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



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Beyond the Sunset

The thought of a heavenly home sometimes draws a sneer from non-Christians. "Escapism," they brand it. "Unreality," they call it—"wishful thinking," "pie in the sky." The reason they use such terms is that they never have felt the warmth of God's love in their hearts, and never have tasted the sweetness of His mercy. They never have known the marvelous peace our Saviour gives, nor the radiant hope that is born in a redeemed soul.

But the Bible says we have a home in heaven, and when the sun of earthly life slips over the western horizon we need not despair. It tells us we have a dwelling-place in the land of eternal sunrise that is finer by far than any mansion in this world. For Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

What a lift it gives the tired spirit when we think about that heavenly home. Sometimes the way seems long and we grow weary of this vale of tears. We long for that place where there shall be no more pain, nor death, nor crying. We falter for a moment, then we remember that just beyond the sunset the Saviour waits to receive us, and our heart begins to sing. The hope of heaven helps us to press forward at a quickened pace.

A few years ago a radio preacher announced that he would speak the following Sunday on "Heaven." During the week he received a beautiful letter from an old man who was very ill. The following is a part of that letter:

"Next Sunday you are to talk about Heaven. I am interested in that land, because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for over fifty-five years. I did not buy it; it was given to me without money and without price, but the Donor purchased it for me at tremendous sacrifice.

"It is not a vacant lot. For more than half a century I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the universe has been preparing a Home for me. Termites can never undermine its foundations, for they rest upon the Rock of Ages. Fire cannot destroy it. Floods cannot wash it away. No locks or bolts will ever be placed upon its doors, for no vicious person can ever enter that Land where my dwelling stands.

"There is a valley of deep shadows between the place where I live here in California and that to which I shall journey. I cannot reach that City of Gold without passing through the dark valley—but I am not afraid, because the best Friend I ever had went through the same valley long ago and drove away all its gloom. He has stood by me through thick and thin these fifty-five years, and I hold His promise in printed form that He will never leave me nor forsake me. He will be with me as I walk through the valley of shadows, and I shall not lose my way when He is with me.

"I hope to hear your sermon on Heaven but I have no assurance that I shall be able to do so. My ticket has no date marked for the journey—and no return coupon—and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am all ready to go, and I may not be here when you are talking next Sunday, but I shall meet you there some day."

WILL YOU BE THERE TOO? Christ has gone to prepare a place for you in Heaven, but you will never enjoy it unless you, too, are prepared for it by being cleansed from all sin.

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SIX KINDS OF POWER GOD PROVIDES

BY J. NARVER GORTNER
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TEXT: "GOD HATH SPOKEN ONCE; twice have I heard this; that power be- longeth unto God" (Psalm 62:11).

God is the originator of all power, spiritual and natural, and out of His divine fullness He provides for us the power that we need that our lives may be efficient. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength" (Isa. 40:29). "The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people" (Psalm 68:35). The word rendered "power" in this passage is plural in the Hebrew, and so may be regarded as meaning power *and* power, or power on top of power, or power in addition to power. Rotherham renders it "abundant might." It reminds us of Paul's words in Ephesians 3:20 where we read that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." This "power that worketh in us" is the power that created the earth and the moon, made all the planets, and sowed the heavens with stars. This power sent His Son into the world to die for man's redemption, and then raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, from whence God is going to send Him back one of these

A few weeks ago Brother Gortner preached this sermon at the First Assembly in Oakland, California, at the invitation of the pastor, Henry H. Ness. It was a great effort, due to his age and its accompanying infirmities, but the congregation was greatly blessed by the sermon and Brother Gortner has kindly condensed it for publication in the Evangel. Brother Gortner will be 83 years of age on February 16. His address is: 3035 Deakin Street, Berkeley 5, California, in case you would like to drop him a birthday card.

glad days. He will rapture the saints, and then set up His kingdom on the earth, causing the whole world to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. He will evict Satan, eject sin, put an end to violence and bloodshed, and establish universal righteousness and peace by this same power.

In the meantime we are in a world that is lying in the lap of the wicked one, and we need power that we may be overcomers "until the day dawn and the Day Star arise" (2 Peter 1:19). This needed power has been provided. Here are six kinds of power that God has made available: expelling power, repelling power, dispelling power, impelling power, propelling power, and compelling power.

1. EXPELLING POWER

Our Lord gave to His disciples "power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases," and He sent them to "preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:1, 2). They were instructed to cast out or expel demons and in order to do this they had to have expelling power. Hence His delegation to them of that "power and authority." They had to accept by faith what their Lord had given, and they had to use it by faith. On one occasion they tried to expel a demon and were not able to do so, despite the fact that the power had been given. They asked the Lord why they had not been able to do it, and the Lord replied, "Because of your unbelief" (Matt. 17:19, 20). A lack of faith undoubtedly accounts for the fact that many among us to whom power has



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been given have found themselves unable to use it. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). If we neglect the Word of God and the other appointed means of grace we shall find ourselves deprived of the ability to use the power that God has graciously given.

That great Scotch preacher, Thomas Chalmers, preached a sermon on "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection." He stated that there are two ways by which we may endeavor to get a man to give up the love of the world: we can try to persuade him that the world is not worthy of his affection, that all is "vanity and vexation of spirit," as Solomon says; or we can point out the beauty of holiness and the great joy and other benefits that are inherent in the love and service of the Lord until he sees that godliness is indeed profitable, and he fixes his affection upon God and the things of God. His new affection will expel the old affection, the love of the world, for the love of the world and the love of God cannot abide at the same time in the same heart. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." And it is also true that if any man love the Father, the love of the world is not in him. Expelling power is inherent in the love of God, and the greater the love the greater is the expelling power that is in it.

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2. REPELLING POWER

Satan assails men and women not only from within but also from without. He thus assailed Jesus. He could not get inside; so he came from without and did his utmost to destroy Him whom he recognized as his enemy. He knew that Jesus had come into the world that the first Messianic prophecy might be fulfilled—that the head of the serpent might be crushed. Satan was determined to destroy Jesus and prevent his own destruction. Read the account of the temptation of Jesus in the fourth chapter of Matthew and note how our Lord repelled His enemy. Again and again He made use of the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, until finally Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" The enemy, thus rebuked, was compelled to leave, and we read that "angels came and ministered" unto Jesus.

That same repelling power that Jesus used we need, for we are daily subject to Satan's attacks. The power has been provided, and freely given. We need not be overcome.

3. DISPELLING POWER

Sometimes a cloud of gloom settles down over the best of God's saints. They feel as though God has forsaken them. Even Jesus felt thus on at least one occasion. In His darkest hour, when He was on the cross, He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" He had not been forsaken. The eye of the Father was upon Him all the time. The angels were hovering near and watching the greatest spectacle of all the ages. Jesus just *felt* that He had been forsaken. He was tempted in all points like as we are. We must learn not to put too much dependence upon our feelings; they often mislead us.

Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and when his life was threatened by Jezebel he fled in despair. He went with his servant to Beersheba, left his servant there, went a day's journey into the wilderness, sat down under a juniper tree, and requested for himself that he might die. He told God that it was better for him to die than to live. But he was mistaken. What he would have missed if God had let him die there in the wilderness in answer to his prayer! We shall probably be thankful all through eternity that God did not see fit to answer some of our foolish prayers. God had something a lot better than death in store

for Elijah. What Elijah needed in that hour of discouragement and gloom was dispelling power. The gloom needed to be dispelled. That dispelling power many of us need. And God has provided it for us. Let us take it by faith and use it!

4. IMPELLING POWER

We sometimes do things we know we ought to do, and at the same time we almost wish we did not have to do them; we do them rather unwillingly. We do them because duty calls us to do them, but we lack impelling power to do them. The urge to do them comes from a consciousness that if we do not do them we shall feel condemned, or others will condemn us. What we need is impelling power, something inside of us that will impel us to do the things we ought to do. It is time to go to Sunday School, or to the prayer service, or to some other service that we are expected to attend, and we hesitate. Perhaps it is time to pray, and we do not feel like praying; we would much rather do something else.

Men commit crimes because they are impelled to commit them; so they often tell us. They are impelled by an evil power. God has provided impelling power to do the good things we ought to do, the things that are conducive to our spiritual welfare and to the spiritual wel-

fare of others. Let us read God's Word daily, and pray, earnestly seeking God's face and God's will for our lives. Let us feed daily upon the Word until it becomes transmuted into spiritual bone and blood and muscle. Thus shall we receive this impelling power in such measure that duty will become privilege, and pleasure, and we shall learn in a new way the meaning of that Scripture which says, "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18).

5. PROPELLING POWER

This power is needed that we may go forward. A boat without propelling power can float on the surface of the water, or be carried down stream, or be swept hither and thither by wind and wave, but it cannot go upstream or against the tide to reach a desired goal. A speed boat without a motor and propeller can never win a race. In the first chapter of Ezekiel the prophet tells about a vision he had while he was a captive of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar. In his vision "a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, . . . and out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures." Alongside of each of these living creatures there was

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A Prayer for Power

Thou, Lord, art mighty, and we're told
Thy strength is in the clouds;
Thou rulest land and sea; Thy saints
Thy matchless might enshrouds;
All things are under Thy control:
Before Thee demons cower;
Should they some soul possess, control—
Give us expelling power.

We know the tempter came to Eve,
And she his lie believed:
And so came sin and death because
Her heart had been deceived;
Thus Satan triumphed over Eve,
In Eden's lovely bower;
Lord, if he thus should come to us,
Give us repelling power.

Sometimes a cloud of gloom surrounds
Thy saints on earth below,
And demons try to thwart Thy grace
Where blessings richly flow;
And some dear child of Thine is made
To tremble in that hour;
If they our room should fill with gloom,
Give us dispelling power.

We know that we should serve Thee, Lord,
And on Thy grace depend,
We long to be impelled by Thee
To serve Thee to the end;
The flesh is weak, but Thou art strong;
Thou art a mighty Tower;
Thou canst not fail, but must prevail—
Give us impelling power.

If others faint or fail or fall,
Help us to onward go,
And progress in our journey make
Here in this world below.
The journey's length requires Thy strength;
Thou art the great Endower;
So through Thy grace meet Thou our need—
Give us propelling power.

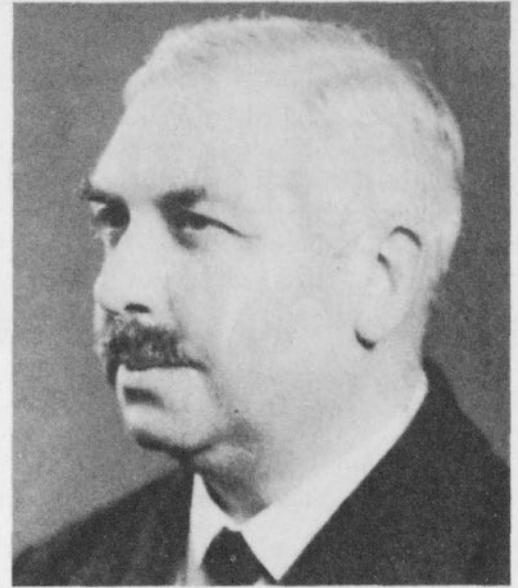
Lord, many for whom Christ has died
Have not yet been brought in:
They wanderers are and, lost, undone,
Are living still in sin,
Outside the fold, out in the cold,
Where hungry wolves devour;
Equip us, Lord, to bring them in—
Give us compelling power.

—J. Narver Gortner

*"Between thirty and fifty
are the vital years"*

The Prime of Life

BY DONALD GEE



WHEN I WAS A LITTLE CHAP I sometimes heard the grown-ups around me speaking about the "prime of life." Especially do I recall their sorrow when a certain friend was stricken down in this "prime of life." My own father died one month after his thirtieth birthday. It is pertinent to speak about people in their "prime" if we mean those years when youthful inexperience has passed and age has not begun to impair the fullness of vigor.

The Bible clearly recognizes such a period in connection with the service of the Levites (Numbers 4) as being "from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old." Human experience all confirms that these are the years of a man's supreme activity. The Israelites were numbered as able for war from twenty years old and upwards (Numbers 1) for that required only physical maturity. In Numbers 8:24 Moses is told that the Levites could go in and wait upon the service of the tabernacle from the age of twenty-five. This appears to have been a period something like apprenticeship. The normal and fixed age for assuming full priestly service was thirty. The reason is obvious—such service demanded spiritual as well as physical maturity.

Thirty years of age is recognized in the Bible as the age when a man may be regarded as having reached full maturity of personality, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually. Joseph was thirty when he was set over the land of Egypt (Gen. 41:46); and David was thirty when the elders of Israel anointed him to be king (2 Sam. 5:4). Most illustrious of all is the example

of our Lord, who "began to be about thirty years of age" (Luke 3:23) when He finally left the carpenter's shop at Nazareth and began His public ministry.

There will always be exceptions, and our Christian warfare and early service begins at an earlier age. But for normal development of the whole personality in readiness for a life's work the thirtieth year seems to mark maturity in the sight of God. A tremendous emphasis is being put now upon youth. This is right enough, but it can go too far. Any over-emphasis that ignores basic principles of Scripture and experience will lead to disappointments. Zeal, courage, devotion and consecration are all grand and necessary parts of character, and they are lustrous in youth. But wisdom still remains "the principal thing" (Prov. 4:7) and mature wisdom is not likely to come to most men until they approach their thirtieth year.

And after fifty a man's physical, though not necessarily his mental and spiritual, powers begin to recede. We properly exclude the spiritual life, for very often that goes on and increases from strength to strength until the dawning of the "perfect day" (Prov. 4:18). Nevertheless the energy to undertake duties involving physical strain begins to decline in the course of nature. This is not wrong; it is simply being normal. The later years of life have their own fitting activities, especially in the realms of counsel and government. Fifty now has become too young to think of retiring, and if health keeps sound men usually plan to carry on until sixty or sixty-five in their chosen calling. In public affairs the world has seen in this generation such remarkable figures as Dwight D. Eisenhower,

Winston Churchill and Dr. Adenaur carrying immense loads of responsibility when far beyond the age when most men think of retiring altogether. But these giants are the exceptions. Even the Bible does not condemn a man to compulsory inactivity after he has turned fifty. The Levites could still "minister with their brethren in the tabernacle to keep the charge" (Numbers 8:26), but they were relieved from the necessity of full duty. It remains a scriptural rule that the "Prime of Life" is between thirty and fifty.

* * *

What then? What is the urgent message in all this for those in the high noon of life, with all the special possibilities, burdens, and dangers of that period?

(1) Any man approaching thirty should do some serious stocktaking. What has he done with the vital years of earlier preparation and training? And what is he doing NOW—or proposing to do? The time to "trade" with his talents (Matt. 25:16) will quickly fly away. A tremendous urge to activity and accomplishment ought to mark every man in early middle life if blessed with good health. And any man fast approaching fifty should remember that the "night cometh when no man can work." What remains to be done must be done swiftly.

(2) There are the special temptations to a man's spirituality in middle-life. Many believers suffer in those momentous years from a kind of "middle-age spread" of the soul. The first fine rapture of youth has passed. There is a tendency to become lethargic and

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The Drying Up of the Nile

BY EVANGELIST INEZ STURGEON

A footnote to "The Suez Situation" (issue of December 2, 1956)

THE HEADLINES OF THE LONDON "Daily Telegraph" caught my eye as I sat in our hotel room in Oslo, Norway:

"INTEREST REVIVED IN SUDAN DAM PROJECT—21 MILLION POUND BARRAGE ON BLUE NILE."

This was of special interest to me because of my recent article in which I had quoted from a radio speech made

by Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary of Great Britain. In his address he had brought to Col. Nasser's attention the reminder "that the White Nile, source of much of Egypt's water supplies, is in British-protected territory. . . . Britain could cut off or diminish the flow of the Nile at the Owen Falls Dam at the outflow from Lake Victoria."

There are two sources of the great Nile River. The White Nile is the much larger source, but there is also the Blue Nile which arises at Lake Tana in Ethiopia. The Blue Nile flows into the Sudan and at Khartoum joins the White Nile, and together they make the great Nile upon whose flow the life of all Egypt depends.

That Britain is able to "diminish" the flow of the Nile with the cutting off of the White Nile was most interesting, and now this proposed dam on the Blue Nile was startlingly like reading from the Bible. In Isaiah 19:6 the flow of the Nile is not shown "diminished" but rather it says: "The waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be WASTED and DRIED UP . . . the reeds and flags shall wither . . . everything sown by the brooks shall wither, be driven away, and be no more."

World opinion has asked, Was it wise for the U.S. so abruptly to cut off Col. Nasser about the Aswan Dam on the Great Nile? Here in the article by Ian Colvin, Special Correspondent for the London "Daily Telegraph," is the answer which perfectly aligns itself alongside the prophetic view. The Bible says, "They shall turn the RIVERS far away; and the BROOKS of defence shall be emptied and dried up." Notice the plurality of the word, "RIVERS."

Mr. Colvin says, "Strong interest is being revived in Khartoum in the proposal to build a dam at Roseries, on the right bank of the Blue Nile near the Ethiopian border. The scheme, essential to the Sudan economic development, was shelved in the spring during the United States wooing of Col. Nasser over the Aswan High Dam project.

"As the Aswan scheme is excluded in the foreseeable future, the Sudan feels free to go ahead on her own. She is confident for the first time that she will overcome Egyptian objections.

"Meetings between the Sudanese Ministry of Irrigation and consultants of the British firm of Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, consulting civil engineers, and the French firm of Andre Coyne, will take place early next month. An early visit by World Bank officials to Khartoum is considered likely.

"It is recalled that in February the Sudan sent an urgent request to the World Bank to be consulted on the Aswan project, which would flood 100 miles into Sudanese territory. The reply was a flat refusal.

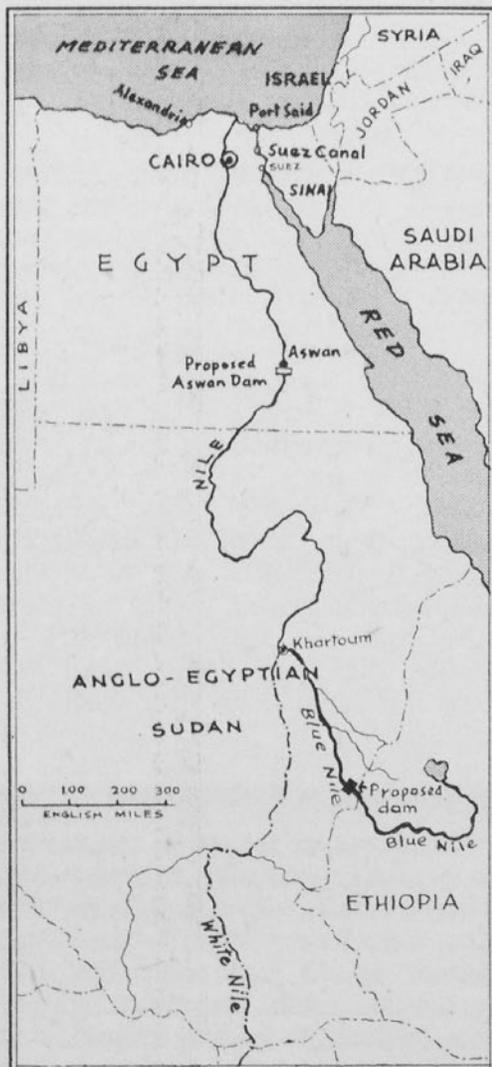
"The Sudan's case, the bank said, would be put by Egypt. Now, ten months later, the Sudan will be putting it herself."

Here, as the correspondent continues, may be one of the answers to the question on so many lips, Why did Col. Nasser seize the Suez Canal, necessitating that England as a result of his action tie up Egyptian sterling credits? "Hitherto the Sudan has used Egyptian banknotes as its currency. Egypt has pledged to redeem the entire note circulation when the Sudan issues its own currency next year (1957).

"This gave the Egyptians the whip hand in being able to refuse redemption if the Nile Waters Agreement (see the December 2nd article in Evangel) were infringed by independent dam schemes. NOW BRITAIN HOLDS 150 million pounds of Egypt's sterling credits.

"Of this frozen sterling 20 million pounds has been earmarked to redeem Sudanese note circulation if necessary. This removed the threat of an Egyptian currency squeeze."

It would seem that there is definitely an urgency to get this project under way, for the writer says, "British observers hope that financing of the dam



can be completed before the currency switch next spring." Could this urgency be the hand of the Lord impelling these men to do His will to the fulfillment of His prophecies? The days are short when all must be fulfilled!

Isn't it interesting that the proposed dam is not to be built in Ethiopia, but across the border in the Sudan? Could this be because in Ezekiel, 38th chapter, in the catalogue of nations coming against Israel with Russia, Ethiopia is listed as an ally to the hordes of the north (v. 5), while England is shown standing against the invaders (v. 13)?

Then in words that take us back to the Colonial Secretary's radio speech, Mr. Colvin adds, "They deprecate recent talk in Britain of holding back the Nile waters at their source in Uganda." And in this we hear another softly worded and yet subtle threat to Egypt—for in the choice of the word "deprecate" we hear "intercession, remonstrance, protest" against cutting off the waters of the White Nile at the Lake Victoria source, but there is no actual "renunciation," or "withdrawal" of the idea found in that hard-fist-within-the-soft-glove word "deprecate."

Lastly, great wisdom and foresight can be seen in Mr. Colvin's closing words, "For the riverine population of both countries the Suez may spell prestige, but THE NILE SPELLS LIFE ITSELF."

The picture of this the Bible paints is, "Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do" (Isaiah 19:15).

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Toward wickedness it is resistance.

Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.

Toward God it is reverence, love, obedience.

—Anonymous

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FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

Sir Michael Faraday, the famous chemist, addressing a crowd of distinguished scientists, concluded his masterly lecture on the magnet with an experiment so bewildering and triumphant that the audience was spellbound. At the end of an hour's enthralling discourse, the house rocked with the applause of the celebrities.

King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, rose to propose a vote of congratulation. The motion was followed with a fresh burst of applause. Then there was a mysterious silence. The famous lecturer had vanished. Why was he not present to accept the ovation?

Only a few understood. That was the night of the midweek prayer meeting which he never missed. Under cover of the cheering crowd, the great man had slipped away to meet God and worship with His faithful servants.



ILLUSTRATED BY
L. N. PEARSALL

The Embezzler Led the Posse

*He faced a fierce temptation
after bandits robbed the bank*

BY MILBURN C. HARPER

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AGO, I broke one of the Ten Commandments. Half a century is a long time to remember anything, even a sin, but I carry the mark of a bullet wound in my chest to remind me. I had a scar on my soul, too, but that is long since healed.

When I was a young man, the prospect of a railroad job took me to Nona, Texas. This job did not materialize. But at Belcherville just seven miles west some citizens were organizing a bank, and I had the good fortune to be chosen teller. By the time I was 22, I was made cashier of the bank. After this promotion, I married Loula V. Coe, daughter of a local minister.

I was fervently in love with my wife. I bought a little home on credit and furnished it, very simply, on the installment plan.

Cashiers in those days did not get large salaries. My wife felt, however,

that since she was now the wife of a banker, she must keep pace with others whose husbands' incomes were greater. As a result, our first wedding anniversary found me barely making expenses.

In an effort to increase my earning power, I applied—successfully—for a job as cashier in a larger bank at Nona. But I soon found that while my salary had increased, our expenses had increased still more. The move necessitated our buying a car. Loula's extravagancies continued. I was getting deeper in debt every month.

I pleaded with my wife to live more economically, but it seemed to do no good. Finally I reached the stage where I could put off my creditors no longer.

In desperation, I began writing worthless checks. Then, at the bank, I would carry the checks as overdrafts, hoping something would turn up to take care of them. But as time passed, the

overdrafts increased until they reached the alarming total of \$3,700.

I began living in deadly fear of seeing the bank inspector walk in any day. He was bound to discover the shortage. I seemed to have only two choices: either face ruin and disgrace, or run for it. The day finally came when I decided to run.

That evening, as usual, I was last to leave the bank. But instead of putting all the cash in the safe, I kept out about \$10,000. I destroyed my overdraft checks. I decided I would go home, eat supper, tell Loula I had to make a business trip—then I would head the car to "God knows where" and not stop until I got there.

At the supper table that evening, seeing my sunken eyes and depressed expression, Loula asked me what was wrong. When I could give her no answer, she said, "You are simply working yourself to death. As soon as sup-

per is over, you are going out with me."

My wife paid no attention to my protestations, so I was forced to postpone my getaway. Then I discovered we were on our way to a prayer meeting!

A young lady named Miss Broom recently graduated as a deaconess, was going to talk. I tried desperately to find an escape, but it was too late. Miss Broom's subject for the evening was *Be sure your sin will find you out*. She began driving her message to the hearts of her listeners. Soon my shortage, the stolen money, and my intended flight were crowded out of my mind by the speaker's text.

Truly it was a message from God. Moreover, I was sure it was especially intended for me. I was profoundly shaken.

When Loula and I got home, I felt sick. Claiming that I needed fresh air, I went to sleep on a cot on the screened porch. This, I thought, would enable me to get away later without disturbing her.

Lying on my cot, I tried to concentrate on escape, but ringing in my ears were the words of the evening's text. Finally, falling on my knees, I tried to pray.

Suddenly I felt Loula's hand touch my shoulders. I turned toward her such an agonized face that she was terrified. She put her arms tenderly around me and begged me to tell her the trouble.

There in the dark hours of the night, I unfolded my story. She was stunned. Although she had been thoughtless and extravagant, she had been reared by Christian and law-abiding parents. We talked for hours—that night was a regeneration for us both. By morning the matter was settled. I was to return the \$10,000 to the safe and make a clean confession about the \$3,700 shortage.

I went down to the bank early and restored the money to its proper place in the safe. Since I had a little stock in the bank itself, I could turn this over to the directors with my resignation, and ask for a chance to make good the balance of the \$3,700.

The noon hour found me nervously but determinedly preparing my statement for the afternoon board meeting. A few minutes before one o'clock the teller and I were startled by a gruff voice saying, "Hands up!"

Turning, I looked down the muzzle of a .44 Colt revolver. The teller was covered by another. Both men had red bandanna handkerchiefs tied around their faces just under their eyes. While

one of the bandits kept us covered, the other came around behind the counter and raked all the money he could find into a flour sack. We were then marched to the vault and locked in.

The robbers walked out through the front door, mounted horses held in waiting by a third man, and loped away. We were liberated from the vault by a teller returning from lunch, just in time to see the last dust of the fleeing horsemen.

People were running pell-mell, yelling, and shouting. Shortly the city marshal arrived on the scene in an old car hitting on three cylinders. Men piled into the car and started in pursuit of the bandits.

Realizing the foolhardiness of such a venture, I got in touch with the deputy sheriff, whom I knew to be cool and level-headed. Explaining the robbery, I told him to get some fast horses and find Dave Scott, an old cowman who was fearless and knew every foot of the country. By the time the deputy and Mr. Scott arrived, I had procured Winchesters and ammunition from a hardware store nearby.

All afternoon and late into the evening we rode, gaining little on our quarry who had crossed the Red River and were forging well into the Indian Territory.

It wasn't until the next day that we caught up with them. Shortly after noon, the tracks we were following turned toward a thickly timbered draw. A little streak of smoke was curling its way above the tops of the trees.

Stopping, we agreed that Dave Scott was to go around the draw to the left, I to the right, and the deputy straight to the scene. Scott and I were to move very quietly and look for a signal from the deputy, who said he might get the drop on the bandits and persuade them to surrender without a fight.

They were too alert. They spotted the deputy before he was within shooting distance. Grabbing their sack of booty and their Winchesters, they mounted their horses and fled in my direction. At that moment I was on a small knoll, an easy target.

I heard a few sharp cracks from their rifles. My horse leaped into the air, plunged forward and fell, pinning my leg under him. At the same instant I felt a keen sting in my chest. The surrounding trees suddenly blurred, my breathing became difficult. Then I blacked out.

I learned later that Dave and the

deputy, seeing me fall, abandoned their chase and came to my rescue.

One week later I regained consciousness to find my wife bathing my head with cold cloths to quench my raging fever. After hovering between life and death for more than two weeks, I began to mend.

When I was able to go for a drive, I asked Loula to stop at the bank. The president of the bank and others came out to our car with a cheery welcome. The president informed me that he had just received a draft from the insurance company covering the full amount of the loss.

As we drove home, I realized all too well that the robbers were \$3,700 shy of the amount charged to their venture. The bank had been fully reimbursed, and the insurance company no doubt was set up to sustain such a loss. The temptation was strong to say nothing about my undiscovered crime. No one but Loula and I would ever know.

Here was the big crossroads of my life. The obvious path would have been so convenient. Yet during our night of great torment, God had come to Loula and me, flooding our hearts with new love for each other and helping us see the only moral course we could follow.

It took us years, but dollar by dollar, penny by penny, we saved the necessary \$3,700. Then I went to the insurance company one day and told the director my story.

He listened to my confession with astonishment. "As far as our records are concerned," he said, "the case is closed." Upon my insistence, however, the company accepted the \$3,700 and a terrible weight was lifted from my conscience.

From that point on, we dedicated our home to the Lord, and it was a happy one, blessed with a darling baby daughter, and later a son.

As for the robbers, they were traced to the west of the Indian Territory, which was combed by United States marshals and deputies. Thanks to their persistence, not one of the bandits escaped. Two were killed.

As a reminder of the mistake I made, I carry a scar on my chest that will remain with me the rest of my life. And every time I look at it, I remember the message, *Be sure your sin will find you out*.

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Men and the Church

According to *Watchman-Examiner*, only from 20 to 25 per cent of the eleven million men on church rolls in the U. S. attend Sunday services.

Christian Arabs Join Israeli Army

Thirty young Christian Arabs have taken their places in various units of Israel's Defense Army. They are the first organized group of Christian Arabs to volunteer.

Bolivia Won't Tolerate Anti-Protestantism

State authorities in Bolivia have informed the Roman Catholic archbishop that in the future all Catholics who attack Protestant communities will be prosecuted.

Want a "Religious Crusade for Safety"

A Connecticut couple has donated \$75,000 to the National Safety Council for the purpose of helping churches and synagogues conduct a "religious crusade for safety" on the nation's highways.

German Protestant Missionary Personnel Increasing

According to the secretary of the German missionary Council, the number of German evangelical missionaries serving in foreign lands has increased from 180 to 754 since the end of World War II.

Plan Stiffer Penalties for Mail Violators

Staff members of the House Post Office Committee are drafting a bill that would make habitual violators of the law against mailing indecent books and magazines liable to as much as twenty years in prison. The measure against "repeaters" is expected to be introduced in Congress soon.

What Is the Key to World Peace?

During December the United States Post Office Department issued a special Children's Stamp. On it appears the slogan, "Friendship—the Key to World Peace."

As far as human effort can go in itself, that statement may be true. But the Christian knows that the only key to peace is Christ Himself. He is the "Prince of Peace." His coming into the hearts of men brings peace to their lives. And His coming again to reign in this world is the only thing that will bring lasting peace. Friendship can never do it.

Catholics Realize Value of Literature

Speaking to a delegation of 350 Roman Catholic pressmen in Dallas, Texas, Bishop Robert J. Dwyer stated that the Catholic press is "reaching more people and exerting a greater influence over American thought than at any other time in the past."

The circulation of Roman Catholic papers in the U. S. is estimated to reach 24 million persons. Besides this number, there are many pro-catholic newspapers, etc., which go under secular names.



Jews Take Bible Promises Literally

The *Sunday School Times* recently carried this item, reprinted from the New York Jewish paper, *Day*, regarding the fighting between Israel and Egypt last year:

"Before the heavy battle of Abu-Ageliya began, the Israel commander assembled all units and the chief chaplain, Rabbi Gorin, read for them the following scripture: 'Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them' (Deut. 20:3). The Jewish soldiers repeated word for word a message that was given to their forefathers four thousand years ago. After the battle the same rabbi walked through the field reciting Psalms 3 and 30."

New Evangelical Magazine for India to be Launched

The first All-India evangelical magazine is to be launched this year, according to an announcement by the Evangelical Literature Fellowship of India. It will be a 16-page magazine, with an initial printing of 5,000 copies in each of these four languages: Telugu, Hindi, Tamil and Marathi. Plans call for the addition of two more languages later.

India Leaders Commend Missionary Work

Nine prominent Indian leaders in a joint statement praised the work of Christian missionaries and repudiated allegations made against Christian institutions by some state governments of India.

An official committee appointed by the Madhya Pradesh Government had asserted earlier that missionary work was not prompted strictly by spiritual motives.

The statement issued by the nine leaders, high officials in government, educational, and business circles, said that the signatories had not found any instance of missionaries trying to "undermine patriotic and national loyalties" as had been alleged.

India and Alcohol

According to the *United Brethren* magazine, India has the following rules regarding alcohol in that country: (1) no alcoholic drinks served at state functions; (2) no liquor advertisements accepted in India-owned newspapers; (3) elimination of drinking scenes from motion pictures; (4) no liquor served in dining cars or refreshment rooms of railways; (5) diplomatic representatives abroad should substitute fruit juices for cocktails at all functions.

In addition to this, the government urges provincial cooperation and constructive policies of state prohibition, and a congress party has ruled that "no person who carries on trade in liquor or is addicted shall be eligible for election as a delegate."

This report seems to indicate that the Indian government has recognized the evils of alcohol and has done something constructive to halt its use. America should follow this example.

Seattle's Cost of Alcoholism

The *Washington Times* reports that 70 per cent of all arrests in Seattle involve alcohol, and that statistics show that it takes at least five hours of an officer's time for the arrest and sentencing of a drunk.

Oklahoma Drys Want Oklahoma Drier Yet

Oklahoma United Drys will launch a campaign for county option on the sale of beer in the state with a mass-meeting on January 28. All stronger liquor is already outlawed in the state.

Seeking Local Option Election on Liquor

Protestant clergymen are circulating petitions requesting Davidson County, Tennessee, to hold a local option election on discontinuing the sale of alcoholic beverages. Out of 95 Tennessee Counties, liquor sales are permitted only in Davidson (including the city of Nashville) and four other counties.

One-Fifth of Religious Giving Goes to Buildings

Giving for religious purposes in the United States is now in excess of three billion dollars annually, the Bulletin of the American Association of Fund-raising Counsel reports. Close to one-fifth of all religious giving is going into construction or remodeling of church buildings.

Missionary Broadcasts on 1,200 Radio Stations

Clarence Jones, of radio station HCJB, a missionary-owned and operated station in Quito, Ecuador, says, "There are only fifteen Christian stations on the air in the world, but reports indicate that there are fifty-six countries where missionary broadcasting is done over 1,200 different stations."

Form New Southern Baptist Fellowship

The Southern Baptist Fellowship, new fundamentalist organization of ministers, was officially formed in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, was elected moderator for 1957.

A spokesman for the fellowship said that 438 pastors from 16 states attended the closed sessions. Fellowship leaders said the group was not "a competing organization or another denomination." A statement of faith adopted at the meeting stressed belief in the premillennial Second Coming of Christ.

The group also went on record as believing that "the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is a perverted translation" and that "collaboration or participation with all forms of modernism, whether in the National Council of Churches or otherwise, is wrong and demands separation on our part."

Says Communists Slaughter Christians in China

The estimated 25,000 persons killed in the abortive Hungarian revolt are but "a drop in the bucket" compared to the numbers slain in Red China, an exiled Chinese Anglican bishop said in an interview in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Quentin K. Y. Huang said he conservatively estimates that the Communists have killed 200,000 Christians alone in China.

Bishop Huang was also quoted as saying that there are revolts "almost daily" in China, many more than in Europe, but the press "doesn't pay any attention to them." He noted that they were not on such a big scale as those in Hungary and Poland, and that the largest occur in the western and southwestern sections of China.

The bishop added, "Freedom of religion in China today is a joke."

FIRST AIRLINE GRANTS REDUCED RATES TO CLERGY

Edmund Converse, president of Bonanza Air Lines, operating in Southern California, Arizona, and Nevada, announced that his company is the first of the U. S. certificated airlines to publish and file a tariff authorizing reduced rates for air transportation to "ministers of religion."

Subject to the approval of Bonanza's tariff by the Civil Aeronautics Board, the reduced rates will become effective February 1, 1957. Other airlines are expected to follow suit and grant reduced rates to clergymen on a "space available basis," as authorized by the 84th Congress.

Under Bonanza's plan, the reduced fares would apply only to ministers who have submitted satisfactory evidence to the airline that they are *bona fide* clergy. Identification cards will be provided by the airline and must be presented at the time the ticket is purchased.

Philippine President Yields to Catholic Pressure

Philippine President Magsaysay, under pressure from the Roman Catholic Church, dedicated the Philippines officially to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Reports indicate he complied with this request for political reasons, since he is up for re-election this year.

The dedication issue is not a new one. In 1937 attempts were made to persuade President Quezon to do the same thing. He established a precedent when he replied to the Archbishop of Manila, "Well, I'm a good Catholic, but I cannot perform what you want me to do because it would be a violation of the separation of church and state."

Missionary News Service reports that much public opinion opposed to the dedication has been expressed, and the press has given favorable coverage to the complaints.

The Philippines is the third country to be officially dedicated in this manner. In the other two, Spain and Ecuador, repressive measures against the Protestant minority have been noted.

Religious Leaders Score "Juke Box" Gospel Jazz

Popular songs with religious sentiments have been severely criticized by two church leaders who call them "dangerous" and "an enemy of true religion."

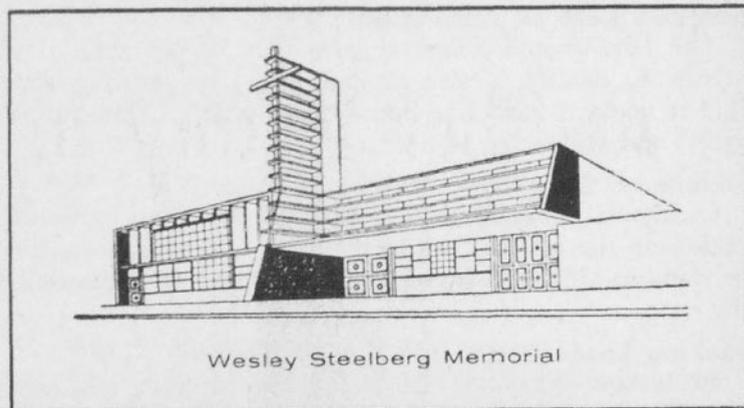
Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines, speaking in Lafayette, Indiana, criticized "religious jazz tunes" today as dangerous because they represent only the "fringe of the gospel." The Bishop said popular songs help mold the nation's ideals, "but the fact is most such creations of Tin Pan Alley say in effect, 'My will be done with God's help,' rather than 'God's will be done with my help.'"

Dr. James A. Pike, an Episcopal clergyman, voiced a similar objection in a recent newspaper article. He said the popularity of such songs as "He," "Somebody Up There Likes Me," "Try a little Prayer," and "The Bible Tells Me So," is encouraging because it "reflects the tremendous nostalgia people have for things of the Spirit." Nevertheless, he said the songs themselves are "an enemy of true religion" because they reflect the desire "to use God as one would use a sleeping pill or a shot in the arm." The emphasis that God will always say, "I forgive," or that God "will stand beside me, right or wrong," is incomplete, he declared. He said that conditions like repentance are "conveniently overlooked" in the songs, which describe "an ersatz religion, without awe, without mystery, without judgment—and, in the end, without reality."

Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center

BY RUSSELL KENSINGER

Missionary to Nicaragua



Wesley Steelberg Memorial

Many readers already know of the plans to establish the Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center in Managua, Nicaragua. The present chapel is entirely inadequate and we must build while the unusual liberty for gospel effort still remains.

We are thrilled with the way God is blessing the project. He has saved the owner of a construction company, who will build this edifice for the glory of



Russell Kensinger in the foreground

God at no cost to us for his services above cost of labor and materials.

Also, counsel is being given by a most competent engineer from Panama who is currently working in Nicaragua on the finest buildings with modern technique.

God gave the burden and vision to Mrs. Ruth (Steelberg) Carter to erect this Evangelistic Center in memory of her late husband, Wesley R. Steelberg. The burden is shared by the missionary personnel in Nicaragua. We thank God for Mrs. Carter's dedicated efforts to make possible the purchase of the property and to raise \$10,000 toward the erection of the building.

This fine temple will seat at least 1,500 people. May God bless all the friends who have given or pledged money toward this worthy cause.

The first plans were drawn up in

March, 1956, at conference time when Ralph Williams was with us. We presented the plans to this Christian contractor who, while giving us every consideration possible, said that the entire project would cost \$32,000. Then we asked Brother Williams to come back in August for another study of the plans. After going over the matter together with the contractor and the engineer we revised the plans completely, both for style and for size, and this resulted in a saving of \$6,000 from the original figure. It brought the total cost down to \$26,000, a very modest figure compared to the cost of the two new Baptist temples here, which are costing \$170,000 and \$70,000 respectively.

The pastor of the Managua Assembly reports that new people are coming in to the services every week. We had a baptismal service in Lake Managua for recent converts. Ten more will soon be ready for baptism.

The Sunday School now has a registration of well over a hundred. The little chapel is quite inadequate for the present rapid growth. This growth began during the three-week campaign with Roy Stewart last March.

Work on the auditorium portion is far enough along to begin using it. The present chapel will be torn down im-

mediately and the materials used as far as possible in a new house for the pastor which will be erected on the same lots.

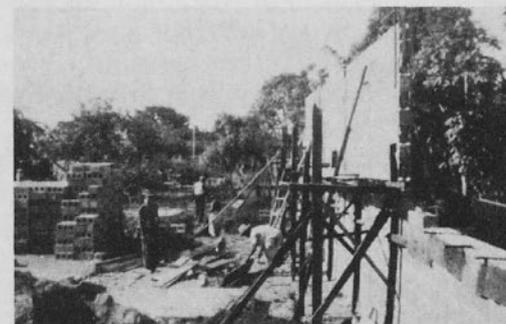
Perhaps you have not realized the burden on the part of those who are closely associated with this project. We would be most grateful to hear from you if you can give an offering or make a pledge toward sharing in this most urgent and worthy advance. If only forty churches (or individuals) from all over the constituency will respond with at least \$500 each, the need will be quickly met. There may well be churches who will wish to double that amount. Please help us as God may lead. These memorial offerings should be sent to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated for the "Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center."



The wall where the balcony will be



The construction is in a well-populated area



Eight converts were baptized during the revival

Another Victory in Egypt

BY FLORENCE CHRISTIE

A heart-warming report reached us from the pastor of a large, self-supporting church in Egypt. In response to our plea, he had visited a new, struggling church in a nearby village, and the outcome was thrilling.

The evangelist directly in charge of the little group holding meetings, and the teacher of the school (a man raised at the Assiut Orphanage), have done all they could to secure funds and materials to complete the new building. The foundation had to be laid deep; it needed to be extra strong in order to meet the strain of the annual overflow of the Nile. This had cost more than had been contemplated and the group of believers had become discouraged.

When the neighboring pastor visited the place, he found the villagers gloomy and in despair over the project. There was no more money to be had—they had given all they could. Now the meeting hall would not be completed! The people even suggested that the pastor turn around and go home. They said it would be a waste of time to stay.

The pastor's heart sank with him. The evangelist and the teacher were embarrassed; the villagers had not even asked the pastor to stop over for a rest.

Then the visiting pastor asked if he might at least pray with them. They

agreed, and the whole village was assembled for prayer. A hymn was sung and the pastor prayed for wisdom to know what to say. The story of the rich farmer storing his goods in his barns and building larger barns was impressed upon his mind for the occasion, and the Holy Spirit blessed the Word to those present. The pastor explained that it was necessary to be rich toward God and heaven, for "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

When the sermon ended, the mayor of the village stood and, moved by the Spirit of the Lord, offered to make 5,000 bricks to help complete the structure. Another man stood and promised 5,000 more. Then another, and yet another—until 45,000 bricks were promised *and some cash in addition*. The spirit of giving swept over the people. They rejoiced as God's Spirit moved upon them. About \$130 was realized.

Such a change was evident! Gone was the gloom and despair. Light and joy shone in their faces. God had answered their prayers and *the goal was in sight*. We rejoice at the goodness of God to His children. Again we have seen that "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it."

Ruth E. Johnson from South Africa, who can be reached at 38 Evelyn Place, Nutley 10, New Jersey.

James King of Liberia, West Africa, whose address is West Star Route, Two Harbors, Minn.

L. May Garner of Nigeria has returned home due to illness. She is making her home at Route 1, Box 477, Fort Collins, Colorado, and would appreciate the prayers of her friends at this time.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cavaness and family of Malaya arrived in the U.S. Their address is Whitehall, Wisconsin.

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

October, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

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|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Alabama | \$ 2,551.39 | N. Calif.-Nev. | 15,373.15 |
| Appalachian .. | 654.09 | Northwest | 19,540.48 |
| Arizona | 2,253.57 | Ohio | 11,038.49 |
| Arkansas | 4,772.91 | Oklahoma | 12,453.41 |
| Eastern | 12,497.21 | Oregon | 8,544.05 |
| Georgia | 6,179.19 | Polish Br. | 6.50 |
| German Br. ... | 1,099.57 | Potomac | 6,715.84 |
| Greek Br. | 111.97 | Rocky Mtn. ... | 5,378.92 |
| Hungarian Br. | 110.00 | Russian Br. ... | 93.55 |
| Illinois | 10,412.12 | S. Carolina | 379.21 |
| Indiana | 4,406.44 | S. Dakota | 1,325.25 |
| Italian Br. ... | 677.69 | S. Florida | 6,318.48 |
| Kansas | 7,688.19 | S. California .. | 29,494.81 |
| Kentucky | 654.21 | S. Texas | 7,567.94 |
| Lat. Amer. Br. | 1,780.78 | S. Idaho | 1,370.87 |
| Louisiana | 3,550.48 | S. Missouri | 11,676.82 |
| Michigan | 11,760.76 | Tennessee | 2,178.47 |
| Minnesota | 12,341.67 | Ukrainian Br. | 75.41 |
| Mississippi | 952.68 | W. Central ... | 7,098.47 |
| Montana | 4,002.48 | W. Florida | 3,054.14 |
| Nebraska | 3,437.39 | W. Texas | 4,514.15 |
| New England .. | 3,560.05 | Wis.-N. Mich. | 6,211.43 |
| New Jersey ... | 4,815.07 | Wyoming | 650.01 |
| New Mexico ... | 1,130.04 | Alaska | 104.88 |
| New York | 9,945.11 | Canada | 561.05 |
| N. Carolina .. | 1,098.68 | Hawaii | 184.71 |
| N. Dakota | 3,919.11 | Foreign | 1,040.00 |
| N. Texas | 17,086.00 | Miscellaneous .. | 51.00 |

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Amount Reported | \$296,451.34 |
| District Funds | \$14,824.21 |
| National Home Missions | 3,569.99 |
| Office Expense | 5,020.68 |
| Given Direct to Missionaries ... | 51,545.24 74,960.12 |

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| Received for Council Missionaries | \$221,491.22 |
| Received for Non-Council Missionaries | 2,160.34 |
| Missionary Offerings not Allocated to Any State | 54,743.41 |

Total Receipts

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Support of Missionary Personnel | \$121,463.63 |
| Missionary Equipment | 15,853.04 |
| Missionary Work | 51,969.43 |
| National Workers Abroad | 7,160.28 |
| Buildings in Foreign Lands | 17,829.54 |
| Missionary Transportation | 37,630.46 |
| Transferred to "Hold" Accounts | 26,488.59 |

\$278,394.97

MISSIONARY News Notes

ON FURLOUGH

Norma Johanson from Liberia, West Africa, whose present address is 3819-215th Place, Bayside 61, New York.

Irene Crane from Nigeria, Africa, who is making her home at Route 1, Box 77, Olalla, Washington.

Alice Ruth Melching of Formosa whose address at present is 2620 N.W. 33 St., Miami 42, Florida.



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Harrel and children (above) sailed for the Gold Coast, West Africa, on December 19.



Why Evangelize

THE JEW?

BY HERBERT BRUHN

FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE RESPONSIBILITY of the Church is to evangelize the world (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15). Included in God's program is the evangelization of the Jew. This is not an after-thought, nor incidental, but has a place of primary importance in the plan of God. Someone must give the gospel to the Jews in fulfillment of the Great Commission to reach "every creature."

The apostle Paul, speaking under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us that the gospel is "to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

The preceding statement is strikingly illustrated in the ministry of our Lord who said, "I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL" (Matt. 15:22-28). Christ's life was spent not among the Gentiles, as the Jews erroneously imagine, but among Jewry. And when He gave His disciples the Great Commission He commanded "that repentance and remission of sins shall be preached in His name (Christ's) among ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM" (Luke 24:46, 47; Mark 16:15, 16).

It is true that Paul was a chosen vessel to carry the gospel to the Gentiles. Yet he followed God's order, "to the Jew first." If you will follow his ministry through the Acts of the Apostles, you will discover that Paul ministered in the following places in this order: Damascus, Jerusalem, Salamis, Antioch, Iconium, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and finally Rome. God has not changed His order or plan. It is only man that has changed.

It should be clear that we do not go back to Rome for the true Church, but we go far beyond that to Jerusalem. The true Church is not Roman, but Hebrew,

in origin (Acts 2:47; 8:1). We find from the Scriptures that not only was the first church established by Jews, but the Jews themselves were the FIRST to be called CHRISTIANS. It was among the Jews that Christianity took root. Is it not the responsibility of the Church to help our dear Jewish friends to see that? Can you imagine what a revelation this would be to them?

In Acts 8:1 we read that a great persecution had arisen against the church which was at JERUSALEM, and the believers were scattered abroad, some as far as Antioch. There they preached the Word to NONE BUT JEWS ONLY. From a reading of Acts 11:19-26 we gather that Christianity began with the Jews—and not with the Gentiles, as the Jew of today believes. "... AND THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST IN ANTIOCH."

Why witness to Jews? Because Jews as well as Gentiles need the Saviour. The gospel command is "to every creature." There are those who propound the unscriptural idea that this is the time when God is gathering out a *Gentile* Church. There is no such thing in all the Scriptures. The only Church spoken of in the Word of God is THE CHURCH, where both Jew and Gentile sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, both rejoicing in the same salvation, trusting in the same Saviour. The challenge to evangelize the Jew is ours. Obedient Christians everywhere must share in the task.

All that Christianity holds dear has been given to us by the Jew! I will mention just a few treasures: our Saviour, our Church, and our Bible. No matter how hard you may try you can never completely pay your debt to the Jew.

The great apostle says, "I am a debtor." We are under an obligation. When so much of infinite value has been given to the Church by the Jews, do you

not feel that we are under obligation to evangelize them?

In paying or endeavoring to pay her debt to the Jew the Church has much to gain in every way.

The Church will gain spiritual health. Missions are the breath of the Church. No church can be healthy apart from a genuine missionary spirit.

The Church will gain in spiritual zeal. Few are found with such enthusiasm and zeal as the Hebrew Christians.

Jews are scattered over the face of the earth. They speak the languages of the nations of the world. Can you imagine what would have happened to our missionary work if Christianity had won the Jew? The Jew would have been a crusader for Christ and the gospel to the end of the earth!

The Church will gain the respect and love of the Jew. One reason the Jew is hard to reach is his past unkind treatment at the hands of professed Christians. If we will speak the truth in love and sincerity, the friendship lost can be restored.



Jewish children in Israel proudly watch as their national flag is raised. Israel's national independence is a sign that Christ will soon return and that our days of soul-winning may be numbered.

HEALING TESTIMONIES

An intense love burned in the heart of our Lord for His own people. His heart constantly outflowed with deep compassion for the salvation of Israel. When rejected, He wept; when crucified, He prayed; when raised from the dead, He commanded that the gospel should be preached to His own first. If the Lord Jesus Christ loves Israel and will one day "return and build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down," then we must love Israel and pray for her salvation.

God has a future purpose and ministry for the Jew. "In the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us" (Jeremiah 2:27). Many other passages teach that in the time of their great trouble (namely, the Great Tribulation) Israel shall be saved. They shall call upon God, confessing the iniquity of their fathers (Leviticus 26:40-42; Hosea 5:15).

In that day the nation shall so effectively give the testimony of Christ that "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues . . . washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:1-14).

Since the Jews shall be so mightily used, and since no one can call upon Him whom they have not believed, nor believe in Him of whom they have not heard (Romans 10:14), it follows that their evangelization is of supreme importance. It would seem that we must sow the seed of the gospel in their hearts before the rapture of the Church. Since the rapture is imminent, the evangelization of the Jew is of immediate urgency.

Let us make sure of qualifying for the blessing rather than the curse of the covenant that God made with Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse" (Genesis 1:3, R.V.). It has been rightly said that a church program which excludes the Jewish work is not a "full program," and a church budget which excludes a portion for evangelizing the Jews can never be "balanced" in God's sight.

Let us join with other Christians in a strong, positive witness to the Jewish people. You can help by sending an offering now to:

JEWISH MISSIONS
Home Missions Department
434 W. Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

Hemorrhaging Stops in Answer to Prayer

I want to praise God for delivering me from the evil one. About ten years ago, I began having a great deal of difficulty due to my time of life. My husband and I were in the ministry, and the load became very heavy at times. The responsibilities looked like mountains to me. I had to fight a fierce battle against nervousness and fear.

Last January we accepted the pastorate in Canon City, Colorado. Immediately afterwards my husband became sick, and the former pastor died, so that the load of the church work fell on me. The strain was great, and I began to hemorrhage. One evening before church I was overcome with weakness and tension. My limbs became numb and heavy, and I couldn't move. My husband called folk to pray for me. In about an hour they carried me to my bedroom, where I had to stay for three weeks.

Christians would come to pray for me, and always God's presence and assurance of healing was so real. One day I asked to be put in a chair in the living room. I began to praise God, and such glory filled the room. God blessed me so wonderfully, speaking to me definitely about my healing. But another spell of weakness seized me, and I had to go back to bed.

Oh, the hours of fighting the evil one—oh, the fears, dreams, and torments I endured! But God delivered me from the evil one and gave me some precious revelations of Himself and His great power over the enemy of my soul. Like

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.

the woman in Christ's earthly ministry who had the issue of blood, I touched the hem of His garment and was healed. The blood flow stopped. I got up, though weak and tottering, and claimed my healing. I gave my testimony in church when I was almost too weak to stand. How I praise God for His marvelous deliverance.

We have built a parsonage since my healing and have moved into it. I am able to eat, sleep, and carry on my work for God. To Him be all praise and glory.—Mrs. W. V. Beauford, 204 South Seventh, Canon City, Colo.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. V. Beauford, Canon City, Colo.)

Accident Victim Healed

One year ago this past September the Lord wonderfully healed me. I had been involved in an automobile accident and was thrown into the windshield. My face and head were badly cut and I had to undergo plastic surgery.

After returning from the hospital I felt a terrible pressure on my forehead. I found it difficult to turn my head. I was very depressed and asked the Lord for some scriptures, and He guided me to Psalm 118. "The Lord is on my side . . . I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

A few days later a Christian friend brought me some magazines to read. It was in reading other people's healing testimonies that I began to believe the Lord could heal me. Thank the Lord, He did heal me that night. The heavy pressure was completely gone and I was able to turn my head. I am still thanking the Lord for it, and am hoping this testimony may help someone else to know that Jesus is still able and willing to heal.—Mrs. E. B. Simpson, 2823 Lens Ave., Norfolk, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Charles V. Elliott, First Assembly of God, Greenville, S.C., formerly pastor at Norfolk, Va.)



Selfish Parents

BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

THEIR CHILDISH VOICES WERE LIFTED high in song. A spirit of reverence pervaded the room as the words came sweet and clear. "For Mother's love and Father's care, We thank Thee, Lord." Who could have known that underneath all that melody at least one little heart was heavy with hurt?

The children stood in a circle, holding hands as they prayed. Suddenly a little voice, charged with emotion, broke the silence. "Dear Jesus, please make my daddy and mama to live together again so Grandma doesn't have to take care of me. I want my mama and daddy to take care of me."

Not a dry eye was found among the adults in the room that morning. The six-year-old girl had painted a picture of tragedy with the vivid strokes of a few words which tumbled out of her bewildered heart.

"I could shake those parents," a childless teacher virtually trembled as she spoke when class was dismissed. "Some people don't appreciate the gifts God has given them in children. I'd give my right hand to have a child of my own, but the Lord has seen fit to deny me this privilege. Marty's parents have that adorable child, and what do they do for her? Nothing but push her around, confuse her little heart, help to develop a complex by dividing her love for them—oh, they're just ruining that child's life," the teacher concluded with shaking voice, and with eyes that were misty with frustration and grief.

My own heart stood still as the prayer of little Marty echoed in its recesses. "How selfish can parents get?" I asked of no one in particular.

"Is there any limit to selfishness?" another dear teacher responded.

"I suppose not," I answered as the painful fact of the "exceeding sinful-

ness of sin" swept over my soul with new meaning. If Marty were an isolated case of parental selfishness, the situation would be bad enough. But the same story with different names abounds everywhere to the grief of countless hearts, and to the breakdown of our nation's most important citadel, the HOME.

Marty's parents were sure they loved each other when they promised to "love, honor, and cherish, till death do us part." But somewhere along the path of their life together after Marty came into their home, love's ardor was cooled as SELF began to assert itself. Little by little the estrangement deepened until two embittered parents decided there was nothing to do but call it quits. SELF was so entrenched in

each heart that the two parents felt they had every right to break up their home regardless of what it did to their child. If *they* could not stand to live together any more, who had any right to question their motives or decision?

No thought of what they were doing to their little girl entered their selfish hearts. After all, she has everything she needs, they think. She is the best-dressed girl in her set. She has enough toys to stock a store. No expense is spared when it comes to medical care; her food is the finest obtainable. With the combined attention and care of a doting grandmother, a skilled nurse, an excellent private school, and a live-wire Sunday School, what more can little Marty need or want?

What more, indeed! Which can give

What  is there of U, whom if his  ask , will he give him a ? Or if he ask for a , will he give him a ? If ye then, B-ing evil, know how to give good  UN-2 your  how much more shall your Father which is in  give good things to them that ask Him?

Matt. 7: 9-11

a little girl more comfort—a cuddly teddy bear, or mother's breast? What can give more joy and heart satisfaction—an expensive bicycle, built to size, or a happy romp with daddy on the living-room floor? What gives a child more stability—an unlimited expense account, or the steady, warm love of two parents who live together in a tightly knit family circle? Are not the answers obvious?

Marty's parents are not conscious of any selfishness on their part toward their child. Because they load her with "things" which money can buy, they are convinced, by blind selfishness, that Marty is much better off than if she were living with them when they simply *cannot* make a go of their marriage.

How SELFISH can parents become? Parenthood involves more than the ability to produce offspring. True parents are those who love and are loved, with no vestige of self to taint the relationship. How SELFISH can parents become? Selfish enough to cast aside a holy bond in favor of warped thinking. Selfish enough to regard not the spiritual and personality needs of their own flesh and blood, but to blandly ignore them in favor of immature adult reasoning. Selfish enough to give their children all the "things" which this life can offer, yet fail to give that one thing which is needful—a home which radiates love because Jesus Christ is the center and circumference of all lives and living there.

The army of selfish parents grows daily in alarming proportions. And with the growth there is increase of warped personalities in innocent children, a steady deterioration of the home life, and a mockery of God's express commands. The picture isn't very pretty, but all of us parents ought to stop in our tracks and take inventory. If there is a sign of selfishness creeping into either hearts or home, the time is now to conduct a vigorous clean-up campaign. And lest we say this is impossible, I hasten to remind us of the promise in God's Book: "I can do *all things* through Christ who strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Did you honestly intend to abide by those marriage vows spoken years ago? Did you mean it when you promised God to rear those children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord"? If you did, and you surely did not intend to die, let's be done with SELFISHNESS. There is no time like the present to crucify self.



Our Family Altar

Monday, January 28

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14

TODAY'S GEM: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out that this passage of Scripture refers to Jesus. He is called the Word, because as our words express our thoughts, so Jesus is the expression of God's thoughts toward us. Show (1) His part in creation, v. 3; (2) His rejection by His own, v. 11; (3) the promise that to those who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God.

QUESTION TIME: Who is the "Word"? (see above) Why is this name given to Him?

Tuesday, January 29

SCRIPTURE: John 1:15-28

TODAY'S GEM: "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of John the Baptist. He felt he was just a voice—one sent before to prepare the way of the Lord (v. 23). When Christ came, He brought grace (mercy) and truth, and declared God unto all men.

QUESTION TIME: Has any one ever actually seen God? (v. 18) How is God revealed to us? (v. 18) When Christ came to earth, what did He bring? (v. 17) What did John the Baptist say his mission was? (v. 23) What was his opinion of Jesus? (v. 27)

Wednesday, January 30

SCRIPTURE: John 1:29-34

TODAY'S GEM: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out that John the Baptist, like any true Christian, did not call attention to himself but pointed people to Jesus. Show how John knew that Jesus was the Son of God, vv. 33, 34.

QUESTION TIME: What special significance does the title "the Lamb of God" have? (Exodus 12:3, 6, 7, 13) How did John know who Jesus was? (vv. 33, 34) What mention of a future work of Jesus does John make here? (v. 33) How would Jesus take away the sins of the world? (1 Peter 2:24)

Thursday, January 31

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:7-13; Matt. 10:16-22

TODAY'S GEM: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, Director of Missions" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Talk about the work of some missionary who has visited your church. Point out (1) Jesus started missions—Mark 16:15; (2) missionaries leave home and loved ones today to fulfill Christ's command; (3) we can all be missionaries by telling the unsaved of Jesus Christ.

QUESTION TIME: Who started missions? (see above) How can we be missionaries?

Friday, February 1

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of David's sin and some of its results (see 2 Samuel 12:7-10; 18:9-15; 24:10-17). Point out that Psalm 51 is David's confession of his sin to God. It shows him seeking forgiveness. Emphasize that Christians often sin because of carelessness and pride.

FOR THE PARENT: How do Christians fall into sin? (see above) What were some of the results of David's sin? (see above scriptures)

Saturday, February 2

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 29:15-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 8:11).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the children review the story of how Jacob deceived his father (Genesis 27). Show how his sin forced him to leave home; then how Jacob was deceived by Laban. The Bible reminds us that our sins will find us out; and that the wages of unforgiven sin is eternal death.

QUESTION TIME: Why did Jacob have to leave home? (Genesis 27:42) Where did Jacob go? (v. 13) What wages did Jacob ask of Laban? (v. 18) How did Laban deceive Jacob? (vv. 23-25)

Speaking With Tongues

By **CARL BRUMBACK**

An outstanding Pentecostal author writes his answer to a message by a popular radio preacher

HAVE TONGUES CEASED?

When shall tongues cease? "When that which is perfect is come." The issue, of course, is the defining of the word *perfect*. You have given two definitions on page 27. The first, *the completed Scriptures*: "When the Scripture is completed with the writing of the last book of the Bible, then that which is in part shall cease to have its place in the life of the believer." The second, *the maturity of the Church*: "The word 'perfect' here as in other passages of Scripture would more properly be translated 'maturity,' and so what Paul says is that when the maturity of the church has been attained, then that which was incomplete . . . shall be done away."

I submit to you that the completion of the Scriptures and the maturity of the Church are not identical, nor even necessarily contemporary. The New Testament Church, as a whole, has been held up through the centuries as the ideal Church. If it were indeed immature, then it must be said that the first-century Church in its immaturity accomplished far more than its successors in their maturity. Yet, that generation of believers was without the completed Scriptures. Furthermore, the Scriptures were perfect from the first moment of their existence, whereas the Church of every age must strive toward perfection. It is evident that the Church of our day has not yet arrived, for we are all engaged in perfecting the saints." This fact, no doubt, prompted you to substitute the word "mature" for "perfect," when you applied it to the Church, a substitution which you could not properly make when applying it to the Scriptures.

If you will observe still another substitution, which it was necessary for you to make in order to reinforce your argu-

ment, it will become plain that Paul was not referring to the completion of the Scriptures: "Till revelation was complete *they* saw through a glass darkly, but now *we* have the full face-to-face revelation of the Lord Jesus in the Word" (p. 28). *They* did not have the chance which *we* have, for such a revelation was at least forty years away. Yet you say that Paul exhorted *them* to "be men—to grow up beyond these elementary things, these signs." Such an exhortation to discard the existent impermanent for the then non-existent permanent would have been absurd, since most of the Corinthians did not live to see the completed canon, the perfect revelation.

Paul includes himself in the statement: "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Paul did not live to see the completed canon of Scriptures, so, according to your booklet, this was the reason why he only knew in part. As if anyone since Paul, even with the complete Bible in his hand, had a greater knowledge of truth than Paul! Yet, you say that he (Peter, James, and John, too!) only knew in part, while we know it all. While I deeply appreciate the fact that I possess the whole Bible, I could not be presumptuous enough to claim that I actually *know* more about God than Paul knew.

You modify this claim somewhat, by saying: "we now have all of the Bible so that we *may* know, as we are known." Paul, however, was not speaking of the ability to know, but of the automatic knowledge that would be his when that which is perfect is come. He speaks confidently of an experience which he and his Corinthian readers would share. If the completion of the Scriptures were the "perfect" of which



At Pentecost a hundred and twenty men and women were talking in strange tongues that they had never learned.

he wrote, his confidence was not well-founded.

The reference to "perfect" must signify the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Perfect One, who shall usher in the perfect age for His Church. It is so interpreted by practically all Bible scholars, except when they are attempting to establish a case for the elimination of tongues. "Face to face" can mean only one thing—seeing our glorified Saviour "as he is!" Rather than teaching the termination of tongues, 1 Corinthians 13:8 and its context *teach the continuance of tongues until the coming of Christ*.

ARE TONGUES PROHIBITED TODAY?

You say, "There is therefore no prohibition on the part of Paul in the Corinthian Church against speaking in tongues (p. 21). "The Epistle . . . was not written primarily to endorse the speaking in tongues, or to forbid it" (p. 1).

I cannot let pass unchallenged the implication that Paul desired, if not primarily, at least secondarily, to forbid tongues. He laid down certain restrictions, but he commanded: "Forbid *not* to speak with tongues." If tongues were permitted today in the church according to Paul's rules, and according to his motive in writing the Corinthians, they would be exercised "decently and in order," but *tongues would indeed be present!*

I believe that intellectual honesty will compel you to admit that your motive in writing this booklet, unlike Paul's, is to prohibit and forbid speaking in tongues. You advocate the view that tongues "ceased as a common gift with the close of the Apostolic Age," and that, by divine decree, they came to "a complete stop" (p. 19). The implication which you leave is that, since God determined that tongues should cease at that time, tongues today are either spurious or Satanic (pp. 4, 21). Let me document this statement.

1. Do Gifts Add to the Word?

You refer to the gift of prophecy (to which tongues and interpretation are equal) as having for its purpose "to give new revelation while the Bible was still incomplete," making it appear that prophecy and the other gifts were a temporary substitute for the Bible. Then, you state that the completion of the Scriptures has rendered such gifts "entirely unnecessary," citing the solemn warning from Revelation 22:18 about "adding to" the Book. If the net effect of such teaching is not to prohibit any exercise of the gifts of the Spirit, it would be difficult to invent a more effective one!

The true operation of the gifts of the Spirit does not involve the "revelation of new truth not contained in the Word of God since the Bible was completed" (p. 26). That the Holy Spirit revealed truth to the early Christians through the gifts, I doubt not, but to infer from the Word that this was the only means, or even the chief means, for such revelation, is contrary to the facts. God communicated His truth unto them through the "apostles' doctrine," the inspired teaching of the Twelve, of Paul, and of James. The miraculous gifts were never on a par with this fundamental teaching which was afterward incorporated into Holy Writ. That is the answer to your question: "How else could the Spirit of God make known His will and teach these new Christians?" (p. 25).

We who speak with tongues today and who witness the operation of the other gifts in our midst, recognize that the Bible is the perfect and final Revelation. But we believe that God speaks to us today through these gifts, not as an addition to, nor in opposition to, but as an illumination of that Word. Even in the Corinthian Church, the prophecies were not considered to be on the same

plane as the authoritative word of the apostles, for the prophecies were to be judged, while the words of the apostles were the basis of judgment.

2. Are Tongues for Men Only?

Again I quote from your booklet: "We must again remember the setting of this passage. It has reference primarily to the women speaking in tongues, and therefore does not include the testimonies or the prayers of women on other occasions. But the admonition is definite and positive and unmistakable that the speaking of tongues is reserved only in the Corinthian church for the men, and is never to be exercised by the women. Wherever it occurs it is not according to the Word and, therefore, must be a counterfeit" (p. 21).

This restriction automatically forbids speaking in tongues by all women, who usually constitute at least one half of every congregation. I do not desire here to discuss at length the ministry of women in a public service, but I would question your position that 1 Cor. 14:34-35 teaches that speaking in tongues by women is counterfeit.

You state categorically that the setting of this passage has reference primarily to the women speaking in tongues. While it is true that the 14th chapter deals chiefly with the subject of tongues, it is *not* true that the immediate context is about speaking in tongues. The passage regarding women is bounded on both sides with references to the gift of prophecy. If women are forbidden to exercise any gift, then that gift would be prophecy. Yet, you say that they may "testify," which according to you (but not according to the Word) is prophecy (p. 12). Certainly, the New Testament speaks of women prophesying—Acts 21:9; 1 Cor. 11:5. If one miraculous gift may be given to women, and it be considered "genuine and real and profitable," how could their speaking in tongues be counterfeit?

3. Are Tongues for Missionary Service Only?

You say: "If the Pentecostal gift of tongues were for us today, none of our missionaries would have to spend any time in language study. They could then go to a foreign land and immediately begin preaching to these people in their own language without any previous preparation. . . . If this gift of tongues is for us, then I assert that the

foreign missionary fields are the places for this manifestation and gift. It would not be just an ecstatic outburst once in a while among those who can't understand a word of it" (p. 11).

The only *preaching* on the day of Pentecost was done by Peter in a language understood by the entire multitude. The disciples were not speaking in tongues *because* the crowd gathered, but the crowd gathered because they were speaking in tongues. And not a single word is said about their *preaching* in tongues even after the audience had assembled. They were worshipfully declaring the wonderful works of God, pouring forth supernatural praises, declaring His glory in much the same manner as the Psalmist. The multitude, hearing their native tongues spoken by the Galileans, were astonished, but it was Peter's message which conveyed the gospel to them. Nor is there the slightest indication that the apostles ever employed tongues as a means of preaching the gospel to foreigners. Why should they, when Greek, Latin or Aramaic could be understood by Gentiles and Jews throughout the inhabited world?

You make a distinction between the tongues spoken at Pentecost and the "sign" of tongues in 1 Corinthians, saying that the former "were not 'unknown' tongues in any sense whatsoever. . . . It was a special provision for just this one single occasion at Pentecost so that all to whom the apostles spoke could hear and understand the Gospel in all its simplicity" (p. 10). The tongues at Pentecost were "unknown" to the speakers themselves, and the tongues were undoubtedly "unknown" to almost all of the listeners, except those who lived where these tongues were spoken. Obviously, the tongues at Pentecost were a "sign" to all those awe-struck spectators.

Incidentally, I am interested to know just why you skip all the way from Pentecost to Corinth. In what category do you place the tongues at Caesarea (Acts 10) and at Ephesus (Acts 19)?

These and other questions which you raise are fully answered in a comprehensive treatment of the subject of tongues published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., entitled, "What Meaneth This?"

(The book can be purchased for \$3.00 per copy. Order by title and by catalog number 2-EV-626.)

One Group's Story

BY EDITH WHIPPLE

Here is another example of the fine work that is being done by our WMC groups throughout the nation

National WMC Day is to be observed in all our assemblies on Sunday, February 24. This will be the sixth annual observance of WMC Day nationwide. It is a time when the faithful women of our churches are honored for their year-round ministry for God. It is a time of great blessing as the women show the purpose and work of the Women's Missionary Council. **LIGHTEN THE LOAD** is the theme of WMC Day this year.

It is the one time of the year when each assembly is given a special invitation to help with the work of the Women's Missionary Council by sending an offering to the National WMC Department.

The Women's Missionary Council is now a vital part of each of the 43 districts and the Latin American Branch. There are more than 4,000 active local groups and a membership of over 50,000. These figures include not only the regular WMC groups but also the young women's or business and professional women's councils. Some assemblies are also organizing deaf WMC groups. In addition to these adult groups, the Missionettes (teen-age girls' auxiliary) have their own clubs, organized in more than 300 churches. In this great missionary program to lift the lost there is work for everyone. More of the women and girls of our assemblies are needed to lighten the load.

A little over two years ago a few of the working women of the Dirego Park Assembly of God in Panama City, Florida, met to organize a Business and Professional Women's Missionary Council. They had become interested

in the work of the regular WMC, but because of working during the day it was necessary for them to have separate meetings. They decided to meet once a month and, with active committees to plan ahead, the arrangement worked out beautifully. Mae McGraw, president of the group says:

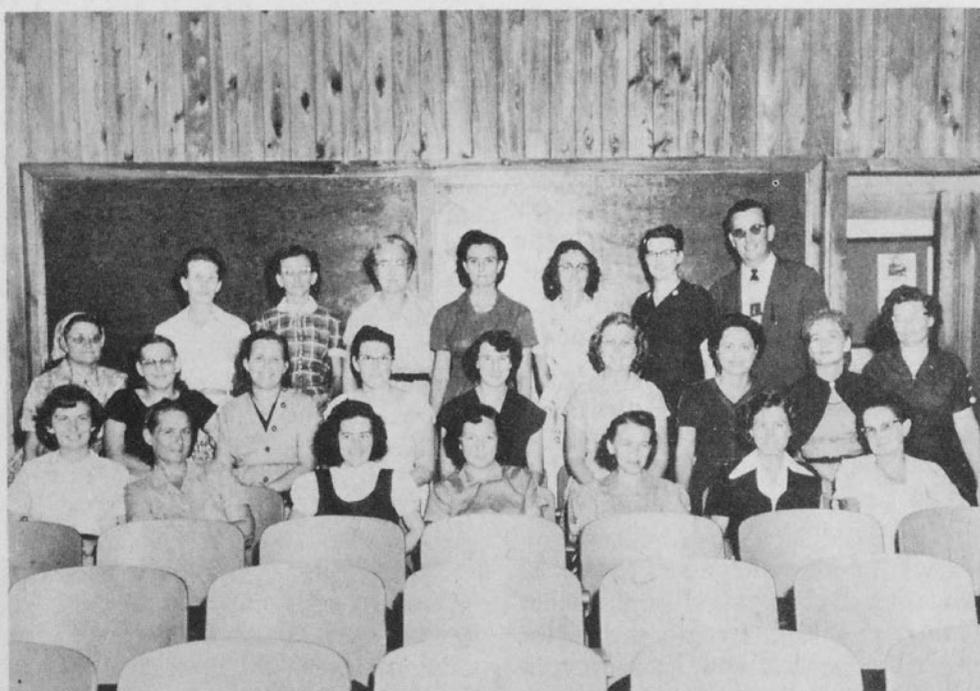
"It seemed that in everything we did the Lord blessed spiritually and financially. We were few in number, and other responsibilities among the members of our group somewhat limited our activity. We decided to take foreign

missions as our first major project and we began to seek God for His guidance of our work. After some correspondence with Brother A. E. Spence, our missionary to Costa Rica in Central America, we felt we had found His will. We presented the Costa Rica need to our group at our March meeting in 1955, and at the very beginning of our devotional service the Lord came down in a most gracious way. Late that evening we were still praying and praising the Lord.

"We sent \$75 for the purchase of a lot in LaCuesta, Costa Rica, and work was begun immediately on the new mission, where no Assemblies of God had ever been. In July that year we began supporting a national worker as pastor of the new mission. We paid his tuition through Bible school, and in February, 1956, we sent \$50 to buy him a bicycle. Through pictures and correspondence with our missionary we kept up with the progress of the new mission. In November we sent the last payment on the church. Last year and again this year we sent both the national pastor and our missionary cash gifts for Christmas.

"When our giving to the mission was totaled we were amazed to discover that the Lord had helped us to send \$410."

This business women's group has also
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Business and Professional Women's Missionary Council of the Dirego Park Assembly of God in Panama City, Florida. Officers standing in the back row are: Mrs. Frank Denham, Sectional Representative; Mildred Kelley, Missionary Secretary; Mae McGraw, President; Helen McGee, Vice President; Ernestine Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer; and the pastors, Brother and Sister Crawford Raily.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Is it wrong to sell or buy life, automobile, or accident insurance?

Each must decide according to his conscience concerning this. He must realize, however, that conscience needs proper instruction if it is to guide one aright. To buy or sell insurance is a matter of business practice and has no moral value that I know of. Therefore, I see no reason why a person might not buy or sell.

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Does the Bible teach three places after death? If so, what are they?

I don't know what is referred to, unless it is the unscriptural doctrine of purgatory. At death the body goes to the grave. The soul of the wicked goes to *hades*, usually translated "hell" in the Authorized Version (Luke 16:23). At the time of the final judgment *hades*, an intermediate place of repose for the soul, will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:13).

As to the righteous, at death they go

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lightened the load in the homeland by distributing clothing, food and household articles to needy families and to the National Children's Home, and by giving out gospel literature. Their project for this year is of a local nature—the complete remodeling of the main auditorium of their assembly in Panama City. Already they have more than \$1,000 pledged. No doubt their pastor, Crawford Railey, will say *this will lighten his load*.

From the opposite corner of our country, a small note on the end of a letter to the national WMC secretary from the district president in Oregon mentions that in her district the WMC's are working to outfit one of their missionary families, and are helping them to get a refrigerator, stove, water heater, camping equipment, tape recorder, beds and personal clothing. This is typical of the work of the WMC's as they work and pray to lighten the load.

to paradise, there to be forever with the Lord (2 Corinthians 12:2-4; Philipians 1:23).

In other words, the soul goes either to *hades* or to paradise at death, depending on whether the individual died trusting in Christ as his personal Saviour.

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In Luke 1:47 Mary rejoiced in God her Saviour. Why would she need a Saviour if she had never sinned?

The doctrine that Mary was so conceived as to be free from the Adamic nature is called "the immaculate conception," but this is not taught in the Bible. The fact that she said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," indicates that she realized that she, too, needed to be saved.

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If Adam and Eve had only Cain and Abel, will you please explain where Cain got his wife. It says he went to the land of Nod and there knew his wife (Genesis 4:16, 17). If he found her in the land of Nod, where did she come from?

While the record in Scripture speaks only of Cain, Abel, and Seth by name, it is evident that Adam and Eve had other children also. Genesis 5:4 states, "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons *and daughters*." So Cain must have married a sister or niece. Even as late as Abraham's time, Abraham married his half-sister (Genesis 20:12). When it says that "Cain knew his wife" it refers to that union from which comes offspring, and does not mean that he found his wife in the land of Nod.

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Do you not think Adam and Eve had children before they sinned? Was it not these who took the daughters of men in marriage, and was it not this which brought about the Deluge?

If children had been born to Adam and Eve before they sinned, these would then have been persons born without the sinful Adamic nature. The Bible indicates that there were none so

born. "In Adam all die." Through Adam "death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

The "sons of God" who married the "daughters of men" were probably the descendants of the godly Seth who married the descendants of wicked Cain. Genesis 6:2, 4.

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What did God mean when He said to Cain, "And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him"? (Genesis 4:7)

Opinion is divided concerning the meaning of these words. There are scholars who believe that it is a promise that if Cain would do well he would not lose his rights over Abel as the first-born.

Others see in this verse the promise over sin, which was crouched like an evil beast, ready to destroy him. The Revised Version favors this interpretation. "If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up?" This indicates that well-doing would be lifted up as were the wave-offerings before the Lord, signifying divine acceptance. "And if thou doest not well, sin croucheth at the door; and unto thee shall be its desire; but do thou rule over it." There is basis for either interpretation.

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Is a good Christian ever liable to demon-possession?

The believer's safety lies in his faith in our Lord Jesus. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

While every believer is safe, protected through seeing his place in Christ Jesus, he must be awake to the "wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11), who seeks to ensnare. If Satan can lead us astray into false doctrine, it is possible for him to bring us under his power. See how carefully Paul warned the Corinthian believers against being led astray (2 Corinthians 11:1-4).

But no believer need fear demon-possession. Believing in Christ and His atonement, seeing our place in His redemption, and maintaining a humble heart, will at all times assure us victory "over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19).

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.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Sunday School Lesson for February 3, 1957

MARK 6:7-13; MATTHEW 10:16-22

As wonderful as Christ's own ministry was, it was limited in the sense that He could be in only one place at a time. He therefore instructed His disciples to pray that missionaries might be sent out to meet the challenge which presented itself. In our lesson today Christ calls the twelve to Him and sends them out, thus helping them to answer their own prayer.

THE COMMISSION GIVEN (Mark 6:7-11)

Note that the twelve were laymen; they had received no professional training. But they had spent time with Christ and were sent forth by His authority and equipped with His power. Observe, too, that Mark says Christ "began to send them forth." He has been sending men forth ever since!

Compare the text with parallel passages in Matthew 10:1-16 and Luke 9:1-6, and observe the following details concerning the commissioning of the twelve:

1. *Their Ministry.* "As ye go, preach . . . heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils" (Matt. 10:7, 8). Tremendous needs stared them in the face. Terrible responsibility rested upon these men. They were to become the future leaders of the church. In order to give them a foretaste of their work Jesus now sent them forth to duplicate His own ministry.

2. *Their Message.* "Preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." The kingdom of heaven is the establishment of God's divine order and will upon earth, in the hearts of men. A kingdom implies a king. That King is Christ who is enthroned in the hearts of those who accept Him. Thus, repentance was to be a vital part of their preaching of the kingdom. It still needs to be emphasized today.

3. *Their Maintenance.* "And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey . . . no bread, no money. . . ." The disciples were to receive no stated salary but were to depend upon the hospitality of those in whose homes they were entertained (see also Matt. 10:9, 10). What might be the blessed result in the kingdom of God today if more of us lived by the abiding principles laid down in these verses! The work of evangelism in Jesus' day was a life-and-death matter which demanded self-denial, avoidance of self-indulgence and luxury, and implicit trust in the provision of God! How many more men might become powerful preachers, soul-winners, missionaries, if, for instance, they did not demand a certain amount of financial security before going forth! How many others have bogged down spiritually because they have been encumbered by financial obligations for things they foolishly deem as necessities.

4. *Their Methods.* "Go not into the way of the Gentiles . . . but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

God's plan was that Christ's own people should have first opportunity to receive the gospel. The time for world evangelism had not yet come.

"Into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide until ye go thence" (Matt. 10:11). They were to be careful as to the kind of home in which they were entertained. Carelessness at this point could damage their own reputation and discredit the gospel they preached. They were to refrain from visiting from house to house, lest they wound the feelings of those who entertained them first, and because they had no time for social visitation. Is it not possible for a worker to engage in social visitation to the extent that it prevents him from being at his best for God?

"Shake off the dust under your feet." Since time was limited, they were not to waste it among those who showed no inclination to accept their preaching. There will be degrees of punishment in hell, and none shall be so guilty as those who sinned in spite of great light and privilege.

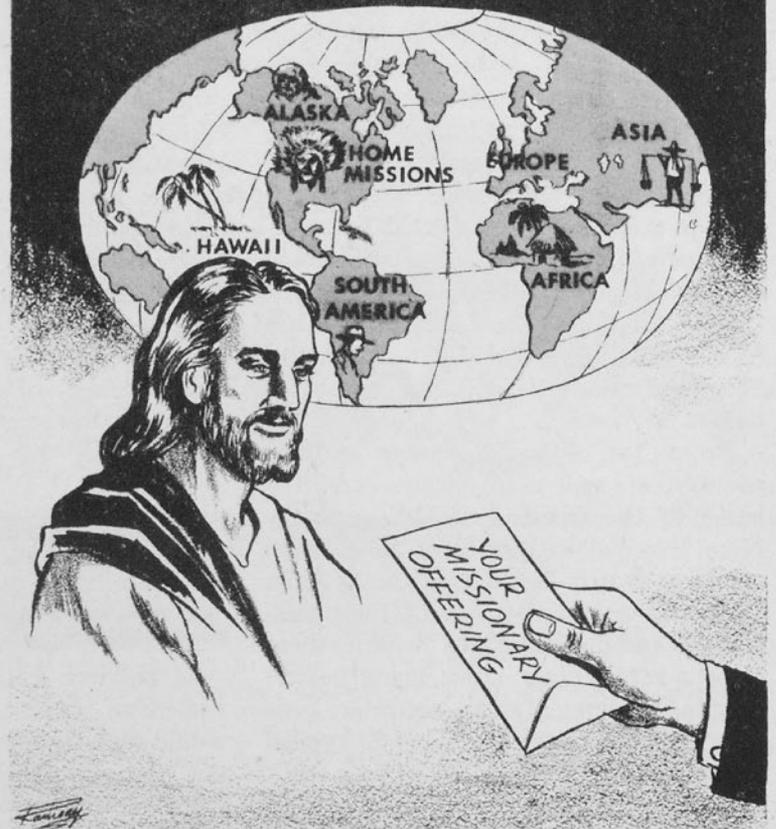
THE COMMISSION OBEYED (Mark 6:12-13)

Luke says, "They went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere." Preaching comes first, but healing is not included in the apostolic ministry. It is not scriptural to give healing precedence over the preaching of the gospel to save the soul. But neither is it scriptural to neglect the gospel of healing. The three-fold ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing is as much for today as it was for those days (see Mark 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 12:9, 28; James 5:14-16). In these days of appalling sin and suffering let us earnestly contend for apostolic ministry!

J. Bashford Bishop

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The Prime of Life

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cool off. There are quite simple reasons for all this. A man is absorbed in the height of his business or professional career. A woman is absorbed in the cares of a home and a growing family. It is not so easy as in the former years to get out to meetings or engage in a ceaseless round of varied activities. The years have arrived that reveal how deep and true was the zeal of early days. Our local assemblies have many members between the ages of thirty and fifty who give the pastor grave anxiety. They could be the backbone of the church—they have the maturity, and the substance, and they still retain the vigor—but they begin to allow the love of other things to choke the Word so that it becomes unfruitful. Increasing responsibilities in the whole realm of life are the privilege of those bearing the "burden and heat of the day." But at the heart of it all the spiritual life must be jealously preserved. The over-thirties have to specially guard against spiritual "middle-age spread."

(3) There is the special temptation to the ambitious. Many men between thirty and forty are tasting success in their calling. They are forging ahead. Their names have become famous. They are feeling the intoxication of power. But let them beware. Ambition is a good and an essential driving power for achievement in almost any sphere, including the work of the Gospel. But it can make a man ruthless, jealous and conceited. In the Christian life ambition demands self-crucifixion before it can glorify God. Every "abundance" of divine grace and gifts calls for a corresponding "thorn" of discipline to maintain the soul in a saving humility (2 Cor. 12:7). There are quite special and severe temptations to successful men in the prime of life that can hurl them into a spiritual pitfall unless strenuously resisted and overcome by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

(4) There are the middle-aged men who are faithful but not brilliant nor remarkably successful. Such men when approaching fifty may be tempted to

feel that their life is becoming a failure. Cynicism is a besetting sin of later middle-life, when contact with the universal weaknesses of human nature has destroyed the blind idealism of youth. Bitterness can poison the spirit of a man who deems himself frustrated. On the other hand, the fever of youth can be replaced by what Wesley finely called a "calmly fervent zeal." Tolerance grows, and patience with it. We cannot all climb to the topmost places, but we all can be faithful in such things whereunto we have attained. In our Lord's parable already quoted there is a significant "Two-Talent" man placed between the brilliant Five-Talent servant and the slothful One-Talent steward who earned

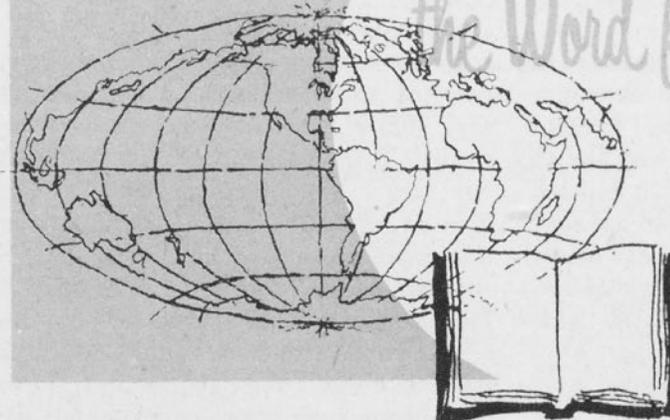
the Master's severe condemnation. This middle man was just as faithful as his more gifted brother, and earned an equal degree of approbation. If middle-life brings to some of us a recognition that we shall never now become rich, or famous, or brilliant, it can at least contain the profound satisfaction of knowing that we have done what we could with what God gave to us. None can do more.

Having said that, there still remains the duty to inspire those who have passed the meridian of life with the rich possibilities open to the over-fifties. Moses and Caleb in the Bible, and John Wesley and George Müller and Alexander Whyte nearer our own time, are only a tiny handful of men that spring to mind. We could happily add to them names honored and beloved in our own Pentecostal Movement. But if a successful middle-life is the reward for a consecrated youth, a fruitful old age depends even more upon faithfulness and diligence in the prime of life. God expects our very finest service between the ages of thirty and fifty.



THAT OTHERS MAY READ IT TOO

ON FEBRUARY 3
GIVE TO PROVIDE



A Bible of his own! Can't you see that native Christian as he pores over its pages? A Sunday School quarterly, a picture paper or textbook—how precious are these to those who have only recently learned to read. Now they too may know God's message to man!

We dare not keep the Living Word to ourselves! "And we will not!" respond the boys

and girls of the Assemblies of God. "Each month we will give in our BGMC barrel-banks so that gospel literature may be provided for those in foreign lands. In addition, on BGMC Day (which is NEXT SUNDAY), we will give a special offering." The goal set for this offering is \$15,000. Every year in the past we have surpassed our goal for BGMC Day. Boys and girls all over the nation have banded together to make it possible, and we trust that all will do their part again next Sunday. We hope your Sunday School will join us. If you have not yet started the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, this is an ideal time to begin. The special offering taken on February 3 of this year will be used for literature in Africa. Then the monthly giving will be used for printing on all mission fields. So—join us in providing the Word for the world. Give next Sunday.

BGMC DAY—FEBRUARY 3—GOAL \$15,000



REPENTANCE

BY GIPSY SMITH

IF THERE IS A MAN OR WOMAN WHO has been trying to live a Christian life and has no joy in it, and no victory in it, and no song in it—I know the reason. It is that you have never repented. You started wrong.

This is the most neglected doctrine in the New Testament, and the most unpopular. You do not often hear preachers speak upon it. You do not like to hear about repentance. And I will tell you something else—it is not an easy subject to preach upon. It is far easier to congratulate than it is to expostulate.

There is far more said in the New Testament about repentance than anybody dreams. You take a good reference Bible and read up on that subject for a month, and see! Why, this Book is a Handbook of repentance: it enforces it, it commands it, and it so demands it that there is no substitute that it will accept. Over sixty times the Book enforces it, and all the Epistles are written to show men how to do it, so that you need not be at sea or in a fog as to what it means: yet multitudes of people are.

I am afraid that in our zeal to get people into the Church we have allowed them

to come in under false pretenses. We have not sufficiently torn the bandage from their moral and spiritual vision.

I have never yet preached an easy religion; I have never yet preached a cheap religion. I have not found one: I do not know one. Jesus never made it easy for people to be saved. He did not say, "Only believe; you have nothing to do." Please remember that! He did not preach to sinners at first on the love of God. We have preached love till people are love-sick!

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." He held up no false standards. He deceived nobody, and He would not have them deceived. We have been afraid to hurt people; we have compromised, we have lowered the standard with the hope of winning, but you do not win anybody except by being faithful. Men despise you for lowering the standard or widening the pathway in order to win them. They know in their hearts—and you know—that nothing is going to help you to God except absolute obedience to the Divine will.

I would rather keep the standard up, although I never reached it, and lost my soul in its height, than I would lose

my soul lowering the standard to suit my miserable, contemptible experience. It is your business and mine to keep it up. Do not foreclose your religious life by saying "Attained" before you have begun. Please do not misquote me: Jesus on Calvary is not the Substitute for the life He means you to live; Jesus on Calvary is the means by which you get the power to live the life. There is a good deal for you to do. I know "Love's redeeming work is done," but your work is not done. The work the Holy Ghost demands you shall do, the work God the Father demands you shall do, the work Jesus Christ demands you shall do, and the work your own enlightened conscience demands you shall do, is not done; that is for you to do.

A spurious repentance means a spurious Christian life, and the reason lots of you, although you are church members, have no joy and no peace in the Holy Ghost is because you never obeyed the Divine Word. You must repent if you want salvation. You may say, "What is repentance?" Well, first of all, it is not conviction of sin.

It is not enough to be convicted. Conviction is an element of repentance, but you can be convicted without repenting. Nobody repents till he is convicted, but all the people who are convicted do not repent. Is sorrow repentance? No. It is not enough to be sorry; something more than tears is needed.

What is repentance? If it is not conviction and it is not sorrow, what is it? Is it promising to do better? No! Some of you have been doing that until you are old and worn out, and you are farther from God now than ever. What is repentance, then? Is it going to meetings? No! Is it hearing preachers? No. Is it reading the Bible, or praying? No. What is it? Excitement? No. Fanaticism? No; it is the sanest thing in God's world, and one of the most beautiful. What is it to repent?

It is turning from sin to God: that is the journey. Do not talk about the Communion: do not talk about church membership. Do not insult God and your own soul by any such subterfuge. Repentance is turning from sin to God, getting hold of that which is your curse, by the hair of its head, and tearing it out by the roots. Pride is one evil. Pride can be as damning as drunkenness, and is. There is pride of face, pride of place, pride of grace, and pride of race.

You need saving from your good self as much as from your bad self. The

devil is very subtle, and if he cannot hinder you by your badness, he will hinder you by your goodness. He will come to you as an angel of light. Pride, self-righteousness, drunkenness, lying, sham, fraud, hypocrisy, lust, duplicity—there is one thing in your life, my brother, my sister, before which you fall down a slave, which masters you, which dominates you. Let it go, kick it out, kill it, and all other things in your life that are wrong will slink away like so many whipped curs.

What is repentance, then? It is the moral response of the awakened soul to the call of God, the Home of the soul. Have you repented like that? A man had been at my meetings for seven weeks and at the close of a particular service he remained in his seat at the back when the people had dispersed. I went up to him—he was a fine, handsome man—and said, "My brother, you are interested." He said, "I am." I replied, "I know. I have watched you." "Yes," he said, "I know you have watched me. I cannot keep away."

I said, "Well, you know what you ought to do" (I found he was a Scotsman). "Yes, I know." He knew his Bible—the average Scotsman does, and he only wants firing. I said, "You know, don't you?" He said, "Yes." "Well, for God's sake, for your family's sake and your own, obey the heavenly vision."

At the moment a gentleman appeared who had evidently been watching. He had a Bible in his hand, and he said, "Brother Smith, may I speak to this friend?" I said, "Yes." He read John 3:16, and said, "You believe this?" The Scotsman replied, "Of course I do."

Then he turned to Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." He said, "You believe that?" "Yes." Then he turned to John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." He said, "You believe that?" "Yes, I do."

"Well, you believe Christ died for you?" "Yes." "And that He rose again for your justification?" "Yes." "You believe He is able to save you now?" "Yes." "You know nobody else can save you?" "Yes." "You believe He is willing to save you?" "Yes." "Then you are saved." "No," replied the Scotsman. "I am not. Read one passage for me, and for yourself; it's time you read it! Read Isaiah 55:7. Read it slowly, and pause when I tell you."



Executives of the Arkansas District meet in the conference room of the new District headquarters building. Left to right: B. Owen Oslin, H. J. Murry, Wm. Edwin Burris, H. E. Shaw (Secretary-Treasurer), G. W. Hardcastle (Superintendent), O. M. Montgomery, T. J. Gotcher (Assistant Superintendent), H. E. Simms, Foy Hutchinson.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT DEDICATES NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The Arkansas District recently dedicated a commodious new office building at 1205 Scott Street, Little Rock, to serve as headquarters for the Assemblies of God work throughout the state.

The modern one-story structure of Roman brick and ledge stone houses the offices of the District Superintendent, District Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. President, WMC President, and Sunday School Director. It also contains a large conference room—besides work and storage rooms, etc. Offices on the north side of the building have natural light from full-wall plate glass windows.

Construction of the office building was made necessary by the remarkable growth of the Assemblies of God church work in Arkansas. There are now 438 churches in the state. Only two denominations (Southern Baptists and Methodists) have a larger membership in Arkansas than the Assemblies of God, according to the latest national survey of church membership made by the National Council of Churches.

G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, presided at the dedication service. The Assistant Superintendent, T. J. Gotcher, told approximately 300 ministers and guests that the Arkansas District work of the Assemblies was founded under a grove of tree in Russellville in the summer of 1914, only a few weeks after the General Council of the Assemblies of God had been organized at Hot Springs.

T. F. Zimmerman, the announced speaker, was unable to attend the dedication ceremonies and Carl G. Conner of Springfield, Mo. was asked to substitute for him. Brother Conner, who is public relations director for the General Council, pointed to the unusual growth of the Assemblies in the Arkansas District. He said that among the forty-three church districts throughout the nation, Arkansas ranks third for size. He called on ministers and members to "hand the torch of the church to the youth who will carry on in the tradition established by the founding fathers."

That Scotsman knew his Bible! The other read, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord." "Stop," said the Scotsman. "I am the wicked man; I am the unrighteous; and I have to return; and when I am willing to take those steps I know God will abundantly pardon. My head

believes all those things, and my heart assents in a way, but my heart is hugging a sin, and no man can hug sin and trust Jesus Christ as his Saviour."

That is the whole thing in a nutshell. If you want to hug Jesus as your Saviour, turn from sin to God, and He will save you.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **FREESPORT, PA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. G. W. Hardcastle, Jr. just concluded a good meeting in the Gospel Tabernacle. Their ministry in music and message was greatly appreciated.

—Charles Shaffer, Pastor

► **HUTCHINSON, KANS.**—The First Assembly of God has just completed a revival meeting with Byron Wright and Paul Myers of Dayton, Ky. The meeting was very good in every way with a number being saved and filled with the Spirit.

—J. L. Boukware, Pastor

► **BOKOSHE, OKLA.**—Eighteen were saved and 12 were filled with the Holy Ghost during the ministry of James T. Anderson of California. There were also several healings. The church enjoyed the faith-inspiring messages of the evangelist.

—Leroy Kilpatrick, Pastor

► **PHENIX CITY, ALA.**—The Rolph Survey Assembly recently experienced a spiritual uplift through the ministry of Evangelist Paul W. Wetzel of Columbus, Ga. Eighteen were saved, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. The church still feels the effects of the revival.

—James H. Shelley, Pastor

► **MUSKOGEE, OKLA.**—The Second Assembly of God recently completed an excellent revival with Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denny. The people were greatly stirred by their call for a separated and consecrated life. Thirteen were saved, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Ten individuals joined the church following the revival.

—W. H. Weaver, Jr., Pastor

► **ONEONTA, N.Y.**—The summer months just past were busy ones for the members and friends of Oneonta's Assembly of God Revival Center. The first series of meetings lasted two weeks under the leadership of Evangelist Charles H. E. Duncombe. The Christians were edified and blessed by his rich teaching. Soon afterward Miss Lucienne Hubbell and Miss Olive Terry conducted a two-week Vacation Bible School. A total of 118 enrolled to make an average attendance of 79. A few weeks later, the Kellner Evangelistic Team had three weeks of meetings in a tent. These meetings drew many new folk from far and wide, and a number of them made decisions for Christ. There were healings of various kinds, the most outstanding being that of a young lady who received hearing in her left ear. She had lost the hearing when but a child. The attendance was better than any previous campaign.

—Morris S. Williams, Pastor

► **ELDORA, IA.**—Eleven were filled with the Holy Spirit and one was saved in the recent three-week meeting here with Evangelist Lela Haycook. Others were re-filled, and many more received a new touch from God. One estranged father and son were reunited. Sister Haycook's visual messages on Pentecost were a great blessing to the church.

—Leroy Whiteman, Pastor

► **MIDDLETOWN, OHIO**—We can report great victory from the two weeks of evangelistic meetings conducted here by Evangelist J. G. Gott of Hamilton, Ohio. The church enjoyed the presence of the Lord and the anointed ministry of His Word. There were three outstanding healings. One backslider was reclaimed, and a United Brethren woman received a touch of Pentecost.

—James H. Burkhardt, Pastor

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—The Calvary Full Gospel Church recently enjoyed a real old-fashioned Pentecostal outpouring during the revival with Frederick and Sarah Byers. During the two weeks there were 19 filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival meeting started with the infilling of a Nazarene woman who had gotten hungry for more power. Some were reclaimed, others saved, and several refilled who had not spoken in tongues for months and even years. Sister Byers' teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was very plain and benefited all who heard. The church was stirred under her anointed ministry and teaching.

—O. D. Burkett, Pastor

► **PHOENIX, ARIZ.**—The East Hadley Assembly of God enjoyed an excellent revival with Evangelist Ray McMillan of Texas. During the three weeks of meetings a new Sunday School attendance record was set every week. God moved in a mighty way. Souls were saved and bodies healed.

—James W. Mooney, Pastor

► **HOUSTON, TEX.**—One of the best revivals in the history of the Lindale Assembly of God was recently conducted here by Bruce Thum and the Sunshine Evangelistic Party. The meetings were outstanding, not only in the numbers who attended, but in the souls that were won to Christ. No less than 75 people, and possibly as many as 125, knelt at the altar and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Bruce Thum has a unique ministry in reaching new people. His preaching is forceful, Biblical, and with a most sincere appeal to the lost. The Sunday School increased over 200 in attendance on the last Sunday of the campaign. Much good was done in every department of the church.

—James McKeenan, Pastor

► **KING CITY, CALIF.**—The church here is praising God for the revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Henry C. Gotcher of Los Angeles. The presence of God was real, and at least four were saved, several backsliders came back to God, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Several were also refilled. Many prominent individuals in city affairs attended the meeting.

—T. C. Gameson, Pastor



A new attendance record was set at the Full Gospel Church in King City, California, on December 9 during Evangelist Henry C. Gotcher's meeting there. T. C. Gameson is pastor.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

| STATE | CITY | CHURCH | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Ariz. | Yuma | First | Feb. 3— | E. R. Winter | O. W. Killingsworth |
| Ark. | Harrisburg | A of G | Jan. 29-Feb. 10 | Ansbaugh Chord Makers | Bill McKenzie |
| | Monette | A of G | Jan. 27-Feb. 10 | Eldon Bryce | Clyde Daniel |
| Calif. | Bell Gardens | Full Gospel | Jan. 29— | Singing Wyricks | Elmo Bowler |
| | Modesto | * S. Modesto | Jan. 27-Feb. 10 | E. L. Saxelid | J. W. Sandlin |
| | Paso Robles | Full Gospel | Jan. 29-Feb. 17 | Carl & Edna Goodwin | Paul R. Keeth |
| Ill. | Chicago | Stone Church | Jan. 27-Feb. 10 | Paul Cox | Ernest C. Sumrall |
| | E. Moline | Full Gospel | Jan. 20— | Coxe-Brown | Walter H. Smith |
| | Macomb | ** A of G | Jan. 28-Feb. 1 | N. B. Rayburn | W. D. Gibson |
| Ind. | Clinton | A of G | Jan. 30-Feb. 10 | E. J. Bruton | Lolita Thompson |
| Kans. | Wichita | Central | Jan. 20-Feb. 3 | E. T. Quanabush | J. Boyd Wolverton |
| | Wichita | Glad Tidings | Feb. 3-17 | Ward Popejoy Family | Floyd L. Dennis |
| La. | Shreveport | First | Jan. 29— | George Gospel Team | M. C. Allen |
| Mo. | Tarkio | A of G | Jan. 15-27 | Carl W. Oney & wife | Earl A. Hall |
| N. J. | Washington | A of G | Jan. 29-Feb. 3 | Rob & Lil Watters | Adam Bernhardt |
| N. Mex | Clovis | A of G | Feb. 3-17 | Jim Anderson & wife | C. E. Spilman |
| Okla. | Mangum | A of G | Feb. 3-24 | Carl Johnson, Jr. | Ronald L. Hudson |
| | Oklahoma City | Bethel | Jan. 27— | Lawrence Selvey | Deward Brinson |
| Oreg. | Coquille | * Coquille Tab. | Jan. 28-Feb. 3 | W. C. Peirce | A. C. Grimes |
| | Eugene | First | Jan. 20-Feb. 3 | Paul Cantelon Party | E. E. Krogstad |
| | Springfield | Bethel | Feb. 3— | Johnny Hoskins | Warren Cornelius |
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► **YUCCA VALLEY, CALIF.**—The church here enjoyed a successful revival with Evangelist Lloyd N. Wilson of Ontario, Calif. People were saved, baptized, and healed. The meeting was originally scheduled for two weeks but carried on for four.

—Joseph Sutura, Pastor

► **CORNING, N. Y.**—The attendance was very good throughout the two weeks of special services conducted here in the Assembly of God Tabernacle. The evangelists were the Joseph Pittmans from Irwin, Pa. Their anointed ministry in song and Word was blessed by God to the conversion of souls and the quickening of saints. The weather was inclement much of the time, but still there was great interest.

—Norman G. Love, Pastor

► **McKINLEYVILLE, CALIF.**—The church here has just enjoyed three weeks of revival meetings under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Jerry Fischer and the Musical Fischers of Men. Six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. A good number answered the call for salvation with six going forward the last night. There were several outstanding healings reported, and the spiritual tide is still running high.

—Clarence L. Myers, Pastor

► **CARMICHAEL, CALIF.**—The church here has experienced a real spiritual stir under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. E. Dwayne Madsen of Denver, Colo. The services continued for three weeks, and each service was different. With the passing of each week there was a new depth of God's power. The down-to-earth preaching of Brother Madsen resulted in fifteen definite decisions for Christ. A great many people were revived, and some were baptized or refilled with the Spirit. The upsurge in attendance during these meetings did much toward establishing the second consecutive record attendance for the Sunday School. The Madsens were the first to occupy the new apartment for evangelists that was recently built by the church.

—Virgil E. Christian, Pastor

► **SPRINGFIELD, MO.**—During the entire month of November the East Side Assembly of God enjoyed an unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Large crowds attended and benefited by the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist J. Ward Campbell. Fourteen prayed through in old-fashioned contrition and repentance and gave public testimony to a genuine born-again experience. Many were healed of various afflictions and sicknesses such as recovery of eyesight, dislocated vertebrae, sinus, heart trouble, eczema, nervousness, insomnia, and growths of various natures. Others testified to deliverance from drugs, temper, tobacco, and other habits. Believers were filled with the Holy Ghost and many others were refilled. Several new families have been added to the church since the meeting closed. (Other evangelists who have ministered to this church in recent months are G. Dean Reid, W. F. Garvin, and Charles H. E. Duncombe).

—Albert and Mildred Pyle, Pastors

► **UTICA, N. Y.**—Evangelist Bill Caldwell of Lancaster, Pa. conducted a very outstanding evangelistic meeting here recently. More than twenty responded to the invitation for salvation in 11 days of meetings. Deaf ears were instantly healed. One man in his seventies had been deaf from birth and is now able to hear. His wife is teaching him to speak. A number with arthritis were completely relieved. One man with incurable ulcers was healed and can now eat anything he desires. Up until his healing he was on a milk diet. Lloyd Faulkner, the associate evangelist, contributed much to the meetings in his Faith Clinics which preceded the services, and with his song-leading. Ray Lex is the organist for the party.

—William Douglas, Pastor

► **BRIDGETON, N. J.**—The Full Gospel Assembly here recently experienced one of the greatest moves of God in its history. Evangelists Robert and Lillian Watters were greatly used of God in this endeavor. Their ministry in music and preaching was a great inspiration to the people. Many visitors came from the community and experienced God's power to save and heal. The crowds were record breaking and God's Spirit moved upon many unsaved people. Visible evidence of the healing power of God swept through the congregation. Vision was restored to poor eyes, and all manner of afflictions disappeared. An injured veteran unable to kneel was converted and healed so that he knelt and then leaped up and happily testified to God's healing power.

—Edward Cooper, Pastor

► **GARLAND, TEX.**—The Bethany Assembly of God has recently enjoyed great blessings from God. The Harvester Choir from Southwestern Bible Institute ministered in the church and the congregation was greatly uplifted. A Catholic woman was saved. One received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several were healed.

—W. A. Edwards, Pastor

► **SAUSALITO, CALIF.**—The Assembly of God here just closed a successful two-week revival with Evangelist Alfred J. Morrison, formerly of Hawaii. The meeting was entirely unscheduled and came somewhat as a surprise. The church had been praying for months for a revival but did not feel financially able to call an evangelist, so they asked the Lord to send one. Brother Morrison did not know of these things, but was praying in another city and the Lord led him to this needy field. Six came to the Lord the first Sunday night including two couples. A lady who recently moved here from the northern part of Spain was also saved. The evangelist was able to speak Spanish and help her understand salvation. In the healing service she was instantly healed of a pain in her ear and constant headache of three years standing. Others were saved and healed in the meetings, and the adult church attendance increased steadily. People who had been sending their children to Sunday School started coming. One night the evangelist preached a message especially for children and some twelve came forward weeping. A number were definitely saved and gave good clear testimonies later.

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a wheel, and the wheels were so completely identified with the living creatures that we read, "The spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels." We are told that the rings of the wheels were "so high that they were dreadful," or awe-inspiring. The wheels were on the earth, but they evidently reached to heaven, connecting earth with heaven, as did the ladder that Jacob saw in his dream (Gen. 28:12). Ezekiel tells us concerning the living creatures that "their feet were straight feet," and "they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward."

Mark what we read in verse 16, "Their appearance and their work," or structure, "was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." Here we have what appears to be a motor, and a motor when connected with a wheel or wheels provides propelling power. We are quite amazed in these days by the speed attained by our jet-propelled aircraft. But mark the speed with which these living creatures were propelled. Ezekiel says, "The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning." Electricity girdles the globe, we are told, seven times in a single second. So the speed the propelling power of the living creatures made possible was quite marvelous. And we can be sure that it was irresistible, as is that propelling power that has been provided for us. Are we making use of it and

going forward, making that rapid progress toward the goal that God would have us make? And when we go and return in our errands of mercy, in obedience to the divine behest, do we do so as unhesitatingly as did these living creatures, turning not as we go or as we come? May we all keep our faces toward the light, and may we all use that propelling power that God affords until we reach the final goal.

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ness of the human heart and make sinners come to Christ.

When an object falls to the earth it is not forced down by a power from above; it is drawn down by a power from below, the power of gravitation. The earth attracts it, and it falls to the earth. It is compelled to do so by a power that is irresistible unless indeed there is a counteracting power that is able to overcome the power of attraction that tends to bring it downward. We who are saints of God should make the Gospel so attractive, not only by our words, but also by our lives, our influence as Christians in the community and in the world, that men will be drawn toward Christ and His cause. To this end there must be "precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little"; and all we say and do must be coupled with prayer and faith and dependence upon the Holy Spirit. There must be untiring diligence on our part and utter reliance upon the power of God until men are convinced that their only hope is in Christ and that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come." Thus they will be compelled to come in. The power that will bring them will be compelling power. And how important it is that we, individually and collectively, have this power in order that we may fulfill our ministry in this dispensation of grace when our Lord is taking out from among the nations a people for His name. He is delaying His coming only because *His house is not yet filled!* This is His commission to us, "Compel them to come in, *that My house may be filled.*"

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