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

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## The Art of Listening

Mary of Bethany was one of the wisest women that ever lived. She was wise enough to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to what He had to say. Her sister Martha thought she ought to be helping in the kitchen, and asked Jesus to tell her so. But Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and vexed about many things. But there is actual need of few things, really of only one thing. For Mary has chosen the good portion which must not be taken from her" (Luke 10:41, 42, Williams Trans.).

Mary had learned the art of listening. Have you? The Lord who talked to Mary of Bethany that day still loves to talk with His friends, but few will listen. Seldom do we get quiet enough to hear His voice. When we pray we spend all the time talking to the Lord and fail to give him opportunity to talk to us. Like Martha, we are "worried and vexed about many things"—proper things, it may be, even religious things, but our minds are pre-occupied and unreceptive to the Lord's voice.

The average church has many Marthas and few Marys. "An alarming weakness among Christians," said the late John R. Mott, "is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith. . . . Helping men and women to form that most transforming, most energizing and productive habit—the habit of Christlike prayer—will do much to overcome the danger."

Samuel Chadwick wrote, "The supreme need of the Church is the spirit and habit of prayer. It is the lack of prayer that lies at the root of all our troubles." He said that prayer is a lost art and meditation is a lost habit. "Great supplicants have always been great brooders," he stated. "They have sought the secret place of the Most High, not that they might escape the world, but that they might learn to conquer it. They were mighty in prayer because their eyes were open, and they were mighty in service because they were taught of God."

Remember the church at Ephesus; it was full of good works but it lost its Christ (Revelation 2:4). There is danger today of multiplying our religious activities and crowding out our times of prayer. The one concern of the devil is to keep God's saints from prayer. He fears nothing from prayerless work, prayerless ministry, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. We need to follow Mary's example and sit at Jesus' feet each day.

*God is waiting in the depth of our being to talk with us, if only we will get still enough to hear him.* A. B. Simpson told how hard it was for him to learn to do this. No sooner had he commenced to get still than a pandemonium of voices reached his ears, a thousand clamoring notes from without and within. "Some of them were my own questions, some of them my own cares, some of them my own prayers. Others were the suggestions of the tempter and the voices of the world's turmoil. Never before did there seem to be so many things to be done. But the Lord said, 'Be still and know that I am God.'

"Then," he said, "came the conflict of thoughts for the morrow, and its duties and cares; but God said, 'Be still.' As I slowly learned to obey, and shut my ears to every sound, I found that after a while, when the other voices ceased, or I ceased to hear them, there was a still small voice in the depth of my spirit. As I listened, it became to me the *power of prayer*, and the *voice of wisdom*, and the *call of duty*; and I did not need to think so hard, or trust so hard, but that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit in my heart was *God's prayer* in my secret soul, and *God's answer* to all my questions."

Why not begin to practice this art of listening today?

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If a man is filled with the Holy Spirit he will  
give evidence of the fact in more ways than one

# Pentecost

## A DAY OF BEGINNINGS

BY LOUIS H. HAUFF

WHEN PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH the Holy Ghost they begin doing things of importance to God and the Church. This was true of Jesus and the apostles. Immediately after the Holy Ghost came upon Him at the river Jordan, Jesus began His public ministry. Acts 1:1 tells us that "Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up."

Jesus began His ministry but He never did end it. His ministry was continued by the Holy Ghost through the lives of the apostles. The Book is called, The Acts of the Apostles. It could better be called, The Acts of the Holy Ghost Through the Church, for it was not until the Holy Ghost had been poured upon them on the day of Pentecost that the Christians went fully into action.

The record of what happened on that day is well known: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began . . ." (Acts 2:1-4).

I purposely ended the quotation with the word "began" because there were a number of things that began when these people were filled with the Holy Ghost. Pentecost was a day of beginnings. Let us see what the Spirit-filled believers began to do.

1. *They were filled and began to speak with other tongues.*

The Bible says, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). Speaking with other tongues is a primary evidence of having been filled with the

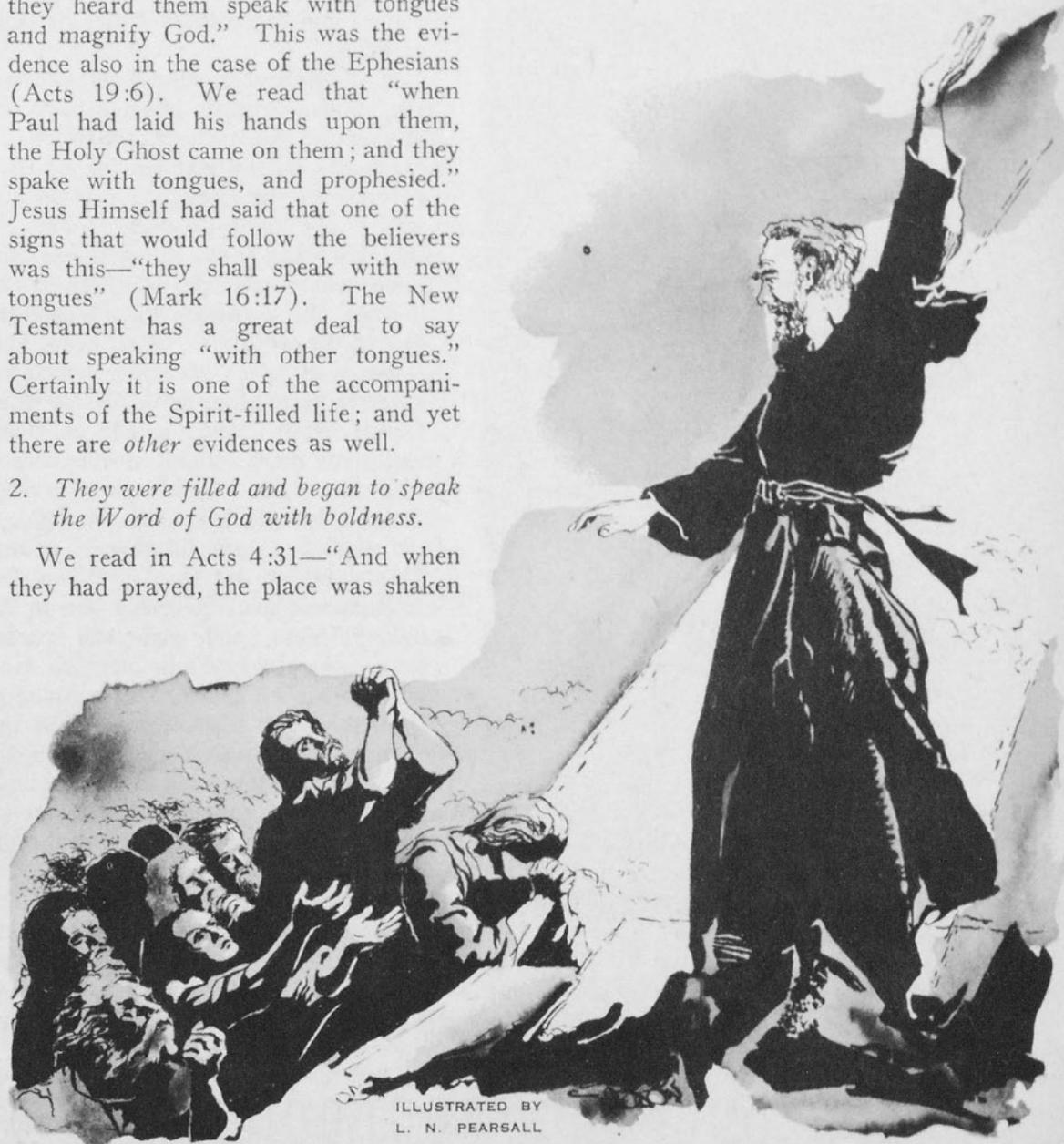
Holy Ghost. This was the evidence that convinced the six Jewish brethren who went with Peter to the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:45, 46). They knew the gift of the Holy Ghost had been bestowed upon the Gentiles "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." This was the evidence also in the case of the Ephesians (Acts 19:6). We read that "when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." Jesus Himself had said that one of the signs that would follow the believers was this—"they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17). The New Testament has a great deal to say about speaking "with other tongues." Certainly it is one of the accompaniments of the Spirit-filled life; and yet there are *other* evidences as well.

2. *They were filled and began to speak the Word of God with boldness.*

We read in Acts 4:31—"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken

where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness." The disciples began to preach with boldness in the face of great opposition. Unbelieving men will not receive the Word of God read-

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With the Lord as our  
Shepherd we shall not  
lack any good thing



PSALM 23.

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou art with me, and thou hast overcome all mine adversaries.  
 6 Surely thy goodness and thy mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

BY NOAH P. WHITE

THREE THOUSAND YEARS HAVE PASSED since David wrote the beautiful words, "The Lord is my shepherd," but the words have lost none of their rich meaning. All down through the centuries the Shepherd Psalm has brought comfort and blessing to God's children everywhere, especially in days of trouble and distress.

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. *I shall not want for rest, inspiration and refreshment*, because "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

What a blessing it is to get away from the noise and bustle of the city for a while, and get out into the country where we can lie down in the grass and rest; then walk beside the calm waters and enjoy the beauties of God's creation.

It is equally restful and refreshing to the mind and spirit when a man slips away from the turmoil, confusion and cares of life to rest in the spiritual pastures of the Lord and refresh himself at the river of living water. In this day when many are perplexed and know not what to do or where to turn—when the problems of life and the evil of the world vex us on every hand—we need often to come apart into a secret place alone with the Lord and rest in Him. Many people go insane and many more commit suicide because they know not of this secret resting place which the Lord has provided.

*I shall not want forgiveness* because "He restoreth my soul." When God first created man He made him in His own likeness, and man had perfect fellowship and communion with God; but man sinned and lost his intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe. When he returns to God and the Lord becomes his Shepherd, man is restored to the place of fellowship and communion with his Maker through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we, as God's children, sin against Him and transgress His laws we forfeit our fellowship with Him; but the apostle John said that "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). He will restore our souls if we confess our sins to Him. If we, like the lost sheep in Jesus' parable, forsake the flock, leave the green pastures and the protecting care of the shepherd, and wander out on the mountain side, we may suffer for our wanderings by falling upon the rocks and crags. However, the Good Shepherd does not leave us to our fate, but He goes out upon the mountain side seeking for His wandering sheep. When we call to Him for help He finds us and takes us back to the sheepfold. "He restoreth my soul." He takes us back into the place of fellowship with Himself, but we may suffer many days because of the wounds received during the time of our wanderings.

*I shall not want for guidance* because "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." He will not imperil my soul by leading me in the way of danger, neither will He lead me through a dry wilderness where I shall die of thirst. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. . . . The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide" (Psalm 37:23, 31).

*I shall not want for comfort* for "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." We may think of the valley as this present world over which the shadow of death ever hangs. The sentence of death is pronounced upon every inhabitant of this earth and each life hangs by a thread, so to speak.

David did not say, "I will face no evil," but, "I will fear no evil." David faced plenty of evil every day, and so do we, but we need not fear the evil because our Good Shepherd is with us, ever near to help us. If we tread the "valley of the shadow" trusting in our own strength and abilities, then we will have cause to fear, but not if we are trusting in the Good Shepherd. His rod and His staff will comfort us.

There is no one else on earth who can comfort as a mother can. How com-

forting it is to have Mother smooth our fevered brow and speak tender words of loving sympathy. When one is weary and discouraged no one else can encourage and cheer like Mother. What a comfort Mother is, yet Jehovah says, in Isaiah 66:13, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

The Lord is with me as I walk through the valley of the shadow of death; therefore I have no cause for fear. And then, when the shadow gives way to the reality and I cross the chilly waters of death, I still will have no reason to fear, because the Lord will still be with me: His rod and His staff will comfort me.

When loved ones are taken from us and our hearts are filled with sorrow, the Lord becomes very near and dear to us. In those lonely hours He comforts and heals our broken hearts.

*I shall not want for sustenance and joy* because "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

Because the Lord is my shepherd He will provide sustenance for both soul and body. He is my all-sufficient Provider. Not only does He sustain me but He also anoints my head with the oil of joy. The joy of the Lord depends not upon circumstances or environments. It is a fact that even in the presence of enemies I may enjoy the blessings of His love and grace.

*I shall not want for any good thing here on earth* for "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:" and *I shall not want for a home in heaven or any good in eternity* for "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

There is a beautiful passage in the Book of Nehemiah which portrays the care of Jehovah for His people, Israel. It reads as follows: "Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocation; Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead

them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

"Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst, Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not" (Nehemiah 9:18-21).

The word translated "lack" in the last verse of the passage of Scripture is the same Hebrew verb which is translated "want" in Psalm 23:1. Though Israel sinned and failed God many times, yet God did not forsake Israel, and "they lacked nothing."

In the seventeenth chapter of first Kings we have another beautiful picture of the Lord as shepherd and sustainer. At the word of the Lord, Elijah the prophet was camping by the brook Cherith during a great famine in Israel. God commanded the ravens to feed Elijah, so they brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening. Then the brook dried up and he had no water to drink, so the Lord commanded Elijah to go to Zarephath to a widow woman's house where he would be sustained.

Because of the great famine the widow woman had left only a "handful of meal in the barrel, and a little oil in a cruse." When Elijah appeared at her house she had started after some sticks so that she could bake the last cake for her son and herself, then they were expecting to die of starvation. However, at Elijah's request she baked him a little cake first, then baked one for herself and her son; and she continued to bake bread from the handful of meal and the little supply of oil all during the famine. "*The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke to Elijah.*"

This verb "fail" is translated from the same root verb as the word "want" in Psalm 23:1. The Lord was Elijah's shepherd, therefore he did not want.

By way of contrast, let us think for a moment of the prodigal son. He

could not say, "I shall not want," because he had left his father's house, and he had "wasted his substance with riotous living." "There arose a mighty famine in that land; and *he began to be in want.*" He was wanting rest, refreshment, forgiveness, guidance, sustenance, joy, comfort, assurance, and home. He lacked all of these things while he was in "a far country," but when he arose and came back to his father's house all these blessings were restored to him.

The rich young ruler also was wanting. He came to Jesus by night and asked what he should do so that he might have eternal life. Jesus told him to keep the commandments, and then named some of the commandments which were given to Moses. The young man said, "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?" He knew that he was lacking something. Jesus knew what that something was. He knew that this rich young man was worshiping his earthly possessions, so He told him to sell his goods, give his money to the poor, and follow Him.

"But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions." He had great possessions, yet *lacked the greatest possession of all: eternal life.*

Belshazzar, King of the Chaldeans, had riches, honor, and all that his heart could ask, as far as material things were concerned; but when he was weighed in the balances of the Almighty God, *he was found wanting.*

Is the Lord your shepherd? If He is, there is no reason why you should want for any of the blessings and gifts which He has promised to His children. If He is not your shepherd, you are wanting, and you will continue to want until you accept Him as your Saviour. Without Him you are lacking rest for your soul, forgiveness of sin, divine guidance, providential sustenance, lasting joy, real comfort and assurance. He wants to be your shepherd. He wants you to enjoy these blessings through His wonderful grace. Why not become His follower by accepting Him now as your Saviour and Lord.



# HAS YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEARNED TO WALK?

BY JIM COPELAND

**W**HY CAN'T OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL grow like others?"

This cry is heard in all parts of the country, and at all times of the year; sometimes even following special campaigns.

"We have tried everything and yet we do well to hold our own. What is the secret behind so many Sunday Schools that are growing by leaps and bounds?"

If these successful Sunday Schools could answer that question, the answer would be the same in nearly every case:

**If growth is to continue, the methods used in the Enlargement Campaign must be used the whole year around**

"Our Sunday School has learned to walk. Visitation is the answer."

Whether the Sunday School be large or small, there is one primary method that universally stands as the reaching and winning march of the Sunday School—visitation.

It is a well-known fact that a limb of the body which is not exercised will cease to grow. In fact, it will wither and become useless.

Is it not possible for professing Sunday School workers to teach and listen to the gospel and yet fail to exercise its precepts by aggressively witnessing and visiting? The result can be anticipated: a Sunday School that does not grow in attendance, and workers who fail to grow in spirituality.

The program of the Sunday School is unmistakably magnetic in its appeal; it has a drawing power that makes it one of the greatest reaching agencies of the church. Yet, this drawing power should not be relied upon too heavily. The church is a refueling station, a source of power. After we have received God's part of the covenant, "I will bless thee," our part of the covenant comes in, ". . . and I will make thee a blessing." God's Word means exactly what it says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

It was in October, during the Enlargement Campaign, that we were conducting a community census. There were three churches within a radius of two blocks of the house I was about to visit. After I had greeted the man at the door and had announced the purpose of my visit, the tall, husky gentleman looked at me with grim eyes and asked if this was not a visit of an unusual sort. As he led me into the living room, he made a statement that would serve as a stinging indictment to any church. He said he had lived in his present home for over six years, but no one from a church had ever come to his door. When they first moved to the city, he and his wife had planned to start attending some nearby church, but they were never invited. Now his wife, who had been ill for a couple of years, lay in an adjoining room.

A few verses of Scripture and a brief friendly chat seemed to bring a ray of hope into the home, but the

very tone of the man's voice asked the question, "Why didn't someone come sooner?"

The ministry of visitation is an open field in our troubled times. It means far more than just a promotional scheme. Souls are at stake. Those souls are behind doors, and those doors were meant to be opened through visitation.

Visitation is not difficult. It requires effort, and a knowledge of a few important principles, but it can be done by even the least experienced.

Pastors and Sunday School leaders can inspire vision and enthusiasm, and then enlist people for an intensive visitation program. This means careful planning in advance, for workers are more likely to respond to a program which has been well thought out and directed. It is difficult and confusing for the average worker to cope with a project as a whole and, unless the plan is broken down, he will be discouraged before he ever begins. The idea, then, is to have a group captain over every area, with six or eight workers in each group. This prevents the disastrous muddle of turning out mobs of visitors into a large, undivided area. Leaders will do well to cultivate an enthusiasm for the visitation work through testimonies, recognition, and other means. The leader who plans a good campaign, enlists the workers, trains them for visiting, and executes an orderly visitation program, will have results. He will realize personal satisfaction in a job well done, besides the joy of reaping an immediate harvest for the Sunday School and church.

Every visitor will meet with a certain amount of success, for God has promised that His Word shall not return to Him void. But the most successful visitors will be those who have learned a few simple principles about selling.

The salesman realizes that to make a sale, he must first make a friend. This does not mean that he should spend fifteen minutes talking about the weather and complimenting the customer on his nice house. His very first words are an introduction of himself and his product, but his smile and his friend-

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# Revivaltime's Ministry IS REACHING THE LOST



## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

**E**VERY REVIVALTIME BROADCAST IS winning souls! Every week as REVIVALTIME goes out over the ether waves from some 360 radio stations, sinners are brought to the foot of the Cross, and there Christ becomes a reality to sin-laden souls.

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the field; for they are white already to harvest." REVIVALTIME has found that harvest is already white and waiting to be reaped. Souls are dying without Christ, waiting to hear the way of salvation. The message of REVIVALTIME is reaching these souls as the ministry of radio finds its way into homes otherwise closed to a gospel worker—into prisons — hospitals — institutions — colleges — and armed forces' bases.

Every week, the harvest of souls in these various places continues to present a challenge—*Will we be able to reach them before it is too late?* Week after week, the harvest is being gleaned through the Spirit-anointed ministry of REVIVALTIME. People in all walks of life are finding Christ to be the Answer.

We want to share with you the thrill of some of these letters from radio listeners who have been directly saved through listening to the broadcast or indirectly saved through REVIVALTIME'S great prayer meeting for the unsaved.

*WADENA, MINN*—"I had arthritis so bad, I couldn't get my hands behind me. One Sunday night you said to raise our right hand. I did, and the Lord saved me and healed me also. Praise God."

*COLUMBIA, S.C.*—"The last letter I wrote you a request to pray for my unsaved husband, and now he has accepted the Lord."

*CINCINNATI, OHIO*—"I listened to your broadcast and it helped me to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. When I heard your broadcast, it helped to lift me up and encourage me in every way. I am glad I now am a soldier in the army of the Lord."

*JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL, BROOKVILLE, PA.*—"I backslid and got in trouble. I stole a car and some money. But I heard your program on Sunday and gave my heart back to the Lord. I want you to pray for me and the rest of the boys in here."

*RACINE, WIS.*—"I am writing to let you know that God answered my prayer some weeks ago. I had written to ask you to pray for my father who was not saved. He is now 68 years old. God saved him and healed him of heart trouble."

*FAIRMONT, PA.*—"Two weeks ago today I was riding in the car with my boy-friend. We turned on your program and as we listened to the choir sing 'Face to Face,' I said to the boy that if we had an accident, he would not be ready to meet God and he would be lost. I told him if he didn't get right with God before we were to be married I wouldn't marry him. That afternoon, he accepted Christ. He told his parents what happened and they too accepted God."

*PITTSBURGH, PA.*—"I have accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour since listening to REVIVALTIME. I look forward to listening to your broadcasts and enjoy them greatly."

*JAMAICA, B.W.I.*—"It gives me pleasure to listen to your broadcast on Sunday morning. Now, Brother Ward, I have given my heart to God and I am saved by His grace."

*JAMAICA, B.W.I.*—"Before I found Jesus, I felt so forgotten. No one cared what I did or what happened to me. I felt God didn't care either, so I just went on doing as I pleased. I didn't care whether I did right or wrong; and yet I always longed to be better but didn't know what to do. Then the Lord led me to listen to REVIVALTIME and through you, Brother Ward, I began to look at all things differently. I found I was an awful sinner, and needed a Saviour. And then I turned to Jesus. I asked the Lord to change my life and make me good. Then I believed, and now I know Jesus has saved me."

*HAMILTON, OHIO*—"I am a listener to REVIVALTIME and enjoy it very much. My husband and I (and now my son) get around the radio and pray for you to reach many souls. The best thing I am writing about is my sons. I sent their names to you so you and your prayer band could pray for them—and praise the Lord, one son got saved. He is 25 years old and this is the first time he ever was saved. Yesterday I received a letter from my other son who is in the armed forces. He said he had come back to the Lord. He said, 'Mom, I have decided to go all out for the Lord.' So, you see your radio ministry has meant a lot to my family."

YOU can have a great part in helping REVIVALTIME reach others who are lost as these once were, by your continued prayer support. Add REVIVALTIME to your prayer list and by your prayers help us reach a harvest of souls before the Lord returns.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## SBC To Expand Sunday School Board

The Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board has purchased 5¾ acres of land in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, for about \$800,000 and plans to spend five million dollars on new buildings for its headquarters offices.

## Congregation Adopts Record Missions Budget

The First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, probably gives more money to missions than any other church. Recently the 10,000-member congregation adopted a budget of \$705,000 for 1957, designating slightly more than half—\$354,600 for missions work.

## Canadian Assemblies Celebrate Golden Jubilee

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada celebrated the golden Jubilee of the Azusa Street outpouring of the Holy Spirit at their annual nationwide conference in Windsor, Ontario, from September 27 to October 3.

## Mark 400th Anniversary of Knox's Geneva Ministry

Church of Scotland leaders and officials of the National Protestant Church of Geneva joined recently in celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Geneva ministry of John Knox. The Scottish reformer studied and preached in Geneva in the 16th century and, with John Calvin and others, helped form what has become the Presbyterian family of churches.

## Most Pharmacists Oppose Liquor in Drug Stores

A majority of the nation's pharmacists—65 per cent—oppose the sale of packaged liquor in retail drug stores, according to a recent nationwide spotcheck by *Drug Topics* magazine. "The sale of packaged liquor in a drug store is not in keeping with the standing of the pharmacy as a public health institution," said a majority of the pharmacists.

## Liquor and Tobacco Top TV Spot Advertising

To TV viewers it comes as no surprise that American brewers spent more money than any other industry group for spot television advertising during the second quarter of this year—an estimated \$7,916,000, which does not include regularly sponsored programs.

Cigarette manufacturers were second on the list of total expenditures for April, May, and June

## Ratio Between Growth and Number of Church Services

Church membership in rural areas of Montana has increased an average of 40 per cent in the past ten years, despite a general decrease in the population of rural areas. And the number of weekly services held in the church seems to be a gauge to membership growth. Churches holding only one service a week averaged a loss in membership; those sponsoring two services gained slightly; but it was those who conducted three or four services a week that showed the big gains. The greater frequency of services is a sign of spiritual life, and where there is life there is bound to be growth.

## Canadian Church Asks Reform of Funeral Practices

The General Council of the United Church of Canada, meeting in Windsor, Ontario, called for simpler, less expensive burials. It adopted a resolution which asked that funerals be held in the church wherever possible, but never on Sunday, and stated, "In life, a person's worth is not measured by the abundance of the things which he possesses; and in death, his worth is not to be calculated by the extravagance of his funeral or the elegance of his tombstone." The council also urged that tributes to the departed should not be confined to flowers but should include contributions to the church, and to charity, or towards a suitable living memorial.

## Billy Graham Misquoted by Associated Press

Evangelical Christians were left wondering after reading a statement attributed to Billy Graham last month by the Associated Press. The statement, which appeared in newspapers across the country, quoted Graham as saying regarding his future New York City campaign: "We are not coming here to clean up New York City. We are coming to get the people to dedicate themselves to God and then send them to their own church, Catholic, Jew, or Protestant."

Actually the press tragically misquoted Billy Graham. A telegram from his office, received by the *EVANGEL*, gives Billy Graham's actual statement from a tape recording of his address. He said, "We are not coming to New York with grandiose ideas that we can clean up New York City, though we have a gospel that could be the dynamite of God to transform New York as it did the Roman world. Fifty-eight per cent of the people of New York do not attend any church, Catholic, Jew, or Protestant."

## Link Protestants, Communists in Europe?

A conference of lay leaders of Roman Catholic youth organizations in Switzerland has come up with a propaganda line that has been a favorite of the Catholics in South America (especially in Colombia)—that of linking the activities of Protestants and Communists.

The group adopted a resolution charging that Communist propaganda is being intensified in Switzerland, and that it "enjoys effective support on the part of non-Catholic circles." "Non-Catholic," of course, is not further identified. But it seems apparent that European Catholics are about to take up the cry that has rung out in Colombia—that being a Protestant equals being a Communist. The Roman Catholic Church is doing all it can to make itself known as the primary fighter against Communism (even though the facts show that most Communistic countries are predominately Roman Catholic).

For the most part, Rome has kept its "Protestant equals Communist" equation in the background, but apparently strategy now calls to bring it slyly to the front.

### Copying the Scriptures by Hand

Mrs. Anna Gille of Troy, New York, has copied the New Testament longhand in gold ink, according to the *Bible Society Record*. She says she has gained much joy from copying the Scriptures.

Few people would have the time to do what Mrs. Gille did, but all of us can copy the Scriptures in our daily lives. We are to be living epistles, "known and read of all men." Let's be sure that when the great Proofreader compares our lives with the original copy He will find us correct in every detail.

### Alcohol May Cause Deformities in Unborn Children

Alcoholism may be the cause of some premature births and deformed children, Dr. Dora Papara Nicholson of the George Washington University Medical School said recently. She based her statement on a series of experiments conducted on guinea pigs. Her findings: in matings where the female is conditioned by alcohol, 90 per cent of the conceptions result in abnormalities; conceptions involving an alcoholic male resulted in live births, but almost invariably the offspring were physically defective; surviving animals show continuing evidences of their incomplete development in emotional disturbances and susceptibility to disease.

Later studies will undoubtedly show that what is true in guinea pigs is also true in humans—another phase of alcohol's destructive work.

### Barkeepers Urge 21 as Minimum Beer-Drinking Age

Saloon owners in Florence County, Wisconsin, have gone on record as unanimously favoring a change in the minimum age for beer drinking from 18 to 21. The move, branded by observers as a necessary public relations step, followed a traffic accident which killed three Michigan teen-agers as they were returning from a Wisconsin saloon drinking spree. The lower Wisconsin age law attracts minors from Michigan, where they have to be 21 to get beer. The action also followed an editorial crusade, notably by Michigan's *Iron Mountain News*, calling for action on beer drinking by persons between 18 and 21.

Apparently the liquor industry is becoming concerned—not about the traffic accidents caused by drunken and drinking drivers perhaps, but about the adverse publicity connected with it. *Christian Life* reported that the head of a large liquor firm called in representatives from 160 newspapers and told them bluntly that they could expect less of his company's advertising unless they played down drunken driving.

### Communist China Increases Opium Acreage

Communist China has taken steps to insure its continued lead as the world's largest producer and supplier of raw opium and narcotics, according to *Eternity* magazine. The Peiping regime has allocated more than 1,500 square miles of land for growing the opium poppy in 1957.

The expected yield of this crop will be 8,000 tons—an incalculable treasure of hundreds of millions of dollars in the illicit drug trade.

The Communists use opium to gain foreign currency—in some areas one ton of opium is worth \$40,000. They also use it as a weapon of subversion and corruption in the Far East and the United States.

(A U. S. Senate investigating committee recently named the drug trade from the China mainland as "particularly vicious" and reported that subversion through drug addiction is an established aim of Communist China.)

### Phone Relay System to Report National Sunday School Attendance Today

This afternoon, October 28, Assemblies of God churches the nation over will report their Sunday School ATTENDANCE and ENROLLMENT for the day in a pre-arranged relay system. The grand total will then be announced to the nation over "Revivaltime," official broadcast of the Assemblies, at 10:30 tonight.

A unique method—one which no other group has used to secure such statistics—will make it possible for today's attendance to be compiled in one afternoon. Each pastor will call his sectional representative by one o'clock this afternoon, reporting his enrollment and attendance in Sunday School for the day. The sectional representative will total the report for his section and phone it to his district Sunday School director by two o'clock. By three o'clock the district director will phone his total report to the National Sunday School Department in Springfield, Missouri. The grand totals of these reports will then be announced at 10:30 p.m. over "Revivaltime."

The Sunday Schools of the Assemblies of God are endeavoring to reach a million in Sunday School attendance by the year 1960. Last year a similar report was made when 85 per cent of the Sunday Schools responded. The attendance at that time was 632,076.

### Archaeology Helps Confirm the Bible

Dr. Joseph Free, Professor of archaeology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, spent the past summer with an excavation staff in the Holy Land. Each summer for the past four years he has dug at the site of Dothan, an ancient city mentioned in the Bible, sixty miles north of Jerusalem. His excavations have confirmed the existence of the city of Dothan in the days of Elisha, 850 B.C., as recorded in 2 Kings 16, and also in the time of Joseph, about 1900 B.C., as recorded in Genesis 37.

### Archaeologists Find Site of Gibeon

American archaeologists have found the site of the Old Testament city of Gibeon, and have excavated its water system and parts of its fortifications. The find is a further proof of the accuracy of the Bible.

Identification of the city, located eight miles north of Jerusalem, was made positive by inscriptions found on three storage jar handles. There the owner had scratched his address, Gibeon, in ancient Hebrew script.

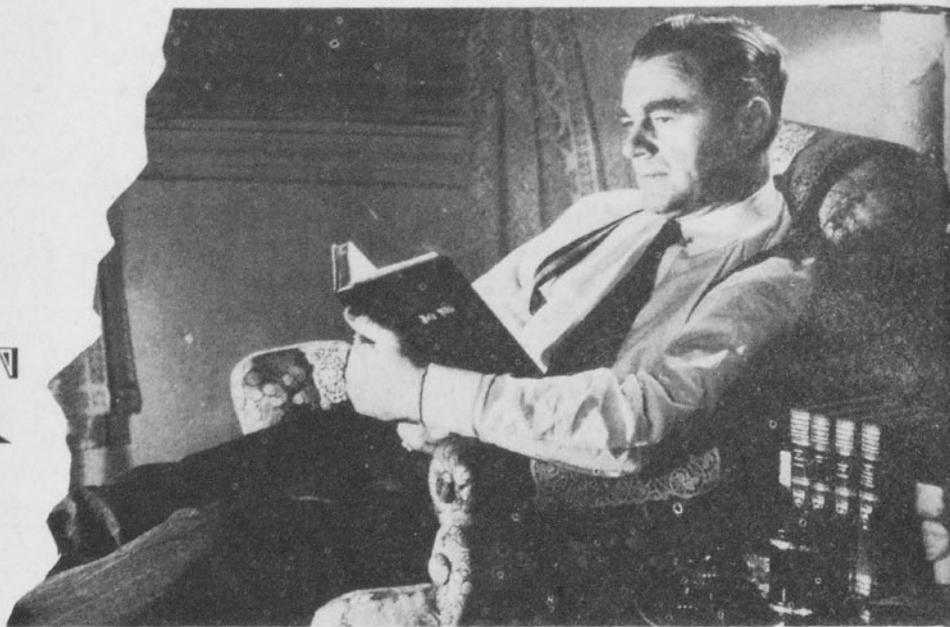
Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible. It is probably best known as the Canaanite city that deceived Joshua and Israel into making an alliance with it (Joshua 9). It was also the scene of a battle between the Israelites, who defended it, and the forces of the five Amorite kings. This was the battle in which God gave Israel a decisive victory by causing the elements to aid them—He rained down stones on the retreating Amorites and the sun stood still for almost a whole day.

The archaeologists' most spectacular find in the ancient city was a circular pool measuring 36 feet in diameter and deep enough to "contain a three-story house." The announcement of the find said the pool was cut from solid rock; "it is believed this is the pool mentioned in Chapter 2 of the Second Book of Samuel as the scene of the famous match between the men of Abner, Saul's captain, and Joab, the captain of David's forces (see 2 Samuel 2:13).

In addition to the pool the excavators also found a 170-foot-long tunnel cut in the rock and leading to the largest spring in the area. Excavations also revealed that Gibeon, a city of about 16 acres, was protected by a ten-foot wall fortified with towers.

What Kind of Christian  
Are You? You Should Have—

# A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT



BY KENNETH L. MILES

**I**N FIRST PETER 3:3, 4 ARE "APPLES of gold in pictures of silver." The revised translation describes this beautiful spirit as "an imperishable jewel."

The context indicates that a discussion of the inner *versus* the outer man is in progress. Peter is asking the saints whether they will take trinkets for the body or spiritual adornments for the soul. Will it be material trash or the Master's poise? Gaudiness or godliness? "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Evidently God marks our appearance. He notes whether we are aping Hollywood or Heaven. He sees whether we are blustery and feverish or serene and strong. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. . . ." The world wants people characterized by splash and dash. A current advertisement of a young people's rally announces the name of the speaker, shows his jaunty face, and inscribes beneath it ". . . scintillating personality."

What is God's viewpoint on this issue? My text answers pointedly. Jesus Christ would have us emulate Himself in the meek and quiet spirit. But don't confuse "meek and quiet" with dullness and drabness. That which Peter en-

joins upon us is the product of God's surging strength within us. One must be strong with God's strength to be "meek and quiet" before men. Certainly, when the Lord delineated Moses as the meekest man on the planet, He did not intend that we should construe that to mean the weakest man. In fact, at the very moment Moses was so described he was a veritable dynamo for Jehovah. How different is God's scale of values!

In New York City at the Madison Square Garden the writer attended the farewell accorded Eva Booth of the Salvation Army. Her self-effacement and genuine modesty were impressive. City dignitaries swept into the Garden with fanfare and frills; Miss Booth sat quietly by. So fully did she possess the "meek and quiet spirit" that one could have begged her not to return to England because America needs to study such saints.

It is clear that few possess the "meek and quiet spirit" preferring rather to win the world's approbation. Jezebel stands as a symbol of multitudes who choose force rather than finesse, paint rather than power. Jezebel, that boisterous, brawling, turbulent woman whose husband Ahab reigned twenty-two years in the Northern Kingdom, hated the pious Elijah. When told that God's prophet had slain four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal she swore that she would seek vengeance. "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard

of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at the window." Jezebel, or her twentieth-century replicas, and the believer of 1 Peter 3 are as opposite as the poles.

Isaac, refreshing soul, was a man of "meek and quiet spirit." Not disposed toward personal aggrandizement or vindictiveness, he moved quietly on when the Philistines stole his wells—thus, in the language of Christ, offering them his "other cheek." Jesus, of whom Isaac was a startling type, is prophetically portrayed in Isaiah, Chapter 42—"He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench. . . ." Meek and quiet in spirit, nothing ever broke the inner sabbath of His soul. Our blessed Lord Jesus was unostentatious; He spoke quietly; His heart was meek and lowly. See Him before Pilate—poised, sweet, strong, His eyes beaming sympathy. The children of Palestine loved Him.

Pause to recall the temperament of the human author of our text. Peter was a loquacious, raucous, tumbling ball of fire. Jesus remade that swash-buckling disciple. Jesus' gentleness made Peter great. The Son of God stilled him. What an accomplishment! Do we stay with Jesus long enough to let His personality shed its benign influence upon us? Do we want the meek and quiet spirit enough to spend the time demanded?

Let us learn that there is incalculable strength in such a life. To a puzzled people in terrible times God whispered "in returning and rest shall ye be saved;

in quietness and confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15). The Babylonians were marching toward Judah and the excitable Jews began to panic. Hence the Lord said, to paraphrase it, "Stop the panic; you can think much more clearly if you are composed." You see, a meek and quiet Christian conserves his energies and does not suffer from twentieth-century brain-fag. A meek and quiet believer doesn't waste nervous energy which burns tiny fibres and consumes bodily fuels and brings about neurotic disorders. How much better when faced with an emergency to spread it all before God—as the triumphant, trusting Hezekiah did!

Let us learn, again, that haste and noise are most often indicative of unbelief. "He that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16). When you are in a frantic scramble you are not believing. You have forgotten, at that juncture, that His hand holds the universe. Remember, haste and waste are inseparable. Virginia Brasier put it tersely—

This is the age  
Of the half-read page,  
And the quick hash,  
And the mad dash.

The bright night  
With the nerves tight,  
The plane hop  
And the brief stop.

The lamp tan  
In a short span,  
The big shot  
And a good spot.

And the brain strain  
And the heart pain  
And the cat naps  
Till the spring snaps—  
And the fun's done.

Now, the answer to frustration is faith. The answer to worry is the Word. The answer to pressure is prayer. If we were oriented through prayer and quiet contemplation we should be less distraught. *An East Indian student in my college English class expressed great amazement that Americans spend so little time in the morning adjusting to God and His world.* David would not have disappointed our Oriental friend—"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up," he said (Psalm 5:3). Thank God, to us sons of thunder can be imparted the "meek and quiet spirit" which in the sight of God is an imperishable jewel.

But how? Read Isaiah 26:3—"Thou

wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." Keep the mind focused on Him who is our pattern and our life. Dwell upon Him who is the great, good, unchangeable, quiet, majestic God. Trust Him. Believe He loves you and will work in your life for your good and His glory. Oh, the ravishing delights which stem from His peace!

Isaiah 32:17 will supply further help—"and the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." Live a positively righteous life and God will keep you in His quietness, His peace, His meekness. Then you will know experientially the quiet life that is hid with Christ in God. Obey the above verse and your life will be no longer fouled up, your nerves no longer jittery, nor will you need to keep the radio blaring and the rafters ringing to be happy and contented in God's wonderful world. You will be able to sit quietly or work

patiently and you won't have to keep popping balloons to keep the air waves in vibration.

Perhaps you feel as Gerald Fisher felt and you can pray with him—

Because Thou art the Lord, Thou knowest well

The daily cost of tension and of doubt,  
These adversaries, Lord, I would dispel;  
They shrivel me. They cage me. I want out.

Ease Thou the tension of the every day  
That dries my well of patience and the springs  
Of all my highest worth. Relax, I pray,  
The strain. I would expand to larger things.

The constant feet of doubt depress my soul,  
Nor can the dainty flowers root and thrive.  
Stir Thou the soil of me; I would be whole,  
And bloom my best, the all of me alive.

Have Hollywood and hurry victimized you? Admittedly we face problems in this respect which our fathers escaped. Yet, God is able to quell our erratic, effervescent, high-strung beings and make us like Himself, people of "a meek and quiet spirit."

## Knock No Longer

One cold, December night a well-known minister was hurrying home from his church service. The parsonage was just a few blocks from the church, and he found the night air especially invigorating.

On the way the minister overtook a man who was walking quite slowly; and, noticing a Bible under the man's arm, he asked: "Have you been to church this evening?"

"Yes," the man replied, but his voice was dejected.

"I hope you are a Christian brother, rejoicing in the Lord," said the minister.

"I wish I were! I wish I were!" replied the man, looking into the minister's face. "For six years I have been earnestly praying for mercy, crying to the Lord almost constantly; but the heavens are brass. Others are happy; they speak of the joy and peace they have found in Christ; but I find no mercy." The man was utterly dejected.

"Man," replied the minister, "you don't know what you are doing. You are knocking on a door that stands wide open; you are turning a deaf ear to the One who bids you enter."

At that moment the two were under a street light. The minister turned to the man, and said, "Let me show you what I mean from the Bible you are carrying." Then, turning to Isaiah 53:6, he read, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

They stood there for a moment as the man read the verse for himself. Then the minister continued, "What you are doing is asking God to do something He has already done—He *has* laid on Christ our iniquity. Christ bore our sins in His own body on the cross. You could go on crying for mercy for the rest of your life and be no nearer to God's rest. It is your duty and privilege to accept the Saviour upon whom all our iniquities were laid. Let your praying be turned to praise for the mercy God has already shown to you. Knock no longer. Enter the open door of salvation."

And right then and there, the long reign of darkness and gloom came to an end—the light of God's Word made the message clear. The man, no longer knocking, passed through the open door into the kingdom. Right there he claimed Christ and became a son of God because he accepted the mercy God had bestowed upon him centuries before.

How about YOU? If you are knocking at the door of mercy, knock no longer. The door is open. Enter and receive eternal salvation, eternal peace, eternal joy. —Selected

# BLESSINGS IN BRAZIL

## CRIPPLED LEG HEALED IN RIO DE JANEIRO



Randolfo

It happened at Padus, Serrinha, in the interior of the State of Rio de Janeiro, in 1940. Randolpho Vieira de Souza, fifty-six years of age, was bitten by a "surucucu" snake. This reptile is one of the most deadly in Brazil. As a result Randolpho became very sick and his left leg, which had received the bite, was drawn up and useless. For sixteen years the man was forced to

use two crutches in order to move about.

Randolfo attended the Clifton Erickson Campaign which was held in Rio de Janeiro in March of this year. It was almost a parallel to the story in the Gospel of Mark, where four friends carried a cripple to the roof top to let him down by ropes into the presence of Jesus. Some of the deacons actually carried Randolpho over the heads of the tightly packed crowd and over the retaining rope set up to hold back the people.

The crippled man handed his crutches to us on the platform and Clifton Erick-

by Lawrence Olson

son told him to put his faith in Christ and to walk. At first the man felt no particular change, but as he obeyed the command and stepped out in faith, he had a strong burning sensation in his leg. The limb which hung useless for so long straightened out and he was able to walk on it. He has been walking on it ever since. Praise God! One would never think, to see him now, that

he had been so crippled. At a gospel parade through Itaperuna recently, when about 1,000 Christians marched, the healed man kept right up with them.

Recently, Randolpho visited his home town where he had been bitten by the snake. Instead of having two crutches under his arms, he was carrying his own suitcase. As can be imagined, there was no small stir there. Everyone was excited about this great miracle. And this brother, a believer since 1944, is surely letting his unusual testimony be known to the glory of God.

## LAVRAS SHORT-TERM BIBLE SCHOOL

Some fifty-six students from various parts of southern Brazil attended our annual short-term Bible school held August 13-31 at the Lavras Assembleia de Deus. From the very beginning we felt the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit as He broke to us the Bread of Life.

Besides the teachers we usually have on our staff (Gustav Bergstrom, Joao de Oliveira, Luis Rodrigues de Souza and Mrs. L. Olson) we had as our guest teacher this year, Walter H. Beuttler, instructor from Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa. Brother Beuttler taught two classes each day on the Gospel of

Luke and Principles of Biblical Interpretation. These studies proved to be of tremendous interest to everyone, and God's presence and power was strongly felt. Everyone agreed that this was the best school we have had thus far and would be happy if the Lord sent Brother Beuttler this way again. In the evening services our brother preached on the deeper life.

In connection with the school we also had a big gathering of believers at Coqueiral where a new work has been started. On August 19 we baptized sixteen new converts in a stream on the edge of the city; and it seemed the whole city had turned out to witness, for the first time, such an event.

Then on August 26 we had a similar gathering of believers from all over

Gathering at Lavras, Brazil during short-term Bible School



Front row, left to right: Mrs. L. Olson, Lawrence Olson, Walter Beuttler



**CONCERNING MISSIONARY CREDIT FOR F.E.B.C., MANILA**

In the May 27th issue of the PEN-TECOSTAL EVANGEL a statement was carried regarding the Far East Broadcasting Company in which it was stated "Missionary credit for offerings given for general maintenance, equipment, or support of its representatives shall not be given after May 31, 1956. The only exception to this rule will be for funds sent for the support of missionaries working with F.E.B.C. in Manila who are under regular appointment by our Foreign Missions Department."

Through an oversight, part of the original statement was omitted. The entire statement should read as follows: "Missionary credit for offerings given for general maintenance, equipment or support of its representatives shall not be given after May 31, 1956. The only exceptions to this rule will be for funds sent for the support of missionaries working with F.E.B.C. in Manila who are under regular appointment by our Foreign Missions Department **and for money expended toward the purchase of time used on F.E.B.C. stations.** We appreciate the continued use of the facilities of F.E.B.C. and wish this organization God's very best in all its planning and endeavors. We pray that the fruitfulness of its work may constantly increase."

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the Lavras field when we had a gospel parade through the main street with a big street meeting following. That evening, with the church packed to capacity and many standing, we baptized nineteen new converts in water and consecrated one brother as deacon in the Cana Verde work.

We thank God for the spirit of revival that pervades generally and the unity manifest among the workers. Many sinners are finding the Lord as their personal Saviour. To Him be all the glory.

RIGHT: Attendants at the Itaperuna Bible studies led by Lawrence Olson.

BELOW: New Assembly at Boa Esperanca



**CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING**

August 1956

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Nebraska	82	73	89
2. N. Dakota	51	42	82
3. S. Idaho	54	44	81
4. S. Dakota	47	38	81
5. Kansas	156	126	81
6. New England	99	79	80
7. West Central	207	165	80
8. Montana	66	52	79
9. Wis.-N. Mich.	137	107	78
10. Northwest	265	206	78
11. New York	144	111	77
12. Rocky Mountain	121	93	77
13. New Jersey	100	75	75
14. Potomac	172	129	75
15. Michigan	178	133	75
16. Ohio	174	127	73
17. Oregon	204	147	72
18. Eastern	245	176	72
19. N. California-Nev.	321	228	71
20. Illinois	192	136	71
21. S. Missouri	324	228	70
22. Minnesota	142	99	70
23. S. Florida	152	105	69
24. Wyoming	35	24	69
25. Tennessee	89	60	67
26. W. Florida	132	86	65
27. S. Texas	264	135	61
28. Appalachian	70	42	60
29. S. California	367	217	59
30. Georgia	124	72	58
31. Louisiana	141	81	57
32. West Texas	127	72	57
33. Alabama	243	137	56
34. Indiana	153	85	56
35. Alaska	22	12	55
36. Mississippi	92	50	54
37. N. Carolina	76	41	54
38. Oklahoma	490	260	53
39. Kentucky	69	36	52
40. N. Texas	504	252	50
41. New Mexico	79	37	47
42. Arizona	79	35	44
43. S. Carolina	53	21	40
44. Arkansas	446	157	35

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**MISSIONARY**  
*News Notes*

Daniel Morocco and family arrived from India on September 13. Their address is 6375 Rutland Street, Detroit 28, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus, Cuba, have a baby boy, born in Cuba on September 22.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Kolenda returned to Germany on September 27 to resume their duties at the Bible Institute in Erzhausen.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and family sailed to South India on September 20. They are new recruits and would appreciate our prayers.



# NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY

BY ARVID OHRNELL, NATIONAL PRISON CHAPLAIN

NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY WILL BE observed on November 11 this year. Since 1951 the second Sunday in each November has been set aside for this purpose. We believe that all of heaven is interested in that day.

With thanks to the Lord we have noticed the increasing interest in our National Prison Sunday. On that day services are conducted by the Assemblies of God in city jails, police stations, county jails, houses of correction, state prisons, county prison farms, reform school and state penitentiaries from coast to coast.

The prisoners need the gospel, the unchangeable eternal Word of God, brought forth in love and understanding by people who believe that Christ is able to save malefactors, thieves and all the ungodly just as He did while He walked on earth.

Locked behind bars are all kinds of people, but Christ died for ALL. Don't you think it pleases the Lord to bring the gospel to as many as possible, that they may have an opportunity to take a stand for the Lord and come out of prison better, not worse?

In our state and federal prisons alone, we have about the same number of people as the whole population of Alaska. In addition, we have about 4,000 city jails, many more police stations, county jails, state and County farms, houses of correction, and boys' and girls' training schools.

In one state prison where there was a riot, not one of the 85 inmates who were or had at one time been connected with our Correspondence School of Bible Study took part! This is tangible evidence of the power of the Word of God to change men for the better.

Let us follow the example of Christ who walked through Samaria to lead one sinful woman to the experience of salvation. The disciples had been in town without saying one word about the Stranger at the well. But for this woman it was a new day. Before she met the Great Master, her face was haggard and her perspective dimmed. But meeting the Master made the difference.



Let's give other sin-weary souls an introduction to the Master.

Won't you, on November 11, be ready to glorify the name of the Lord among that class of people about whom the Lord spoke when He said, "I was in prison and ye came unto me"?

## PRISON WORK PAYS DIVIDENDS

This fact has been proved by the workers of the First Assembly of God Church, Amarillo, Texas, who have carried on a continuous program of prison work for the past thirty years. P. L. Board is director of this phase of the church's ministry and E. R. Foster is pastor of the church.

Many men who have been released from jail and have gone to other cities have written back testifying that they are going on with the Lord and have found a place to work in churches they are attending.

The law enforcement officers both for city and county have always been very co-operative with the workers of this church. Here is a letter recently received from Paul Gaither, sheriff of Potter County:

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the Assembly of God Church, of which Brother E. R. Foster is pastor, has done a remarkable job in the jail work that they have been doing in Potter County jail, and I am sure I am safe in saying, that several boys have been saved by their visitations and consequent sermons.

Yours truly,

PAUL GAITHER, Sheriff  
Potter County, Texas

Pastor Foster also received this letter from Wiley C. Alexander, Chief of police of the City of Amarillo:

DEAR REVEREND FOSTER:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for the fine work you and your church do at the city jail each Sunday. I believe this is a true Christian feeling and spirit for people to give their precious time on Sunday to work with others who are down and out and in trouble.

Most people feel that after Sunday School and Church on Sunday, they have given the Lord this day, but this group sees the need of the people who cannot be in church by bringing the church to them with their fine singing and the Word of the Lord. To see your fine young people attending these meetings on Sunday afternoon is heartwarming.

Thank you again for dropping by to see us the other day.

Sincerely yours,  
WILEY C. ALEXANDER  
Chief of Police

Following is a statistical record of the church's Prison ministry for the past year:

Number of services held .....	70
Average workers present .....	12
Average preached to in each service ....	61
Number requesting prayer .....	265
Number who felt they were saved .....	145

Every Assemblies of God church is urged to keep NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY, November 11. Funds are needed for Correspondence Courses to prisoners, but giving to this cause will not discharge our personal responsibility to win the men and women in jail in our own communities. We must go to these lost souls with the message of faith and hope which only the church of Jesus Christ can bring.

Write the Prison Division of the National Home Missions Department today for a free booklet on PRISON EVANGELISM and for a supply of tracts to distribute in your jail services.

PRISON DIVISION  
HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri

# Jail Work Among the Apaches

Each Friday evening finds Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Treece, missionaries, and their helpers from the San Carlos Indian Assembly of God, preparing for service at the jail on the San Carlos Reservation. The jail, which is located near the government agency, is always a busy place, since there are folk coming and going constantly. The jail is usually well filled and the ages range from babies who are sent with the mothers, to aged men and women.

The Treeces write: "Sin truly rages on the Reservation and the jail serves as a place for those who are caught in unlawful practices.

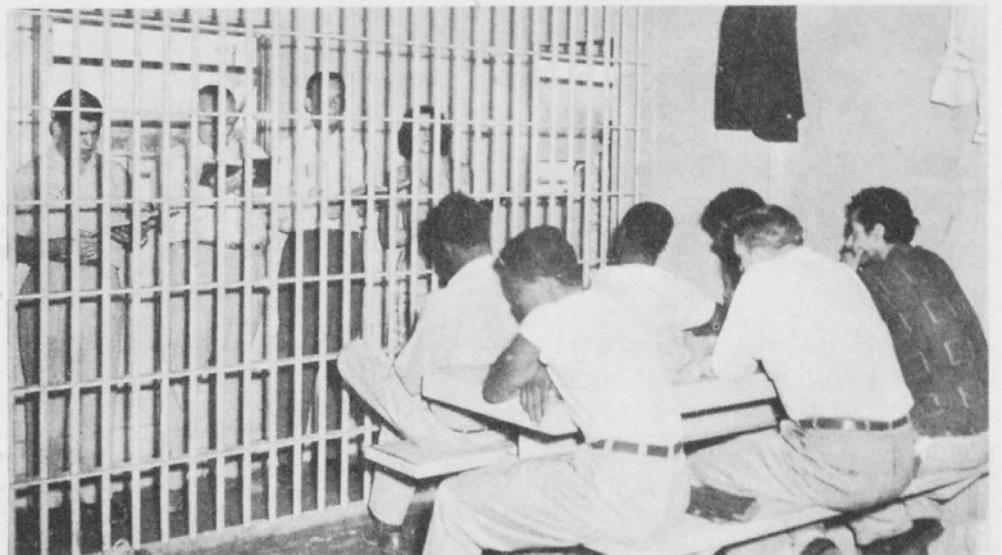
"We gather at the jail and stand outside the door of the women's cells. The outside door is opened, to let us see in, but the barred door between remains locked. As our helpers begin to sing and testify about the love of Jesus, some prisoners crowd about the doors and windows; others stay back in their corners. Those who are in special single cells remain in seclusion but they are able to see and hear. At the close of the service, gospel papers and tracts are given to all and special prayer goes up to our Father in heaven. Many times prayer requests are made during these services.

"After leaving the women's side of the jail, we make our way to the men's cells. There we go inside. The cells are like large rooms and there are some which hold several prisoners; then there are the single cells also. We are privileged to go from cell to cell to minister to them. We conduct the service much like that on the women's side. At the close of these services there are often promises made. The prisoners promise to follow a better life when they are freed, and promise to come to church. It remains to be seen, but within our own hearts we sincerely hope and pray that they mean it.

"Through the jail service and efforts of our people here, many have been reached and helped. One young mother who had killed her baby while in a drunken stupor was converted and attended church regularly because of the time given to jail work on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation."



Apaches like these help win souls in the jails at San Carlos and on the Indian Reservation.



Prisoners in Amarillo, Texas hear the gospel through the bars from the workers of First Assembly, where E. R. Foster is pastor.



Young people join in the ministry of First Assembly, Amarillo, Texas, to men behind the bars at the city and county jails.



# Evangelism in the Home

BY WOUTER VAN GARRETT

**M**ANY A HOME HAS A PROBLEM THAT seems too difficult to solve, and many an anxious hour is spent on a sleepless pillow wondering what to do. It can be stated in a single sentence: *what can be done when one person in the family is not a Christian?*

For example: the mother and the children may go to public worship and Sunday School, but not the father. He has resisted all kindly efforts to get him interested. Or, a husband may be loyal and active in serving his Lord, but his wife seems to have no inclination to follow his example. Or perhaps a teen-ager has lost all interest in religion, in spite of careful training and up-bringing on the part of his devout parents.

What anxious moments this brings to the lover of Christ! What heaviness of heart! How can the Christians in that home bring the unbeliever to the foot of the Cross? How can they remedy the troublesome situation? Well, there are some definite things that can

be done, and with good results, even though it may take time.

## 1. WE CAN PRAY

A wife once came to me and complained that her prayers for her unbelieving husband had not been answered. When I asked how long she had been praying for his salvation, she replied, "Twenty-six years." I suggested that she keep on, and that surely an answer to her plea must be near. I also told her that I would join with her, and place her husband on my prayer list. The very next year her husband was brought to the Lord, and he became an earnest worker for Christ. His wife's joy knew no bounds, and she was deeply grateful that she had kept on and on in her efforts to pray her loved one into the Kingdom of God.

The problem may be very difficult and delicate. Sometimes years of broken-hearted prayer may precede an answer; sometimes it seems the full

answer never will come. For what should we pray? We should pray for God to open the heart of the dear one who is resisting; for guidance as to what to say, and when and how to say it; for more Christian love toward the one who is rebellious; for courage to bear ridicule and even resentment if necessary.

One thing we must not overlook: we need to expect marvelous answers to our prayers. We must expect even what seems to be the impossible. The One to whom we pray is the God of the impossible.

## 2. WE CAN WITNESS

So often we say, "When it is a stranger I can easily talk to him about his soul, but I can't seem to make myself do it at home." Do you remember Andrew? He spoke to his brother Peter about Jesus. (John 1:40-42). As a result of Andrew's efforts Peter came to Christ and became a stalwart disciple of His. In like manner Philip brought his brother Nathaniel to Christ. It wasn't easy, not any easier than it is for us to speak about the Lord to a member of our family.

Jesus had a problem in His own family. His half-brothers were unbelievers for a long time, but Jesus literally loved them into the faith. So He understands your predicament and offers you His grace for every time of need. Of course, a lecture on religion is out of place and may do a great deal of harm. A simple remark about your heavenly Father may be enough at the time. A quiet earnest conversation may be the right approach at some other time. Never forget that the best message you can possibly transmit is a consistent Christian life. Nothing can match that for effectiveness.

## 3. WE CAN INVITE

We can keep on and on inviting. Invite your loved one to come to worship. Invite him or her to join in reading the Book of Books. Invite them to pray. Let the unbeliever feel God's invitation through yours. Above all, don't nag. Don't let yourself get discouraged. Be patient, patient, patient. God is trying to break into a human heart, reaching for a human soul, and He is doing it through you. You must not fail Him. When you come back from a church service let the one whose soul you are seeking to win for Christ see in you a sweetness and contentment that reflects an intimate relationship

with your Lord. Let him see that you have been with Jesus.

You can expect your invitations to call forth ridicule at times, or perhaps resentment, and even anger. That is a sure sign that conscience is pricking and that he is fighting back. That gives you a second opportunity. You can show your patience and meekness by not fighting back but by showing the love of Christ in your heart. That may go far to call forth secret shame, and shame can be the first step in conversion.

#### 4. WE CAN WORSHIP

We must have prayer at the table before each meal. We need to meditate

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## A BIBLE QUIZ

### WHO AM I?

From the clues given, can you guess the name of each of these men from the Bible?

1. I was a carpenter and was the stepfather of Jesus.
2. I was stricken from a horse on the road to Damascus and I became an apostle of the Lord.
3. I led the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt.
4. Even before I was born, my mother dedicated me to the Lord. I served in the temple under Eli, the priest, and was Israel's last judge.
5. I was sold as a slave into Egypt by my wicked brothers. Later I became a ruler in that land and was used of God to save the lives of my family.
6. I was known as the "weeping prophet."
7. I was the first man. I walked and talked with God.
8. I am known as the first martyr, for I was stoned because of my faith in Christ.
9. Once when going into the Temple, I took a lame man by the hand and said to him, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
10. When I was on the isle called Patmos, the Lord gave me wonderful visions of the things that were to happen in the last days.

ANSWERS:

1. Joseph; 2. Paul (or Saul); 3. Moses; 4. Samuel; 5. Joseph, the son of Jacob; 6. Jeremiah; 7. Adam; 8. Stephen; 9. Peter; 10. John.

**NEXT WEEK: How Christian Parents Can Help Raise the Standards of Our Public Schools. Be sure to read this timely article.**



MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 2:18-26

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child" (1 Sam. 2:18).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Recall the incidents in Samuel's life which were studied last week. Then point out (1) Samuel, as a child, was known as a boy who served the Lord; (2) no child is too small to serve God. Discuss specific ways we can serve the Lord.

**QUESTION TIME:** What did Samuel's mother bring him each year? (v. 19) How did God reward Hannah for keeping her promise to Him? (v. 21) What are some ways in which we can serve the Lord?

**PRAY** for strength to serve God.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth" (1 Sam 3:9).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Point out from this lesson (1) Samuel obeyed by coming when called; (2) God honored Samuel's faithfulness and service by speaking directly to him; (3) God speaks to us today through His Word, through Christian parents, through His ministers, and also through His Spirit. We need to obey all these.

**QUESTION TIME:** What happened when God called Samuel? (vv. 4, 5) What did the priest, Eli, finally tell Samuel to do? (v. 9)

**PRAY** that we will always hear God's voice.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 3:11-21

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him" (1 Sam. 3:19).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Today's reading tells what God said to Samuel when He spoke to him in the night. Stress (1) it was a message of judgment for the ungodly sons of Eli; (2) God was with Samuel, and Samuel became a prophet; (3) other people knew that Samuel was chosen of God to be a prophet; (4) God will use all who yield completely to Him.

**QUESTION TIME:** What did God tell Samuel during the night? (vv. 11-14) Was Samuel eager to tell this to Eli? (v. 15) Did the Lord appear to Samuel again after this? (v. 21)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5).

**FOR THE PARENT:** (Additional material on the "Mark of Meekness" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the life of Stephen, stressing especially his meekness and forgiving spirit as he died for his Lord. God wants us to be meek—but not weak.

**QUESTION TIME:** What was the notable thing about Stephen's discussions with the Jews? (Acts 6:10) What did the Jews finally do to Stephen? (Acts 7:59) What were Stephen's last words? (Acts 7:60)

**PRAY** for a meek and quiet spirit.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**SCRIPTURE:** Job 1:1-22 (Sunday's lesson for Juniors)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review briefly the story of Job and his great tests. Point out that God sometimes allows us to be tested to prove we will be true to Him. In spite of severe trials, Job was pure in heart and remained true to the Lord.

**QUESTION TIME:** What did Satan say was the reason Job served God? (vv. 9-11) Did Job stay true to God? (see above) What finally happened to Job? (Job 42:10-17)

**PRAY** that we will always be true to God.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 7:1-12, 17-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review the story of the Flood and why God sent it. Stress (1) God cared for Noah because he was a righteous man who loved God; (2) God always takes care of those who trust and love Him.

**QUESTION TIME:** Why did God decide to send the Flood? (Gen. 6:5-7) Why did God spare Noah and his family? (Gen. 6:8,9) Who else, besides his family, did Noah take into the Ark? (Gen. 7:2,3) Were any saved besides those who were in the Ark? (Gen. 7:23)

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## THE MARK OF MEEKNESS

Sunday School Lesson for November 4, 1956

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:51-60

Jesus said, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." Since He urged His disciples to possess meekness, we conclude that this quality is particularly a mark of Christlikeness, that it is highly important for Christians to demonstrate it, that it is very precious to God, and that it brings rich reward. These conclusions are certainly borne out in the story of Stephen.

### MEEKNESS ILLUSTRATED

Consider the ways in which Stephen showed meekness:

(1) *By the spirit in which he reasoned with his opposers* (Acts 6:8-10). Stephen's miracle-working ministry aroused the resentment of certain Jews. But "they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." These men were challenged not only by Stephen's unanswerable logic, but also by his calm and meek spirit!

(2) *By his attitude when placed on trial* (Acts 6:11-15). While Stephen's accusers were bearing false witness against him, he sat serenely by, his face shining like an angel's! Such an attitude was possible only because Stephen inwardly possessed "a meek and a quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4).

(3) *By his courage when on trial* (Acts 7:1-55). Some people think that meekness is weakness, but nothing is farther from the truth. Stephen spoke the truth to his accusers though he risked his life in doing so (vv. 51-53), thus displaying heroic forthrightness, fortitude, and bravery.

Moses was described by God as being "very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3). His meekness was revealed by his great patience and long-suffering with his people, by his refusal to retaliate when wronged by others, by his habit of referring his grievances to God and allowing Him to deal with offenders. Yet Moses was also a man of great strength and courage as revealed by his stand against Pharaoh and against sinning Israel.

(4) *By Stephen's attitude toward his enemies in the hour of death* (Acts 7:55-60). In Stephen's day it was common for condemned criminals to curse their judges and executioners, and to scream for mercy, or to maintain a sullen silence. The beautiful attitude of Stephen was a vivid contrast to such conduct. Instead of being full of fear, hatred and fury in the hour of death, he was full of the Holy Spirit. Instead of seeing only the fiendishness of the mob which was killing him, he looked beyond them and saw Christ. Instead of reminding God of the enormity of the crime of his murderers, he prays for forgiveness for them.

### MEEKNESS REQUIRED

The same Holy Spirit who enabled Stephen to demonstrate such Christlike meekness will also enable us to demonstrate it. When is it required of us?

(1) *When dealing with those who have failed* (Gal. 6:1). Remember, we do not deal with those who have sinned merely to rebuke them, condemn them, or scorn them, but to restore them! And if we are to restore them, it is essential that we manifest "the spirit of meekness." This means we are to be firm but gentle, patient, and well aware of the fact that but for the grace of God there is no sin of which we, too, are not capable!

(2) *When explaining our religious convictions to others* (1 Peter 3:15). We are here obliged to "be ready always to give an answer" to those who desire to know why we believe as we do. But we shall never win others by showing a contentious, proud, argumentative, or irritated spirit! It is the sweetness and humility of the meekness which is the fruit of the Spirit which wins people.

(3) *When listening to the preaching or teaching of the Word.* "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21). To be meek is to be open-minded and teachable. It also means to be open-hearted—willing to accept and obey the truth at any cost.

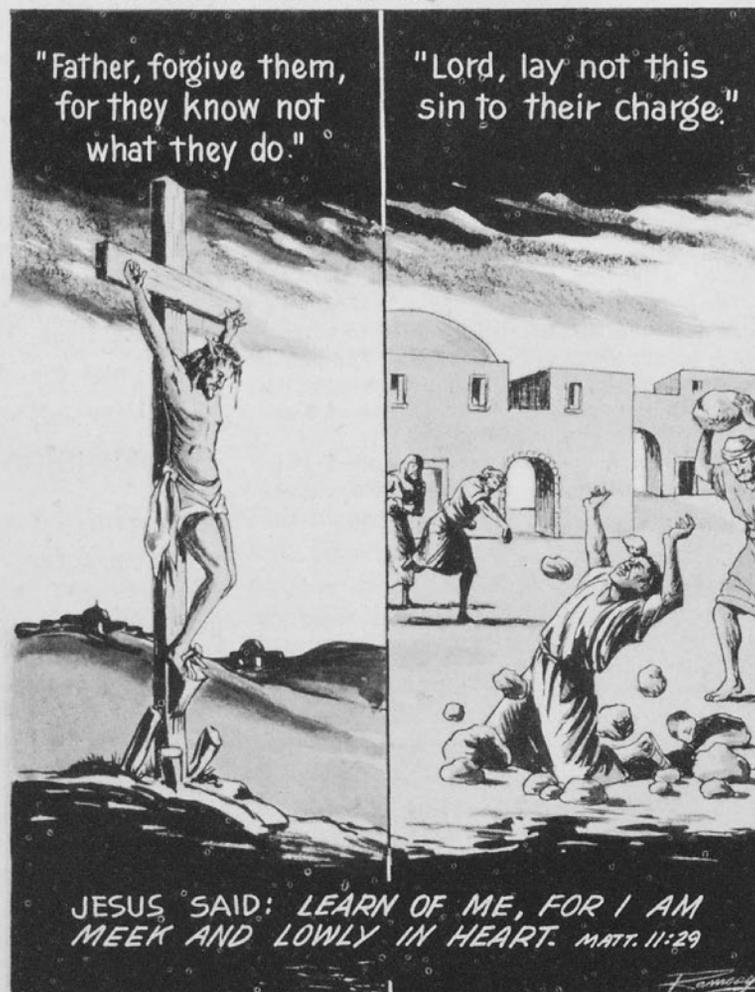
### MEEKNESS REWARDED

Meekness is richly rewarded both in this life and hereafter by (1) preservation, Psalm 76:9; (2) exaltation, Psalm 147:6; Matthew 23:12; (3) guidance and instruction, Psalm 25:9; (4) provision, Psalm 22:26; (5) abundant joy, Isaiah 29:19.

"Blessed are the meek," said Jesus, "for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). Let us live as Jesus did, as Stephen did, "showing all meekness unto all men" (Titus 3:2).

—J. Bashford Bishop

### LEARNING MEEKNESS FROM THE MASTER



# POINTING OUT SOME

# *Pentecostal Perils*

BY CHARLES W. CONN

USUALLY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OR skeptical of that which they do not understand. Too rapid progress frightens many because of the changes that are demanded. Because the latter-day Pentecost movement had a small and humble beginning, and because we insist on living with the Bible as our guide and counsel, Pentecostal people are generally prone to be hesitant about accepting things different from the ordinary. This unwillingness to accept things that are new or different ranges from the ridiculous to the critical.

## **Calling Worldly All That Is New**

Since the days of the Bible, sincere Christian people have taken a stand against the encroachments of modernism and worldliness. Among Pentecostal people these two terms are used loosely, meaning all that is not in accord with their view of holiness. We fail to realize sometimes that worldliness frequently hides in a cloak of godliness. If the sacrifices we make are for the notice of men, then it is a worldly spirit in us that causes us to be abstemious in our habits and modest in our dress. Our motives must be convictions of right and wrong rather than social pressures. Those who are most afraid of worldliness and apparently most on guard against it may be already enslaved to it—a worldliness of the heart rather than the appearance. There is, no doubt, more worldliness within our hearts than in our outer appearance.

We hurt only ourselves when we resist things that are good and beneficial because we are afraid they may be worldly. There was a time when Pentecostal people looked askance at the radio, branding it as a worldly thing. Now we have accepted it as a device beneficial in getting the gospel to lost men, and the air lanes everywhere are filled with the full gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ. In many places, people resist the use of pictures in educating

## **Are We in Danger of Branding Progress as Modernism?**

and training their people, but there is no more effective medium known to man than this. Pictures in themselves are not sinful, but sin is found in the wrong type of pictures. This, obviously, is only one example of the numerous hindrances in this category. Regrettably, the tendency is general to call worldly all that is new. Things that we do not understand and things that are not familiar to us frighten us, so we refuse the progress for fear it might be modernistic.

## **Thinking Education Kills Consecration**

Fortunately the attitude that education is harmful is found only in isolated areas, and is not a general attitude. Not too long ago an elderly and wonderful man said, "The more education a man gets, the less he loves God." Without realizing it, this fine Christian gentleman had a narrow concept not only of education, but of God also. Occasionally, a person in the pulpit is heard to say, "Praise God, I ain't got much education, and I've got just little enough sense to let God have His way." It seems that even a superficial reading of the Bible would prevent such absurd statements as this. It is almost to say that God places a premium upon ignorance, and that more and more of ignorance should be the goal of every man, because the more of ignorance he has the more of God he can receive.

Contrary to this error, the more of real education man has the more he loves God. Jesus called Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Holy Ghost is called the Spirit of Truth. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Paul wrote Timothy that study is re-

quired to meet the approval of God—all of which should be convincing enough that when we learn the truth, we learn of God and His glory. In no place in the Bible is education condemned, but Paul does warn about those who are ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. In other words the learning of lies or theories or hypotheses might be dangerous if we accept them for more than they are, but true education enhances godliness instead of destroying it. Paul also warned against science falsely so-called, implying strongly that true science is always desirable and beneficial.

It is readily admitted that there are some people who lack the equilibrium to be both spiritual and educated. This is caused by knowledge without wisdom, or learning without intelligence. Anyone who is not capable of getting an education and remaining spiritual should be encouraged to put his spiritual life first. Our danger in the Pentecostal movement is found in the two extremes of religious fanaticism and intellectual staleness. We must not let this dividing line appear within our ranks, for it must be demonstrated to the world that we can be guided into the realms of higher learning and retain our fervent devotion to Christ. We must remember that some of the greatest leaders in the Christian cause have been men with university backgrounds — the apostle Paul, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Whitefield, the Wesleys, Edwards, Finney, etc. Perhaps this will not be a Pentecostal peril always, for the multitude of Pentecostal schools that dot the world today are a testimony that we have learned that education does not necessarily kill consecration.

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**Considering Self-Respect as Pride**

A peril peculiar to the Pentecostal faith is the unwritten, unstated, and almost unconscious belief that self-respect is pride. Humility and meekness are matters of the heart, and are not readily evident by the physical appearance. Moses was called the meekest man on earth, and yet he sternly forced the Israelites to drink water strewn with the gold dust of their idolatrous calf. Jesus invited all people to take His yoke upon them and learn of Him ["For I am meek and lowly in heart"] yet twice He made a whip and drove money changers from the house of the Lord. A milk-toast attitude does not prove that we are humble. Squared shoulders and chin thrust upward do not prove we are proud. Like meekness and humility, pride is a matter of the heart. It is not being proud to keep one's flesh clean, or to wear neat, attractive clothing but, actually, it may be pride that causes us to do otherwise.

Scripture is positive in condemning extravagant, immodest, and spectacular

dress, and in condemning pride in its many forms. Self-respect, however, is not condemned, and we must not confuse the two. A person may appear so humble that even his speech is a muttered whine, and yet his heart be eaten up with pride. On the other hand, those who hold their heads upward, their shoulders back, and their chests out can still be humble in their hearts before God. We bar from our ranks many splendid people by our inability to distinguish self-respect from pride and worldliness.

**Supposing That Large Churches Cannot Be Spiritual**

It is common everywhere to regard the largest Pentecostal church in town as modernistic and unspiritual. Why and how the belief ever arose that the Spirit is not in big churches, I do not know; but the opinion seems strong in some places that the larger a church becomes, the less spiritual it becomes. The program of a large urban church is necessarily different from that of a small rural church, but the spirituality can and should be the same. It is a distinct hindrance to us when we are afraid

that our churches may become too big. If any church will be sufficiently evangelistic in its efforts, it will give constant birth to new churches and missions, and yet continue to grow itself. This means that new congregations will come into being, that the mother church will become larger, and that its endeavors will insure its continued spirituality. We have fallen victim to a delusive peril when we try to insure continued spirituality by keeping a church small instead of by keeping it active.

There is occasional opposition to erecting a new and large church building for fear the blessings of the Lord may not be as great in it as they have been in the humble frame building across the railroad tracks. I have heard it said by people now worshiping in new beautiful buildings that the Spirit of the Lord is not as free now as formerly in their smaller church building. What? Does God have regard for stone or brick or wood? Certainly not! He wills to bless His people anywhere their hearts are consecrated to Him. It is a sinister peril that would make a person reluctant to build a new building or increase a church's membership for

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*Chloe Stewart*

**Martin Luther**

"THE MONK WHO SHOOK THE WORLD"

LUTHER WAS BORN IN EISLEBEN, SAXONY (GERMANY). HE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTED IN RELIGION & MUSIC. HE BECAME A MONK.

HE FACED TRIAL BEFORE DEADLY ENEMIES BECAUSE OF HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS & HIS DEFIANCE OF THE POPE.

HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY HIS FRIENDS TO PRESERVE HIS LIFE FROM THE CATHOLICS.

THE POSTING OF HIS 95 THESES THAT HE MEANT TO BE DEBATED, LED THE WAY TO REFORMS WHICH LATER SPREAD THROUGHOUT W. EUROPE.

IT WAS WHILE HIDING OUT IN WARTBURG CASTLE THAT HE TRANSLATED THE NEW TESTAMENT INTO GERMAN.

fear the largeness of it might hinder the blessings of the Lord. People of true spirituality and intelligence naturally look askance upon those whose attitudes are as narrow as this. The size of your congregation or the size of your church building has nothing whatsoever to do with the presence of the Lord, which is determined by the condition of your heart.

To be frightened by progress is to be defeated. Hesitancy in accepting progress will bring stagnation. We must use the means that are offered by our day and are effective in our day, in order to bring God's message to men everywhere. We must utilize scientific advancement and take advantage of the conditions of our day. There are sects who refuse to accept anything that is modern and convenient, but insist upon living in an antiquated age, because they feel that every element of this present day is modernistic, worldly, and prideful. It is needless to say that these sects are not evangelistic, and are doing nothing to win lost mankind to Christ. The Pentecostal faith is a movement—a powerful and positive force dedicated to the purpose of salvaging what can be saved from the chaos of sin. We must accept progress as God's gift to aid us in our task. —Church of God Evangel

### "Peace I Leave With You"

(John 14:27)

*Though all the world be troubled,  
And men's hearts faint with fear  
At danger in the distance  
And dangers drawing near;  
Though every help should fail them  
On which their hopes are stayed,  
"Let not your heart be troubled,  
Nor let it be afraid."*

*Though all the earth be troubled,  
And its foundations shake,  
Though raging seas shall thunder,  
And mighty mountains quake;  
Though lofty walls shall crumble  
And in the dust be laid,  
"Let not your heart be troubled,  
Nor let it be afraid."*

*Though all your way be troubled,  
And bounds and landmarks lost,  
Though on the stormy billows  
Your little bark be tossed,  
Though all around be changing,  
Here let your mind be stayed,  
"Let not your heart be troubled,  
Nor let it be afraid."*

—Annie Johnson Flint

## And they went everywhere...

While pioneer pastors and evangelists were bringing the full gospel message to every city and hamlet in America, pioneer missionaries were at work taking the message to every continent. These EVANGEL clippings tell part of the story.

ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA, June 23, 1917—We are now moved into a new mission hall, which was filled yesterday. Over one hundred present in the evening. God is blessing this work in the salvation of souls and it seems we will have to build a large hall.—Alice C. Wood.



CHAPRA, BIHAR, NORTH INDIA, April 3, 1920—The present days are the busiest I have seen in my six years in India. The work in Chapra is especially encouraging and it is blessed to see our workers going down deep with God, thus making them more efficient in this work. We are in need of more helpers and are asking Him to send those of His own choosing.—Bernice C. Lee.



YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, APRIL 3, 1920—We are very busy these days studying the Japanese language, and trust you will remember to pray for us, that we shall speedily acquire a working knowledge of the same. The Lord has been graciously manifesting His power and saving grace in our midst. Some have been saved and some baptized in the Holy Spirit in the last two weeks. Our hearts are made glad when we see souls brought out of heathen darkness and into His marvelous light, filled with His Spirit, their faces shining with the glory of God.—Jessie Wengler.

WEST AFRICA, April 15, 1922—Brother Ira Shakely has been quite ill and has been ordered to the mountains for a rest. All the missionaries in West Africa are in a deadly climate and need our prayers. . . .



Remember the pioneer ministers on Sunday, November 18.

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# This Is The Day!

BY C. M. WARD — REVIVALTIME SPEAKER

**T**ODAY IS "ADVANCE: 1956!" As a climax to Enlargement Month, we honor the Lord by reporting our increase. Last year 85 per cent of all Assemblies of God Sunday Schools in the nation reported. Your faithfulness this year can make it 100 per cent.

You will be part of a great telephone chain. You will report today's Sunday School attendance and enrollment to your sectional representative. He in turn will report to the district director, and the district director to the National Office. And tonight (Sunday, October 28) a complete Assemblies of God Sunday School report will be given to the nation. It will be heard on *Revivaltime* (ABC radio network, 10:30 p.m.). This will be the second annual progress report of our Sunday School ADVANCE toward our goal of one million by 1960, should Jesus tarry.

A progress report by the early church is contained in the Book of Acts. Beginning with chapter one, verse fifteen, we read, "... the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty. . . ." Next we read in chapter two, verse forty-one, "... and the same day there were added unto them about *three thousand* souls. . . ." Chapter four, verse four, reports, "... howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about *five thousand*. . . ." Finally in chapter five, verse fourteen, we read, "... and believers were the more added to the Lord, *multitudes* both of men and women. . . ."

## Total attendance at all Assemblies of God Sunday Schools to be given tonight on ABC

That is the Pentecostal pattern; and it is the spiritual burden of our pastors and Sunday School workers that "... believers . . . be added to the Lord, **MULTITUDES BOTH OF MEN AND WOMEN.**"

Last year it was an honor and a joy for me to stand on the platform of America's most beautiful auditorium, Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C., and be handed the final tabulation for the day as relayed by the National Sunday School Secretary, Charles Denton. I know that a note of praise ascended to our Lord and Saviour from our constituency all across the land, and from multiplied thousands of friends in the *Revivaltime* audience, for the splendid report of attendance I was able to bring to the nation at that hour. *I believe that tonight's report will be even more gratifying.*

It has been my privilege to minister at a number of district Sunday School conventions and city-wide training schools this year, and the attendance and registration figures would remind one of a great regional convention. I praise God for the steady and spiritual growth of our Sunday Schools. I believe we are approaching a beautiful balance of teaching and evangelism in our Schools. *There is a real burden for souls.*

It is an honor and glory to God that this past month should have been given to an organized campaign by our Sunday School workers—ringing doorbells in their communities, contacting new prospects, checking on absentees and praying for the lost. *This is evangelism at its best—everyone participating.* The national Sunday School Department is doing its best in leading our Movement in the final ADVANCE to bring back the King of Glory. *Revivaltime and all its workers salute our national, district, and sectional Sunday School officials for a job well done.*

Tonight *Revivaltime* will come to you from its home port—the Radio Auditorium of Central Bible Institute. We confidently expect to give the nation a good report of the Assemblies of God Sunday School attendance today.

I have been delighted to see the spirit of "Occupy till I come" taking its place in our Fellowship. Everywhere new buildings are being added for Sunday School expansion. Money, time and talent are being spent generously for this advance. This is as it should be. This is the spirit of Pentecost. This is the spirit we want to capture tonight in our second annual report and summary of the October Enlargement Month. Congratulations to every Sunday School worker!

**HEAR "REVIVALTIME" EVERY SUNDAY OVER ABC — SEE YOUR LOCAL RADIO LOG**

# to the editor



## Met EVANGEL on the Train

I was on the train going from Jamestown, New York, to Illinois and was handed a copy of a May issue of the EVANGEL. I have found much good and inspiring reading; so much, I want to subscribe for it.

PASTOR CURTIS BARGE  
Evanston, Illinois

## The Gideons and the Olympics

In your August 26th issue appeared an item titled, "Olympic Athletes to Get Gideon Bibles." While we have shipped 2,500 Bibles to Australia, they are not to be offered to individuals. We hope to have the Bibles placed in hotel guest rooms before the time of the Olympic Games so that the visitors will have the opportunity to read them.

We place Bibles in hotels, motels, penal institutions, hospitals, and other institutions where they may be read by many people. The Bible itself always remains the property of The Gideons International.

Thank you for your interest in our work of distributing God's Word.

F. C. ALDRIDGE  
Executive Director  
The Gideons International  
Chicago, Ill.

## Cannot Be Without the Magazine

I have been away on vacation, and a pleasant surprise awaited me on my return—several editions of the EVANGEL which I have read from cover to cover. The articles are all thought-compelling and fascinating. Please renew my subscription. I cannot be without the EVANGEL. I have come to love this precious magazine and consider it to be my very own. The deeply spiritual messages take me right to the throne of grace, right into the glorious presence of our heavenly Father.

D. J. P. SCHOLTZ  
Windhoek, S. W. Africa

## Standing for Holiness

We really appreciate the fine articles in the EVANGEL. Our eight-year-old son enjoyed the article about A. G. Ward's experiences (July 15). The article, "Slander, a Dangerous Weapon" (July 8) was fine. Such articles on holiness really help everyone.

There are articles that I'd love to keep so when our boy and girl are adults they may see how holy living pays off. So many are letting down.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. RANDOLPH  
Lubbock, Tex.

## Appreciated Article on Discouragement

I think the EVANGEL is just wonderful—especially since it has been enlarged. I don't believe any other magazine can compare with it.

I really appreciated the article, "The Sin of Discouragement" (Sept. 2). It was such a great help and encouragement to me.

MRS. DALE RANDOLPH  
Lubbock, Texas

## Source of Spiritual Help

The EVANGEL has been the only source of spiritual help I have had since I can't get out to church. I have been saved since I was 16 and am now 80. I have my membership in the — church.

The article, "Perfect Love" (Sept. 2), was certainly a blessing to me and seemed to be just what I needed.

MRS. FRED MEITNER  
Waterloo, Iowa

## Enjoys Sunday School Lesson

I'm taking this opportunity to express my appreciation for such a good, all-around Christian paper as the EVANGEL. It isn't too large for me! It's fine Pentecostal reading, and I do enjoy it. I'm 85 and read every bit of it. The Sunday School lesson is a great help to me as I can't always get to church on Sunday.

MRS. H. C. SCHROEDER  
Fortuna, Calif.

## Wants More About Healing

I cannot remember when I've enjoyed an issue of the EVANGEL as I have the June 24th issue. Please give us more about divine healing and Bible deliverance.

MRS. RENA GENTRY  
Bellflower, Calif.

## Values Eternal Security Article

The EVANGEL of June 10 is wonderful, but especially the article on Eternal Security by M. M. Johnson. I am a former Baptist, trained in their beliefs and believed it sincerely until recently. I wish this little article were in tract form.

MRS. J. W. WOODRUM  
Dallas 16, Texas

## Prefers EVANGEL to His Own Denominational Magazine

I have been reading the EVANGEL for nearly two years and have intended to write and tell you that for the first time in my life I have found a religious journal that almost exactly coincides with my own understanding of the Scriptures and Christian experience. You are editing a great and good paper.

I am a minister in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, but am finding our people losing their zeal and going to worldliness or to contention. The EVANGEL appeals so much to me that I have dropped my subscription to one of our own journals in order to be able to continue subscribing to yours. . . .

I find more good preaching suggestions and illustrations in this journal than in any I ever read. Some magazines claim that their purpose is to furnish preachers with such helps, but how dead and dry they are. God save us from a form of godliness without the power belonging to true religion!

A PASTOR IN KANSAS  
(Name withheld by Editor)

# Evangelism in the Home

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daily in personal Bible reading and prayer. Set up a family altar and have daily devotions with the members of the family who are Christians. Welcome the unbeliever into the little gathering. He or she may decline, but the invitation itself will not be forgotten and may have its effect.

The mother may have to direct the family prayer and devotions without her husband. Sisters in a home may have to go it alone without the fellowship of the brother. A young adult may withdraw from the family worship, but go ahead in spite of that. Fill the home in every possible way with the fragrance of God's love and presence. An atmosphere of reverence goes far to foster conversion.

## 5. WE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE

In every possible way our lives must illustrate the faith we profess. The artificial and the superficial will soon be discovered in the complex routine of the home. We can refuse to quarrel; we can be quick to forgive offenses; we can serve others with kindness; we can speak truthfully at all times; we can be swift to commend good things in others; and we can live humbly and unselfishly.

For the sake of the loved one whom you are seeking to bring to Christ, you must give the Lord a chance to live in you and in your home.

The greatest joy you may ever find in all your life is that which comes when tenderly and patiently you have guided a member of your family to the Saviour. It may take years of praying, witnessing, inviting, worshipping, and setting an example, but in the end it is more than worth any effort you may have expended.

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Very few of us can live in this world  
without paying, sooner or later —

# The Cost of BEING HUMAN

BY R. D. E. SMITH

ONE OF THE GREAT PERPLEXITIES of life is the presence of disaster. The question is often asked, "Why does God allow disasters with their awful toll of human life?"

In recent months terrible floods have raged through east and west. Hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, wars, and revolutions occupy our attention and touch our lives with sadness and sorrow. It is not uncommon to meet some victim of such a circumstance who is violently angry with God and who speaks in the most intemperate language. The question inevitably arises, "Can we blame God for all this?"

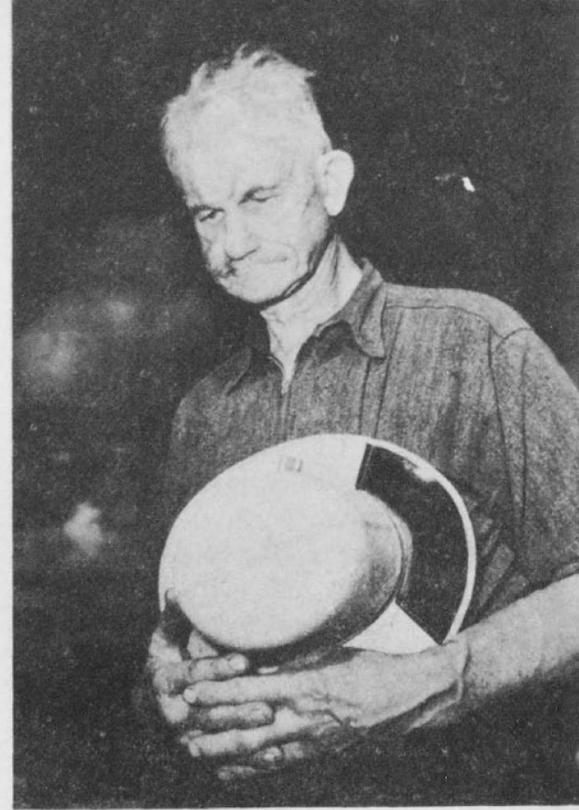
This is the question to which Jesus replied in Luke 13:1-5. "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

We do not have the original news report on the two disasters of which Jesus spoke. The Scripture reports a conversation which took place following the events. The disasters, which are the subject of this conversation, are not reported elsewhere and we can only speculate upon the details. However, enough information is given us so that we know the general character of each event. In the first, Pilate had caused an unknown number of Galilaeans to be

murdered as they were engaged in religious exercises. The second concerned the death of eighteen persons in an industrial disaster. Two types of disaster are suggested: the vicious assault of an unprincipled ruler in which malice and design are present, and the unpredictable occurrence of pure accident. In both events some questions about the responsibility of God arise. Could He prevent such things? Should He prevent such things? Can He be justly blamed for resulting losses?

The problem is complicated somewhat by a legal term calling a disaster which cannot be attributed to the negligence of men "an act of God." While this term seems to lay the responsibility upon God, there is no record anywhere that God accepts such responsibility. What it merely means is that specific individuals cannot be held responsible.

Now let us examine the question: Can man justly blame God for losses resulting from a natural disaster? Note some things which the question assumes. It assumes that God has the power to prevent disasters. It assumes that He has the necessary foreknowledge to prevent disasters. It follows, too, that He is present in the disaster. Thus, at least three of the attributes of God must be accepted by the man who would charge God with blameable responsibility for disaster: omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence. If the man who would so charge God will go this far in accepting the attributes of God, he must also accept all the other attributes of God, including God's wisdom and love. This means that the question can no longer read, "Could God prevent such things?" but "Could He *wisely* prevent such things?" Once that is accepted, man must agree that he can no



longer *justly* blame God, because he is in no position to judge the wisdom of God's decision. Furthermore, since God is love, whatever part He has played in the disaster must have been done in love and is, therefore, the best thing to have done as it relates to all His creation.

Let us ask some questions which will serve to point up the wisdom of God in these matters. Suppose God should stop the floods at our demand—might it not upset the balance of nature and cause severe droughts? Suppose God should change the winds at our demand—might it not so upset the delicate balance of the atmosphere that it would become unbreathable? Man has had some unfortunate experiences with the control of insect pests. He has learned that it can be racial suicide to tamper unwisely with the constitution of the universe.

To continue to blame God with this understanding is to accuse Him of tyranny and to make Him a monster. And if God is a tyrant and a monster, He is no longer God, but a devil. Thus, to charge that God can be blamed for the sorrow, bereavement and losses from natural disaster is to defame His name in the most inexcusable manner. It ignores the revelation God has made of Himself and abuses Him with the charge that He is a liar, as well as a tyrant and a monster.

Having seen that it is unfair to charge God with such responsibility on the basis of some of His attributes to the exclusion of others, we move on to the

second proposition: such a charge reproaches God for opening the door to immortality.

The inestimable privilege of becoming sons of God is offered only to the human race. In common with all opportunities there are certain risks. There is the risk of missing the will of God and losing our souls. But, as long as we are primarily concerned with the question of experience on the mortal plane, we must say that there are certain risks in being human. Jesus specifically said that those Galilaeans did not suffer death because they were sinners, but that their fate was the common risk of all mankind, the natural consequence of being a member of the human race. They were men. And, as such, they faced the risks that all men must face by reason of their existence. Man lives on the earth; hurricanes occur on the earth; therefore, man must experience hurricanes. Man is flesh; all flesh dies; therefore, man must die.

Humanity is a fallen race of which selfishness is a predominant trait. It is inevitable that selfishness should create all manner of injustice between men. We are the victims of our own fallen state, so the irresponsible charges made by our question not only reproach God for opening the door to immortality but also reproach God for our own sins.

There are some men who would reproach God for putting them in such circumstances even though the rewards far outweigh the risks. Yet, these same men will take greater risks every day for lesser rewards. See this man on the highway. He encases himself in iron and steel and hurtles his lethal machine down the road at excessive and dangerous speeds. Why? He says he is five minutes late. Why does he risk death and mutilation? To gain five miserable minutes! And does that man complain of the risk of being human?

To blame God is to ignore His way of escape. This is what Jesus said in our text—"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Read it this way, "Except ye receive the provision which God has made to redeem you from the common fate of all mankind, ye shall perish with all mankind." Or read it this way, "Except ye turn from the rebellious state of all mankind and accept the government of God, ye shall perish in your rebellion."

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# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Are people eternally damned who have never had opportunity to hear the gospel?**

This we must leave with God, knowing that "the Judge of all the earth will do right." Romans 2:14-16 indicates that the heathen may be judged according to the law of conscience.

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**Who baptized John the Baptist?**

We have no record that John was baptized. We believe, however, that he was circumcized as every other Jewish male was, and that he received all the prescribed requirements of the Law. John was a special minister, raised up to serve as a forerunner of Jesus.

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**What was "John's Baptism"? Matthew 21:25)**

John's baptism was the baptism which he preached and practiced, a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, in preparation for receiving Jesus. This baptism is recorded in Matthew 3.

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**When John was about to baptize Jesus he said, "I have need to be baptized of thee," to which Jesus replied, "Suffer it to be so now." Did Jesus then baptize John in water?**

John had announced that One greater than he was coming. This greater One would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Matthew 3:11). When Jesus came to John for water baptism, John recognized that it was Jesus who would baptize with the Holy Ghost and he felt that, instead of his baptizing Jesus in water, Jesus should baptize him with the Holy Spirit. There is no indication that Jesus baptized John in water.

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**What does this Scripture mean: "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire"? (1 Corinthians 3:14, 15)**

This chapter deals with service. Paul has shown that he had laid the foundation, which is Christ, and that others must build thereupon. If their building is of such character that it will not

stand the fire, their labors will be in vain. To me this Scripture relates entirely to service. If we have built on sensationalism, without Christian character, or have put into our labors some inferior qualities which will not stand the test, we will have no reward. Nevertheless, since we have sought to build for God, our salvation is assured, for Christ is our hope of salvation.

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**Although I am a Christian there are times when something tells me I am not saved. Will you please help me?**

It is the work of Satan to depress us, and then to accuse us. Our victory lies in accepting the salvation offered through Christ, then continuing to trust in what Christ is and has done. It is when we take a depressed view of ourselves that the enemy gives us much trouble. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our *faith*." The just shall live by *faith*." We can cultivate faith, or we can submit to the accusations of Satan. I trust that you will take your place in Christ and steadfastly declare your faith in Him.

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**Will we know each other in heaven as we have known each other here? Mark 12:25 says that we shall be as the angels.**

It is only in respect to marriage that Jesus said we shall be like the angels. Our relationships in heaven will be entirely different from those of the present. But this does not mean that we shall not know each other personally. Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration were known by the apostles without their having to receive any introduction. Since we shall then know even as also we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12) it is probable that we shall know each other intuitively. If this is true we shall immediately feel right at home in the redeemed family of God.

*If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.*



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **LAGRANGE, GA.**—The first Assembly of God enjoyed a good revival with the Musical Petersens. All Sunday School records were broken with 185 in attendance the last Sunday.

—*M. G. Barfield, Pastor*

► **HARWOOD, TEX.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Don Young of Baytown, Tex. just closed a very successful revival here. Several were reclaimed and refilled. A number testified to definite healings. The entire church was blessed.

—*Joe G. Heflin, Pastor*

► **PACIFIC JUNCTION, IOWA**—The church here has just finished three weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Dean Gillespie. Souls were saved, healed, and blessed each night. This church has only been organized a little over a year.

—*James M. Scott, Pastor*

► **ARCHER CITY, TEX.**—Thirteen were saved in the evangelistic meetings conducted here recently by Evangelist L. C. and Oleta Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. In addition there were seven who received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 13 new members were welcomed into the church.

—*Samuel N. Alexander, Pastor*

► **HAWAIIAN ISLANDS**—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Coxe of Hammond, Ind., held meetings throughout the islands last spring. Many souls were saved and filled with the Spirit through their consecrated ministry. Report comes from the Island of Maui of special blessings during a joint meeting held there. There was a melting together of Christian hearts.

—*H. B. Headrick, Field Superintendent*

► **DODGEVILLE, WIS.**—The Full Gospel Tabernacle experienced a mighty visitation of God as the Johnson Brothers Evangelistic Team of Jerome, Idaho, ministered here in a four-week tent meeting. God saved, filled, and healed a number of hungry hearts, but the most outstanding result was seen in the spiritual growth of this pioneer work through the ministry of God's Word.

—*Bob Streblov, Pastor*

► **KANSAS CITY, MO.**—Some time ago the Sunshine Evangelistic Party conducted a very good meeting in the Sheffield Assembly of God. There were a number of souls saved, and also some healings. The Lord richly blessed the ministry of Bruce Thum and especially the fine illustrated messages on the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. During the meetings the Sunday School attendance reached 967.

—*C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor*

► **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.**—Evangelist Gladys Pearson recently concluded what many believe to be the best three-week revival the First Assembly of God has ever had. The church was greatly edified. Many souls were saved, reclaimed, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and healed under the anointed preaching of this woman of God. There was a great move among the young people, and the entire congregation was stirred. Very profitable morning meetings were conducted. The Pentecostal fire of revival continues to burn from the tremendous impact of straight preaching. God has done a lasting work in the church, judging from the testimonies that are still coming in.

—*Milton A. Newman, Pastor*

► **WAXAHACHIE, TEX.**—The Midlothian Assembly of God is still reaping the benefits of a stirring, heart-searching move of God under the leadership of Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Tulsa, Okla. The church was greatly edified by the anointed preaching of Bible truths.

—*Martha Reed and Geneva Hine, Pastors*

► **POTOSI, MO.**—The power of God was made real through the preaching of Evangelist Earl W. Cox of Cape Girardeau, Mo. who recently conducted three weeks of glorious revival here. Fourteen were saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were also many miraculous healings by the power of God. The Sunday School was blessed as a result of the meetings.

—*Asa Leach, Pastor*

► **MADISON, ILL.**—The ministry of Evangelist Harold George will long be remembered by the North Venice Assembly. There were 11 saved, several baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many healed. Twenty-three new members were added to the church, and 10 were baptized in water the closing night of the revival. Brother George is a consecrated musician, singer, and preacher with a faith-inspiring ministry.

—*J. R. Randolph, Pastor*

► **SPRINGFIELD, ILL.**—The B. D. Bennett Evangelistic Party just concluded three glorious weeks of tent revival here. The music and singing of the party was enjoyed by many. Linda, who is twelve years old, played the organ, piano, ukelele, and accordion. She also sang special numbers. The dynamic preaching of Brother Bennett was a blessing. Sister Bennett's outstanding testimony of miraculous healing by the power of God thrilled the audience. No accurate count could be kept of the numbers saved, healed, and baptized, but many new people are in the church as a result of the campaign.

Several outstanding healings took place during the meetings. A Mrs. Hughes who had been unable to raise her right arm was immediately healed. An elderly lady whose right leg was in such a condition that she had to be helped to walk, was immediately healed. Another lady, after being prayed for, vomited up a cancer and brought it to the tent in cellophane. It was about the size of the palm of her hand.

One gentleman was healed of hernia. He said he had taken off his truss and has been doing hard work ever since.

A lady who had worn a hearing aid for five years has not worn it since being prayed for. She claims she hears as well as anyone else.

Sandra Wanless came to the tent on crutches, but God healed her. She left the crutches and walked away whole.

—*Edwin Weber, Pastor*

Crowd at Evangelist B. D. Bennett's tent meeting in Springfield, Illinois; sponsored by Glad Tidings Assembly (Edwin Weber, pastor).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Slocomb	A of G	Nov. 6-18	Joel Palmer & wife	D. J. Paglia
Ark.	Jacksonville	A of G	Oct. 21—	O. R. Ball	James Villani
Calif.	Fresno	Full Gosp. Tab.	Nov. 4—	N. L. Ballew	Robert Thomas
	Hayward	Bethel	Oct. 23—	Ralph I. Cranston	James Swanson
	National City	* Pent. Tab.	Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Virgil Warens & wife	J. R. Daily
	Santa Paula	A of G	Oct. 24-Nov. 4	E. T. Quanabush	Paul M. Wells
Colo.	Brush	A of G	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	H. S. Phillips & wife	Paul Baugher
Del.	Wilmington	Pent. Ch.	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Musical Mathans	J. Heinrich
Fla.	Orlando	* First	Oct. 29-Nov. 4	Gladys Voight	John Stallings
Ill.	Cottage Hills	First	Oct. 21—	John C. Poteet	Maurice Burgund
	Litchfield	A of G	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Walter Lascelle	Earl Cornelison
Iowa	Davenport	El Bethel	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Christian Hild	Ralph E. McCaulley
	Keokuk	Faith Temple	Oct. 30—	Carl & Edna Goodwin	W. J. Lewis
Kans.	Ottawa	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 18	R. Alan Davis Party	Bennie R. Harris
Ky.	Nicholasville	A of G	Oct. 28—	A. J. Wells & wife	Hudson-Henning
La.	Sulphur	First	Nov. 4—	Charles Reed	W. L. Morris Jr.
Md.	Hagerstown	Bethel	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	S. MacPherson & wife	Ralph Jeffrey
Miss.	Water Valley	A of G	Oct. 14-28	Kenneth Byrd	R. H. Broadhead
Mo.	Kansas City	Sheffield	Nov. 4-18	Carl C. Haas	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Malden	A of G	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Paul Hild & wife	Billy Campbell
Mont.	Missoula	Pentecostal	Oct. 28-Nov. 4	Ruth Specter	Eugene A. Born
	Plentywood	A of G	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Bill Murphy & wife	Ellwood Grissom
Nebr.	Bridgeport	A of G	Oct. 28—	Moses E. Copeland	Joseph Garrett
	Burton	A of G	Oct. 14—	Wesley Goodwin	Charles Turner
	Scottsbluff	A of G	Oct. 28—	Wendell Reed & wife	Clyde King
N. J.	Penns Grove	First	Nov. 4-18	Amelia J. Bullock	W. O. Fritz
	Trenton	First	Oct. 16-28	Reid Party	Ernest Morgan
Ohio	Bethel	A of G	Oct. 28-Nov. 16	J. G. Gott	Felix O. Coyle
	Lorain	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 4-18	Wm. Moorman & wife	Keith Smith
	Windham	Drakesburg FGC	Oct. 30—	Eddie Roush & wife	Clark Grable
Okla.	Broken Arrow	A of G	Nov. 4-11	Lolita Thompson	James C. Dodd
Oreg.	Coos Bay	Bunkerhill	Oct. 23—	Everett H. Olp	Wm. A. Garner
	Portland	Northeast	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	John Everett	Roy Blakeley
Pa.	Dover	Rohlers Pent.	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Bill Caldwell	Wm. J. Farrell
	Uniontown	A of G	Nov. 4-16	Harry Hampel Party	David Selleck
	Waynesboro	Calvary	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	C. Stanley Cooke	George Hatchner
Tex.	Dallas	Maplewood	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	S. Vandermerwe & wife	Ray Soper
	Joinerville	Full Gosp. Tab.	Oct. 31—	Bob McCutcheon & wife	R. D. Zook
	Sherman	Calvary First	Nov. 4—	Raymond Grimes & wife	Rayburn Horner
Wash.	Chewelah	A of G	Oct. 28-Nov. 18	Wesley Fleming	M. Phinney
	Kelso	A of G Tab.	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Burton Pierce
	Tonasket	A of G	Nov. 4—	Harris Lidstrand	Irwin Krueger
Wis.	Fond du Lac	A of G	Oct. 30-Nov. 4	Neils P. Thomsen	O. W. Apple
	Menominee	A of G	Oct. 28-Nov. 4	Tanner Team	Ernest Moen
Bahamas	Nassau	Evang. Temple	Oct. 24-Nov. 11	Ralph Wilkerson	John Wilkerson

\* Children's Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *The Pentecostal Evangel* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORKERS TRAINING COURSE**—Begins Nov. 5 at Assembly of God, Millington, Tenn. O. R. Ball, Instructor. (James F. Perry is Pastor.)

**HOMECOMING SERVICE**—Nov. 8 at Assembly of God 5th and Park Sts., Kingman, Ariz. L. H. Hauff, San Bernardino, Calif., speaker.—by R. L. Kinslow, Pastor.

**DEDICATION SERVICE**—Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. for new Assembly of God in Paso Robles, Calif. F. C. Woodworth will speak and Southern California Bible College will furnish special music. The church has 13,000 sq. ft. of floor space and seats 500. Evangelist Ralph Love will begin revival the night of Nov. 4.—by Paul R. Keeth, Pastor.

**PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION** — Annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, beginning Tuesday night.

### WITH CHRIST

**GEORGE C. KLASSEN**, 42, Ft. Collins, Colo., went to be forever with the Lord on September 20, 1956. Brother Klassen, ordained in 1938, spent most of his time in pastoral work. While pastoring in Nampa, Idaho, he built an addition to the parsonage; at San Fernando, Calif., he built a large Sunday School annex; and at his last pastorate in Colton, Calif., he erected an educational building. He resigned the church in Colton last April because of his failing health.

► **CLOVERDALE, CALIF.**—Evangelist Don George of Hobbs, New Mex. ministered here for 11 nights recently. The preaching was enjoyed by all, and the Lord moved upon His people. The church is in a building program at the present time, adding five new Sunday School class rooms. —*J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor*

► **DIERKS, ARK.**—The church here recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Bill Pearson and Hershell Fincher of Texarkana, Ark. Some 12 souls were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also numerous healings. The whole church was stirred as these young men preached the old-time gospel.

—*A. B. Cheatham, Jr., Pastor*

► **PHENIX CITY, ALA.**—The church here was packed to capacity and on some nights there were people outside during the meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson White of Fort Myers, Fla. God gave a very wonderful revival, and in each service the power of God was manifest in an unusual way. Fifteen received Christ as Saviour. Many people who had never been to the church were reached with the gospel message. The Whites also worked with the children, and were a real blessing in every way. —*Roy Johnson, Pastor*

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—*D. Herbert Browne, Pastor*

► **SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.**—The dedication revival of the beautiful new First Assembly of God with Evangelist Watson Argue as speaker drew the largest attendance in the history of the church. The Sunday School attendance also reached a new high. In the two weeks of meetings 18 came forward for salvation, several testified to definite healings, and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Three of those receiving their baptism were from one family. This was the first evangelistic campaign conducted by Watson Argue since resigning as pastor of Calvary Temple in Seattle. His pictures taken on six overseas preaching campaigns were a stimulus to world evangelism.

—*Raymond P. Murray, Pastor*

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**—The first Christian Assembly of God, 220 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 4. C. C. Burnett, former pastor, will speak in the morning. Elsie Nash Elmendorf, daughter of the late O. E. Nash, will help dedicate the Nash Memorial Chapel in the afternoon. M. A. Jollay, pastor of the Riverside Tabernacle in Flint, Mich. (who assisted Brother Nash when he pastored here) will speak in the evening.—by D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor.

# Pentecost — a Day of Beginnings

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ily, but they cannot withstand the witness of men and women who are filled with the Holy Ghost. Did not Jesus say this was the purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? "Ye shall receive power," He told His disciples, "After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." People who have been truly filled with the Holy Spirit have a great desire to witness for Christ. They have an evangelistic spirit. They have a missionary spirit—a vision for world missions. This explains the rapid growth of the Assemblies of God in the U.S. and the far-flung extent of our foreign missionary work. The early church filled Jerusalem with their doctrine; then when they were scattered abroad they preached the gospel wherever they went. People who have a similar experience today will evangelize the world in a similar way.

### 3. *They were filled and began to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.*

This was the theme of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. Having been filled with the Holy Ghost, he stood up before the great crowd of Jews and said, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ." Consider Paul also. Following his conversion and his filling with the Holy Ghost, "straightway he preached Christ in the synagogue, that he is the Son of God."

Philip likewise exalted the Lord Jesus. He went to Samaria "and preached Christ unto them." The predominant thing about all the disciples was the evidence "that they had been with Jesus." There was no self-exaltation among them. They made sure that God would get all the glory. At Lystra the people tried to exalt them, but the apostles objected and said, "We also are men of like passions with you." A man who had been hopelessly crippled had been healed, but the apostle Paul refused to let the people exalt him. Rather than talk about any gift of healing that he possessed he told the people to give God all the glory for the miracle.

### 4. *They were filled and began to give themselves fully to God.*

The Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The Spirit-filled man or woman will be led into a life of separation and service. The Church chose Stephen as a deacon, but the Holy Ghost turned him into a fiery preacher who "loved not his life unto the death." The apostle James also laid down his life for his Lord. This has been the compelling force of the martyrs through the centuries. A person cannot claim to be filled with the Holy Ghost if he is half-hearted in church attendance and in service for God.

### 5. *They were filled and began to have great faith and power in prayer.*

When the disciples were put in prison, their faith was high. They did not grumble but they prayed, and God delivered them. Consider the story of the lame man who sat at the temple gate. When Peter and John came along, he asked an alms; but Peter, fixing his

eyes upon the poor man, said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Today there are churches that cannot say, "Silver and gold have I none," and neither can they say to the cripples, "Rise up and walk." What is needed is an infilling with the Holy Ghost that will bring an infilling with faith. God wants us to have faith and power. He "hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." In Acts 13:9 we read how "Saul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on Elymas, the sorcerer" without fear and removed this diabolical hindrance to the progress of the gospel.

### 6. *They were filled and began to love one another.*

We read in Acts 4:32 how "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . . and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things common." The believers loved one another. The love of God was shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:6) until unbelievers marveled and said, "Behold, how they love one another." If we are filled with the Holy Ghost we will be filled with love. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another."

The day of Pentecost was indeed a day of beginnings, not only for the apostles but also for deacons and laymen and laywomen, such as Philip, Stephen, Ananias, Apollos, Priscilla, and Aquila. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to tap spiritual power from a great new Source. Electricity is a mighty force, but it is only in recent years that men have learned to harness it. Is there more electricity in the world today than there used to be? No, we have simply learned how to avail ourselves of this God-given power and put it to use. It is the same with the power of the Holy Ghost. It has always been available, but it cannot be operative in our lives until we are filled with the Holy Ghost and permit ourselves to be moved into greater service for God. If we have not begun to show these evidences of a Spirit-filled life, let us ask God for a mighty Baptism today.

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# Has Your Sunday School Learned to Walk?

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liness win him the chance of talking further about his product.

Whether the salesman is selling can openers or new automobiles, he is always sold on his product. If he were not sincere, the prospective customer would be the first to recognize it. After he wins an entrance through the door, he is seated and makes himself comfortable so that the customer will relax.

To bring about a common ground of interest and a positive line of conversation, the salesman may take just a moment to talk about something that is completely unrelated to his product, such as family or other interests.

Then comes the selling job. He enthusiastically points out and demonstrates the features of his product. He convinces the customer that it will be

both a benefit and a delight to decide upon the product.

It is to be expected that the Sunday School visitor is completely "sold" on his Sunday School, and also that he can point out conveniences and highlights of interest. He is not there to beg, but to serve. If there are needs existing and the opportunity presents itself, his Bible has the answer, and God is beside him to help.

The visit must be adapted to the situation but it should not be too lengthy. The primary goal, of course, is to bring about a decision to attend Sunday School the following week if at all possible. In many cases, however, the visit will not come to such an end. The visitor will leave literature bearing the name and address of

the church, and then see that the contact is repeated again and again, if there is a good prospect.

After an Enlargement Campaign, an intensive community census, or other special effort is a good time to introduce a permanent year-round program of visitation. Get in the habit of assigning prospects and absentees to workers, or possibly designate one night each week as "Visitation Night." People enjoy visitation after they get into it. With a little encouragement they will continue it as a personal ministry.

These fall months are filled with opportunities. Most Sunday School workers are better prepared now than ever before to launch a full-scale visitation program. The experience and results of past years have provided a volume of suggestions which will make plans more practical and workers more enthusiastic. More Sunday Schools than ever will realize that the link between a campaign and a continuous growth is a program of active and consistent visitation. Consequently, more Sunday Schools will learn to walk, and will thrill to the glorious result.

## The Cost of Being Human

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God has made it possible for the human race, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, to become members of another race, His "new creation." He has condemned under sin all members of Adam's race without exception. To them He has only one word—"ye shall all likewise perish." He has not chosen to ameliorate the lot of a rebellious humanity. They must live on the earth and absorb its disasters as best they can. They must live with each other and bear the penalties of their mutual selfishness. He says, "You can come out of this if you want to." (This is certainly implied in the words, "Except ye repent. . .") Jesus Christ was manifested to show men how to escape. To "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." And this is the only escape. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

It would be impossible to trace that

escape by faith through all the myriad of human experiences, but let me choose one example! There are two men. One has invested his surplus in stocks and bonds thus expressing his faith in a human economy. He has chosen to live in the world and of the world and has made himself eligible for whatever rewards the world offers. But he has also made himself subject to the risks of the world and to the cost of being human. If economic disaster strikes, he has lost everything. The second man has chosen to express his faith in the promises of God and to live as far outside this sinful world as he can. He has treasures in heaven and economic disaster cannot touch him. In a circumstance similar to that of the first man, he loses nothing. That same principle applies through every human experience.

In all this God is absolved of the charge of heartlessness, for He was willing, in Christ, to identify Himself

with fallen humanity. He was made in the likeness of sinful flesh and was, in every point, tempted as we are. This means that He, too, suffered heat and cold, hunger and privation. The tempest blew upon Him and He, too, was in danger of drowning. But He escaped in the same way that you and I may escape—by virtue of a right relationship with God and by faith in His promises. He suffered every risk that any man can suffer and bore patiently the cost of being human. Can we do less? The rewards are far greater than the risks!

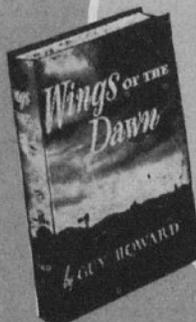
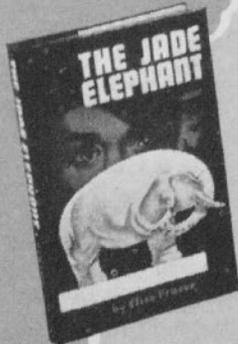
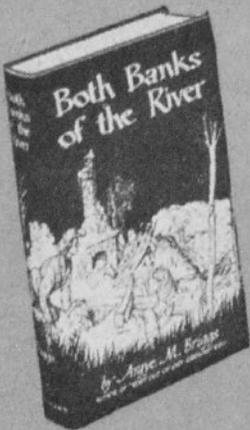
### REVIVAL

A revival is a quickening of the people of God wrought by the Holy Spirit in bringing true and tearful penitence to them for their worldliness and ineffectiveness, and in turning them into Spirit-filled witnesses for the Saviour, with the result that many are led to saving faith in the Son of God. A revival reinvigorates the saints of God, refreshes the church, regenerates the unconverted, revitalizes missionary and humanitarian endeavors, and not incidentally, raises a frightful opposition on the part of those who hate the gospel.

—V. Raymond Edman

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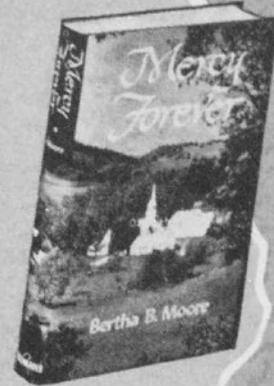
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# How Deep Is the Sea?

by Nathanael Olson

**A**LL THE CONTINENTS IN THE WORLD COULD BE PLACED in the Pacific Ocean and there would still be eighteen million square miles of ocean left over. But the Pacific—even though it is the greatest—isn't the deepest; neither is the Atlantic!

According to the United States Navy, the deepest place is in the Philippine Sea! It is six and a half miles "down." At this point, there are seven tons of pressure per square inch! The Empire State Building, highest in the world, is 1,248 feet high! Twenty-seven Empire State Buildings could be stacked on top of each other in this ocean depth, and there would still be 624 feet of water to spare!

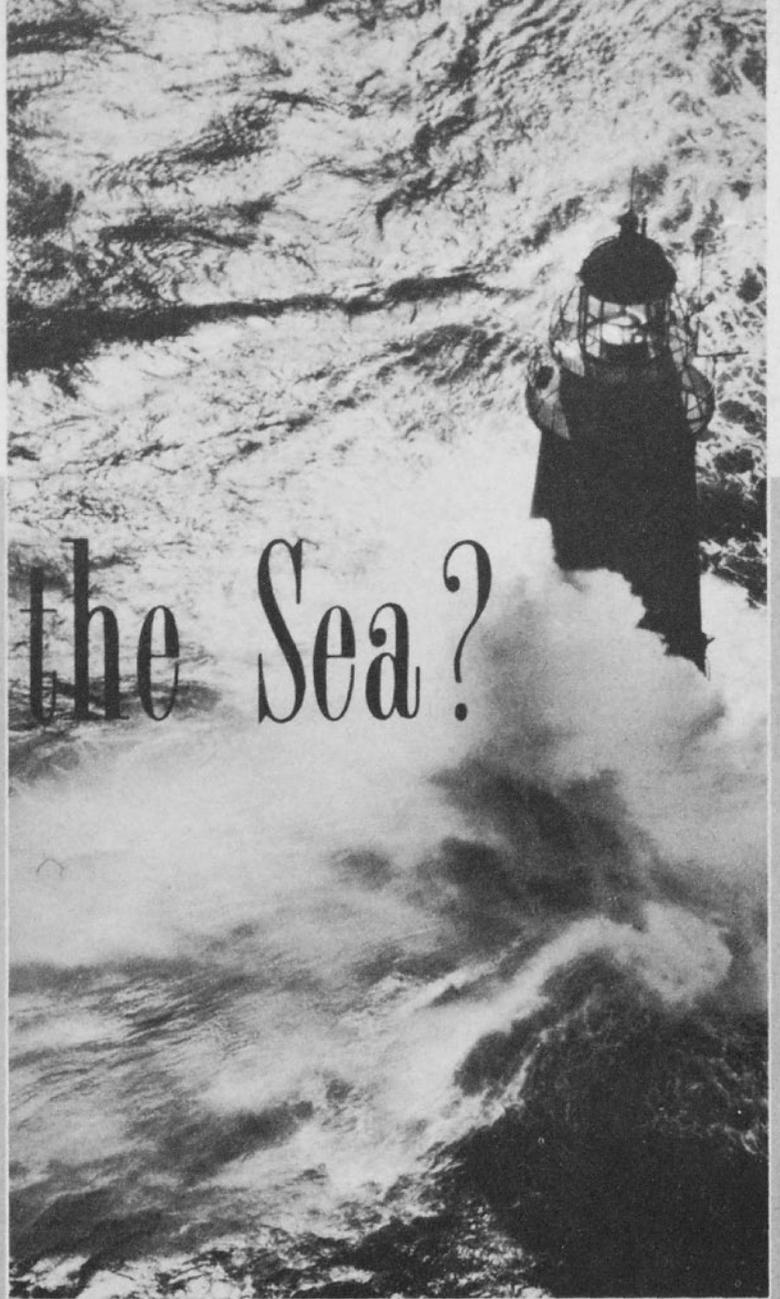
Mount Everest, which has recently been conquered by man, is the world's highest mountain. Its highest point is 29,141 feet. If Mount Everest was put in this deepest ocean spot, there would be 5,179 feet of water above its peak!

Micah, the prophet, said, "Thou [God] wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). That's what God does for the repentant sinner. If you confess and forsake your sins, they will be cast into the depths of the sea of God's pardon. "If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

There are seven tons of pressure per square inch in the ocean's deepest point. In God's ocean of pardon, there is the pressure of His divine love—all the love shown by Christ in Gethsemane, at Calvary, and at the Resurrection. Once our sins are cast in the sea of His pardon, the pressure of His love keeps them in the depths of the past! Ask God for His mercy and pardon, and your sins will be cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness.

A woman asked her friend, "Will you forgive me for the wrong I have done?"

Her friend replied, "Yes, I will forgive you, but I can never forget." How unlike the forgiveness of God! God



forgives and forgets. David, the Psalmist, said, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (Psalm 103:8-11).

David again declares, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he [God] removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12).

In 1909 Peary discovered the North Pole. In 1911 Amundsen discovered the South Pole. But no one has discovered an east or west pole! North to south can be measured; east to west cannot. Therefore, there is no measure to God's pardon, for "as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he [God] removed our transgressions from us."

Isn't God's love and pardon wonderful? Have you experienced His forgiveness through Jesus Christ, His Son? If you do not know that your sins are in the sea of His pardon, make certain of it now. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).