

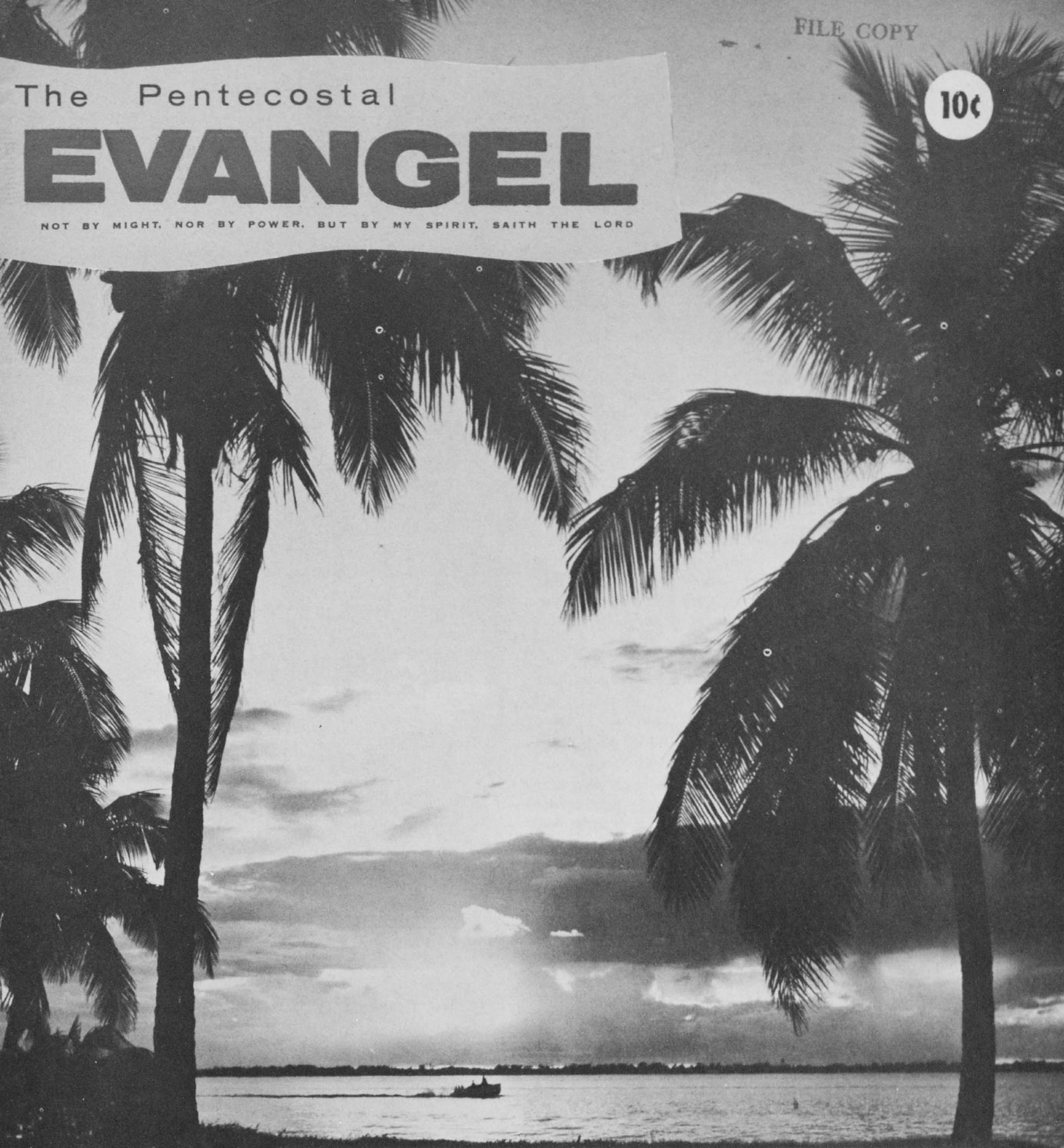
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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and other outstanding articles

Sunset on Biscayne Bay, Florida
Florida State News Bureau Photo

Trying Times

As the news bulletins fill in the tragic details of the life story of "Hurricane Audrey," our sympathy is stirred afresh for all the victims of this year's freakish weather.

Many Christian believers have been caught in the storms. An EVANGEL reader in Illinois told us about the cyclone that hit her area. She wrote:

"I was washing dishes after the evening meal when I heard distant thunder. It got cloudy and the electric power went off. Suddenly things began to fly in the air and it became so dark we had to light a coal oil lamp. It lasted an hour. We know the Lord, so we just sat and prayed. The next morning we could see all that had happened. The large old barn, directly behind our house, was blown down, a big walnut tree was uprooted, and all around us was destruction. As I looked on, the Lord said to me, 'I, Jesus, have sent Mine angel' (Revelation 22:16)."

Another testimony of divine mercy comes from Hickman Mills, the suburb of Kansas City where the tornado of May 20 took so many lives and destroyed hundreds of homes. A man testifies that he and his family ran to the basement and prayed as the tornado passed through, and his home was practically unscathed. The strange part of the story is that the home of a friend of his, only a few yards away, was completely demolished in that same town. This friend, too, is a Christian believer; in fact, they attend the same church, and both men work in the same print shop. One was spared; the other suffered disaster. Yet it did not shake his faith. He quoted the scripture, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," and said: "I can testify that this verse holds true. I thank Him for sparing me and my family from death."

There's a lesson here that we often overlook. We hear so many testimonies of God's delivering grace that we are apt to think Christian believers are immune to disaster. We take the attitude, "The Lord won't let tragedy strike our home as long as we are serving Him." The truth is that He may permit you to suffer in order that you may demonstrate His sustaining grace. Don't forget that God has a variety of paths for His children to follow. He delivered Peter from prison but permitted James to die by the sword. He healed the ear of the high priest's servant but let John the Baptist be beheaded.

Read again the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. It tells of some servants of God who stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, but it goes on to say that others were tortured, or scourged, or stoned, sawn asunder, slain, afflicted ("of whom," it adds, "the world was not worthy").

God may, in His great wisdom and love, spare us or He may think it best to let us be tried as the three Hebrew captives in Babylon were tried. They said, "Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us. . . . But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods" (Daniel 3:17, 18). God was pleased with their faith. He did not keep them *out of* the fire, but He went with them *through* the fire. In every trying circumstance we can prove that His grace is abundantly sufficient.

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What does the Bible say about the subject? What is God's attitude toward those who practice such folly?

Can We Communicate WITH THE DEAD?

BY RAYMOND L. COX

A PROMINENT METROPOLITAN DAILY newspaper was preparing a series of exposés of the seances that were flourishing in the Los Angeles area. The editor commissioned a young lady reporter to investigate a particular meeting-place. Afraid to venture alone at night into such eerie surroundings, she persuaded a young man of her acquaintance to accompany her.

At the seance the girl reporter requested to speak to the spirit of "her recently deceased spouse." Her escort asked to contact the spirit of "his dead sister." To their profound astonishment, both wishes were granted. The "dead husband's" spirit returned and conversed with the girl, and the "deceased sister" communicated with her "brother."

The reporter departed from the seance with a very good story, because she had never been married and her male escort was an only child!

The *Scientific American* magazine offered rewards totaling \$5,000 for proven cases of psychic manifestations that could not be explained by natural or scientific methods. But the presence on the investigating committee of Harry Houdini, celebrated conjurer and prestidigitator, discouraged a vast host of mediums from even entering the competition; they knew that the noted

magician was a past master at exposing psychic frauds.

Another periodical, *Science and Invention*, made a standing offer of \$21,000 for any phenomenon that could not be explained or duplicated by normal scientific means. Joseph Dunnin-gar, acting for the investigating committee, was able to reproduce every manifestation of competing psychics by normal means, and often in less time than the medium took!

Thus it seems certain that there are some crooks among spiritists. But people who have been involved in the practice, particularly Christians who have been delivered from it, insist that it is not all fraud! It is not all fake. Certain phenomena do not seem to admit of ordinary explanations. There surely seems to be something supernatural in certain phases of spiritism.

Thus, from time to time, the public is prompted to ponder the question, "Can we actually communicate with the dead?" The answer of the spiritists is affirmative. Yes, they say.

According to their theory, there are seven concentric spheres surrounding the earth. The spirits of the recently deceased lurk in the inner two spheres, quite near the earth. These they assert, can hear us and communicate with us. However, as these spirits are promoted

to higher spheres, they lose interest in and contact with the earth. But until they ascend they supposedly can be summoned into conference with the living through mediums.

What does the Bible say about the subject? It says, No, we cannot communicate with the dead. Job, in looking ahead to the day of demise, exclaimed, "When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return" (Job 16:22). Earlier he had commented, "He that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more" (Job 7:9). And the Hebrew word *Sheol* used here never signifies the grave of the body, but the place of departed spirits, in Old Testament terminology. It is noteworthy that Job's reference here is to that part of man which reposes in Sheol—namely, his soul or spirit. Job says the spirit will not return to his former surroundings!

Centuries later King David, bereaved of an infant son, corroborated Job's affirmation that departed souls cannot communicate with remaining loved ones. Speaking of his deceased son the king declared, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David expected to join his son

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A Nail in a Sure Place

BY THOMAS A. LAMBIE

OUR LORD IS PORTRAYED IN THE Bible in many ways. He is the Shepherd. He is the Living Water. He is the Corn of Wheat, the King of Kings, the Lamb of God, the Lord, the Servant. He is the Lily of the Valley. But no other description quite tallies with the one given in Isaiah 22:23, "I will fasten him as a *nail in a sure place*; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house." This aptly describes His utter trustworthiness and reliability.

Nails are of many kinds and descriptions and of various materials. In New England we had an old barn that we used as a chapel for some years. Its massive framework of white oak, more than a hundred years old, showed almost no signs of decay. The timbers had been carefully mortised together by skillful craftsmen. Two timbers were united by an ingenious shaping of them together with throats and tenons that, assembled, made them seem like one piece. A square central slot was cut between these immense beams of ten-by-ten-inch oak, and through this slot was driven a square rod of carefully seasoned hardwood slightly larger than the hole which it was to fill. The slot between the timbers was cut very cleverly so that when this hardwood nail of perhaps an inch-and-a-half hardwood was driven in by the mallet, it made the two timbers hug each other with a grip of iron that a hundred years' strain could not loosen. "A nail in a sure place."

A sure nail has to be strong. No flimsy half-tempered thing will do, but one hammered out of the best material. If of iron or steel, it must first be tempered in the fire and forged. It has to be heated to white heat and then

hammered or drawn through a small hole and tempered by oil. Then, at last, it is ready to be used to sustain a tremendous load.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was like that nail. He was tempted in the fierce fire of opposition and hatred. He was wrought upon by hard hammers of persecution and trial; He was tempered in the oil of the Holy Spirit. He was made of the strongest steel. "He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." No nail could be stronger or better fitted to sustain a heavy load.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was made perfect through sufferings. His was the perfect sacrifice. Psalm 118 speaks of binding the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. The altar of sacrifice was of brass, eight feet square and four-and-a-half feet high. On each corner there was a strong brass horn. The firewood was heaped high upon the altar, and the sacrifices were placed upon it; as the firewood burned, the heap would subside, and the sacrifices might fall off before being completely consumed. This would not happen if a strong binding of brass rope, as used in Oriental lands, was wound back and forth across the sacrifice and around the horns. The sacrifice would then remain until it was completely burned.

The Lord Jesus Christ was bound to His altar of sacrifice. He was nailed to the cross. No binding cord could be more compelling or more secure. God said, "I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place."

The strongest nail, if driven into rotten wood, will hold very little; but if it is driven into oak it will carry a very great load. The nail must find lodgment in a solid resting place if

it is to hold. That solid resting place is the will of God.

Many things are told us in the Scriptures about the will of God. The one that concerns us most is that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God is so unwilling that any should perish that He was even willing to give His Son for them that they might not perish.

Could not another way have been devised to save man, except through this great sacrifice? Alas, no! Any other salvation from sin would be inadequate and unsatisfying. It would fail to recognize sin in its deadly loathsomeness; it would fail to recognize God's immaculate purity and His unwillingness to make any compromise with evil. Another solution might satisfy some easily placated person with confused judgment and a leniency toward sins which the best of men have been so frequently guilty of committing.

Just as a scrupulously clean person hates and avoids filth, so, to a far greater degree, a holy God cannot abide the presence of unconfessed, unyielded, and uncleansed sin. To forgive sin lightly would only lead to a blunting of every moral sense and would encourage wrongdoers to continue their evil courses. We need an "electron microscope" to see the unfilterable virus of deadly sins which the human eye or the ordinary microscope might quite overlook.

The nail of Christ's steadfast desire to save men at whatever cost was fastened in a sure place, the surest place of all—God's will.

On this nail hang all our future hopes: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." He is the strong anchor within the veil that keeps our vessel safe. He is the foundation upon which our whole building must stand. He is "a nail in a sure place." ◀◀

A REASON FOR HOLINESS

Are these feet so soon to tread the courts of heaven? Is this tongue so soon to unite with the heavenly beings in praising God? Are these eyes so soon to look on the throne of eternal glory and on the ascended Redeemer? Then these feet and eyes and lips should be holy; and I should be dead to the world, and live for heaven.

—Albert Barnes

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



JERUSALEM DESTROYED

Sunday School Lesson for July 28, 1957

2 CHRONICLES 36:11-21

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." It is regrettable that Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, and all of his people would not believe these words! Though captivity was inevitable for Judah, God graciously and tenderly offered Zedekiah a means whereby he and his people might escape the most severe suffering. Zedekiah foolishly refused God's advice and brought upon himself and his people a tremendous amount of needless agony and bloodshed.

A Rebellious King. (vv. 11-13). "Zedekiah . . . did . . . evil in the sight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord." In spite of the fact that Nebuchadnezzar had twice invaded Jerusalem and had stripped the city of more than half its population, Zedekiah and the remaining people still maintained the false hope of deliverance and independence. These hopes arose when the Babylonian army gave up the siege of Jerusalem upon hearing of the approach of the army of Egypt.

"Deceive not yourselves," warned the faithful prophet Jeremiah. And for preaching the truth he was thrown into prison. Then, when the Egyptian army retreated without attacking the Babylonians, Zedekiah's fears revived and in desperation he called for Jeremiah. Said Jeremiah, in effect, "If you will surrender to Babylon, you and your household shall live and your city shall be saved from fire. If you resist, you will bring about the destruction of yourself and your people" (see Jeremiah 37 and 38).

One would suppose that Zedekiah would have been only too glad to yield peaceably to Babylon. Instead, the obstinate king made no move to surrender, and in the ninth year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar's army surrounded the city and built forts against it.

A Ruined City (vv. 17-20). Compare these verses with Jeremiah 39 and 2 Kings 25. For two terrible years the siege continued. No supplies were allowed to enter the city and awful famine ensued. Famine-crazed people devoured their own offspring (Ezekiel 4:16, 17; 5:10; Lamentations 2:20; 4:3-10). Finally the city walls gave way and the invaders entered the city. Violence, brutality, rape, and bloodshed ensued. Zedekiah and his panic-stricken men escaped by night through one of the south gates of the city, and, evading the Babylonians in the darkness, fled toward the Jordan. Ezekiel had foretold their flight and manner of escape, down to its minutest detail (Ezekiel 12:1-16).

Zedekiah's flight was soon discovered and he was cap-

tured. Before his very eyes his own children were slain. It was the last sight he ever saw, for his own eyes were put out and he was led to Babylon where he remained a prisoner for the rest of his life.

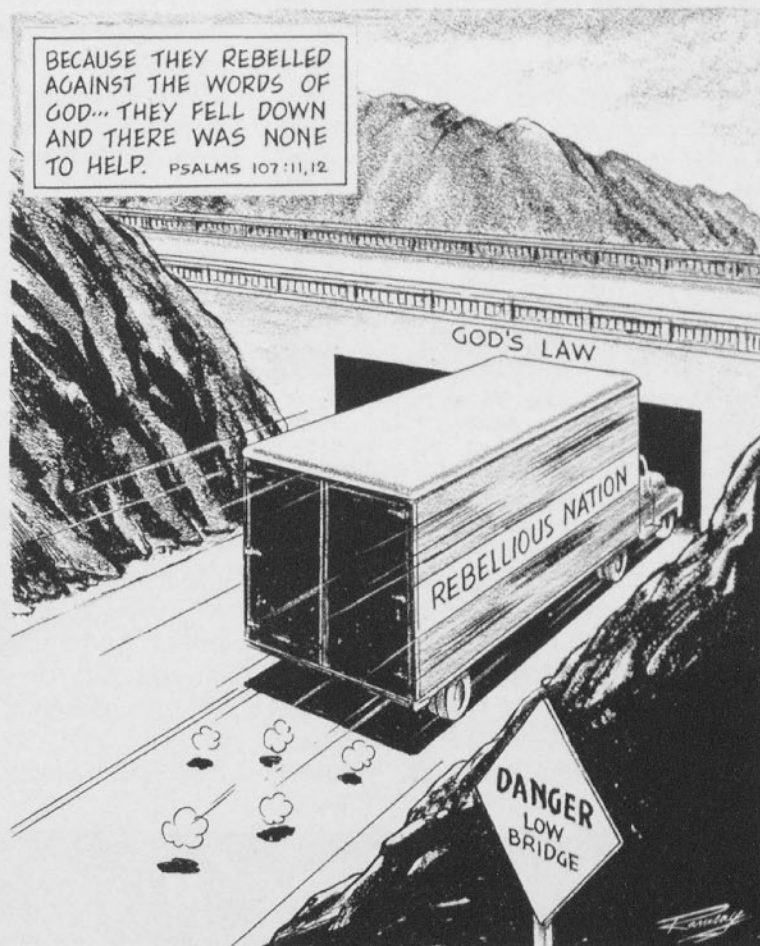
A month passed and the final doom fell upon the city. Its walls were broken down. The Temple was stripped and destroyed by fire. Finally the city was consumed in flames. For over two centuries Judah had sown the wind. Now she reaped the whirlwind of God's wrath.

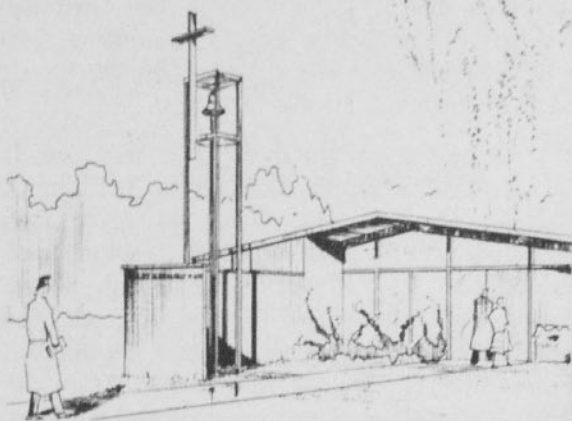
A Faithful Prophet. Verse 21 tells us that what befell Zedekiah and his rebellious people was all in fulfillment of "the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah." What a contrast is presented by the lives of Zedekiah and Jeremiah! Because he was afraid of exciting public ridicule and disfavor, Zedekiah refused to obey God and surrender to Babylon. Consequently, he brought untold and needless suffering and agony upon his people. On the other hand, Jeremiah, standing alone in an ungodly nation, faithfully proclaimed God's message and stood for right though it incurred the hatred of the people and brought him years of privation, suffering, and imprisonment!

Fear of losing position, power, and popularity, fear of facing unpleasant situations, and fear of incurring public disfavor has caused many to take the way of moral cowardice and spiritual compromise. God is looking today for men, women, and young people who, filled with the Holy Ghost and passionate devotion to Jesus, will be true to God-given convictions and ideals no matter what it may cost them. If God can find such persons, He will use them to bring about a mighty revival and to lead multitudes back to the highway of holiness!

—J. Bashford Bishop

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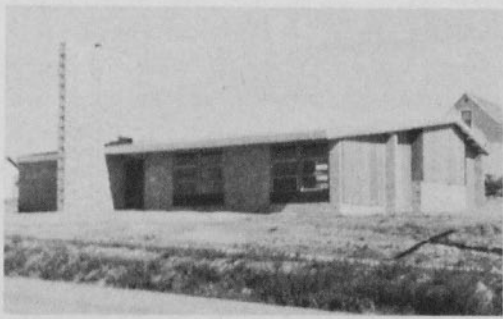
"The Evangel," one of the twelve designs available to pioneer churches under the new Home Missions Blueprint Program.



Pastor Carl Kennedy and Architect Joseph Colombo discuss plans for erection of a new church in Whittier, Calif.

Blueprint Program Expands

In September, 1956, the National Home Missions Department first made a low-cost blueprint and plot-planning service by registered architects available to all pioneer pastors. Since that time more than 25 new churches have ordered plans, and a number of attractive



The Assembly at New Town, N. Dak. where D. H. Waggoner is pastor. Plans of this church were later adopted and included in "Plans for Pioneers" as "The Messenger."

buildings are already being erected.

Many other churches, both within and outside our own denomination, have requested the privilege of using the plans. Because of this, the service has been made available to any church which can use the plans. The cost of blueprints for assemblies qualifying as "pioneer"

churches remains at \$50.00, but other churches will pay \$100.00.

The Home Missions Department recently asked pioneer pastors who have used the plans, as well as district officials, to comment on the program. They have expressed warm gratitude for the new service.

Pastor E. E. Kirsch, a pioneer in Whitewater, Wisconsin, writes: "First I would like to say that this service is a godsend! We could not have afforded to spend a thousand dollars or so for a set of plans through conventional means. The blueprints you sent serve the purpose beautifully. In fact, after looking over the designs that are available, I am sure that every home missions project could find one to suit its particular need.

"Extensive use of this service would eliminate the 'garage' type of structures with which home missions works are plagued, due to lack of funds.

"Your plans incorporate economy, beauty, and utility very effectively. I am sure that these plans hold the cost down to as low a level per square foot of space as any 'home made' design and at the same time give attractiveness and

beauty.... We also appreciate the fine co-operation of our regional architect, Brother A. Gustafson, who so willingly gives of his service. He has given us many helpful pointers...."

These plans have enabled some new churches to build sooner than would otherwise have been possible. Pastor James Storey of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, writes: "Plans for our building would cost at least \$1,000.00 or more, and that would have been a big burden alone. We have taken 'The Harvester Plans' and have found a local architect that will take these plans and revise them for our personal needs for about \$200.00.... Without PLANS FOR PIONEERS, we would have been unable to build this year, but because of these plans we are beginning this week to build...."

Carl Kennedy, pastor of South Whittier Assembly in Whittier, California, writes: "It was surely nice to be able to use the plans from the Home Missions Department at such a small fee. I think we will be very proud of 'The Evangel' church when we get it finished...."

District officials also appreciate the blueprint program. Ralph M. Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of the Northwest District, says: "It is a pleasure to heartily endorse the blueprint program of the Home Missions Department. This is a tremendous help to a Home Missions group in planning their building as they do not always have the means or contacts to secure such valuable building information. I sincerely hope that the program is expanded, and that the architects will be amply rewarded both financially and in spiritual benefits for their generous contributions."

Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent in North Carolina, says: "I heartily endorse this program. I think it solves for the pioneer many previous problems that were encountered with city building codes and inspectors. In addition, the erection of the first unit of a building to which future units can be added without disturbing the over-all appearance of the building is something

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JULY IS HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

From Tent Meeting to Church in Six Months



In the fall of 1956, T. H. Cave conducted a tent meeting in Princeton, West Virginia, for the purpose of opening a new work in this city of about 15,000. Due to bad weather the tent meeting was not very successful; nevertheless it was felt that an Assembly of God should be established here.

In September two lots were purchased at 196 W. Main Street, with funds from the District Home Missions Department. Work was begun on the building that same month. Brother Cave, the pastor, did most of the work. Some work was donated by others also.

Since there was no place available to have services during the winter months it was thought best to get the church finished as soon as possible and then have services in it. The first Sunday School was held in the church on February 17th with 28 in attendance. During the month of April the Sunday



The new church at Princeton, West Virginia, where T. H. Cave is pastor.

School averaged 51 and the record attendance so far is 57.

After only three months the church is self-supporting.

On Sunday afternoon, April 28th, the church was dedicated with W. Glenn West, District Superintendent, bringing the dedicatorial message. On Sunday night a membership roll was established with thirteen adults becoming charter members.

The First Assembly of God, Beckley, West Virginia, of which T. M. Waldron is the pastor, furnished part of the money to pay for the lots, and also helped in the support of the pastor during the time of the building.

Grocery showers were given by the WMC Department of the district.

The building design was adapted from one of the plans put out by the National Home Missions Department at Springfield.

The building is of block construction, with split block used on the front. It is plastered, has hardwood floors and fluorescent lighting. The wing (24x32) houses Sunday School rooms, rest rooms and vestibule. The main auditorium is 32x62. The property is valued at \$25,000 with an indebtedness of \$10,000 which includes church furniture.

The young church was host to the Appalachian District Council in April.

NEW GEORGIA CHURCH BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

Several years ago the Georgia District WMC's bought a lot in Cedartown on which to build a church. However, due to various circumstances, the work was not started immediately. Then in July 1956 God spoke to the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stokes, who were at that time associate pastors of the Washington Street Assembly in Atlanta, where Jimmie Mayo is pastor.

They accepted the challenge of entering Cedartown, a city of 11,000, and moved there in September. Brother

Mayo's church co-operated in the effort by giving them an entire Sunday's offering, which amounted to more than eleven hundred dollars.

God provided every need, enabling them to begin their daily radio broadcast, which still continues. They rented a store building on Main Street for \$50.00 per month. They started a Sunday School with 34 present, and in its first eight months the Sunday School averaged 95.

The lot purchased by the WMC's was

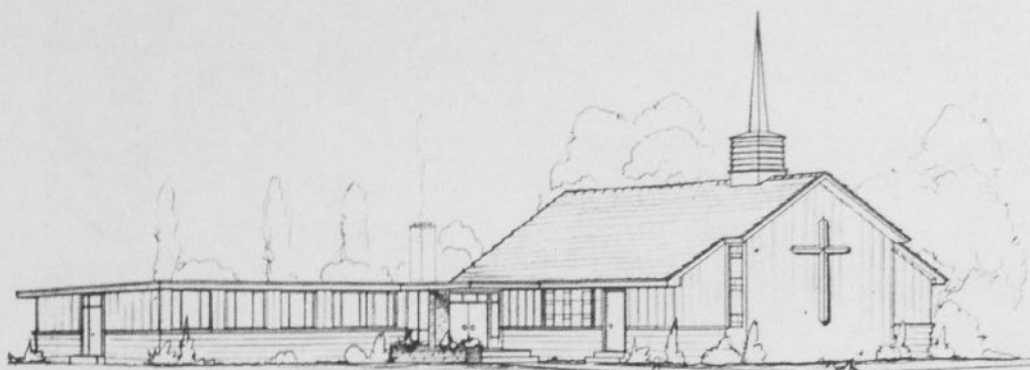
sold and a larger one purchased in a new housing area. The new church availed itself of the opportunity to purchase blueprints for an attractive building through the National Home Missions Department. They chose "The Harvester" design from the book, **PLANS FOR PIONEERS**.

* * *

Brother Stokes writes as follows:

The blueprints from the National Home Missions Department proved to be a great help to us because they were so inexpensive (only \$50.00), but at the same time, we have as pretty a church building as there is in town—or it will be when completed. I think all our pioneer pastors should use the plans, because they are drawn by registered architects (which most cities re-

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The Calvary Assembly in Cedartown, Georgia, under construction. They used "The Harvester" plan which is shown in the drawing at top.

quire). The plans are also designed for additional units if necessary. I have seen many churches that were built only for the present, and if they were enlarged they did not look right. God's house should look the best.

At the ground-breaking service our good district superintendent, Brother E. P. Pruett, presented us with a check for \$1,000 from our District WMC's. This was a great encouragement, making us realize that the Lord was in the matter.

Having some money on hand, but no knowledge of building, we began to pray. God spoke to a couple of men in Atlanta who were connected with the Washington Street church, and they came and put down our foundation with the help of our good men. An unsaved man 68 years old who was a first-class carpenter came out and gave us a hand. He helped us every day until February 18, at which time he passed away while at work on top of the church. During this three months of labor he didn't charge us a penny.

Another friend from Atlanta came and

wired the church for us after an electrical contractor in Cedartown acquired a permit for us. Two plumbing contractors here in town did all our plumbing for two complete rest rooms free of charge and sold us the material at below wholesale cost. Our total labor bill has been \$41.00.

We have the inside almost completed with hardwood floors, paneled walls, and celotex ceiling. I feel that one reason for the low labor cost is the type of blueprints we had, with the simple yet attractive design.

Another great miracle was when the Atlanta Women's Club gave us 406 padded opera seats. These were in good condition and just met the need. Since then a school has given us 85 cane bottom chairs that are ideal for Sunday School classes. We found 45 of them needed new bottoms, but God laid it on the heart of a furniture man here to give us the bottoms at no cost. We have 8,000 bricks on the lot with money coming in for more.

The work has been self-supporting since the first service. I have not had

to do any secular work at all, and the people that are joining the church are paying their tithes. The men and the women have worked untiringly. A real spirit of revival is prevailing, and we are believing God to do even greater things in the future. There have been over one hundred saved and a real hunger for Pentecost can be seen in every life. ◀ ◀

Blueprint Program Expands

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we have long needed as a guide for pioneers. . . ."

Pastor Don R. Anderson of Kearns, Utah, writes: "The blueprints of our church were surely appreciated and the amount saved through your program can be applied to our building. Since we are limited in finances, this program helps us to get started. Being a pioneer and having never built a church, I found it helped to settle my mind as to the type of structure we should build. . . ."

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Christian Missions Worry Israelis

Christian missionary activity in Israel apparently has worried some elements of the Hebrew majority. A wealthy Dutch donor has set up a special "Children's Fund" with its avowed purpose "to combat the influence of Christian mission schools."

Governor Outlaws Obscene Magazines

Pennsylvania Governor George M. Leader took a stand for decency by banning the sale of obscene magazines in the state capitol building.

Legalized Gambling Defeated in Nebraska

The Nebraska state legislature defeated a proposed constitutional amendment which would have legalized bingo for religious, charitable, and fraternal groups.

More Attention Given to Sunday Observance

A spokesman for the Lord's Day Alliance in the U.S. says that proper observance of Sunday is fast becoming "one of our nation's top issues." He reports that "many law-making bodies are encouraging the adoption of, or adopting Sunday closing laws." He added: "If the present trend continues it will not be long before every state will have a Sunday closing law."

Break Ground for Diplomatic School at Methodist University

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new school of international service at American University, a Methodist school, were held in June. Heretofore the only school in the U. S. offering specialized courses for governmental service in the diplomatic corps was operated by the Roman Catholics.

Most GI Behavior Problems Linked to Alcohol

Gordon Gaskill, reporting in *Together* magazine on the morals of American servicemen overseas, said that "in probably 80 per cent of reported incidents, and in virtually all serious ones, the offending American has been drinking heavily." Thus liquor is a direct contributor to the worsening relations between the U.S. and our allies.

Alcoholism Heads Death Rate in Paris Hospitals

More people die in Paris hospitals of alcoholism than any other ailment, a recent article in *The United Brethren* magazine reports. A survey, made by an official of the Hotel Dieu Medical Clinic, showed that 27 per cent of deaths in Paris hospitals were due "directly" to alcoholism. This was three times as many deaths as were attributed to cancer.

Church Merger Effectuated

A historic event transpired at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25 when the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches held a joint synod to finalize merger of the two denominations. The new organization is known as The United Church of Christ.

Divide and Grow

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toronto, Canada, has divided its membership into four parts. Three parts will transfer to new Lutheran missions in the western, northwestern, and eastern parts of the city. The fourth will remain at the present location. Pastor Harold Brose calls his plan for starting three new churches "Operation Growth by Fission."

Salvation Army Leader Dies

Mrs. Florence Soper Booth, well-known leader of the Salvation Army, died in June at the age of 95. She was the widow of the late Bramwell Booth, general of the Salvation Army, and daughter-in-law of the Army's founder. For 37 years she had charge of the organization's social work in Great Britain.

Do We Use Them Wisely?

If the same mortality rate prevailed in 1956 as prevailed in 1911, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company would have lost 302,000 of its policyholders by death instead of the approximately 111,000 deaths among policyholders.

Modern science has greatly increased the average span of life in the past few decades. We wonder if people are using these "years of grace" wisely—for the glory of their Creator. The Psalmist prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

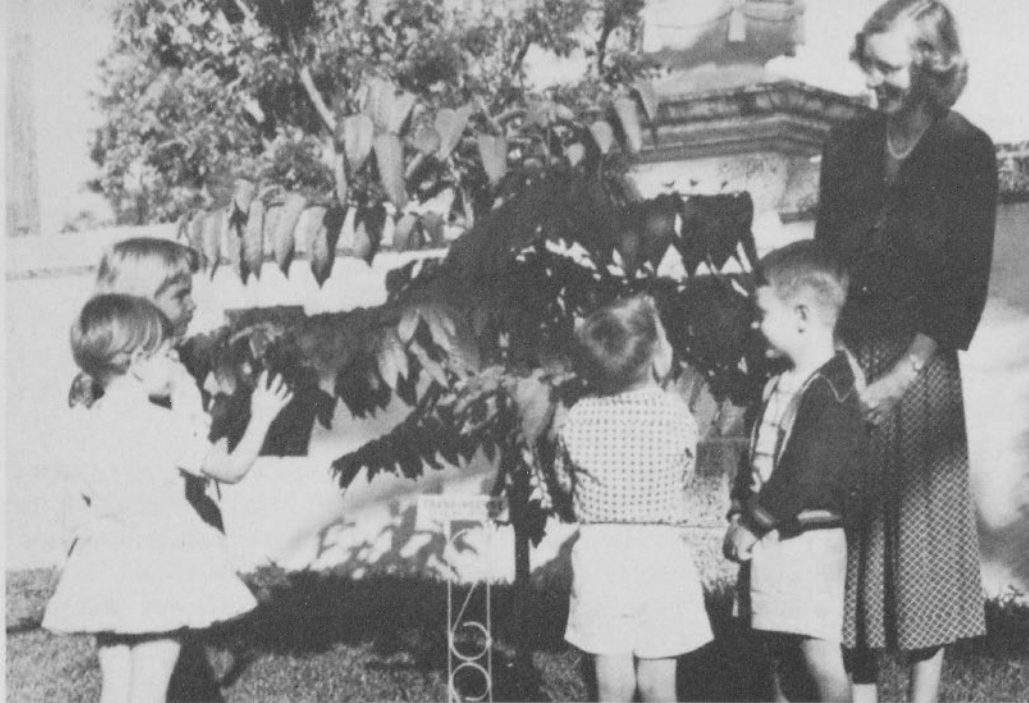
Oppose Catholic Persecution in Brazil

More than thirty evangelical churches, a number of public officials, and a large group of Catholic citizens rallied to the support of a Baptist church near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after a Roman Catholic priest threatened to open fire on the Baptists if they held their regularly scheduled street meeting in the main square of Belford Roxo. According to a report in *Baptist Record*, as a result of this solidarity, the group was able to hold their open-air service without disturbance for the first time in several weeks. The report added that 500 Catholics have signed a petition to have the priest transferred, but that church authorities have taken no action on the petition or the persecutions.

Hailstorm Kills 32 in Pakistan

Charles E. Adams, editor of *The Bible Advocate*, reports that a freak hailstorm in Karachi, Pakistan, killed 32 persons. Some of the hailstones, he said, weighed as much as one-half pound. Feeling that the storm was a curse, panic-stricken Mohammedans hurried to the mosque to pray.

Such incidents make one think of the time when the judgments of God will be poured out upon this earth, one of which will be "a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent" (Revelation 16:21). Undoubtedly incidents such as the one that occurred in Pakistan are God's warnings to this generation. Judgment is coming. Christ is the only refuge.



Children examining the frankincense tree which grows in the Biblical Garden in Coral Gables, Florida.



Christ talked of the lilies of the field. Here is a lily like those He mentioned.



The perfume from the aloe was used to prepare Christ's body for burial.

The Biblical Garden

OFFICER'S HOBBY ATTRACTS MANY SIGHT-SEERS

BY MARION RUBINSTEIN

Colonel Hackett, who founded this unusual garden, is shown explaining the carob tree to a visitor. The husks are long brown pods containing pulp seed which is used to feed animals. The prodigal son fed these husks to the swine.

WHAT DOES AN ARMY OFFICER DO when he retires from active service? At least one man doesn't go fishing, hunting, traveling, or do the other things that Army officers usually do when they retire. Colonel Wallace E. Hackett, who retired to Coral Gables, Florida, established a Biblical garden which has been visited by more than twenty thousand persons from all parts of the world in the few years of its existence.

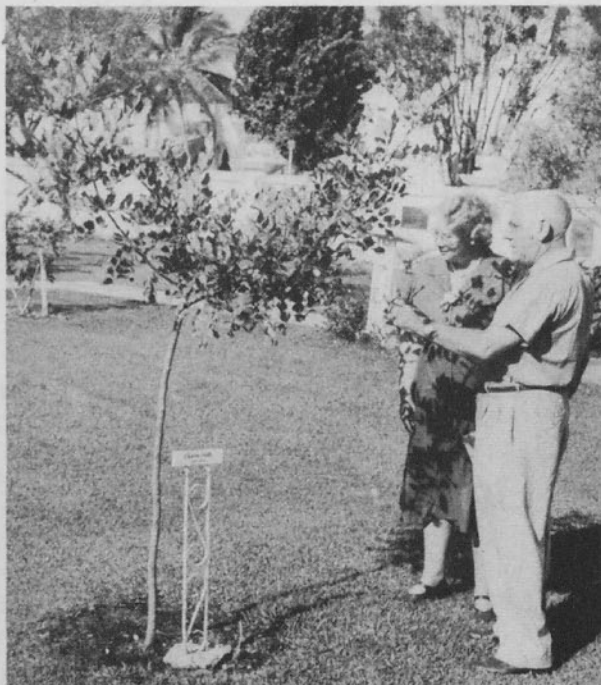
A group of 45 boys from Chicago visited one day and seemed well posted on Holy Land flora. They recognized the fig tree first mentioned in Genesis, now of basic economic importance in the life of the people of Israel.

They also recognized the olive tree, which stands twenty-four feet high in the "Garden of Our Lord." Many of them remembered that the dove which returned to Noah in the evening carried an olive leaf as an indication that the flood waters were receding.

WOOD FOR FURNITURE

The acacia, largest and commonest tree in the deserts of Arabia, was much admired. One of the boys mentioned that it produced a hard, closegrained wood used in making tabernacle furniture.

Since a great many retired adults live in the Miami area, and especially the Coral Gables section, the Biblical Garden is their favorite spot. They come there to rest, to pray, and to meditate. It is not unusual to see visitors kneeling in prayer in the outdoor chapel.



This "Garden of Our Lord" adjoins a nearby church. There are the plants most closely associated with the life of Jesus. In the central section stand two olive trees, the kind among which Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In the southwest section are two interesting trees, the spikenard and the myrrh. It was the costly oil from the spikenard trees that Mary used to anoint the feet and the head of Jesus.

GIFT TREE

The gum from the myrrh was among

the treasures given to the Christ Child by the Wise Men who brought "gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Along the north wall of the garden are several lilies, the traditional Easter flower reminding the visitor of Jesus' words, "Consider the lilies, how they grow."

To assemble all these Biblical plants and trees was a task assumed by Colonel Hackett, who has been responsible for all the landscaping and securing the funds for the development of the Biblical Garden—the adventure of a retired officer.

—The Link



Edwin P. Anderson

New Songbook Produced by Music Division

New Division to Offer Wide Variety of Music Services

The Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House has produced a new songbook which promises to surpass any that have been offered to our constituency in the past. Called "Melodies of Praise," the new book contains 341 songs and choruses best known and loved by Pentecostal people everywhere.

The first edition (now available) is in round notes. However, it may be printed in shaped notes also if there is sufficient demand for shaped notes. "Melodies of Praise" will be used in all the meetings during the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio, August 28-September 3. Orders for the new songbook are already being filled at the Gospel Publishing House.

"Melodies of Praise" is the first of many productions which the new Music Division plans to offer. Other publications in months to come will include a chorus book, youth book, a camp meeting and evangelists' songbook, and special choir arrangements.

At the head of the Music Division is Edwin P. Anderson, former pastor of Calvary Assembly in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Anderson has placed great emphasis upon music during more than

twenty years of public ministry. While attending Central Bible Institute from 1933 to 1936 he was a member of the Singing Parsons Quartet with Marcus Gaston, Donald Waggoner, and Elmer Bilton. The quartet traveled widely throughout the U.S. and produced an album of recordings that are very popular throughout the Fellowship.

In addition to the various music courses at C.B.I., Brother Anderson took voice training under Professor Edwin Crierie, well-known instructor of Tulsa, Oklahoma. His tenor voice has been heard on the Assemblies of God nationwide radio broadcasts.

As pastor and evangelist he has engaged in extensive radio ministry. At times he produced as many as ten broadcasts per week, and in all his ministry he has given music a prominent place. With this practical background of experience he brings a fresh approach to the task of serving the musical needs of the Assemblies of God.

The new Music Division will be offering valuable help to music directors, choir leaders, and others engaged in vocal or instrumental music. In the very near future there will be an

orchestration volume to accompany "Melodies of Praise." Work on the new book is already under way. It will contain orchestrations of 210 numbers from "Melodies of Praise" and quite a number of songs from "Assembly Songs" and "Songs of Praise."

As interest develops, the Music Division hopes to hold seminars throughout the country for improvement of methods and advancement of interest in sacred music. Rallies will be planned where soloists, song leaders, and musicians may exercise their talents and learn more about the ministry of music.

Some textbooks are also planned. Such topics as, "The Place of Music in the Pentecostal Church," "How to Lead the Singing," and "Music Selection for the Occasion," will be treated as the program widens.

The Music Division is now compiling a list of individuals interested in music. Any who would like to be kept informed on the new service are invited to send their names and addresses to Edwin P. Anderson, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. An organization of singers and musicians may be formed, and there is a possibility that a magazine for music lovers and those actively engaged in this important field may be established.

The need for a Music Division has long been felt. Now that it is functioning, it promises to develop rapidly and undoubtedly its influence will be felt from coast to coast. One area in which Brother Anderson is particularly interested is the availability of good music for gospel broadcasts. If the demand warrants it, the Music Division may develop a taped-music rental service so that churches with limited local talent may order tape recordings and use all or part for their own program, thus producing a top-rate broadcast with selections by the best Pentecostal musicians. ◀ ◀

ATTENTION: MUSICIANS

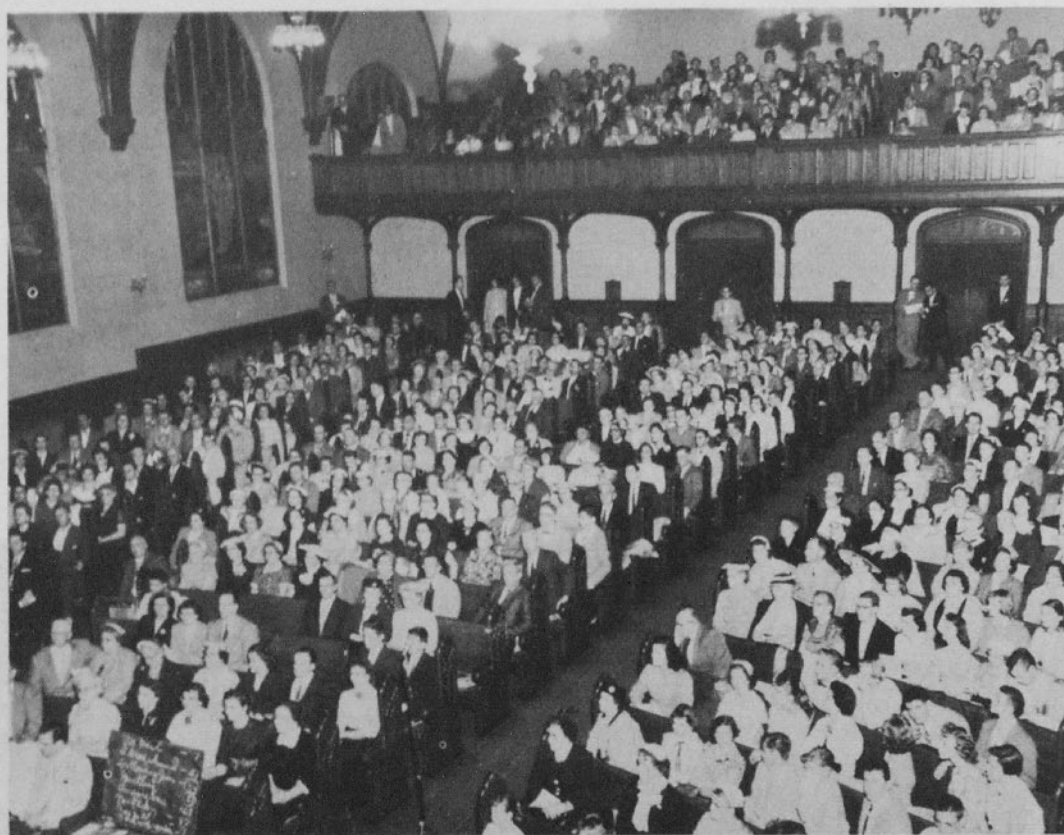
There will be a Music Booth at the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio, at which you may discuss your problems and make known the musical needs of your church. The Music Division will also sponsor a meeting during the Council for all musicians, singers, and others interested in the ministry of gospel music. For further information, visit the Music Booth or write to Edwin P. Anderson, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

REVIVALTIME RELEASED FROM

Paterson, New Jersey Binghamton, New York



Choir for REVIVALTIME broadcast from Paterson, N. J. Top row (left to right): Bartlett Peterson, Richard Bergstrom, C. M. Ward, Ernest Berquist, and E. M. Clark.



MAY 5 AND 12, 1957, WERE VERY special days for the Assemblies of God churches in Paterson, New Jersey, and Binghamton, New York. On May 5 the REVIVALTIME team was in the city of Paterson, New Jersey, where REVIVALTIME was released from the Bethany Assemblies of God church (Ernest Berquist, pastor). This special ABC network release from Paterson was the concluding service of the New Jersey District Council, which had been meeting all the previous week.

Pastor Berquist reports:

"The release was a real success and blessing to our church and community. We were a little concerned about the additional expenses involved but are glad to report that without much effort we were able to meet all the financial needs, and the church tithes were a little more than usual. The broadcast gave our people a new appreciation for REVIVALTIME. The church was filled, the spirit of the meeting was wonderful, and a blessing was left in the hearts of the people.

"We had announcements in the daily paper and on the radio that put the services before the people of our city. Many of them attended the meetings, and the full impact of this meeting on the outside will tell for a long time to come.

"I personally was delighted and pleased with the rally. I think REVIVALTIME is the best gospel program on the air, being acceptable to all types of people. May God continue His blessing upon this great work."

Then the team traveled to Binghamton, New York, for a live release from First Assembly of God, where R. D.

◀ The auditorium of the Bethany Assembly at Paterson was filled for the broadcast.

FROM TWO EASTERN CITIES

Jersey and New York Rallies

E. Smith is pastor. During the week prior to this broadcast C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME evangelist, spoke each night in a dedicatory revival campaign. First Assembly had just moved into its large new building, a converted Masonic temple.

Pastor Smith in his remarks said: "It is a gratifying experience to have C. M. Ward and the REVIVALTIME staff upon any occasion. We were particularly pleased with the impact of this week's meetings in Binghamton because (1) the spiritual results were obvious, a number being saved and filled with the Spirit, and (2) the publicity attendant upon the release brought our program forcibly before the public. Brother Ward's preaching and Brother McLellan's musical direction both have had a desirable effect upon our work."

Thus two more cities have felt the impact of a network release. REVIVALTIME, originating from their city and their church, has made a lasting impression.

Just so has it been in hearts of those who have listened. Everywhere REVIVALTIME is heard, men and women have been stirred and moved to serve God in a new way. As the broadcast is beamed throughout the land, the full gospel message and inspiring music directs the listener toward God, and there he finds peace and assurance.

Your interest in REVIVALTIME this week will help in a real way to reach hundreds of others who need Christ. Write a letter today to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, assuring us of your interest and prayers.

▶ A portion of the crowd that attended the REVIVALTIME release at Binghamton.



A view of the platform during the REVIVALTIME broadcast from the First Assembly of God in Binghamton, New York.



Can We Communicate With the Dead?

(Continued from page three)

in the hereafter, but entertained no hopes of contact before then!

Moreover, in the story Jesus told of the rich man Dives in the place of torment, Dives by his own confession showed that he was powerless to communicate with his five living brothers.

Here we have two answers in collision. Of course, we know the Bible is right, for it is the Word of God. But to give additional support to our testimony let us explore pronouncements of spiritism relative to other religious concepts. The following declarations were all uttered by leaders of the movement.

What have they to say about God? "We abrogate the idea of a personal God," said a president of a society at a national encampment. "There are as many gods as there are minds needing gods to worship," wrote another leader.

What is the viewpoint regarding Jesus Christ? "The miraculous conception of Christ is merely a fabulous tale," they tell us. "All testimony received from advanced spirits only shows that Christ was a medium or reformer in Judea; that he is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere."

But the same writer has also announced, "Tom Paine is in the seventh sphere." Thus, the notorious infidel who wrote "The Age of Reason" is regarded to be one sphere above our Lord. Indeed, it has taken Jesus twenty centuries to ascend through five spheres into the sixth, while Tom Paine rocketed into the seventh sphere in less than two centuries!

Moreover, the mediums "bring back" John Wesley and prompt him to testify that the faith he taught was all a mistake. They "call back" the eccentric evangelist Lorenzo Dow, and he announces that anyone who worships Christ is an infidel.

Can there be any doubt whom we should believe?

"When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that

mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? [Why inquire] for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8: 19, 20). May there not be a connection between a medium's need for literal darkness in order to perform, and the divine detection of spiritual darkness enshrouding the system? It would be folly to believe anyone who contradicted the Bible on *anything*! We *cannot* communicate with the dead!

However, even if mediums could consult the departed spirits, Christians



HIS HANDS! HIS FEET!

"Lord, when I am weary with toiling,
And burdensome seem Thy commands,
If my load should lead to complaining,
Lord, show me Thy hands, . . .
Thy nail-pierced hands, Thy cross-torn
hands,
My Saviour, show me Thy hands.

"Christ, if ever my footsteps should
falter,
And I be prepared for retreat,
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me Thy feet, . . .
Thy bleeding feet, Thy nail-scarred feet;
My Jesus, show me Thy feet.

"My God, dare I show **Thy**
My hands and **my** feet?"

—Benton Thoburn Bradley



would have no business resorting to them. A literal translation of 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14 reads, "Because Saul had consulted a medium, resorting to a medium and not to the Lord, *for this did the Lord kill him.*" Saul, of course, had sought help from the witch of Endor.

The party who clasps hands with a modern descendant of the witch of Endor will be led by her toward an eventual denial of everything Christians hold sacred, and she will lead him ultimately into the deepest pit of perdition.

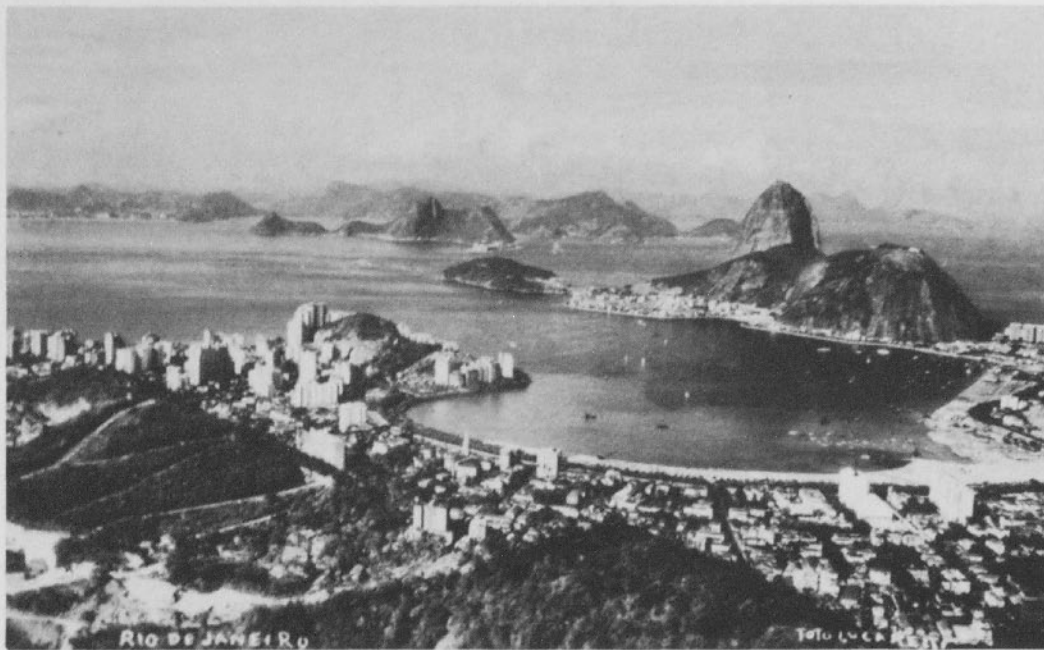
Indeed, the Bible intimates that traffic with "spirits" involves the rejection of Jesus Christ. In Deuteronomy 18: 10-15 God warned Israel through Moses against the several varieties of spiritism. The Canaanites, about to be dispossessed, had trafficked with occult, psychic manifestations. The Israelites were forbidden to do so. Instead, they were promised a prophet like Moses and were commanded to hearken to Him. Peter, in Acts 3:33, identifies that prophet as the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians, then, are to hearken to Christ, and never to mediums or alleged spirits. We need no mediums, because we have a *Mediator*—Jesus, who died for our sins. He is the only individual beyond the grave that man can consult. And man can communicate with Christ only because He did not remain dead. He arose. He announces, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

If we come to Christ, what need have we to go beyond Him to communicate with departed *men*? Christ will be to the believer a Mediator at the throne of Almighty God. The dead spirits cannot benefit living men, but God certainly can and does benefit those who consult Him through Jesus Christ, who is Himself personally the one avenue of access to the grace of the Father.

Can we communicate with the dead? No, but we can communicate with one who *was* dead and who is now alive forever. Through faith in Him we can ascend into heavenly places. We can fellowship with God, even now, and in the life to come we can join our departed loved ones. Let us forego consultations with mediums to communicate with the dead, and instead come to Christ in order to receive life—eternal life, here and hereafter.

July 21, 1957



A view of the harbor of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Portuguese Bible Dictionary Now Being Published

BY O. S. BOYER, BRAZIL

GUANABARA BAY IS KNOWN AS THE most beautiful and the most commodious in the world. On the western side of this bay is the city of Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil. On the eastern shore is the city of Niteroi, capital of the State of Rio de Janeiro. Between these cities of over three million souls the ferries ply back and forth unceasingly with their passengers.

We recently received an urgent call to come to the city of Niteroi with all the books we could carry, for the benefit of new converts. We got a seat on one of the large overloaded ferries. And what a rest it was! There was Sugar Loaf Mountain towering over the Santos Dumont Air Port. And a little to the other side was the 100-foot idol of Christ on Mount Corcovado, that towers even higher. Of interest to many, too, is the famous bathing beach of Copacabana, skirted by its long line of skyscraper apartments. At the docks, ships from all over the world were tied up. And in the distance many islands surrounded by crystal blue water were really alluring.

But of far more interest to us was

the large stone church nestling down among the skyscrapers on the Niteroi shore line near the very point where our ferry was to tie up. It had been about three years since we asked the pastor of this evangelical church to correct the Portuguese manuscript of a book we were ready to publish. He is now working on the fourth manuscript for us. The Lord has been using these manuscripts to produce direct spiritual results. We were delightfully surprised to find the formerly cob-webbed church packed out and the street so full of people that even we ourselves could not get inside the building.

The next night they used a specially erected platform in the largest public square, which was jammed almost full with eager listeners. Never shall we forget that vast sea of hands lifted high by those hungry for all that Christ has for body, soul, and spirit. Among the many marvelous things was the joy a mother manifested when her boy, blind until that moment, was given sight. We were glad the Lord ever laid it on our hearts to translate and

print gospel literature for the spiritual enlightenment of folk like these. Our national workers are winning thousands of converts who need the teaching that our books and Sunday School literature provides.

By July we expect to have the 800-page *Bible Dictionary* in the hands of those who have paid for it. Pre-publication sales are paying for the printing of 4000 beautiful copies, but as yet there is no way in sight of buying the type that should be held for a second printing.

My wife and I are not only reading the proofs word by word but also checking the many thousands of references. To do this we are taking advantage of every minute and spending almost our last ounce of strength to keep ahead of the linotypists. It is taking two of them over two months to do the work.

Humanly speaking it will be impossible to do all this work of proofreading again within a few months, so it is necessary that we buy the type of the first printing. This is surely an important phase of the Lord's work, and we invite your co-operation in making it possible. Please send offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designated "O. S. Boyer—for printing."

Missionary's Films, Equipment Stolen

Vernon Pettenger, home on furlough from South Africa, was in Chicago recently and had parked his car on a busy thoroughfare briefly while he attended to some business. The car was locked. During the short time he was away, professional thieves removed the lock from the car, entered it, and drove it away. It was later discovered by the police about five blocks distant.

The trunk of the car had been opened and its contents stolen. Among the articles taken were \$2,500 worth of sound projection equipment and 5000 feet of movie film, both original and duplicate, representing six years of work. In addition, a Bolex 16 mm camera, a new typewriter, spare tire, Brother Pettenger's clothing and his sermon notes were taken.

The films, featuring the revival in

First-Term Impressions of "Darkest Africa"

BY CHARITY C. HARRIS

Tanganyika

Shortly after we boarded the *Queen Mary* the gangplanks were lifted and the tug boat began to move the big ship out of the harbor.

I began to think about the time seven years ago when the Lord called me to preach the gospel in Africa. It was in a missionary convention that I surrendered my life to take the gospel there. One year later I made application to the Foreign Missions Department, thinking that we would be on our way in a few months.

But many things prevented us from going right away. I needed Bible school training, which I had not had. My application had been approved at Southwestern Bible School. Money was being put in the bank and we felt we were on the move. But after we had closed a very successful revival, our oldest daughter was killed. The expense of the funeral took all of our savings. Two years later the burden became so heavy that once again we began to look to Bible school. We enrolled without a job and with no one supporting us. This was God's time—we went in the will

of the Lord and He saw us through school. We came out with bills paid in full. Africa lay ahead—we were on our way!

We sailed on the *Queen Mary* to London and from there went by plane. Soon the airplane slowed its motors for landing, and from the small window I saw a line of native huts, then the city of Nairobi, Kenya. The airline bus took us to our hotel, as we were to spend one night in this place—just one day from Mbeya, Tanganyika, our place of labor. We passed the prison camp where a thousand Mau Mau terrorists are being held. That day three of their leaders were captured. (The political unrest still continues.)

Upon arrival in Mbeya we saw a scene that will linger in my heart for years. The missionaries, Delmar and Marlys Kingsriter, along with the native presbyters, were there to meet us. The natives held a large sign saying, "WELCOME TO AFRICA." As the Africans were greeting us they repeated over and over, "Thank you so much for coming. We have been looking for you for a long time."

At the time of writing, I have just come from a meeting several miles back in the bush. There in the Livingston mountains we dedicated a church the Africans started and built by themselves. We also had a baptismal service. The service was held out in the open, with small huts scattered around. The Africans began their singing about 10:30 a.m., and such singing I had never heard before! From where I was sitting I could see the path that led up the mountain. A continuous line of people were coming along the path; women had their babies strapped across their backs. The dresses of the women were of the loveliest colors.

When it came time for me to preach at 1:15 p.m. well over a thousand people had gathered. Half of the people were heathen. What a tremendous burden and responsibility! As I took my place in the little clearing in the midst

of the crowd, I trembled lest I should not be able to get across the gospel message. But God helped and drove the message home. At the close many came forward and repented of their sins and accepted Christ. At the water baptismal service, which was held in a small stream, a goodly number were baptized. Both banks on the stream were crowded with people. I have never heard such inspiring singing in all my life. As we left for home, the natives were still singing. Going down the mountainside we could still hear them; no doubt the services went on into the night. ◀◀

Jailed for Testimony

BY KENNETH MCINTYRE, SPAIN

News has just come to us that one of the soldier boys converted recently in the meetings at Ronda, Spain, has been jailed because of his clear-cut testimony. His sentence is for eight days. He and a companion had both accepted the Lord and had encountered difficulties because of their stand for Christ. The barracks is about two blocks from where we live. There are nearly 300 soldiers in training there.

After being absent for a year, we are at our post in Spain enjoying the blessing of the Lord. While in Tangier we were able to give out the gospel with freedom. Now we are taking Roy Dalton's place while he is on furlough. The congregation owns a fine piece of property which includes three buildings and five acres of land. Most of the land is sown in barley and is cared for by a member of the church. The Christians are permitted to hold meetings, and the results are good.

During the past few weeks nine have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and ten have accepted Christ as personal Saviour. Included in the ten are the two soldiers already mentioned. These new converts have a difficult time and need our prayers that they may become firmly established in the truth.

The Sunday School is well attended, as are the regular services. The record attendance at Sunday School is 105. An eighteen-voice choir of young people has been organized.

Even in the hard land of Spain, God is giving spiritual blessings. Our hearts are encouraged! ◀◀

Films Stolen—

South Africa, with scenes of African native life, wildlife, and conversion of a native gang formerly engaged in crimes of violence, cannot be replaced. This loss has seriously impeded our brother's work on his itinerary and we request prayer that the films will be returned to him.

Ed. note: Having been privileged to view the films before they were stolen, we recognize their tremendous value, not only to Brother Pettenger, but especially to the cause of African missions. (Brother Pettenger's mailing list was taken. Will all who have been on their mailing list please send their addresses to him in care of the Foreign Missions department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.) ◀◀

A Mediocre Marriage

BY DOROTHY C. HASKIN

WITH TEAR-DIMMED EYES KATHRYN gazed at the happy couple at the altar. The candle-lit church, the solemn ceremony, the nervous voices of the bride and groom as they exchanged their vows made Kathryn's heart overflow with wistful emotions.

"I hope their marriage will be happier than mine," she said to herself.

Nearly ten years ago she had stood at the same altar with the anticipation of many happy days before her. But now the very thought of her marriage vows gave her a trapped and stifled feeling. Tom was so insensitive, so dull, so lacking in ambition and imagination. She was tied to a man who was untidy, moody, stingy.

She didn't often dwell on such thoughts: it was the wedding ceremony

that made her heartache fresh and sharp. And yet, whenever Tom's faults came to her mind she tried to defend him—for she loved her husband. "Tom's a good man," she mused. "He provides for his family. I ought to appreciate the way he cared for me, clumsy as he is, each time I came home from the hospital with a new baby. He means well."

However, she had to admit that their married life was a colorless affair void of the gay spontaneity that a girl dreams of enjoying as she and her mate plan and work toward some cherished goal.

She should have known that living with Tom would be something less than a thrill. But her love was blind. She had tried to change him—and had grown weary of the effort.

Kathryn choked back a sob as the ceremony ended and the organ played the recessional. After the flash pictures, the wedding line, the reception, she made her way home with a heavy step. "I guess if I want any happiness

I'll have time to make it for myself," she lamented. The cares of the family took her mind off herself until bedtime. Then, as she knelt to pray, she thanked the Lord for the children, for the family income, for all their blessings, and asked for strength to be cheerful.

After all, she reminded herself, the majority of marriages are mediocre. Few are shining successes. Few are tragedies. Most people have shortcomings of one kind or another and these shortcomings prevent them from having ideal marriages. If a person found herself married to an alcoholic, a criminal, or an adulterer she would get public sympathy and might hope for some escape: but the wife of a boorish, surly, coarse individual just has to make the best of it.

The Lord reminded Kathryn of a verse in the Bible (Romans 8:28). Even a mediocre marriage can be one of those things which "work together for good to them that love God." She realized that she entered into marriage of her own choice, and that she was joined to Tom "until death do us part." Therefore she reasoned that she must accept the situation as the will of God, and stop feeling sorry for herself. She would find a blessing in ministering to her husband's needs, even if he didn't respond to her deeds of affection.

Though it takes faith to accept a "second-rate" marriage as being God's will for you, this resignation will bring comfort and stability. There is nothing a man or woman cannot face once he is convinced that the situation is God's will. And certainly it is God's will that when we find ourselves married to an individual we should honor, love, and serve that person. God permitted His beloved Son to bear a cross. It is no wonder that He tells us, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). *A mediocre marriage can be a daily cross.*

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Jim found this to be so. He found himself in a situation that crushed his



spirit and sandpapered his nerves.

When Jim first saw Carrie he was struck by the fresh prettiness of her youth. But he "rushed" her so steadily that he monopolized all her spare time. He failed to realize that apart from him and her family she had very few friends.

After they were married he discovered how reserved she was. At a social gathering she would sit on the divan while the conversation flowed around her, whereas he was a good mixer. He was a salesman—naturally genial, enjoying company. He would grow embarrassed for her, and the feel-

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For Our Junior Readers

Who Asked It?

Here are some important questions which were asked by persons living in New Testament times. Can you identify the person who asked each question and also the person to whom the question was addressed?

1. "What will ye that I shall do with him whom ye call the King of the Jews?"
2. "Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?"
3. "John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things?"
4. "How can a man be born when he is old?"
5. "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."
6. "What wilt thou have me to do?"
7. "Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"
8. "Why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"
9. "We know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"
10. "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"

ANSWERS:

1. PILATE; THE JEWS (Mark 15:12).
2. JOHN THE BAPTIST; JESUS (Luke 7:19).
3. HEROD THE TETRARCH; UN-
DOUBTEDLY THIS QUESTION WAS AD-
DRESSED TO THE SERVANTS (Luke 9:9).
4. NICODEMUS; JESUS (John 3:4).
5. JESUS; MARY, HIS MOTHER (John 2:4).
6. PAUL (OR SAUL); THE LORD (Acts 9:6).
7. THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH;
PHILIP (Acts 8:36).
8. PETER;
ANANIAS (Acts 5:3).
9. THOMAS;
JESUS (John 14:5).
10. JUDAS ISCARIOT;
JESUS (John 12:4).



Monday, July 22

Read: Galatians 1

Learn: "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8).

For the Parent: The churches of Galatia, started by Paul on his missionary journeys, were having difficulty with some who told them they must keep the Law of Moses to be saved. Paul refuted this error by pointing out there is only one true gospel. (For that gospel, see 1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

Question Time: What was the gospel Paul preached? (1 Cor. 15:1-11) How did he receive it? (Gal. 1:11, 12) What did he say of those who preached "another gospel"?

Tuesday, July 23

Read: Galatians 2

Learn: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

For the Parent: The beginning of this chapter continues Paul's recollections of the early days of his conversion and his consultation with the apostles in Jerusalem. He then points out (1) we cannot be saved by the Law of Moses; (2) we can be saved only by faith in Christ; (3) when we are Christians, Christ lives in us—which means we should do the things He would do.

Question Time: Did the apostles at Jerusalem approve of the ministry of Paul? (v. 9) What does verse 20 mean to you? How can a person be saved? (v. 16)

Wednesday, July 24

Read: Galatians 3:1-18

Learn: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13).

For the Parent: Paul continues his letter to the Galatians by pointing out that not only are we saved by faith, but after we are saved the Holy Spirit works in us, leading us on to perfection. We do not grow spiritually by keeping the Law of Moses, but by a continued faith in Christ, for Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law.

Question Time: How was Christ made a curse for us? (v. 13) What does this mean? How does Paul use Abraham as an example of justification by faith? (vv. 6-9)

Our Family Altar

Thursday, July 25

Read: 2 Chronicles 36:11-21

Learn: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper" (Prov. 28:13).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Jerusalem Destroyed" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This passage records the complete destruction of the city of Jerusalem because of the sins of Judah. Some of these sins were: (1) the pride, wickedness, and rebellion of the king; (2) the idolatry of the people; (3) their lack of respect for God's servants. God will never allow sin to be unpunished.

Question Time: What were some of the reasons why Jerusalem was destroyed? (see above) What does this teach us?

Friday, July 26

Read: Acts 2:1-21, 38, 39 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

For the parent: Sunday's lesson for Juniors deals with the theme: Why There Are Different Churches. It emphasizes the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: (1) salvation; (2) divine healing; (3) Spirit baptism; (4) second coming of Christ. Deal particularly with point (3), showing the need of having the Holy Spirit control our lives.

Question Time: What are four teachings of our church? Why do you think Christians need to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Saturday, July 27

Read: Deuteronomy 34 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Thou shalt have treasure in heaven" (Luke 18:22).

For the Parent: Moses had led Israel through the wilderness to the borders of the Promised Land. Now his life's work was over, and God had a great reward for Moses for his faithfulness—Moses went to heaven to be with the Lord forever. If we accept Jesus as our Saviour and serve Him faithfully, we can expect the same reward.

Question Time: What was Moses' reward for being faithful to God? (see above) How old was Moses when he died? (v. 7) Who buried him? (vv. 5, 6)

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

GIVE GOD THE COMMISSION!

BY G. E. HOLMES

IN PSALM 37 AN OLD WARRIOR HAS given us his recipe for life: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (v. 5). These are the words of one who faced the tantalizing perplexities of life and came through victoriously; therefore they are worth considering. In fact, they are worth infinitely more than the findings of any self-sufficient man who knows not God, whether he be scientist, politician, or philosopher.

If you have a burden, then, here is what to do with it:

1. Give this commission to God.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord." There are many others who think they know what you ought to do. They are, even now, discussing your way among themselves. The problem that has exercised your mind for days and nights presents no difficulty to them. They will tell you what to do and will willingly act as your publicity agents. But what you need is an old and trusted Friend. As a man goes to a proven family lawyer, giving him all the facts, so you ought to go to God and unburden yourself to Him. Give Him the commission.

Perhaps the reader of this message is a young Christian starting out in business life. There is a thrill about it, a pleasure that school and college are over and that a regular and rising income will be yours. At the same time it is possible, at this point on life's way, to take the wrong road and make a mistake. Unquestionably your first job is important, so commit the matter to God. Tell him the facts, your fears, your aspirations. Give Him the commission of finding the right opening for you. Why not? He is not a novice.

This message may fall into the hands of a young man who is waiting for

that irksome summons that will plunge him into a completely different life in national service of some form. Everything stable and spiritual is threatened, and he wonders if life will ever be the same again. Certainly there are "powers that be," and they are "ordained" of God. But if you will pass your case over to Him He will keep it before Him in His "personal file."

Two young people, perhaps, are contemplating a closer walk together. It seems likely that their ways will converge, yet something seems to be lacking to show them that all is well. There is some doubt or hesitation. At the moment it presents a problem. Commit it to God. Your life's partner can, to a large extent, make or mar your service for Christ. It is vital to give this important commission to God, for marriage is "ordained" of Him.

It is almost certain that these lines will be read by a distraught Christian worker, perhaps an evangelist with no engagements, a pastor with financial burdens, or a teacher exhausted and feeling unwanted. My colleague and fellow-laborer in the gospel, you have often counseled others to take their burdens to the Lord and leave them there. Certainly you ought to give this commission to God, for you are His servant—placed, provided for, and, when necessary, removed by Him. "Commit thy way unto the Lord."

TEACHERS WANTED

The Education Department would like to bring up to date its file of personnel qualified for college teaching. If you have a master's degree or beyond, please contact J. Robert Ashcroft, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

2. Place your confidence in God.

"Trust also in him." After committal, confidence. After resignation to His will, reliance upon His Word. Trust. Whatever He does, trust Him.

In order to attain to this desirable condition of unruffled confidence let us look at some verses in this psalm where its ingredients are to be found:

"Fret not thyself" (v. 1). To fret is to worry. Worrying is like "revving up" the engine of your auto without putting it "in gear." It is costly, wearing, but it gets you nowhere. It is true that unfairness, injustice, and the prosperity of the undeserving can make the spirit of the righteous smart. So guard against fretting.

"Rest in the Lord" (v. 7). Rest in His will, for it is "good, acceptable, and perfect." Repose in His love; it will save you from striving to find a human explanation for all He does. Recline on His Word, for, like His character, it is immutable.

"Wait on the Lord" (v. 34). The time of waiting is the time of spiritual development. God can make events move fast, but He does not always choose to do so. Waiting shows and strengthens confidence. It is not inaction, but part of the process.

3. Leave the consequences with God.

"He shall bring it to pass." The way will unfold gradually and be made plain. The decision will be certain, the need supplied. "He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light" (v. 6).

The steps of a good man are graciously ordained of God: fate or chance do not enter in. Every detail is of concern to the Father. "He delighteth in his way" (v. 23).

"None of his steps shall slide" (v. 31). Here is God's assurance to you that uncertainty will be banished. If you wait for God's leading you will not flounder. We can endure the roughness of the path if we know that it ends in peace (v. 37). Joseph Parker gave us these beautiful words:

*"I cannot read His future plans;
but this I know;
I have the smiling of His face
And all the refuge of His grace
While here below*

*"Enough: this covers all my wants;
And so I rest;
For what I cannot, He can see,
And in His care I, saved, shall be
Forever blest."*

MEN—DON'T MISS THIS!



Honorable Mark Hatfield

Tickets Now Available for Men's Fellowship Breakfast August 31-Cleveland, Ohio



A highlight of the General Council sessions at Cleveland will be the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, August 31. It will be in the main ballroom of the Hotel Cleveland, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The speaker will be the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Secretary of State for Oregon. Accommodations will be limited to 1,200 men. If you expect to be in the Cleveland area at that time, be sure to get your ticket now so you will be assured of a part in this great gathering of Full Gospel men. It will be a time of rich inspiration and heart-warming fellowship. Tickets are \$2.00 each, including tip. Send your order to:

DEPARTMENT OF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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A Mediocre Marriage

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ing would linger after the guests departed. How could he have entered into so incompatible a marriage!

Too, his business demanded that he dress well, and he enjoyed looking trim. But Carrie grew careless in the matter of dress, especially after the children came. She gave all her attention to them and none to herself. Not only that, but she put on weight. Jim despised the way she would sit at the table and consume more and more pastries; but the more he disliked the way she lived, the more she ate for a feeling of satisfaction, and the fatter she grew.

Then Jim realized he was wrong in feeling bitter toward Carrie. After all, he was married to her, and the Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 3:19). It was wrong for him to look at the girls he might have married.

He had no right to put all the blame on Carrie. Perhaps if he dwelt on her admirable qualities, rather than her faults, she would respond to his admiration and overcome some of her shortcomings.

After all, he himself wasn't perfect in the eyes of God, and yet God loved him. He grew ashamed of his feeling of superiority over his wife—and as he humbled himself in the sight of the Lord he was given grace to be charitable in his attitude toward her.

When situations arose that galled his spirit, Jim took the matter to God in prayer. He found the answer to his problem through a study of the Scriptures. He read and underlined the verses like these: "I *am* crucified with Christ;" "Take up your cross *daily*;" "Reckon ye also yourselves *to be* dead;" "Yield yourselves unto God." He noticed that these verses are in the present tense. He realized that the bonds of love between him and Carrie must be cultivated continually if they were to grow strong. He discovered that daily living for Christ means a daily dying to the flesh. And he found that he and Carrie could be happy together, even if theirs was a "mediocre" marriage.

Jim's discovery is the one which every

successful Christian must sometime learn. There is no perfection to be found on earth. Someone has said, "There is a crack in the universe"—a crack caused by sin. No person is perfect. Therefore every marriage has its imperfections which can only be overcome by love, humility, and unselfishness one toward the other.

God has a purpose in the disappointments, the mediocrity, the dissatisfaction to be found in earthly life. They are meant to drive us to Him who alone can fill our deepest longings. *The Lord will show us the path of life (Psalm 16:11). "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."*

HEALING TESTIMONY

Mental Patient Restored to Normalcy

April 21 was my Aunt Nannie's seventy-third birthday. But if it hadn't been for the healing power of our Christ she wouldn't have been celebrating it outside a mental institution.

Last August I received a telephone call from a relative in Indiana, asking me to come home as Nannie was mentally ill. I was stunned. She had had a desperate physical struggle the past year—first a heart attack, then tuberculosis—and now she was in the psychiatric ward of a private hospital.

As I prepared to leave Battle Creek to go to Fort Wayne, I knew my pastor E. A. Manley, and the Assembly were praying.

Arriving at the hospital, I was directed to her room. As I was admitted behind the heavy locked door it seemed my very heart was crushed by the scene. The authorities permitted me to spend about eight hours a day with her.

I found the Assemblies of God pastor in the city, Brother Glenn Horst. He called his people to prayer in her behalf. I kept in touch with the Battle Creek Assembly, and they held on to God for her deliverance. Brother Horst came to the hospital and prayed with Nannie. Immediately she calmed down and quietly sat down in a chair. I

felt God had answered, but the enemy hadn't given up yet. When I returned to the hospital the next morning she was worse again.

Somewhere I remembered reading, "The blood of Christ is the most powerful force at work in the universe today." I began to sing, "There's Power in the Blood." She seemed to come to herself and joined me in the verses. Then she would slip back into violence. For hours, day after day, I went behind that locked door. I prayed and sang, and read the Word of God. Brother Horst returned again for prayer. Then Jesus came and set the captive free. Praise His name.

She returned to normal. Various tests were made, and it was found that her lungs were clear, her heart good, and even a rupture was healed.

During the time I was with my aunt in the hospital I could hear a man, Mr. C., cursing and screaming. I met his two daughters, who told me his mind was completely gone. He did not have presence of mind enough to take proper nourishment, and he had become practically a skeleton.

After Nannie's healing I spoke to Maxine, one of Mr. C's daughters, and told her how Nannie had been delivered miraculously through prayer. Preparation had been made to send Mr. C. to a State mental institution. I told Maxine what Jesus was able to do for her father, and asked permission to have Brother Horst come and pray for him.

As Brother Horst came to pray, some of the Fort Wayne Assembly people were praying at the church. Mr. C. was restored to normal immediately. He accepted Christ as his Saviour and is a well man today.—Betty Kilbourn, Battle Creek, Michigan.

(Endorsed by E. A. Manley, Pastor, Church of the Four-fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Michigan, and by Pastor Glenn M. Horst, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

That faith in God which can trust Him in the midst of plenty and prosperity, but which grows faint and fails in the time of privation and peril, has great need of being strengthened—if, indeed, it deserves the name of faith. One great object of God's dealings with His children in this world is the same that He had in view in the discipline of the wilderness—namely, to train them to exercise faith in Him, and to develop and strengthen that faith.

—William H. Green

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Riverside	A of G	July 23-Aug. 4	Eskelin Family	D. V. Alderman
	Holyoke	A of G	July 10-24	Walter D. Lascelle	Frank Alexander
Colo.	Hotchkiss	A of G	July 23-Aug. 4	Singing Sandalls	Verl Green
Ind.	Michigan City	* A of G	July 22-26	Dedelow-Friederici	Stewart Robinson
Minn.	Pillager	Casino	July 23—	J. F. Pepper	E. L. Haight
Idaho	Lewiston	* First	July 23-Aug. 4	Virgil Warens & wife	N. L. Gardner
Mo.	Edina	A of G	July 23—	Fred & Gladys Voight	T. W. Stark
	Independence	A of G	July 23—	Ward Popejoy Family	Wm. Hamilton
	Marshall	First	July 23-Aug. 4	Hastie Evang. Party	Warner L. Miles
Ohio	Huron	First	July 23-Aug. 4	Roush Evang. Team	Buford Nivens
Oreg.	Gold Beach	A of G	July 23—	Don Gossett	Clarence Gossage
Tex.	Cleburne	Bethel	July 24	Glen Shinn	T. A. Brazier
	McKinney	Full Gospel	July 21-Aug. 4	Edward Willis & wife	Earl J. Rogers
Wash.	Yakima	Mead Ave. G. T	July 23-Aug. 4	Warren D. Combs	P. C. Walcher

* Children's Revival

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MISSIONS EMPHASIZED AT MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DETROIT, MICH.—Michigan's thirteenth annual District Council meeting began with a state-wide. C. A. rally May 6 at the new building of the Assembly in Adrian. David Hastie, Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, was the guest speaker for the Council.

In the missionary service on Thursday afternoon several missionaries each presented briefly a challenge of the field in which they serve. Flint Riverside Tabernacle was awarded the plaque for the highest total giving to missions, and the Colon Assembly received the plaque for highest per capita giving.

The climax of the Council was the ordination service, with 16 candidates receiving ordination. The executive officers were re-elected on the nominating ballots: Chas.

W. H. Scott, Superintendent; Bond P. Bowman, Assistant Superintendent; Everett D. Cooley, Secretary-Treasurer.

PROGRESS IN APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

BECKLEY, W. VA.—Appalachian District Council held its 38th annual sessions at First Assembly of God, Princeton, W. Va., April 29 through May 1. Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, was the guest speaker. Reports showed that there had been progress in all departments of the work.

All officers returned to office were elected on the nominating ballot, including the following: W. Glenn West, District Superintendent; T. M. Waldron, Assistant Superintendent; R. Elmer Baker, Secretary-Treasurer and Sunday School Director; Mrs. W. Glenn West, WMC President. Robert Harris was elected C. A. President.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT ADOPTS WORLD MISSIONS STANDARD

TRENTON, N. J.—The World Missions Standard was adopted by the New Jersey District Council in its third Annual Convention, following a report of the World Missions Chairman, Harry Schaumburg. The Standard calls for a regular monthly offering on the World Missions plan from every Assembly. A new Men's Fellowship program was also developed for reaching men.

The convention was conducted in Bethany Assembly, Paterson, N. J. Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward preached each evening. The following officers were re-elected: R. J. Bergstrom, Superintendent; F. H. Huber, Assistant Superintendent; William Belbin, Secretary-Treasurer. All department heads were returned to office.

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION of remodeled church and new Sunday School annex at the Assembly of God, Thayer, Mo., on August 4. R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, will bring dedicatory message in afternoon. All former pastors invited.—by James E. Griggs, Pastor.

You Are Invited to the

WMC BREAKFAST

at the

STATLER HOTEL

Cleveland, Ohio

on

Saturday, Aug. 31, 7:45 a. m.

"WMC's Around the World" will be the theme of the program, and all women attending the General Council are urged to attend. Tickets will be on sale at the WMC booth on Wednesday evening and all day Thursday. The Statler Hotel is on Euclid Avenue, three blocks east of the Cleveland Hotel (convention headquarters).

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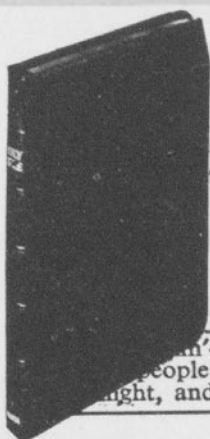
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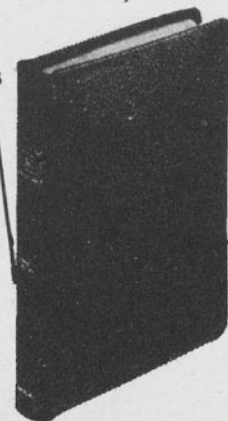
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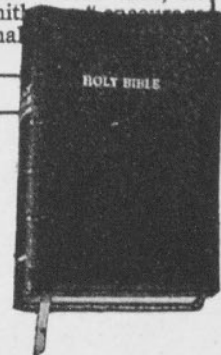
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Leave The Miracle To Him

"Whatsoever He sayeth unto you do it"—John 2:5.

By Thomas H. Allen

*"Whatsoe'er He bids you—do it!"
Though you may not understand,
Yield to Him complete obedience;
Then you'll see His mighty hand.
"Fill the water pots with water,"
Fill them to the very brim;
He will honor all your trusting—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*Bind your Isaac to the altar,
Bind him there with many a cord;
Oh, my brother, do not falter,
Can't you fully trust your Lord?
He it is who watches o'er you,
Though your faith may oft be dim:
He will give new life to Isaac—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*See them march around the city,
Scarce a sound from day to day;
Scoffers from the walls deride them—
"Jericho can stand such play!"
But the Lord's time cometh swiftly,
Then they shout out with a vim.
Look! the walls are tottering, falling—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*Face to face with hosts of Midian,
Gideon's men are sifted out;
Forth they go, these chosen heroes,
With no sword, the foe to rout.*

*Do you wonder if the vict'ry
Can be gained by band so slim?
See! Jehovah's sword is gleaming—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*Watch the scene on plains of Dura;
See that Hebrew martyr band
Firmly standing for Jehovah,
Trusting in His hidden hand.
"He is mighty to deliver"
From the power of death so grim;
Fiery furnace cannot harm them—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*Bring to Christ your loaves and fishes,
Though they be but few and small;
He will use the weaker vessels—
Give to Him your little all.
Do you ask how many thousands
Can be fed with food so slim?
Listen to the Master's blessing—
Leave the miracle to Him!*

*Oh, ye Christians, learn the lesson!
Are you struggling all the way?
Cease your trying, change to trusting,
Then you'll triumph every day!
"Whatsoe'er He bids you—do it!"
Fill the water pots to brim;
But remember! 'tis His battle—
Leave the miracle to Him!*