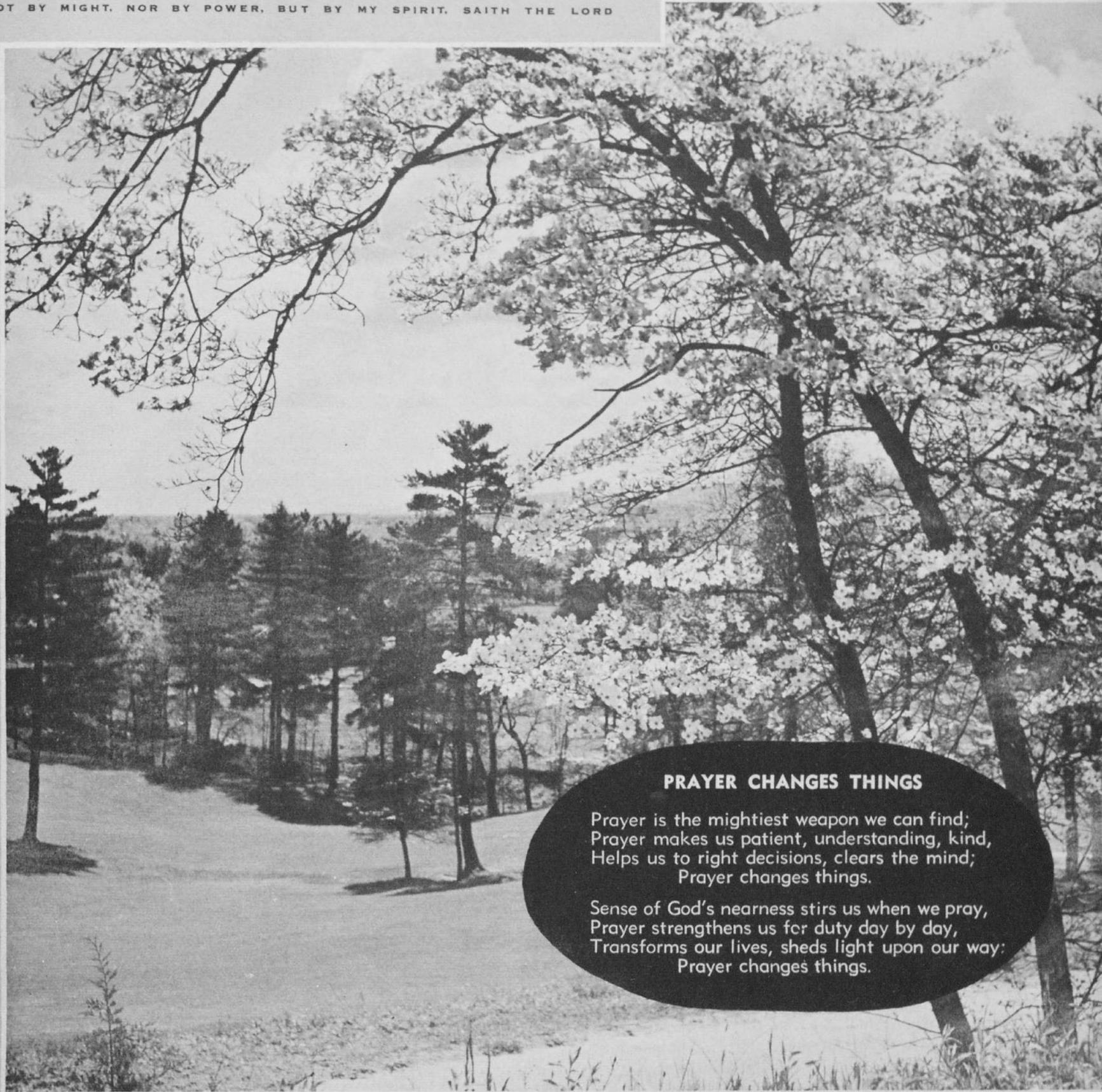


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer is the mightiest weapon we can find;
 Prayer makes us patient, understanding, kind,
 Helps us to right decisions, clears the mind;
 Prayer changes things.

Sense of God's nearness stirs us when we pray,
 Prayer strengthens us for duty day by day,
 Transforms our lives, sheds light upon our way;
 Prayer changes things.

★ Saints, Even in Sardis ★ Pentecostal Fullness

Crying Out for God

God is moving upon men and women today in a most unusual way. This fact has become clear to all—even to liberals who have little use for old-time revivals.

Two years ago the General Board of the National Council of Churches gave twenty-four eminent theologians and church leaders the task of studying evangelism in the light of present-day conditions. These men have now given their report and it makes interesting reading.

They report that spiritual hunger is a "sign of the times," and that it has resulted in a virtual mass movement of Americans in search of religious faith. They go on to say that "penitent men and women" are "truly crying out for the living God" today.

They further state that nothing less than the "radical surgery of redemption" will cure the ills of modern life.

The commission notes that there is a "widely recognized resurgence of conscious concern for religion." An "almost startling number" of business and professional men, white collar workers, teachers and students, journalists, authors, and men in public office are listening to spokesmen for Christianity "in hope of finding some security or satisfaction they have not found elsewhere."

There is a trace of skepticism such as one would expect to find in any report that liberal theologians had a hand in: they say it will take at least a generation to determine how genuine the present wave of conversions really is. Behind the drive toward religious faith they see a complex of personal motives. Some of the converts, in their opinion, are superficial people looking for "new emotional satisfactions or ways of escape from hard reality." Others are honest, vigorous, penitent men and women rising in revolt against shams and half-realities.

Christian evangelism, the commission says, must show concern for both the mature and the immature, both the clear-sighted seekers and the confused ones: "All alike need to find themselves face to face with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in his unyielding judgment and infinite mercy—both those who already know the depth of their need for healing, and those who are trying to settle for something less than the radical surgery of redemption."

Modern technology, the report points out, is suddenly supplying "in dizzy profusion" tools "that make men giants in speed and strength" without making them gentle and wise. The cure for the sickness of the times is to be found, they say, only in the effective proclamation of the gospel: "Evangelism in our time must speak to the deep needs of men for radical healing—deeper than any conscious desire for comfort and success."

When we hear some of the proud intellectuals of Protestantism talking in terms like this, we are made to realize what a far-reaching influence the present spiritual stir is having. We cannot tell how much these men know about "the radical surgery of redemption" but we do know that the Pentecostal Movement has what the world is seeking. We must help men and women to find the living God for whom they are crying out today.

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Saints - Even in Sardis



*The sinful city of Sardis had nothing
on our great American cities. As it was in
that wicked community, so it is in our day*

BY CHARLES H. E. DUNCOMBE

SARDIS HAD A BAD NAME. IF YOU wanted to rate socially, you moved out of the city. Sardis was not on the first rung of the social ladder—it was not even off the ground. Someone has said that you cannot pronounce the word *sin* without making the sound of the serpent's hiss. It was that way with Sardis, too.

The character of a place comes to mind when we hear its name. For example, Miami is a name that conjures up waving palms and blue skies. West Point brings to mind military tradition. Alcatraz makes us think of the somber, restricting walls of a penitentiary. But when you spoke of Sardis in those far-off days, you spoke only of the deeds that were practiced under cover of night, and you spoke in a whisper.

Jesus was analyzing the seven churches. For the most part the experience was not pleasant for the churches. His diagnosis was like that of the pathologist who examines a tissue sample and says, "Malignant," or who points to an X-ray picture which reveals the discoloration of a destructive disease patch on the lung, and pronounces, "T. B."

Over and over again the great High Priest used the strongest language in exposing the spiritual poverty of Asia's seven churches. There were some in Thyatira who had known the depths of Satan. The church in Pergamos harbored those who held the defiling doctrines of Balaam and Balak and those who held the hateful doctrines of the Nicolaitanes. There was haunting sadness, too, in the Saviour's indictment against Ephesus, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

The eyes that were like a flame of fire did not miss a thing. They do not miss anything today, and He is *still* in the midst of the churches.

Like a refreshing breeze on a sultry day, there comes a cheering word of commendation. To the church in Sardis He says, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." Coming as it did from Jesus Himself, this was praise indeed. In effect, this is what He meant:

"In this, the wickedest city in your state, you have kept yourselves clean. You have not drifted down the river with the turgid tide of evil that swirls around you; but in the very heart of the maelstrom you have stood rock-like and resolute. Your life of holiness you have maintained in spite of every onslaught of hell."

Sardis had nothing on our great American cities of today. Police records show that the crime rate is climbing sharply month by month, year by year. As it was in the days of Noah, once again the earth is filled with violence.

Sin is in the schoolroom as well as the saloon. This year drug addicts from 12 to 20 years of age will spend one billion dollars for heroin, marijuana, and other narcotics. Juveniles will commit thousands of major crimes. For many teenagers, Benzadrine and wine have replaced cokes and banana splits. The Kefauver committee indicated that some 100,000 American schoolgirls give birth to illegitimate children each year. In one

Texas high school investigators learned that the entire team was supercharged with drugs before games.

Can we live as Christians above all this iniquity? The shouts of the saints in Sardis, echoing down the long corridors of time, answer, "Yes!"

* * *

Must we live as a recluse or hermit, shutting ourselves away in the cloisters of a monastery, or hide ourselves away in a wilderness like the great Baptist, in order to keep ourselves pure? No. The prayer of the Head of the Church was not that we should be taken out of the world, but *be kept spotless in the world*. The Lord's promise to Paul holds good for us, even today, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Have the rolling majestic surges of this great tideless sea of divine grace ceased to beat upon the shores of time?

I had looked forward long and eagerly to seeing the great swelling river, the Rio Grande. Romantic songs and vivid stories heard years before, back in England, had created within me a burning curiosity to see the great river of Mexico. After traveling some 6,000 miles I could hardly wait for my first glimpse as we approached the Rio Grande. And then, upon reaching the brink, I looked down. Unbelieving and amazed, I saw a sluggish trickle of water meandering slowly along the muddy river bed. There had been many, many seasons of fierce sunshine but no rain in a long, long time. What

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WHY? See page nine

by Mollie Baird, Ceylon

WHILE STATIONED IN NORTH INDIA, my workers and I began praying for the Lord to start working among the people in Tiwariganj. We were anxious to reach the multitudes, but had not been able to do so.

As we prayed the Lord very definitely revealed to me that He would bring the people to us.

It all came about through our sweeper woman, Mahteroni. Mahteroni was a bundle of aches, or imaginary ones. One day we gave her some added work to do. She complained that she was not able to do the work as she had a pain.



The Man of the Book

She wanted some medicine. We told her we did not have any medicine, but that if she really was in pain we would pray for her; however, when she consented to be anointed, I sent her to the national pastor's wife as my doubts concerning the pain were too great for me to pray with faith.

To my great surprise, Mahteroni returned to the house and flew into the work. I noted that she seemed happy, but I was too busy to give the matter more thought.

The following day Mahteroni brought a relative and a neighbor to be anointed. The next day she escorted an entire group to us from the village, and the next day another group. Thus it continued for a week. By that time we thought it advisable to set aside a definite day to pray for the sick. We announced that each Tuesday would be prayer day.

On the first Tuesday about thirty persons applied to us for help for their bodies. The next Tuesday a few more came to us; and the next Tuesday a few more.

Most of the people had minor ailments, such as itch, sore toes, sore eyes, and headaches. We were glad to pray for the people and were thankful that

WE WERE WAITING FOR GOD TO DO SOMETHING
MIRACULOUS; AND IT CAME ABOUT THROUGH MAHTERONI

through our prayers they could be relieved; however, I knew that it would be through an outstanding miracle that the people really would come to recognize the power of God, so I began to pray that God would send someone to be healed who was in a serious condition.

The following Tuesday, while we were praying for the usual cases, an ox cart came to a stop in front of the house. In it was a very sick man. Four men carefully lifted him from the cart and deposited him on the grass. Such groanings! My heart ached as I heard them. I rushed into the house and fell upon my knees before the Lord. I knew it was God's answer to our heart-cry that His power might be displayed.

After I had prayed I went outside to minister to the man. I found that he was suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. His left leg was swollen from toes to hip and seemed ready to burst.

I explained the way of salvation, and the way healing is received from God.

Then the man was anointed with oil, but nothing seemed to happen. He continued to groan. I felt defeated and went into the house. The Christian workers were called in, and we prayed together until we felt certain of victory. After that we returned to the yard and again prayed for the man. We got him on his feet, and he took two or three steps. After that we felt confident the Lord would complete the work.

The following day our workers visited the man's village. They learned that the man had been healed, and from the man's wife they obtained this interesting story:

Some months earlier the wife had been in a hospital in Lucknow for a major operation. While there she was given a Gospel portion. She could not read the Gospel portion so she tucked it away in her box, and upon her return home she gave it to her husband to read. The husband found this Bible portion to be very interesting. He devoured its pages, and wondered how he could meet the *Man of the Book*.

In just a short time after the wife's return from the hospital the husband was stricken with rheumatism. Doctors were summoned but were unable to do anything to help him. He steadily grew worse.

During the days of intense pain, inquiry was made of visiting village friends concerning the *Man of the Book*. By that time word had gotten around of the healings that were taking place at our mission. The villagers had heard of them and told the sick man. They also told him that we talked of the *Man of the Book*. Thus it was that the man was brought to our house.

When the man reached home after we had prayed, the wife was surprised to find that her husband was still groaning. "Why are you groaning?" she asked. "The Book said that you would be better, and the people told you that you would be better."

She felt his leg and found it was not so feverish. "You are better," she announced. "Go to sleep." So the man went to sleep, and slept for an hour—the first sleep he had had for three days and nights.

When the husband awakened he started groaning again. The wife went to him. "Why are you groaning again?" she asked. "Your leg is not hot at all. All your fever is gone, just as the Book said, and just as the people said. That groaning is just habit. Now you eat and sleep some more."

Suddenly it dawned upon the man that he really was healed. He called his village friends in to tell them the good news, and arose and walked. The swelling left. When we visited the man the second day, the entire village was rejoicing with him. The *Man of the Book* had triumphed!

After that, thousands of people came to us. On one day alone we had 1,500 sick persons for whom to pray. Some came from many miles away. At times it seemed that we would be crushed as they crowded about, begging us to pray for them.

Many would camp on the ground on Monday nights so as to be on hand the first thing in the morning. As they waited for prayer day to arrive, we would preach to them. Some would arrive at four o'clock Tuesday morning.

The Lord healed many diseases, including even leprosy and blindness. I shall never forget one dear old woman who was suffering from rheumatism in her hips and legs. Her pain was great, but when we prayed she jumped up and



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAKES PLANS FOR WORLD CONFERENCE

The advisory committee met at Kenley, England, in April to make plans for the fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches. The World Conference is to be held in Toronto, Canada, in the fall of 1958.

The committee of twelve was represented in this session by the nine men shown in the photograph. Seated, left to right, are Donald Gee, British Assemblies of God; Lewi Pethrus, Filadelfia Church of Stockholm, Sweden; W. E. McAlister, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; John Carter, British Assemblies of God; R. M. Riggs, Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. Standing, left to right, are: D. L. Williams, Church of God in Christ, U.S.A.; Leonard Steiner, Switzerland; Samuel Nystrom, Sweden; Paul H. Walker, Church of God in the U.S.A.

The committee chairman, W. E. McAlister, presided at the planning meetings which were held in the Bible School at Kenley (of which

Donald Gee is Principal). The committee members reported that interest in the coming World Conference is rising high in the various countries.

The World Conference will be held in the Coliseum Arena of the Canadian National Exhibition Park at Toronto. Over 10,000 people are expected to be present at this great Pentecostal gathering. Believers from many lands will be present and there will be interpreters to make the services understandable to people of various nationalities.

The theme of this world-wide fellowship meeting will be, "The purpose of God in the Pentecostal Movement for this hour." An opening high light will be a gigantic Youth Rally in which young people of many tongues will band together on common ground; namely, the redemption that is in Christ Jesus and the power that is in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

began laughing and crying and saying, "Oh, this *Yisu Masih Babu* (Jesus Christ, the Learned Man) does wonderful work—it's gone, it's gone!"

A very wealthy woman returned to give thanks and to bring an offering to the national minister. He refused the offering, but the woman forced him to take it. "For three years," she said, "I have not known a moment without pain. Now your Jesus has healed me. Why should I not give Him an offering?"

Each Tuesday night we would be completely exhausted, but happy. No pleasure on earth can exceed what missionaries experience when they see the power of God displayed in the lives of the people. ◀ ◀

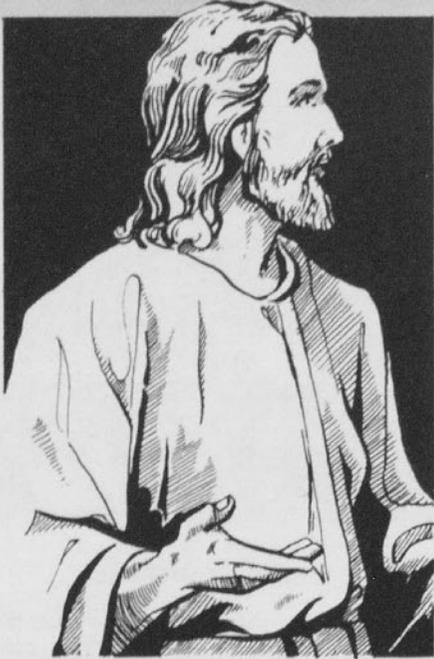
BLESSEDNESS OF PRAYER

The privilege of prayer to me is one of my most cherished possessions, because faith and experience convince me that God Himself sees and answers, and His answers I never venture to criticize. It is my part to ask. It is entirely His to give or to withhold, as He knows is best. In the quiet of home, in the heat of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable.

I value it more because it calls for nothing that "the wayfaring man, though a fool," cannot give—that is, the simplest expression to his simplest desire. When I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I expect to pass through it in conversation with Him.

—Doctor Grenfell.

PENTECOSTAL FULLNESS



WHY HAVE SO FEW BELIEVERS RECEIVED the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness? I believe the first great reason is that they are *not ready* to receive this priceless blessing from God. I believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the greatest blessing that comes to the heart of any child of God.

God is not going to give His choicest and greatest blessing to any careless child of His who really has no deep thirst for His best. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit)" (John 7:37-39). It would be dangerous for us as human beings if God would give us the Holy Spirit in His fullness when we are not prepared for it.

You know that in your own home you wouldn't give a child a knife just because he asked for it. Would you? If the child asks for your watch you refuse—for the child is not ready to receive it. Think of Paul, having to receive a "thorn in the flesh" to keep

by James A. Stewart

him humble, lest with all his wonderful experiences he should be exalted above measure and filled with conceit.

And if the mighty apostle Paul was in danger of being conceited with his spiritual experiences, how much more are we! I repeat: if we are not ready to receive the Holy Spirit in His fullness, God is too merciful, too gracious, too wise to give it. I hear believers pray, "O God, fill me with Thy Spirit." They don't mean it. They are just parroting the phraseology.

Christians who are living in disobedience, Christians whose lives are not on the altar, Christians who are not sanctified, Christians who are not trying to win souls for Christ—they very glibly pray, "O God, fill me with Thy Spirit." I get horrified when I hear people pray such a prayer, if I know that they are not ready to receive Him. I ask, "Have you ever realized what it means to receive the choicest and most delicate gift that God, your loving Heavenly Father, could give you?" Oh, if we were only ready I believe God would give us the fullness of the Spirit instantaneously. I wonder, are you ready?

Another reason so few have the Pentecostal fullness is that we are *not seeking it with the right objective*. In James 4:3 we have that very practical word, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." And I have known even gospel preachers, pastors, evangelists, and teachers who have asked God for the greatest blessing, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, for self-exaltation. You must take Him, friend, with His attributes. You cannot have power if you do not want holiness.

You may be eloquent; you may have all the natural endowments; you may be a great orator, a great preacher, or a great teacher; but if you receive the Spirit in Pentecostal fullness you will become holy. And many of God's people do not want to lead a holy life; they only want this supernatural unction of the Holy Spirit in order to be successful in their work. They want people to say, "Oh, look at what success that worker has since he has received

the mighty baptism of divine power!" They are asking amiss, that they might use the costliest of all blessings upon their own lustful ideas. What a tragedy!

And then there are many who are *not seeking the Pentecostal fullness on God's conditions*, but are trying to make their own conditions—for they are not prepared for the possible results of being filled with the Spirit.

God gives the Spirit to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). The moment Barnabas was filled with the Holy Spirit, what did the Spirit tell him to do? "Sell your lands, sell your property, and give your money for My work." Are you prepared for that?

I was speaking about the fullness of the Spirit in a Bible conference a few years ago in Switzerland. God's people were gathered from all parts of Europe. Along came a dear man from Alsace-Lorraine, a millionaire whom God had met and saved in a concentration camp. This man came to me crying and praying, "My wife and I want to be filled with the Spirit."

I said, "Brother, are you willing to pay the price of being filled with the Spirit? It is quite easy to weep, but are you willing? Is your heart pure? When the Holy Spirit takes control of your life you must obey Him, no matter what the consequences! If it revolutionizes your life, or means death to you, you have to obey Him. Are you prepared for the consequences of being filled with the Spirit?"

That quieted him down a lot, and I didn't hear him pray again that week,

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"O God, fill me with Thy Spirit." He wasn't seeking the Pentecostal fullness any more.

And then one day I heard that he had come gloriously through. They came to me with shining faces and said, "Oh, Brother Stewart, we came into the blessed experience yesterday."

And then I asked, "Brother, are you prepared for what the Holy Spirit is going to tell you to do? You have a lot of money; you have millions of dollars; and I am sure the Holy Spirit is going to tell you something about that."

The next day he said to me, "Brother Stewart, the Holy Spirit has told me to set up a testimony for the gospel in Marseilles. He wants me to buy an orphanage." And he named some other things God wanted him to do. And then he said, "If you hadn't warned me, I wouldn't have been prepared for this."

When this man's wife died suddenly, I had to travel 800 miles to the funeral. He was left with seven children, the oldest a boy fifteen years old. And oh, that boy would put almost every Christian young person in America to shame. That boy came into the fullness of the Holy Spirit. He talks of the deep things of God in the Bible. His life is a radiant testimony for Christ.

When I arrived for the funeral he ran out to the gate to meet me and put his arms around me. He said, "Oh, Uncle Jimmy, I am so glad you came. I want to tell you that I have a song in my heart."

And I said, "Have you?"

"Yes," he said. "Mommy's gone home to heaven, but there is a song in my heart."

And then I had the joy of preaching the gospel to thousands gathered for the funeral. This brother was a famous man in Moulhouse of Alsace-Lorraine, and do you know what he said? "Don't talk so much about my wife. Talk about her Saviour."

There were thousands of Roman Catholic people who heard the great gospel at the graveside of our sister. You see, friend, that brother had come into such an experience with God that not even the death of his precious wife could take it away. It was a bright, triumphant witness.

God raised up this man to meet mighty needs of the people in central Europe, and thousands have been saved through this dear brother. You see, he was prepared to pay the price.

Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit use your money? Are you willing to be made willing? If He says to sell some property, are you willing to sell that property and give it to the place where He wants it? Are you willing? We can't tell you to do that; only the Holy Spirit can.

I remember being in one of the most weird and terrible nights on the battlefields of France, while lurid flashes of bursting enemy shells lit up the sky with a hideous red. Strong men were dying; others were running and yelling with their courage broken. Behind us the shells were dropping thick and deadly. There was a trench extending across the street in the town we were expected to hold. We were trying to get the men down into that trench, partly for their safety, and also to form a line of defense against the enemy, who held the other side of the town. It was a time of tenseness.

A soldier ran up to me and handed me his rifle that was sticky with his own blood. Blood was running down his face. He said, "Use it; I won't need it," and vanished in the darkness. It seemed there was a power unseen that pulled at me to go. I could have run, for I was the leader in charge, but the men would have followed and many have lost their lives. We would have lost the town and the battle.

The urge was to run for safety, but somehow—I'll never know why—I couldn't run. There was something

within me that held me to my job. I had told my father when I left home that I would do my duty, and I knew if I got out of the war I would have to face him. I could not face him a coward, so I crawled into the trench, along with the others who would get in. We fought and won. Thus many lives were saved. Some ran and fell, torn and fatally wounded, and lost as cowards.

In this awful time of compromise, how easy it would be to surrender to the enemy or run when the battle is raging. But men and women and boys and girls are depending on us not to run or surrender. The trench of duty is here. Jesus said, "Go ye," and preach, and do your duty. I will have to face Him one of these days, and by His grace I do not intend to face Him a moral coward.

I cannot speak for you; but as for me, I am getting into the trench. With those who dare, we will accept the enemy's challenge. We will fight until the enemy is defeated—until Jesus calls us home, or comes and gets us at His glorious second coming.

Let our slogan be, "Revival at any cost." Our message is holiness—both positive and negative. Our lives must be wholly the Lord's. Our trust must be in Him who said, "Go ye," and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Let us give ourselves to this great task. ◀◀

THE GIFT OF GOD

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water (John 4:10).

GOD'S BEST THINGS ARE GIFTS

Light, air, natural beauty, elasticity of spirit, the sense of vigorous health, human love, and, above all, His only begotten and beloved Son: among all other gifts is there one to be compared to this—the living spring of eternal life? It must be received as a gift, or not at all.

GOD'S GIFTS MUST BE ASKED FOR

"Thou wouldest have asked . . . and He would have given." This is the law of heaven. Prayer is a necessary link between the divine hand that gives and the human heart that receives. We have not, because we ask not.

IF WE HAD FULLER KNOWLEDGE WE SHOULD PRAY MORE

"If thou knewest . . . thou wouldest have asked." If thou knewest all the possibilities in the life of prayer—if thou knewest what gains would accrue to thee on thy knees, thou wouldest give thyself to prayer, as though it were the main object of thy life.

—by F. B. Meyer



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Minnesota Bans Sunday Sale of Autos

The Minnesota House has approved a bill banning the sale of automobiles on Sundays. It was previously passed by the Senate.

Funds Appropriated for Industrial School Chapel

Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus signed a bill appropriating \$15,000 toward a chapel for the Boys' Industrial School at Pine Bluff, providing it is matched by an equal amount from citizens of the state. Citizens have already contributed \$3,480 for the project.

Mennonites Make Plans for Sixth World Conference

Plans are being made for the sixth Mennonite World Conference to be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, August 10 to 16. The conference theme will be, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World." Participants will come from the U.S. and eight other foreign lands including (it is hoped) Russia.

Fewer New Churches Started in March

The value of new church construction started in the U.S. in March amounted to \$63,000,000—two million dollars below the February total. However, it was still a new record for March, exceeding last year's figure by 19 per cent. The Departments of Commerce and Labor at Washington, D. C. reported that church building during the first three months of this year amounted to \$195,000,000. This compared with \$168,000,000 in the first quarter of 1956.

Bible Balloons Launched into Iron Curtain Lands

Evangelist Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, planned to launch another barrage of Bible balloons into Russia and its satellites the first two weeks of this month. He said that each of the 50,000 hydrogen gas balloons would carry five Bible portions, making a quarter-million altogether, translated into six languages.

The evangelist said this was the fifth such launching to be made from the border of West Germany by his "Christian Crusade" movement. The movement says it has floated over a million Bible portions into Communist-dominated territories in the past four years.

Says Communism is Losing Ground in Europe

Communism in Western Europe has suffered "serious setbacks and has lost its influence as a dynamic movement," the executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee told 1,000 civic leaders in New York City. For the first time since World War II, he said every country in Western Europe is free "from the internal Communist threat of control or seizure."

He said that uprisings by the people in Hungary, Poland, and Eastern Germany have demonstrated to Communist followers that Communism represents a denial of all aspirations for a free society. He declared that Communism is losing favor because it has not fulfilled any of its major promises to abolish oppression and exploitation and establish a system of equality.

Missionaries Will Be Welcome in Ghana

Christian missionaries will continue to be welcome in the new nation of Ghana, according to Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, "We owe a lot to missionaries," he told a press conference.

Most of the members of Ghana's cabinet attended mission schools. Today 80 per cent of the children in these schools are registered as Christian.

New Punishment for Intoxicated Drivers

A Colorado Senator has come up with a novel approach to the drunken driver problem, according to *Allied Youth*. He says, "I'd like to see them be required to pick up the whiskey bottles and beer cans along our highways." The Senator said he planned to submit a bill to this effect if there were no legal obstacles to the plan.

Brewers Out After New Markets

Whenever Congressional pressure was put on the brewers regarding their advertising, their stock answer always was: "We don't want to create new drinkers; we just want a bigger share of the existing market to drink our brand."

But recent marketing and ad trends indicate this is just a convenient lie. And one of the brewers, commenting on the fact that beer consumption has failed to keep pace with population growth, gives proof of that lie. Says this brewer: "The problem of our industry is to increase total consumption rather than to have the individual brewers concentrate on their competitors' customers." Hoping "that more brewers will adopt this trend," this brewer has been backing up his philosophy with ads plugging beer drinking in general. He has also introduced a "Teen Brew"—a beverage that looks, tastes, smells, and foams like beer, but does not contain enough alcohol to be subject to Federal liquor control. Police officers, however, have been complaining that the brew develops in teen-agers a premature taste for liquor—which is exactly what the brewers want.

Criticize Revival of Confessional in Germany

The League of Reformed Churches in Germany has criticized what it said is a movement inside the Evangelical Church in Germany (Lutheran and Reformed) toward a general revival of individual confession of sins. The confessional was abolished by the Protestant Church in Germany around 1700, but was reintroduced formally in Bavaria about a hundred years ago and has reappeared in a number of Protestant churches in West Germany in the past year or two.

A statement issued by the moderamen, or top management body, of the League of Reformed Churches said: "We must warn against the false view that the confession of sins to a preacher or another brother necessarily brings forth absolution by virtue of the confession itself or by virtue of a supernatural authority of the preacher." It declared that use of the word "confession" is "a great retreat behind the line of the Reformation."

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R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent



"Our responsibility to our aged missionaries and ministers is not only based on sentiment. It is true that even though an individual quietly places his trust in God for his support, we may nevertheless be the hand of God to supply the need.

"The Scripture definitely makes these servants of Christ our responsibility, for it is written, 'If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith.'"

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions



"To me retired or 'superannuated' does not mean a discontinued ministry. During prayer time at Pinellas Park some time ago, the deep heart concern and God-given burden for the work of the Lord was beautifully evident as aged men and women sought the face of the Lord. Let us share with them our material blessings."

Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent



"Today we rejoice in the growth and prosperity of our movement, but what about the pioneers who through great financial sacrifice laid the foundation upon which we build? I believe we have a moral and spiritual responsibility to these men and women. God forbid we should sin against them by forgetting them in their time of need."

G. F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent



"Few people ever gave more and took less than did our pioneer ministers and their companions. Since these servants of the Lord are the benefactors of the people of the second and third generations, what greater gesture of gratitude could younger men show than to share the benefits they are now enjoying from the fruits of the labors of our now retired pioneer ministers."

J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent



"God has blessed the Assemblies of God with leadership and ministry which has blazed trails of revival and world evangelism. We who follow owe a debt of gratitude to those who have pioneered and sacrificially served in launching this last-hour revival movement."

T. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent



"Every **Evangel** subscriber is aware of the fact the Assemblies of God are endeavoring to care for the needs of their older ministers, and appeal is made just twice a year for offerings for this purpose. If your pastor should forget, we are confident he will appreciate a reminder from you that now is the time for presenting the need to the church so that the people may have the opportunity of giving to this worthy cause."

J. R. Flower, General Secretary



"We who are responsible to administer the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund cannot but be moved by the great need among some of our older ministers. To us this is not simply a matter to be attended to when funds are available. We must meet a monthly payroll which means food, shelter and the necessities of life to a number of aged people. Why not provide for this need regularly by including Benevolence in your monthly budget?"

Atwood Foster, General Treasurer



When Revival Comes--

BY M. M. JOHNSON

SPIRITUAL BELIEVERS THE WORLD over are earnestly praying and ardently hoping for a great Spirit-sent revival in these last days of the present age. But what will be the nature of this revival when it comes?

When Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached, there was a great revival, and "there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:5-8). Using the revival at Samaria as a basis for our thoughts, I wish to set forth here some of the characteristics which, I believe, we may expect to be manifest in the revival for which we are praying.

I

It is possible that this revival will be accompanied by persecution. In America we know nothing of real religious persecution, for our constitution guarantees us religious freedom. In any case, we are not likely to get much persecution, even of the kind which is allowable, so long as we go along with a watered-down message and a world-conforming program that doesn't make anyone very angry.

But if a *real* revival comes it may cause real persecution to spring up.

II

Then, God may elect to bring about this revival by using persons who are not well known. We note that Philip was not a famous evangelist whose name was universally known and admired. In fact, he was not known as a preacher at all, so far as we know.

But he was one of the seven deacons chosen at Jerusalem; so he must have had the respect and confidence of the local congregation. And, what is of more importance, he was a man of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. These are still absolutely essential qualities for the servant of God who would do effective work.

We thank God for what is being accomplished by the many evangelists; however, we do not believe that God is yet satisfied. The present so-called spiritual awakening is neither wide enough nor deep enough. Thousands in the big city-wide campaigns are making *decisions*, but we fear there is a great deal of mass psychology and momentary emotion involved; most of the people are just following the crowd or being swayed by a popular person.

But in this God-sent revival we are looking for neither popularity, prestige, reputation, education (nor the lack of it); none of these will determine God's choice of His instrument. It will be a work of the Holy Spirit Himself, revolutionizing those whom it brings under its mighty power.

III

It is entirely possible that this revival will spring up in some of the most unexpected places. The church at Jerusalem never would have thought of a revival breaking out in Samaria. In fact, if it had not been for the persecution at Jerusalem, likely Philip would not have gone there.

There are thousands in the out-of-the-way places who are starving for the old-time gospel. There are not as many people in the rural communities as in the great cities, yet it is safe to say that a greater percentage of them will

be won in the next revival than of the city population.

IV

This revival will be brought about by preaching Christ, not by exalting denominations, or contending for controversial doctrines, or upholding personalities or movements.

Yet we must remember that there are many ways of preaching Christ. We can preach Christ as Saviour, as Healer, as Baptizer, as Coming King. We can preach Him in holiness, separation, love, stewardship, service.

And this revival will not only leap over denominational lines but break them down and put such a hunger in people's hearts that they will want God's best regardless of what denomination they have been in or what they have been taught.

V

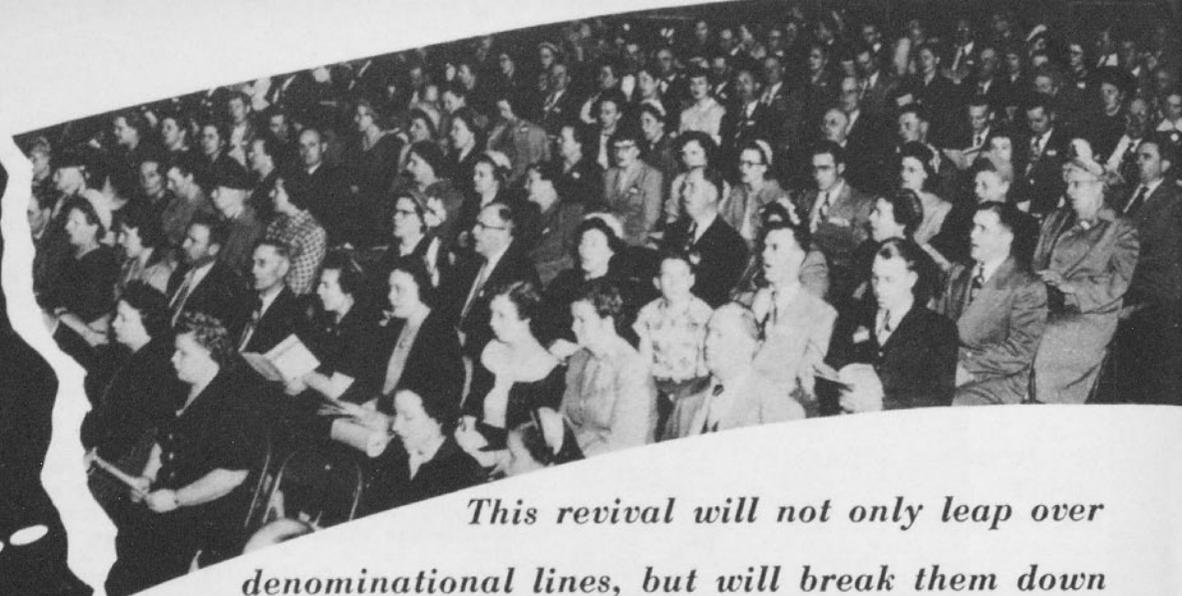
Like the revival at Samaria, the coming revival will be accompanied by mighty miracles. Thank God, the days of miracles have not passed. Our eyes have seen wonderful things wrought in the name of Jesus, but we are expecting more answers to prayers and fewer failures. We are talking about a revival which will get God's work done.

VI

Acts 8:8 says, "There was great joy in that city." The revival of which we are speaking will be accompanied by great joy. Most of us who have come into Pentecost from other movements were greatly impressed by the evidences of great joy which we saw among Pentecostal people. Since joy is one thing which is universally desired, we naturally wanted what we saw these people had.

I believe this revival will be attended

This revival will not only leap over denominational lines, but will break them down



by such joy that it will attract thousands of people who otherwise might take little interest in it.

VII

Like the revival at Samaria, this revival will get too big for one man. Philip found himself inadequate for the work, and Peter and John went down to help out and to lead the people on a little further in the Lord (v. 14). And we trust that God may send a revival which will break over all limitations of persons, places, and conditions—and literally save this old world from the power of the devil and destruction. We know that judgment is soon to fall; but a heaven-sent, Spirit-directed revival will greatly reduce the awful horror of it.

VIII

Finally, this revival will expose hypocrisy and correct wrong ideas.

"When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost." Simon thought the gift of God could be purchased with money, but he was not the only one who ever had such wrong ideas. There are many today who are trying to "climb up some other way" by means of money, church membership, morality, good works, etc. But there will be little dependence on such things when God sends revival.

Lord, hasten the day when the revival comes. ◀◀

Admiral Byrd's Great Concern

BY E. R. ANDERSON

THE RECENT DEATH OF THE NOTED Polar explorer, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, recalls a graphic sentence describing one of the situations encountered on a southward expedition—"Months of darkness with nothing to do but think..."

It would be interesting to conjecture, in such a distant, far-removed setting, the scope and sum of his thoughts. Interesting because we probably find ourselves asking what would be the realm of our own thoughts if placed in such a situation. For Admiral Byrd, the subject was the problem of man! As he stated it, "Man's problem, in the last analysis, is man himself." For the period of seven long months in that complete isolation, he pondered, thought, weighed, considered—man.

There is something intensely significant about that, for such a day as the present. If one were to fit apt coin to our times, he might call these "the thinkless times." As one has well said, "There is a gigantic conspiracy abroad to keep us from thinking." Another has suggested that "over half our problems would disappear if we would only get away and think them through." One

has but to observe the array of things round and about, the so-called amusements and pleasures of the times, to see that they squeeze "with all might and main" to keep man so thrilled and tickled that thought is thrust aside.

There is tragic consequence underscoring every reach of "thinklessness" and nowhere is this more apparent than in the realm of eternal verities. These are times that cry aloud for tremendous thinking on higher ground. Significant therefore that question of the Lord Jesus Christ, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matthew 22:42) for the average man appears to be doing anything and everything else. The problem of man centers about the person of Jesus Christ. He is the Answer for the deliverance which is so desperately needed. Of a truth, "The way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Man must meet the Master and thus find all things new!

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Interior of tabernacle, showing congregation tightly packed together



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Lisu Christians Hold Silver Jubilee Convention

BY MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

Field Secretary for Asia



M. L. Ketcham

TWENTY-FIVE years ago hardy pioneer missionaries pushed Christian frontiers back many miles when they carried the gospel to the Lisu. The Lisu are a mountain people, presumably of Chinese origin, living on the "roof of the world"—that inaccessible and fearsome mountain system known and feared as "the hump" by American flyers during the war.

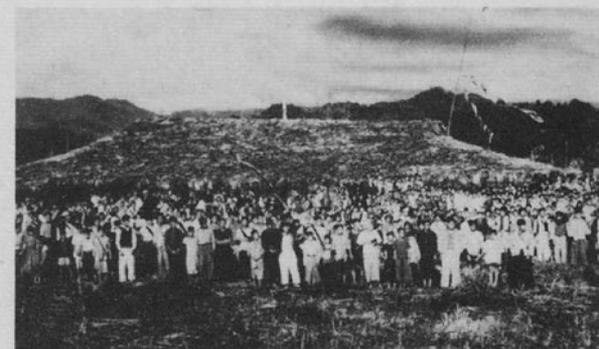
The zeal of these missionaries was boundless, their gospel message powerful, and the soil good. Soon Christianity spread like wildfire up the Salween Valley, up the Mekong Valley, even over the 10,000-foot-high snow-bound passes into Burma. Now China has

let down the "bamboo curtain," has pushed out the foreigners, and has tried to extinguish the flame of Christianity. But here is a flame which refused to be quenched. All efforts by godless Communism at repression have only served to strengthen and consolidate the work, until today (by reliable account) there are 10,000 Pentecostal Lisu in China.

And what of Burma? Here again, the soil proved fertile and the work has mushroomed—especially since the war, when Brother and Sister Morrison and their daughter, Geraldine, have been able to live in northern Burma. Today we have a body of believers over 7,000 strong, completely and militantly indigenous. The local Christians take delight in supporting the pastors of their 28 churches and the superintendents of their four districts. They construct all their church buildings, erect quarters and provide necessary rice for 220 students in two Bible schools, and even construct simple bamboo residences for the use of missionaries.

And now, twenty-five years after the seed of the gospel was first planted among the Lisu, there came a spontaneous and widespread urge to hold a Silver Jubilee Convention to coincide with the long anticipated visit of the Field Secretary. I can truly say that my visit to this convention was the highlight of thirty years of missionary experience—none of which has been drab or colorless.

Here, deep in the cloying tropical jungle, few of the evidences of this modern, mechanical age are to be found. I did not see a nail, a piece of wire, a brick, a sawed timber. But, with a simple grub hoe, a "dah" (type of machete), a short-handled axe, and fire, miracles can be performed! With these simple tools, the Christians felled mammoth trees, cleared acres of land, hewed out planks, wove ropes out of bamboo and fiber, platted substantial mats out of leaves, and prepared rafters and pillars. They hacked a "jeepable" road through the jungle, spanned ravines with substantial bridges, erected a tabernacle large enough to accommodate over 2000 people, and built a three-room bungalow to accommodate the visiting Field Secretary and his companions. They brought in cows, fish, chickens, and rice for food. And this they did all on their own, out of the gladness of their hearts, without one penny of foreign funds, or without detailed foreign supervision.



Part of the crowd present at the convention

The convention itself brought about a great outpouring of the Spirit of God. There was no high-power preaching; there was little of human leadership. These people were spiritually hungry; they had walked for as many as fifteen days to find God; they would not be denied! And they found their heart's desire! This church, 7,000 strong, dedicated itself afresh, with a singleness of purpose, to the task of evangelizing the 100,000 tribal people—Lisu, Maru, Rawong, and Kanong—in the northern part of Burma.

The Assemblies of God is proud of

its work and its missionaries in Burma and would do nothing to stultify local initiative or to compromise the present indigenous status of the church. Nevertheless, there is a definite need for outside counsel and advice in such matters as education, literature, Bible school training, and liaison with the government, as well as improved methods of agriculture, and proper use of the vast timber wealth. The Foreign Missions Department considers that Burma is one of the most challenging mission fields today, and has a carefully thought-out program for developing its

work in this land. Pray that God will bless this program and those who are given the responsibility of carrying it out.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

February 1957

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Nebraska	84	73	87%
2. S. Idaho	57	49	86%
3. Montana	67	57	85%
4. Kansas	167	137	82%
5. N. Dakota	50	41	82%
6. S. Dakota	48	39	81%
7. Oregon	195	152	78%
8. New York	156	121	78%
9. Northwest	269	207	77%
10. West Central	219	168	77%
11. New England	105	80	76%
12. Rocky Mountain	125	95	76%
13. Ohio	175	132	75%
14. Potomac	166	124	75%
15. S. Missouri	327	243	74%
16. Tennessee	93	69	74%
17. Wis.-N. Mich.	135	100	74%
18. Michigan	176	128	73%
19. Minnesota	147	107	73%
20. Illinois	204	143	70%
21. Wyoming	36	25	69%
22. Eastern	261	181	69%
23. New Jersey	102	70	69%
24. N. Carolina	71	46	65%
25. S. Florida	160	101	63%
26. New Mexico	77	46	60%
27. N. Calif.-Nev.	335	200	60%
28. S. Calif.	367	218	59%
29. Alabama	251	148	59%
30. Appalachian	75	43	57%
31. Kentucky	65	37	57%
32. S. Texas	258	147	57%
33. W. Texas	128	72	56%
34. W. Florida	137	76	55%
35. Indiana	154	83	54%
36. Oklahoma	493	263	53%
37. Louisiana	155	80	52%
38. Georgia	129	66	51%
39. N. Texas	508	259	51%
40. Arizona	81	38	47%
41. Mississippi	88	36	41%
42. S. Carolina	54	22	41%
43. Arkansas	451	175	39%

MISSIONARY News Notes



The following missionaries have recently sailed:

Ruth Couchman and Pansy Blossom to Argentina, South America, where they will work at our Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson and children to Nigeria, Africa. They are new recruits and would appreciate our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker to Bolivia.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Hale to Bolivia for another term of service.

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Word has been received from the R. D. McGees telling of their safe arrival in Managua, Nicaragua.

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Dennis Valdez wishes to inform his friends of his new address: Ramaliego 26, San Juan y Martinez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spence wish to



Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Hale

announce that after May 1 their address will be Apartado 99, Santa Ana, El Salvador.

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Elsie Marialke recently returned from East Pakistan. Her address is 1825 S. Magnolia St., South Bend, Ind.

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Mrs. K. D. Robison and the two children arrived home from Ceylon on April 3. She is making her home at 3 Signal Hill Blvd., East St. Louis, Ill.

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Warren B. Denton has arrived from the Philippines to join his wife and children at Mission Village, Springfield, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker



Pansy Blossom



Ruth A. Couchman



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson and family

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A constant and steady flow of mail comes in answer to the REVIVALTIME broadcast, because this full gospel program proclaims the real answer for today. One couple have found a solution to their marital problems, youth have found a real joy and satisfaction, and others have found that Christ is the answer to their petty family squabbles. One after another, they discovered that their problems dissolved as they put their faith and trust in the power of Christ.

Here are but a few of their testimonies:

Mrs. W., Texarkana, Ark.: "I wrote to you about my son-in-law who had left home and gone off with a married woman who left her husband and two small children. . . . In a week's time he had come home and called my daughter. . . . They were reconciled, went home, and went to see their pastor. He confessed everything and was so humble."

Mrs. M. L. Peabody, Mass.: "We happened to come across your program REVIVALTIME and were quite impressed by your speech. Our marriage was on the brink of a break-up, and your talk on marriage partners two weeks ago made quite an impression on both my husband and myself."

Mrs. J. H., Selma, Calif.: "I believe it was in June I wrote for prayer for the reunion of our home. Well, God has answered prayer. My husband came home last Thursday. He now seems so happy, praise the Lord."

NEWS FLASH!

REVIVALTIME is now being heard weekly over Station WXYZ (1270 kc.) in Detroit, Michigan. The program will be released every Sunday night at 10:30.

Mr. & Mrs. K. W., Glen Aubrey, N. Y.: "We just finished listening to your sermon on 'Marriage and the Home.' Wife and I got on our knees by the radio and laid our hands on it as you prayed for the broken homes where there had been a great deal of trouble and discord—ours was a home like this, but God healed our troubles and made our lives over as you prayed. Oh, how happy we are now, Brother Ward, and we thank you for your heart-felt interest in a problem which is so widespread."

Mr. & Mrs. W. C., Minneapolis, Minn.: "My wife and I want to thank you and the prayer warriors for your prayers for us. The last time a letter came from one of us to you, it seemed that the devil himself was trying to rule our home and our marriage. But thanks be to God and your prayers, things are much better. We are praying together."

Mrs. G. A., Sullivan, Ill.: "When I wrote you asking for prayer to save our home, I felt there was nothing in this life left for me. Nothing but a miracle could prevent this ruin. I praise God for the miracle performed so quickly. The one who tried to take my companion was suddenly removed from town."

Mrs. G. B., Sleepy Eye, Minn.: "I wrote to you and your prayer warriors hoping God would straighten the situation between my sisters-in-law and my mother. They were continually quarreling, yet at the same time were all going to church and all professed being saved. I asked you, Brother Ward, to pray that God would do something, and He has! Praise His Name! He filled one of my sisters-in-law with the precious Holy Spirit last week, and oh, what a change has already taken place. I can't begin to tell you how much it has meant to me to see peace, unity, and love where before there was just the opposite."

You, no doubt, know some in your own community who need Christ. Why not invite these friends to listen to the REVIVALTIME broadcast? Christ can do for them what He has done for so many others through listening to Brother Ward's anointed ministry. By so doing, you may be helping to fulfill the law of Christ. REVIVALTIME will be waiting to hear of the testimony of someone you have helped because you invited him to listen to the broadcast.

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TOTAL GIVING

1. Eastern	\$4,791.19
2. Northwest	4,581.64
3. New York	4,242.16
4. Nebraska	4,211.04
5. S. California	3,952.45
6. Ohio	3,754.70
7. New England	3,464.82
8. West Central	3,147.65
9. Wisconsin	3,036.23
10. S. Missouri	3,010.26

AVERAGE PER CHURCH

1. Nebraska	\$50.13
2. New England	32.99
3. New York	27.19
4. Wisconsin-N. Mich.	22.49
5. Ohio	21.45
6. Arizona	18.91
7. Eastern	18.36
8. Northwest	17.03
9. Montana	16.93
10. New Jersey	16.77

Saints, Even in Sardis

(Continued from page three)

was left was a mockery of the once "grand river." But the sources of Divine Grace are not dried up; there is still enough and to spare to keep all of us saints—even in Sardis.

The work of the Spirit of God has been pitifully undervalued, because He is constantly referred to as a Comforter. No one questions His ability to administer comfort, but this emasculated word pathetically fails to bring out all the other mighty qualities of the great Paraclete. Is the ministry of the Holy Spirit merely to act as a nursemaid to anemic Christians? No, we can know by experience the glorious truth of 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." If the indwelling of the Spirit means anything it means *inward power*.

Here is the unyielding strength of

steel which in Daniel did not flinch even before the savage lions. Here is the deeply rooted tenacity of the rock in the Apostle to the Gentiles when he said, "None of these things move me." Beaten by the rods; torn by the whips; pounded by the waves in three shipwrecks; wet with the dew of dusk and early morning; bowed with the weight of weariness, painfulness, and unceasing peril by robbers, heathen and false brethren—yet he was strengthened by the Spirit to stand. From the same Spirit comes the strength found in Martin Luther as he defied the embattled might and power of pompous Rome. All God's heroes have sung the same song that came from the saints in Sardis—the song of victory through the Blood of the Lamb.

Not even flood or flame, nor the combined rage of man and beast, nor the bitterest venom of hell, nor even the most fiery darts of the wicked can move the man who is indwelt by the Spirit. Sin may do its worst, but the Spirit-filled man is like Abraham Lincoln, of whom the poet said, "Here is a man to hold against the world, a man to match the mountains and the sea." The man thus empowered will be a saint—even in Sardis. ◀◀

Let God Do It

How tempted we are to arrange the pattern of our own lives (or of our children's lives) after our own fashion.

A very real lesson taught me this truth one day as I went about my housework. On the mantle in the living room stood a small trailing vine, which fell gracefully in various lengths over the sides of a silver vase. I was pleased with the effect it created in the room. But my beauty-seeking fingers could not let the vine alone. One morning while dusting, I took it to the kitchen for fresh water and spent precious minutes rearranging the green strands. Try as I would, I could not seem to recreate the beauty which had been brought about by the seeking of the vine for sunlight. So at last, in chagrin, I set it back in its accustomed place on the mantle. Though freshly watered, it lacked what I and others had admired so much—the beauty of its arrangement.

Then to my ever-hungry heart God

spoke a lesson so simple that I knew it was of the Holy Spirit. How greatly we need to let Christ arrange our lives as He sees fit. When we meddle and seek to plan and arrange, we spoil the beauty of what God wishes to create in us.

And so I knelt, asking God to help me keep "hands off" my life lest I ruin it utterly. I prayed that He would arrange the whole pattern as He saw fit. I asked Him also to help me be very careful in seeking to arrange the lives of others, lest I err in not knowing God's will for the life of another. Those precious well-known words of the Lord came to me again with new meaning, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

—Author Unknown

WHY? See page nine



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No doubt each parent has the experience of one day looking at that vigorous young boy or lovely little girl with a sudden overwhelming realization that their "baby" is growing up! Here is a man, a woman, in the making, at present pliable and alert to observe, to imitate, to become! Here is a miracle of God's creation!

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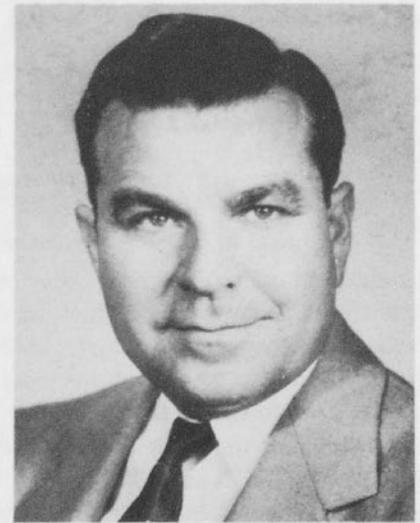
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The Progress of The Church

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"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5).

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THE BOOK OF ACTS CARRIES THE record of the consolidation and growth of the Church in the first century.

Challenged by a clear, concise commission, "Go . . . preach the gospel to every creature," and endowed with power from on high, this church left a high-water mark of evangelism and missionary activity, which to this day has never been equaled.

The purpose of the coming of the Spirit into the world was that each believer should be a witness to Christ in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Book of Acts traces for us the progress of the Word of God and the growth of the Church, as men and women yielded themselves to the Spirit so that the divine purpose might be carried out.

Too many times the purpose of the Spirit has been hindered. This has resulted in stagnation and frustration. Some have felt that the baptism in the Holy Spirit was for their personal edification alone; others, that the Spirit came only so that they might speak in other tongues. Others have gotten off on side-issues that, whatever way they are resolved, will make little difference in comparison to the great issue of the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost with edifying effect and ecstatic utterances in other tongues, but this was not the final result of His coming. These things are only means of accomplishing the main pur-

pose of the Spirit. From the Day of Pentecost these men marched out with a message that met the issues of their day and brought to the heathen world a positive message of the living Christ. God has a message for the world today; it is the message that Paul preached in Corinth, "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Opposition in all its forms was unable to stop the Church. Devout men carried Stephen to his burial; Saul was making havoc of the church; but in the midst of all this, Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ, which resulted in a great revival in that city.

Jews from Antioch and Iconium could stone Paul at Lystra, drag him out of the city, and leave him for dead; but the disciples would gather around him and have a "resurrection service," and the next day he and Barnabas would go on to Derbe to preach Christ.

In one great master stroke of divine strategy the Spirit directs the preaching of the gospel in the channel that guarantees its effect upon the New World. Paul and Silas will three times have the door closed upon their efforts to preach in Asia, and the Spirit will use a vision in the night to direct them to Macedonia and Europe. God knows that the tide of empire will move west, and not east; that men from Europe, and not Asia, will discover and colonize the New World. He knows that the seed planted in Europe will take root and grow until it shall reach the ends of the earth. Follow this on through and you will find the New World, which they discovered, taking the gospel to the heathen, until the glorious task of the Church is finished. (Over half the Protestant

missionaries throughout the world today are Americans.)

When ingrained prejudice and racial discrimination will seek to erect barriers and bar the Gentiles from the gospel, the Spirit will lead Peter to the house of Cornelius, and the doors of salvation will be opened to the Gentiles.

In this text we note two things regarding the Church.

First, the Church was "established in the faith."

That these churches showed such vigor was no mere accident. They were taught that since they had been brought into the kingdom by the efforts of others they, in turn, were to be His witness that others might know Him.

They were established in doctrine and duty; in worship and works; in prayer and power; in love and loyalty; in giving and going. The Church must first be established in the faith to guarantee that the gospel it propagates will be the "faith once delivered to the saints." This is primary. Unless this

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happens the second statement of the text will never come to pass. The work must be consolidated; Christians must be taught their duty. This is no "pink lemonade society" just for children and older people. The Church is God's army for the fulfillment of His purpose in the earth.

Every seed brings forth after its kind. The converts of any church will take on the likeness of that church. If the church is filled with a zeal for the spread of the gospel and the advancement of the Kingdom, the converts will soon begin to manifest the same zeal and will enter readily into this great work.

No church was to be a bottleneck in the plan of God. Every church that was established was to be another beach-head from which new territory would be taken for the Master. No church can be true to the Great Commission and operate on a containment policy. God's blessing is upon the church that is not only making a determined effort to win the lost in its immediate locality, but also to reach out and help establish other churches.

God will bankrupt heaven if necessary, to see that the needs of the church fulfilling His purpose are met. Why should God expend effort to bless churches that are not going to help extend the Kingdom? Christ promised to be with the Church that was fulfilling the Great Commission, "even unto the end of the world."

Second, the Church increased in number.

The record in Acts not only gives the increase in numbers in the local church, but the increase in the number of churches. The work continued to grow and new churches were established, until it could be recorded in Acts 19:10, "All they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."

One is continually thrilled with the optimism of the apostles. Filled with the Holy Ghost, they were continually going forward. An exalted, glorified, unstrained Christ will continue to minister through His disciples, until they reach the ends of the earth with the glorious gospel.

One reason we do not advance faster is that we do not feel that we can do what needs to be done. The local church does not launch out and help establish another church, because it does not feel that it is able to do so. The funds are not available in the

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treasury so it is easy to brush off our responsibility for the town or city nearest us. The truth of the matter is that most of the time God never supplies the strength or the funds before we start. It is still a step of faith to endeavor to spread the gospel. The will to do the work is actually more important than the resources; for if the will is present, God will supply all needs.

We are the product of all that has gone before; someone brought the gospel to us. We are indebted to the Church that has preserved for us this great heritage. The gift of Life comes to us stained with the blood of martyrs. Someone taught us the Scriptures until we were established in the faith. All these blessings are not for our edification and salvation alone; God desires to reach others through us, so that the message of salvation through Jesus Christ will spread in ever-widening circles until this gospel shall have been preached to all nations; and then shall the end come. ◀◀

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COUNT ME AS A FIRM BELIEVER IN the family altar. I am thoroughly convinced that a widespread return to the practice of regular worship in the home would work miracles in meeting the many critical problems of modern life. Let the family altar become the center around which life revolves, and we will regain the spiritual resources so badly needed.

In this day the drift from religion and the breakdown of the home and family are becoming more and more critical. Now, one marriage out of every three ends up in the divorce court. Experts predict it will soon be one marriage in every two that meets that tragic fate. Juvenile delinquency and crime are reaching appalling figures because of this moral deterioration. One finds its effect further by noting the great numbers of people who are very insecure, selfish, unhappy. It is evident we are paying a terrible price for the lack of true religious faith.

Yet Christianity stands ready with the answer to man's problems and doubts just as it has for two thousand years. How tragic, then, that we should find an apathetic attitude toward the Church in the hearts of so many of our people. Fifty per cent of the people in this country are unchurched. Millions of children are being reared in an environment which deprives them of Christian training and religious growth.

Too many people today profess Christian faith but pay it only lip service and no more. They give half-loyalty. Only complete loyalty to Christ will do. It is

time that all avowed Christians set an example by practicing a dynamic religious faith in their homes and all phases of daily life. It is not enough merely to attend church—when there is nothing else to do. The Christian faith demands that we serve God in every possible way.

Dr. Roy Burkhart well pointed out the need when he said, "The most alarming fact in our threatened world is that its moral reserves are depleted. You see it in families. Those who are themselves living in half devotion and whose lives run by the moral momentum of a past generation cannot, and are not, communicating these moral ideals to their children. Neither family nor society can go upon its accumulated reserves. There must be new accessions of strength, strength which comes only through deep devotion and costly loyal-



Judge Youngdahl

ties and high moral adventure upon the part of a people."

We are going to replenish our moral reserves only by strengthening the religious life of the family. The spiritual help which comes through deep devotion is to be found in the return to the family altar as a vital part of home life. Too many of our homes in America have become nothing more than dormitories for sleep, with members of the family going their separate ways in search of entertainment and excitement.

I can testify to the value of the family altar on the basis of my own experience. I had Christian parents who believed their most sacred obligation was that of teaching their children to know and worship God. That training and Christian fellowship in the home from infancy has been an essential aid to me throughout the years. I am most grateful to my parents for this careful guidance.

My wife and I have always endeavored to rear our children in Christian surroundings. The unity of parents and children in prayer, the singing of favorite hymns and the reading of the Word of God have been the richest phase of our home life. ◀◀

Is This Your Experience?

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone,
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day,
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye.

I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road.
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again, when day was done,
I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, unto my ear
There came a voice that whispered
clear,

"Whom have you tried to bless today?
Whom have you helped along the
way?
God's sweetest blessings always go
To hands that serve Him here below."

And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied.
Let me but live another day,
And I will live the way I pray!"

ONE IN A MILLION

How often we hear Christians say, "I have no influence, no opportunity to do much for God, no talents. I'm only one of a million."

To any who are tempted to give such an excuse for doing no service to God I would say:

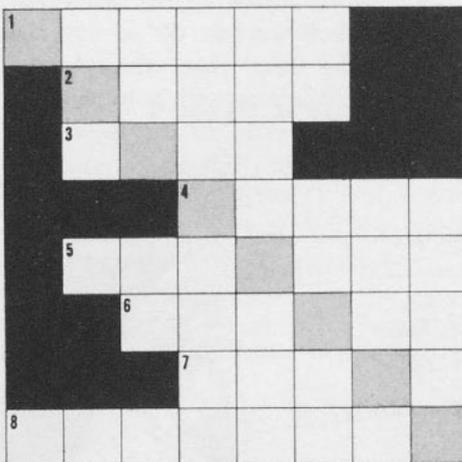
The star in the sky is only one in a million—but it is none the less a thing of glory.

The dewdrop in the morning is only one in a million—yet it leaves a tiny spot fresher than it was before.

The blade of grass is only one of a million, but it helps in carpeting the earth for man's enjoyment.

The tree of the forest is only one of a million, but it helps to provide comfort for the uses of man.

So, let your light, be it ever so small, so shine before men that others, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in heaven.—*War Cry*.



Eight men who lived in Bible times all had one thing in common. By filling in their names in the puzzles, you will find a word in the gray squares which tells what all of them were. The clues listed below will help you to fill in the names. **ALL WORDS GO ACROSS.** The numbers of the spaces correspond to the numbers on the puzzle.

CLUES

1. He was a brother of Peter.
2. He was a fisherman who was sometimes called Simon.
3. He was known as the disciple whom Jesus loved.
4. Little is known of this man except that he was a Canaanite.
5. At one time he served the Roman government as a tax collector.
6. He brought his brother Nathanael to Jesus.
7. He was a brother of the disciple whom Jesus loved.
8. He was also known as Thaddaeus.

ANSWER: You will find the names of all these men listed in Matthew 10:2-6. The word in the gray squares should be: APOSTLES.



Our Family Altar

Monday, May 20

Read: Joshua 8:1-28

Learn: "The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

For the Parent: Have the group review the account of how the sin of Achan resulted in the defeat of Israel at Ai (Joshua 7). Then point out: (1) when sin was put away, God gave Israel victory; (2) God directed the battle; (3) Israel had to obey God's orders. As we put away the sin from our lives and obey God, we can be sure of victory.

Question Time: What happened the first time Israel went up against Ai? (Joshua 7:1-6) Why? (Joshua 7:11, 19-21) What happened the second time they went against Ai? (vv. 24-28)

Tuesday, May 21

Read: Joshua 9

Learn: "And the men . . . asked not counsel of the Lord" (Joshua 9:14).

For the Parent: When the Gibeonites heard what had happened to Jericho and Ai, they decided to trick Israel into making a league with them. Point out: (1) how they did this; (2) why Joshua and Israel were deceived, v. 14; (3) what happened when Israel found out the truth about the Gibeonites. We need to ask God's guidance in all matters. It is very easy to be deceived by appearances.

Question Time: How did the Gibeonites deceive Israel? (vv. 4-13) Why were the Israelites deceived? (v. 14) What does this suggest to you?

Wednesday, May 22

Read: Joshua 10:1-14

Learn: "The Lord fought for Israel" (Joshua 10:14).

For the Parent: Have the group review how the Gibeonites deceived Israel. Point out: (1) how the Israelites kept their promises and were ready to help the Gibeonites; (2) how the sun and moon stood still so that Israel could have a complete victory over their enemies; (3) that Israel was victorious because God fought for them. God stands ready to perform miracles to help His people.

Question Time: What things did God do to give Israel the victory in battle? (vv. 11-14) Why did Joshua go to Gibeon? (v. 6)

Thursday, May 23

Read: Acts 15:1-31

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

For the Parent: (Additional material on "James, the Moderator" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out: (1) the cause of conflict—some Jews said the Gentiles must keep all the Law of Moses; (2) the testimony of Peter, Paul, and Barnabas; (3) James' role as peacemaker, ruling that the believers were not to be burdened with the Law, vv. 28, 29.

Question Time: What caused the dispute? (v. 6) What was James' role? (vv. 14-29) (v. 6) What was the outcome? (vv. 28, 29)

Friday, May 24

Read: Luke 8:22-25; Acts 5:17-29 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:7).

For the Parent: Emphasize that: (1) God is watching over us at all times; (2) instead of being afraid, we should turn to God for help; (3) when difficult times come to us we should face them with courage, knowing that God is with us and will help us.

Question Time: What did the disciples do when they were at sea in a storm? (Luke 8:24) What did Jesus do? (Luke 8:24) How were the apostles released from prison? (Acts 5:19)

Saturday, May 25

Read: Exodus 19 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "The Lord our God is holy" (Psa. 99:9).

For the Parent: When God revealed Himself to Israel, He demanded they fulfill certain conditions. God is a holy God and cannot tolerate sin. To have fellowship with Him we need to be cleansed from our sins. When we consider how awful sin is and what it cost God to provide forgiveness, we will not think of it lightly, but will hate all sin.

Question Time: What happened to Mt. Sinai when God came down upon it? (v. 18) What did God keep emphasizing to Moses? (v. 21) Why?

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



JAMES, THE MODERATOR

Sunday School Lesson for May 26, 1957

Acts 15:1, 2, 13-20, 28-31

Previous lessons have revealed how the Early Church survived the storm of persecution from without. In our present lesson the church overcame a far more deadly and dangerous force—opposition from within in the form of false doctrine which, had it prevailed, would have quickly brought an end to the life and power of Christianity.

THE CRISIS (Acts 15:1-3)

Read Acts 8:10; 11; 13:46-48 and Galatians 1 as a background for the lesson. In the beginning the church was entirely Jewish and centralized in Jerusalem. Gradually Gentiles were reached and saved. Finally, just prior to our lesson, Paul and Barnabas returned from their first missionary journey, during which time perhaps thousands of Gentiles were saved. Thus, as is still often the case, great blessing in the church gave rise to a great problem—the relationship of these Gentile converts to the church.

The doctrinal issue. To the Gentile church in Antioch came a group of Jewish believers from Jerusalem who insisted that circumcision was essential to salvation.

The dangers arising from the doctrine. Must the Gentiles be circumcised and keep the law? Must a Gentile become a Jew in order to be saved? With keen discernment Paul saw that the very existence of Christianity was threatened. If the false teaching prevailed, the great Pentecostal and evangelical revival would degenerate into a lifeless, powerless little Jewish sect which could not possibly embrace the Gentile nations as Christ taught that it should.

After prolonged discussion and disputing it became apparent that no solution could be reached, and it was agreed that the matter should be submitted to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem for consideration.

THE COUNCIL (Acts 15:4-12)

In these verses we have the first "General Council" in session, with James as the first "General Superintendent." This entire chapter through verse 35 may well serve as a model for our own general and district council sessions.

Peter's testimony (vv. 7-11). After there had been much disputing, Peter rose to speak. Here was the man recognized as the apostle of the circumcision (Galatians 2:7, 8). This must have been an anxious moment for Paul as he wondered what side Peter would take. Peter reminded the body of what it already knew—that God has called him to preach to Gentiles (Acts 10). God had proved that He had saved them by filling them with the Spirit—and all without their first having been circumcised. Therefore, salvation must be by faith alone! Peter's second point was equally unanswerable—"We Jews were saved by grace and not by circumcision, so why should we presume that circumcision is necessary to their salvation?"

The testimony of Paul and Barnabas (v. 12). Peter's speech silenced the entire body. Paul and Barnabas seized the opportunity and arose to illustrate from their experiences the argument Peter had advanced. God had been gloriously saving, healing, and filling Gentiles with the Spirit wherever they had been. Was God in error in so doing?

The verdict of James (vv. 13-21). Consider this man who is very evidently the moderator of this council meeting, James the Lord's brother! During most of Christ's life he did not believe in Him (John 7:5); yet now, less than twenty years later, he was not only a Christian, but the head of the apostolic council, a man whose godliness was highly esteemed among the Jews. James decides against the false teaching, quoted the Old Testament in proof of the fact that God's plan of redemption includes both Jew and Gentile until the end of the age.

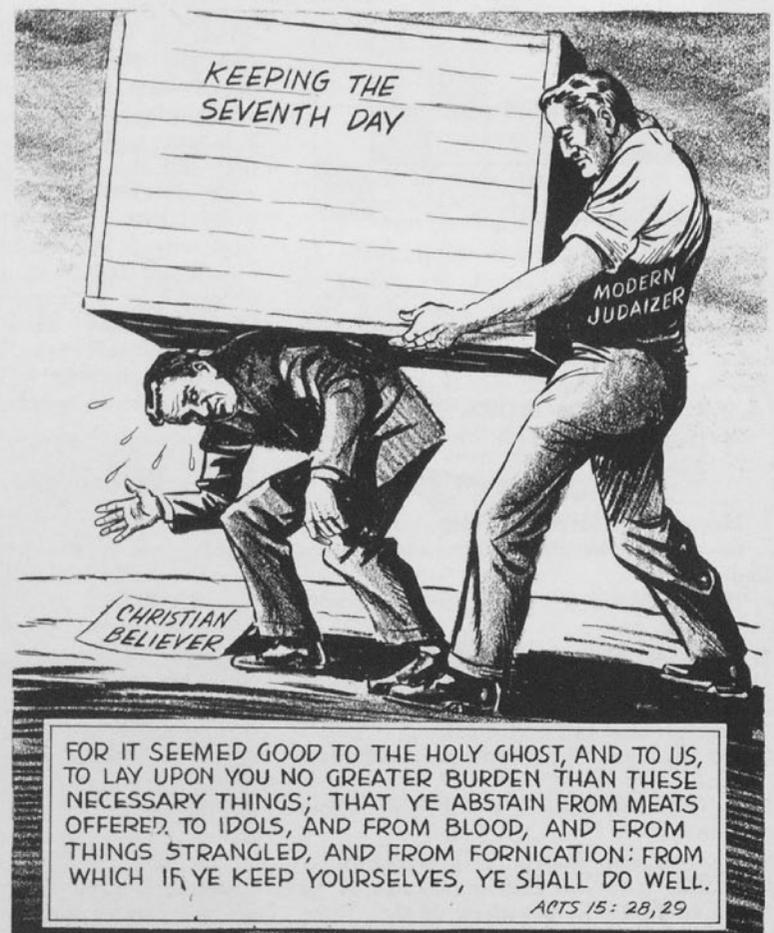
THE COMPROMISE (vv. 22-35).

James recognized the rights of the Jews as well as the liberty of the Gentiles. Though the Gentiles were free from the law of Moses, they were bound by the law of love. They were not to do certain things which would cause a Jew to stumble, such as eating meat offered to idols, or meats from which the blood had not been drained.

From a study of this council in session we learn: (1) the value of conferences; (2) the necessity that conferences be Spirit-led; (3) the importance of yielding to others in the interest of Christian unity when we can do so without compromising principles; (4) the fact that, though the time will never come when all Christians will hold exactly the same views, it is possible, as we yield to the Spirit, to enjoy sweet fellowship in spite of our differences.

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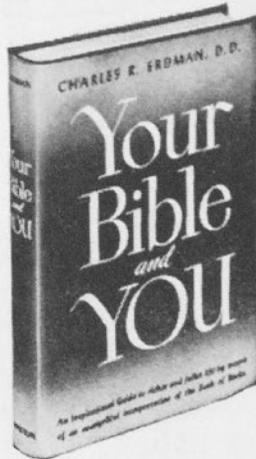
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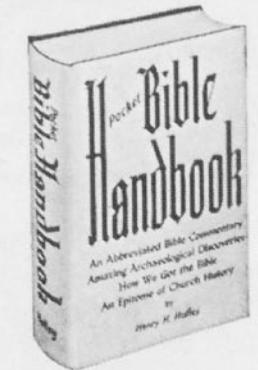
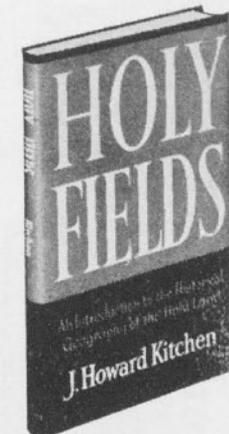
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**COMMENCEMENT PLANS
ANNOUNCED AT
CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE**

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—The annual graduation exercises at Central Bible Institute will be held the week beginning May 27.

There will be four days of activities to which all alumni, former students, and friends of the school are cordially invited.

The Homecoming on Monday night and all day Tuesday will be highlighted with sermons by the guest speaker, James Cockman, pastor of Berea Temple in St. Louis, Mo. A new film entitled "That They May Hear," produced especially for C.B.I., will have its premier showing on Monday night. The annual alumni dinner will be on Tuesday evening, May 28. All Homecoming events will be on the campus of the school.

The Baccalaureate and Commencement services will be in the Shrine Mosque in downtown Springfield.

Speaker for the Baccalaureate service on Wednesday night, May 29, will be Thos. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Speaker at the Commencement service on Thursday night, May 30, will be Paul E.

Lowenberg, pastor of the Assembly of God in Coffeyville, Kansas.

NEWS FROM NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota District Council held its annual sessions at Devils Lake, April 2-4. Brother R. L. Brandt was re-elected for a term of two years as District Superintendent. K. E. Olson was returned to the office of Assistant District Superintendent. W. H. Kesler was appointed District Secretary-Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of the late E. A. Miller.

—by *W. H. Kesler*
District Secretary-Treasurer

A SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Some Christian educators are interested in opening a Full Gospel Academy for Boys this fall. Any parent who thinks this type of highly disciplined school of Christian leadership would be desirable, is asked to write to J. R. Ashcroft, National Education Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Such a school, if established, would be for boys only, grades 9 to 12.

CLOSING EXERCISES

AT NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Final plans have been announced for the closing exercises of the school year at Northwest Bible College, East 69th and 8th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Washington.

The Baccalaureate Service will be on Sunday afternoon, May 26, at Fremont Tabernacle, 753 North 35th Street. Dave Carlson, pastor of the Olympia Assembly of God, will be the speaker.

The Commencement Service will be on Friday night, May 31, at Calvary Temple. The Commencement speaker will be Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent of the Michigan District of the Assemblies of God.

WITH CHRIST

FOREST A. MITCHELL, 52, Bloomington, Ill. was killed in an automobile accident April 21, 1957. Brother Mitchell was pastor of the Bloomington-Normal Assembly of God in Normal, Illinois which he started about 20 years ago. He was ordained in 1940.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	*A of G	May 22-June 9	Velmer Gardner	H. P. Trawick, Chm.
	Montgomery	First	May 19-June 2	Nelson White & wife	Robert Ferguson
	Newton	First	May 20-June 2	Joel R. Palmer	Hollis Kelley
Ark.	N. Little Rock	First	May 26-June 9	Hildreth Ethridge	T. J. Gotcher
Calif.	Bellflower	A of G	May 19-June 2	Watson Argue	David D. Pearce
	Marysville	Linda	May 28-June 9	Dewey Heath	Pike Robinson
	National City	Sweetwater	May 21-June 2	Carl Oney & wife	Donald Fullerton
	Norwalk	First	May 12—	Benny & Jeanette Sapp	Dale Hundsdoerfer
	Thorn	** Redwood	May 14-26	Virgil Warens & wife	H. R. Parish
	Vallejo	First	May 19-June 9	Jeff Gibbs	Keetah Jones
	Wilmington	Boulevard	May 21-June 2	L. B. (Bill) Lewis	Herbert Ezell
Fla.	Jay	Ebenezer	May 14-26	Forrest Whaley	Nathan Arrant
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel Temple	May 21-June 2	L. G. Gilstrap & wife	Grover Langston
Ill.	Aurora	A of G	May 15-26	Musical Vanderploegs	John G. Hall
	Mt. Carmel	A of G	May 22-June 2	Christian Hild	James Eastman
Ind.	Gary	***Brunswick	May 20—	Dedelow-Friederici	Olaf Peterson
	Pennsylvania	First	May 19-June 2	John & Olive Kellner	R. J. Barriss
Iowa	Des Moines	South East	May 12—	D. E. Skiles Party	Roger Pettijohn
	Fort Madison	A of G	May 12—	Andrew Teuber	Fred Gottwald
	Perry	A of G	May 22-June 2	Tanner Team	J. J. Selness
Kans.	Kansas City	Evang. Tab.	May 21—	Ward Popejoy Family	Ernest Schuler
	Overland	Faith	May 21-June 2	LaVern Golbright	Glenn Gilder
	St. Charles	Glad Tid. Tab.	May 21-June 2	Arnold Segesman & wife	Von Duke Kelly
N. J.	Mt. Ephraim	*** Bethel Tab.	May 20-26	Hilda Simokat	E. E. Edwards
N. Y.	Utica	A of G	May 19—	C. S. Tubby	Wm. Douglas
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	May 22-June 2	Busse Evang. Team	Raymond Wiley
Ohio	Ravenna	A of G	May 26-June 9	D. C. Ogden	E. E. Austin
Okla.	Madil	A of G	May 19-June 2	E. C. Laginay	S. Watterson
Oreg.	Dallas	A of G	May 17—	Don E. Gossett	Leland Morse
	Klamath Falls	A of G	May 14-26	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Silas H. Jones
Pa.	Allentown	Emmanuel	May 21-June 2	John Briner Team	Robert Beisel
	Ebensburg	Bethel	May 21-26	Rob and Lil Watters	Griffith-McQuillan
S. Dak.	Sissenton	A of G Tab.	May 14—	Bonetta C. Rabe	B. C. Heinze
Tex.	Dallas (NE)	A of G	May 12-June 2	David Nunn	Houston Brumit, Chm.
	Palestine	Evang. Temple	May 21-June 2	Stanley P. MacPherson	Tom C. Potts
Canada	Hamilton, Ont.	Central GT	May 26-June 9	George Hayes	J. H. Blair

* Area-wide Tent Revival ** Children's & Adult Revival *** Children's Revival

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING, May 26 at First Assembly of God, Rea and Randlett Sts., Lancaster, Tex., at 2:30. Martin B. Netzel, speaker.—by Herbert L. Corpany, Jr., Pastor.

MINISTERS' SEMINAR—May 27-28 at Assembly of God, 4th Ave. and 5th St., Puyallup, Wash. A. Ellis is host pastor. Dwight McLaughlin, Superintendent of Northwest District, speaker. Services Monday and Tuesday at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Fellowship meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. open to public.—by Everette Ewing, Presbyterian.



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A Night in Jail

This Strange Story Contains the Answer to the Most Important Question of All Time—"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

THE CITY SLEEPS. ALL IS STILL AND QUIET AS THE stars shine brightly overhead. The moon sends down a flood of light and the shadows darken beneath the prison walls as the long, lonely night throbs on.

But in the corridors of the prison a strange sound is heard. There is singing—even though it is the midnight hour. And it is not guards, but prisoners, who are singing hymns at this strange hour.

We quietly pass down the corridor and we see them. There they are—two men, chained in the inner prison. Their feet are fast in the stocks, and they are scarcely able to move—but, oh, how happy they appear. Their faces glisten with a wonderful joy, and their voices are raised in a song of praise to God.

Singing hymns—in a prison cell—and at midnight! The other prisoners awaken, one by one, and rise on their elbows to listen. They are evidently amazed at the strange sound and spectacle that is presented to them this night.

Suddenly, as if moved by a great supernatural hand, the earth begins to shake. The prison walls tremble. There is a mighty upheaval, an earthquake. Doors fly open, chains and stocks drop off. The singing ceases, and the prisoners jump to their feet to rush from the dangerous building.

A cry rings out through the prison corridors: "*What must I do to be saved?*" It is the cry of a lost soul. It comes from the lips of the jailer, almost frantic with fear.

Like a maniac he bounds from his couch and, seeing the prisoners loose on every side, draws his sword to end his own life. Then, from the darkened shadows a voice is heard, saying, "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here."

The jailer knows that voice. He knows it is Paul, the servant of Jesus Christ, that is speaking. It is the voice that had enraged all Philippi; the voice that had rung through the prison with songs of praise but a moment ago. Yes, the jailer pays attention to that voice. He runs and casts himself at the feet of Paul in anguish of spirit. It is then he utters the cry that echoes far and wide on the midnight air:

"What must I do to be saved?"

This is the cry of a million hearts. All down the centuries it has sounded out, sometimes in a deep, quiet earnestness, and then again with a shriek of despair. It's the cry from the death bed: the cry of sin-cursed souls. Have you not heard it? Have you not felt it ringing in your

own heart and mind? Go where you will, that question will follow you. Strive as you may, it will always face you, for it demands an answer. Do you know why? Listen:

The Bible says you are lost. It says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "The wages of sin is death." "All have sinned." "All we like sheep have gone astray." Yes, you are lost! Oh, that you might see it! Lost here and lost hereafter. No heaven, no loved ones, no Saviour, no happiness—you have nothing to hope for but hell and Satan, separation from God, and everlasting night.

What a dreadful thing it is to be lost—to have no hope in Jesus! Yes, but, thank God, you may be saved. That is, you may be saved *if you wish to be saved*. God is not going to save you against your own free will. "Ye will not come to Me that ye might have life," said Jesus. "How often would I have gathered you under my wing, as a hen gathers her chickens, but ye would not." *Your own will, and that alone, can bar you from heaven*. The power of choice is yours. You must want eternal life in order to have it.

Come now, take your place honestly and humbly before God as a lost and guilty sinner, as the Philippian jailer did. Ask the question, "*What must I do to be saved?*" and the answer will come to you as quickly as it came to him so long ago:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

But what is it to believe? you ask. What is faith? Let us turn to John 1:12 and read these words: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Faith is believing on Jesus as your personal Saviour; and believing on Jesus simply means to trust Him—to receive or accept Him as your Sin-Bearer, your Substitute, your Saviour.

Place your life in His hands—in simple, childlike trust—the way a young bride hands her life over to the man she has married. Surrender yourself completely to His loving care. Up to the present you have lived largely for self, but from now on you are to live in the manner that will please your Saviour.

God loves you. He loves you so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for you, so that you might not perish but have everlasting life instead. Will you not return His love by giving your heart to Him? Come to Him as a repentant sinner and ask Him to forgive your sins. The Lord's promise is, "*Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.*"

Remember this—you can never save yourself. There are thousands who are trying to do that. They think that by living good, moral lives they will obtain God's approval, but the Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." The only way to be saved is the way the Philippian jailer took at that midnight hour—*he believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thus he was saved*.

Bow your head at this moment and ask Jesus Christ to come into your life. Make up your mind that you are through with sin, and pray for divine mercy. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, will cleanse you from all sin. You can be born again this very moment by surrendering your heart and life to Christ. Do it—and do it now.

—by Oswald J. Smith