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The Revival We Need

The word "revival" is very common to Pentecostal people. We use it either to describe a series of evangelistic meetings or to denote a deep work of the Holy Ghost. We give the same word two vastly different meanings—and the world at large gives it a third meaning by talking about a "revival of religion" when all it means is a general increase in church attendance.

When we speak of revival, then, we need to define our meaning. By revival we mean not so much the human efforts made to win souls as that wonderful moving of God's Spirit on the souls of men that results in their actual salvation. By revival we mean not merely a crowd coming to church but a multitude coming to Christ and being transformed into His image. Revival, to us, means not only the salvation of the lost but also the quickening of believers. It is an endowment with spiritual life from heaven, a restoration of divine power in the lives of Christians that causes them to pray in the Spirit, speak in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, be led of the Spirit and be used by the Spirit—in short, it brings their entire lives into conformity with God's will.

This is the revival we need—and it does not come by accident. Nor does it come by wishful thinking. Revival comes when we make a wise and diligent use of divinely appointed means toward revival. There are laws governing the spiritual order that are just as real and unerring as the laws controlling the natural order. The one all-pervading element is prayer. Prayer evidences faith, begets activity, stimulates enquiry, and inspires obedience. A genuine revival is the fruit of praying, believing, and working Christians.

We need a revival of prevailing prayer, the kind of prayer that comes from hearts that believe God and persistently claim His promises until the answer comes. The Psalmist prayed, "Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?"

We need a revival of the fear of God, the kind that will some day cause men to go "into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord." God forbid that it should take a terrible catastrophe to awaken that fear in anyone's heart. In the early Church it took the sudden deaths of Ananias and Sapphira to bring fear upon the people and cause them to walk carefully before the Lord.

We need a revival of conviction. We need Christians who can say, "I know whom I have believed." We need preachers who speak from deep conviction, not men who merely hold opinions but men who are held by God-given convictions.

We need a revival of spiritual worship. The Father is still seeking worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth, not merely with their lips but from their hearts.

We need a revival of Bible reading, of brotherly love, of private praying, of family devotions, of personal evangelism, of living by faith and adorning the gospel. When that revival comes, God will display His mighty power and sinners will flock to the foot of the Cross.

Gypsy Smith is quoted as saying: "The way to start a revival is for a few Christians (sometimes one) to pray, 'Lord, send us a revival, and let it begin in me.'" Will you offer that kind of prayer, and mean it?

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CORNERED!

BY ATWOOD FOSTER

SOMETIMES THE LORD LETS US WORK OURSELVES INTO A
CORNER TO BRING US TO OUR SENSES—AND OUR KNEES.

JACOB WAS A SCHEMER. HIS STORY has always intrigued us even though we often think of him as a rascal. His life was colorful and full of interest.

Jacob knew that there was a God as well as he knew anything. He knew that God cared for him, too. But he was halfheartedly conscious of guilt in his own life that barred any close communion between him and Jehovah.

Jacob was a good man. He had a lovely family and cared for them well. But like so many of us sons of Adam, Jacob thought he was clever. And he never missed an opportunity to take advantage for his own benefit. His subtle scheming and conniving had become a veritable part of his nature through many years of practice.

But Jacob failed to reckon that God was clever, too. The God of Grandfather Abraham and of Father Isaac was watching this man. (And, by the

way, He's watching the course of your life, and mine as well.) God saw and cherished the spark of faith that lived in Jacob's heart. God always delights in faith.

Jacob ran himself into a corner. Or should we rather say, "God let Jacob get into a corner." It doesn't matter. God saw the corner; and He also saw that Jacob was heading straight for it.

Jacob was returning home after many year's absence. He, with his large family, his great herds and all his belongings, had reached a small river called Jabbok. A messenger met them there with the startling tidings that his brother Esau, whom Jacob had so cleverly wronged many years before, was coming forward to meet him with a small army of trained and skilled *minute men*.

Jacob stood speechless before the tidings-bearer. His conscience smote him. He had thought himself smart and clever. He had taken advantage

of his brother Esau's moment of weakness and had obtained his elder brother's birthright in exchange for a little mess of beans. Then, while his brother was away hunting, he had connived to deceive his blind father and had embezzled the blessing that also belonged to Esau.

But now, he found himself defenseless. It would take more than cleverness to cope with this situation. Jacob was nonplussed. Many years had elapsed since Esau had vowed vengeance. Jacob had hoped Esau would forget; evidently he had not forgotten. Now his coming with a small militia spelled disaster to Jacob and to his family and herds. What could he do!

Jacob promptly made a few feeble efforts to assuage the wrath of his vengeful brother. He sent ahead presents and words of peace to Esau. That was really only a proper thing to do. But Jacob knew that his words and his gifts were woefully inadequate to stop his angry brother.

So Jacob turned and waded back across the little river, and sought out a secluded spot where he could pray. There was really nothing else that he could do; he was in a corner.

Prayer can be a dull exercise. We have seen even saints of God like Peter, James, and John go to sleep on their knees. But prayer can also be a mighty moving force when the "prayer" is in vital touch with God. Circumstances and life's pressures enter largely into this matter of prayer.

Jacob was in a corner. He could have run away. But he had too much at stake to be a coward now. So he fell on his knees and groaned out his pitiful plight to God. He complained of his awful predicament. He pointed out the tragedy that was pending if God didn't do something quickly. Esau might well put his children and his women and servants to the sword, to say nothing of himself also. His whole life and estate might be completely dissolved in a single hour.

God had seen this predicament coming for a long time. And I think that God looked down upon Jacob with a compassionate smile. He saw good "stuff" in Jacob. But it would require pressure and fire to remove the dross and to bring out the sterling character that our Maker desires to develop in each of us.

I say, "God saw." He also heard Jacob's plea. He always sees and hears.

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Lingering Before the Lord

BY ZELMA ARGUE



THE SECRET OF POWER WITH GOD is found in waiting before God. Are you a "lingerer" before the Lord? The ancient worthies were—Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua. Our Lord was faithful in secret prayer, spending all-night vigils upon the mountain tops. The timid little company waiting in the Upper Room were "lingers" before the Lord. Do we follow in their train?

Isaiah once had a wonderful vision of the Lord and His glory, and he tells us of that experience, "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. . . . And one [seraphim] cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6: 1, 3).

God has not changed. There is still a radiation of His glory. There is still the rustle of the skirts of His garments. There is the fragrant incense from the divine spikenard. There are the echoes of *hallelujah choruses* for attuned ears. But these are only for those who linger, who wait, who tarry.

Moses' mighty life is a record of much lingering before the Lord. During his forty years as a herdsman on the backside of the desert, he held such communion with his Lord that one day there appeared in that lonely place the wonder of the fiery bush. The voice of the Lord called to him, "Moses, Moses," and his great commission followed.

We read that, as this man's walk with God progressed, he twice spent forty days and nights on the mountain top with the Lord. When he came down his face was shining with a light that can never be counterfeited. We read of another incident in his life which, we believe, has occasionally been witnessed in more recent times under the ministry of such servants of God as Evan Roberts of Wales. Here is the incident, related in Exodus 33:9, "It came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended." Yes, when he entered, the shekinah cloud came down. This is still possible.

Was all this glory to be lost when the time should come for this great leader to lay down his burden? No, for there was a young man who had caught his secret—Joshua, the son of Nun. Joshua had gone far up the mountainside with Moses, and had patiently lingered there, ready to de-

scend with Moses when he came down. Moreover, on the occasion already mentioned, when the cloud of glory entered the tabernacle, a remarkable statement was made about this same young man: "And [Moses] turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man departed not out of the tabernacle" (Exodus 33:11). Even after Moses left the tabernacle, this young man lingered on. Where the shekinah cloud was, there he tarried. The very eye of God sought out this young man, who thus had lingered in the house of God and on the mountain-side. God had plans for him.

What shall we say more? There have been many other great lingerers! Abraham, conversing with God, inquired, "Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless?" Again, "Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?" Again, pleading with the Lord, he said, "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city. . . . Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous. . . . Peradventure there shall be forty. . . . Peradventure there shall thirty be found . . . twenty . . . ten. . . ." Yes, Abraham was persistent in his lingering before the Lord.

Jacob eventually became a lingerer. When he was fleeing from his brother he arrived at Bethel "and tarried there all night. . . . And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. . . . And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not" (Genesis 28:11, 12, 16).

David was a devoted lingerer in the presence of the Lord. That was the chief object of his life. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4). What a reward for lingering! So enraptured was he that he passed on this counsel from his very heart to our hearts, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). I wonder, in what measure have we entered into David's great secret?

And what glorious accounts we find in the New Testament. How often we

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We Need MEN AFLAME!

BY LEONARD RAVENHILL

NO MAN EVER KNEW MAN LIKE THE Son of Man. In His pre-existent glory which He had with the Father before the world was, He witnessed man's generation, de-generation and re-generation. He saw Calvary before there was a Calvary. He heard the Father pledge that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent. For this cause He laid His glory aside and wrapped Himself in our clay. The hand that flung stars into space became the dimpled little hand clutching a mother's breast. Here is the mystery of the ages—that Deity took on humanity.

It was foreordained that the seed of Adam's sin, the last Adam can remove. Jesus came to purchase for us the Gospel. The Church is here to declare that Gospel.

Having laid down His life and being raised again by the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ gave a parting commission to His disciples, "Go!" and an immediate command, "Tarry!"

Why tarry?

Some of these men were eye witnesses of His majesty. The snows of Mt. Hermon looked gray beside His effulgence. Could they not go in the emotion of that fantastic transfiguration? No.

Many of these men were of outstanding personality and unquestionable courage. Were they not self-sufficient? No.

We speak of casting out demons as a sign of apostolic power. They cast out demons and opened the eyes of the blind years before Pentecost. Miracle workers? Yes, but they could not go yet.

These men were possibly three years in Christ's college of practical evangelism, but they were told to tarry.

They were Jews, well versed in the

Law, with good background and a claim to Old Testament "Apostolic Succession," but they must tarry.

More than one of them was movingly eloquent, but the command had no exceptions—Tarry!

Some stood at the Cross, saw the darkness, felt the quaking earth, yet they must tarry.

Others peered with shivering flesh at the wonder of the empty tomb, and at the sight of the shining one who told what had happened, but still they must tarry.

One had pledged every beat of his heart and a death covenant with his Lord. He broke it, was restored and

now ready to show his loyalty, but he must tarry.

What does all this add up to? Let me ask these piercing questions. Who really has a right to preach? Who has the right to say who has the right to preach? The Master alone can say. He says *Tarry!* Where? In the place of prayer. Why? *Until ye be endued with power from on high!*

This I unblushingly declare is the measuring line for preachers. Here we are weighed in the balances—and found wanting. Here we get the mitred brow. The mitred hat of the bishops is in memory of the cloven tongue that initiated the first Pentecostal preachers. The yard of cloth they wear as an apron is in remembrance of One who girded Himself with a towel.

We have no quarrel with learning as provided by the schools. Let it not, however, be confused with wisdom which is from above. The degree of spirituality makes possible the degree of communication which the Spirit can bring to one. Spiritual things are spiritually, not psychologically discerned. The shattering and revolutionary truth is that no man has the right to preach until endued.

"I have ordained you," said Jesus to these men. Yet these carefully selected

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Revival Taries Because We Have Lost Our First Love

Bible conferences today major on the Book of Ephesians. Despite our sin and carnality we are told we are seated with Him. Alas! What a lie! We are in Ephesians, all right, but as the Ephesians in the Revelation—we have left our first love.

Revival taries because we lack urgency and desperation in prayer. A famed evangelist entered a conference recently and said, "I have come with a great burden for prayer in this conference. Will all who will share this burden with me raise their hands. No hypocrites!" There was a good response. Later in the week a half-night of prayer was called and the evangelist was conspicuous because of his absence. No hypocrite! Has integrity passed altogether away? Are all superficial?

The biggest single factor contributing to a delayed Holy Ghost Revival is the lack of soul-travail in pulpit and pew! We are not resisting unto blood. We do not even get sweat on our souls, as Luther put it. Our prayers are cold, not fervent.

Over the doors of our modern churches can be written, "We Wrestle Not." We display our gifts. We air our views. We preach a sermon or write a book to correct a brother in doctrine. But who among us is storming the ramparts of hell?

Who among us, I say, is denying ourselves food, sleep, friends, while we wrestle with hell's demon forces and liberate souls, depopulate hell and, as a result of our travail, leave a stream of Blood-washed souls?

The only power on earth that God yields to—or hell either, for that matter—is the power of prevailing prayer! Brethren! Let us give ourselves continually to prayer!

—Leonard Ravenhill



A Hundred Years Ago

Will the revival that broke out in New York City in 1857 be repeated in 1957?

A money panic hit the United States on October 12, 1857. The force of the blow was felt primarily in New York City, the seat of finance. For weeks the nation found itself in a state of perplexity. It seemed that the very foundations of the government were sliding. No one knew what to expect next. Banks failed, business houses closed, railroads went into bankruptcy, commerce and agriculture came to an abrupt standstill, multitudes became unemployed.

But the famous Fulton Street noonday prayer meeting of New York City had been organized a short time before. As the panic tightened its grip upon the nation, this daily prayer meeting increased in size, interest and spiritual intensity. Hundreds of Bible-believing Christians would gather for prayer each day. Then the meetings began to be duplicated in other parts of the city.

The circle of these gatherings increased in size until theaters were used to accommodate the crowds. In a short time a great wave of earnest prayer was ascending daily from hundreds, then thousands, and eventually millions of American hearts. Prayer meetings were held in every part of the country.

A man stood in one of the noonday prayer meetings in Boston and said: "I am from Omaha, Nebraska. On my journey east I have found a continuous prayer meeting. We call it about two thousand miles from Boston to Omaha, and here was a prayer meeting about two thousand miles in length."

This outburst of Divine power did not come about through preaching. It is known in history as the Prayer Meeting Revival. The spiritual impact was felt, not only in America, but across the ocean in Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and England, too. It has been estimated that at least a million converts were won to Christ and added to the churches during the revival wave that started just prior to the money panic of October, 1857. This revival is credited with having saved the nation in an hour of national crisis.

Confess sin instantly. Do not wait until you get alone; but in the very rush of life, with the footprints of sin still fresh, lift up your heart to your Saviour, and say, "Lord Jesus, wash me now from that sin." The blood of Jesus is ever at work, cleansing us from unconscious sin; but it is our part to apply for it to cleanse from conscious and known sins as soon as we are aware of their presence in our lives.

—F. B. MEYER

Revival Have

BY ARMIN R. GESSWEIN

ARE WE ON THE VERGE OF ANOTHER great spiritual awakening? If this question is answered in the affirmative, it calls for something more than a conviction of the dire need, or a knowledge of the laws of revival, or even a leaning in the direction of revival. It calls for a vision before one will really give himself to it with Holy Ghost burden and weight.

And if revival is to become anything like a norm, or normal Christianity, leading to the constant ingathering of souls, it calls for a standard. *Revival will never be given priority until we see so clearly that it is God's normal New Testament standard of Christianity that we will give ourselves wholly to it, study it diligently, search for it, live for it and by it, and make every other feature and function of the church secondary to it.*

This was the state of the early church. Her apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers had such a clear and high standard of Christianity as a revival movement that they all gave themselves to it wholly, and there was constant revival. Revival was not merely a part of the church in those days; it was her very heart. Revival had priority.

Even evangelism in those days was secondary to revival, yet dependent upon it. What a fresh study this is for our day. In those days evangelism came out of revival and always accompanied it. In the Spirit-melted, Spirit-filled, and Spirit-burdened church there was a

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Must Priority

continual atmosphere of conviction. It was not just the pastor or evangelist who engaged in soul-winning; every Christian worked at it. Evangelism went right on even when the preachers were in jail.

Converts came readily and steadily because they were brought by the Spirit and by the church. Believers were "added to the church daily." Nowhere do we read that it was hard to win converts. In apostolic times souls were saved without all our technique which so often takes the fashion of a trap. Strategy there was, and plenty of it, but no tricks.

Revival had priority. It went on in every place—in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. As I see it, every place mentioned in Acts 1:8 was not only a hard place but among the most difficult places in all the world. Such places are still the very soil for the revival-stepping of the Risen Christ and His standard-bearing people. Pentecost had raised the new standard. There was a new order, a church-on-fire pattern which not only propagated the gospel but also propagated itself.

Everywhere Peter went there was revival. Paul had revival in every place. He could never be satisfied with giving lectures, Bible readings, or holding conferences. For Paul it was revival or riot—and very often both. I do not know whether to laugh for joy or weep for shame as I read the account. It is the grandest epic in all literature. They were the pioneers, the standard-bearers. Why? Because they had found the standard: they "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14), and gave

themselves "continually to prayer" as well as "to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4).

There was no confusion in the ranks of the church during the revival. The leaders did the same thing and spoke the same word. They were all of one accord. Today there is confusion in Zion because there are too many standards. Too many are a law unto themselves, doing that which is right in their own eyes. And as in such a period under the Judges, there is much civil war. The people are confused even while loving the Word. No doubt it is because the leaders are confused and need to rediscover, re-assess, and reaffirm their callings and convictions.

It is a spiritual as well as natural law that we beget what we are. Therefore, before we can propagate or precipitate revival we first must have revival in our own lives. So when we say "standard" we mean an inward as well as an outward one. It really comes down to this: *we shall have revival in every place when we ourselves have revival.*

The apostles had revival without because it existed within. The outward manifestation corresponded to their inward experience. Preceding the revivals they had in every place, there was that which matched the Upper Room. God had established a pattern, a standard. Those men lived by dying, and daily saw the double glory of prayer ascending and power descending. What mighty praying! And revival had priority. ◀ ◀

Midnight Prayer Meeting Planned for NAE Convention

The evening of Wednesday, April 3, will mark the beginning of a great prayer meeting for revival all across America. The annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be in session at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, New York, at that time and the delegates will assemble at 10:45 p.m. to give themselves to united prayer.

The Assemblies of God and dozens of other evangelical denominations will be represented in the prayer meeting, and the N.A.E. is asking churches throughout the nation to link their prayers with the convention delegates

in their midweek prayer meetings that same week. Surely such a wave of concerted prayer will result in a wave of revival blessing everywhere.

A special object of prayer will be the New York crusade for souls. The Billy Graham evangelistic team will begin its great campaign in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 15 and it is hoped the effect of this crusade in the world's largest city will be felt to the ends of the earth.

Billy Graham will address the N.A.E. convention on the afternoon of April 3. His theme will be, "The Lost Chord of Evangelicalism." In the evening Dr. Armin R. Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the N.A.E., will be the principal speaker (be sure to read his article on the opposite page).

Other speakers at the convention will be Dr. P. Petticord, President of the N.A.E., Mr. Ben Das of Hyderabad, India, a convert from Hinduism, Mr. Kenneth Keyes, Chairman of the American Association of Real Estate Boards, Mr. Stanley Tam, an industrialist of Lima, Ohio, and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of the Washington office of the N.A.E.

The convention will last three days (April 2-4) during which the various branches of the N.A.E. will be having their individual meetings to deal with evangelical work in their own particular fields (such as radio, foreign missions, home missions, education, etc.).

The prayer meeting will be the high light of this "convention of conventions" and the N.A.E. is asking each church that will join in the "concert of prayer" to sign the following coupon. Here is an opportunity for every Assemblies of God church to show that we believe in prayer and revival.

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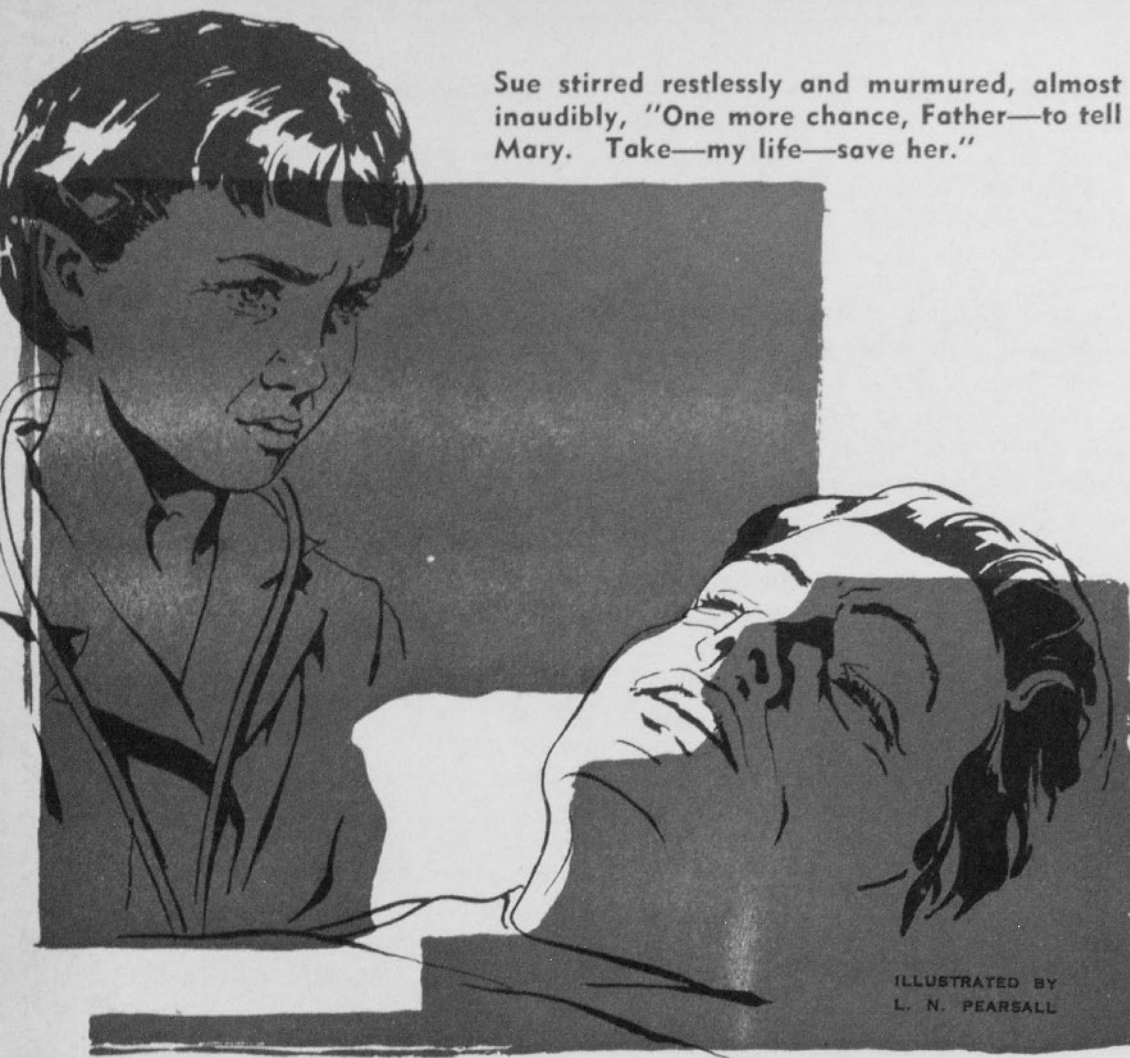
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Sue stirred restlessly and murmured, almost inaudibly, "One more chance, Father—to tell Mary. Take—my life—save her."



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One More Chance

BY BETTY SWINFORD

THERE WAS A FEELING IN HER heart of unutterable sadness. She had tried to fathom it all morning, for never before had she had such a feeling of despair grip her heart.

Sue Carlton gave herself a mental shakedown and tried to listen to Rev. Adams. His sermon this morning had to do with the Second Coming of Christ.

"He's coming soon," she thought. "It could even be today." Then she mused again, "Yes, it *could* be today. And suddenly her heart cried out, "But Mary Sherwood isn't saved yet!"

She gave a sigh and closed her eyes for a moment. The face of Mary Sherwood came clearly before her. Young, blonde, lovely, she had been an M.D. for five years. She had been Sue's own physician and friend for nearly three years. Oh, if she would but give her heart to Christ! Sue had witnessed

to her several times in the past and Mary had neither agreed nor disagreed. She would only exclaim, "Well, I'll be!"

The feeling of sadness intensified and Sue found herself praying earnestly, "One more chance, Lord. One more chance to tell her about Christ."

She opened her eyes suddenly. This wasn't just a mood she was in—it was a burden upon her heart for a lost soul! The corners of her mouth curved slightly in a smile. It was only last week that she had confessed her indifference and coldness of heart to the Lord. But now her heart no longer seemed cold. Indeed she was moved with a compassion she had not known before, and love began welling up in her heart for her Saviour.

That afternoon Dr. Mary Sherwood stopped in front of the Carlton home and came to the door with a tiny, furry

bundle of gray and white on her shoulder. It was the kitten she had promised Sue's husband, Jim, three weeks ago. She came into the kitchen while Jim introduced the kitten to Rags, the black-and-white cocker.

"I think they'll take to each other after a little while," Jim said laughingly, as he held the kitten under the nose of the startled Rags.

Mary smiled a slow, tired smile. Her hair was wind-blown and there were purple shadows beneath her eyes.

"Were you out on a call?" Sue asked gently.

"Yes. I just got back a few minutes ago."

She was tired. Usually she was light-hearted and bantering, but today her gaiety was all gone.

Sue's heart whispered, "Oh, Mary, if you knew my Saviour! He would ease your tiredness and take away your loneliness. He'd give you a song that would fill your whole life."

"I'd like to see your organ, Sue," Mary said.

They went into the living room and Mary exclaimed over the small Kimball organ—an antique that Jim had electrified.

"But where did you ever get it?" she asked.

"She prayed for it," Jim answered, "and when we went back to Indiana two years ago a lady gave it to her."

Mary sat down on the couch and exclaimed, "Well, I'll be!" Then, "Won't you play something for me, Sue?"

Sue did, although her fingers trembled on the keys because of the presence of the lovely young doctor.

"How long have you had it?"

"A year and a half," Sue answered.

"Have you just taken lessons since then?" she questioned.

"I have never taken lessons."

"Then how can you play by note?" Mary asked dubiously.

"The Lord instructed me," Sue said. "Many times I was simply stumped about things, and then suddenly the whole thing would unfold to me and I'd understand."

"Well, I'll be!"

She left Jim and Sue Carlton soon after this, but three days later Sue's heart was even heavier than before, and she found herself praying earnestly, "Father, I'm willing to give my life if you'll bring Mary to know Christ."

The next evening at six o'clock Sue began to believe that her life was indeed to be taken.

Horseback riding was Jim's favorite sport as well as her own, and at four-thirty they drove out to the stables and asked for their favorite horses. Jim's horse was in the corral, but Lady had gone lame and could not be ridden, so they mounted Sue on another horse.

The heat of the day had lifted and the cool of a desert evening was settling down. A soothing breeze swept through the sage and ruffled the horses' manes. The last lingering rays of the sunset turned to purple and the dusk of twilight came on.

The horses thrilled to the cool breeze, and it took a tight rein to keep them in a walk.

"Want to canter for a stretch?" Jim asked.

"Of course," Sue responded eagerly.

The horses broke into an easy gallop and Sue began adjusting herself to a

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Gypsy Smith said, "It will cost you your sins if you come to Jesus. But it will cost you your soul if you do not come to Him."
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new horse. But suddenly, without ever knowing just how it happened, her horse shied, reared, and whirled, seemingly all in one motion, and Sue fell, catching one foot in the stirrup.

Jim turned in the saddle just in time to see her fall, and his stomach gave a sickening lurch as he saw her horse break into a run with her dangling helplessly on one side.

"Oh, Father, help me to reach her!" he cried.

Jim's horse was fast, but it seemed an eternity before he grabbed the reins of the other horse and brought the trembling animal to a halt. He leaped to her side and an agonized cry escaped his lips as he looked down at the blood-drenched, broken, unconscious form of his young wife.

Four other riders came by and he sent them to get an ambulance. The minutes dragged like hours until the scream of a siren was heard.

All the way to the hospital he sat beside her, looking down into a strange, purple blotch that was her face.

"Father, I'm willing to give my life if you'll bring Mary to know Christ." Ever and again the words echoed through his mind, for he had heard her utter those words in prayer just the day before. Could it be that God was going to do that very thing?

Again in the waiting room at the

hospital he sat with his face in his hands and prayed. The hours dragged by and at midnight he began to pace the room frantically, waiting, waiting. The verdict was, "Still unconscious, pulse a little steadier."

Dr. Mary Sherwood never left her bedside during that long, awful night. Jim was allowed in shortly after midnight, but at 4 a.m. Mary urged him to go out and get some coffee.

"And please bring me some," she added quickly as he left the room.

She went over to the broken body lying so quietly under the sheet and placed steady, experienced fingers on her pulse.

"Perhaps you're going to that Saviour you've spoken of so often, Sue," she said quietly.

Sue stirred restlessly. Her lips parted, trembled, and closed again. After a moment she murmured almost inaudibly, "One more chance, Father—to tell Mary. Take—my life—save her."

Mary Sherwood leaned close to catch the words, a puzzled frown creasing her forehead. "To tell me what?" she whispered. "Her life—she was willing to give her life for me. Why?" And for the first time in her life, she prayed. "Oh, God, don't let Sue die!" She crossed the room to the window and looked up to the stars. Tears filled her tired eyes, and once again she uttered the words, "Don't let her die!"

Jim returned with the coffee and they drank the black liquid in silence.

At 8:10 the next morning Sue struggled to lift her swollen eyelids. Mary and Jim were at her side instantly.

"Can you hear me, Sue?" Jim asked quietly above the fierce pounding of his heart.

Her eyes were puzzled for a moment, then her tense body relaxed a little and she spoke. "Am I—in a —hospital?"

"Yes, Honey."

"Where is—Mary?"

"I'm here," she said softly, placing a gentle hand on her shoulder.

"Have to tell you—"

"Not just yet, Sue," she interrupted gently. "Rest a little first and we'll talk later."

Sue smiled a sad little smile and closed her eyes. She drifted into an easy natural sleep, and Mary sent Jim home to get some sleep, too. "I believe she's going to be all right now," she said.

It was three days later, however, before Sue was able to talk to Mary

Sherwood. Her leg had been set, her ribs taped, and bandages covered many cuts and abrasions.

Mary came into her room and started a blood transfusion. Then she sat down beside Sue and smiled. "Now," she said, "what is this about?" Then she sobered and asked, "Why were you willing to give your life for me?"

Sue looked startled. "How did you know about that?"

"You talked about it right after the accident."

"It was because I want so desperately for you to know my Saviour," she said softly.

"You've told me that before, Sue. Would you tell me once more?"

Once more!

She looked at Mary, wondering how to begin, when she saw the tubing that ran from the bottle of blood to the needle in her arm.

"Dr. Sherwood," Sue began slowly, "the Bible says that the life of the flesh is in the blood, and yet scientists thought they had made a great discovery when they found that out."

"That's true," Mary assented.

"We know that without blood we cannot live, so doesn't it stand to reason that without blood we can't have eternal life?"

Mary's expression was one of slight surprise and puzzlement. "Go on," she urged quietly.

"The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary for our sins. He shed His blood for you and for me, for the Bible says, 'Without shedding of blood is no remission.' When we confess to Him that we are sinners He applies His blood to our sinful hearts and gives us eternal life. Just as our life on earth depends upon blood, so our life in heaven depends upon the blood of Christ." She hesitated, then, "Do you understand?"

Mary didn't answer immediately. Instead she continued to look steadfastly at the tubing, through which life-giving blood was flowing into Sue's weak, bruised body. Finally her gaze lowered and rested upon the girl. Her eyes filled with tears and she said softly, yet with a glad ring in her voice, "Oh, yes, I understand now! I don't know why I couldn't see it before!" She squeezed Sue's hand gently.

"Then won't you give Him your heart, Mary?"

"Yes, Sue, I will gladly give Him my heart!"

—Gospel Herald

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Retiring General to Head Evangelical Welfare Agency

When Lieutenant-General William K. Harrison retired from Army service on March 1, he became the executive director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency. This organization, a Chicago subsidiary of the National Association of Evangelicals, sponsors the placement of orphaned or deserted children in Christian homes for adoption or foster care. General Harrison succeeds Dr. Harold L. Lundquist, who resigned January 1.

The General, whose Army career spanned forty years, has long been noted for his Christian leadership. He has been active in evangelistic work, both by private counseling and by public preaching. His articles have appeared in a number of Christian magazines.



General Harrison

General Harrison hit the headlines when he was appointed Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army in Korea during the fighting in 1951. He quickly rose to the position of Chief of Staff of the Far East and United Nations Commands. He was appointed U.N. delegate to the military armistice conference at Panmunjom in May, 1952. He was still in charge of negotiations with the Communists some fourteen weary months later when the cease-fire document was finally signed. For the past three years he has served as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army in the Caribbean area.

Denominations Release Attendance Figures

Two denominations have released comparative figures showing the percentage of their members attending services. The Evangelical United Brethren Church reports that half of its 800,000 members on an average attend church Sunday morning. However, only 16 per cent attend the Sunday evening services and only about 8 per cent attend mid-week services.

The Methodist Church, largest Protestant denomination in the U.S., with nearly 10 million members, reports its average Sunday morning attendance is only 3.6 million.

California School Board Votes Against Nativity Plays

The school board at Sierra Madre, California, voted three to one to bar the public schools of the community from having the traditional Nativity plays next Christmas. The issue was raised by the parents of one pupil who complained that such a practice constituted a "direct violation of the Constitution of the United States."

The three board members who voted against religious Christmas plays were more tolerant of Christmas carols. They said they had no objection to the carols because they were "cultural."

The ban was immediately protested by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Drawing a Line Between Patriotism and Idolatry

The Chinese Nationalist government in Formosa has issued a decree that state employees who refuse to bow to the flag or the portrait of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, will be punished. Some missionaries object to the practice as "sacrilegious," while other religious leaders hold that such salutes are "not acts of religious worship" but merely gestures of respect to the flag and to the memory of Dr. Sun.

Alcohol Is Number Three Killer in U.S.

Alcoholism is outranked only by heart disease and cancer as the nation's leading killer, according to Dr. Russell L. Dicks, editor of the magazine *Religion and Health*, and professor at the Divinity School of Duke University. Dr. Dicks estimates that there are nearly 5 million alcoholics in this country and that from 8 to 12 million other persons are affected either directly or indirectly by the alcoholism problem.

We spend untold millions of dollars annually to find the cure for heart disease and cancer, yet we legalize the cause of alcoholism. How shortsighted can a nation be?

Washington Called "Alcoholic Capital of the World"

A speaker at the annual meeting of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church called the city of Washington the "alcoholic capital of the world." He said the city has 49,450 alcoholics—a rate of 7.8 per cent of the population.

The speaker, Howard J. Clinebell of Great Neck, New York, also pointed out that the entire U.S. now has an alcoholism rate almost twice as high as that of France, its next nearest competitor in consumption of alcoholic beverages. He said there are 4,390 problem drinkers per 100,000 population in the U.S. as compared with 2,850 per 100,000 in France.

The board adopted a resolution calling for the enactment of federal legislation "which will protect the American home against continued invasion of liquor advertisers through newspapers, radio, television, magazines, and other media to indoctrinate the nation's children and youth."

"Church Planning" Creates Controversy

"Church planning" has stirred a controversy between the Detroit Council of Churches and the Greater Detroit Association of Evangelicals, reports *Action* magazine. Southfield, adjacent to Detroit, has become a testing ground for the NCC's restrictive policy of determining what churches may or may not be permitted to build in new residential areas. The Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission is the authoritative body which must make final decisions.

Evangelicals insist that the National Council of Churches does not represent the majority of Protestant church members in the U.S., and that each denomination (working with appropriate city bodies) has the right to decide where it will build a church.

Britain to Re-examine Vatican Diplomatic Mission

The British government is expected to re-examine the question of inviting the Vatican to establish a diplomatic mission in London. Though Britain is represented at the Vatican by a Minister with full diplomatic rank and privileges, there has been no Vatican representative in London of diplomatic status since the Reformation.

Religious Affiliations of Congressmen

Methodists head the list of the members of the 85th Congress, according to statistics compiled by Robert Tate Allan in his Washington Newsletter. There is one Hindu in the House of Representatives. Some Congressmen, at their own request, are classified as "Unlisted" or "Protestant." Following is the breakdown for each chamber:

SENATE

Methodist 18; Baptist 14; Lutheran 4; Presbyterian 13; Congregationalist 8; Disciples of Christ 2; Evangelical and Reformed 2; Episcopalian 12; Quakers 2; Unitarian 2; Mormon 3; Jewish 2; Unlisted 1; "Protestant" 2; Roman Catholic 11.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Methodist 84; Baptist 55; Presbyterian 52; Lutheran 15; Congregational 19; Disciples of Christ 14; Evangelical and Reformed 4; Mormon 4; Episcopal 45; Quaker 2; Unitarian 3; Church of Christ 4; Apostolic Christian 1; Universalist 2; Evangelical Free Church 1; Christian Scientist 2; Hindu 1; Jewish 8; Unlisted 26; "Protestant" 18; Roman Catholic 75.



HARRIS NAMED EPA TREASURER—Ralph W. Harris (second from left), Church School Editor for the Assemblies of God, was elected treasurer of the Evangelical Press Association at the group's annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in January. Other officers chosen (from left to right) are: Mel Larson (**Youth for Christ** magazine), vice president; Miss Jean Thompson (**Missionary Broadcaster** magazine), secretary; Russell Hitt (**Eternity** magazine), re-elected president.

Two Assemblies of God publications, the **C. A. Herald** and the **Sunday School Counsellor**, were named among the top six evangelical publications of the year. Judging of the magazines was on the basis of content, design, editorial excellency, and accomplishment of purpose. Awards were presented to Vernon McLellan, editor of the **C. A. Herald**, and Gwen Jones, associate editor of the **S. S. Counsellor**.

Minister Scores Tax-Free Status of Churches

In the opinion of Robert T. Adams, pastor of the Riverside-Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Buffalo, New York, the practice of granting tax exemption to church properties is "undemocratic and un-Christian." He urged his own congregation to end its "privileged parasitic status" and to start paying taxes on its property.

Earlier, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., called for a re-examination of the tax-free status of churches, particularly because more and more wealth is being accumulated by churches. In an obvious reference to the Roman Catholic Church, which recently has come into several windfalls of tax money, Dr. Blake said, "Perhaps part of my concern is because too large a share seems to be falling into the hands of one church." He noted that if this situation were to continue, it could eventually result in most of the wealth of the country falling into the hands of the churches, leaving no alternative to the people but revolution.

Sunday School Attendance No Guarantee of Perfection

Out of 126 youngsters who came before the Juvenile Court at Elkhart, Indiana, during 1956, 21 of them had a perfect attendance record at church and Sunday School. Of the remainder, Judge Frank J. Treckelo said that 75 had spotty attendance records, while the other 30 showed no attendance whatever at religious functions. He said that only 35 per cent of the delinquents came from so-called broken homes.

Even more surprising was the disclosure that four of the youths having a perfect attendance record at religious services were brought into court for committing offenses while going to or from the services. One of these is now in a reform school. The judge did not specify whether the offenders were Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish.

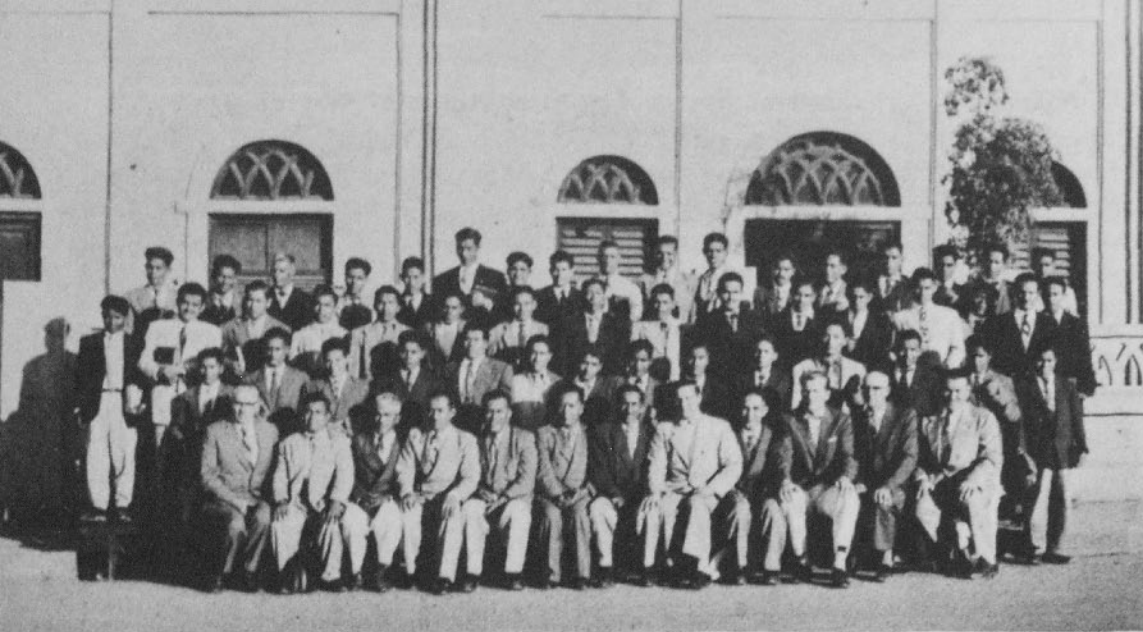
These facts would seem to indicate two things: (1) it is not enough to merely have youth attending our Sunday Schools—we must instill Christian principles in them; (2) children accompanied by their parents don't have the opportunity to get into trouble going to and from church.

Delinquents Are "Young Criminals," FBI Chief Says

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, calling teen-age criminals the "crux of our crime problem," has come out strongly in favor of tougher treatment for youthful law-breakers. He said the problem is "no longer one of bad children but of young criminals," and added: "Recent happenings in juvenile crime shatter the illusion that soft-hearted mollycoddling is the answer to this problem."

While advocating reasonable leniency for first offenders and minor law infractions, he strongly urged publicizing the names and crimes of others for public scrutiny, release of past records to appropriate officials, and fingerprinting. He called these devices "necessary procedures in the war on the flagrant violator, regardless of age."

The veteran G-man asked, "Are we to stand idly by while fierce young hoodlums—too often and too long harbored under the glossy misnomer of juvenile delinquents—roam our streets and desecrate our communities? If we do, America might well witness a resurgence of the brutal criminality and mobsterism of a past era." Mr. Hoover added, "Local police and citizens have a right to know the identities of the potential threats to public order within their communities."



Faculty and student body of Bethel Bible Institute, Santa Ana, El Salvador

Bible Students Reap

GREAT HARVEST

BY ANDREW E. SPENCE, JR.

CAN IT REALLY BE POSSIBLE? YES, and it actually took place! The Bible School students of Bethel Bible Institute in Santa Ana, El Salvador, traveled more than 66,000 miles preaching the gospel over the week-ends during the term that has just closed. This means that these native young men traveled the equivalent of two and one half times around the world!

Every Saturday each student, with his home-made satchel filled with gospel literature in one hand, a half dozen tortillas (lunch) in the other, made his way through the trails and cobblestone roads of this Republic. They traveled by ox cart, muleback, bus, and went many, many miles on foot spreading the gospel. On Saturday morning at 10:45 they filed out of the Bible School with happy hearts knowing that adventures and persecutions were awaiting them. On Monday the students reported back to the Institute with empty satchels because the literature had been distributed, and many times with empty stomachs because no one fed them.

These native students won 542 souls to Christ during these four months of Bible training. They opened twenty new preaching points, and there were six new churches formed as they carried the message. They visited 3,705 homes, many of them bamboo huts, praying for the lost, and personally witnessed to 5,885 natives, pointing out to

them the plan of salvation. From the home-made satchels they distributed more than 25,000 pieces of gospel literature. It can truly be said that this is a *school of the prophets*. These natives are not from the educated, high social class but are humble persons filled with the Spirit of God.

Persecution-faced these students constantly. One of them went to a new village to preach the gospel where it had never been preached. For several week-ends he had to sleep out in the open under the stars, but finally someone opened his hut and permitted him to preach there. The first week-end nineteen accepted Christ, and he came back to the Institute on Monday thrilled because God had blessed him in such a wonderful way. The next week-end he went back and eighteen more accepted the Saviour, and he was really rejoicing when he returned to the Bible School the following Monday.

But the enemy was working also. All week a group in the village had plotted to kill him when he returned. As he arrived at the hut in the village to preach the third week-end he was expecting great things from God. Just as he had completed his message and five natives had knelt to accept Christ, there was a great noise outside the hut and before he knew what was going on a mob burst through the door. The mob was led by a red-eyed native with

MISSIONARY News Notes



Word has been received telling of the safe arrival of the Leslie Bedell family in Hawaii.

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Thomas Stoddard has returned from India. He will be making his home at 5950 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, Florida.

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Mrs. H. E. Anderson has returned from South Africa on furlough. Her address while in the States will be c/o Mrs. Richard Brown, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

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Helen Kopp has returned from Africa because her mother is critically ill. Her address is 1105 Frances Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Olson have a new address. It is West Rupsa, Khulna, East Pakistan.

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Irene Dietrich has recently returned on furlough from South Africa. Her present address is Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Landrus of Liberia who lost their son, Paul, age 22 years, in a plane accident in that country.

a three-foot machete (knife) drawn to cut him to pieces. This mob leader was under the influence of "guaro" and was determined to end the student's life.

As the machete came down to decapitate the young man he jumped behind a door, missing death only by inches. He ran out the side of the hut and hid while the mob hunted him as if he were an animal. Through the darkness of the night he made his way over miles of trail and cobblestone roads back to the Institute. God and only God had saved his life. However, his words at the Institute were not centered around his narrow escape but were the words of rejoicing because five souls were praying their way to real salvation when death stared him in the face. These were five of the 542 that came to Christ during these four months. ◀◀



Group of happy orphanage children with gifts presented by Mary Pickford



Three members of orphanage staff with visitors

A Celebrity Calls at the Latin American Orphanage

BY ALICE MARSH

IT WAS THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 24th. The boys were busy cleaning up and decorating for the program which was to be presented that night. The girls had put up their pincurls; some were dressing chickens for Christmas Day dinner; others were cleaning house or ironing.

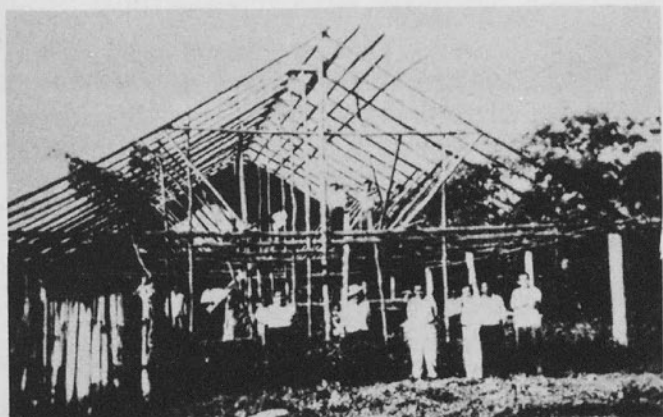
I was making Christmas pie. As I put on the top crust, a youngster called, "Papa Marsh says for you to come; there's a lady visitor."

So I hurriedly washed off the pie dough and rushed into the presence of the former movie star, Mary Pickford. She was seated with our children crowded around her. Gifts were rolling out of the big boxes. There were several kinds of balls, bats, baseball gloves and

caps, skates, ping pong sets, dolls, and toy animals. The children were a happy group!

And I think Mary Pickford was happy too. She smiled and chatted freely, telling us how she had awakened early that morning and had inquired as to where she might take gifts for needy children. She told us that this was her second visit to Acapulco, and she enjoyed it very much. She hoped to be able to bring her husband, who is a musician, to visit us.

Then, as an after-thought, she handed us a check for \$100, saying that she wanted the children to have ice cream and cookies for Christmas Day. They did—and most of the \$100 was left over for necessities.



This is the church which our Revolving Building Loan Fund in Mexico helped to finish. It is our Assembly of God church in Escarcega de Matamoros, State of Campeche.—R. D. Morelock

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

December 1956

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. Nebraska	82	78	95
2. Kansas	156	146	94
3. Northwest	265	231	87
4. Montana	66	57	86
5. Oregon	204	175	86
6. S. Dakota	47	40	85
7. S. Florida	152	129	85
8. Minnesota	142	118	83
9. New York	144	119	83
10. Rocky Mountain	121	100	83
11. North Dakota	51	42	82
12. New England	99	81	82
13. S. Idaho	54	43	80
14. Wis.-N. Mich.	137	109	80
15. Illinois	192	152	79
16. N. Calif.-Nev.	321	249	78
17. West Central	207	160	77
18. Ohio	174	130	75
19. New Jersey	100	74	74
20. Eastern	245	181	74
21. Michigan	178	130	73
22. Wyoming	35	25	71
23. Potomac	172	121	70
24. S. Missouri	324	225	69
25. S. California	367	253	69
26. New Mexico	79	52	66
27. Louisiana	141	92	65
28. W. Texas	127	82	65
29. W. Florida	132	81	61
30. Oklahoma	490	300	61
31. Georgia	174	75	60
32. Tennessee	89	53	60
33. Appalachian	70	41	59
34. Indiana	153	86	56
35. Alabama	243	135	56
36. N. Carolina	76	42	55
37. S. Carolina	53	28	53
38. S. Texas	264	133	50
39. Arizona	79	38	48
40. Kentucky	69	33	48
41. N. Texas	504	242	48
42. Mississippi	92	41	45
43. Arkansas	446	173	39

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Our Assemblies of God Home Missions Workers Report 769 New Churches

BY ELVA JOHNSON

MISSION U. S. A. IS OUR ASSEMBLIES of God home missions program. It has a twofold goal of Church Extension, and reaching the unevangelized minority groups in the United States through special ministries.

Here are brief reports on some of the activities in these fields.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Since our 1,000 CHURCH CRUSADE began in 1955, there have been 769 new churches started. Projected statistics, based on reports from over 300 of these churches, reveal that the total number of people studying God's Word in these new churches on an average Sunday is over 25,000. (Survey made when the average age of the churches was only 6.2 months.) The average number of conversions in those churches reporting was ten. This would bring the possible total of souls saved to 7,690.

Hundreds were reported filled with the Spirit. The average was twice as high for the new churches in 1956 as in 1955.

But "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." A list of the cities and towns where Assemblies of God Churches are still needed is available from the Home Missions Department. Ask for the "Unoccupied Cities" list.

Up-to-date Sunday School literature is provided for any church at half price for the first six months by ordering its literature from the Gospel Publishing House. The Gospel Publishing House will also give free of charge twenty-five copies of the "Heart Melodies"

song book upon request with the first or second quarterly literature order.

Hundreds of thousands of the Evangelical LIFE are sent free of charge in lots of five hundred, to pioneer pastors who request them. These provide an excellent means of contact for the new pastor in the community where he is beginning a work.

The new Church Planning Service is actually in operation now and several pioneer churches have already selected plans and secured blueprints. The low cost of this service (only \$50.00 for a set of professional blueprints, plus an added \$40.00 if the plot-planning service is desired) brings it within reach of any pioneer church entering a building program. Twelve first-unit plans, seating from 100 to 190, are available. A catalog of these called "Plans for the Pioneer" will be sent to any pioneer pastor requesting it.



Two of the Indian children who have received the gospel at our Fort Yukon Assembly, eighteen miles north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska

The SHARE PLAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND for pioneer building programs, established in 1955, is growing, but much more is needed to make it effective in meeting the many requests for this type of help.

Full particulars concerning this fund are contained in a new folder entitled SHARE PLAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND. It will be sent free to anyone requesting it.

PRISON EVANGELISM

Arvid Ohnrell, National Prison Representative, reports:

"We are continuing our work of providing Bible study courses to men and women in prison. During 1956 over 2,500 copies of our Basic Bible Study Course were distributed to chaplains and to individual inmates.

"Our new Bible Study Course on the five books of Moses (The Pentateuch) was made available during July, 1956. By the end of the year over 1,000 copies of this course had already been sent out, and nearly 100 copies had been completed and returned to us for grading.

"In addition to the Basic Bible Study Courses which are provided for prisoners, we also arrange for qualified inmates to continue their studies through our Assemblies of God Correspondence School directed by Frank M. Boyd. This year 150 of the Correspondence School Courses were provided through the National Home Missions Department. This was made possible through offerings sent to the Home Missions Department for this purpose.

"During 1956 we were also able to assist in the establishing of two libraries in state penal institutions. Books are still needed for two other prison libraries. They should be good clean, wholesome books, and sent to Arvid Ohnrell, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. No magazines or papers can be used. Please send only books."

REVIVALS IN ALASKA

The long winter is not yet over in Alaska, but the days are a little longer now.

January brought several revivals in



Croft Pentz, minister to the Deaf in New York and New Jersey. Brother Pentz hopes to reach many Deaf through the Billy Graham Crusade in New York this summer.

Alaska. The Indian village at Fort Yukon was the scene of a spontaneous revival which began among the young people. Five teen-agers were filled with the Spirit. Souls have been saved also. Mr. and Mrs. John Covlasky, missionaries at Fort Yukon, have prayed and fasted for this revival. Other missionaries before them at Fort Yukon have also faithfully prayed and sown the gospel seed.

Prayer is requested for the adults of the village, many of whom are under deep conviction and need Christ so desperately.

Assemblies of God missionaries in other villages and towns in Alaska are seeking God for revival. Some are experiencing revival in a measure, but everywhere there is need for a deeper work of the Spirit. Let us join in earnest prayer for our Alaska missionaries and the people to whom they minister.

God has answered prayer for workers in the Children's Homes, and He is meeting other needs also. The Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home, with James L. Houghton as superintendent, reports real victory. More children may soon be taken into this Home.

MINISTERING TO THE DEAF

God has given great victories in the area of ministry to the Deaf. Encouraging reports from the 34 missionaries in this field indicate that a number of souls have been saved in recent months. Many of the local members have shown increased desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

EVANGEL readers are requested to pray definitely for the forthcoming

Billy Graham Crusade in New York City. Approximately 14,000 deaf people reside in this great metropolitan area. They are extremely difficult to reach and this meeting could be the means of establishing definite contact with a host of hungry souls. Pray that definite plans can be made to have the regular services of an interpreter and special personal workers for the Deaf. Croft Pentz, our minister to the Deaf in that area, has been working with the local committee.

Summer will soon be here and it will be time for Deaf camp meetings. Since these camps are one of the best avenues of winning and establishing deaf converts, much prayer is necessary during the planning stages. There is a great job to do—but we serve a great God. The Silent World yet calls to us for help! Let us be faithful to these hungry hearts.

JEWISH EVANGELISM

During the past year our ministers to the Jews have been faithful to sow the gospel seed through tracts, personal contact, Scripture portions, and other means. The Word thus sown has been watered with many tears, and there are signs of the beginning of a harvest of souls.

Our Chicago workers have been greatly encouraged because they have reached many more Jewish homes through their project of making special monthly mailings to the Jews in that area. They receive many requests for Bibles and New Testaments from interested Jews.

AMERICAN INDIAN WORK

Our 100 Assemblies of God missionaries to the American Indians are wag-

ing a ceaseless battle against the powers of darkness for the souls of these people. And God is giving them victory in many places. They reported over 1200 souls saved in the past two years. Churches that started in hogans and brush arbors and wick-i-ups are now in neat buildings of their own.

The Indian building fund, to which many EVANGEL readers have contributed, has proved a blessing in meeting some of the most urgent needs in building programs. However, there are still unfinished buildings, and our workers are praying desperately for these needs to be met.

Recent special meetings have resulted in new converts and a genuine revival among the Christians in several of the Indian Assemblies. But in some places there are real problems to be solved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wolverton went to Shonto Trading Post, Tonalea, Arizona, far up on the Navajo Reservation, in 1955. There was no church within sixty miles of the community. God blessed their ministry and gave them many souls and a great outpouring of the Spirit.

Then a problem concerning their permission to hold services on the reservation arose, and the Wolvertons were obliged to leave the reservation temporarily. Negotiations for a permit and land grant have been under way for some time, and the Wolvertons believe that it will not be long until they will be able to return to Shonto. Meanwhile, they are assisting in the Navajo-Hopi Indian mission at Winslow, Arizona. They go back to Shonto to visit their people and have services with them whenever possible. EVANGEL readers are requested to join with us in prayer that the land grant will come through without undue delay. Souls are at stake.

NATIONAL OFFICE

The Home Missions Department still has a limited supply of the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE HOUR OF PRAYER available. Many local WMC presidents are requesting a copy for each member of their groups. They are available without charge as long as the supply lasts.

Finances are specially needed for our ministry to the Deaf, and for the work among the Jews at present. Please address your correspondence to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri



Hogan church, built at Shonto Trading Post, Tonalea, Arizona, where Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wolverton hope to get a land grant on which to erect a permanent building.



These "homeless" children now have a Christian home, thanks to your gifts.

STATISTICS

WITH BODIES AND SOULS

3,100,000 children in America live apart from both parents.

4,100,000 live with only one parent.

100,000 are being cared for in private institutions.

250,000 are in foster homes.

100 children are in Assemblies of God children's homes.

STATISTICS—FACELESS, FORMLESS and soulless. Just cold numbers. They may shock the sensitive reader by reminding him of an ugly problem in our American society—a problem we may be tempted to shrug off because it is much too large for any individual to solve.

The words most often used to describe the problem seem trite. "Homeless, underprivileged, orphans, unwanted boys and girls, innocent victims, a hotbed of delinquency"—language can hardly convey mass tragedy. It serves better in telling of the ones and the twos. Mass tragedy is told by cold statistics.

But you have probably seen a flesh-and-blood statistic. Sometimes they turn up in a Sunday School class. Or maybe you have passed some on a city

street, or have seen them poring over comic books in the corner drug store. You may have even visited in a home where statistics were in the making.

A monthly checkup in the Chicago area recently revealed that 11,000 children needed care away from their parents. Public agencies were caring for 7,400 and private agencies cared for 2,500 leaving about 1,100 out completely.

Every city in America has its share of statistics. No doubt public welfare agencies and juvenile authorities know more about them than Protestant church members do. A judge of the Children's Court in Chicago recently asked the administrator of a Baptist children's home, "Why aren't you Protestants taking care of your children? The Catholics have their representative in Court with

a recommendation for the care of every Catholic child."

It is a well-known fact that the Jews are never negligent in respect to their needy. But we Protestants are far behind; and among the larger Protestant groups, it appears that the Assemblies of God trails the field.

Approximately 100,000 homeless children are being cared for by public and private institutions similar to the Assemblies of God National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Roman Catholic children's homes care for at least 60% of these, public agencies care for 20%, and not more than 20% are cared for by Protestant groups. In addition to those cared for by institutions, 250,000 homeless children are in foster care. (These children, while not adopted, are living with families not their own.)

As a nationwide organization, the Assemblies of God is reaching 878,080 people (or one-half of one per cent of the total population of the United States) through Sunday School. It is reasonable to believe that we could reach a similar percentage of the homeless population. At present we are reaching only one homeless child to each 8,000 persons in our Sunday Schools. On a percentage basis, our share would be more nearly one to 1,000. And yet, because we lack funds and facilities, we are turning children away from our only national institute for the homeless.

When written in black and white this sounds bad enough, but if you could see the tragedy unfold, you would be stricken to the heart. Take, for example, the cases that follow.

Good recreation helps to develop good



Just before Christmas the county welfare department called the National Children's Home about seven children in one family who were in desperate need of care. Their parents were divorced. The mother married again. Neither father nor mother could provide the home that was needed. The children were destitute. Could we take them?

Edward Weaver, acting superintendent at our home, explained that the boys' dormitory was completely filled. He could place only the girls. So four more little girls were brought to the Home. It was understood that the brothers would come as soon as there was a place for them. In the meantime? First we heard they were in a nearby Catholic home. However, now we understand two of them are in a detention home—just because they have no place else to go. When we have no room, what can we say?

More recently a letter was received from a pastor in Iowa. Two little boys in his Sunday School needed a home. Their father, a World War II veteran, died in an auto accident a year ago. Their mother, a German war bride with no relatives in this country, was dying of cancer. Could we take the children, even temporarily, until other arrangements could be made?

We tried to make a place for them. But three little boys were already waiting. Others had been turned away. There was still no space in the boys' dormitory. We had to say no—that is, until more room can be provided.

Throughout the cities and villages of America are hundreds of homeless boys and girls like these, who are our re-

sponsibility. These are not adoptable children, but they are homeless. They need our care and they need our Saviour.

Contrast their plight with the happy situation of the youngsters now living at our National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They have all the things necessary for physical well being—wholesome food, warm clothing, clean beds. They have the loving care of Christian house parents, opportunity to attend Sunday School and church regularly, and day - to - day Christian training in a godly home.

Take Sam for example. He is seventeen now, a Junior at Lakeside High. Three years ago Sam and his seven little brothers and sisters were among Arkansas' nameless statistics. Their mother and father had T.B. Relatives were unable to give them a home. Finally they were brought to the National Children's Home. It was not long until the older children were saved. No longer homeless or neglected, these eight boys and girls from one family demonstrate that children who seem to be a problem in society can be transformed into bright Christian young people who can be expected, should Jesus tarry, to take their places among the leaders of our church. In order to make possible such transformations, all we must do is offer a home to those who have none.

Our objective now at the National Children's Home is to build a cottage for twelve to fourteen teen-age boys. Such a cottage will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This will provide room in the dormitory for newcomers, and will also help us to take better

care of the boys we have. Provision for a dozen more boys is one step toward reaching the hundreds who are our share of America's homeless. Future steps must include other Homes throughout the country. But we can never care for additional hundreds until we fully assume the burden of the Home we have.

We urge every EVANGEL reader—please take this burden upon your heart. Our success or failure depends upon your prayer and your gifts. Offerings designated for the National Children's Home Boys' Cottage Fund should be mailed to the DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. ◀ ◀

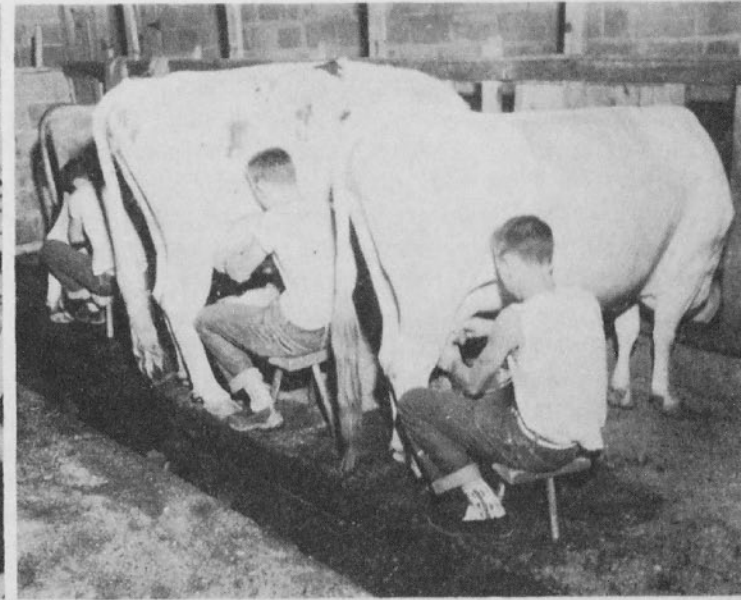
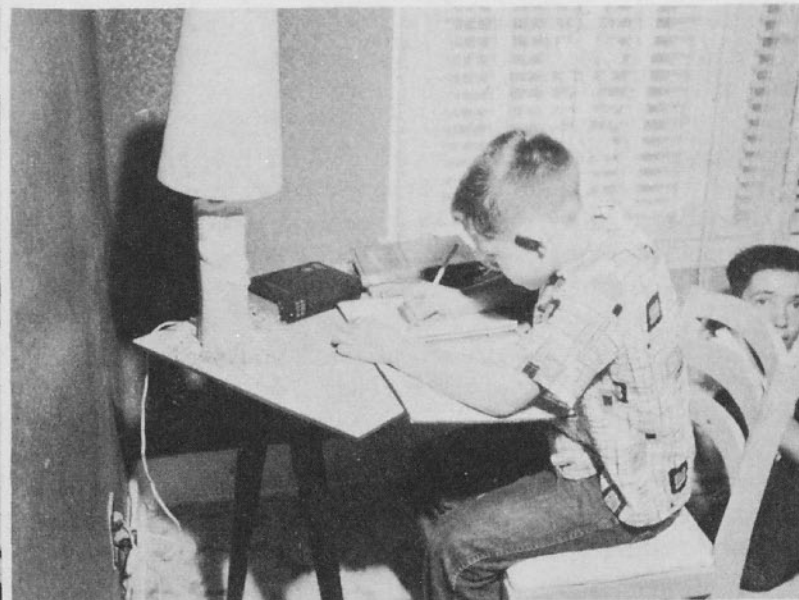


A teen cottage is needed for the big boys. There's no room to play.

god character.

Quiet corners for homework are hard to find!

Time for chores at the National Children's Home.



No Naggers PLEASE!

IT'S THE DEVIL'S BUSINESS TO BREAK UP A HAPPY
MARRIAGE DON'T LEND HIM YOUR TONGUE FOR THE JOB!

BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

WELL, I KNOW HOW TO GET THINGS done at my house. I just nag Dale until he can't stand it any more; then he gets at the job."

"Does he ever get sore at you and act as though he is doing you a big favor when he finally does the job?"

"Does he? Listen, I live with a bear for days after. But I've learned to put up with his cranky moods in order to have him help a little around the house."

"Fred's cranky, too, whenever he condescends to help at what I call 'men's jobs' around the house. I don't like his moods and don't intend to ever get used to them. They make me fighting mad. After all, it's his house, too, isn't it? I well remember before we were married how my slightest wish was his command. What a show he did put on. Well, I'm convinced of one thing although it's too late to do anything about it now, the bigger the line a fellow throws at you in courtship, the less he does for you after you're hooked. As far as I'm concerned, men are just one big blow and disappointment."

The two embittered women were still roasting their embattled husbands when I got off the bus. As I walked along the street toward my destination I pondered their conversation. They were unknown to me, but their attitude was as familiar as the sunlight. They had obviously come to the place in their marriages where they endured rather than enjoyed their wedded life. Given time and further provocations, one could almost conclude with frightening cer-

tainty that their marriages were headed for the proverbial "rocks." Divorce wouldn't be the answer to their problems, but in their bitter disillusionment they'd never believe otherwise.

I had no way of telling if those women were Christians or had made any effort at all to nurture the spiritual angle of their marriages. If they were Christians, something was dreadfully wrong with both them and their husbands. I could not pre-emptorily conclude they were *not* Christians because I have known of Christian couples whose marriages have turned to a hollow mockery on the unholy grounds of nagging and crankiness.

"Why do you nag?" is a question I'd have dearly loved to ask those unhappy wives. They would likely have replied: "Because that's the only way I can get what I want." Which still doesn't get at the heart of the matter. What *really* makes you nag?

Let's face it. Doesn't *discontent* with your lot in life play a large part in that nagging? Somehow or other, you expected more of that husband than he was able to produce, and he retired behind a wall of sullen crankiness to protect himself from your importunity. Or perhaps the roles are reversed. Your husband is the nagger and you are sullen, irritable as a result. There ARE men naggers. I have known them. Discontent in the breast of either husband or wife can breed endless trouble in any marriage.

It seems to me that the matter of a proper pride should enter into an-



swering the problem of nagging. Ask once to have that job done. If there is no response to your request within a reasonable period of time, reword the request, pointing out the need with an extra portion of love's endearments. It could be he or she forgot you had asked some time ago. If there is still no response, let the item which needs repair fall apart if there is nothing at all you can do to hold it together. One day of reckoning should suffice to put some fire under the feet of your spouse when the next need presents itself.

Such action is a painstaking procedure. It requires longsuffering patience. Does not the Word of God command: "But thou, man of God, . . . follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, *patience*, meekness" (1 Tim. 6:11). One has to "follow after," work for patience. But once yours, what a thrilling possession! It makes you a person of stature. What nagging will not accomplish, patience will. And you will not have lowered yourself to the unlovely level of nerve-jangling nagging, or love-destroying crankiness. We all do well to follow the example of the apostle Paul who could honestly say: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be *content*" (Phil. 4:11).

Does the wrong desire to *dominate*

your loved one make you a nagger? There can and should be headship in the home, but in order to be Christ-honoring, such headship must be absolutely devoid of the desire to dominate. You must remember that your wife (or your husband) is an individual whose personality must be respected. Paul told the Roman believers "in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 2:10). There is no room here for domination of another's very soul.

Marriage is a sacred relationship which requires infinite patience and eternal vigilance on the part of both individuals to keep it on the high plane where God intended it should be. The adversary of our souls will do his best to degrade and destroy the Christian marriage because in so doing he mars again the picture of Christ, our Bridegroom, and the church, His bride. Don't be a party to his nefarious work by being a nagger!

—Brethren Missionary Herald

Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sound no drums, but far over the water its friendly spark is seen. So let your actions reveal your light. Let your conduct illustrate the sermon of your life.

—Spurgeon



Monday, March 11

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-21

TODAY'S GEM: "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (v. 17).

FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of how Nicodemus came to Jesus, stressing especially the truths Jesus taught on this occasion. Illustrate the plan of salvation by recalling the story of the serpent in the wilderness (Numbers 21:5-9).

QUESTION TIME: Who was Nicodemus? (v. 1) How did Jesus answer Nicodemus' first statement? (v. 3) Why do you think He answered in this way? How does the story of the serpent in the wilderness illustrate Calvary?

Thursday, March 14

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:26-42

TODAY'S GEM: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isa. 53:4).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, the Suffering Saviour" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Stress the agony of Jesus in prayer after recalling the incidents leading up to this event, pointing out (1) Christ's submission to the will of God; (2) His suffering in our stead; (3) the failure of the disciples.

QUESTION TIME: What request did Christ make of His Father? (v. 36) What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed? (v. 37) What admonition did Jesus give them? (v. 38)

Tuesday, March 12

SCRIPTURE: John 3:22-36

TODAY'S GEM: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage illustrates the beautiful attitude of John the Baptist when Christ's ministry became more prominent than his own. Stress the importance of having correct motives, especially of serving God to bring glory to Him, instead of merely for the blessings we receive.

QUESTION TIME: What was John the Baptist's attitude toward Jesus? (v. 30) What did he consider himself to be? (v. 28) What determines whether a person will be saved or lost? (v. 36)

Friday, March 15

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 17:4-8; 25:1-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

FOR THE PARENT: The twin kingdoms of Israel and Judah fell because they refused to obey God. The primary sins for which they were punished were disobedience and putting other things before God (idolatry). We must remember that we are secure only as we keep our trust in God.

QUESTION TIME: Why were Israel and Judah taken captive? (See above) How can we be truly secure? (See above)

Wednesday, March 13

SCRIPTURE: John 4:7-15, 21-24

TODAY'S GEM: "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, pointing out (1) Jesus will go out of His way to help even one person; (2) the "living water" He promised is salvation. If time permits, discuss the plan of approach of the Master Soul Winner.

QUESTION TIME: Why was the Samaritan woman surprised when Jesus spoke to her? (v. 9) What did Jesus immediately offer her? (v. 10) What is this "living water"? (See above)

Saturday, March 16

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 4:19-23, 29-31; 6:1-8 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

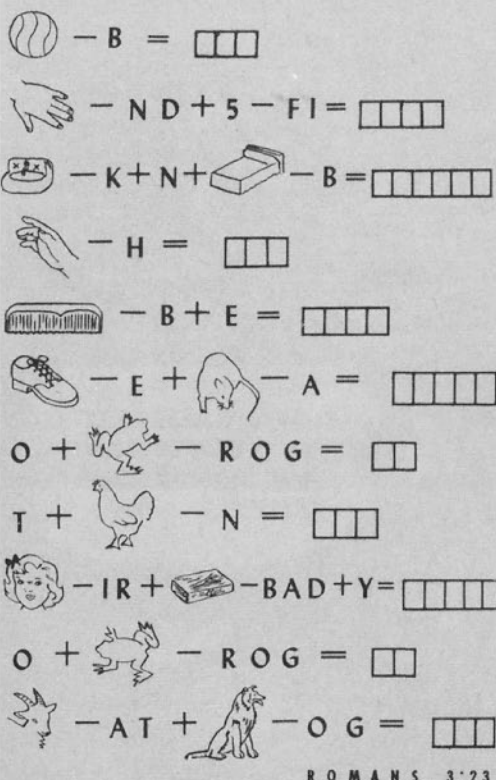
TODAY'S GEM: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of how God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-12). Point out (1) Moses' obedience to God's commission; (2) his meeting with the elders of Israel; (3) Pharaoh's refusal to let the Israelites go (chapter 5); (4) God's promise, Exodus 6:1-8. God always keeps His promises.

QUESTION TIME: How did the Israelites react to the news Moses and Aaron brought? (Ex. 4:31) How did Pharaoh react? (Ex. 5:2)

For Junior Readers

A Picture Story



ROMANS 3:23

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR

Sunday School Lesson for March 17, 1957

MARK 14:26, 32-42

While perhaps no one can be dogmatic concerning Gethsemane, we feel that by far the most satisfying interpretation of this sacred incident is found in the book "Gethsemane," by Robert W. Cummings (see footnote). It is this view which we more or less follow in our lesson.

CHRIST'S PERPLEXITY (Mark 12:32-34)

Before rushing to any conclusion as to the meaning of Gethsemane, we must stop and consider just WHO is here said to be "amazed," "sore dismayed," "troubled," "sorrowful even unto death." We have never seen Christ act this way before! He has always been the Master of the situation, perfectly poised, calm and serene. We have always seen Him as the strong Son of God. But here we have Christ evidently shrinking from something, uncertain, filled with dread.

The question naturally arises, What was it that could cause Christ to act thus?

CHRIST'S PRAYING (Mark 12:35-40)

First, let us note carefully Christ's actions and words, comparing them with the account in Matthew 26:39-44. Christ knelt in prayer; then as the burden became more intense, He fell on His face on the ground in profound humiliation. He asked the Father to remove if possible "this cup." Then He arose and went to His disciples, found them asleep, returned and repeated His prayer, but with a definite difference—"If this cup may not pass from me except I drink it, thy will be done." He arose a second time and went to His disciples only to find them asleep again. He returned to prayer and this time settled the issue, rising with His characteristic poise, once again the majestic Master of His circumstances, prepared now to face the shame and suffering which was to follow.

We notice the intensity of Christ's prayer. Luke tells us that "being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood." See Hebrews 5:7.

We are further struck by the fact that Christ twice stopped praying and returned to His disciples. Why did He do this? Was it for their sakes alone? Or did it reflect the natural reluctance of His humanity to "pray through"?

Finally, we face the most difficult question of all—what was the "cup" from which Christ shrank?

CHRIST'S CUP

The writer of Hebrews tells us that Christ "by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Isaiah says, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5). Paul declares, "He [God] hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin" (2 Cor. 5:21). The cup

from which Christ shrank was the cup of accumulated sin of the world! This is the only adequate explanation. Nothing less than this could have caused Christ to react as He did in the garden. Remember—He "knew no sin." Since sin was so absolutely strange to Him it is no wonder that all the holiness in Him recoiled when in the garden He began to feel something of its horror for the first time!

CHRIST'S VICTORY

Christ in Gethsemane was confronted with the cup of the sin of the world. His first prayer was the natural recoiling of holiness in the presence of unholiness. His amazement was due to the fact that He had never known sin and therefore found the prospect of being "made sin for us" to be utterly repulsive. His first prayer was in the nature of an inquiry as to whether it was really necessary for Him to drink the contents of sin's cup.

At some stage in His praying, possibly as He had returned to gaze upon His sleeping disciples, the Father made it clear to His Son that the salvation of these disciples whom He loved depended upon His drinking the cup. This accounts for the change in the wording of His prayer. Thus, once Christ's course had become clear, He was able, notwithstanding the recoiling and revulsion, to submit to the will and plan of the Father. He would become sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. The Victory thus won, Christ returned to His disciples, once again the Mighty Conqueror, prepared to face His foes.

—J. Bashford Bishop

Copies of the book "Gethsemane," written by Robert W. Cummings, can be purchased at 50 cents each from The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. Catalog number 2 EV 717. Order by title and catalog number.



CORNERED!

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But He waits for the pressure of the crisis to do its work.

Jacob prayed; and God waited. Jacob knew that he had done everything that he could possibly do to quiet the anger of Esau. There was nothing more that he could do. It was now up to the living God to come to his defense. So he prayed for that intervention. He prayed desperately. There was nothing doleful about this prayer meeting; Jacob had to have God! Jacob was in a wonderful corner!

Jacob prayed on; and his desperation mounted with the passing of the hours. His only defense, now, was God. His conscience smote him. The Spirit of the Lord convicted him. He remembered his "white lies," and his conniving, and the tricks he perpetrated on Brother Esau, and Father Isaac, and Uncle Laban, and on every one else with whom he had had any dealings. He wept and repented. And as he did so he became conscious that he was not alone. He did not open his eyes—he did not need to—but he knew that another "presence" was there.

Don't imagine that Jacob lived in a different world than the one in which you and I live. He didn't. He was a human being like you and I. Until now he had depended entirely upon his own cleverness and resourcefulness. He was really a capable fellow, you know. Sure, he believed in God. And he had had some very real experience with God, too. However, he had been able to get along very well with a distant acquaintance with God, up until now. But now he was in a corner. He really needed some outside help.

God delights to draw near to succor us, only He wants our hearts and our loving dependence on Him. His presence, it was, that drew near to Jacob that night.

And Jacob prayed on. He prayed determinedly. He knew that God could deliver, and his courage grew as his conscience sensed that a "divine presence" was nigh. Jacob wrestled in prayer. That other "presence" was very real. Moses recorded of Jacob, "There wrestled a man with him."

Ah, friend, there is still a "man," a divine man, who delights to wrestle with you and me. He does not trifle with the half-hearted and indifferent. He waits until we get in a corner and will desperately seek Him. And He doesn't always come running at our first whimper of distress. But if you need divine help, and will diligently and determinedly seek His face, you'll find Jacob's God "in every desperate corner."

Jacob wrestled; and his persistence was so great that He with whom he wrestled smote Jacob's thigh. He as much as said, "Jacob, you'll be a better man with a broken body." How pathetic it is to realize that we mortals are so prone to trust in our own physical strength and wisdom that we forget our need of God. We are seemingly oblivious of our paltry strength until we get in a corner. A broken body oftentimes compels individuals to lean more heavily on God, and thus it becomes a blessing in disguise.

Finally, at the breaking of the day, that One with whom Jacob wrestled said, "Let me go." But Jacob doggedly answered, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Jacob manifested a quality of faith and courage that God loved; but only a "corner" could have brought it out into full bloom. It had lain dormant, cumbered and covered with carnality and human sufficiency until now.

Needless to say, God did bless Jacob. God even gave him a new name, calling him, "Israel," which means a "Prince with God." Moreover, the angel of God's presence moved out ahead of him and brought him grace in the eyes of his offended brother Esau. Under God's blessing, Jacob's problems faded away like the hoar frost before the blazing summer's sun. God's favor is more to be desired than the favor of kings or the might of armies. Even health and strength and life itself are secondary to the favor of our God.

Esau and Jacob were reconciled that day. They returned together in peace to the homeland of their fathers. Esau moved on across Jordan, and Jacob

settled down quietly in the land promised of God to Abraham and Isaac before him.

Jacob remained a cripple to his dying day; but he also remained a mighty "Prince with God." His physical body was broken; his spirit, too, was humbled. He no longer practiced the subtleties and cunning of his youth. Now, as a Prince with God, he depended upon his divine Master to fight his battles and to overcome his foes. Once he had been a cheap carnal person, living his selfish life by human cunning, deceit, and strength. Now he was a man of God, rich in faith; a Prince with God and men. Such is the marvellous transformation God will effect in every one of our lives if we will persist and insist on having His blessing.

WE NEED MEN AFLAME

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men, Christ-ordained, Christ-trained, Christ-blest, were not allowed to go to earth's needy millions with the Gospel until the Spirit that descended upon Him like a dove had settled upon them in fury—as a rushing mighty wind, and in fire to purge.

The first company of men warmed in the upper room were to be witnesses. Not all the believers were filled with the Spirit. Our Lord was seen of five hundred brethren at once, yet only about one hundred and twenty were filled in that upper room manifestation. Where were the other three hundred and eighty? Too busy to tarry? Too satisfied that they were among the elect? Too afraid of the obligations of discipleship? Too snug because their names were written in the Book of Life? Whatever the reason, they missed the fiery baptism, missed that sin-cleansing, self-cancelling operation of the Spirit—missed a ministry, a mission, and a prophet's reward.

Today the Church is slipping. We need men aflame. Art can produce masters in this age as in any other. Master musicians have given us marvelous gems. But the glory of the artist is soon equalled or indeed superseded. Spiritual majesty is the need of the hour.

—U. E. Action



Revivaltime

A SOURCE OF FAITH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

A LADY IN JUNCTION CITY, COLORADO, recently wrote and said, "I listen to your REVIVALTIME broadcast every Sunday night after I get home from church, and truly it is a blessing and encouragement to me. There was a time not too long ago when I felt that I just couldn't go on with the Lord, and as I listened to your broadcast that night, you said that you felt that there was somebody that was discouraged. I felt that it was I to whom you were speaking, and after you prayed I felt so much better. I felt like the Lord had really lifted me up again."

Never a week goes by but REVIVALTIME reaches lonely hearts, discouraged pastors, and Christians who have felt defeated and despondent. This Full Gospel ministry has served and continues to serve as a real spiritual tonic to those who have felt they just couldn't go any farther. As REVIVALTIME goes into these homes, the lively singing and anointed and timely message has brought new life and inspiration to the weary. Pastors in difficult places have repeatedly written telling of the uplift and encouragement as well as new faith brought to their despairing heart after a hard day of service. Let us share some testimonies with you:

OPPORTUNITY, WASH.—"Your broadcast means a lot to me. Many times when I have been discouraged, it has lifted me. Maybe just by a song that was sung, or by something in your sermon, Brother Ward. I have been a Christian for over a year now. In a few days I will be eighteen years old."

HAMTRAMCK, MICH.—"I listen to REVIVALTIME regularly and many times one of your sermons has

cheered me and brought new courage to go on."

ABACO, BAHAMAS—"I have had my spiritual strength renewed many a time through your broadcast."

PORT HUENEME, CALIF.—"Your broadcast has been a spiritual awakening to me, for I have been slipping away from the Lord even though I am a member of a real holiness Baptist church and a Sunday School teacher. Brother Ward, I am only twenty-two years of age, but even at this early age things are not well with my soul."

JAMAICA—"I felt as if God Himself had forsaken me. I went and bought a radio to get some music to cheer me up because my husband is away. After hearing your message, tears fell from my eyes. I find that God did not forsake me but that I did not remember Him, and the words of your message came as a medicine to my body."

LEWISTON, MAINE—"I want to tell you how much we enjoy your Sunday night program on the radio. The whole family listens to it and enjoys it very much. My husband, two boys and I just became Christians this past summer. You've helped us to understand our Bible a lot better."

TEMPLE, PENNA.—"I am writing to let you know I heard your message Sunday, and enjoyed it very much. It seemed as though you were speaking especially to me. And I feel God did speak to me through your message. I am about the only believer of the Pentecostal faith in my family, and I have been afraid to take my stand for God in the past because they all make fun of me. But I finally realized after hearing your message this past

NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log.

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week that either I'd take my stand for God and His riches, or go along with the world and lose everything in the end. I had been ashamed in the past to witness to others for Christ. But during this past week, I have given gospel tracts to almost everyone I have come in contact with."

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News From Lillian Trasher

Assiut, Egypt

Dear Friends:

This year has indeed started well for us. On New Year's Eve a big truck drove up with a load of wonderful boxes and barrels from America. Brother McGlasson in New York saw to it that everything that had been sent to the Assemblies of God Warehouse in Brooklyn designated for Assiut Orphanage was sent to us on a ship that left New York November 26.

What a New Year's gift! I shall never be able to thank you enough or describe our joy as we opened barrel after barrel packed with the most lovely things our kind Christian friends could think of—things that our children could not even dream of. Boys' clothes, girls' clothes, baby clothes, quilts, towels, pictures, toys, cuddly baby dolls. There seemed to be everything one could wish for. Most of the things were sent by WMC groups representing churches all over America.

We have the largest number in the orphanage that we have ever had at one time. On New Year's Day we had 1,035—not counting any of the refugees who came during the war. Only a few of these have left. We may receive more orphans from Port Said. We have offered to take 25 or 30.

Our nursery is completely filled—48 in this one room. We just don't know what to do because, of course, we will never stop taking in babies no matter where we have to put them.

Please keep praying for us. We need the prayers of you folk back home so much, and we also appreciate everything else you are doing for us. May this be a year of blessing for all of you.

(In a later mail came another letter, which reads in part as follows.)

New children are coming in faster than ever before. The war has made it very hard for the poor all over the country, and poor relatives feel they can no longer support orphans. So

they decide the best thing to do is to send them to the orphanage. During the last month we took in 28 children! Now we have 1058. I really don't know what we will do if children continue to come in at this rate. I have just bought over a ton of cotton to make mattresses. We have enough blankets, as I bought a thousand army blankets with money I was given in America. The WMC ladies and friends sent me a lovely lot of sheets. The trouble is, where can we put the beds!

Over twenty-five years ago a poor widow came to me with her four little boys. We took them in and educated them. All grew up and married. The oldest, "Alfy," married one of my girls, and God gave them eight lovely children.

Last month I received a telegram that Alfie, who was employed in a government office in Cairo, had suddenly died of a heart attack. I rushed to Cairo for the funeral. It was indeed a very sad time. The children threw their arms around my neck, crying, "Granny, Granny!" Poor little heart-broken family! Alfie had not been able to leave them anything; even the house rent was in arrears. So I start all over again—just where I began with them twenty-five years ago. They are indeed sad and broken, but their lives will go on the same, if not better. But what would they have done had there not been an orphanage to come to! And what would I have done had it not been for you who are standing behind me! Let us pray that we will never, never have to close the door to any little orphan.

"The stranger and the fatherless and the widow which are within thy gates shall come and shall eat and shall be satisfied, that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest" (Deut. 14: 29).

Yours most thankfully,
LILLIAN TRASHER

P.S. We are just starting measles—three cases!

**BRETHREN —
WHERE DO
WE GO FROM
HERE?**



The Pastor was concerned. So were the Board Members. It was no comfort that many other churches were facing the same blank wall.

The church needed a new Sunday School building. The members would support such a move. No question about it—they could pay for the building in a few years' time. But how could they pay a contractor *now*?

"Brethren, I've inquired about financing through a loan. Locally it's out. Where do we go from here?" The Pastor turned and looked across the lot next to the church. "I suppose we can start a long-range fund-raising program and postpone building for several years. But there are people we could be reaching now if we had facilities."

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THIS PASTOR'S DILEMMA?

Must a church limit its ministry until it is able to accumulate enough funds to build? Is there no other way?

Yes, there is a way. Church Extension Plan is a church finance organization, owned and operated by twelve districts of the Assemblies of God, designed to help our churches build. Briefly, its program mobilizes the financial potential of the local church. Then, utilizing its own assets as well, it expresses that potential in terms a bank or other lending agency will recognize and honor.

Church Extension Plan is a non-profit corporation providing a unique service to Assemblies of God churches. If you are a pastor on the horns of a fund-raising dilemma, or a Christian investor, you will want to read the full story of C.E.P.



For further information, write to—

C.E.P. CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN
BOX 1567 SALEM, OREGON



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Restored After Heart Attack

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"? (John 11:26) We all seem to die.

Death is separation. At physical death the soul separates from the body. In spiritual death the soul is separated from God. It has no communion with God.

In the second death there will be eternal separation. We do not become separated from Christ at physical death; therefore, believers never die in the sense that Jesus used the term.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom"? (Matthew 16:28)

I believe the interpretation is to be found in the transfiguration of Christ in the following chapter. When Peter spoke of this event he referred to it as seeing "the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:16-18). It is generally believed that in the transfiguration there was given to Peter, James and John a glimpse of the glory which will be Christ's when He comes to reign.

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Please explain Matthew 7:22, 23.

These verses indicate that if a leader does marvelous things in the name of the Lord, or claims to do such, but his life proves unacceptable to God, he will be lost. It is a warning to us, lest we put our trust in signs and spiritual manifestations, trusting in these things rather than in development of Christian character for acceptance with God.

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First Kings 22:19, 20 says that Micaiah saw an evil spirit in the presence of the Lord in heaven, which was sent by God to deceive Ahab. How can you explain this?

There is, without doubt, much in the unseen world that we as yet know little about. I would remind you, however, that what Micaiah saw was a vision, and a God-given vision is meant only to portray a truth. The truth was that a

deceiving spirit would entice Ahab to go to war against Syria in order that Ahab might be destroyed. The vision therefore was probably symbolic, as most visions are.

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Deuteronomy 23:2 says that a bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. Does this mean that an illegitimate child cannot go to heaven?

In the Old Testament, Israel was usually spoken of as "the congregation." The general meaning of congregation is "assembly or meeting." For some references, see Exodus 12:6, 19, 47; Leviticus 4:13; 2 Chronicles 5:6.

Some interpret Deuteronomy 23:1-3 to mean that those with certain physical defects, those born illegitimately, or Ammorites or Moabites were not to hold any office in Israel. It is hard to think that these things would mean complete excommunication and banishment from Israel.

Even so, the congregation of Israel is not heaven. The offer of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ is for "whosoever will." In God's sight there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

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I am a widow, 67 years old. I have been married four times and divorced three times, each of my first three husbands being mean drinking men. Have I committed the unpardonable sin through having four husbands and three divorces?

The Bible states only one unpardonable sin, that of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit—attributing the works of Christ to Satan. If Jesus would forgive the woman of Samaria (John 4:6-30) and the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50 He will surely forgive you if you repent and confess your sins to Him.

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.

I want to thank God for His goodness and mercy to me. I had been a backslider for several years. It seemed as though I didn't have time to go to church, because the devil always had something to throw in my way.

Then suddenly I was brought down with a heart attack. When I went to the doctor he said, "Boy, I don't know whether you will make it home or not; but if you do, you must stay in bed until I tell you to get up." He gave me some medicine and sent me home. I stayed in bed for 34 days and was off work three months.

Thank God, He sent Brother C. L. Fuller along at this time. In answer to his prayers I started back to church, but about a year later the devil got me again, and I remained in a backslidden condition for about three years.

I was struck down with another heart attack, and for several months I thought I was going to die. On a Tuesday night in January 1956 I was sure the end was near, but I said, "Lord, if You will spare me until Wednesday night, I will go to church and come back to You." When I went to church and heard the people singing I thought it was the prettiest music I had ever heard. God wonderfully took me back that night, refilled me with the Holy Spirit, and healed me. I haven't taken another pill since. I thank God for the pastor and pastor's wife He has given us at the Kemp and K Assembly of God.—Roy Brackett, 1517 23rd. Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. L. Fuller, Wichita Falls, Texas.)

Healed of Cancer

For about two years my stomach had been causing me pain. On June 1, 1956, I went to a hospital for a checkup and the doctor found I had cancer. He gave me some prescriptions and sent me home, saying I ought to find a church somewhere to attend. I was not a Christian at this time.

On my way home I passed out in my car. When I regained consciousness I

drove to my house, but then I passed out again. My family got me into the house and called one of the neighbors. It seemed that each time I took a breath it would be the last.

Our neighbor decided to call her pastor for prayer and I am glad she did. If the Lord had not come on the scene I am sure I could not have lived. But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

In a few minutes our neighbor's pastor, Dolman Roderman, entered the house. He got down on his knees and began to call upon God for my healing. There came over me a wonderful feeling, and I was able to breathe a lot better. As our neighbor and her pastor were praying they asked the Lord to save my soul. I began to pray, too, and the Lord both saved my soul and healed my body. In just a few days my wife was saved also. Thank God, He still saves and heals today. I am praising Him for a Christian home.—Oman Harrison, 2166 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

(Endorsed by Dolman Roderman, Pastor, Grace Assembly of God, 2051 Park Avenue, St. Louis 4, Missouri.)

Eyes Strengthened

My eyes were weak all of my life. I was told to wear glasses when I was about seven, but I did not at that time. When I was 13 years of age my eyes were so bad that I had to put on glasses. I wore them until I was 17 years of age. But my eyes were growing continually worse.

One day I was sitting by the radio when the Lord impressed me to take off my glasses and accept my healing. I didn't do it then, but the Lord kept dealing with me. One Saturday in December 1956 God told me I would get my healing if I would accept it. I went to prayer meeting that night and told the people what God had said.

The people prayed for me, and that night I took off my glasses. Praise the Lord, my eyes felt better than they ever had before. I now can read without holding a book close to my eyes. I still do not wear my classes. The Lord is so good to me.—Edith Merle Day, Rt. 7, Meridian, Mississippi.

(Endorsed by P. F. Ramsey, Pastor, Highway Assembly of God, Meridian, Mississippi.)

March 10, 1957

how shall they HEAR

To be able to communicate readily with others, to freely exchange ideas, to understand and to be understood—these are blessings we hearing people take very much for granted. But the lack of normal means of communication is the invisible barrier that binds more than half a million Deaf people in a silent, and often lonely world.

The spiritual need among the Deaf is great because of this difficulty in communication. Many of them have never received the message of the gospel. They do not know of the wonderful provision for salvation and deliverance through Jesus Christ.

"How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Assemblies of God ministers, trained in the sign language, take the gospel to the Deaf in scores of communities across the nation.

You can help in this ministry.

If you know of Deaf people in your area, find out if their spiritual needs are being met. If not, write to the Home Missions Department, sending their names and addresses. They will receive special help from a minister to the Deaf.

A national representative devotes full time to co-ordinating our work among the Deaf, and ministering to various deaf groups across the nation.

Funds are urgently needed now to continue our ministry to those who are lost in a silent, lonely world.



Please send me your new booklet on "Ministry to the Deaf." I enclose \$..... for this ministry.

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **ELBA, ALA.**—Many came during the recent two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Robert Rogers of Jackson, Ala. Some were also filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were healed. The crowds were large each night, and people enjoyed the Spirit-anointed preaching of this man of God.

—C. E. Simms, Pastor

► **CASPER, WYO.**—The Faith Assembly of God enjoyed a four-week revival with the Singing Sandall Family of Augusta, Kans. Some were saved, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. Eleven persons followed the Lord in baptism, and a record Sunday School attendance for the four-year-old church was set at 148. This consecrated family was a real blessing to the church.

—H. R. Kennedy, Pastor

► **LA MARQUE, TEX.**—The church here just closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Nino Diprima of Beaumont, Tex. They were assisted by Wayne and Juanita Pierson who played the piano and organ and sang. Several were saved, many healed, and the church was very much encouraged. Brother Diprima is a converted Catholic and has a very inspiring message.

—L. W. Herrin, Pastor

► **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**—The First Assembly of God has just enjoyed one of the most successful revivals in its history. Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. preached the Word with power and there was a harvest of souls. The chalk drawings each night were a great inspiration and helped to attract people. Revival records were broken, and the Sunday School attendance record was shattered with 405 present.

—Don L. Collins, Pastor

► **SALINAS, CALIF.**—The Alisal Assembly of God has been greatly benefited by the outstanding ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Ming, Sr., of Costa Mesa, Calif. In three weeks 29 were saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached a high of 210, and the average for this new year is 199.

Many Christians were delivered from oppressions and fears that kept them from being their best for God. The whole church is rejoicing in this move of God.

—Joe D. Wright, Pastor

► **GARLAND, TEX.**—The Bethany Assembly of God has recently experienced two weeks of revival with Evangelist Stanley MacPherson of Montgomery, Ala. Souls were stirred by the anointed and fiery messages of the evangelist. One Sunday night six were at the altar for salvation. Some were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. The sick were healed by the power of God.

—W. A. Edwards, Pastor

► **PERRYVILLE, ARK.**—The new church in this community has been greatly blessed by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Glenn Maxwell of Bellflower, Calif. During the meetings two were saved, three were reclaimed, and six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church has been in existence less than a year, and the uncompromising ministry of the evangelist refreshed and strengthened the congregation. There has been a steady increase in attendance, and the Sunday School averaged 82 in December.

—James B. Porter, Pastor

► **NOCONA, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Iva Harris and

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	March 17-31	Harry J. Steil	P. A. Zimmerman
	Carmichael	A of G	March 15-24	Carl Oney & wife	Virgil Christian
	Chico	* First	March 17-24	Dewey L. Heath	J. C. Snyder
	South Gate	Firestone	March 17—	Lee Krupnick & wife	Oscar Butterfield
Ind.	Brazil	Fontanet EUB Ch.	March 17—	H. J. Keener	Max Powers
Iowa	Muscataine	First	March 5-17	Daniel Miller	Lloyd Eflin
Kans.	Pratt	A of G	March 12—	E. T. Quanabush	David Richards
La.	Columbia	Caldwell Faith	March 10—	Roy Baker	Peggy Ketchell
Mich.	Shepherd	Oil City	March 13-24	Holcombe Brothers	Jack Honeycutt
Mont.	Conrad	A of G	March 3-17	Ruth Specter	G. J. Mandigo
N. J.	Atlantic City	Grace	March 17-31	Reid Party	P. G. Barnard
N. Dak.	Hettinger	A of G	March 12—	N. L. Ballew	E. D. Kidroske
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	March 7—	R. J. Ripley	L. E. Loretz
	Zanesville	First	March 7-17	Harold Brumback	David Wilson
Okla.	Jenks	A of G	March 17—	Ward Popejoy Family	F. C. Cornell
	Oklahoma City	Sunny Lane	March 12-24	Anspaugh Chord Makers	Robert Hill
	Ringling	* A of G	March 10-15	N. B. Rayburn	H. C. Eslinger
	Stigler	A of G	March 18—	H. L. Bayless	Dale D. Starling
Oreg.	North Bend	A of G	March 12-31	Carl & Edna Goodwin	O. R. Cross
Pa.	Ontario	Pentecostal	March 11—	Everett H. Olp	D. W. Phillips
	Hellertown	A of G	March 12	David Owens	Reginald Stone
Tex.	Irwin	Pentecostal	March 13-24	Rob & Lil Watters	J. L. Pittman
	Lewistown	Gospel Tab.	March 5—	John Briner	A. D. Skymer
	Milesburg	A of G	March 3-17	Bill Caldwell Party	Philip Bongiorno
	Newville	A of G	March 5-17	David E. Gans	William Strausser
	Madison	First	March 17—	Bird Campbell & wife	Jay Alford
Tenn.	Bridgeport	First	March 12-24	Stanley MacPherson	Fred Carrington
	Dallas	Calvary Tab.	March 10—	J. R. Kneegs	H. D. Hobbs
Wash.	Houston	Cloverleaf	March 10—	LeRoy Fleck	P. C. Holmes
	Port Neches	A of G	March 10-24	Hildreth Ethridge	J. E. Inlow
	Bremerton	Evangel Temple	March 12-17	Peter Jepsen	Lincoln Wyman
Wis.	Wisconsin Rapids	A of G	March 19-31	R. S. Peterson	Lyle E. Curtis

* Workers Training

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

Thelma Denney of Shawnee, Okla. Their old-time Pentecostal messages brought the church to renewed consecration. Seven were gloriously saved, and nine received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Recently another revival broke out in the church as Evangelist and Mrs. Lionel Reed of this city ministered for three weeks. In those services five were saved and seven were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many were stirred to a forward move in God by the straightforward preaching of the Reeds.

—Paul Everett, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAE CONVENTION—Fifteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y., April 2-4.

AREA-WIDE TRAINING COURSE—Mar. 18-22 at Assembly of God, 11455 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, Calif. D. V. Hurst, Springfield, Mo., instructor.

C. A. CONVENTION—Mar. 8-10 at Evangel Temple, Bond and Dundas Sts., Toronto, Ont., Canada. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by T. E. Richardson, Pastor.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Mar. 26-28 at Glad Tidings Assembly, Omaha, Nebr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. L. E. King is host pastor.—by Lester W. Dickinson, District Superintendent.

SECRETARY-TREASURER OF NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT WITH CHRIST



E. A. Miller

Edward A. Miller, 47, went to his eternal reward January 18, 1957, after a month's illness. For the past three years he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the North Dakota District Council. He was also business manager for the Lakewood Park Bible School at Devils Lake, North Dakota. He was a brother of Ivan Miller, executive vice-president of North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

Before coming to the District office, Brother Miller served as a pastor for 17 years in three different North Dakota cities; namely, Center, Grafton, and Valley City. He was ordained in 1945.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and two sons.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Assemblies of God church in Fargo, N. Dak. R. L. Brandt, District Superintendent, and R. R. Wiley, the local pastor, officiated at the funeral.



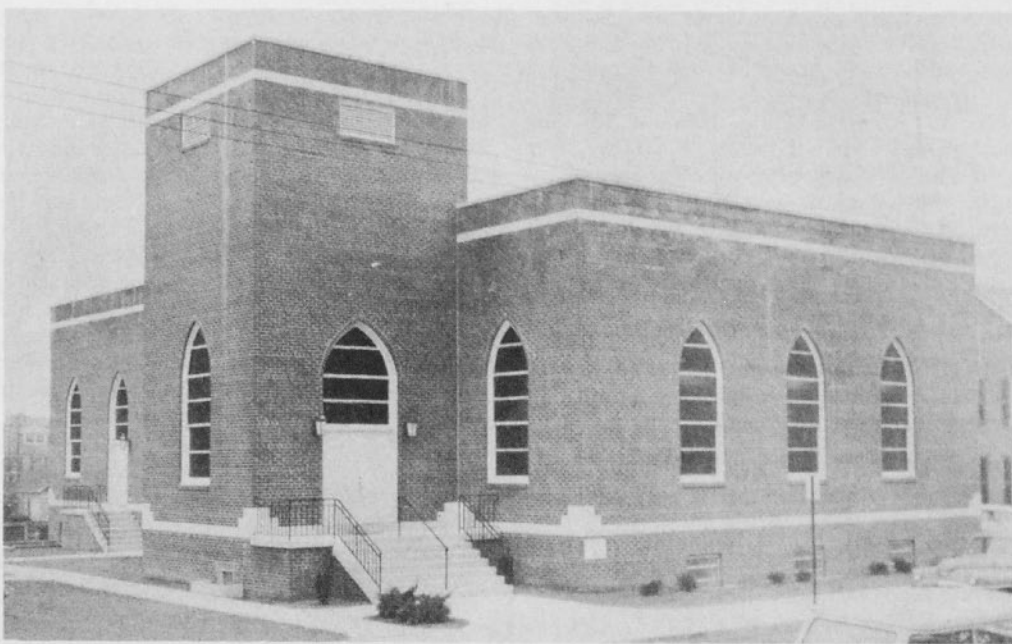
An Executive Presbyterian's Thought on

COLLEGE DAY

Bible School trained ministers are contributing greatly to the stability and effectiveness of the Assemblies of God fellowship. If anyone had any doubt concerning the influence of our Bible Schools on the growth of the Assemblies of God, the doubt would have been quickly dissipated if they had been present at one of the great General Councils. In that particular meeting, a request was made from the platform that all ministers who were Bible School graduates retire to a side room for a conference. Immediately there was a grand exodus, so great that the chairman was compelled to rap for order and to rescind the announcement. The Bible School influence in the Assemblies of God is a potent factor for the growth of the movement of far greater importance than many realize.

—J. R. FLOWER

*General Secretary of the Assemblies of God
and Executive Director of the Education Department*



PENNSYLVANIA CHURCH ANNOUNCES DEDICATION PLANS

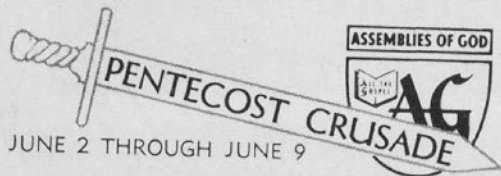
Calvary Assembly of God in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, will be dedicated to the Lord in a special service on Monday night, March 18. Guest speaker for the occasion will be A. Newton Chase, Superintendent of the Eastern District of the Assemblies of God. Sectional Presbyterian Boston W. Turner will offer the dedicatory prayer.

Located on South Potomac and Snider Avenues, the lovely new church is a testimony to the goodness and grace of God. The \$130,000 brick and cement block building has an auditorium and balcony that will seat 580 persons, plus a baby nursery, baptistry, and church offices. The full basement provides for a departmentalized Sunday School.

Ground was broken for the new church on May 16, 1956, one month after the present pastor, George Hatchner, came to the church. The first service was held in the new church on December 26.

The church in Waynesboro was begun in 1906, and in its better than fifty-year history has experienced spiritual and numerical growth. Brother Hatchner and his congregation appreciate what God has done for them in the past, and are looking forward to even greater blessings.

To mark the occasion of the dedication of the new church, Pastor Hatchner has announced a week-long series of special services, beginning March 17. Former pastors of the church will serve as guest speakers at these services.





Workers Trained at Tulsa, Okla., Conference

Leaders of the Seventh Annual Workers Training Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 21 through 25, recognized the first night that a record-breaking school was in the making. Enthusiasm was high and there had been a great demand for the book, "The Spirit Himself." Night after night the facilities of Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa were packed to capacity and many were standing around the sides of the large auditorium. When the final tally was made, 1169 had enrolled to send this

school well over the record mark of 1008 set last year.

The school was divided into two sessions, the first hour being devoted to departmental study and the second hour a general session using the book, "The Spirit Himself." Departmental classes and instructors included: Nursery Department, Mrs. Mina Arnold Young; Beginner Department, Mrs. Bert Webb; Primary Department, Miss Juanita Brown; Junior Department, Mrs. Jim Copeland; Intermediate Department, Robert Voight; Senior-Young People's Department, Mrs. J. Roswell Flower; Adult Department, Randall Ball; Administration, W. M. Rumbaugh; and a new course introduced this

year, Pioneering, taught by G. A. Uldin. In these sessions, emphasis was placed this year on practical ideas and methods already tried and proved successful. People in the Tulsa area are still talking about the wonderful things that were put into their hearts and hands.

James Van Meter was the principal speaker of the conference as the entire school gathered into the main auditorium for the final rally each evening. Using the book, "The Spirit Himself," he made this dynamic subject real in the lives of those who were present. Every session was wonderfully blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit Himself.

756 certificates were awarded at the close of the school and the feeling is unanimous among the 35 churches and 60 ministers that participated—this area will benefit from the training and revival of this conference for a long time to come.

Committee members were: J. L. McQueen, W. L. Farmer, G. A. Uldin, Jim Copeland, Jack Hayhurst.

The Benefits of Christian Fellowship

I once heard someone say, "If we all do the job together, it's bound to get done in a hurry." That word **all** meant something to me. It was a word that to me signified the group of which I am a part, the C.A.'s of Calvary Assembly in Inglewood, California. This is truly an "all" group; I guess that's why I enjoy being a member. There is a warm atmosphere here that cannot be found with fellows and girls who don't know Christ.



Douglas Lawrence

It is a privilege to be a C. A. and to share my interests with good Christian companions. I thank the Lord for Christian parents, but I am grateful, too, for the happiness and security that comes with Christian fellowship.—Douglas Lawrence, El Segundo, California.

National C.A. Day—Sunday, April 14



Teachers and staff members of the Tulsa Training Conference are seen above. They taught the largest "Workers Training" group in the nation, enrolling 1169 for the five-night course of study. Thirty-five churches participated.

Lingering Before the Lord

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read statements like this of Jesus, "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. . . . And . . . as he was teaching . . . the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:16, 17). Or, "When he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. . . . And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets . . . and as many as touched him were made whole" (Mark 6:46, 56). The rush of daily life is so frustrating today, unless we guard diligently against it with firm, unwavering purpose of heart. Jesus always sought a place where He could linger alone with God, undisturbed by rush and worry.

The Book of Acts is replete with incidents when the apostles of our Lord spent prolonged periods of time in prayer. The opening chapters tell how the once-timid little company of believers lingered with one accord in

prayer and supplication until the Spirit came upon them. And the "lingering" did not end with the day of Pentecost. Again and again the record tells how they prayed until the place was shaken . . . they prayed until "the world was turned upside down" . . . they continued in prayer until the Spirit spoke to their hearts.

Lingering long and persistently before God—what memories we recall. Savonarola lying prostrate before the altar day after day, until God came down and shook the city of Florence. Knox, in his frailty, secreted with God until Scotland was shaken. Two men in the background of Finney's revivals, one going in advance to seclude himself with God, and the other prostrating himself in the basement beneath the pulpit as Finney preached, with the result that thousands were won by his unctionized preaching.

Back of the mighty outpouring earlier in this century were uncounted and unnamed saints of God, known only to Him, who knew this secret. Open a clothes closet door and you might find one bowed in prayer. Go to the attic or cellar and you would possibly stumble on one there. Go early to service and you would enter upon a sacred hush.

I know of one church where the pastor recently called his men to prayer at 6 a.m. daily, and the women at 10 a.m., as a revival campaign approached. When the special services began, not one service passed without souls being saved; and a rare quality of heavenly blessing rested upon the congregation, especially during the ministry to the sick.

Lingering before God has been the secret of power down through the ages. God assures us that He has never changed. May we humbly learn anew His eternal secrets.

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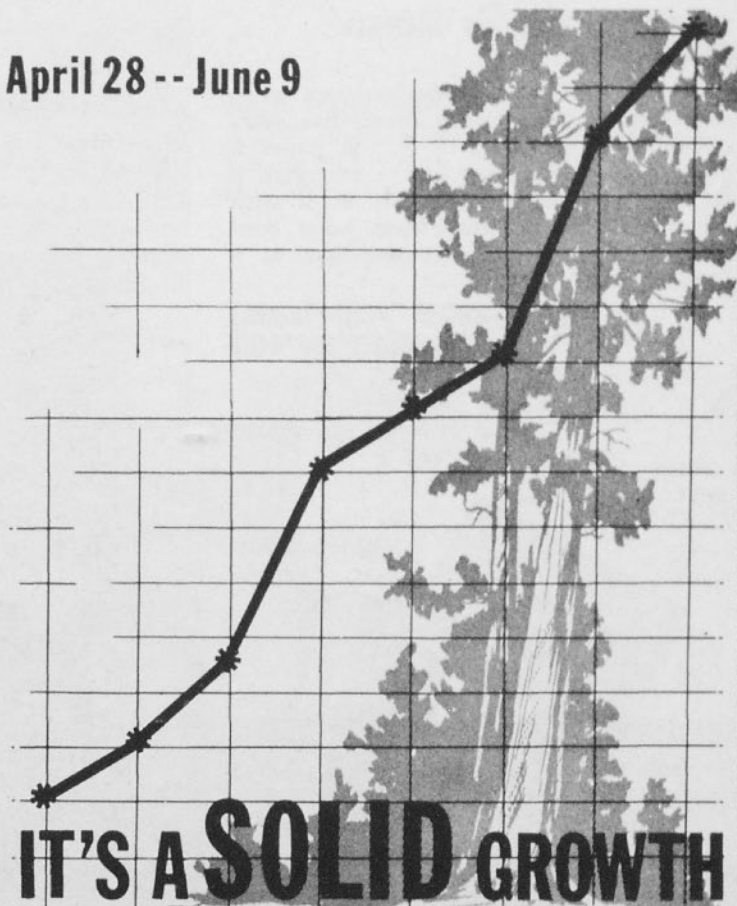
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A CONVERT FROM HEATHENISM PUT A GREAT SPIRITUAL secret in a few simple words. He said: "When I pray, I speak to God. When I read the Bible, God speaks to me."

The Word of God holds the key to an enjoyment of fellowship with God, and this thought is beautifully brought out in Numbers 7:89: "When Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with [God], then he heard the voice of One speaking to him from off the mercy seat . . . and [God] spake unto him." *When he went to pray for himself or his people, and to wait for instructions, he found One waiting for him.*

What a lesson lies here for our morning watch. A prayerful spirit is the spirit to which God will speak. A prayerful spirit will be a listening spirit, waiting to hear what God says. In the intercourse with God, His presence and the part He takes must be as real as my own.

Let us consider what is needed that our Scripture reading and praying may be such true fellowship with God.

1. *Get into the right place.* "Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with God." He separated himself from the people, and went where he could be with God alone.

He went to the place where God was to be found. Jesus has told us where that place is. He calls us to enter into our closet, and shut the door, and pray to our Father which seeth in secret. Anyplace where we are really alone with God may be to us the secret of His presence.

To speak with God needs separation from all else. It needs a heart intently set upon and in full expectation of meeting God personally, and having direct dealings. Those who go there to speak with God will hear the voice of one speaking to them.

2. *Get into the right position.* He heard the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat. Bow before the mercy seat. There the consciousness of your unworthiness will not hinder you, but be a real help in trusting God. There you may have the assured confidence that your upward look will be met by His eye, that your prayer can be heard, that His loving answer will be given. Bow before the mercy seat, and be sure that the God of Mercy will see and bless you.



3. *Get into the right disposition,* the listening attitude. Many are so occupied with the much or little they have to say in their prayers, that the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat is never heard, because it is not expected or waited for. Thus saith the Lord, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my Word." Let us enter the closet and set ourselves to pray with a heart that humbly *waits to hear God speak.*

In the Word we read we shall indeed hear the voice of One speaking to us. The highest blessedness of prayer will be our ceasing to pray in order to let God speak.

Prayer and the Word are inseparably linked together. Power in the use of either depends upon the presence of the other. The Word gives me matter for prayer, telling me what God will do for me. It shows me the path of prayer, telling me how God would have me come. It gives me the power for prayer, the courage of the assurance that I will be heard; and it brings me the answer to prayer, as it teaches what God will do for me. And on the other hand, prayer prepares the heart for receiving the Word from God Himself, for the teaching of the Spirit to give the spiritual understanding of it, for the faith that is made partaker of its mighty working.

It is clear why this is so. Prayer and the Word have one common center—God. Prayer seeks God, the Word reveals God. In prayer man asks God; in the Word God answers man. In prayer man rises to heaven to dwell with God; in the Word God comes to dwell with man. In prayer man gives himself to God; in the Word God gives Himself to man. In prayer and the Word it must be all God. Make God the All of your heart, the one object of your desires. Prayer and the Word will be a blessed fellowship with God, the interchange of thought and love and life; a dwelling in God and God in us.