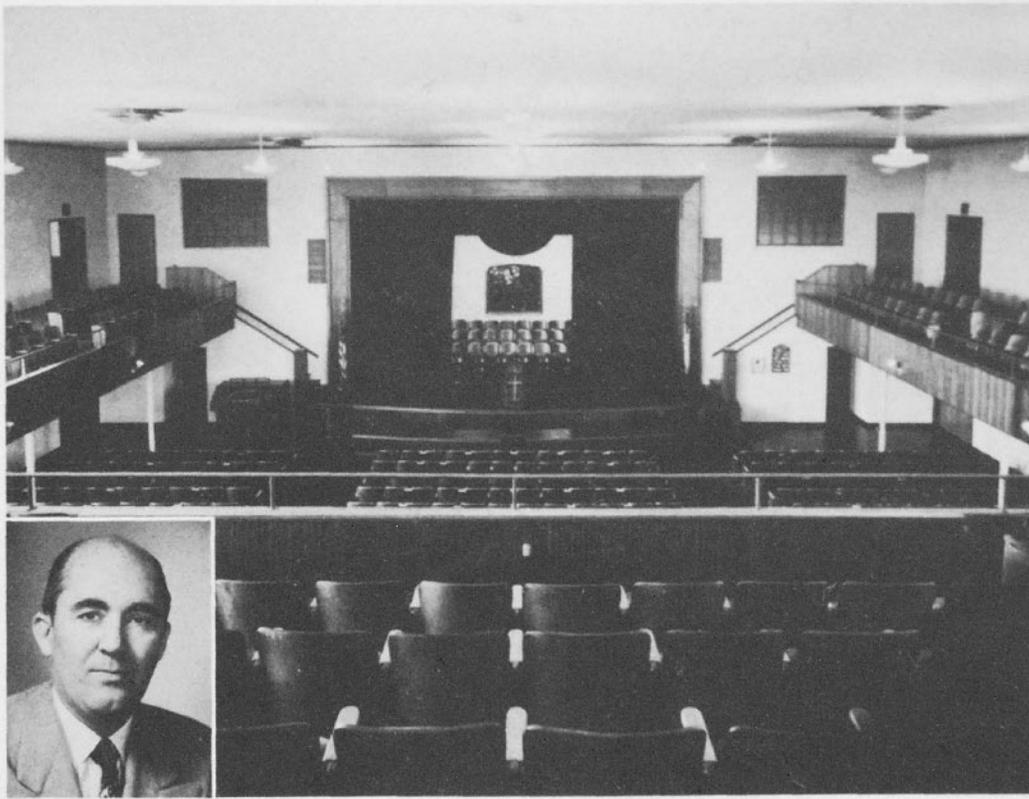
devil" (Acts 10:38). Satan will do all he can to afflict and harass the child of God, to mar his efficiency in love and service for the Master.

If your sickness is from the hand of Satan then *deliverance is your privilege.* There is a multiplicity of scriptures proving this. Here are just a few: "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26). "Who healeth all thy diseases" (Psa. 103:3). Read also Mark 16:17, 18; James 5:14-16; 3 John 2.

A child of God need not be the helpless target of the devil. *Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

If Satan is the cause of illness, then certainly any legitimate means that produces deliverance may be used. We who believe in the Full Gospel recommend and practice divine healing. At the same time we do not overlook the fact that medical and surgical science have produced remarkable results in the relief of human suffering. They are fighting the same enemy as we are. The difference is that they use natural means; we use spiritual. Therefore, we do not condemn physicians nor censure those who seek relief by natural means. *We simply show unto you a more excellent way,* for the conscientious physician will admit that only God can truly heal.

The middle verse of the Bible, equidistant from both ends, is Psalm 118:8: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." This truth is constantly being verified by an endless procession of authenticated testimonies from those who have been healed by God of practically every known sickness and disease. All these bear witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



N. D. Davidson and the First Assembly of God, Portland, Oregon

## THIS WEEK'S COVER

The First Assembly of God in Portland, Oregon, began in the Pentecostal revivals of the early twenties. The church met in various locations before moving to SE 12th and Taylor where it was known as the Portland Gospel Tabernacle. It was in this location for twenty years.

In 1947 the congregation called Pastor and Mrs. N. D. Davidson from Phoenix, Arizona. A building program was immediately launched by the church under the leadership of Pastor Davidson. God enabled the congregation to sell a piece of property previously purchased as a building site. A more desirable location was purchased at SE 20th and Madison and construction began in 1948.

The church has 26,000 feet of floor space and is valued at \$250,000. The indebtedness on the church is \$33,000. The main auditorium seats over 800. The membership of First Assembly has grown from less than 100 to over 300 during the past nine years. The Sunday School attendance is averaging over 500. It averaged 545 during the 1954-55 Sunday School year. A second wing is planned for the near future to accommodate the growing Sunday School.

First Assembly has become a strong

missionary church. The church has been first in giving in the Oregon District for the past eight years. The church gave \$12,696 during 1955 to missions—17th in the nation among Assemblies of God churches. The young people have been leaders in the Speed-the-Light giving, winning the trophy presented at the World Missions Convention for giving in the Northwest Region.

After nearly nine years of pastoring in Portland, Pastor Davidson has resigned to become Superintendent of the Oregon District, succeeding Atwood Foster, now General Treasurer.

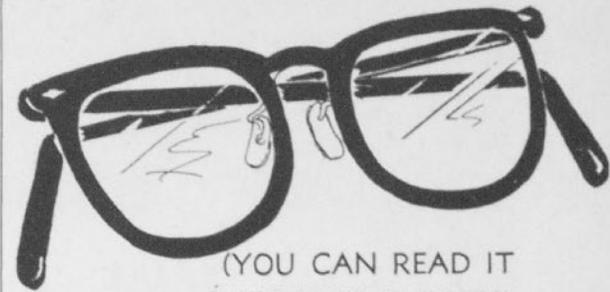
Kenneth M. Haystead, former Assistant District Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District, has accepted the pastorate of First Assembly. He assumed his new duties on May 13.

### FOLLOWING "HIM"

Across the will of nature  
Leads on the path of GOD;  
Not where the flesh delighteth  
The feet of JESUS trod.  
O, bliss to leave behind us  
The fetters of the slave,  
To leave *ourselves* behind us,  
The grave-clothes and the grave.

—Tersteegen

HERE IS A MESSAGE  
FOR PEOPLE PAST FORTY:



(YOU CAN READ IT  
WITHOUT GLASSES)

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

### Moslems Gain in Africa

The Roman Catholic Jesuit magazine, *Missions*, reported that the number of Moslems in Africa has increased from 48,000,000 in 1934 to more than 80,000,000 today.

### God Sees the Heart

A poll of elderly people in Long Beach, California, shows that they don't go to church as often as they once did because they can't afford to put money in the offering plates. Have they forgotten that God wants their worship more than their money?

### Senators Recite the "Lord's Prayer"

Members of the U.S. Senate recently established a precedent when, in the absence of their chaplain, they opened their daily session by reciting the "Lord's Prayer" in unison. Veteran legislators said it was the first time the Senate had taken such a step.

### Ministers Rated Poor Driving Risks

One insurance company rates ministers 56th out of 64 occupations studied when it comes to safe driving, reports the *Gospel Herald*. One minister claims it is because most ministers can't afford good cars. Perhaps the chief reasons are that they have so much on their minds and are always in a hurry.

### Evangelicals Outnumber Active Catholics in Chile

A study of Protestant denominations in Chile by a Jesuit (Roman Catholic) priest shows that there are 681,770 Protestants in Chile—over 11 per cent of the total population. In contrast, the Roman Catholic Church estimated some months ago that scarcely 10 per cent of the Catholics attend mass on Sundays and feast days, the priest added.

### Clean Literature Drive Reaches Barber Shops

The president of the Connecticut Master Barbers' Association said he will ask member barbers to discard all objectionable magazines and place only "proper literature" in their shops. Newspapers in the area had published many letters to the editors condemning the improper reading matter found in many barber shops.

### Grads Give Chapel as Class Gift

Graduating seniors of Central High School, Oklahoma City, gave their school an unusual gift—a small, non-denominational chapel for student use. The seniors, doing most of the work themselves, converted an unused storage room into a chapel where pupils can go for devotions or meditations. Members of the class felt that nothing else could so fitly exemplify the traditional purpose of a class gift: "to make the school better by our having been there."

### No Crime in City During Revival

The chief of police of Danville, Virginia, a city of 35,000, had this comment about the tent revival held by Evangelist Oral Roberts in his city: "We are proud of the fact that throughout the revival there was no accident or injury in the huge traffic jams. We are also amazed that during the revival (10 days) no crime was committed in our city—an all-time record."

### Juvenile Crime on the Increase

The FBI reports that, although there was a slight decline in major crimes in the United States in 1955, there was an upswing in juvenile crime. Reports from 1,162 cities showed an 11.4 per cent increase in arrests of boys and girls under eighteen years of age.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover described the general decrease of two-tenths of one per cent in major crimes as "almost negligible when viewed in the light of the fact that this is the fourth consecutive year that the estimated number of crimes exceeded the two million mark."

He said that last year a larceny or theft was committed every 23 seconds, an auto was stolen every two minutes, a robbery took place every nine minutes, and one rape took place every 27 minutes. Violence is increasing. More criminal attacks were made on persons last year than during 1954.

Since 1950 the national population has increased about nine per cent while crime has jumped 26 per cent—almost three times as much. Evidently the power of the gospel has not yet reached the people who need it the most.

### Former Juvenile Delinquents Help in Crusade

Six young people who said Christ had redeemed them from lives of crime spoke at a meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, sponsored by the Assemblies of God. They urged wayward youths to give up their erring ways and follow the Lord.

It was a Crusade to Save Juvenile Delinquents, and five hundred persons unable to get into the packed theater to hear the testimonies stood on the sidewalk outside and listened. One of the two young women who spoke said that ambition to become a "big shot" had driven her to frequenting "jive dens" and, later, to stealing automobiles. The young men told of drinking, smoking "dagga," car stealing, and loose living which led even their parents to disclaim them and police to shoot at them.

All six said their lives had been changed completely since they had come to know Christ. Pastor W. F. Mullen, who presided at the meeting, called it "one of the most remarkable gatherings ever held—unique for Johannesburg and, perhaps, for the world."

### Ask Ban on Beauty Contests

A ban on beauty contests was demanded in Athens by a Greek Orthodox group. The group is opposed to a contest, sponsored by an Athens daily paper, to select a "Miss Greece" for the annual "Miss Universe" Competition.

### Christian Labor Union Gains Strength

A labor organization that stresses religious principles and co-operation with management is gaining a foothold in northern Indiana. The 25-year-old Christian Labor Association, with headquarters in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is composed largely of Christian Reformed Church members. It believes the strike is out-dated and shuns violence and boycotts. The organization favors the union shop, organizing of all workers, and the guaranteed annual wage, but it puts special stress on the spiritual quality of work.

### Says Arabs Should Recognize "Fact of Israel"

The U.S. should stop pampering Egypt and other Arab states and use its influence to have them recognize and accept the "fact of Israel," the executive secretary of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, Dr. Earl Tomlin, told a gathering of Protestant laymen.

Dr. Tomlin, who has made six trips to the Middle East, said the present crisis is rooted in Arab failure to recognize Israel and Arab refusal to sit down to discuss a peace to replace the 1949 armistice. He added, "The final Armageddon might come there because of this tension."

### Protestants Urge \$24 Million New York City Program

Home missions leaders of 15 Protestant bodies were told that New York City now has some 4,000,000 unchurched people. They were urged to co-operate in a five-year \$24,000,000 program of ministering to the city's heterogeneous population.

The group was told that rising property prices in new housing developments could make the cost of constructing new churches prohibitive in a few years. Denominations were urged to co-operate in their outreach for the areas "neglected by Protestants."

### Religious Liberty Involved in Fireworks Issue

Chinese residents of Honolulu, T.H., have protested a proposed limitation on fireworks displays on grounds that it is an encroachment of their religious liberty. The secretary of the United Chinese Society of Honolulu said, "Chinese traditional religious rites always have included the setting off of fireworks." Chinese Christians insisted, however, that the use of fireworks with these groups was traditional, not religious.

The measure, sponsored by civic groups, gained impetus as the result of several serious accidents during the Chinese New Year celebration.

### Mission School in Egypt Must Teach Koran

The Egyptian Ministry of Education warned Protestant and Roman Catholic mission schools that they are obliged, beginning next year, to provide instruction in the Koran for Moslems among their students. Failure to comply can result in confiscation of their property. The courses must be given according to government curriculum by approved instructors.

Mission schools had argued against the directive when it was announced previously, saying that to teach a religion other than their own is contrary to their missionary principles and purpose. There are about 2,000 private schools in Egypt serving about half a million students.



FILIPINO CONGREGATION IN PASADENA DEDICATES RECENTLY ACQUIRED BUILDING

This photograph shows the recently acquired building, which houses the Filipino Full Gospel Church (Assemblies of God) in Pasadena, California. The church was dedicated in January, 1956, at a sectional fellowship meeting with Southern California District Superintendent Floyd Woodworth bringing the dedicatory message.

Pastor Pedro Mones reported that the service was very well attended and that those present could "feel the presence of the Spirit of God from beginning to end." Before the service, as is Filipino custom, Pastor Mones and his congregation gave a dinner for the ministers and their wives.

The church building was purchased for \$10,000, part of which was donated by interested persons across the country. Pastor Mones has a fine congregation and is doing an important work among his people in the Pasadena area.

### Store Has Meditation Room for Shoppers

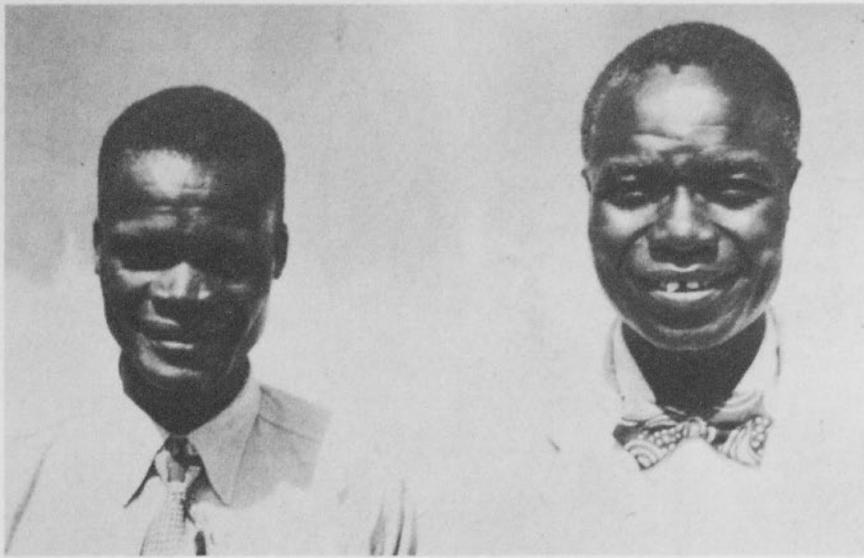
A department store in Charlotte, North Carolina, recently provided a meditation room for shoppers. Its four pews can accommodate eight persons. During the first week it was open, 636 people entered the prayer room. Three months later, after the newness was gone, an average of 315 persons a week—25 per cent of whom were employees—were still using the prayer room.

### House Committee to Study Traffic Accidents

The House of Representatives has authorized a national study of the factors involved in traffic accidents to determine (1) the extent to which excessive speed, intoxication, poor highway conditions, and other factors have been responsible for the increase in accidents, and (2) measures the Federal government can take to alleviate these factors.

Traffic experts agree that beverage alcohol contributes largely to highway tragedies. Many experts claim that alcohol contributes to from 40 to 60 per cent of all accidents. Conservative authorities say that 25 per cent is a safe overall figure for the nation. Based on 25 per cent of the National Safety Council's figures the tragic toll of drunken driving for 1955 would be: 9,575 deaths with alcohol involved, 337,500 injuries with alcohol involved, and a total cost of \$1,175,000,000 in accidents which involved drinking drivers.

But even in the face of statistics such as these, the *Brewer's Bulletin* dourly predicted that the study would be used to "attempt to place the blame on alcoholic beverages."



Phillip and Gideon

by MORRIS WILLIAMS  
Nyasaland, East Africa

missionary later, "I saw the demon cast out with my own eyes."

Gideon and his companions were assigned "Mudzi" Village, a hard place on which much prayer had been focused. Again and again the gospel had been given its people, but with no visible result. The town was sold out to sin, filled with debauchery and witchcraft... it was "Satan's seat" for sure. For a time it appeared as if once again the message would be refused. The evan-

## Victory in the Place of Defeat

SIX YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THAT disappointing effort in evangelism. Phillip could recall it all as if it were yesterday. Branded as an impostor and deceiver, he had faced persecution, loneliness and the frustration of working where he was not wanted. And what had he to show for it? Nothing! Was the fact that he had been forced to leave the work an indication that God had not been pleased with his going in the first place? It had all been so hard to understand! Time had healed, his humiliation somewhat, but the defeat still rankled despite the rich ministry he had found in the years that followed.

Then it came... a letter from the committee of the large inter-denominational mission in the locality where Phillip had "failed." In it were the answers to the many "whys" of that unfruitful year.

"We need revival," the letter said, "for we are as Ezekiel's valley of dry bones... and if ever there was a need for the breath of God, it is here." Then the letter went on to say, "We remember Phillip, for he used to preach near here, though it was quite a while before we realized that there was a man of God among us... We would like for him and Gideon to be the speakers at our convention this year."

So that was it! It had taken six years, but God, who "counts not time by years," had had His purpose in putting His faithful minister in that desert place.

It was August of 1955 when Phillip and Gideon arrived in the country of Phillip's "failure." No longer unknown and unwanted, they were welcomed with open arms and given full liberty to minister as the Spirit led. From the beginning it was evident that it was God's time for revival. The prayers of His people in that Mission found their answer in the meetings that followed.

The schedule called for a three-day convention at the main station, a week of evangelism in the villages, and another three days of Bible Conference at a second station. The church was packed... Christians and heathen, the cautious and the curious. As the gospel poured out of God's messengers under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, conviction swept over the audience. They became aware of God's presence through His Word. The altar was filled with Christians seeking a deeper life. Sinners found pardon as revival fires burst into flame. Confessions and restitution were the order of the day. Then the workers divided into groups and went out to the villages.

At one place where Phillip and a missionary were preaching, they heard a strange sound that came from a hut. It was a human voice, but it sounded like the barking of a dog. Upon inquiry, they learned that a girl with a spirit of divination was under the demon's power. They boldly entered the house and commanded the evil spirit to leave in the Name of Jesus. Reported that

gologists faced a stone wall of indifference. For three days there was no move whatsoever... then a woman arose and came forward for salvation. A titter of laughter went through the audience. "The mad one is repenting... the mad one is repenting." Gideon overheard their remarks and saw the demented look in the eyes of the woman. He turned to the people. "It is not madness to come to Christ... they are mad who reject eternal life... The Lord can heal this affliction." Then, laying his hands on the woman, he claimed deliverance for her mind and salvation for her soul.

The conversion of the "mad one" was the subject of much derision around the camp fires that evening, but the next day their mirth turned to wonder when the "mad one" appeared in her right mind. Wonder turned to conviction as she testified of the miracle God had wrought in her life. The wall of opposition tumbled that day and twenty souls came to the Lord in Mudzi Village.

By the end of the two weeks of meetings, more than 200 had found their way to the Saviour, and a great work had been done among the Christians. Preachers caught the fire and went out with new zeal. The whole mission was revived as God answered the prayers of His people there. At the time of this writing, Gideon and Phillip are once again back in Dedza, but reports continue to come in of still others who are repenting in the place where Phillip "failed."



Presbyters at Convention in Yugoslavia



Ullen Ludvik

# MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

April, 1956

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,398.06	Northwest .....	18,301.65
Appalachian .....	647.09	Ohio .....	9,336.35
Arizona .....	1,276.15	Oklahoma .....	17,041.04
Arkansas .....	2,834.92	Oregon .....	8,901.93
Eastern .....	17,249.68	Polish Br. ....	88.97
Georgia .....	1,904.73	Potomac .....	5,784.55
German Br. ....	726.41	Rocky Mtn. ....	6,098.13
Greek Br. ....	137.35	Russian Br. ....	35.36
Hungarian Br. ..	107.00	S. California ..	23,567.46
Illinois .....	9,109.50	S. Carolina .....	352.83
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Italian Br. ....	455.00	S. Florida .....	4,632.62
Kansas .....	12,457.78	S. Idaho .....	1,531.03
Kentucky .....	687.75	S. Missouri .....	9,784.90
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	943.06	S. Texas .....	6,545.80
Louisiana .....	2,098.79	Tennessee .....	2,413.41
Michigan .....	9,963.03	Texas .....	10,762.11
Minnesota .....	7,000.71	Ukrainian Br. ..	114.42
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District Funds .....	13,683.86
National Home Missions .....	3,141.56
Office Expense .....	4,234.97
Given Direct to Missions .....	38,178.71
	59,239.10

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$208,368.88
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	2,457.66
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Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$106,213.21
Missionary Equipment .....	26,973.53
Missionary Work .....	55,131.25
National Workers Abroad .....	9,037.89
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# A Letter From Yugoslavia

by ULLEN LUDVIK

Chairman, Pentecostal Churches in Yugoslavia

Greetings from the Pentecostal brethren in Yugoslavia to the great family of *The Pentecostal Evangel!*

We are rejoicing in the many blessings of the Lord in our midst. Truly the power of the Holy Ghost has been manifested and God has been glorified. Our conference held late last year was very precious. Presbyters from all over the Yugoslavian territory attended and rejoiced in the warm fellowship and the wonderful presence of God.

It may seem that the blessings we received were small in comparison to those received in other lands these days, but we rejoice in these blessings. Our situation is different from that in many other countries but God has not forgotten us.

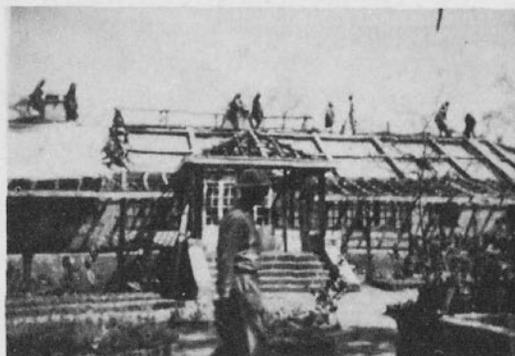
During the year more than 100 converts were added to our Pentecostal churches. They are happy in the salvation through the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. These were all baptized in water and many were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Last year we became acquainted with our Pentecostal brethren of Macedonia where the apostle Paul once traveled and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. We had not known them previously, as we were separated by considerable distance, but God has united them with us and we have fellowship with each other. I was able to spend several days with them and they were happy to learn of our existence in Yugoslavia. These dear brethren, assisted by others, have bought a house which is to be used as a prayer house. Five other places of worship were opened during the year.

In the Osijek district we had ten

days of evangelism in the early part of the year. Numbers of people heard the gospel and many accepted Christ. Then in the Vessica district, five days of evangelizing were held. However, there are only a few free workers on this field.

There is a need of places of worship here. Most of our "churches" are in private rooms and space is so limited that only a few can hear the gospel. We are allowed by state law to hold evangelistic meetings in the rooms or places where our churches are organized for that purpose, but not allowed to hold such meetings in any other places. That is why we are so anxious to have larger quarters for our churches. We are looking to God to help us financially in this our biggest problem. Will you pray that He will undertake for us? It is so necessary that we use the opportunity to win the lost who have little chance to hear the gospel except as we are able to reach them with it in our churches.



These photos show the new roof being put on the mission bungalow at Junnar, India at a cost of about \$1000. Hudson Wills is our missionary there and is appealing for help in this construction enterprise.



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NOTE: July 8 is Servicemen's Day in the Assemblies of God. Why not suggest that your church use the day for a time of special recognition of servicemen from your church. You might also suggest that an offering be received for the ministry of the Servicemen's Division.

by P. S. JONES

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**G**OD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE is wonderfully revealed in His covenant names. One of these, Jehovah Rapha (which means, "The Lord that healeth") shows that divine healing is bequeathed to us by the very character of God.

The story of Israel's emancipation from Egyptian bondage helps us to a proper understanding of God's marvelous atonement truth. The final tragedy of judgment that befell Pharaoh and his people when the death angel visited every home that had no blood sign protection is well known, but comparatively few Christians have comprehended the symbolic truth that is conveyed by the body of the lamb, as well as its blood. The unblemished lamb was slain on that memorable night, the eve of the avenging angel's visit, and the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the door posts. God had said, "When I see the blood I will pass over you." The firstborn of the family was spared; the blood brought salvation in the hour of judgment. But notice what became of the body of the lamb: it was roasted and eaten to give the family strength for the approaching journey.

The dual nature of this provision is quite clear to those who approach Bible study without traditional prejudice, and the same truth is clearly evident in the New Testament teaching concerning the body and blood of the Saviour. At the last supper Christ said to His disciples, "This is my body which is given for you... this cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you." There was a dual provision for a dual need—physical as well as spiritual.

The fact that Jehovah's first covenant with His people after their release from Egyptian bondage was a covenant of healing is not without significance. God said to them: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

Here is positive proof that the horrible diseases suffered by the idolatrous

# God's Covenant HEALING

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Egyptians were the result of what the Scripture calls "the abominations of the wicked." It is quite evident that Jehovah's intention was to keep Abraham's descendants free from such sinful and disease-ridden conditions, that they might be entirely separated from the evils of heathendom and be a holy people, sanctified to God's holy purposes. He promised them immunity from the ravages of the diseases so prevalent among the heathen if they would cleave to Him.

But, sad to say, Israel soon began to slip. They murmured and complained. They disobeyed the Lord. Finally they were found dancing lewdly around pagan altars. Thus the healing covenant became null and void. The party of the second part had broken it. God therefore lifted His protecting hand, and the terrible diseases which plagued the people of Egypt swept in to harass and destroy the people of the Lord.

The history of the Jewish people began with a call to be separate. God said to Abraham, "Get thee out..." Their successes and failures, their victories and defeats, their dispersions and regatherings all hinged upon this question of separation. As long as they were separated from the heathen and separated unto God, they had peace and prosperity, but when they compromised with evil and ceased to follow the Lord they suffered grief.

The birth of the Messiah found the Jewish nation languishing beneath the heel of Roman tyranny. The diseases of Egypt were upon them. But the Messiah, grown to manhood, was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, and went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. He sounded anew the call to be separate. He called men to give up their sins and follow Him. He founded a Church,

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a company of called-out ones, and endowed His followers with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost for a continuing ministry. But the success of the Church was to depend on its separation. It was to be "in the world but not of it."

Today the diseases of Egypt are upon the saints of God. We offer no acid criticism, but simply point to Church history and let its eloquent record explain the tragic connection between sin, sickness and suffering. The barriers are down; the world and the Church walk arm in arm down the broad ways of pleasure. The general body of Christians is concerned more with temporal matters than spiritual. The people turn to natural remedies in time of sickness. The supernatural is denied, generally speaking, and God's miracle-working power is ignored.

But, thank God, there are present-day miracles of healing wherever faith operates. The apostle seemed to assess the situation very pointedly when he wrote, "Is any sick among you?" Apparently he did not expect to find sickness among God's people. He expected them to be living separate from the world and therefore keeping immune from sickness. But, in case there should be someone sick, the apostle gave the remedy: "Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Then follows a delightful reminder of the connection between forgiveness and healing in atonement truth: "And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Divine healing may be a very difficult and seemingly hazardous journey to launch upon, but there are great

compensations for those who dare to do so. Nothing is more exacting for the Christian than to trust God for physical healing. It demands repeated self-examination of one's spiritual life and a close walk with the One who heals.

It would be very wonderful were it possible to answer satisfactorily the many questions of tortured souls who wrestle with problems connected with Divine Healing and who ask "Why?" Many times there seems to be no logical answer. We can only rest our faith in the sovereignty of God and, in spite of perplexity, remind ourselves that "it's in the Book." No matter what difficulties we may face, we must continue to trust in Jehovah Rapha—"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

## TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

### SORE TONGUE MADE WELL

I praise and thank God for healing me. I had a sore tongue off and on for several years. I went to different doctors seeking help. I would get relief for a while, and then the soreness would return. When I went back to an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist, he examined my tongue and said that the inflammation and bumps were caused from nervousness.

My tongue got so sore I could hardly eat or drink. I suffered terribly. My husband and I went to church Sunday morning, January 22, 1956. Our Pastor, Wesley Wibley, told us that if anyone was sick, he should come to the altar for prayer, so I responded. Brother Wibley anointed me and prayed for me, along with the congregation, and God healed me. I felt His wonderful power go through me, and I was delivered.

Now I can eat anything I want. Since I have been healed of this soreness there have been no more sore bumps on my tongue.—Mrs. Samuel R. Stellman, P. O. Box 323, Pontiac, Mich.

*(Endorsed by Wesley C. Wibley, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Pontiac, Mich.)*

### PRAYER ANSWERED TWICE

During the week of October 8-17, 1955, Mrs. Jeanne Sutera conducted revival services at Faith Tabernacle in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Wayne Strausser was then the pastor. During these meetings I was definitely healed of bleeding hemorrhoids. Sister Sutera prayed for me, and the trouble left almost at once. It has never returned, thank God.

I was wonderfully delivered from a spirit of fear also. For years I had been tormented with fear of a room in which my mother-in-law had died. Sister Sutera rebuked the enemy of my soul who was causing this fear and torment, and I was helped much. Yet now and then the trouble would seem to return. Then she warned me how the enemy would creep in and try to make me believe that my old symptoms were still with me, even though I had been delivered from fear. The evangelist taught me to resist the devil in Jesus' name. I began to fight the devil and I found that when I resisted him in Jesus' name he had to flee. I have been free from fear ever since, praise the Lord.—Mrs. Rhoda Barton Buck, Oak Haven Trailer Park, R. D. 3, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

*(Endorsed by John G. Leardi, Pastor, Faith Tabernacle, Fleetwood, Pa.)*

If we are slighted, misunderstood, maligned, or persecuted, what does it matter? These injuries will pass away; but the peace and love of God will remain with us forever, the reward of our faith and patience.

—Charlotte M. Yonge

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED (Hosea 2:20)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JUNE 24

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK





Mrs. J. B. E. Chow of Georgetown, British Guiana, and Stanley Michael

## *Revivaltime*

### *Interviews Mrs. Chow*

**T**HE RESPONSE TO REVIVALTIME in British Guiana has been enthusiastic! This small country, with a population of 350,000, lies on the northeast shore of South America. Because it is a British colony, practically everyone speaks English and this presented an open missionary door for our radio broadcast. Literally scores of letters have come to the Radio Department from British Guiana as a result of this venture of faith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. E. Chow, Assemblies of God ministers, are doing missionary work at Georgetown, British Guiana. Sister Chow told us that the Assemblies of God people in British Guiana are now referred to as the REVIVALTIME people because of the tremendous scope of the broadcast in that country.

The following questions were asked Mrs. Chow concerning the results of REVIVALTIME in British Guiana, and we are sure that her answers will challenge you to continue praying for this missionary broadcast.

**QUESTION:** *How long has REVIVALTIME been in British Guiana?*

**ANSWER:** About two years now.

*Is the present time of release on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. better than on Sunday?*

Yes, for on Sunday there are many religious broadcasts and our program would be crowded out. But on Saturday there are no religious programs. Then too, at 6:00 p.m. it reaches the country people of the interior, who go to bed very early. Also, rum is the curse of the land, and around this time thousands gather at the rum shops to hear the radio. Usually the rum shops set their radio and leave it on the station.

*What has been the greatest benefit of REVIVALTIME to the Assemblies of God work in British Guiana?*

It reaches out into places where missionaries have not yet reached. It also reaches the business people that don't come to our services. There is a great difference between the two classes of people—the rich and the poor.

*We understand that REVIVALTIME HAS BEEN A MEANS OF OPENING PRISON DOORS TO THE PENTECOSTAL MESSAGE. How did this come about?*

A prison warden came to our services about one and a half years ago and was saved. As he talked about the prisoners, I felt a tremendous burden for them. A little later I felt God leading us to talk to the prison superintendent about REVIVALTIME. He remarked that he

had personally heard the program and said it was good. Because he liked the broadcast, he gave us permission to have a whole hour for a gospel service. He also remarked that this was just what they needed to overcome the propaganda of a communist leader who was a prisoner and was stirring up trouble in the prison. We felt this was a great victory; as all the other denominations, in order to get into the prison, would line up and each would only be allowed to say just a few words.

Our prison service started with 30 attending but now we have 120. Many of these have accepted Christ. At the present time, we are holding two services. A condemned prisoner, confined to a cell with only a peep-hole, heard REVIVALTIME as we were playing it on our tape recorder and was deeply stirred. He became saved and asked permission for us to bring a service to the condemned prisoners' quarters. As a result, he personally has led several to Christ—AND BECAUSE OF REVIVALTIME, SEVEN OUT OF THE FIFTEEN CONDEMNED PRISONERS ARE CONVERTED.

*Could you tell us how REVIVALTIME opened the door to the Leprosarium?*

A crippled Christian woman heard REVIVALTIME over Station Demarara and was deeply moved. She wrote a letter to Brother Ward. Her letter was forwarded on to us so that we might contact her. In the meantime, she gathered about fifty of the women around the radio every time REVIVALTIME came on the air. She later got the men interested in listening.

After we visited her, she personally asked the hospital authorities to let us hold services in the chapel. This was granted. Immorality in the hospital was very high, due to their feeling that they were going to die anyway, but REVIVALTIME brought a big change. Many of them have come into our local church as a result.

*What in your opinion has been the greatest victory for REVIVALTIME in British Guiana?*

I think it is the opening of these government institutions to our Pentecostal message. It has given the church backing as they believe what Brother Ward says. It has also given us prestige with the government and the people.

REVIVALTIME has broken down a religious prejudice in that country. Many denominational ministers have

voiced their favorable opinion about the broadcast.

*Do many of the people have radios there?*

Yes, a majority of them do. Those who don't will gather around the shops to hear the news, etc.

*What portion of the people speak English in British Guiana?*

Approximately 100%.

*Can you tell us some unusual experience resulting from REVIVALTIME in British Guiana?*

An Indian boy, from out in the country, heard us singing choruses one day as he was passing nearby, and recognized they were the same songs he had been hearing on REVIVALTIME. And immediately he came to where we were. He had already been genuinely converted at his home while listening to REVIVALTIME. He was anxious to know what more the Lord had for him, and as we told him about the Holy Spirit, he received the Baptism. He has been attending our church ever since.

and put one arm around her mother and the other around her daddy, and she said: "Daddy, you pray." Then she said: "Mother, you pray."

And she prayed: "O God, You healed me, and You promised me to save my mother and daddy. They have come now and You said You would not turn them away." And in ten minutes it was all over—we had the three of them on the platform together, and the mother and father had found Christ.

It had happened—that very evening—when the little girl was sitting at the table. A chair had been made with a special board on which her little legs could rest. Mother and father would eat without asking God's blessing, but this little girl bowed her head and asked God to bless the bread. She was only ten years old—can you imagine it—and as she was praying, suddenly the glory of the Lord struck her body. She had heard adults testify enough to know what it meant—she felt that electric feeling go through her limbs and the new blood come rushing through.

She asked her mother to take off her braces; and when she refused, saying how foolish she was, the child repeated her request with great stress. Then they began to realize that something had happened. The braces were taken off and the little girl slipped from her chair, stood up, and then began to run up and down stairs. Her father sobbed as he witnessed this wonderful miracle, and finally asked what time the meeting would begin as he, too, wanted to find Jesus Christ.

*A little child shall lead them.*

We have the same Jesus with us—the same Christ—the same miracle-working power. Hallelujah!

—Reprinted from issue of Feb. 25, 1933

## Why I Believe in Divine Healing

(Continued from page five)

and she was standing there on her crutches.

I got down on my knees, on my face before God, and I prayed! And when I opened my eyes she was not there. She had gone. I saw her going down the steps from the platform, still on her crutches, swinging her little body. I ran to the edge of the platform and called to her. I think I did it as much to comfort myself as her—my own faith had been shaken; my prayer had not been answered.

She turned around and gave me one of the greatest rebukes I had ever had, but she did it lovingly. She said: "Mr. Price, you don't have to talk to me like that. I know He will do it. I did not expect Him to do it all of a sudden, because my case is so hard, but," she said, "I know He will do it." And with a smile she hobbled down the aisle, still on her crutches.

Saturday night came and she was not at the meeting. Sunday night I looked for her and could not find her. Monday morning, Monday afternoon, and no little girl—and then I wished I had asked for her address so I could look her up.

But on Monday night, at the conclusion of my message, I asked everyone who wanted to find Christ to come to the altar. There was an aisle down the center, in front of the preacher's stand, and as I looked up, the first person I saw coming was that little girl, and I knew she was healed. The crutches were gone. She was walking like any other little girl; and she was leading by one hand a man and by the other a woman. Down they came from the back of the building, and when they got to the front she said: "You kneel here, daddy," and "You kneel here, mother." And she dropped on her knees,

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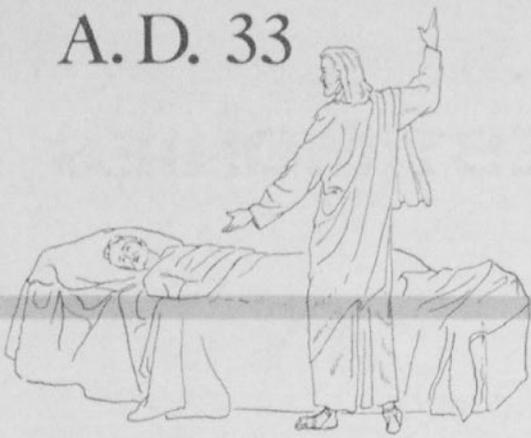
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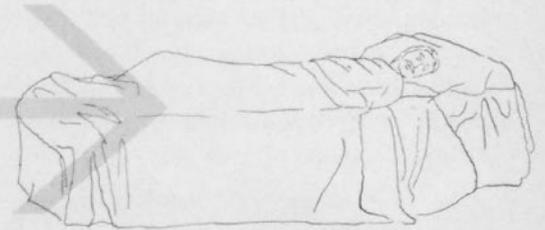
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# Is Divine Healing for Us Today?

by ARTHUR T. PIERSON

**M**ANY ARE ASKING, "Is Divine Healing for us now? Have supernatural signs ceased during this Church Age?" The answer to these questions is to be found in the Word of God. As in all other doctrinal matters, the Bible is the final authority.

Disease is one of the consequences of sin, one of those "works of the devil" which Christ came to destroy (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; 1 John 3:8).

Disease is often a judicial infliction in consequence of sin, and the promise of immunity from it is attached to obedience, while its removal is conditional upon repentance and reformation (Exod. 15:25, 26; Deut. 7:15; 28:27-35; Psa. 91:5-8; 105:37; Isa. 33:24; 2 Chron. 6:28-30).

The healing power is never ascribed to medical agencies, but always primarily to God. Remedies may conduce to the result, but are inadequate without His blessing. Asa is disapproved as one who put his primary

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and not on God (2 Chron. 16:12, 13; Exod. 15:26; Psa. 103:3; 2 Chron. 36:16, marg.; Jer. 30:17; Deut. 32:39).

The power to forgive sins and the power to heal diseases are so associated that one is used to confirm and establish the other (Psa. 103:3; Mark 2:5-10).

Miracles of healing were, next to Divine teaching, the most conspicuous feature of our Lord's earthly life, associated with His atoning work. Isaiah 53:4, 5 is quoted in Matthew 8:17. The mere quotation is not specially significant, but the circumstances are. Ambrose calls Matthew "*Scriptura Miraculosa*," from the comprehensive array of healing there presented. In the midst of the account of these miracles, no reference being made to the typical character of disease or the spiritual application of Christ's atoning work, this significant sentence occurs: "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias

the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." The previous verse which contains an epitome of Christ's healing works, thus connects them with this prediction. If the quotation has no reference to bodily infirmities and sickness, what is the pertinence or connection? Matthew evidently considered these miracles of bodily healing as a fulfillment of that prophecy, and that He who "bare our sins" somehow "bare our sicknesses."

Miracles of healing were among signs which should follow those that believe as part of the witness of the Gospel's power and part of the glory of its triumph (Mark 16:15; John 14:12).

Divine healing continued to be wrought through the apostolic age. There is no hint that it was the

## PURPOSE OF OUR LORD

that these displays of the Divine energy should cease; nay, as the New Testament canon nears completion, James enjoins prayer for the sick as a means of Divine healing (John 14:12; Mark 10:51, 52; 6:13; Acts 2:43; 3:6, 7; 4:30; 5:15; 9:40; 14:8-10; 19:12; James 5:14).

It cannot be proved that Divine healing has ever wholly ceased. It seems to have declined in proportion to the de-

cline in evangelical faith, evangelical activity, power in prayer, and the increase of worldliness. But healing in answer to prayer has to some degree been found in every age. Especially is it affirmed that "signs" similar to those primitive days have been wrought by missionaries and their converts where the gospel has been brought into contact with a people rude, unimpressible, ignorant; and where conditions similar to those which prevailed when it was first preached seemed to justify the expectation that God would give "boldness" to His servants in preaching by "stretching forth His hand to heal." Indeed these statements were not generally doubted or disputed by believers until the zeal to overthrow the "faith cure" delusion led to some rash attempt to prove that all supernatural signs long since answered their purpose and entirely ceased. And so all such modern signs classed with miracles have been treated as impossible on whatever testimony supported. Do believers understand that such a position is almost identical with that of the Scottish deist, Hume, whose name is linked with Gibbon, Bolingbroke, Rousseau and Voltaire, as deadly foes to our faith?

This is not a matter to be demonstrated by argument nor demolished by ridicule. It is a question firstly of Scripture and secondly of

## TRUSTWORTHY EVIDENCE

and on such grounds and no other let the issue be tried. The Scripture certainly suggests and favors the healing of the body in answer to prayer; and as no hint is there found that such signs would cease, the burden of proof is with the opponent, not the advocate of such healing. From the Word of God alone no one would gather that such supernatural signs any more than promises to prayer were confined to the Apostles or the apostolic age. Since the Scriptures promise bodily healing and set no limit of time, the whole matter

resolves itself into a question of fact and so of testimony.

Who are the witnesses? Christlieb, a master mind of Germany, writes in his *Modern Infidelity* (p. 332): "In the history of modern missions we find many wonderful occurrences which unmistakably remind us of the apostolic age. In both periods there are similar hindrances to be overcome in the heathen world, and similar palpable confirmations of the Word are needed to convince the dull sense of men." He instances Hans Egede, the pioneer missionary in Greenland, who finding that his hearers, like many in the time of Christ, had a perception only for bodily relief, sought of God the gift of healing that he might so prove to them the power of the Redeemer whom he preached. With many sighs, tears and prayers, he seeks a special anointing, and then ventures in the Name of Christ to lay his hands upon the sick, and scores of them are made whole. Similar facts are witnessed in the lives of Moravian missionaries, Spangenburg and Zeisberger, recorded in the Rhenish Mission in South Africa in 1858, in the memoir of Kleinschmidt, and of Nomenon in Sumatra.

Luther wrestled in prayer at the bedside of the dying Melancthon, and with

#### VICTORIOUS FAITH

took him by the hand, saying, "Philip, be of good cheer; thou shalt not die," and from that hour Melancthon revived.

Bengel, author of the Gnomon, left on record the case of a girl in Leonberg, near Stuttgart, immediately healed by the prayer of faith, whose case was examined and publicly certified as genuine.

Spurgeon is high authority among evangelical believers. Overwhelmed by the testimony to the working of supernatural power in the Christian institutions founded and conducted by Franke, Falke, Stilling, Gossner, Muller, Gleidner, Harms, Wichern, Dorothea Trudell, etc., he designates these believers as the "modern workers of miracles."

In man two natures are combined. He is at the same time spirit and matter, heaven and earth, soul and body. Sin in his soul and sickness in his body bear witness to the right which death has over him. It is the twofold nature which has been redeemed by Divine grace. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psa. 13:3).

—Selected

## HEALING TESTIMONIES

### Elderly Woman Healed

Recently I was stricken with a weakness around my heart which lasted for three weeks. I prayed daily for the Lord to heal me, and the church prayed for my healing, too. One day I went down to our pastor's home. He anointed my head with oil, and he and his wife prayed for my healing.

I went home and retired for the night. When I awoke the next morning, the weakness was all gone. I just felt like a new woman. I knew I was healed. Oh, how I do praise God for His saving grace, His keeping power, and His healing touch. I am gaining strength every day. I am able to do lots of work now, although I am 84 years old.—Mrs. Rose Garn, Imbler, Oreg.

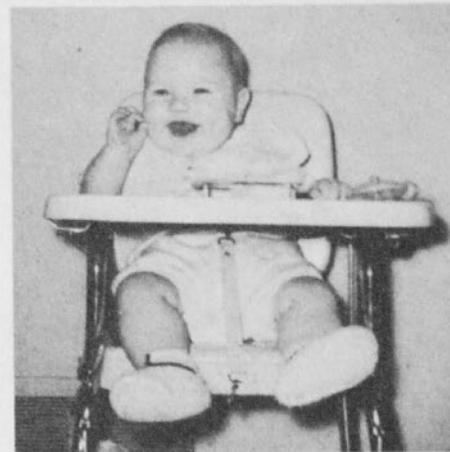
*(Endorsed by Pastor Ralph Teall, Imbler, Oreg. who states: "Sister Garn is 84 years old and a wonderful Christian. The day Sister Garn came to our house for prayer my wife and I really thought we wouldn't have her with us much longer. She could hardly get around. But God healed her, and you should see her now. She is raising 35 chicks, taking care of her own garden, and coming to church, praising God for what He has done.")*

### Prayers of Childless Couple Answered

I am sending my testimony to be published to keep a sacred promise. Several years ago I promised God that if He would give us a baby and it would live, I would send a testimony to the EVANGEL. Now God has answered prayers.

Like all young couples, we longed for a baby. When we were married in 1946, the doctor told us that the Rh factor presented a problem since my husband's blood factor is Rh positive and mine negative. But we wanted a child and I underwent medical treatments hoping they would help me to become pregnant. However, I was physically weak, and the doctor said we probably would never have a family.

After we accepted Christ as our Saviour, our faith was inspired to hope



Paul James Booth, age six months

that now we might have a baby, but the years went by and we remained childless.

In February, 1954, after much deliberation, my husband and I agreed that I should undergo surgery. However before the arranged time for surgery came I found I was already pregnant. God had heard our prayers. We were overjoyed.

Then there was a miscarriage, and you can imagine our disappointment.

But God had put an assurance in my heart during this time of trial. Somehow I knew we were going to have a baby, in spite of everything. And so it was. On June 13, 1955, God blessed our home with a healthy baby boy, Paul James Booth. The accompanying photo was taken when he was six months old. His blood is Rh negative and he needed no transfusion.

We are so thankful for this answer to our prayers. God has been very good to us.—Mrs. James B. Booth, 404 Ely St., Woodbine, Iowa.

*(Endorsed by T. E. Gannon, West Central District Superintendent, who says that Mrs. Booth is the wife of the pastor of the Assembly of God at Woodbine, Iowa.)*

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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.

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# Daily Devotions

"Morning by morning, He wakeneth my ear to hear..."



MONDAY, June 25

"HEAL THE SICK"—Matthew 10:1-10

Alas, because we cannot rise to the height of this great privilege, we bring down the promises of God to our low level, and what we cannot do we hold that God does not allow. Because we no longer have faith to be healed, we openly teach that the Lord no longer heals. For one, I would keep the standard of apostolic power and privilege where the Lord put it, if it served no other purpose than to condemn and shame us for our unbelief. I do not believe that since the day that Christ entered into heaven and, through the Holy Ghost, gave gifts to men—"to one... the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;... to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit"—there has been any change in the Lord's order for His Church. There has been a sad change in the Church's attitude towards these gifts. She has learned to discredit what she has forgotten how to use. She has come to condemn as fanatical what she once rejoiced in as divine.—A. J. GORDON.

TUESDAY, June 26

THE DAY OF PENTECOST—Acts 2:1-13

O God, send us the Holy Ghost! Give us both the breath of spiritual life and the fire of unconquerable zeal, till nation after nation shall yield to the sway of Jesus. Thou art our God; answer us by fire, we pray Thee! Answer us both by wind and fire, and then we shall see Thee to be God indeed. The kingdom comes not and the work is flagging. Oh, that Thou wouldst send the wind and the fire! Thou wilt do this when we are all of one accord, all believing, all expecting, all prepared by prayer... Oh, for the fire to fall again—fire which shall affect the most stolid! Oh, that

such fire might first sit upon the disciples and then fall on all around! O Spirit of God, Thou art ready to work with us today even as Thou didst then. Stay not, we beseech Thee, but work at once. Break down every barrier that hinders the incoming of Thy might! Overturn, overturn, O sacred Wind! Consume all obstacles, O heavenly Fire! Give us now both hearts of flame and tongues of fire to preach Thy reconciling Word for Jesus' sake! *Amen!*—C. H. SPURGEON.

WEDNESDAY, June 27

A BURNING FIRE—Acts 19:11-20

The soul's safety is in its heat. Fire is the best defense against corruption. If we would be safe we must be clothed with fiery zeal as with a garment. Our religion is only secure when it is guarded by a wall of fire round about. It is fire that prevails. Wesley, Whitefield and General Booth wrought wonders by the fire kindled of the Holy Ghost. Men ablaze are invincible! Sin, worldliness, unbelief, are proof against everything but fire. The ministry energized by the Holy Ghost is marked by aggressive evangelism, social revolution and persecution. Holy Ghost preaching led to the burning of the books of the magic art and it stirred up the opposition of those who trafficked in the ruin of the people. Indifference to religion is impossible where the preacher is a flame of fire (Heb. 1:7).—SAMUEL CHADWICK.

THURSDAY, June 28

GROWING IN FAITH—Luke 17:1-10

If you want your faith to grow there are four rules that you must adopt: First, be willing to have a great faith. When men say they cannot believe, ask, "Are you willing to believe?" because if the will is toward faith, the Holy Ghost

will produce a great faith. Second, use the faith you have. The child's arm, with its slender muscles, will not be able to wield the sledge hammer unless he begins step by step to use it. Do not, therefore, stand on the boat's edge and wait to be able to swim a mile, but throw yourself out from its side into the water and swim a yard or two; for it is in these smaller efforts that you are to be prepared for the greater and mightier exploits. Third, be sure to put God between yourself and circumstances. Everything depends on where you put God... Fourth, live a life of daily obedience to God's will.—F. B. MEYER.

FRIDAY, June 29

LIVING BY FAITH—Hebrews 10:26-39

God allows things that don't make sense, that baffle and perplex our ordinary understanding. We may never be able to understand them here. But we can do one of several things about them. We can grow bitter and resentful, sulk and grumble, and murmur, "Is the Lord among us or not?" We can grit our teeth and "tough it out" with a stiff-upper-lip stoicism. We can resign ourselves to the inevitable and go around with a martyr spirit. But there is a better way. We can accept it as one of the methods God uses to bring us to walk by faith and not by sight. While we still may not understand it with our heads, it makes sense to the higher understanding of our hearts... It is not learned in schools, and often theologians miss it, while simplest souls learn it. We have seen these unexplainable providences completely bowl over the wise and mighty, while lowly souls who had learned to sanctify themselves against tomorrow took them in faith's stride. They did not know *why* but they knew *whom*, and trusted the matter with Him. It brought peace and blessing and so it made sense after all, the highest kind of sense, the sixth sense of the spirit.—VANCE HAVNER.

SATURDAY, June 30

OH, LET US PRAY—James 5:7-20

*The day was long, the burden I had borne  
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,  
And then it lifted—but I did not know  
Someone had knelt in prayer.*

*Had taken me to God that very hour,  
And asked the easing of the load, and  
He,*

*In infinite compassion, had stooped  
down  
And taken it from me.*

*We cannot tell how often as we pray  
For some hurt one, bewildered and dis-  
tressed,  
The answer comes—but many times  
those hearts  
Find sudden peace and rest.*

*Someone had prayed, and Faith, a  
reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought Him  
down that day!  
So many, many hearts have need of  
prayer:*

*Oh, let us pray!*

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL.

## We Belong to Christ

(Continued from page three)

the joy and peace that the world can  
neither give nor take away.

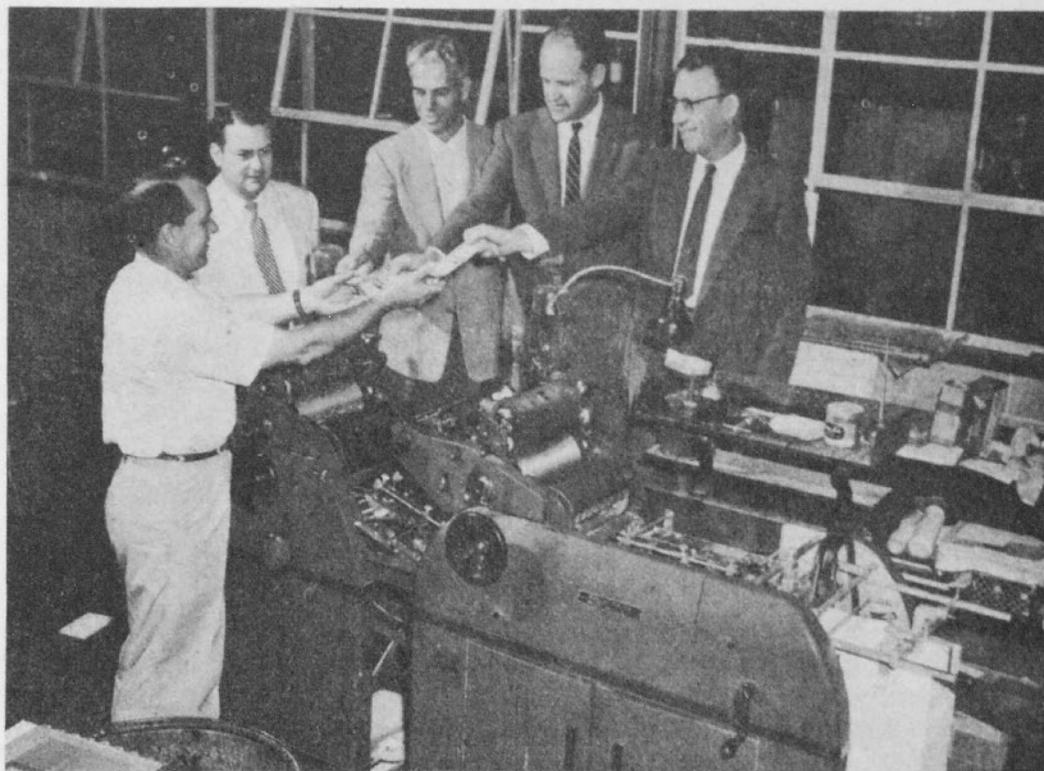
One of the conditions for divine heal-  
ing is that we must consecrate our bodies  
to the Lord. If you are seeking healing  
from God, He asks, "What have you  
done with your body?" Have you pre-  
sented it to Him?

### WE BELONG TO HIM BY BETROTHAL

Christian friends, we are engaged to  
be married. There's a heavenly wedding  
day coming in which all believers can  
participate. Even now, Christ's bride  
is getting her wedding garments ready  
for that wonderful event. In these days  
there is a stir among God's people. We  
Christians are beginning to lift up our  
eyes, for we know that our final redemp-  
tion is at hand. We cannot afford to  
flirt with the world; we must not re-  
ceive its favors. Since we are engaged  
to be married, we must be true to our  
beloved Bridegroom.

One of these days He *will* break  
through the blue. Heaven and earth  
will resound with the triumphant theme,  
"Behold, the bridegroom cometh."

Christ is coming for a prepared peo-  
ple, a beautiful bride. Paul said, "I  
am jealous over you with godly jeal-  
ousy: for I have espoused you to one  
husband, that I may present you as a  
chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2).



Left to right: Verne B. MacKinney, Grant Wacker, Ralph W. Harris, Dick Fulmer, Kenneth Short

## DOLLARS FOR SPEED-THE-LIGHT

Five men who are vitally interested in the Speed-the-Light Campaign were caught by the camera the other day, while visiting the printing department of the Gospel Publishing House. They were gathered around a Multilith duplicating machine like the one that Speed-the-Light is sending to Missionary Charles Anderson for gospel printing in India.

Kenneth Short, Speed the Light Field Representative, had just returned from a series of rallies in Wisconsin, and at one of these rallies (Rice Lake) the two millionth dollar had been given.

Grant Wacker, Promotional Director of the National C. A. Department, thought it would be appropriate to get a picture of the two millionth dollar being presented to Verne B. MacKinney, Speed-the-Light Head Clerk, so he asked Ralph W. Harris and Dick Fulmer to pose for the shot. Brother Harris, now Editor of Church School Literature, was National C. A. Secretary in 1944 when the Speed-the-Light Campaign was launched; and Dick Fulmer is National C. A. Secretary at the present time; so Brother Harris was asked to present the two millionth dollar, and Brother Fulmer was asked to present the first of the third million dollars.

Brother Short was asked to pose for the picture, too, but before the cameraman could snap the picture he whipped out a crisp dollar bill of his own and said, "Here's the three millionth dollar. The way the C.A.'s are raising money for Speed-the-Light these days it won't be long until the third million is in."

The Head Clerk smilingly accepted the three symbolic dollars with thanks. "A receipt has been issued for two of these dollars," he said, "but we can't issue a receipt for the three millionth until all of it is in."

So the dollar is framed and hanging on a wall, waiting for the arrival of the other thousands of dollars that will permit it to go in the Speed-the-Light fund and do its part toward providing transportation vehicles and other equipment for our missionaries.

The offering given at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, will help to pay for this Multilith that is going to India. The total cost of the machine delivered on the foreign field will be \$2,500.

And he tells us further in Ephesians that we are going to be presented unto God without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Yes, we belong to Him by betrothal; we have made our vows. He has this claim on us, and we must not be unfaithful to our Beloved.

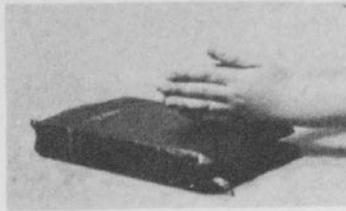
### OUR CLAIMS ON CHRIST

How delightful it is that we Chris-  
tians also have a claim on our Lord!  
It isn't all one-sided. We may appropri-

ate every promise He has made; we may receive every blessing He can bestow. We belong to Him and He belongs to us.

We have a claim on our Lord for His keeping power, His healing power, His protection, His love, and His fellowship. And we have a claim on Him for eternity when we shall dwell together forever. Indeed, it pays to serve the Lord.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## A KING WHO REFUSED THE RIGHT— JEROBOAM

Sunday School Lesson for July 1, 1956

1 Kings 12:25-33; 13:1-10.

For the next quarter we trace the history of the divided kingdoms with emphasis upon the character of their kings. Our subject today is Jeroboam, the new king of the ten northern tribes known from now on as the kingdom of Israel.

### THE KING'S WICKED POLICY

**THE OCCASION OF IT** (1 Kings 12:25, 26). Jeroboam faced a real difficulty! The people still considered Jerusalem as their center of worship. If they continued to offer sacrifices there, they might be drawn back under the rulership of Rehoboam because of this strong religious tie. Jeroboam decided that the only way to preserve the political division was to bring about a religious division.

**THE NATURE OF IT** (1 Kings 12:28-33). "The king took counsel"—not with God, but with his own wicked heart and with those who would support and carry out his evil intentions. Entirely without divine authorization, Jeroboam built two golden calves, erected new high places of worship, exalted to the priesthood men who were entirely unqualified, and instituted new feasts in imitation of those in Jerusalem.

**THE SINFULNESS OF IT.** In carrying out his ungodly policy, Jeroboam shrewdly appealed to human weakness.

(1) *It was an appeal to tribal independence.* Jeroboam's argument was, in effect, "Why should you men of Ephraim be dependent upon Judah? Why should you support the Temple there? Let us have a place of our own to worship." A clever appeal! And still effective today! Do not some of the many religious denominations today owe their existence to man's carnal desire for independence and leadership, more than to any real God-given vision or motive? And has not a carnal spirit of self-will occasioned many a church split? Let us keep our motives pure and endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

(2) *It was an appeal to self-indulgence.* "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem," said Jeroboam to the people. He was using what has always been one of the devil's most successful arguments! It is too much for you to go so far to church. It is too much for you to teach that class, or to accept that position in the church. It is too much for you to pray and read your Bible as you should; too much for you to pay your tithes and give so much to the church; too much for you to attend the prayer meeting on a hot night—and so on and on!

There is a deep-seated laziness in all of us that makes us want to take the way of least resistance. But the way

of Pentecostal power and progress always involves struggle, sacrifice, and vigorous effort.

(3) *It was a sin which involved others.* "Jeroboam... who did sin, and made Israel to sin" (1 Kings 14:16 and 15:30, 34). What a terrible indictment! "Sin yourself if you will," thunders Alexander Whyte, "but as you would have a sip of water to cool your tongue in torment, do not make other men to sin. Neglect God's house, do despite to His means of grace; drink, bet, pollute yourself, scoff, blaspheme: your soul is your own. But as God will smite you for it, let alone the young and the pure and the unsuspecting." See Luke 17:1, 2 and 1 Cor. 8:10-13.

### THE KING'S PUNISHMENT

**THE KING WARNED** (1 Kings 13:1-3). Jeroboam had the crowd with him. Ten tribes were on his side. His new church prospered. His golden calves looked splendid. Yet God was not with him, nor in the people's worship. So it often is. Crowds don't guarantee God's presence. The majority is often wrong. You may have the resources to erect a church building and carry on services, but withal be sure God is with you!

God sent a prophet to Jeroboam who predicted the destruction of his evil work. Compare 2 Kings 23.

**THE KING SMITTEN** (1 Kings 13:4-6). Jeroboam might yet have repented and been forgiven for his wickedness. Instead he angrily attempted to seize the prophet. As a further sign of His displeasure, God paralyzed the very arm that the king stretched forth. Surely this would change Jeroboam's heart! But not so! Not at all concerned about his sin, he merely asked the prophet to heal the afflicted member of his body. And, strange as it may seem, God heard the prophet's prayer and obligingly healed the arm.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING



What a lot of valuable lessons we have here! (1) How many people today are far more concerned about the healing of the body than the healing of the soul. (2) The fact that God may heal the body does not mean that the soul is healed. (3) The Word reveals that God does sometimes heal those whose hearts are not right. (4) God's goodness in such cases is calculated to lead men to repentance. Rom. 2:4.

THE KING REFUSED (1 Kings 13:7-10). The prophet rightly refused the hospitality and fellowship of one whom God had refused and who is

under his disciplinary dealing. And Jeroboam paid dearly for his refusal to repent. His child is smitten with an incurable disease. 1 Kings 14. Then came final judgment. "And the Lord struck him and he died." See 2 Chron. 13:19, 20. And so Jeroboam being dead, yet speaketh to all who would harbor wrong ambitions and be moved to action by wrong motives—to all who would lower the standard of true religion—to all who would cause others to sin! "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

—by J. Bashford Bishop

# Faith in Action

by Evangelist Paul J. Graban

Vineland, N. J.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE STOOD FOR DIVINE Healing for years and failed to obtain their healing. They have heard the message of Healing time after time—they have assented to it—yet healing has not come.

As far as knowing the doctrine of Divine Healing, they are well versed in the scriptures. They can quote chapter and verse. They know the will of God in reference to healing. Then why do they have such difficulty in obtaining their deliverance? Practically every evangelist that prays for the sick prefers to pray for "newcomers"—those that have not been taught the truth of Divine Healing before—because they get healed so easily and without much effort.

There is a great difference between knowing about Divine Healing and appropriating it for oneself. It is the difference between assenting to a doctrine and acting on it. It is the difference between passive faith and active faith.

Webster tells us that a doctrine implies acceptance of a principle as taught by a body of believers, or of adherents to a philosophy. That is all some people have—a mere acceptance, a mental belief in a doctrine. We need to apply the doctrine to satisfy our own needs, or it will never help us.

In James 2:19 and 20 the Bible tells us, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also

believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" One must put his faith into action in order to be healed. Merely a mental acknowledgment that this truth is of God is not enough. We must act upon that which we know to be the truth.

What is faith? The Bible tells us in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith brings the desired results. Faith acts whether it seems logical to human reasoning or not. By faith the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea as by dry land. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. Through faith the people of God subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, and women received their dead raised to life again. Brother, sister, that is *faith in action*.

In one of our meetings a lady came forward for prayer and said, "Brother, I have been in Pentecost for twenty years. I have been prayed for time and again, but always failed to receive my healing." Going on, she stated, "Brother—prayed for me and told me I was healed and I am not. It is his fault; it cannot be mine, as I have done everything I know. Why, brother, twenty years I have been in Pentecost and I can't get healed. I will leave this faith

if I can't get healed tonight." That woman had a bad case of self-righteousness. She stood on a doctrine and went no further. Don't stop at having a doctrine. Put it into use. Faith always works.

In another meeting a lady of the Roman Catholic faith came in. She could hardly walk, and had been almost an invalid for ten years unable to properly do her household tasks. I said, "Lady, I am going to pray for you, and when I finish I want you to walk." She replied, "Yes, sir." When I finished praying she got up and walked. She knew that God *could* heal and believed that He *would* heal her. She put her faith into action and was marvelously healed. She chose to walk instead of remaining helpless.

A modern translation of the New Testament tells us, "Now faith is the *title deed*...." Start believing God from your heart and you will see the results. Active faith is the answer. Don't struggle—don't strain. Remember, faith is the *title deed*. You have the deed; go and claim your possession now. Don't delay. Believe that Christ said, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Faith is simply this—believing and doing exactly what the Word of God says. Expect to receive the answer. Act accordingly. In Numbers 23:19 we read, "God is not a man, that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Put your faith into action. Take God at His Word. Expect God to meet your need—not next week, not tomorrow, but right now. God will heal you if you expect Him to.

## IMMORTALITY AS AN ADVENTURE

I feel immortality in myself. Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the world to come. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse; but I feel I have not said one-thousandth part of what is in me. When I have gone down to the grave, I shall have ended my day's work, but another day will begin next morning. Life closes with the twilight and opens with the dawn.

—Victor Hugo

# What Genesis 1-3 Teaches About Man



by E. J. G. Titterington

**I**N A PREVIOUS ARTICLE WE HAVE SEEN something of what the first chapter of the Bible teaches about God. But these early chapters also have much to say about man—his origin, nature, and destiny.

We note first the *unity of the human race*. God created only one species of man—*homo sapiens*, the scientists call him. All the differences between the various races, such as the color of the skin or texture of the hair, are merely superficial. Paul asserts this same thing when he says that God “hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26).

Next we notice man’s *supremacy* in the creation (Gen. 1:28). This supremacy is more than man’s possession of superior qualities. It was ordained of God who created man for this purpose and gave him the needed faculties which enable him to exercise that supremacy.

Man was *made in the image of God*, not the image of the lower creation. This means that his affinities are with God above, and not with the animals beneath him. It is significant that the Hebrew word for “create,” *bara*, used in Genesis 1:1 and 2:3 of creation as a whole and in 1:21 of animal life, is used three times in one verse (1:27) referring to the creation of man. The word *bara* is used in the Old Testament only in the sense of bringing into being something new, something which was not there before. (It is interesting to note the use of the word in Psalm 51:10, “Create in me a clean heart, O God,” implying that an entirely new heart is needed and not an improvement of the old.) It is not said that

God created the sun and moon, for instance, for the word would be inappropriate. God made the sun and moon out of matter He had previously created.

The uniqueness of man as compared with the rest of the creation is illustrated in an interesting manner. In Genesis 2:18 the Lord said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” Then immediately follows an account of how God brought the animals before Adam to see what he would call them. At the close of this account we read again, “But for Adam there was not found an help meet for him” (v. 20). Adam surveyed the whole animal creation, and he realized his own uniqueness; he had no affinity there.

It is quite true that man possesses in his body certain similarities of structure with the lower creation; but these show not a common descent but a common Creator. Man’s body structure was a necessity of his earthly existence. The similarity between man and the lower creation does not extend to man’s real nature.

When God completed the work of creation, He pronounced it “very good.” This included man. But man as we see him today is not “very good.” There are some, of course, who say that man never was good, but that he is growing steadily toward goodness and perfection. It must be quite difficult to maintain such a view in the light of present-day events—these days of moral declension, atom bombs, and all the rest. Such a view is contrary to all experience as well. Missionaries and others have often told us how tribes, now debased and savage, show traces of having once possessed a culture far above what they now have. Man left to himself deteriorates, never advances. He reached his present state by a catastrophe, which we call the Fall. The Bible not only

tells us about the Fall, but also describes its nature and its course.

The Fall did not originate primarily through anything inside of man, but through an agency external to him—the devil. God made man with a free will; that is, with a capacity of choice. This is involved in man’s very conception, for he was created in the image of God. Man is no automaton or creature of blind impulse. He is free to render to God his love, devotion, and service. These qualities, to be of value to God, must be rendered voluntarily. So, being free to render obedience to his Maker, it follows that man is equally free to withhold it. And again, there can be no obedience unless there is something to obey—a law or a command—and this implies an opportunity for disobedience.

So God devised a simple test. He placed man in a garden that contained everything for his needs and his enjoyment; but there was one tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that man was forbidden to eat of. Would man be content with all the provision that was made for him, or would he stretch forth his hand to take that which was forbidden?

When Satan first visited Eve, he suggested doubts concerning God. (Satan knows all about the power of suggestion.) He asked her, “Yea, hath God said?” He then denied that eating of the forbidden fruit would bring death, but said that God had withheld it from man to keep him in a state of dependence. If man would eat the fruit of that tree, Satan said, man would be like God—clearly ignoring the fact that man already was like God. So, in addition to unbelief, there was also a temptation to pride and to a desire for independence—the very root of the fall of Satan himself. Satan’s desire was not that man should be like God, but that man should be like himself.

The temptation appealed to every part of man's nature. The tree was "good for food," "pleasant to the eyes," and it was "a tree to be desired to make one wise." These three elements correspond to "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" mentioned in 1 John 2:16. We may also compare this with the three temptations of our Lord when He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.

There is a distinction between the sin of Eve and the sin of Adam. We are told in 1 Timothy 2:14 that "Adam was not deceived," while Eve was. This would seem to suggest that Adam sinned with his eyes open, having a full realization of the consequences. Did he elect to side with his wife rather than with God, thus to share whatever might be her fate? We do not know, but it is possible that this was true. There are times when we may be called upon to stand with God against even our nearest and dearest.

Because of the Fall, the right to dominion was forfeited. But the story does not end there. No sooner had the catastrophe taken place than God was searching out the offenders. This was not primarily to punish them—although punishment there must be—but was because He was not willing to abandon them. God wanted to set them on the path to recovery. And He also gave them the promise of a coming Redeemer, the Seed of the woman who would bruise the serpent's head, though the serpent should bruise His heel. A full consideration of that marvelous prophecy would lead us far afield; suffice it to say that here is the germ of all that follows both in prophecy and in history. Henceforth man's lot was to be one of toil and suffering, but at the end he would be restored to his original estate. The dominion that should have been his would be exercised by another Man, the Man Christ Jesus; and in that dominion all redeemed humanity shall share; for "in Him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost."

#### DARK THREADS

"Not till the loom is silent

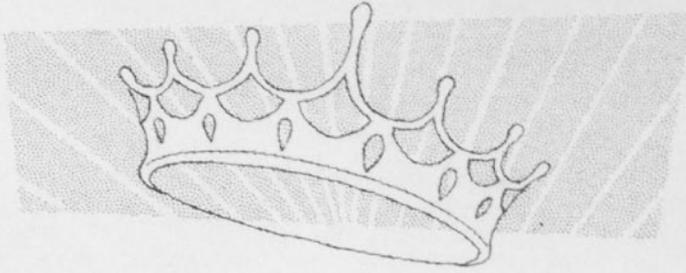
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas

And explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful,

In the weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver

In the pattern He has planned."

The fear of death is removed when we know Christ



# To Die Is Gain

**F**OUR WORDS DESCRIBE THE CHRISTIAN outlook on death. They are found in Philippians 1:21 where Paul says, "For me to live is Christ, and TO DIE IS GAIN."

Paul's life was Christ-conscious and Christ-centered. Christ crucified for our sins, raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, seated in glory, coming again for His own—this was Paul's theology and living creed.

He and all the early apostles walked by faith. Their lives as Christians rested upon revelation—Christ revealed in them and to them—and it was from this revelation that their assurance was derived. They *knew* Christ was alive and in heaven; they had seen Him after the resurrection. And Paul was able to say, "Last of all he was seen of me also, as one born out of due time."

"TO LIVE IS CHRIST." Not only did Paul live for Christ, finding the purpose of his life in serving his Master, but he lived *in* Christ. *The Saviour was Paul's very life.* Without Christ he could not live.

There is no difference between the historical Christ of two thousand years ago and the Christ who lives in human hearts today; they are one and the same. He is the eternal Christ, revealing Himself to us now, having fellowship with us now, manifesting Himself now in the Church which is His Body. You can have an immediate personal experience of Christ. He will come to you in saving power if you call upon Him.

Glorious as it is to enjoy fellowship with Christ in this life, it is but a weak

foretaste of the fellowship we shall enjoy with Him in the life to come. Paul said, "TO DIE IS GAIN." How can death possibly be gain? To most men death is fearful, irreparable, irretrievable loss. They consider death as the end of everything familiar, intimate, and dear; and when natural men think of it, something of the coldness and horror of death's corruption enters their living experience.

But, thank God, the fear of death is removed when we know Christ. "The sting of death is sin," and when you see sin finished as a dividing factor in the relations of men and God; when you realize that Christ has atoned for your sin so completely that it remains no more to bring you under guilt and condemnation—then, and only then, is the fear of death removed. It is sin that makes death so horrible. When you accept Christ and make peace with God, death becomes immeasurable gain.

How can death be gain for the Christian? Death is the means whereby the spirit is released from the earth-bound body, released from this arena of raging conflict into the very presence of Christ. Paul says elsewhere, "Therefore we are confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. . . . We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." For Paul, and for all Christians, "to die is gain" because it is to be "with Christ, which is far better."

If you know Christ as your personal Saviour, death will hold no more terror for you. —by E. Leslie Thomas



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **PASADENA, TEX.**—The Southmore Assembly of God recently enjoyed fine meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. E. E. Pendergrass of Ft. Worth, Tex. Several were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and some testified to a refilling. There were also several backsliders reclaimed.

—W. C. Harding, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—The congregation now known as the Fort Gospel Tabernacle has been particularly blessed of the Lord since it has been worshiping in its new location. Several new families have been attending. Nineteen have been saved and several filled with the Spirit. The Sunday School has also increased in number. In April, Evangelist John Nemeth of Croswell, Mich. conducted special meetings. Three were saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit during those services.

—William J. Meszaros, Pastor

► **DALLAS, OREG.**—Revival meetings that were scheduled for just a brief time continued for three full weeks and were a great blessing to this church. The evangelist was Wayne P. Rutledge. Aside from the evening services, the evangelist also conducted morning prayer meetings. There was a real moving among the people. The teenage group responded in a wonderful way, testifying to salvation and being filled with the Spirit. Evangelist Rutledge presented the Word of God in a very positive manner, and did a lasting work in this church.

—Leland F. Morse, Pastor

► **PARKERSBURG, W. VA.**—Three evangelists and musicians from the Assemblies of God recently spent four days ministering here at the invitation of Youth for Christ. The team was composed of Evangelist Byron Wright, musician Paul Myers, and soloist Lil Sundberg. During the four days, the team conducted 10 meetings including services in the Salvation Army, Union Mission Chapel, Parkersburg Youth for Christ Rally, and in three other churches. There were over 20 decisions for Christ. The messages were youth-oriented and were blest of God, and the music certainly was anointed of the Spirit. In a Baptist church the pastor's daughter and the church organist were converted. A filled auditorium of over 400 greeted the team in another church where several young people stepped out to give their hearts to God. The local evening paper interviewed the team and gave good publicity to the effort. The regular Youth for Christ broadcast and the free 30-minute telecast helped spread the blessing. Of all the musicians and speakers we have had, these were the finest and the most blest of God.

—Franklyn Miller, YFC Director

► **BAXTER SPRINGS, KANS.**—On Sunday morning, April 22, the church experienced the beginning of a real moving of the Spirit. In that first service two were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Then for two weeks in the regular services there was a gracious spirit of revival. During that time 26 were saved and 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. After this, Evangelist Tommy Anderson of Oklahoma City came to serve as speaker and during his two weeks of ministry 14 more were saved and 10 more received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Thus the total for one month has been 40 saved and 35 filled. The last day of Brother Anderson's meeting 36 were baptized in water. The revival atmosphere continues. One young man from Miami, Okla. gave testimony of being healed of stomach cancer during this wonderful outpouring.

—W. A. Raiford, Pastor

► **ROCK ISLAND, ILL.**—The tremendous impact of the anointed preaching of Evangelist Velmer Gardner recently rocked the city of Rock Island. Brother Gardner preached to capacity crowds in the Bethel Assembly of God. The church experienced one of the greatest revivals in its history. Scores were saved and healed by the mighty power of God, and so many were baptized in the Holy Spirit we lost count of them. The altars were jammed with people night after

night. During the meeting people were delivered from cancer, deafness, crossed eyes, arthritis, and other infirmities. This church will long remember the Golden Anniversary of the Azusa Street outpouring and the wonderful blessings God brought to them through the instrumentality of Brother Gardner.

—George W. Clar, Pastor

► **MISSION TO MEXICO**—The Lord blessed in the special meetings that were recently held in various cities in Mexico. In March my wife and I invited Evangelist James C. Foster to travel with us in evangelistic meetings south of the border. The first service was held in the Assembly of God in San Luis, Sonora, where Brother Bermuda is pastor. Many souls came to the altar for salvation, and many were filled with the Spirit and healed. Our next place of ministry was in Mexicali where Tony Aldapo is pastor. Again the power of God came down and many souls were saved and sick bodies healed. Brother Foster also preached and I interpreted in The Good Samaritan Church in Mexicali. That building is built upon land that was donated by the governor of lower California. The pastor, Salvador Alba, said that 14 people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and many were saved and healed.

—Robert F. Loya

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Glenwood	A of G	July 1-15	Joel Palmer & wife	Lillie J. Franklin
Calif.	Bakersfield	Southside	June 26—	Moses Copeland Family	Harlin Hines
	Hoopla	A of G	June 24—	Leslie Martin & wife	M. L. Fuller
	National City	Pentecostal Tab.	June 24—	Jerry Fry & wife	J. R. Daily
Fla.	Pensacola	Jordan St. A/G	June 24—	Forrest Whaley	R. R. Minshew
Ill.	Granite City	* Bellemore A/G	June 22-July 13	Bernice Vandermerwe	H. G. Roberson
Ind.	Goshen	First	June 19-July 1	Wm. F. Voodre	F. Orman Coats
	Indianapolis	Central	June 12—	Eskelin Family	T. L. Vibbert
Kans.	Kansas City	Evangel Tab.	July 8-22	Singing Sandalls	E. F. Schuler
La.	Bossier City	First	July 3—	Stanley MacPherson	Lee Duhon
	Des Allemands	A of G	July 1-15	Charley Rood	Cecil Janway
	Monroe	Swartz A of G	July 1—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	C. H. Reed
Mich.	Charlotte	A of G	June 26-July 8	Ronald Reid	C. M. Holliday
Okla.	Pryor	First	June 17—	Tommy Anderson	G. W. Newby
	Tulsa	N. Cincinnati A/G	June 17—	Quentin D. Edwards	Jerry Hale
Oreg.	Myrtle Creek	A of G	June 19-July 1	Johnny Hoskins	Clayton A. Nash
Pa.	Williamsport	*A/G Pentecostal	July 1-29	McColl-Gerard Trio	T. B. Terry
	Windber	A of G	July 4—	Bob McCutchen & wife	Clifton Wilkins
Tex.	Ft. Worth	First	July 1—	Bill Sharp & wife	M. L. Davidson
Wash.	Kettle Falls	A of G	June 12-24	Ruth Rachel Specter	J. P. Terry
W. Va.	Kenova	Pent. Ch/Christ	June 12-24	Joel & Esther Palmer	Morris E. Hayes

\* Tent revival

Announcements should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

► FORT WORTH, TEX.—Faith Temple recently experienced a very excellent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell of this city. The glory and power of God was manifested in an unusual and miraculous way which is difficult to describe. The attendance was consistently higher than has been seen at the church. Brother Mitchell preached three times a day including a radio broadcast. In the morning Bible studies he distributed his personally outlined courses. Numbers were saved, reclaimed, healed, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was uplifted by these meetings, and has extended an invitation to the Mitchells to return again in the near future.

—J. C. Thompson, Pastor

► CALDWELL, KANS.—The Caldwell Assembly of God recently experienced one of the finest revival campaigns in its history. The Singing Sandall Family of Augusta, Kans. was with us and a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit was present from the very first night. Several were saved and some reclaimed. Also a number of people experienced a deeper consecration as the Holy Spirit did His work in their lives. The Sandalls were signally used of the Lord as they sang, preached, and personally dealt with people. As a result of the meeting several new contacts were made. The Sunday School record was broken with an all-time high of 107. Current Sunday School average is about 78. We are happy to report that the revival fires continue to burn.

—John T. Morar, Pastor

#### PASTOR MOVES TO FRESNO

GRESHAM, OREG.—Brother and Sister T. H. Fuller, who were pastoring at Gresham, were called to Fresno, Calif. and the church elected Nels Fast to be the new pastor. Brother and Sister Fred Snyder filled the pulpit until Brother Fast arrived to take up the pastoral duties. The Snyders' ministry in word and in song was a real blessing to the church, as well as in the services conducted twice weekly at the County Home for the Aged.—by Betty Malone, Superintendent.

#### 52 NEW CHURCHES STARTED IN WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

DES MOINES, IOWA—During the past five years there have been 52 new churches established in the West Central District. This report was given at the annual District Council meeting which convened at the First Assembly, Des Moines, May 1-3. A. M. Alber was host pastor.

David A. Hastie, Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, was guest speaker and his ministry was a great blessing.

The annual reports showed that total offerings for World Missions and for the District work reached an all-time high last year. The Sunday School enrollment and average attendance also was the highest on record.

Most of the District officers were returned to office on the nominating ballot, including the C. A. and WMC officers. The District executives are as follows: T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent; B. B. Compton, Assistant Superintendent; C. E. Long, Secretary-Treasurer. Executive Presbyters: W. B.

Friend and R. A. McClure. The District Presbytery: V. L. Huffey, G. H. Millard, R. L. Thompson, G. E. Fogelman, J. O. Howard, W. B. Friend, R. A. McClure, C. A. Parker, and Warren La Rose. The WMC Director is Mrs. Glenn Renick; Director of Men's Fellowship, C. A. Parker; and S. E. Johnson will continue to serve as District C. A. President and Sunday School Director.—T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent.

#### HOME MISSIONS TO BE EMPHASIZED NEXT MONTH

July is Home Missions Emphasis Month. During this month each year the Home Missions Department of the General Council seeks to take its program to the local church level for the purpose of informing and inspiring our Assemblies of God people concerning this vital work. We believe Home Missions is as important as any other phase of our church program of taking the gospel to every creature.

Theme for the month is *BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY!* To our more than two hundred appointed Home Missionaries and our hundreds of pioneers pastors, the theme is much more than words. Out there on the front lines they face the fact that millions of hungry souls in our own United States still wait for the Bread of Life.

A packet of informative program ideas for presenting Home Missions in WMC, Sunday School, Men's Fellowship, and C. A. services has been mailed to every Assemblies of God pastor in the United States. By putting these materials into the hands of the leaders of these departments, our pastors will have taken an important step toward informing their congregations of the aggressive Home Missions program of the Assemblies of God.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEST TEXAS YOUTH CAMP—June 25-29 at Plains Baptist Assembly Grounds between Floydada and Ralls, Tex. G. L. Johnson, Beaumont, Tex., speaker.—by M. F. Hankins, District C. A. President.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL at Ukrainian Branch camp grounds, Lanesville, N. Y., July 19-21. Business sessions at 9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Evening services at 7:30 with Evangelist William Nockowski, Montreal, P. Q., Canada. For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch, 9 E. 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.—by Joseph J. Matolina, Superintendent.

#### RADIO PROGRAMS

BECKLEY, W. VA.—Station WJLS, daily, 5 to 5:15 p.m.; Sunday evening services, 8:15 to 9 p.m.; Religious News, 7 to 7:15 a.m. on Sundays.—T. M. Waldron, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CLINTON, ILL.—“The Sunshine Hour,” station WHOW, 1520 kc., Sundays at 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.—C. R. DePrenger, Pastor, Assembly of God.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—“The Glad Tidings Hour,” station WCNR, Sundays at 9:05 a.m. The Musical Cavallini and the Young People's Choir.—Robert Cavallini, Pastor, Glad Tidings Church.

DUNN, N. C.—“Revival Hour Broadcast,” station WCKB, 780 kc., Monday through Friday at 5:15 p.m.—R. E. Palmer, Pastor.

#### TELEVISION PROGRAM

OAK HILL, W. VA.—Station WOAY-TV, Channel 4, Fridays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.—T. M. Waldron, Pastor, First Assembly of God Beckley, W. Va.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

ENTERS EVANGELISTIC FIELD—After pastoring the Norwood Assembly of God since June, 1953, I have resigned to enter full-time evangelistic ministry. My address will remain: Evangelist Maxwell Cloud, 868 Bunkerhill Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla.

VOCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED—We have been holding Sunday School and Sunday evening services on San Juan Island since November, 1955. We need Sunday School teachers and other workers. Living conditions are quite desirable and there are opportunities for employment.—Lloyd Minaker, Box 353, Friday Harbor, Wash.

#### WITH CHRIST

ELMER J. SADLER, 62, Sacramento, Calif. went to be with the Lord May 16, 1956. Brother Sadler was ordained in 1930, and came into the Assemblies of God in 1949. He was engaged in evangelistic work.

MRS. DAISY P. OLSON, 74, Chicago, Ill., went to be forever with the Lord recently. Sister Olson was ordained in 1915 and was engaged in evangelistic work for a number of years.

MRS. C. L. DANIEL (Matie C.), 73, Waynesboro, Miss., went to her heavenly reward May 20, 1956. Sister Daniel was ordained in 1940, and she pastored the Bethel Assembly near Waynesboro for a number of years.

ROBERT WALLACE, 54, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, went to his heavenly reward May 20, 1956. Brother Wallace was ordained in 1935. He served as President of Beulah Bible School in North Bergen, N. J., and as Missionary Secretary, Sectional Presbyter and General Presbyter in the New England District. He pastored the West End Gospel Tabernacle in Portland, Maine for ten years. For the last several years, he was engaged in evangelistic work.



CROWDS HEAR SINGING SANDALLS AT CALDWELL, KANSAS

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# Echoes From Behind the Bars

**A**RVID OHRNELL, NATIONAL PRISON Representative, and Frank M. Boyd, Director of our Correspondence School, have received many letters from prisoners who write in appreciation for the spiritual help and encouragement that comes to them through our Correspondence School. Since these courses are made available by the offerings which EVANGEL readers and other friends send for that purpose, we want to share some of the letters with you.

A prisoner in Idaho who has completed several courses writes of a healing he received:

"I will take time to let you know of the wonderful healing I have received through faith in God. About eight weeks ago a severe pain started under my right ear. It got worse and worse until I could not eat because, when I put any pressure on my teeth to bite, the pains were as though someone were driving a nail in my ear drum. Then the leaders and glands in my neck started getting sore.

"It was misery night and day trying to do my work and also working on my Bible lessons in between my working hours. Finally it got so bad I was taken to the prison hospital and given three shots. Then the doctor came in and examined me, and they told me I could not be cured. They said I had arthritis, and that it had settled in the worst place possible, and they told me that I would have to take medicine to relieve the pain from then on.

"I was sent back to the ranch where I am a trusty in the kitchen. I took the pills awhile. I got relief but felt sleepy all the time. Then one night I put the pills in a box and prayed about it. I told God that I would rather suffer the pain and trust Him. Sometime in the night I received my healing because

when I awoke the next morning the pain was gone. I am sure the hands of our Lord were on my head that night. Our chaplain will be here today, and I will return the pills to the hospital by him because I know that I am healed."

From a prisoner in Ohio:

"Please accept my sincere thanks for the opportunity afforded by the school for men in prison to study God's Word. I am very grateful to all concerned for the five courses of study that have been furnished me over the past seven months. I am also aware that this could not have been possible except through the very gracious offerings of persons contributing to this work through the Home Missions Department.

"This work is generally first on my prayer list because I feel that any individual who will pursue the studies offered by the school will in turn receive a definite blessing and be greatly rewarded upon his return to society as a more useful citizen.

"I also wish to thank you (Brother Ohrnell) for your recent visit to all of the men here who are enrolled in the school, and for the good letter you wrote my sister in answer to her letter on my behalf.

"I will be eligible for a parole hearing this November and am sincerely praying for a chance to prove to the world that Christ is capable of reclaim-

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ing the sinner's life and putting it to work for His glory."

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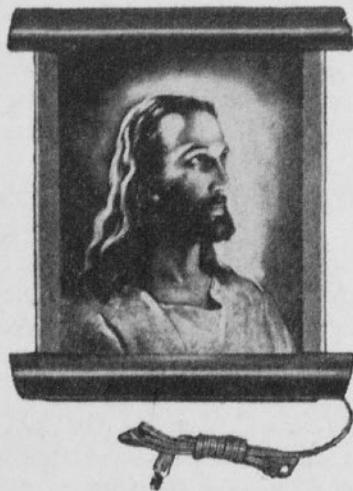
"Please pray for me. I need the assurance that someone is behind me with prayer, as the devil has so many ways to discourage Christians here."

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There are hours which leave scars on hearts and whiten the hair. The world in its rush is so unconscious of all the tragedies taking place around. But Christ comes to us, as He said of old to the disciples on whom had broken the full import of their Master's approaching departure, "Let not your heart be troubled, \* \* \* trust in me." There is no comfort like this—to believe that He is ordering each detail; to know that love is prompting each action of His hand, each thought of His mind.

—F. B. Meyer

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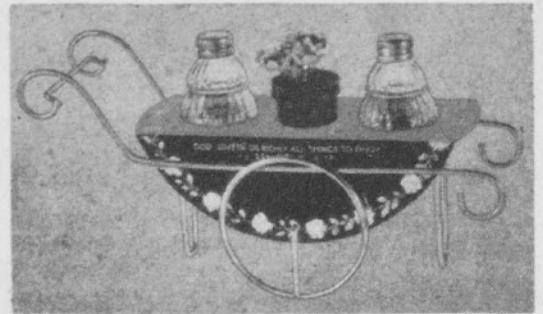
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