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Testimonies and Articles on The Lord's Healing Power

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Humility and Healing

Plockhorst, in painting the picture that appears on the front page of this Evangel, has portrayed the proper attitude of a supplicant toward his Lord. It is an attitude of humility, trust, and utter dependence upon His love and power. People who take this attitude find consolation, help, and healing in His presence.

Sometimes we poor creatures are tempted to enter into the presence of our great Creator wearing robes of self-righteousness or mantles of authority. It flatters the ego to suppose that we have some merit of our own by which we may gain Christ's favor, or have some inalienable rights by which we may command the Almighty. Our heavenly Father is so kind and patient that He often grants our requests in spite of this presumptuous attitude on our part, but Peter tells us the kind of clothing we should wear when we present ourselves at the court of the King of kings. He says: "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

Our attitude, when we come to God in prayer, should be that of a well-trained child. A good son does not make demands upon his father—he makes requests. He respectfully asks a favor. In this day when parents indulge their children's whims and fail to demand proper obedience and respect it may be difficult for people to understand the attitude that a child of God should have toward his heavenly Father; but the Bible is very clear on this point. It shows that He is to be held in awe and reverence. "Let us have grace," it says, "whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28, 29).

It is possible to have faith that can move mountains without having the kind of faith that moves God. The apostle said, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2). The faith that moves God must be based on love and mixed with humility. It is marked by self-emptiness, brokenness, and a consciousness of our own deep need. This faith will certainly move mountains, for it moves Him who can move anything that ought to be moved.

The story of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus is replete with examples of humble folk who received His healing touch. One of these is the Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28). She asked Jesus to deliver her daughter of a tormenting demon, but He told her that His healing ministry was only for the house of Israel, the children of the Kingdom. He said to her, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and give it unto dogs." She might have taken His reference to "dogs" as an insult; but instead, she took it as an invitation. "Truth, Lord," she answered, "yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." When Jesus saw her take this lowly place, He said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." She had great faith mixed with great humility.

We are not worthy to receive the least of God's favors, and yet He has invited us to come boldly to His throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us therefore come to Him boldly, yet humbly. Let us ask that His mercy and grace may be extended to cover all our shortcomings. He is our heavenly Father and He loves to give good gifts to His children. If we will come to Him with a faith that is mixed with love and humility, He will heal us, help us, and supply our every need.

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*Jesus Christ not only wrought miracles by His power
but also made provision in the Atonement for our healing.*



Healing — A PART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

IN THE BOOK OF JUDE WE READ, "Beloved, . . . it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Among the doctrines delivered was that of healing for our physical bodies.

As I looked to the Lord for that which would confirm and quicken our faith, I was reminded of a verse in the Book of Romans, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I do not want anyone to mistake an emotional demonstration for faith. We have seen people who have sought healing, who seemed to feel they had to receive some spiritual manifestation or had to work themselves into a state of excitement in order to receive healing. You may not have any visible manifestation at all and yet you may have faith in God; on the other hand, you may have an anointing and be greatly blessed when prayed for, and not have any real faith. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that brings healing, and not faith in spiritual manifestations.

I am reminded of a statement made to me by a good woman, who said, "Even if I have not faith, I still have Jesus." I thought that was worth remembering; and after all, if we have the evidence in our hearts that we have Jesus, we still have faith.

There was a Christian lady in my church who had been a schoolteacher before becoming secretary of the church. This lady was stricken with heart trouble, Bright's disease, and became a nervous wreck. This was before I became her pastor, but I heard her tell of her condition. She finally got to the place where her body filled with water, and she could not lie down. Day and night she sat in an invalid chair.

Her sister, living in another city,

wrote to her, saying, "Why do you not trust the Lord? Physicians can do nothing more for you." The sick woman said, "The first thing I want to do is to find out whether the Lord will heal me or not." So she read the Gospel by Matthew carefully, to find if anyone who came to Jesus was turned away, and she found there was not one. Then she read Mark, and on into Luke and through the Gospel of John, and she could find no place where the sick who came to Jesus were turned away unhealed.

Then she turned to James and read where those who were sick should call for the elders of the Church, and "the prayer of faith" should save the sick; but she was a Presbyterian and there were no elders in her Church who prayed for the sick. However, there were a few people in that town who believed that the Lord would heal, and she asked them to come and anoint her with oil, which they did.

Friends expected her to die, and many called on her. She still sat in her chair, and her fingers clutched nervously at the covers, but she announced to all who came, "I want you to know I am healed." They thought this trouble had gone to her head and they were seeing her for the last time, but to all she testified of the Lord's power to heal. After two or three days the power of the Lord came down upon that woman and she was wonderfully healed.

I know of different ones of God's children who had similar experiences of healing, though not immediately. I noticed when Jesus healed the people some were immediately healed by His power, and others were healed as they went. So we find today. If our faith is in Jesus and rooted in His Word we can ask the elders to pray for us; then

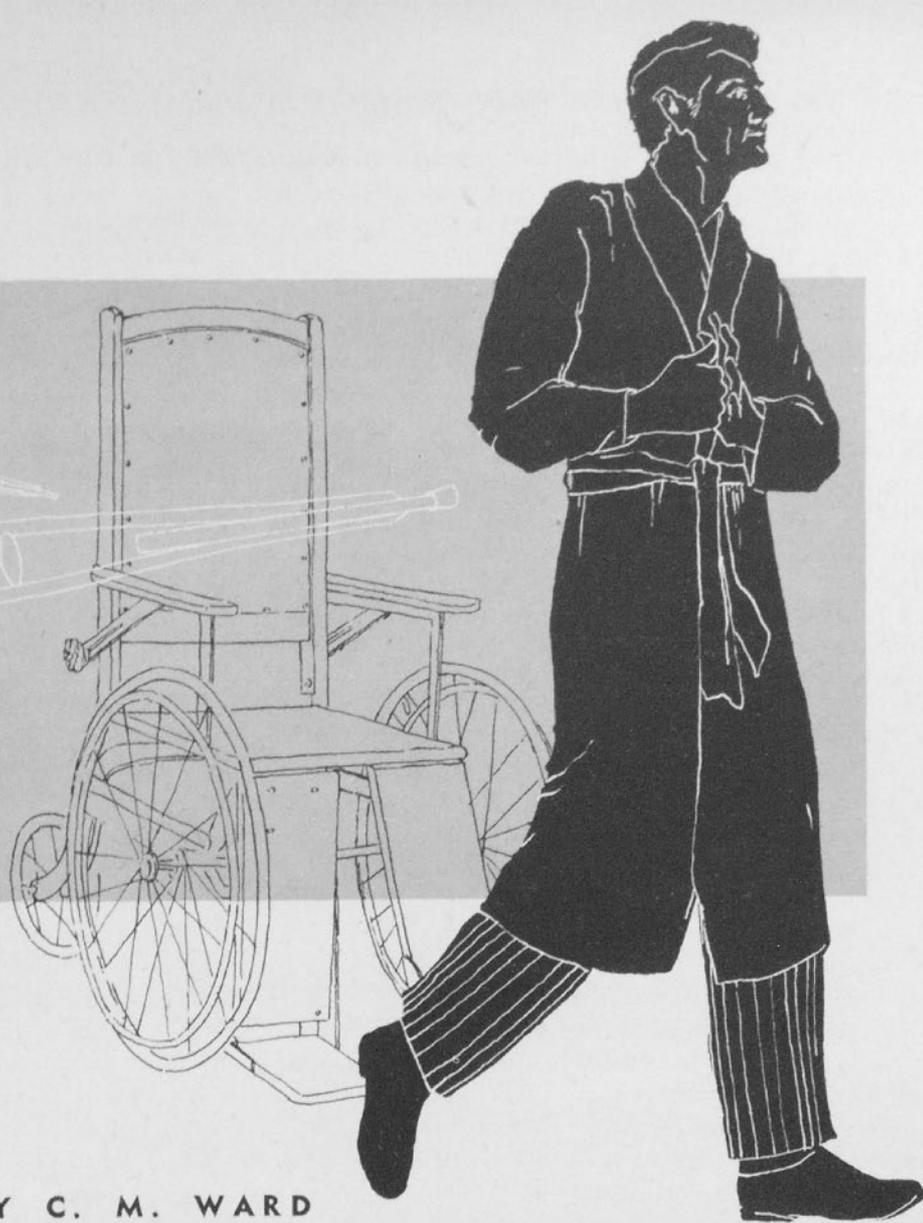
go on our way knowing that God will surely confirm His Word.

Now as a part of what we may call the "faith once delivered to the saints," first of all let us begin with Jesus Christ, the "Author and Finisher of our faith," who is the "same, yesterday, and today, and for ever." The ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ was filled with healing. He healed the blinded eyes; He touched the lepers and they were made well; He gave deliverance to the lame and the halt, and we read in Acts 10:38 how "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the Devil, for God was with Him." I take from this that the Devil must be back of sickness and organic disease, and those of us who are suffering in our bodies are oppressed of the Devil. And so, since Satan seems to be the great power that is back of sickness and disease, and we have a great Deliverer who came to this world for the purpose of destroying the works of the Devil, surely it must be within His plan and providence to heal our physical sickness as well as to save our souls.

I am thankful that the Scripture says God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power to do this. Since you and I have learned to know about the Holy Spirit, and in a measure at least have come under the endowment and quickening of the Spirit, then it would seem quite in harmony with the teaching of the Scripture that we should look to God for physical help, and that by the same power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven the Lord would heal them that are oppressed of the Devil.

I am thankful, too, that Jesus not only wrought miracles by His power, but He also made provision in the atonement for our physical needs, as well as

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— BY C. M. WARD

GOD-GIVEN TWINS

Satan is the merchant of misery, but God is the Giver of mercy. He offers us the twin blessings of forgiveness and healing.

YEARS AGO AN EVANGELIST IN LOS Angeles was preaching to large crowds. Many were being saved and healed. At the close of the service the evangelist said to the people: "Good night and God bless you! As you go, remember you are to be soul-winners. Now that you are saved, *go to work*. Help others to get saved and healed and filled with the Spirit."

In that crowd there was at least one woman who took the preacher's words seriously. She had just been converted, and she knew very little about the Bible, but she decided it was her duty to *go to work* for God. So the very next morning she was back at the church before eight o'clock. In her hand

she carried a conspicuously new Bible.

She presented herself at the church office and said, "Is there anything I can do?"

"Why—what do you mean?" asked the church secretary, in surprise.

The woman answered, "The evangelist said that when we were converted we were to come back and go to work for the Lord."

"What can you do, Dear?" asked the secretary. And the woman replied, "Anything. Just anything that comes along."

So the secretary said, "Sit down then, and wait a little, and we will see what comes along."

In a few minutes an ambulance appeared. Just at that moment urgent business demanded the attention of the secretary, and she said to the woman with the new Bible, "You go, Dear. Go and read a little bit of the Bible to that sick person, and pray with her. Point her to the Saviour first, if she is not a Christian, and then tell her about Jesus, the Great Physician."

"All right," she agreed, "but what shall I read?"

"Read something about divine healing," said the worker.

"I don't know where it is. Show me, and I will go and read it to her."

So the secretary opened the Bible and hurriedly underlined a few verses. The new convert went out, entered the ambulance, and sat down beside the sick woman who had been brought from Long Beach for prayer.

Lying there in her pain and hopelessness that sick woman heard a new convert with a new Bible read to her in quick succession, "I am the Lord that healeth thee . . .," "With his stripes we are healed," and "The prayer of faith shall save the sick. . . ."

Suddenly the secretary looked up. She saw that the woman who had been sick was now out of the ambulance, wearing her dressing gown and slippers

—and heading down the church aisle arm-in-arm with the new convert. She watched silently from her vantage point as they both knelt at the altar. In a few minutes they were both heading back, brushing the tears away as they went. The new soul-winner presented the other woman to the secretary. "Well, she is saved now," she said, "and she is healed too!"

It was the secretary's turn to speak. "Oh, my Dear! It is a cold morning—should you have taken her out of the ambulance?" she asked.

"But I thought the altar was the place to get converted," objected the new convert. And that is the story of one of the magnificent healings that

took place in that Pentecostal revival.

Every believer should be able to pray for the sick. This is one of the functions of the church. God is in the healing business. When God created man He made him perfect, in His own image, without cancer, tumor, rheumatism, goiter, or epilepsy. These things are the by-products of the curse. They glorify neither God nor man.

Never forget that when God, broken-hearted over His wayward children, pronounced the curse, not only death but also sickness entered the world. When man opened his heart to Satan the result was misery. The New Testament tells us this story over and over again. When Jesus touched the deaf mute He said, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him." When He healed the man of epilepsy the record says He cast out the tormenting demons or evil spirits. The gospel declares that He went about destroying the works of the devil and releasing those who were oppressed of Satan.

I do not mean to infer that if you are sick you are filled with the devil. I simply say that no one benefits from sickness as it befalls the human race except the devil. He is the merchant of misery. But our God not only pronounced a curse; He also provided a Saviour. He alone can pay the debt. He alone can cancel the sum of human iniquity. And just as the devil brought in sin and sickness, so when Jesus came, according to the redemptive promise, He brought the beautiful twin mercies of salvation and healing. Wherever He went He forgave sins and healed diseases (Mark 2:9). And He commissioned His disciples to preach this twofold message.

Folk ask today, some of them sincerely, "Don't you think divine healing was only for Bible days? Aren't you stepping out of bounds when you say that miracles should still be performed?"

Neighbor, the arms of the Cross reach in two directions—one arm over B.C. and the other over A.D., before Christ and after Christ. Before Christ's birth the sick were healed. Four thousand years before the miracle of Bethlehem, Abraham prayed for Abimelech and his family, and they were healed (Genesis 20:17). Would God heal 4,000 years before Jesus was born, and then stop a few years after He was born? What do you think?

Look at the pattern God gave Israel:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

Forgiveness and healing go together, just as sin and sickness keep company. When Israel murmured, their transgression brought about sickness and death. Moses cried to God to forgive them. And God heard his cry. Then Moses prayed for healing as well as forgiveness. And the Lord directed him to place a brass serpent upon a pole in the camp of Israel. The cry

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went through the camp, "Look and live!" And everyone who looked received a double cure for a double curse: their souls were cleansed and their bodies were healed.

Neighbor, this is the Bible redemptive plan. Elijah and Elisha prayed for the sick. Naaman the leper was healed before Christ was ever born. It matters not whether you look backward by faith or forward by faith; it has always been the same since God gave the redemptive promise, "Look and live!" The Cross stands in the center of time with one arm over the Old Testament and the other over the New Testament. God says, "I am the Lord, I change not."

To me the troubling of the waters of the pool of Bethesda is one of the sweetest and most touching incidents of God's provision recorded in the Bible. It shows His willingness and His eagerness to heal sick people.

Malachi, the last of the prophets, had died. There followed a space of 400 years without a preacher, and Christ was not yet born. There was no Elisha, Isaiah, Moses, or Aaron to pray for the people, and yet there were sick people on the earth. So desirous was the Lord to manifest this grace that He sent an angel to stir the water of

Bethesda's pool! Neighbor, if God was that eager to heal the sick, I believe He hasn't changed His mind one bit. He is just as eager to heal sick people today.

Then came Jesus! Oh, what a story of compassionate love! We read, "As many as touched Him were made whole," and, "He healed all manner of diseases." Redemption provides the twin blessings of salvation and healing. Placed above my pulpit wherever I have pastored I have always had the words found in Psalm 103, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." That is the message of the Church.

Jesus promised His disciples, "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to the Father," and the Book of Acts records the fulfillment of that promise. It records that they brought the sick out in multitudes, on beds and couches, and laid them at the side of the road so that even Peter's shadow would pass over them. Evidently, as he passed by and his shadow fell upon them, they were healed. There was Paul—stoned and cast outside the city gates for dead, thrown out on the city's rubbish heap to be picked to pieces by bands of roving dogs. But the believers came and prayed for Paul. As they prayed, the Lord raised him up, and he walked more than twenty miles to the next town to preach the gospel. "Greater works?" you ask. Yes, GREATER WORKS!

Friend, Christ has the key to your spiritual and physical welfare. In James 5:14 we read: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." And in the same chapter we are told to pray one for another. It is said of Christ, "As many as touched Him were made whole." Jesus is just the same today. Say to yourself now, "God wants me to be every whit whole." Say it and believe it, because it is the Word of God. That goes for eyes, ears, limbs, spine, head, throat—all of you. The only requirement is faith in God. The promise is still, "Look and live!"

Go, my Christian friend, and pray for the sick this week. Place your faith on the foundation of Scripture and then go forth with full assurance that our God will honor every word of His good promises. ◀ ◀

The General Superintendent Speaks



*The Doctrine of
Divine Healing Is Being —*

Wounded in the House of Its Friends

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE General Presbyters of the Assemblies of God was held in Springfield this year, September 5-7. A recent issue of the *EVANGEL* carried an account of this meeting, presenting particularly the reports which the Executive Presbyters submitted to the General Presbytery. There were several other items of business transacted, however, which may be of interest to our readers.

The progress of the Assemblies of God was highlighted in the announcement that during the past fiscal year (July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956) there was an over-all average gain of 14.8 per cent in our church. We now have 7,771 churches, a 32 per cent gain in six years. Our ordained ministers on July 1 were 8,662, a 29 per cent gain in six years. Assemblies of God members were 418,771, a 52 per cent gain in six years. The offerings for which missionary credit is given for the last year amounted to \$4,315,386, a 76 per cent gain in six years; and our Gospel Publishing House sales totaled \$2,672,492, a gain of 92 per cent in business in the last six years. In these five areas there has been an average gain of 9.4 per cent each year for the past six years. The average gain in all these five realms for the last year (1955-56) was 14.8 per cent. This is a remarkable spurt during this last year, and we give God and all our wonderful ministers and people all the credit and praise.

The 1955 General Council at Oklahoma City established a Committee on

Education consisting of twenty members. The Executive Director and Departmental Secretary of the Education Department at Springfield, J. Roswell Flower and J. Robert Ashcroft respectively, are ex officio members of this committee. The six geographical regions of the country are areas from which three members each are chosen. The recent General Presbytery elected those members. They are as follows: seven school administrators, Bartlett Peterson, Frank Lindquist, Irvine Harrison, C. E. Butterfield, Leland Keys, Milton Wells, and Cyril Homer; other members, N. D. Davidson, Robert Brandt, T. E. Gannon, Charles W. H. Scott, Joseph R. Flower, Paul Emery, Jesse Smith, T. H. Spence, G. W. Hardcastle, Claude Utley, and R. G. Fulford. These twenty brethren constitute the new Committee on Education in which is vested the government and work of the Education Department.

One other outstanding action of the General Presbytery I should report to you. A resolution was passed which had the following preamble: "Whereas there is an apparent need for restating 'the things which are most surely believed among us' and at this time in particular the great truths, including divine healing, deliverance from sin, sickness and Satanic forces. . . ." This was a reference to certain abuses and excesses which are being practiced in connection with "divine healing, deliverance from sin, sickness, and Satanic forces." The General Presbyters were of the conviction that our precious and wonderful truth

of Divine Healing was being wounded in the house of its friends.

Belief in the supernatural is the very foundation of the Pentecostal Movement. Divine Healing is a cardinal doctrine of the Assemblies of God. From the very beginning, God has marvelously honored His Word with signs following, which have included casting out devils, speaking in new tongues and healing the sick. A considerable number of Assemblies of God people were brought into the faith by an experience of Divine Healing in their own lives or in those of their families. Salvation itself is in its genuineness a marvelous supernatural work of God. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a miracle which only God can perform (although the devil sometimes attempts an imitation). Marvelous healings and miracles in human bodies are a definite part of the Pentecostal message and experience. The most thrilling, triumphant and blazing miracle of all will be the bodily and literal translation of the saints in rapture and glory at the return of our Lord. As Christ was be-

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loved among His friends, so the supernatural is beloved among us. Our Christ was wounded in the house of His friends. And lo, it must be related that our beloved truth is likewise being wounded in the house of its friends.

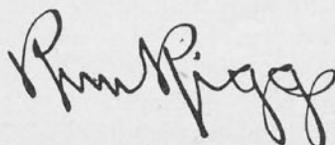
The General Presbytery particularly pointed out that to make the phenomenon of the exuding of oil on the hands, or the appearance of blood on the forehead, or other such unusual manifestations a pattern for future blessings, or a basis for doctrine, or a criterion for discrimination among Spirit-filled brethren by any who claim such experiences, is obviously out of line with Scripture.

Particular attention was called to the emphasis which is placed upon money in many big union meetings. The statement was made that any infiltration of the love of money is a reversion to world conformity. Particular disapproval was expressed of the practice of offering prayers or anointed cloths in return for contributions, and making threats of judgment or disaster upon those who do not respond to financial appeals. What a far cry this is from the simple, sincere trust in God which has characterized our Movement from the beginning.

Regret was also expressed by the General Presbytery concerning the sowing of discord among brethren. We should not reflect upon our fellow pastors or others in scripturally recognized places of leadership, or cause division in the body of Christ. They who do such things are not worthy of sanction or co-operation.

Finally, the General Presbytery went on record as determined to lead our people to "weep between the porch and the altar" and so to seek the face of God that preachers and people alike shall witness an even greater manifestation of God's power to save, to miraculously deliver from sickness and disease, and to maintain a life of consecration and separation unto God.

As our Christ Himself rose triumphantly from His wounding among His friends, so our precious powerful truth and experience of Divine Healing will arise and shake off its travesties and abuses and be a powerful factor in leading our glorious Pentecostal Movement into still greater victories until Jesus comes.



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HEALING TESTIMONIES

Recovers From Skull Fracture

On Tuesday morning, June 19, 1956, I was called to Kansas City, Kansas. Our 2½-year-old granddaughter Gay Ann Nolen had fallen from a second-story window to a concrete walk 16 feet below. The family called a doctor, who immediately called a brain specialist. The girl's skull was dented and fractured from front to back, and her brain was bruised in two places. A spinal tap was made, and blood was found in her spinal fluid. She continued to grow worse, until by Wednesday she lay in a semi-conscious state.

Before leaving Joplin I had called our pastor, S. K. Biffle, asking him to pray, and now I contacted three other ministers in Kansas City for prayer. Prayer

was offered continually for Gay Ann. The next morning Gay awoke, crawled out of bed, and walked down the hospital corridor, asking for water!

The doctor was happy over such a marvelous recovery, but asked that she remain another week for observation. X rays showed that her fractured skull was normal and completely healed. The Lord had delivered her instantly. All praise be to our God, who answers prayer! — Mrs. Nina Riley (grandmother of Gay Ann Nolen), 1601 Valley, Joplin, Mo.

(Endorsed by S. K. Biffle, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Joplin, Mo. He says, "I have known little Gay Ann all her life, and was called immediately after her grandparents were notified. She visited our church and Sunday School the week of July 4; also she has been here the past six weeks. She is a well, active, normal little girl. Surely our God is a God of miracles!")

Cancer of the Bone Healed

In April 1955 I discovered a drainage in my mouth. Thinking that it was caused by an abscessed tooth, I went to the dentist. He advised me to have all of my teeth removed, and on May 20 I entered a hospital for this purpose. But two weeks later I found that the drainage had not stopped.

I returned to the dentist, who took X rays and then sent me to a nose and throat specialist. This doctor at once took a long, hollow needle and washed out my right sinus. The needle went through my jawbone as if it were flesh, and drew out blood and pus. He told me that from all indications this condition was malignant and that I must come back the following week to have a sample of the pus analyzed. Also I must undergo an operation.

The next day was Sunday. In the morning service I requested Pastor Nels Lien to anoint me with oil, and the church to join in prayer for me. I

shall never forget that day. I knelt before the Lord to consecrate my life anew to Him, calling upon Him in my desperate need, and He flooded my soul with peace and assurance that I was healed.

When I returned to the specialist on Wednesday he asked me how I felt. I said, "Wonderful. I don't need any more tests."

He looked rather startled, but proceeded to wash out my sinus again. He tried three times before the needle finally went through the solid bone, and then only a clear fluid came out. He just said, "I can't understand this."

I told the doctor that I had been healed in answer to prayer. He told me that I was the only case in his experience with these symptoms who didn't have cancer. The X rays had shown that the jawbone had been honeycombed, he said, but it was solid now—I had no further need of a doctor.

I am so thankful that the healing power of Christ is the same today as yesterday. After more than a year I am still healed and I give God all the glory.—Mrs. Elizabeth Van Fleet.

(Endorsed by Pastor Nels G. Lien, Assembly of God, Corvallis, Oregon.)

Dominion Over Satan, Sin, and Sickness

BY EVANGELIST RICHARD VINYARD



I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU A FEW thoughts on the subject of *dominion*. The Bible teaches that we can have dominion over Satan, sin, and sickness.

God tells us in His Word why He created man. We read in Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have *dominion* over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth." Our Creator intended us to have authority over every other living thing. Furthermore, the Psalmist said, "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put *all* things under his feet" (Psalm 8:6) and when God says "all" I believe He means "all."

In the beginning, man was subject to God alone. He lived on intimate terms with his Maker and enjoyed the beauties of paradise. His joy was perfect, unmarred by Satan, sin, or sickness. But man forfeited his exalted position by disobeying God's command, and immediately he began to suffer the consequences. Then, in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the purpose of His death and resurrection was to restore to man all the things he had lost by his fall into sin.

When Jesus trod the paths of Palestine He put this power of dominion into action. "All power is given unto Me," He said, "in heaven and in earth," and He proved it by His mighty miracles. All sin, all sickness, all diseases, all afflictions, all demons—yes, even death itself—were subject to the power of Jesus Christ.

In Luke 9:1 we read how He told His followers that they, too, should exercise this power of dominion. It states: "He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

There are various ways to heal the sick. One way is to ask God for deliverance and then to keep on praying until the answer comes, but that may take a long time. Some people have told me they prayed twenty years before they were healed. I had a cancer on my body when I was pastor at a certain place. I prayed for five years before the Lord healed me of that cancer. The thing finally fell off. There isn't a trace of it on my body today and I thank God for that healing, but I thank God also for showing me later on that I could exercise authority over sickness in His Name and claim an *immediate* deliverance.

Friend, this authority over Satan, sin, and sickness is the thing that Jesus brought to the New Testament Church. This dominion is the thing He paid for at Calvary with His precious Blood. It is a part of your salvation and mine. Jesus declared that all authority was given unto Him, in heaven and in earth; and the Bible says that we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

Christ came to reveal to us the plan of the living God and to guide us into that plan. It is His plan that man should take his place of dominion over all things. The Lord wants us to rise above the power of sin and to dethrone

all disease and demon power. We are not slaves to sin—the Bible says, "Sin shall not have dominion over you" (Romans 6:14). We never need to be defeated by Satan, for we read in Romans 16:20, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." We can claim these promises as our own and have the victory here and now.

This is no new doctrine. Actually, there were men and women in Old Testament times who exercised this power of dominion. Let's look at Moses as he faced the Red Sea. What did he have to go on? Nothing more than you and I have—God's Word. God told Moses to take the rod in his hand, to hold it over the sea, and to start forward. What was this? It was man taking dominion over God's creation. He took God at His word. On one side of Moses was a mountain; on the other side was the sea; and the enemy surrounded him from the rear. His only way of escape was to believe God and advance into the sea. Isn't it a pity that so often we have to be crowded into a corner, so to speak, before we take advantage of our God-given privileges? Moses raised up his rod and headed for the Red Sea. I can imagine some of the people saying, "What is that foolish preacher going to do?" "What kind of fanaticism is this?" But, brother, Moses obeyed God's Word and he had dominion over the sea. When a man of faith steps out on the divine promises, God reverses the nature of things. Moses was a man who dared to take his place in God.

Joshua was another man of faith. God

did not even talk to Joshua about it. You know, there are some things that faith will do without a blueprint. Joshua had a fight on his hands, and it was a red-hot battle. He knew that if the sun went down, his enemy would escape. He had to win the victory then and there. (That is the way we should fight Satan and all symptoms, and claim our healing.) So Joshua said, "I am going to fix this so I will have time to lick the enemy to a finish." He looked up at the sun and commanded, "Stand still." Brother, that man took dominion over the elements of God's creation. He commanded them in faith, and God honored his action.

We are going to have to hurry in order to catch up with those Old Testament men of God. We are losing many a battle today because we do not take dominion over the opposing forces—over any elements that stand between us and victory.

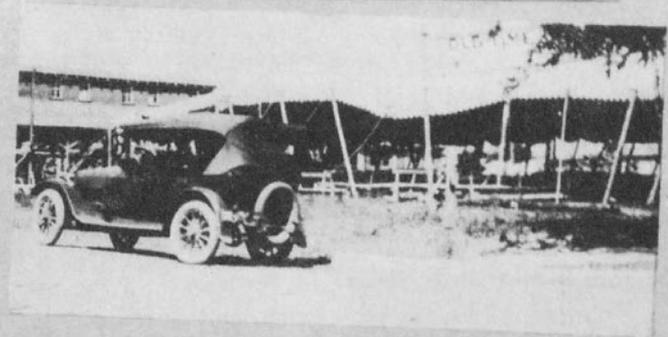
What about that disease that has bothered you so long? You have prayed and prayed and you can't get healed. You have been anointed and prayed for, and yet you are not healed. Listen: you need to take your place in God and exercise dominion over that situation. Tell the disease and all its symptoms to go back to the pit of hell from which they came. Jesus has given you all power over the enemy.

One night I was preaching in a salvation-healing campaign in Pennsylvania. Right in the middle of the campaign I had a heart attack, the only one I ever had. It felt as though someone had run a knife through me. Weak and trembling, I turned white and held to the pulpit. The devil tried to kill me there in the middle of that campaign. The next night I was still very weak but I leaned on the pulpit, opened my Bible, and started preaching. The devil said, "You had better be careful or you will have to go to the hospital. Why don't you close this meeting and take care of yourself?" But I replied, "Devil, I am preaching the Bible, and you are trying to put me to bed. I am staying in this meeting."

I started preaching faith that night, and it wasn't long before the anointing of the Holy Ghost came down upon us. I prayed for the sick, and some time between praying for the first and last persons that night, I was healed. I took dominion over that heart attack, and I never have had another one. *God will meet you, too, if you will only believe.*

And they went everywhere...

Snapshots from the albums of aged pioneer ministers and widows tell us of days that we may have forgotten—or perhaps have never known. When these pictures were taken our Assemblies of God ministers and churches numbered in the hundreds.



1. Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1907, Ladies Prayer Band before a Pentecostal church was organized.
2. Thayer, Missouri, 1915, Church Orchestra.
3. Springfield, Missouri, 1918, National Headquarters.
4. Bedford, Pennsylvania, August, 1919, J. E. Kistler and believers.
5. Evangelist Mary Woodworth Etter, by whose ministry thousands were blessed in the '20's.
6. Dallas, Texas, 1925, Peak and Garland Streets.
7. Muskegon, Michigan, in the 1920's, Full Gospel Mission at the boat-landing.

Should the thousands now attending Assemblies of God churches forget the grey-haired ministers who pioneered our movement? We, nearly half a million strong, should not find it difficult to contribute a little each month to the support of 250 aged ministers, their wives and widows, who are in need. We must not forget them on November 18.

Remember the pioneer ministers on Sunday, November 18.

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Chinese Communists Urged to Tolerate Religion

A delegate to the Chinese Communist Party congress in Peiping conceded that religion "will exist for a long time to come." For that reason he and other delegates said that the Chinese people should have the freedom either to follow or not to follow any religion.

Announce Plans for 111th Universal Week of Prayer

The Evangelical Alliance of London, England, has announced that Christians all over the world are making plans to participate in the 111th annual Universal Week of Prayer. Pastors and congregations in many Assemblies of God churches and Christians of practically all Protestant denominations are preparing for this prayer-emphasis week, January 6 through 13. This time of prayer is an ideal way to begin the new year.

Cigarette Smoking to Hit New Record This Year

Apparently Americans have forgotten the probable cause-and-effect relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, for, according to the Agriculture Department, cigarette consumption will hit an all-time record in 1956.

Cigarette consumption slumped to 368.7 billion in 1954, the year when statistics indicating smoking as a probable cause of lung cancer were so prominent, but climbed back to 382.1 billion last year. Americans are either extremely forgetful or else more concerned about pleasure than health, for the Agriculture Department estimates that cigarette consumption will hit 395 billion this year—almost a billion more than the previous record set in 1952.

Mission Plane Shot Down in Mexico

A Protestant mission plane was shot down in Mexico on September 21. Pilot Ancil Allen, an American citizen affiliated with the Air Mail from God Mission (U. S. headquarters in Los Angeles, California), died in the crash.

Alone in the plane, Mr. Allen was flying at a low altitude dropping Scripture portions and gospel literature. As he flew over the township of San Bartolo Morelos (in the State of Mexico), the plane was fired upon and so badly damaged that it crashed a little later near the town of San Sebastian. Mr. Allen's body was recovered hours later by the Red Cross.

Missionary observers are wondering if this, and other incidents, are indicating an end to the religious toleration that has existed in Mexico. Some missionaries say that the government, previously characterized by religious liberty and an attitude of indifference toward the Roman Catholic Church, is beginning to lean toward the Catholics.

Several recent incidents, besides the shooting down of the Protestant mission plane, seem to indicate that this is true. The governor of the state of Puebla has opened a campaign against the evangelical minority, basing his efforts on the "protection of public peace." One evangelical was arrested for "disturbing the peace." He had allowed evangelical meetings in his home. Another requested permission

to build a church but was told by authorities that "there already exist two temples of the Roman Catholic Apostolic faith in this place, and it is the opinion of the government that in order to conserve public peace and order we cannot give permission for the construction of an evangelical chapel in this place."

(Among the Huixteco Indians in the city of Huistan, the evangelicals have been isolated from both missionaries and fellow-believers for several months. Last July 16th a group of evangelicals went with other men to help build a new bridge for the town. They were taken forcibly to the town hall where an angry mob accused them of "bringing division" and accepting the "devil's religion." They were then beaten and taken to the Catholic Church where police stood by while the priest told them that if they continued in the evangelical faith, they would be killed—and the priest said that if anyone came to teach them more, they would be killed, too. Since that day the Huixtecos, constantly being watched, have been afraid to contact the missionaries or even to talk with evangelicals from other places.)

More Persecution Reported in Spain

Thirty Spanish Protestants assembled recently for a five-day national youth conference at Alicante's First Baptist Church. On the second day of the conference, police entered the church with orders from the provincial governor that the conference end at once and that all delegates leave town within twenty-four hours or the Alicante church would be closed. As usual, no reason was given for the action.

Meanwhile, a recent petition from four Protestant pastors to Spain's dictator, General Franco, pleaded: "We do not ask for equality. But we do ask for at least full toleration." The appeal called attention to "difficulties placed in the way of a Protestant marriage" and to the fact that Protestant school teachers have to be approved by local Roman Catholic priests.

Arkansas Anti-Racing Council Launches Prayer, Vote Crusade

The Arkansas Anti-Racing Council opened a prayer crusade at Little Rock and called upon people throughout the state to join in an effort to outlaw parimutuel betting by their votes on November 6. The Anti-Racing Council, with branches in 74 Arkansas communities, sent letters to church women throughout the state, asking them to pray each morning at 9 o'clock.

The chairman of the prayer committee is T. J. Gotcher, pastor of First Assembly of God in North Little Rock. Brother Gotcher says, "We are asking all Christians in Arkansas to turn to God in earnest prayer for victory at the polls over the evils of gambling in our state."

Christians in Arkansas are urged to put "legs" to their prayers this Tuesday!

New Evangelical Magazine Being Published

Evangelist Billy Graham is giving strong backing to a new evangelical journal called *Christianity Today*, which began publication last month at Washington, D. C. Some 275,000 copies of the new magazine were printed. The new magazine, issued biweekly, is edited by Carl F. H. Henry, well-known author and educator. It is designed for scholars; some are calling it an evangelical counterpart to the liberal *Christian Century*.

A Mission Field in American Colleges

A Protestant church leader says there are now 36,496 students from foreign lands studying at American colleges and universities, and called for churches to take a greater interest in their spiritual welfare.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to send new missionaries to many countries. But if these students from foreign lands can be won to the Lord as they study here, they will go back to their own people as witnesses of the gospel.

"Post" Accepts Borderline Liquor Ad

Christians who have always admired "The Saturday Evening Post" for its refusal to accept liquor ads were surprised to see beer displayed in a recent advertisement. They are wondering whether the borderline ad was carried as a test of public opinion.

The ad, which appeared in the September 15 issue, displayed a certain brand of bottles. It was not an ad for beer but it showed beer being poured from a bottle. In gorgeous four-color beauty it showed a number of glasses filled with beer, and a number of people with beer glasses in their hands. The ad announced that these bottles "keep beer cooler 93 per cent longer" and protect "beer's flavor peak best."

Let us hope that readers of the *Post* will show their colors and register a strong protest against this type of ad. The publishers ought to be deluged with a flood of cards and letters asking them to abide by their announced policy of refusing to publish ads for alcoholic beverages.

Still Waiting for Rain and Repentance

Holton, Kansas, like many towns in the Midwest, has suffered the brunt of a disastrous drought for many years. But residents of the northeastern Kansas community (population: 2,800) decided to do something about it. The local ministerial association called for a special prayer service.

On September 26, some 250 persons gathered at the courthouse steps for a noon-hour prayer service. Most of the local businessmen closed their stores to attend.

Emphasis at the prayer service was placed on the necessity of community-wide repentance and turning to God, according to William L. Cummins, pastor of Holton's Assembly of God and one of the ministers co-operating in the service. The people were told that they could expect rain in accordance with God's promises (see Deuteronomy 28: 1, 12, 15, 24) if they repented.

The prayer meeting was widely reported in the newspapers and many have been wondering whether the rain came. Pastor Cummins, writing to us on October 6, reported that up to that time the community had not received any measurable rainfall (it had sprinkled twice since the prayer service, however), and then added what is probably the key to the entire situation: "But neither have we witnessed a community-wide repentance and turning to God."



Newsstands Reflect Sex-Obsessed Culture

A clergyman who spent a year studying the contents of magazine racks says that today's newsstands reflect a culture that is obsessed with sex. Ralph A. Cannon made the study in co-operation with the board of social and economic relations of the South Carolina Methodist Conference.

In the first of a series of articles in the *South Carolina Methodist Advocate* he wrote:

"Exploitation of sex pervades the magazine industry to such an extent that even high-quality magazines resort to it in some degree.

"The immorality of such magazines does not lie simply in the fact that there is too much unadorned flesh and too much indecent language. More important is the over-all attitude toward sex represented in the magazines that brands them as immoral, from the viewpoint of Christian ethics."

He said that according to these periodicals women are "machines for men to utilize for physical pleasure. Sex is represented as a biological function in the same category as eating and breathing. . . . In these magazines there is no love, only desire."

Mr. Cannon went on to say that Christian ethics cannot countenance a philosophy which treats persons as things. "It cannot accept the idea that sex is no more than a biological function," he said. "Christian ethics insists that sex finds its rightful expression in the context of mature love, responsibility, and fidelity. . . . The entertainment magazines make sex appear obscene by removing it from (this) context."

The clergyman stressed that such magazines are printed for a public which appears eager to buy them and thus newsstands reflect a sickness of society. "It is a sickness for which the Church has the only real cure," he said. "It is our responsibility before God to fulfill our ministry of healing."

Bibles Presented to West Point Cadets

Frank E. Gaebelein, headmaster at Stony Brook School, New York, and president of the American Tract Society, presented the major address at the United States Military Academy at West Point when cadets of the incoming class were presented with specially bound copies of the Bible. The practice has been sponsored continuously by the American Tract Society for the past eighty-six years.

Let us pray that these fine young men, preparing for a lifetime of military service, will not use these Bibles merely as ornaments for their desks, but will read them and find guidance, peace, and the joy of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Reaping Continues in San Salvador

BY RALPH WILLIAMS



Scenes at the baptismal service

FIFTEEN HUNDRED CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS, brought by twenty chartered busses, gathered on the shore of beautiful Lake Ilopango to worship God and to witness one of the most soul-stirring events in the history of missions in El Salvador.

Ever since the day of their decision for Christ in the great campaign, these new converts have been studying fundamental doctrines of Christian faith and practice and have been looking forward with intense anticipation to the day they could follow the Lord in water baptism. August 26 saw their eager hopes realized. This was a day and an occasion never to be forgotten.

The entire group of believers sang hymns and choruses in sheer praise and worship led by Sterling Stewart. Arthur Lindvall spoke to them of God's hand in the extension of the field and appealed for a still greater effort in order to reach the multitudes yet without Christ. Your reporter brought a message from the Word of God on "The Purpose of Water Baptism." Paul Finkenbinder led the group of candidates in a great united testimony of their personal faith in Christ and of their firm decision to serve Him faithfully. This was followed by fervent prayer, and then the whole group entered the water for baptism.

Nine long lines of men and women moved out to the waiting pastors who baptized them simultaneously. There was perfect order and a wonderful sense of the presence of the Lord. *Hallelujahs* and fervent expressions of praise to God were heard all over the throng and many were moved to tears. This was truly the work of the Holy Spirit.

This is the first group of believers to be baptized of the many hundreds who accepted the Lord during the great campaign.

What is the major need now in relation to this revival? Our answer is given unhesitatingly—the greatest need

is the building of the Evangelistic Center for San Salvador.

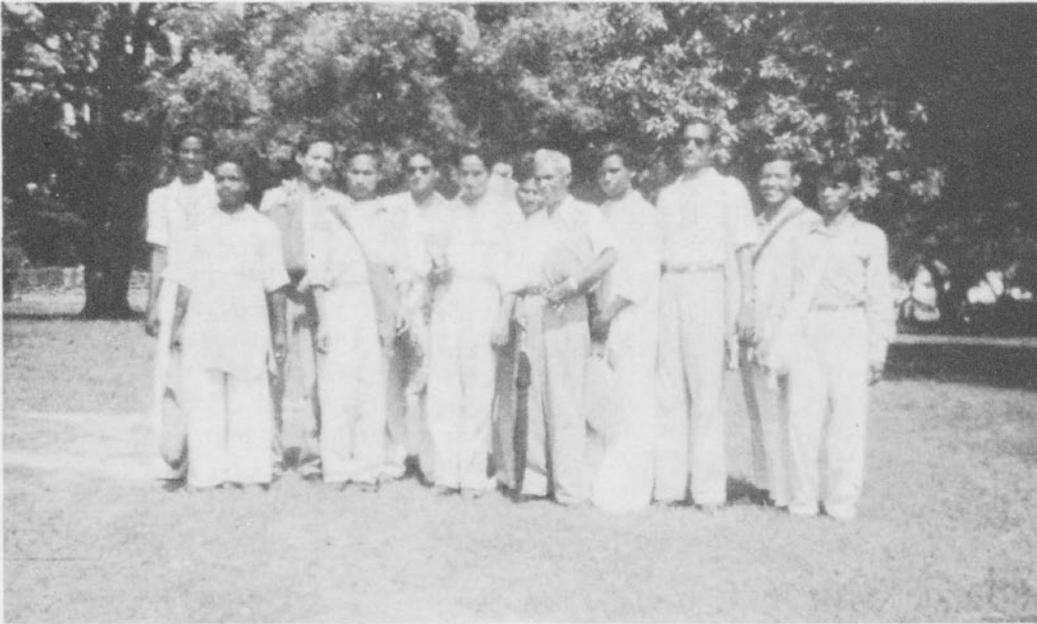
We have begun the building in faith, for we must at least put up a roof to give shelter from the tropical rain and sun for the 500 to 1,200 who now hold their services on the empty lot. This need is urgent both as a church home for these new Christians and as a gospel center from which to reach out to the unsaved of this city of a quarter of a million people. Those wishing to help may send their contributions to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designated "San Salvador Church Building."

An Urgent Need at New Hope Town

We are asking prayer for Lettie Lewis who labors among the lepers at New Hope Town in Liberia with Florence Steidel. At present Mrs. Lewis is in the U.S., physically worn by excess work. She pushed herself beyond her strength and has been very ill. Pray for her full recovery, please.

In spite of her illness, Mrs. Lewis is making full plans to return to Liberia as soon as possible. However, her physical condition necessitated the cancellation of much of her planned itinerary and she advises us there is a great need for certain equipment and supplies at New Hope Town. Several hundred dollars are needed for these items without which the good work among the lepers cannot be continued.

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Bible students going to a "Mela" (religious fair)

Student Activity in Hardoi

BY ANNE R. EBERHARDT, INDIA

THERE WILL BE A 'MELA' (RELIGIOUS Fair) tomorrow near Sandhi," Miss Flint informed us, as we sat about the table for our evening meal. A good bit of discussion followed this information. We considered dispensing with class work to meet this need. It was decided that all of the third-year students should go to the Mela with Girja Dayal, who supervises the practical ministry of the men students in Melas, bazaars and villages. Miss Withers, visiting us at the time, and I decided that we also would go with them.

Early the next morning students were in Miss Flint's office, getting supplies of Gospels and tracts, a record of which was to be kept by Stephen Singh, a graduate of May, 1956, who is now helping in the evangelistic work here and also in the school.

There is good "bus" service from Hardoi to the Mela grounds, and soon eighteen students, two teachers and two missionaries were on their way. As we rode at the "high" speed of fifteen miles per hour over the bumpy road, one of the students started a *bhajan* and soon all voices joined in the song. Passengers listened with keen interest as they heard their own type of music

accompanying these words, in their language—

"Soul, why are you lost in the things of this world . . .

Don't you realize that all you have must be left behind when you die!"

One well-educated business man sitting beside Girja Dayal purchased a New Testament from one of the students. Soon he began to ask questions, and our brother told him of "The Way."

We reached our destination and walked to the Mela grounds where witnessing was begun. We also went to the bazaar where more people were reached. Several students gave brief messages, then gospel portions and tracts were given out. One of the students who witnessed was a Nepali brother. (There are three Nepalis in this third-year class.) Someone in the crowd said to him later, "How is it possible that you, a Nepali, are a Christian? No Nepalis are Christians!" This gave him further opportunity to witness. A good bit of "personal work" of this type was done that day and the two following days in the Mela.

At noon we decided to stop and rest awhile, and to eat the food we brought with us. One of the young men had

stayed behind to bring the food for the students, as it was not yet fully prepared when we left on the bus. He rode the ten miles on a bicycle with a large cooking vessel containing the cooked rice, and another containing *dal*, fastened on the luggage carrier over the rear wheel of the bicycle. He did well to bring it over the bumpy road without spilling it!

As we all gathered under the shade of a large mango tree, we were a happy group, and as we sat there we sang in Hindi, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Hallelujah! Blessed be the Name of the Lord!" Girja Dayal prayed, and then we all ate our food and chatted.

On the return trip, our friend who purchased the New Testament was awaiting us. He invited Mr. Dayal to sit beside him as he wanted to ask more questions. This well-educated businessman was acquainted with Christianity but was puzzled about many things. For over an hour they discussed the Scriptures. We prayed in silence, and as we listened we rejoiced at the wisdom the Lord gave our brother in answering his questions. As we left the bus, our friend thanked Mr. Dayal for the help he had given him. Pray for this soul, and for the hundreds who heard the witness, purchased Gospels and received tracts. Ask God to do a deep work of grace in their hearts.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Esther Fritz returned to India on October 3rd for another term of service.

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Mrs. Elsie Isensee and her two children left for Lima, Peru on October 1 and word has since been received telling of their safe arrival.

Mrs. Isensee and sons

Esther Fritz



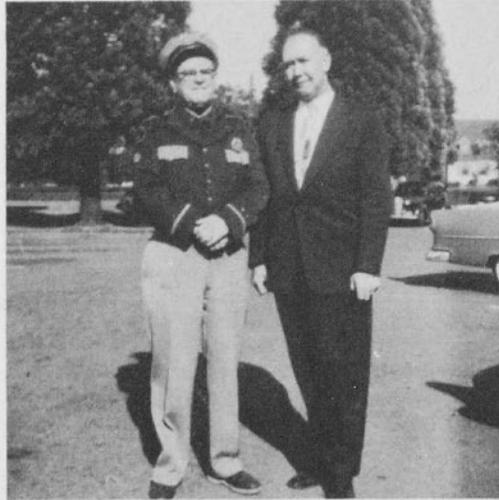
A County Jail Chaplain Speaks

Pastor J. S. Manchester of Glad Tidings Church in Vancouver, Washington, sends the following report:

"It has been my privilege, as Chaplain of the Clark County Jail for the past three years, under appointment by Sheriff McKay, to witness many wonderful conversions among the prisoners. It is my duty as Chaplain to arrange for all of the religious services at the jail, and to counsel and pray with any prisoner desiring help.

"We, the Glad Tidings (Assemblies of God) Church, have one or two Sunday afternoon services a month. We are happy to see so many men respond. At times we have seen 20 to 30 men raise their hands for prayer. Also there have been many who have knelt and openly accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Two fine young men who have been wonderfully converted (and have taken a correspondence Bible course provided by the National Home Missions Department) desire to enter the ministry. Their testimony made a real impression on the other men behind the bars.

"We are so very fortunate here in Clark County to have two real Christian men as jailers—Mr. Albert Forgey, who is a member of our church and also a



Albert Forgey, deputy sheriff of Clark County, Washington, with Pastor J. S. Manchester, Chaplain of the county jail. Mr. Forgey believes in the ministry of the church to prisoners.

chaplain of the VFW, and Mr. Winters of another church. These two Christian men serving as jailers make a good impression on the prisoners. In just the past few weeks a ruling was made that the blessing be asked at every meal in the jail.

"As to whether jail services really pay or not, here is a testimony of one man, Mr. Porter Rose. He is 36 years old, has a wife and 7 children. He had never been saved, and when I first met him he was serving a term behind bars in the Clark County Jail. During one of our services in January 1956 he took Jesus as his Saviour and prayed through to a most joyous experience. He was released in March, short of his term as a result of his conversion. He and his family immediately began attending our church faithfully, and he has received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Also his wife and one daughter and one son have given their hearts to the Lord. Mr. Rose seldom misses a jail service, as he strongly recommends Jesus to anyone in trouble.

"Within the past two months there

has been another wonderful conversion. A man who had been raised a Catholic, gave his heart to the Lord and received a genuine experience of salvation. He has read the New Testament through twice, and studies his Bible and prays most of the time. His life is completely changed.

"We are fortunate to have a man like Sheriff McKay who highly favors and encourages religious services to men behind the bars. He has often expressed his deep appreciation for the religious services conducted here in the Clark County Jail.

"As a pastor and Chaplain I feel there is a great work to be done for these unfortunate men behind bars. I thank the Lord for the joy of this ministry He has given me."

Prisoners Appreciate Bible Courses

The ministry of providing correspondence Bible study courses for prisoners is growing, and with it the opportunity for personal ministry to many more prisoners who are searching for a better way of life.

In some prisons we have been able to work in co-operation with the Protestant Chaplains.

The Chaplain of one state reformatory writes:

"Thank you kindly for the new course which you have sent to us. I would appreciate receiving ten copies of each of the two basic courses. We are extremely appreciative of your willingness to send us these courses and we find they have been a real challenge for the men. We feel that they are blessed for their studies in the Scriptures. We are grateful for your continuing interest."

The Chaplain of another reformatory writes:

"I received the copies of your two courses which I found very interesting. Those men who are engaged in taking these courses and your 'Life of Christ' course have spoken very highly of them. I'd be very happy to receive a number of these, plus any other of your courses which you care to send. I will distribute them as the inmates request them and meet the qualifications.



Porter Rose, who was saved as a result of jail services held in the Clark County Jail.

"I want to thank you and your school for the interest you have shown in our boys and the free courses you are sending them."

Many letters are also received from prisoners themselves who wish to express their appreciation for the Bible courses.

Upon receipt of his certificate which is given to all prisoners who successfully complete the basic courses, one prisoner wrote:

"I am writing to thank you for the beautiful honor certificate, and to thank you for the grade of 98 on the Basic Bible Study Course.

"I would like very much to receive other Bible courses. . . . I hope and pray that you can send these courses to me, or that you can bring them with you when you come to this prison next month."

Another prisoner wrote: "I would appreciate it very much if funds permit to have you send me the new course I requested from you. However, if you feel that I am taking too many courses which would deprive someone else from getting a course, then let them have the courses first, as you see fit. . . . I have only eight months left here and I want every day to count for the Lord."

Of course, we don't want to deprive any prisoner of a chance to make his life better through the study of God's Word. But we are only able to continue our ministry of sending these full gospel Bible courses to prisoners as funds come in designated for this purpose.

We thank the Lord for those who have responded to this need. May God speak to other hearts and cause them to see this great need. Your help NOW will assure the continuation of this ministry. Next Sunday, November 11, is NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY. If you cannot go to someone in prison, why not send a Bible Course?

You can do this through an offering designated for "Correspondence Courses," and mailed to

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A missionary was trying to convince an Indian that he ought to forgive his enemies. The Indian listened, and then, after a period of thoughtful silence, replied, "This Indian no do it. God make new Indian; he do it."—*Selected*



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What is the Church's responsibility to the public school? What can the Christian parent do to raise the standards of the schools in his community?

Christian Parents and Our



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

by RACHEL M. WHEELER,
Yakima, Wash.

THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL HAVE come and gone, and in my heart there is a feeling of great inadequacy. We who are teachers in the public schools of our land need desperately the help of you Christian parents, pastors, and lay members of the church. We need your prayers—but we need more than that.

Are you aware that parents are more responsible for the standards of the schools in their community than any one else? If the school that your child attends has ballroom dancing, it is because parents want dancing for their young people. If spiritual values are stressed in the schools, it is because parents want them stressed. The schools are what the parents want them to be.

May I explain why I say this, by telling you what the Lord has laid upon my heart during the last few years? I realize that we teachers are fighting a losing battle unless Christian parents stand behind us.

In our schools throughout the nation there is an organization which, to a great extent, sets the standard of each individual school. This organization also makes its influence felt as a combined force on a national scale. That influence can be carnal or spiritual, depending upon its individual members.

There is no question but that this organization has tremendous power. It holds within its membership the guiding trend of our educational forces today. The organization of which I speak is the Parent-Teacher Association.

Yes, the P.T.A. has power—power derived from parents. And in many cases its power is *not* being used to uphold a Christian standard. Why? Let me answer that question by asking you this one: Do you, as a Christian parent, attend, belong, and take an active and vocal part in the P.T.A. in your community? I believe that one reason the P.T.A. is not always a force to up-

hold a Christian standard is that many Christian parents have neglected this great duty and responsibility and are not a part of their local P.T.A.

I can cite instances in my experience which have led me to believe that we need you in the Parent-Teacher Associations to combat evil forces that are prevalent today. Multitudes are making sin legitimate and commonplace. We must place and maintain a high standard against sin in the classrooms of our public schools—for it is in these classrooms that the lives of our children are molded.

In a certain school, a P.T.A. was or-

A BIBLE QUIZ

WHO WAS SHE?

Women played an important part in the Bible. How many of these famous Bible women do you know?

1. Who was the first woman?
2. Who was the mother of Jesus?
3. What Moabitess was the daughter-in-law of Naomi, and the great-grandmother of King David?
4. What woman's life was saved because she hung a scarlet cord out of the window of her house?
5. Name the wife of Isaac.
6. What woman known in the New Testament for her good deeds, was raised from the dead through Peter?

7. What woman loved to sit at Jesus' feet and learn from Him?

8. Who was Paul's first convert in Europe?

9. What woman killed a wicked king by driving a nail through his temples?

10. To what woman did Jesus say, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her"?

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4:16-24. (10) Luke 10:41, 42.
Luke 10:39. (8) Acts 16:14, 15 (9) Judges
(5) Genesis 24:67. (6) Acts 9:36-40. (7)
1:30, 31. (3) Ruth 1:22. (4) Joshua 2:1-21.
(1) Genesis 2:21-23; 3:20. (2) Luke
following scriptures:

To find the correct answers, look up the

ANSWERS:

ganized to get rid of a Christian principal and a number of Christian teachers who were on the staff. The basis of their action was that a few parents and teachers wanted to bring dancing into the school—an elementary school. In two years' time every one of the Christians on the staff were either fired or had to resign. Why? *Because godly parents were not on hand in full force!*

I was one of those Christian teachers. God was good to all of us, however, and we found better positions than we had had. It was the school and the children that suffered. The parents and not the children wanted the dancing. If the Christian parents of that community had rallied and taken an active part in the P.T.A., undoubtedly a Christian standard could have been upheld in that school.

A local P.T.A., by a vote of its membership, presented a certain film to a school. The Christian teachers felt it was very near to blasphemy, but they were few in number and their vote was nothing against the larger vote of the parents. What a pity that there were no Christian parents there to stand up against the film!

Remember the battle the children of Israel fought against the Amalekites—how they were victorious as long as Moses held up the rod of God, but began to be defeated when his arms were down? Well, just as Joshua needed Moses to stand on the hill with outstretched arms, so do our public schools need Christian teachers who can help stem the tide of evil that is relentlessly sweeping in upon our young people in these days.

But it was humanly impossible for Moses to hold his arms outstretched without assistance. Exodus 17:12 records the fact that "Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands." We, as Christian teachers, can not keep a standard pleasing to God unless you, as Christian parents, ministers, and laymen "stay up our hands." We feel certain you will pray for us. But is it asking too much of you even to change the night of your weekly prayer meeting, if need be, in order that we might have your influence in the school through the combined power of the Christians in the P.T.A. membership of your community?

The influence of your local Parent-Teacher Association can be carnal or spiritual. Much depends on you—and indifference is a vote for carnality. Will you accept your Christian responsibility?



Our Family Altar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 11

TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold . . . the children of men" (Psa. 11:4).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress (1) God sees us wherever we are and whatever we are doing; (2) those who are wicked will be punished for their sin; (3) those who do right will be rewarded for their righteousness.

QUESTION TIME: What does this psalm say that God loves? (v. 7) What does it say that God hates? (v. 5) What will be the reward of the wicked? (v. 6)

PRAY that we will live godly lives, remembering that God sees us at all times.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14

TODAY'S GEM: "There is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Psa. 14:3).

FOR THE PARENT: The first six verses of this psalm picture sinful man apart from God, and show that no one is righteous in himself. Verse 7 is a prayer for deliverance. God sent that deliverance in the Person of Jesus Christ who died for our sins. By taking Him as our Saviour, we become righteous through Him.

QUESTION TIME: Is there any person who is righteous in himself apart from God? (v. 3) How can we become righteous? (see above) Explain simply God's plan of salvation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 15

TODAY'S GEM: "The righteous Lord loveth righteousness" (Psa. 15:7).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm gives some of the standards of the person who expects to live with God eternally. Verses 2-5 list things that a godly person will or won't do. Discuss as many of these as time permits. Point out that first of all we must accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

QUESTION TIME: What is the first qualification for going to heaven? (See above) What is the reward of the person who does the things listed in this psalm? (vv. 1, 5)

PRAY that we will dwell eternally with God.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10, 45, 46

TODAY'S GEM: "Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Ex. 20:15, 16).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Mark of Honesty" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the children review the story of Zacchaeus. Stress the importance of being honest in all we say and do. God hates all lying, stealing, cheating.

QUESTION TIME: What did Zacchaeus do after he got saved? (v. 8) Of what did Jesus accuse the men He drove out of the temple? (v. 46) Do you think there is such a thing as a "white lie"?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 19:1-7 (Sunday's lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of King Saul's jealousy and his desire to kill David. Then point out how Saul's son Jonathan, David's friend, acted as a peacemaker and tried to convince his father not to kill David. We should be peacemakers.

QUESTION TIME: Who was Jonathan? (see above) What did he try to do? (vv. 4, 5) Did he succeed at this time? (v. 6) Discuss some ways in which we can be peacemakers.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 8:14-22; 9:11-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "I do set my bow in the cloud" (Gen. 9:13).

FOR THE PARENT: After the Flood, when Noah came out of the ark, he offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. Then God made a promise that He would never again destroy the whole world by a flood; and the sign of that promise is the rainbow. Every time we see it, we can think of it as a sign of God's love.

QUESTION TIME: What was the first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark? (8:20) What sign did God give that He wouldn't destroy the earth by a flood again? (9:12, 13)

SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF HONESTY

Sunday School Lesson for November 11, 1956

LUKE 19:1-10, 45, 46

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I will restore him fourfold." This amazing response of Zacchaeus to personal contact with Jesus forms the basis for our lesson on Honesty. Zacchaeus realized at once what many persons never seem to grasp—that rightness with God means putting things right with our fellow man. Consider, then, some of the matters with which honesty has to do—

1. *Willingness to right all wrongs.* Zacchaeus undoubtedly had cheated many in his position as tax collector. He was not commanded to make restitution, yet he felt instinctively that such was his duty. Restitution is not always possible; however, the man who is right with God will seek to make things right wherever he can.

2. *Truthfulness in speech.* Here is the real index of any man's character. If a man will lie, is there anything about him that is really dependable? And lying includes so-called "white lies," "polite lies," flattery, and half-truths which deceive.

This raises a vital question: IS ANY LIE EVER JUSTIFIABLE? Consider the following thoughts: (1) The Old Testament forbids any lie (Ex. 20:16; Prov. 6:16, 17; 14:5). (2) The prophets condemned all lying (Isa. 28:15-17; Jer. 13:25). (3) Jesus denounced all untruth as from the devil (John 8:44). (4) The most severe punishment in the New Testament was dealt to two liars (Acts 5:1-11). (5) The New Testament condemns all lying (Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25; 1 John 2:21; Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:15). (6) Since the Bible tells us that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; 6:18), how can He possibly approve of one of His own created beings doing it?

3. *Fidelity to our promises and pledges to others.* Many of the most successful men in the world attribute part of their success to the fact that they always kept their word. How carefully the children of God ought to do so!

4. *Honesty in the payment of debts.* "Provide things honest in the sight of all men. . . . Owe no man anything" (Rom. 12:17; 13:8). Many Christians seem to have forgotten that these verses appear in the Bible! It may be explained that installment-plan buying is not inconsistent with the above verses, but to plunge into debt above one's ability to pay, or to leave a trail of unpaid bills, is flagrant dishonesty and brings discredit to the cause of Christ (see 2 Cor. 8:21; 1 Thess. 4:12; Rom. 13:13; 1 Peter 2:12).

The great and saintly preacher, F. B. Meyer, on the first night of a Keswick convention, said to the people, "Remember, you will get no blessing here, as long as bills are not paid at home." We are told there was not a single postal money order left in Keswick the next day!

5. *Respecting the property of others.* In Exodus 22:7-12, God gave laws which were calculated to teach the sacredness of another's property and to protect the rights of that property. And Paul said to new converts, "Let him that stole steal no more." Christians will readily admit that it is always wrong to steal, in the sense that stealing means robbing one's neighbor, a store, or a bank. But what about the man who charges dishonest prices, or represents goods as being worth more than they are?

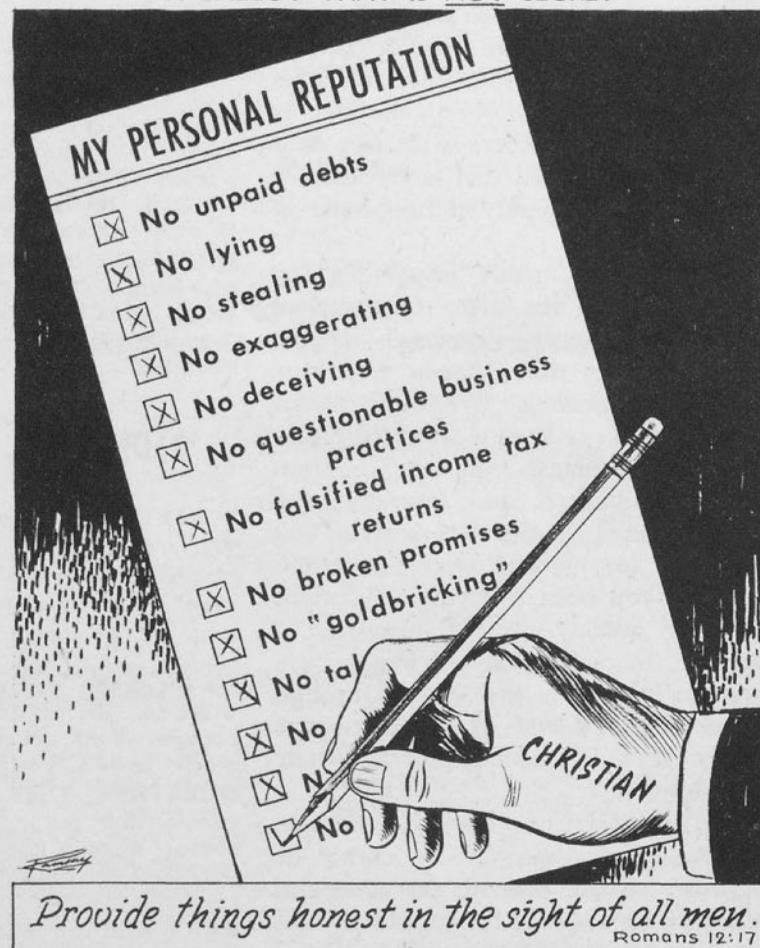
6. *Honesty toward employers.* There is a kind of stealing that is often overlooked (see Titus 2:9, 10; Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-25). We sell our labor as well as our merchandise. The Christian workman will see to it that he renders an honest day's work for his pay. The employee who wastes time on the job, who is slack, careless, and not conscientious about his employer's interests is, according to God's Word, as dishonest as the man who steals merchandise!

7. *Honesty toward employees.* "Masters, give unto your servants [employees] that which is just and equal." A great deal of the world's vice, crime, and misery may be attributed to unfair and needlessly low wages. While a man cannot be excused for stealing because he is hungry, neither can an employer be excused for putting temptation in the way of an employee by paying him an insufficient wage! The words "just and equal" do not mean the same thing to every man; however, they do imply charity and generosity.

Jesus said, "I am the truth," and we, by the inworking of the Holy Spirit, are to be reproductions and personifications of His own nature and likeness. Will our lives stand the test of absolute honesty and righteousness in His sight?

—J. Bashford Bishop

A BALLOT THAT IS NOT SECRET



LUTHER and SATAN

BY OSWALD J. SMITH

EVERYWHERE I GO I MEET MEN AND women who have reformed. They once lived sinful lives but now they have renounced their sinful ways. Drunkards have become sober, thieves honest, and the immoral, pure. And that is fine, as far as it goes.

But reformation is not regeneration. You may dress a private in the uniform of an officer, but he is still a private. To put a pig in a parlor does not change its nature; it is still a pig and it will soon prove it. As a matter of fact the old nature cannot be patched up, for there is no spark of divine life in any man.

Suppose you run up a bill at the grocery store and then start to pay cash—will the fact that you are now paying cash settle your debt? Of course not; it is still on the books and you will have to do something about it. Reformation, I say, is not regeneration.

Men talk of "turning over a new leaf," which is absolute folly. The schoolboy makes a blot of ink on his copybook and at once turns over a fresh page, clean and white. His teacher comes along to see his work, and the new leaf is splendid. But she wants to see what has been done already; and when she turns back the page, she sees the awful blot of ink.

It is all very well, my friend, to turn over a new leaf, but what about the old ones? Each must be accounted for; every one will be turned back. "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:14).

"But what about *your* record?" exclaims someone. "Have you no blots of sin on your life, and are you not afraid to have God turn back the pages?" Ah, yes, my friend, I have, for "all have sinned." And yet I am not afraid. "Why?" you ask. Well, let me tell you about Martin Luther.

The devil, so the story goes, at one

time came to Luther with a great scroll in his hands, written on both sides.

"What is this?" asked Luther.

"This," replied Satan, "is the record of your sins."

Very closely Luther examined the document, and found the devil's answer to be true, only too true. In fact, sins he had long since forgotten were there recorded, and he had to admit that he was guilty.

"Well," responded Luther, at length, "and is this all?"

"Oh, no," exclaimed his satanic majesty. "There is yet another."

"Go," said Luther, "bring it to me."

In a few moments the devil returned with a second scroll similar to the first. And again the great reformer had to plead guilty.



WALK BESIDE ME

Walk beside me, O my Saviour,
Through the morning's sparkling dew,
Then as daylight grows still brighter,
For each task my strength renew:
When the evening spreads its shadows
O'er the way that I must go,
Still thy presence close beside me
Will to me sweet peace bestow.

Walk beside me, O my Saviour,
Through this darkening vale of tears,
For if Thou art close beside me
My faint heart can keep no fears:
When at last the morning breaketh
In the land of endless day,
Still my prayer shall be, dear Saviour,
Walk beside me all the way.

—L. P. Lehman, Jr.

"Is this all?" inquired Luther.

"No, there is one more," said Satan.

"Go, then; bring it too," commanded Luther.

Soon the devil returned with a third scroll, which Luther scanned.

"Yes," admitted he, "these are all my sins. I committed them, every one. Are there any more?"

"No," answered Satan, "these are all."

Quietly Luther reached over to his desk, and taking up a pen he dipped it in a bottle of red ink. Then, taking the scrolls one by one, he wrote triumphantly across each one these words:

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

With a look of disappointment and rage on his face, the devil turned and disappeared.

So, my friend, I too have sinned, and I like Luther am guilty. But, thank God, years ago I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and He washed my sins away. And now I too can write across the pages of my poor, unworthy life those wonderful words: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." My sins are blotted out and they will never again be remembered against me. God sees me in His Son, clothed in the faultless righteousness of Jesus Christ. My sins are all under the Blood.

My friend, what about you? Has God dealt with *your* sin? Have you been regenerated? Have you been born from above? Or have you merely reformed? When you meet God, will it be in the filthy rags of your own righteousness or in the spotless robe of Jesus Christ? Have you a new nature? Have old things passed away and all things become new, or are you still unchanged?

These are the questions you must answer, for unless you accept Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour you will perish, no matter how good you are. You must take Him. Will you do it? Do it, and do it NOW.

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT HELL

BY D. L. MOODY

JESUS SAID: "THE BEGGAR DIED, AND was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, *Son, remember. . .*" (Luke 16:22-25).

I believe that what is going to make hell so terrible to those that have lived in a gospel land, is to think what they might have been, to think how they might have spent eternity in that world of light.

We read in this portion of scripture that this rich man is in another world. His soul has left the body, he has gone beyond time, and he is now in another world. Some people say that when we preach about hell it is only to terrify the people—only to alarm them. Now I am no alarmist, and if I could terrify any one, and try to scare them into the kingdom of God, I would not. But at the same time, if I am to be a messenger for God, I must tell the whole message—I must not keep back any part of the Word of God. The same Christ that tells us of heaven with all its glories, tells us of hell with all its horrors; and no one will accuse Christ of drawing this picture merely to terrify people, or to alarm them.

A TERRIBLE PICTURE

This picture is one that He has drawn Himself. I have some sermons about hell, but I never read one more terrible than this one. I have never seen a picture drawn more fearful than this one. The rich man, "clothed in purple and fine linen," "fared sumptuously every day" while he was in this

world; but we catch a glimpse of him in another world, and we find him there lifting up his voice in hell, and crying in torment.

Some tell us there is no hell, and some say there is no heaven. If I had to give up one, I would have to give up the other. The same Bible that tells us of heaven tells us of hell. The same Saviour that came down from heaven to tell us about heaven, tells us about hell. He speaks about our escaping the damnation of hell, and there is no one that has lived since that could tell us as much about it as He.

If there is no hell, let us burn our Bibles. Why spend so much time studying the Bible? Why spend so much time and so much money in building churches? Let us turn our churches into places of commerce or of amusement. Let us eat and drink and be merry, for we will soon be gone if there is no hereafter. Let us build a monument for Paine and Voltaire. Let us build a tomb over Christianity, and shout over it, "There is no hell to receive us, there is no God to condemn us; there is no heaven, there is no hereafter!"

A SOLEMN MATTER

If there is a heaven and a hell, then let us act as God would have us act. God was in earnest when He gave Christ to die for us. Christ was in earnest when He went to Calvary and suffered that terrible death—it was to save us from that terrible hell. If I believed there was no hell, you would not find me going from town to town, spending day and night preaching and proclaiming the gospel, and urging men to escape the damnation of hell. I would take things easy.

Oh, my friends, I cannot but believe it! And if you are in doubt about it, why not be honest? If you believe you

have a Creator, why not ask Him to give you light about the future? There was a time when I did not believe it; but God revealed it to me. It is a matter of revelation. It is Satan that is telling us there is no hereafter and no hell, because the Word of God teaches it so plainly. And if there is a hell, we had better find it out before we get there. God is not to be trifled with. Think of this man in that lost world crying for one drop of water, and then asking Abraham to send one to comfort him; but Abraham replied that there was a gulf fixed that no man could cross! God has fixed that gulf.

The time is coming when there will be a separation. The time is coming when that praying wife and that godless, Christless husband shall be separated. The time is coming when that godly, sainted mother will be lifted up to heaven, and that scorning, infidel son will be cast down to hell unless he is wise and accepts salvation.

Now the thought I want to bring out is this—there is *memory in hell*. What did Abraham say to this man? "Son, remember." Oh, may this text be engraved on your heart!

"Son, remember." God wants you to wake up and remember before it is too late. It is a good deal better for a man to be wise, and stop and think while he has the privilege of changing his mind, if he is wrong, than it is to go on like a madman and be cast into the prison-house of hell. Then he will have to think; yes, memory will be keen then to act, but it will be too late to make any change.

I have twice been at the point of death. I was drowning once, and just as I was going down the third time I was rescued. In the twinkling of an eye my whole life came flashing across my mind. I cannot tell you how it was. I

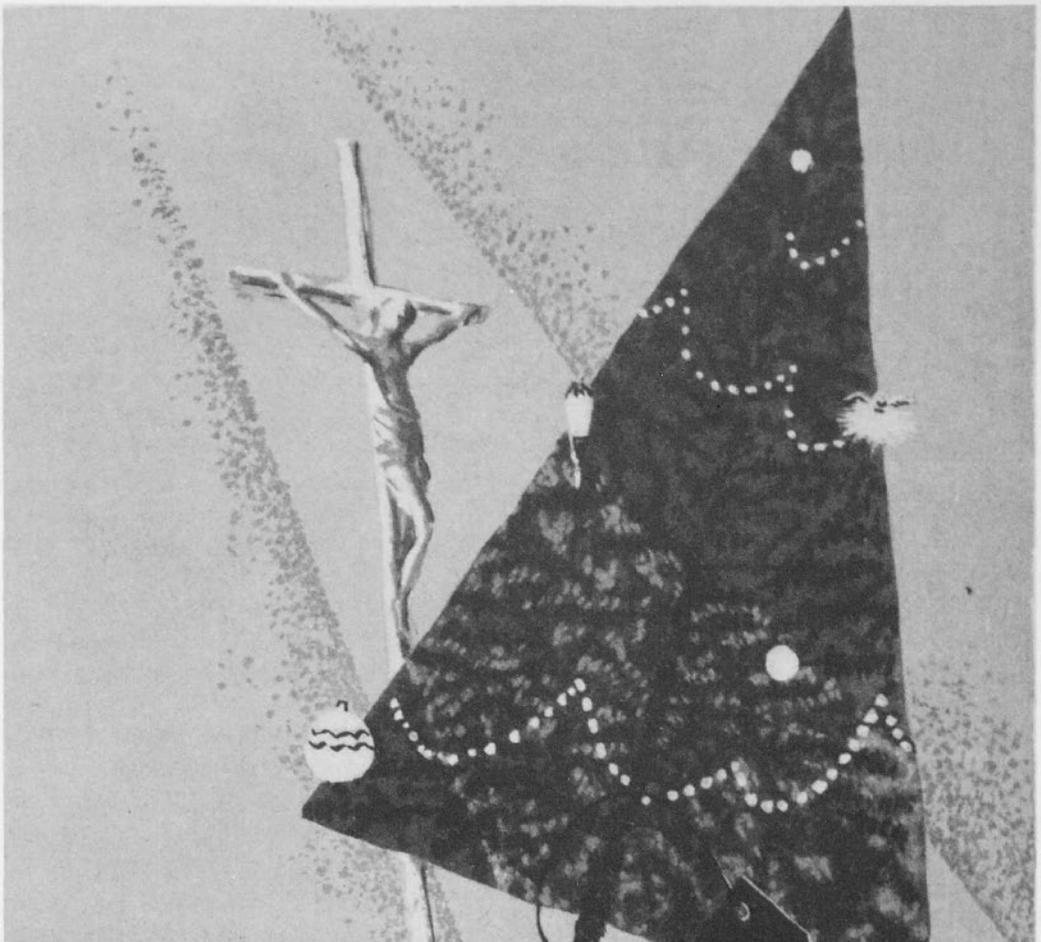
cannot tell you how a whole life can be crowded into a second of time; but everything I had done from my earliest childhood came flashing across my mind. And I believe that when God touches the secret spring of memory, every one of our sins will come back, if they have not been blotted out by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they will haunt us as eternal ages roll on. We talk about our forgetting, but we cannot forget if God says, "Remember!" We talk about the recording angel keeping the record of our life. I have an idea that when we get to heaven or into eternity, we will find that recording angel has been ourselves. God will make every one of us keep our own record. These memories will keep the record, and when God shall say, "Son, remember," it will all flash across our mind. It won't be God who will condemn us, it will be ourselves. We shall condemn ourselves, and we shall stand before God speechless.

There is a man in prison. He has been there five years. Ask that man what makes the prison so terrible to him. Ask him if it is the walls and the iron gates—ask him if it is his hard work, and he will tell you *no*; he will tell you that what makes the prison so terrible to him is *memory*. And I have an idea that if we got down into the lost world, we would find that is what makes hell so terrible—the remembrance that they once heard the gospel, that they once had Christ offered to them, that they once had the privilege of being saved, but they made light of the gospel, they neglected salvation, they rejected the offer of mercy and now if they would they could not.

TOO LATE!

We find this rich man had a missionary spirit when he got to this place of torment, for he said, "Send someone to my father's house, and warn my five brethren. Oh, send someone to tell them not to come to this place of torment!"

Yes, it would have been better if he had had a missionary spirit before he had come there! It would be better for you that you should wake up and come to the Lord Jesus Christ, and go to work to save your friends while you are on praying ground, and in this world. Your missionary spirit won't help you when you are in hell; it won't help you when you are in the lost world. Yes, memory, memory! "Son, remember."



the Price of a TREE

Did you know that in a recent year we Americans spent \$50,000,000 for Christmas trees? And then hung them with \$90,000,000 worth of baubles?

That was more than all members of all denominations gave for Christian missions the same year!

However, there are those who make more than a fir-and-tinsel acknowledgment of Christ. Our home missionaries labor faithfully in difficult places. Their sacrifice for the Saviour often separates them from home and fireside — from the abundance of good fellowship and good things most of us enjoy.

You can gladden their hearts and make your own Christmas more meaningful by remembering them. The price of a Christmas tree from each of us is all it will take to supply a worthwhile cash Christmas gift for them. Designate your gift, "HOME MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING," and send it today, so that even those in Alaska may have their gifts by Christmas.



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The Healing

BY EVANGELIST

THESE ARE CASES RECORDED IN THE Bible where Jesus touched the sick and needy, and diseases and afflictions departed from them. There are other instances where people sought to touch Jesus for healing, and "as many as touched Him were made perfectly whole." Whether Jesus touched the sufferer or the sufferer touched Jesus, contact with Jesus did something for that person. And it always does, for out of this One, in whom life throbs in its fullness, through a touch is released a mighty, surging stream of life-giving virtue.

A poor, weak woman, whose body was wasted and debilitated by an issue of blood of twelve years continuance, found this to be true (Mark 5). Medical skill had given her up. Her health, her hopes, her pocketbook were drained. An incurable disease was bringing her to the grave.

But she heard of Jesus. News had drifted her way about a great Healer who was traveling around the countryside. Through His power all manner of diseases were leaving the bodies of people. Blind eyes were being opened; the deaf were receiving healing; the lame were walking.

Expectancy rose high in her heart. "I'm going to hunt Him up," she said to herself. "What if I have been ill all these years! If He can open blind eyes and raise the dead, He can heal my issue of blood. Why, He is so full of power, His very clothes will be saturated with healing energy. If I can just put my finger tips upon the hem of His robe, that will be enough; I'll get my healing."

"If I may touch but His clothes!" Perhaps if it had been some of us we might have said, "If I can only talk to Jesus! If I can have a personal interview with the Prophet!" It is one thing to talk to an individual, and another thing to touch that one. You can talk to someone from a distance but you must come close to touch the person.

So great was her confidence in Jesus that she pressed her way through the

"He was wounded for our transgressions . . . bruised for our iniquities, . . . and with His stripes we are healed."

multitude to get to Him. Difficulties could not hinder. Crowds could not hold her back. Having passed the obstacles she reached out her frail, trembling hand and touched the hem of His garment. She could have touched His sleeve without bending, but she had to stoop to touch the hem of His garment. As she touched Him, it was like touching a dynamo. A Divine healing current rushed into her body. It traveled through her bony fingers, right on through every avenue of her being. The flow of blood stopped. The weakness, the languor, the exhaustion left. She was a well woman. Well again! WELL! It was twelve long years since she had felt like this.

And what did Jesus say to her? "Daughter, MY VIRTUE hath made thee whole? MY POWER hath made thee whole? My touch, My faith, My clothes, the hem of My garment"? No, none of these! In fact, He attributed her healing not to something on His part but to something on hers. "Daughter, THY FAITH hath made thee whole." It was more than the touch of her finger—it was the touch of faith which had made her whole.

"But," you say, "that was back in Bible times. Do you suppose I can touch Jesus and be made whole today?" You most certainly can. If, as the woman of the Bible, you place unquestioning, unshakeable faith in Jesus, come close to Him, and stoop low enough to touch the hem of His garment, His vitalizing virtue will flow through your mortal body in quickening healing efficacy.

It seems to me the most pathetic cases of illness are the chronic ones—the stubborn, unyielding ailments of long standing, the incurable conditions. And there are so many of these. Earthly

help has failed. Remedies have proved futile. Hope has vanished. Victims have become resigned to their fate.

In fact, from my experience among many sick folk I have decided that there are some people who rather enjoy being sick. Of course, they wouldn't want to be TOO sick—not sick enough to die, or anything like that. But they would miss it if they couldn't tell the neighbors every morning how the old rheumatism is, or what a struggle they had to sleep last night.

Dear suffering one, there is healing for all who earnestly desire to be healed. Have you heard of Jesus? The Bible says that He "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." He bore our sicknesses, so we don't need to be carrying them around. Do you know what the Lord can do for you? The Bible says that He "forgiveth all thine iniquities;" He "healeth all thy diseases." You not only can have EVERY sin forgiven, you can have EVERY sickness healed—not three-quarters or seven-eighths of them but "ALL thy diseases," even the most defiant ones. "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?" It is as easy for Jesus to heal the sick as it is for Jesus to forgive the sinner. There is nothing too hard for Him.

But you must come close to touch Jesus. And there are many things in the press of life conspiring to hinder—preconceived ideas and opinions, fears, anxieties, doubts, difficulties, discouragements. Or it may be the bigness of symptoms presents an insurmountable barrier to receiving healing. We too often look at aches, pains, the severity of the physical condition, rather than the greatness of the power of our living, loving Lord. And keeping our eyes

Touch

LOUISE NANKIVELL

upon symptoms and feelings has a tendency to injure or destroy faith.

In my earlier Christian experience a growth appeared on my face, just below one eye. Gradually it grew, until it was as large as a good-sized pea, and it was hard as a stone. Feeling that it didn't improve my looks, I made arrangements to have it cut out.

The way opened to take a vacation in a city where a well-known healing evangelist was praying for the sick, so I postponed the removal of the growth. The final night service of the campaign was over. The tent was practically empty, but, as the evangelist was still moving about the platform, I asked for prayer. Laying both hands on my face, she prayed, at the same time pushing my head backward rather abruptly. It didn't seem like very good treatment, but I recalled the words of the Lord Jesus, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

I had already decided nothing could be gained by watching the growth, so Monday morning I refused to let my eyes fall upon it when I combed my hair at the mirror. The glory of the Lord welled up in my heart, and I said, "Lord, last night when hands were laid upon that growth, You healed it. Thank You, Lord, for healing me." On Tuesday morning I was so careful when I combed my hair. I just didn't want to look at my face to see whether the growth was there or not. But I did praise the Lord for my healing. "Lord," I said, "You healed that growth when I was prayed for on Sunday night." On Wednesday I thanked the Lord again for healing me. Daily I kept praising the Lord for healing me that Sunday night.

Three weeks went by. One morning, all unthinkingly, I beheld my face in the mirror—and to my great joy, the growth was half gone. At the end of six weeks it had completely disappeared, and there never has been a

trace of the growth from that day to this.

You may be saying, "Well, that growth was only a very small thing." Perhaps it was; but it might have seemed larger if it had been on YOUR face. At any rate, this incident so inspired my faith, that, as a young handmaiden of the Lord starting out to preach the gospel, I had confidence that if Jesus could remove that stone from my face, there wasn't anything that He could not do.

Many times folk have been enabled to touch Jesus in faith for healing when hands have been laid upon them in prayer. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Not "some" sick, but "the" sick! If Jesus had said, "They shall lay hands on *some* sick," God's servants wouldn't know for which ones to pray. But He said "the" sick; and if you are sick, that means YOU. And His promise is that you "shall recover."

But does that passage hold good for the present hour? Why not? The very same Christ who said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," declared in almost the same breath, "they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." If one statement is true, the other is true. If people can be saved today, people can be healed today. The two pronouncements of the Lord Jesus stand or fall together.

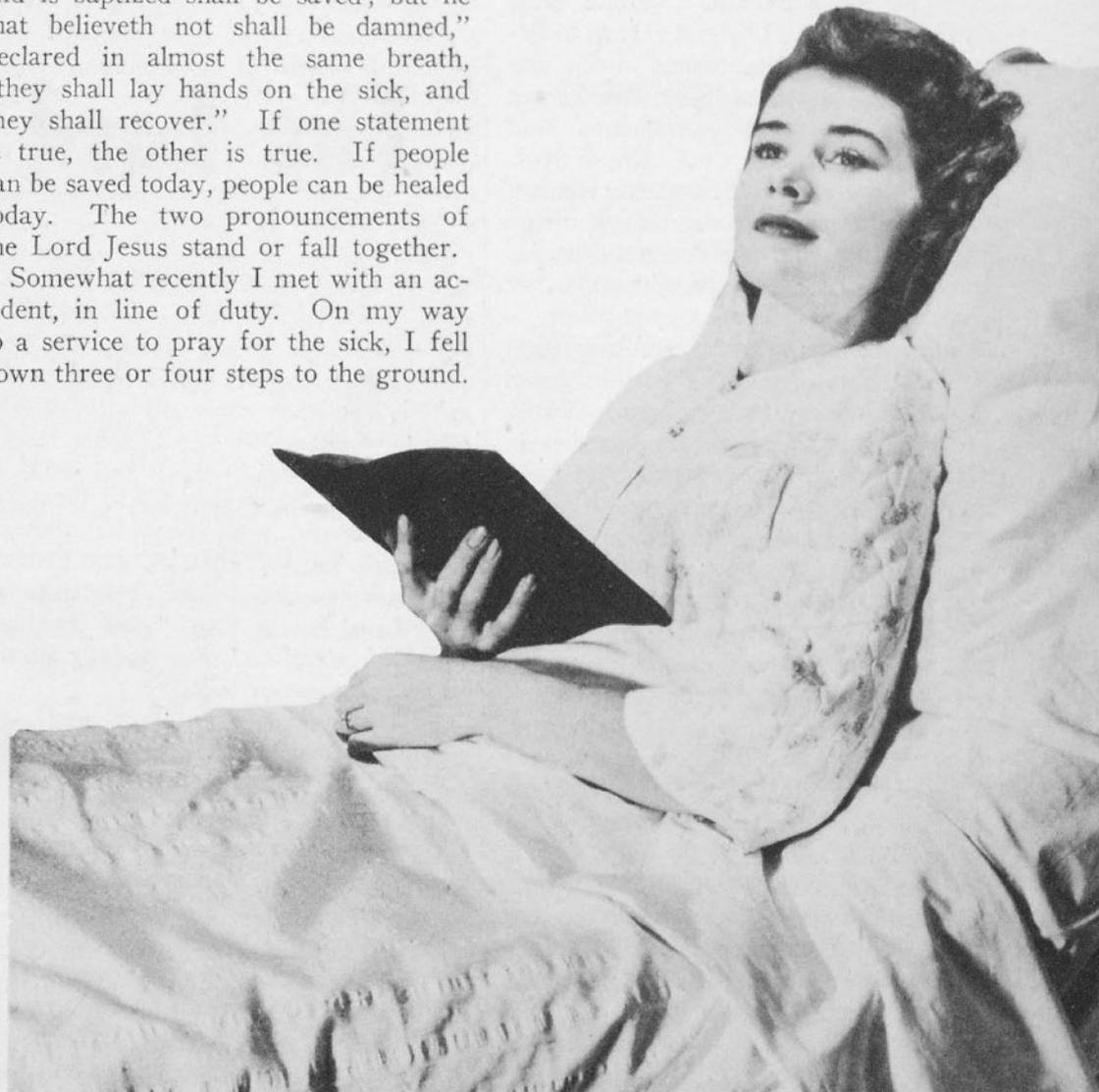
Somewhat recently I met with an accident, in line of duty. On my way to a service to pray for the sick, I fell down three or four steps to the ground.

After picking myself up, I found one hand was paining terrifically. The fingers looked askew. I tried to pull them into place and straighten them out as best I could. The Lord and I were out under the stars together—alone. Putting my injured hand into His great hand, I took dominion over the injury just as I had done so many times in ministering to the needs of others.

X rays showed a badly broken hand—two-thirds through the hand in the thickest place below the fingers. Can you imagine what a heartache this could be for one in the deliverance ministry praying for the sick every night? Did I give up meetings? No. I laid my hands upon the sick and prayed for them the night I broke my hand, and continued to do so in every service right on through future meetings.

Four months passed. My hand was in bad shape. I couldn't straighten the fingers out to lay the hand flat upon

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a table. Neither could I close the hand. It was a struggle even to touch the finger tips to the end of the thumb. According to medical authority, I had made a mistake in not having the hand put in a cast. It would never bend any further, never close again, by all appearances.

What a trial of faith! Nor did it lend any encouragement, in those trying days, to have more people than ever come through the healing lines with hands permanently disabled from having either the hand or the wrist broken.

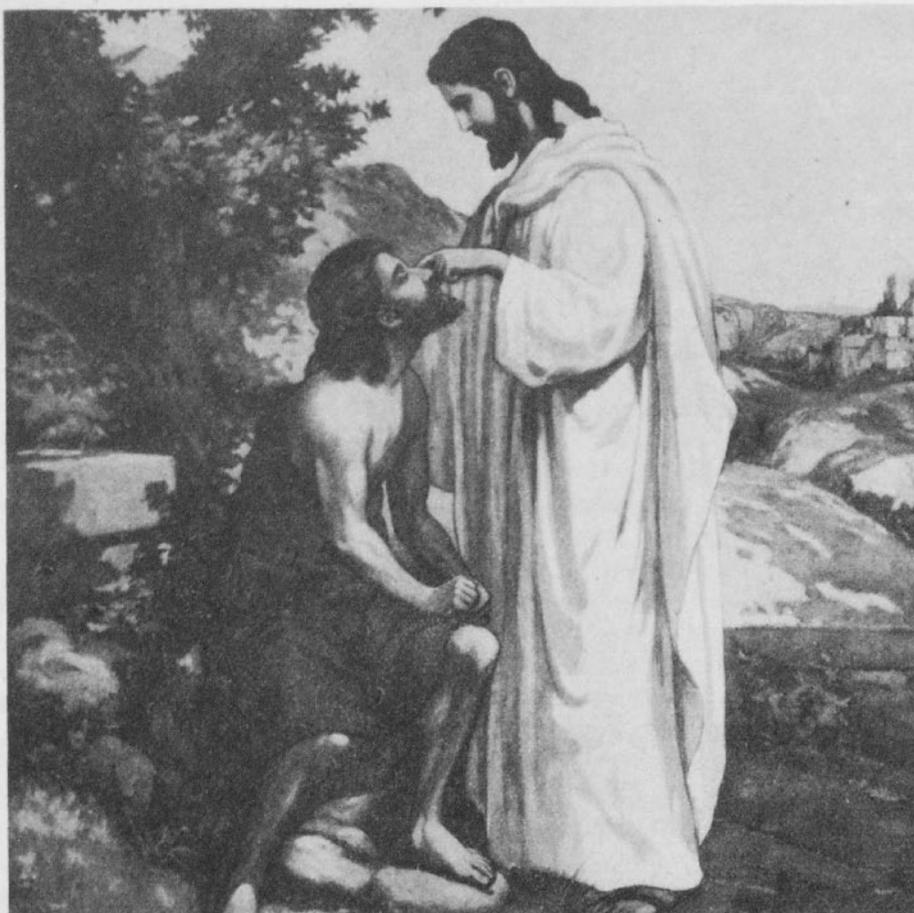
From a natural standpoint, the situation looked very discouraging—not to play the piano any more, besides the inconvenience of a crippled hand. I could have become resigned to my plight and consoled myself with the thought that things could be worse. There are people who have no hands, others who are blind, still others who cannot walk. My feet were all right. I still had both hands.

But no! There was no value in that kind of thinking. God was not inhibited. I could still have the use of my hand. My heart was fixed. I had trusted the Lord at the start and I would trust Him to the end. I would refuse to believe contrary symptoms. God was greater than my need. He would work in my behalf to a happy conclusion. And so He did.

Now I can lay my hand flat upon a table, and I can fully close it. I forget that it was ever broken! Surely God is good—and what a Wonder-Worker Jesus Christ is!

Dear reader, you who are sick (and sick of being sick), the healing touch is not only for others; it is for YOU. Let this faith take hold of your heart: "Lord, these afflictions have no business upon this body which is your property. In Your Name, I rebuke my ailments; I take dominion over them. In Your Name, I step out from under my infirmities. They drop off from me like an old garment falling from my shoulders. Through Your strength and power I AM loosed from this loathsome disease; I CAN rise from my bed; I CAN walk; I CAN run; I CAN use my hands; with your stripes, I AM healed."

Keep maintaining this faith in action. God honors faith with miracles. The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Reach out with your fingers of faith and you too shall be whole!



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The Lord Our Healer

THE SCRIPTURES, SPEAKING OF OUR Lord Jesus Christ, state that He Himself "bare our sins in His own body on the tree." And the Scriptures also state, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17). The children of God do not want to bear their sins, so they go to the great Burden-Bearer with them, but they do not grasp the fact that He who delivers from sin can also deliver from sickness. The Lord is the One "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3).

If the child of God is racked with sin, he gets rid of it by coming to the Cross. But if he is racked by sickness, he thinks to get rid of it himself or through someone else! He goes to the Great Physician for sin and to the little human physician for sickness!

We honor the Great Physician when we call upon Him, and we insult Him when we neglect to call on Him. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and, if He feels them, He

wants to rid us of them. He is touched in order that He may touch us. He touched the lepers and they were cleansed. He touched blind eyes and they were opened. He has not lost His healing touch. He can touch a bleeding ear and replace it. He can touch any disease, visible or invisible, external or internal.

If the Lord puts secret sins in the light of His countenance, secret sickness can also be exposed. His eye can see every malignant internal disease and His hand can touch it. There is nothing too hard for Him.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth to heal all that were oppressed of the devil, and He has never removed the anointing. But He has supplemented it by giving Him the oil of gladness above His fellows. If Christ could do so much with the anointing He had, how much more can He do now that He has been glorified? All power has been given unto Him both in heaven and in earth.

When Jesus Christ gave to His dis-

A Mother Thanks God for a Baby Boy

ciples the great commission He told them to go and make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And one of His commands to His disciples was, "Heal the sick." Was this command for the disciples alone? No, for He declared, "These signs shall follow *them that believe* . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). The command was given for all believers.

The healing of the lame man at the Temple gate was a natural sequence to the upper room experience and the three thousand conversions on the day of Pentecost (Acts 3). Salvation, healing, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit are all parts of one great gift of grace from God to mankind.

A surgeon sometimes makes mistakes, but Christ has never blundered. A surgeon has instruments and he uses them as he sees fit. The Divine Physician teaches the child of God when to use the divinely appointed instruments—oil for the anointing and the prayer of faith (James 5:14, 15), laying on of hands (Mark 16:18), the power of the blood of Jesus for cleansing, and the name of Jesus for loosing and delivering.

The co-operation of the patient is important. God says, "Confess your faults" (James 5:16). Behind all this is the promise: "The Lord shall raise him up." This is the divine prescription for every patient. The Holy Spirit directs how all shall be used.

We are provided with the name of Jesus Christ for the casting out of demons. Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: *In my name* shall they cast out demons." And demons can be bound also. An earthly physician ties up the torn ligaments of a patient, but the believer can bind the demon himself. "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:18). The child of God has the wonderful privilege of binding and loosing. Wonder of wonders that he does not dare to use his prerogative more often.

The hand of Jesus also operates. He touched the ear of Malchus and healed him (Luke 22:51). In this operation there were no bandages and no stitches. Some prefer the surgeon's knife to trusting to the skill of the pierced

As I sat reading the EVANGEL I decided I would write and tell what the Lord has done for me. He has healed me many times. When I was thirteen years old I was healed instantly of tuberculosis when my pastor, Carl A. Goad, prayed for me. A year after that healing the Lord delivered me from diphtheria. Then at the age of seventeen He healed me of an extreme nervous condition.

Five years later, after I had been married almost three years, I was praying for another healing. Five doctors had told me I would never carry a baby more than three months, and their X rays and tests proved it. My organs were tipped back and grown in place so tightly that they couldn't be taken loose by surgery. I had already had two miscarriages. But I knew that the Lord could give me a baby if it be His will.

When I first thought I might be pregnant again, I asked my pastor, Brother Goad, to pray that the Lord would take us through safely. Praise the Lord, He proved to me that He is the great surgeon. When I was almost three months along the doctor made an appointment for me a week after the three-month period because he was sure I would lose my baby at that time. But when the time came I had my pastor pray for me again, and the Lord completely set the bound organs free. I

hands of Jesus. He has complete equipment for every ache and pain and disease in the human body.

God would have the latter end of His people like that of Caleb, who, at the age of fourscore and five (85) years, declared that he was as strong then as at the age of forty. For the man who sets his love upon the Lord, God has promised, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." God puts long life and salvation together. It is His desire that the righteous live out all their days, unlike that wicked who "shall not live out half their days" (Psalm 55:23). ◀◀

had much pain but I praised the Lord for it, because I knew He was healing me.

When the proper time arrived I was delivered of a healthy baby boy, just what I had prayed so much for. My baby is now eight months old and the picture of health. There is no possible way for me to praise the Lord enough for all He has done for us. I praise Him several times a day for giving us our son. I hope this testimony will help others to know how gracious the Lord is.—Mrs. Charles R. Stark, Arlington, Calif.

(Endorsed by Carl A Goad, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Riverside, Calif.)

Swelling Leaves

I want to praise the Lord for healing my body of a swelling condition with which I had suffered for many months. At times my body would swell until I could hardly wear my clothes, my shoes became too tight, and my hands would hardly close. But a few weeks ago I asked Sister McCarter, our pastor, if she and the other Christians of the church would lay hands on me and pray.

When they began to pray I felt something happen. The swelling began to leave my body, my shoes were loosened, and I closed my hands without feeling any tightness. I thank God for complete deliverance. — Mrs. Donald Bryan, Route 9, Gainesville, Ga.

(Endorsed by Willie Mae McCarter, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly, Murrayville, Ga.)

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



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **BESSEMER, PA.**—The Pentecostal Assembly of God recently enjoyed wonderful meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. W. S. Barham. The meetings lasted for one week. The presence of the Lord was felt in every meeting, and about 20 persons received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some who had grown cold and indifferent were restored.

—William DePrano, Pastor

► **MOUNDS, ILL.**—Evangelists Robert and Jerri Winford of Cape Girardeau, Mo. recently concluded a five-night evangelistic rally here. Many were greatly blessed by the ministry of this young couple. Nine came forward for salvation. The dynamic preaching of Brother Winford and the anointed singing of Sister Winford stirred the people's hearts.

—E. H. Edwards, Pastor

► **EAGLE LAKE, FLA.**—The church here recently enjoyed a three-weeks revival with Evangelist J. M. Graham of Lakeland, Fla. One of the outstanding features of the revival was the rich, anointed ministry of the Word of God. Souls found God and received the Holy Ghost as they knelt around the altar. The Sunday School reached an all-time high of 286.

—Carnell Bruce, Pastor

► **KEY WEST, FLA.**—The congregation of Glad Tidings Tabernacle in this southernmost city of the nation enjoyed a glorious moving of the Spirit under the rich, anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. The crowds were good throughout the entire two weeks. Many new people attended. From 12 to 15 came to the altar for salvation. A good revival spirit is still prevailing in the church.

—L. Wayne Pitts, Pastor

► **LEESBURG, FLA.**—The revival meetings just closed here with Evangelist and Mrs. T. E. Gilbreath of Cullen, La. Some 16 souls were saved, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were also many outstanding healings.

—O. B. Harris, Pastor

► **BARCLAY, MD.**—During a recent two-week revival with the Owens-Sterling Evangelistic Party of Wilmington, Del., 10 were saved and at least six healed. The church was stirred and the Sunday School has grown. The miraculous healing of a crippled lady touched hearts and broke down much prejudice in this area. A little girl hospitalized with leukemia and given up by doctors was gloriously healed and is perfectly whole today. This has opened the doors of the community to the Full Gospel ministry. The evangelistic party was made up of Richard Owens, who ministered the Word, and Sister Owens and Don Sterling who ministered musically on the organ and piano.

—G. Jack Provard, Pastor

► **OTTUMWA, IOWA**—Great crowds thronged the tent services conducted here recently by Evangelist Velmer Gardner of Springfield, Mo. Hundreds came for salvation and scores were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed by the power of God. There were healings of deafness, arthritis, blindness, and various other ailments. The budget was met before the meeting was over, with no financial strain whatsoever. Fifty-eight people promised to start paying tithes after one sermon on tithing. On the final Saturday night Brother Gardner raised an offering of \$255.48 to be given to the six pastors who co-operated in the tent meeting. The tent with a seating capacity of 3000 was packed out several nights and in the two Sunday afternoon services.

—W. B. Friend, Chairman

► **MILLVILLE, N. J.**—The church here was greatly benefited by the ministry of David Owen of Wales. God's power rested upon the services for three and a half weeks as Brother Owen preached under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit.

—Mrs. Charles Snyder, Pastor

► **ALEXANDRIA, OHIO**—The people of the Buckingham Ridge Assembly of God will not soon forget what God did in the special meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. Every night for three weeks God manifested His power. The anointed ministry of Brother and Sister Roush and the singing and playing were appreciated by all. Many knelt at the altar for salvation, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The power of God was also present to heal. Four individuals were delivered from the tobacco habit.

—C. E. Dewlen, Pastor

HONORARY PRESBYTER DIES

EDWARD F. M. STAUDT, 81, Deale, Md. went to be with the Lord on September 14, 1956. Brother Staudt, whose articles have appeared in the EVANGEL over a period of many years, was ordained in 1911 with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and came into the General Council in 1923. At that time he was pastoring the Full Gospel Church (now called the Trinity Assembly of God) in Baltimore, Md. He continued to serve as pastor of this church until 1942, and then served as District Superintendent of the Potomac District for about three years. At the time of his death Brother Staudt was pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Deale, Md. He was an honorary member of the General Presbytery.



New Church Buys Three-Story Building

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Less than two years after the Grace Assembly of God was set in order, the congregation had purchased a large building and had 208 in Sunday School.

It was in August, 1954, that Mrs. Roderman and I accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God which was located at 2522 South Jefferson here in St. Louis. The church was set in order in September 19, 1954, by the Presbyter, E. L. Glenn, and the church was named the Grace Assembly of God.

Then in March, 1955, the church moved to 1913 Park Avenue. Surely God was in this move, as the church and Sunday School

began to grow. The attendance in Sunday School went as high as 148. Soon this church was too small to seat the people comfortably, and we began praying for a larger building.

God answered prayer and the church was able to purchase a three-story brick building for \$17,000. This building was occupied by Brooks Bible Institute for several years. It is located at 2051 Park Avenue. The first service was held in this building on August 26, 1956, and there were 208 in Sunday School. Vaughn Ledbetter, the Sunday School Superintendent, together with a fine staff of workers, are doing a wonderful job.—Dolman Roderman, Pastor.

RETURNS TO EVANGELISTIC FIELD

MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK.—After spending several years in pastoral work, we have returned to the evangelistic field.

For the past year we have been at Mountain Home, and we do thank God for all His blessings. Eighteen have been saved or reclaimed, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten baptized in water. The Lord has healed several in their bodies, including a baby who was miraculously healed of tuberculosis.

The Sunday School averaged 63 for the year, a new record. Approximately \$462.00 was paid on the debts of the church, and various improvements were made on the church and parsonage.

Our new address is 5934 Theodosia, St. Louis 12, Missouri.—Mrs. Glenna Byard.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AND MORTGAGE BURNING

CLANTON, ALA.—On November 4 the Temple Assembly of God on Temple Rd. will celebrate its Golden Anniversary with a homecoming and mortgage burning.

Fifty-one years ago the late L. P. Adams brought the old-fashioned Pentecostal message to this community. Fifty years ago the first church was built. Under the ministry of A. T. Hickman the present beautiful brick church with Sunday School facilities was erected. Four years ago Troy B. Helms came to pastor the church, and under his leadership we have paid off the debt in less than half the time.

All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to be with us. There will be three services, and a chicken dinner will be served.—by William J. Mims, Church Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KANSAS DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 21-22 at Convention Hall, Hutchinson, Kans. Kenneth Short, speaker.—by Owen C. Carr, District C. A. President.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING of the First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland, Dallas, Tex., Nov. 11. All former members and pastors invited.—by Merle J. White, Pastor.

49th ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 4-25 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 W. 33rd St., New York, N. Y. Thomas M. Miller, evangelist. Missionary Sunday, Nov. 18.—by M. E. Brown, Pastor.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Nov. 13-15 at First Assembly of God, 1125 Weber Dr., Lansing, Mich. C. W. Denton, Edith Denton, Maxine Mitchell, Robert Pirtle, Springfield, Mo., participating.

RADIO PROGRAMS

COFFEYVILLE, KANS. — "The Assembly Hour," station KGGF, Sundays at 5:30 p.m.—P. E. Lowenberg, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—"Lighted Window Broadcast," station WBMD, 750 kc, Mondays through Saturdays, 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.—Enoch C. Wood, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle.

PORTLAND, IND.—"The Full Gospel Hour," station WPGW, 1440 kc., Sundays 2:30 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Calvary Assembly of God in Union City, Ind.—David Dean, Pastor.

NEWTON, N. J.—"Morning Devotions," station WNNJ, 1360 kc., Mondays through Saturdays at 6:05 a.m. Sponsored by Hamburg Assembly of God, Hamburg, N. J.—Gerritt W. Kenyon, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESSES

E. L. Haight, Rt. 1, Pillager, Minn. "Pastoring Casino Assembly of God."
 Robert and Lillian Watters, 516-B West Magnolia Ave., Aldan, Clifton Heights, Pa. "Re-entering evangelistic field."
 Floyd H. Jones, 794 S. Greer St., Memphis, Tenn. "New parsonage address."
 Bob Streblov, 510 13th Ave. N., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. "Resigned pioneer work in Dodgeville, Wis. to re-enter evangelistic field."
 Paul E. Davidson, 209 Village Dr., Waxahachie, Tex.
 Terry L. Smith, 309 Citrus Dr., Glendale, Ariz. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."
 T. W. Carlton, 2700 Whitcomb, Modesto, Calif. "Resigned church in Tolleson, Ariz. to re-enter evangelistic work."
 Al Munger, Box 322, Poulso, Wash. "Pastoring Full Gospel Tabernacle."
 Harold W. Duncan, 24 N. Brandt St., Indianapolis, Ind. "Now on evangelistic field."
 A. Austin Amerine, 1027 N. Third St., Jeannette, Pa.
 William J. Amundson, Garrison, N. Dak.
 Fred Haddad, 131 N. Third., Columbia, Pa.
 J. H. Hamilton, 4309 54th St., Sacramento 20, Calif. "Pastoring Arden Assembly of God, 1620 Bell Ave., North Sacramento, Calif."

Cecil D. Holley, Box 709, Clovis, N. Mex. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."
 Pastor A. L. Williams, Box 1, Holt, Fla.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of Normal Assembly of God, 3577 Southern Ave., Memphis, Tenn. has been changed to Central Assembly of God.—Floyd H. Jones, Pastor.

CONTACTS WANTED—We have started a new work on Highway 4 between Booneville and Ripley, Miss. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—F. L. Davis, % J. R. Talley, Route 4, Corinth, Miss.

BEAVER, OKLA.—We are beginning a new work here. If you have friends living in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—M. I. Pierce, Pastor, Assembly of God, Box 301, Beaver, Okla.

CAMP WOOD, TEX.—We are pastoring the Assembly of God here. This church had been without a pastor for 1½ years. If you have friends living in Camp Wood, Rocksprings, Uvalde or Barksdale, Tex., please send us their names and addresses.—A. M. Harrington Jr., General Delivery, Camp Wood, Tex.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	Temple	Nov. 6-18	Nelson White & wife	Troy Helms
	Slocomb	A of G	Nov. 6-18	Joel Palmer & wife	D. J. Paglia
Ark.	Luxora	A of G	Nov. 11-25	George R. Wood	C. S. Howell
Calif.	Cutler	A of G	Oct. 28—	Velma Lackey	T. S. Howell
	San Bernardino	Bethel Temple	Oct. 28—	L. L. Ammons & wife	Shelby Duncan
	San Francisco	Bethel	Nov. 6-18	E. T. Quanabush	Charles Weston
	Whittier	First	Nov. 6-18	Lee Krupnick	John Tinsman
Ga.	Columbus	Benning Park	Nov. 6-18	Skondeen Family	D. Whitehead
Ill.	Chicago	Stone	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	H. B. Kelchner	Ernest Sumrall
	Pekin	First	Nov. 4—	Early-McCulloch	C. E. Richeson
Iowa	Keokuk	Faith Temple	Oct. 31-Nov. 18	Carl & Edna Goodwin	W. J. Lewis
	Muscatine	Glad Tidings	Nov. 6-18	Anspaugh Chord Makers	Arthur Buntentbach
	Waterloo	First	Nov. 6-18	Christian Hild	Russell Thompson
Kans.	Kansas City	Evangel Tab.	Nov. 6-18	F. R. McAdams	E. F. Schuler
La.	Collinston	A of G	Nov. 4—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	Gertrude Weaver
Md.	Hagerstown	Bethel	Oct. 30—	Stanley MacPherson	R. M. Jeffrey
Mass.	Everett	Glad Tidings	Nov. 11-25	J. Earl Douglass	H. C. MacDonald
Minn.	Ada	A of G	Nov. 6-18	Edward Menaldino	N. G. Rich
Mo.	Pleasant Hill	A of G	Nov. 11—	R. D. Hastie & wife	Bill Cambers
Mont.	Helena	A of G	Nov. 6-11	Ruth Specter	Edwin Jarstad
Nebr.	Bridgeport	A of G	Nov. 11—	Moses E. Copeland	Joseph Garrett
N.J.	Elizabeth	Ebenezer	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Robert Watters & wife	Fred Huber
	Irvington	A of G	Nov. 4-18	Cassimere Radziminski	Henry Graf
	Linden	A of G	Nov. 6-18	J. F. Pepper	Fred D. Drake
N.C.	Gastonia	Oakwood Park	Nov. 4-18	Clinton Vanzant & wife	Loye Whidden
Ohio	Chagrin Falls	¹ City Hall	Nov. 11-14; 18-20	Milton R. Searles	—
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	Peckville	First Pent. Tab.	Nov. 6-18	Steve Bogdan & wife	Samuel Clutter
	Philadelphia	Highway Tab.	Nov. 11-25	W. M. Stevens	W. H. Roberson
	Pottstown	Calvary Pent.	Nov. 11—	Benjamin Mack	Harry Sparks Jr.
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	Houston	Lindale	Nov. 11-26	Sunshine Party	James McKeehan
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	Levelland	First	Nov. 4—	George Gospel Team	Ted Vassar
	Waco	18th & Pine	Nov. 7-25	H. E. Hardt	Hardie Weathers
Wash.	Puyallup	A of G	Nov. 5—	Evelyn Olsen	A. S. Ellis
	Rosalia	³ A of G	Nov. 6-11	Mel Johnson	Mark Flathers
Wis.	Green Bay	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 23-Nov. 11	R. S. Peterson	E. A. Beck
Wyo.	Casper	Faith	Nov. 4-18	Singing Sandalls	H. R. Kennedy
Canada	Toronto, Ont.	Glad Tidings Tab	Oct. 16—	W. S. Barham & wife	H. R. Pannabecker

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HEALING — A Part of the Faith

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for our souls. This is a matter that seems to be in dispute with some people; but whether in dispute or not, it is in the Bible: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." And to prove that the healing spoken of there is physical, we remember that after Jesus had wrought a number of healings, among them the leper and Peter's wife's mother, the scripture says, "When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." It looks as though the emphasis is put upon the fact that He healed them every one, to show that in the atonement and the provision which Jesus had made there was to be deliverance for

all who would come to Him. One prominent minister, in much of whose teaching I have considerable confidence, said that Jesus could not have healed as a part of His atonement because the atonement had not yet been made. But He could heal in anticipation of the atonement, as well as forgive sins. He said to the woman, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," although He had not yet gone to the Cross; because the Man of the Cross was there. So I want you to step out on the Word of the living God and believe that in the atonement of Jesus provision is made for your every need.

I think I ought to state here that the fact that the Lord has made provision for healing doesn't mean that we will not feel the passing of years. When we are sixty we can hardly expect the vigor of twenty. Let us remember we have not yet received the redemption of our bodies as we will in the day of resurrection. Our bodies are mortal; they are

falling into decay, and there are some things which come with the natural wear and tear of life. Let us suppose I bought a car five years ago and drove it a great deal; then something goes wrong with the motor and it stops. Perhaps if I put in some new parts it will run nicely for a while, but that will not make it a new car. The Lord answers prayer and repairs our bodies that we may be able to go through our pilgrimage here; I believe as long as we are here He will do that, but do not let us become fanatical about healing. I have heard people say, "If you trust the Lord for your body you will never become tired." That is not true. Let us keep to the Bible and we will not go astray. Even Jesus became weary. The apostles and all of God's children have known what it was to get sick.

I am happy for all the benefits that come to us through Jesus Christ. The Church practised healing in the beginning. Healing did not close with the ministry of Jesus. We know how the Church came together after Peter and John had been forbidden to speak in the name of Jesus, and prayed, "Now, Lord, . . . grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Speaking to all members of the Church I'd like to have you notice that not only those who anoint with oil should pray for the sick, but all present should have a definite part in this service. The early Church prayed that the Lord should confirm the Word through the apostles, and I believe it is the duty of the Church today unitedly to pray for the sick.

I do not think any preacher should throw all the responsibility on the poor sick people. I have heard them say, "If there wasn't something wrong in that person's life he would be healed." Not at all. I am willing to take my share of the responsibility: and yet I believe, as a minister and a pastor, I have been altogether too sympathetic, and failed in talking about the hindrances to healing. If people do not get healed and a pastor feels he has done his best in prayer, I believe it is well to say, "Now brother, how about your life? How have you been living in your home and before your fellow men?" I would not throw condemnation upon anybody, but I would have you examine your heart, and if there is any

God's Mighty Love

*Thy mighty Love, O God, constraineth me,
As some strong tide it presseth on its way,
Seeking a channel in my self-bound soul,
Yearning to sweep all barriers away.*

*Shall I not yield to that constraining power?
Shall I not say, O tide of Love, flow in?
My God, Thy gentleness hath conquered me,
Life cannot be as it hath hither been.*

*Break through my nature, mighty, heavenly Love,
Clear every avenue of thought and brain,
Flood my affections, purify my will,
Let nothing but Thine own pure life remain.*

*Thus wholly mastered and possessed by God,
Forth from my life, spontaneous and free,
Shall flow a stream of tenderness and grace,
Loving, because God loved, eternally.*

—E. M. Grimes

hindrance, put it out of the way, that the Lord may grant your healing.

Healing is a part of the "faith once delivered unto the saints." Someone will ask, "How is it then that there has not been more healing wrought down through the ages?" Unbelief has allowed this precious gift to pass from the church. But we are seeking the restoration of that same gospel that was preached in the beginning. We have the responsibility for ourselves, for our churches, and for the sick and suffering, and we must "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." It is one thing for the Church of Jesus Christ to embrace healing as a doctrine, and another thing to stand for it in time of real need. I had a bad finger and blood poison set in. Then I knocked it against something and got a bone felon. I had a talk with a doctor and he said it was very serious. I remember the unbelief that crept in. I thought "Here is my wife, if I should be taken, left without any money." Then the Lord began to talk to me. He reminded me of the children of Israel coming out of Egypt, the Red Sea dividing, and how He provided them with food in the wilderness. Then the question came to my heart, Would I really trust God or would I not?

It seemed I came to my crisis hour at that time and the Lord brought me face to face with this thought: "Have you just preached a theory? Or have you preached a reality? Will you now stand by the theory you have preached or will you fail?" I felt my ministry was in the balance; that I had reached a crisis, and I must either win in that crisis or become a total failure. I remember how I walked up and down, my heart almost breaking. I said, "O Lord, You know the tempest that is going on in my soul, that awful conflict with unbelief. You stilled the tempest on the Sea of Galilee and You can still the tempest going on within my heart." It was a desperate moment to me, but just as Jesus spoke to the Sea of Galilee so He spoke to my heart and there was a great calm.

Days went by and I saw no difference in my hand, but I was as restful as a placid lake. All the anxiety had gone from my heart, and in due time I was fully delivered. If the Church of Jesus will contend for the faith and practice the teachings in God's Word it will cost her something, but I am sure the Lord will honor His word. ◀◀



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since Moses died and was buried, how could he appear on the Mount of Transfiguration?

Moses' appearance on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mathew 17:3) is evidence of life after death. While we do not receive our glorified bodies until the resurrection, many theologians believe that we do receive at death a temporary body. By this they mean that we do not become floating spirits, but rather that we enter the next life encased in such manner as to give us form. Moses therefore appeared to Jesus on the Mount in a form which the disciples were able to recognize.

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Did the witch of Endor bring up Samuel, or was it a demon spirit which appeared? (1 Samuel 28:7-19)

While there is mystery connected with the account of the appearing of Samuel, it is evident that the Lord, not the witch, caused Samuel to appear on that occasion. There is no reason for us to believe that it was not Samuel himself who appeared. The Scripture says, "And Samuel said to Saul. . . ." This clearly indicates that the person who spoke to Saul was Samuel. Moreover, when the witch saw that Samuel actually appeared, she was filled with fear, indicating that the power which brought Samuel up was greater than that of the witch.

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Why has God required blood for the remission of sins?

The Bible says, "For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof," or, as the A.S.V. says, "The blood thereof is all one with the life thereof" (Leviticus 17:14). The Bible also says concerning Jesus, "He hath poured out his soul unto death" (Isaiah 53:12). Since the blood is the vehicle of life, the blood of Christ sets forth His life given in sacrifice for us—not the life as it was lived, but the life as it was poured out in death. Therefore, the shedding of blood is the expression of Christ's giving His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). This shows that salvation has been provided, not

by the life which Jesus lived, nor by the teachings which He gave, but by His substitutional death in our behalf. The condemnation was, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." The redemption is, "He by the grace of God . . . tasted death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9).

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Is not the bride of Christ Pentecostal?

The bride of Christ consists of those whom Christ has espoused to Himself (2 Corinthians 11:2). I believe it unwise for us to attempt to decide just who will constitute the Bride. "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God" (1 Corinthians 4:5). The Church, the body of Christ, is the bride of Christ. If people born of God are in the Church they are members of His bride.

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Is Jesus God come in the flesh or is He the Son of God? Who was crucified, Jesus or God? Where does the Bible speak of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

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Briefly, Jesus is divinely human. He was "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). He is revealed as the Son, and not the Father, although possessing all the attributes of deity (Hebrews 1:2). At His baptism the Father spoke from heaven, while the Holy Spirit descended upon Him (Matthew 3:13-17), demonstrating the trinity of God. The Bible indicates oneness of essence or deity in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, while it recognizes distinction of personality (John 14:16).

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.

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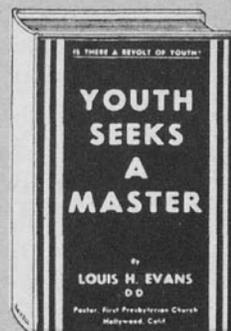
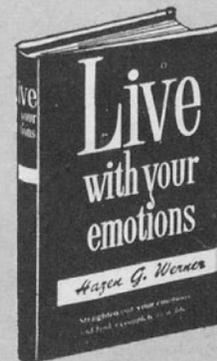
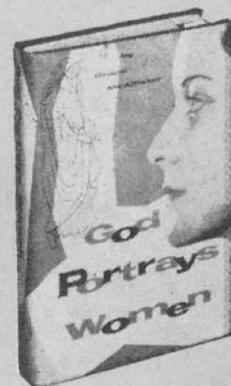
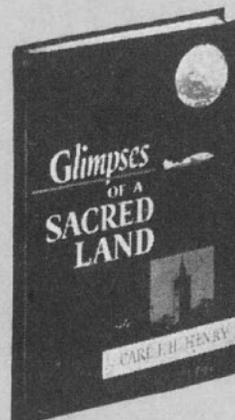
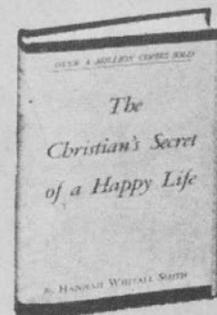
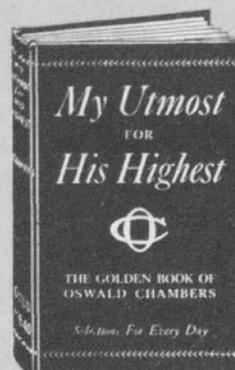
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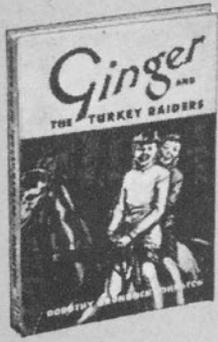
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