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"The Earth Is the Lord's and the Fulness Thereof"

Keep Sweet!

The phrase, "Keep sweet," will not be found in the Bible, but it certainly is a scriptural motto. Again and again the Word of God warns us against being bitter in spirit. We are told to *watch diligently* "lest any root of bitterness spring up" to cause trouble and defilement (Hebrews 12:15).

Perhaps you say, "*Keep sweet* is a good motto, but it's more easily said than done." Quite true. There are circumstances in every life, at one time or another, that make it very difficult to remain sweet. There are vexing problems, annoying trials, grievous sorrows that are hard to bear. Unless we keep filled with the Holy Spirit our souls become depressed, discouraged, and darkened. We lose our smile and our song. We become powerless and useless. But that is not the way to "adorn the gospel of Christ." This gospel is "good tidings of great joy." We have a Saviour who can satisfy every soul in every circumstance, and He expects us to demonstrate the fact to a skeptical world. He wants to prove to mankind that His grace is always sufficient.

Keep sweet at your daily work. Never mind what others may do. They may aggravate you by their carelessness and selfishness. They may disappoint you and even seek to take advantage of you. Just be patient. Never let them rob you of your inner peace and poise. Keep sweet. Keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus, not on man, and He will cause all things to work together for your eternal good and His eternal glory.

Keep sweet in your battle for truth. You will find yourself unpopular when you refuse to go with the crowd. They will call you "narrow" and "behind the times." These things hurt. But all that live godly and oppose evil will feel the chill of ostracism and the lash of tongues. Just be glad you have the opportunity to be like Him "who, when He was reviled, reviled not again." Souls are not won by bitter words but by strong, patient, loving spirits who can keep sweet when the pressure is on.

Keep sweet in the home. It is in the daily round of duties that spirits clash and nerves grow taut. When strain comes, let the song of the Lord well up in your soul. The Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 4:19), for the frost of a bitter spirit will kill love's fairest blooms.

Keep sweet when sorrow comes. Even the loss of a loved one must not rob us of that sweet sense of God's great love. When a Christian continued to grieve over his bereavement for many months and refused to be comforted, a wise and tender pastor said to him, "Haven't you forgiven God yet?" Instead of giving place to bitterness, it is so much better to count our many blessings and to believe that the Lord does all things well.

Whatever happens, keep glad at heart. Keep yourself in the love of God. Feed your heart and mind upon His Word which is "sweeter than honey." The Bible says, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31, 32). It is easy for us to be sweet to others when we remember how gracious the Lord has been to us.

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JESUS TOLD THIS STORY ABOUT A POOR RICH MAN WHO HAD A
"HEAVEN ON EARTH" BUT NONE IN THE SKY

Where Is Your Heaven?

BY FERN JONES

WHERE IS HEAVEN? WHERE IS YOUR heaven? This question is not as strange as it may sound at first. I want you to think about it and then consider the implication of the words of Jesus when He told the story of the rich man and Lazarus: "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented" (Luke 16:25).

It's an old, old story, isn't it? It's a text most ministers preach from frequently. The rich man "fared sumptuously every day." He didn't have to worry about getting something to eat or having something nice to wear, as poor Lazarus did. He lived in a fine mansion. He didn't love God, but still he prospered. Life no doubt brought some sorrow to him, but all in all the rich man was enjoying himself. He had honor, wealth, and respect, and he wasn't concerned about how others were faring.

But did you ever stop to consider that the rich man at that time was getting all the heaven he would ever have? The nearest thing to a heavenly mansion he would ever have was the house he lived in during his lifetime. The closest he would ever be to a robe of radiant glory was that robe of purple and fine linen he wore. The nearest he would ever be to the joys of heaven was to bask in the honor he received and then to sit down to a table heaped with fine food while servants obeyed his every command. Yes, he was enjoying right then and there the only heaven he would ever know.

Now consider the beggar Lazarus. He had no ease during his lifetime. He was poor, hungry, afflicted. But he was a child of God. We may suppose that he found it hard to understand the prosperity of the wicked, selfish rich man, who sat at his bountiful table and feasted while a child of

God lay at the gate and desired even crumbs from the table.

There came a time when the rich man died, and "in hell he lift up his eyes." Lazarus died also, and was carried away to Abraham's bosom. No longer was he hungry; now he didn't lie at the gate begging for crumbs. He was no longer afflicted, or ignored, or misunderstood, or forsaken. Oh, yes, he had had a hard time for a while. As Abraham said, he had the evil things in his lifetime, while the rich man had the good. But now Lazarus was comforted.

Let me ask again: Where is your heaven? Where was the rich man's heaven? Where was Lazarus' heaven? Didn't the rich man, by his own choosing, make this earth his heaven? In choosing to grasp all the good things he could grasp in his lifetime he turned his back on God. He made his heaven here, instead of "hereafter."

What about you? Are you making the same mistake? So many are seeking for wealth, or fame, or pleasure, or comfort, and in doing so have turned their backs on God. Their only ambition is to live in the best part of town, occupy the best house, drive the biggest car, wear the most expensive clothing, seek the greatest honor, and have the most enjoyable, most pleasurable time possible. And sometimes they succeed.

Are you one who has? If so, you ought to make the most of what you have, for that is the only heaven you'll ever know, unless you change your attitude and come to the Lord. Enjoy that fine home while you can, for you will never live in a heavenly mansion. While you play and search for earthly pleasure, you are forfeiting the joys of heaven. When you ride in your expensive automobile, remember that you will never ride in a golden chariot. Enjoy your fine food while you can, for you'll never sit at the great supper over there. You, like the rich man,

are getting your "good things" now; you are now enjoying the only heaven you will ever know.

But you may say, "I don't live in a fine home. I have very little of this world's goods. I have always had a difficult time. I have known tragedy, suffering, sorrow, and heartache. Though I don't know God, surely what I have experienced in this life is not the best I will ever know." That is the tragedy of so many lives. For even at its worst, it will still be the best a sinner will ever know. What an awful thing that after all the sorrow, heartaches, and suffering of this life, many will never have anything better. Many will never be comforted, as was Lazarus, for they choose to leave God out of their lives; and whether it be much or little, this is the only heaven they will ever know.

But the future of the righteous will be very much better. These clothes are not the best I'll ever wear. This house is not really my home—just wait until you see my heavenly mansion! That automobile in my driveway is not the best I'll ever ride in. Some day I shall go gliding down the golden streets in a shining chariot.

Surely I've been afflicted. Of course I've been tried. I've known want and sorrow and heartache. I've been deeply disappointed; I've been misunderstood; I've felt forsaken. The way has never been easy, and there have been things I could not understand. I've sacrificed this world's goods for Jesus' sake, and I've desired many things I never obtained.

But this is not all of it. I know it's going to be different one day. My heaven is not here, but yonder. I know that though, like Lazarus, in my lifetime I've received evil things, one day I shall be "comforted," for my heaven is over yonder.

Where is *your* heaven? ◀◀



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The Honorable Mark Hatfield

EFFECTIVE WITNESSING

By **MARK O. HATFIELD**

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HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS FOR Christ is, in my estimation, the most important subject for any church or religious organization. To me, there is no other time in the history of Western civilization when the ideals and the concepts and the beliefs of man have been so utterly and so eloquently challenged—those things which we have held over the years as being the very foundations of our civilization and the most vital points of our faith.

I need not review for you the great sequence of events which has unfolded before our very eyes over the last few years. That sequence of events shows that there are powerful forces moving in the world today which would challenge not only our political system, but also the very spiritual roots and foundations of our faith. It is a godless, materialistic, unspiritual system which is one of our great adversaries in the world today.

And how best to meet this challenge? In my humble judgment, we must meet it with the power of God, because only He can meet the power of the evil one and the dark forces of the devil himself. Gentlemen, I understand that forty per cent of this audience are laymen and sixty per cent are clergy. I don't like to make that distinction, because, in effect, we are all preachers; in effect, we are all proclaimers. If we do not feel this within our own Christian experience in life, then perhaps it is time to re-examine and re-evaluate; because God did not call just

certain individuals to be men of the cloth and proclaim His gospel. He called all believers to be witnesses. So we ought to consider certain fundamental points which would make us most effective in this day in promulgating and promoting the cause of the gospel.

First of all, if we are to be effective witnesses we must have a *knowledge* of that which we call our faith. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "And He Himself appointed some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and teachers, in order fully to equip His people for the work of serving—for the building up of Christ's body—till we all of us arrive at oneness in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and at mature manhood and the stature of full-grown men in Christ" (4:12, 13, Weymouth).

I sometimes feel that we have neglected this very important factor in Christian service. We have said, "I understand; I comprehend that which I believe," and let it stop right there. But we have a very self-centered faith, if we are willing to take in and not give out. It is a very egotistic faith if we are not willing to share it with other people. The essence of Christian witness is to share that which we possess.

I taught in the university classroom for seven years, and each year I would ask my political science students, "Why are you a Democrat, or why are you a Republican?" And the usual answer was, "Well, because my mother and father were Democrats," or, "Because

my mother and father are Republicans." They themselves had never stopped to weigh, measure, and evaluate the ideals to which they adhered.

Do we not find an analogy in the Church. There are Christians today who say, "Why, of course, I am a Christian; I would not be a heathen." They seem to think that everybody in America is a Christian because it is a Christian nation. And we gullibly go along, never having actually stopped to analyze why we are Christians. In other words, do we have the knowledge of our faith? This is something we have to come to grips with, because today in America we have a great renaissance of religious activity and interest—and I wonder if it is based upon a foundation of understanding. We are told that the greatest number of people ever in the history of America now have their names on church rolls. Over one hundred million Americans belong to the churches today. But, as a great editorial in a Portland (Oregon) newspaper once said, in comment on these hundred million so-called Christians: "We wonder if joining the church is much like joining the service clubs or a lodge or a country club, with a lot of these people who call themselves churchmen."

I would like to read to you on this subject from the Book of Romans: "Brethren, my heart's longing, and my prayer to God, is for my countrymen's salvation. I bear witness that they possess an enthusiasm for God, but it is an unenlightened one. Ignorant of the righteousness provided by God and seeking to establish their own, they have refused submission to God's righteous-

ness. For the consummation of Law is Christ, to bring righteousness to every believer" (10:1-4). I wonder if perhaps that is the situation in America today. We have an enthusiasm for religious affairs, but that does not necessarily mean that it is an enlightened one. That is why we who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour must have the knowledge of our faith in order to impart it.

A second thing we must have is *sensitivity*. We must understand the people to whom we are speaking. Sometimes I grow weary with those who try to cram every person into their own mold, expecting a repetition of their own personal experience of coming to know Jesus Christ. But just read the Scriptures, my friend; you won't find two men of the great leaders of the Church who came in the same way, because Christ is adaptable to all needs of men, not just to one particular need of man.

Let me illustrate, again referring to the Scriptures. Paul, in the 13th chapter of the Book of the Acts, was speaking to a Jewish congregation. He had a sensitivity toward the hearers of that day; so he started by establishing a rapport, a mode of communication, a channel of thought. What did he do? He reviewed the history of the Jewish people, starting with the Jewish prophets and then, by referring to the Jewish prophets and the promise of the Messiah; proceeded—bringing his congregation with him—to present Jesus Christ to them, through the channel of their own historians.

Then move into the 14th chapter. Paul came to the city of Lystra, and there he had a different congregation. Did he repeat for them the history of the Jewish prophets? No! Because they had no understanding of, or appreciation for, the Jewish prophets. Rather, these people in Lystra, as Paul knew, were naturalists. They were people who worshiped nature. So what did Paul say to them? "We bring you the good news that you are to turn from these unreal things, to worship the living God, the creator of earth and sky and sea and of everything that is in them." Paul knew this was the language which would get his message across. And he presented Jesus Christ through the realm, if you please, of naturalism.

In Acts 17 Paul was in yet a different area, the great city of Athens which, as you know, was in that day the center of culture, refinement, understanding, knowledge, education.

When Paul came into this city, he saw on all hands images which had been erected to the false gods of the early Greek civilization. As he stood in the Areopagus and spoke to his listeners that day, he said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that you are in every respect remarkably religious. For as I passed along and observed your objects of worship, I found an altar bearing the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'" So Paul immediately was speaking the language of those people. And what did he say to them? "What, therefore, you in ignorance revere, I now proclaim to you. . . . For it is in Him we live and move and have our being." And what were those words? They were the words of a Greek philosopher-poet. Paul was using their language in order to present Jesus Christ.

That is what I mean, my friends, when I say that we must be sensitive to our hearers. We cannot expect them to be at a certain place in their spiritual understanding so that they understand our language; but we can, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, adapt our language to fit their need, so they will know of what we are speaking.

A third thing concerning effective Christian witness is this matter of *preparing through prayer*. I would like to refer again to the Word of God, this time to Colossians: "Be earnest and unwearied in prayer, being intent on it and on your giving of thanks. And pray at the same time for us also, that God may open to us a door for preaching, for us to tell the truth concerning Christ for the sake of which I am even a prisoner. Then I shall proclaim it fully, as it is my duty to do. Behave wisely in relation to the outside world, seizing your opportunities" (4:2-5). Seizing your opportunities! My friends, we have unlimited opportunities today. Are we seizing them? Or are we failing to seize them because we have not prepared ourselves, as Paul did with unwearied prayer?

One of the bases for an effective Christian witness is that our life be so full of prayer that we are led by the Holy Spirit; that doors are opened for us, instead of our having to jam against them, trying to beat them down. Not one of us in this room has ever led a man to Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit working through our lives who leads men to Christ. And the Holy Spirit cannot work through a life that is not in communication. The channel has to be open. We cannot

be going about in our own way attempting to build the kingdom of God, as if we were the masons, or the carpenters, or the electricians building this great house. We are merely the tools with which the Holy Spirit can work.

I would like to close my remarks this morning with one other thought. We have been talking about a Christian witness which must have an understanding of the gospel. That can come only with a daily meditation, a daily reading, and a daily studying. Gentlemen, I spend about eighteen hours a day in my job, and it is a job which the Lord has blessed, I am sure, because He has not given me this job for my own personal ambitions and desires. The first thing in my life and the first thing in my job must be to do everything, everything, in the spirit, in the name, and in the consciousness of Christ. And if I do that, that becomes my ambition, not to advance my cause. Some have said to me, "What do you plan on doing now?" My friend, I don't know. If I try to plan my own life, then, of course, I am not following after what could be the will of God, but the will of Mark Hatfield. So I say this to you: the first purpose of our very life is not for our profession, for our business, for our vocation. It is for the building of God's kingdom. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom." And to be effective witnesses, it has to be *that* first, and not *me* first.

Turn for just one moment to Luke 9:61—"Master," said yet another, "I will follow you; but allow *me first* to go and say good-bye to my friends at home." "Master, I will . . . but *me first!*" *Me first!* Many times we read all the words of that verse, but it comes right down to the one phrase, "*Me first.*" If this band of men in this room today would see the vision that the world is a pulpit from which it is interested and anxious to hear the gospel preached—not just from the formal pulpit, but from the shop and from the business house, from every area of our life and our society—then we will have effective Christian witness, if it becomes *Christ first*, not *me first*; if we base it upon our knowledge, upon prayer, upon being sensitive, and with love toward our fellow man.

My friends, this is the call. It is up to you how to respond, because God does not twist any person's arm. Let's do less talking about the job and let's act with the power of God in our life to accomplish the building of the kingdom of God. ◀ ◀



Born After Midnight

BY A. W. TOZER

AMONG CERTAIN REVIVAL-MINDED Christians I have heard the saying, "Revivals are born after midnight."

This is one of those proverbs which, while not quite literally true, yet points to something very true.

If we understand the saying to mean that God does not hear prayer for revival made in the daytime, it is of course not true. If we take it to mean that prayer offered when we are tired and worn-out has greater power than prayer made when we are rested and fresh, again it is not true. God would need to be very austere indeed to require us to turn our prayer into penance, or to enjoy seeing us punish ourselves by intercession. Traces of such ascetical notions are still found among some gospel Christians. While these brethren are to be commended for their zeal, they are not to be excused for unconsciously attributing to God a streak of sadism unworthy of fallen men.

Yet there is considerable truth in the idea that revivals are born after midnight, for revivals (or any other spiritual gifts and graces) come only to those who want them badly enough. It may be said without qualification that every man is as holy and as full of the Spirit as he wants to be. He may not be as full as he *wishes* he were, but he is most certainly as full as he *wants* to be.

Our Lord placed this beyond dispute when He said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Hunger and thirst are physical sensations

which, in their acute stages, may become real pain. It has been the experience of countless seekers after God that when their desire became a pain they were suddenly and wonderfully filled. The problem is not to persuade God to fill us, but to want God sufficiently to permit Him to do so. The average Christian is so cold and so contented with His wretched condition that there is no vacuum of desire into which the blessed Spirit can rush in satisfying fullness.

Occasionally there will appear on the religious scene a man whose unsatisfied spiritual longings become so big and important in his life that they crowd out every other interest. Such a man refuses to be content with the safe and conventional prayers of the frost-bound brethren who "lead in prayer" week after week and year after year in the local assemblies. His yearnings carry him away and often make something of a nuisance out of him. His puzzled fellow Christians shake their heads and look knowingly at each other, but like the blind man who cried after his sight and was rebuked by the disciples, he "cries the more a great deal." And if he has not yet met the conditions or there is something hindering the answer to his prayer, he may pray on into the late hours. Not the hour of night but the state of his heart decides the time of his visitation. For him it may well be that revival comes after midnight.

It is very important, however, that we understand that long prayer vigils,

or even strong crying and tears, are not in themselves meritorious acts. Every blessing flows out of the goodness of God as from a fountain. Even those rewards for good works about which certain teachers talk so fulsomely, and which they always set in sharp contrast to the benefits received by grace alone, are at bottom as certainly of grace as is the forgiveness of sin itself. The holiest apostle can claim no more than that he is an unprofitable servant. The very angels exist out of the pure goodness of God. No creature can "earn" anything in the usual meaning of the word. All things are by and of the sovereign goodness of God.

Lady Julian summed it up quaintly when she wrote, "It is more honor to God, and more very delight, that we faithfully pray to Himself of His goodness and cleave thereunto by His grace, and with true understanding, and steadfast by love, than if we took all the means that heart can think. For if we took all those means, it is too little, and not full honor to God. But in His goodness is all the whole, and *there* faileth right nought. . . . For the goodness of God is the highest prayer, and it cometh down to the lowest part of our need."

Yet for all God's good will toward us He is unable to grant us our heart's desires till all our desires have been reduced to one. When we have dealt with our carnal ambitions; when we have trodden upon the lion and adder of the flesh, have trampled the dragon of self-love under our feet and have

truly reckoned ourselves to have died unto sin, then and only then can God raise us to newness of life and fill us with His blessed Holy Spirit.

It is easy to learn the doctrine of personal revival and victorious living; it is quite another thing to take our cross and plod on to the dark and bitter hill of self-renunciation. Here many are called and few are chosen. For everyone that actually crosses over into the Promised Land there are many who stand for a while and look longingly across the river and then turn sadly back to the comparative safety of the sandy wastes of the old life.

No, there is no merit in late hour prayers, but it requires a serious mind and a determined heart to pray past the ordinary into the unusual. Most Christians never do. And it is more than possible that the rare soul who presses on into the unusual experience reaches there after midnight.

—Alliance Weekly

The Bag of Medicine

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

RELIGION AND MEDICINE ARE CLOSER together," says a recent report issued by the American Medical Association, "than at any time in modern history. There is growing evidence that, in the free world at least, the myth of the godless doctor is dying fast..."

An interesting observation. There is no doubt but that the rash of restlessness everywhere prevalent, the upward surge of mental cases, and allied problems forcibly indicates that there are troubles deeper than blood and bone. It is necessary in these times to be reminded of things more meaningful than the material, requiring nothing else nor less than the Balm of Gilead from the "grace chest" of the "Great Physician." There is a moral malignancy, a spiritual cancer which can be cured only by Calvary.

For so many things must the bag of medicine be put away; the heart must be opened to the deeper reality of "the blood of Jesus Christ" that "cleanseth



ONE OF THE SADDEST INCIDENTS, and one that attracted national attention, was that of the two "human guinea pigs" who were killed in a laboratory experiment testing the effects of sedatives as pain controllers. It happened in South Dakota.

The doctor told a coroner's jury how he injected by mistake a drug which killed them. He thought he was using demerol, but found he had used methadon instead. He said the normal dose of demerol is 100 to 150 milligrams. The normal injection of methadon is 10 milligrams. He said he gave the two persons 100 milligrams each of the methadon.

"Were the bottles labeled?" he was asked by Clay County State's Attorney, Martin Weeks, Jr.

"Yes," he replied.

"Did you read them?"

"Yes."

"Then how do you account for this mistake?"

us from all sin" (I John 1:7). In the highest sense, it is only the love of God lined in the healing wonder of Calvary, that can bring the blessed relief of full assurance.

The Lord indicated the nature of today's troubles when He said, "I am come that they might have life" (John 10:10), and the nature of that life is seen in His further word, "and this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent" (John 17:3). That life must be received personally, through the healing marvel of new birth (John 3) and new creation (2 Corinthians 5:7). It cannot be doubted—the evidence everywhere is overwhelming—there is a stain of a "different kind" of sickness which

Wrong Drug Kills Two

"It is one of those things you can't account for," the doctor answered.

"You checked it, and then you just don't know how to account for it."

No one questions the doctor's sincerity. The case goes to prove that an intelligent person can be sincerely mistaken. Tragic as that is in matters pertaining to this life, it is even more so in matters pertaining to eternity!

So many persons say that as long as they are sincere in what they believe they will fare all right. But the fact of the matter is that if what they believe is not the truth of the gospel, they are sincerely mistaken.

There need be no fatal mistake in this important matter for the Lord Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Check and double-check yourself on this vitally important point. What is Christ to you?

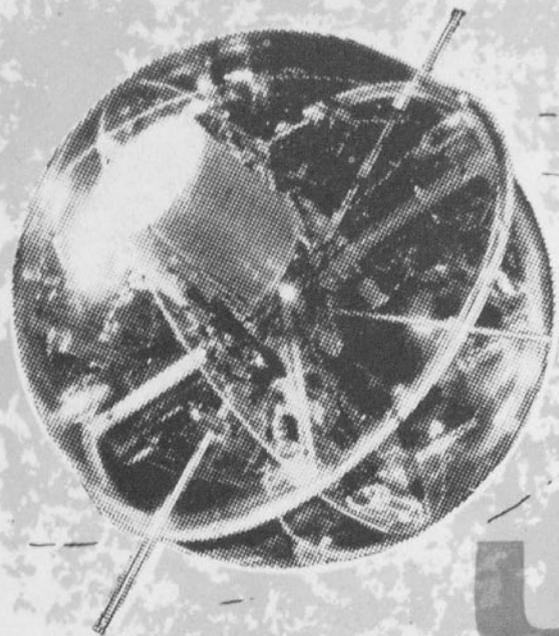
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moves beyond the material, pressing beyond the physical. Some manifestations may be modern but the root is old, very old: "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint" (Isaiah 1:5). A man may turn to all the pills on this planet only to find that the heart is not healed; that which is missing is missed most of all in the deepest regions of the being. The call and cure of Calvary await the consent of the individual for health of heart, and that brings a spiritual newness which this old world knows nothing of.

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The devil is willing for a person to confess Christianity as long as he doesn't practice it.



Exploring GOD'S UNIVERSE

—BY E. J. SCHLOSSMACHER

ON JULY 1, 1957 THE SCIENTIFIC world began an eighteen-month period known as the International Geophysical Year. Physical scientists from fifty-eight nations are undertaking the greatest single research effort in the history of man. At more than a thousand field stations they are recording every aspect of the earth's behavior. Chains of stations have been set up from pole to pole. From bitter cold to humid heat, from mountain peaks to ocean deeps, from deep within the earth to an artificial moon some 1,000 miles above the earth—this is the length and breadth of the IGY endeavor.

The earth's interior has long intrigued the mind of man. The fiery eruptions of volcanoes and the trembling and cracking of the earth's surface during earthquakes have played a role in shaping man's ideas concerning the center of our earth. Scientific instruments will probe the deep. What will their dials read? What will their answers be?

The most important experiment will be the launching of earth satellites, one of which has already been thrust into space by Soviet Russia. Soon the U.S. will launch its satellite, a twenty-one-pound globe of shiny magnesium containing miniature instruments and a radio transmitter powered by batteries. As it passes over a chain of receiving

stations on the ground, it will broadcast information about cosmic ray intensity, ultraviolet radiation, and other complicated data. After its batteries are spent, the man-made moon will be silent, and it will finally fall back to earth.

This tremendous scientific effort will add much to our knowledge of things which affect our physical lives: weather, magnetism, gravity, cosmic rays, etc. It will reveal the wonder of God's physical universe, of which David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy-work" (Psalm 19:1).

But science cannot penetrate man's deepest problems. Science cannot search out the secrets of a stricken soul. It remains for man to subject himself to spiritual measurements through the Holy Scriptures to learn the facts about his own true self.

While man goes about the study of the earth upon which he lives, he had better take time to study himself also. How shall he answer the fears and follies and failures which cross his path so frequently in this modern age? There

are spiritual realities which cannot be measured, except by Calvary. What a tragedy if man spends all his effort learning of the things which surround him, yet remains in ignorance of the reason for the torments within.

Scientific instruments cannot find God. Man obtains knowledge of the Creator Himself through revelation only. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. It is to be hoped that the wonders of the universe may humble man and give him a desire to worship God, so that he may turn in spirit and truth to Christ.

Between now and the last of December, 1958, hundreds of scientific stations will provide data about the universe. But as of old, the Almighty calls attention to His one "station" where all matters are met in the wonder of grace, mercy, and love—the place called Calvary. While others are exploring God's universe, let us explore the wonders of the reality of salvation in Christ Jesus. ◀◀

I GREW UP IN A MENNONITE COMMUNITY in Illinois. At the age of 13 I was saved and baptized and became active in the young people's work. About five years later I felt the call to the ministry.

About that time our denomination began a school to train young men for ministerial work. To choose their ministers the local churches would call a meeting of their entire membership and vote for anyone who felt a call to preach. Then the congregation would take all the names of those who received votes, and cast lots for one name. The one on whom the lot fell would be selected as their new preacher, and they believed he was the one called of God.

My parents did not approve of this method and looked upon it as a man-made idea. My grandmother wept much that I could be so "sinful" as to want to go to school to prepare for the ministry.

Through it all, I became discouraged and careless about my Christian activities. When about 22 years old, I married a Christian girl of my own denomination. We moved to Bloomington, Illinois, and I became a fireman on the railroad. About a year later I quit to take up stationary engineering. I followed the trade for 17 years until my health became so poor I could not do inside work. We moved to Oklahoma and I started to do outside work.

When our oldest daughter was about four years old she developed a throat infection. Surgery was a failure, and we were dreading another operation. We now lived in a new neighborhood where there was a Christian Scientist. His wife and my wife became close friends. My wife and I talked about Christian Science, and the Scientist assured us that his treatments would help our daughter. We decided to let him try. She went over to their house every morning for four mornings. When she came home the fourth morning she said she was healed and would not need to go back again.

As a result we began to take up the study of Christian Science, and for about 10 years we followed its teachings. I even got so far as to deny the power of the blood of Jesus to save from sin. Mary Baker Eddy said in her book, *Science and Health*, that the blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when it was flowing in His veins. Such

From Christian Science to Gospel Truth

Irwin C. ("Dad") Salzman tells how he was ensnared by Christian Science, before God led him into the Gospel light.

blasphemy! To think my understanding became so blinded!

In His love and mercy, God reached down to the bottom of the barrel and saved me. Our oldest daughter began keeping company with some young people who attended Faith Tabernacle, a Pentecostal church in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and before I knew it she united with them. Needless to say, I made life miserable for her, but she stayed true to her new-found faith.

My daughter tried to get her mother and dad saved. She had her pastor and friends talk to me, but to no avail. Her pastor said to her, "Helen, the only way to get that hard-headed dad



"Dad" Salzman

of yours saved is to pray." She did pray, and the whole church of about 150 prayed too.

About two years later Dr. Charles Price started a meeting in Convention Hall in Tulsa. I attended almost every night and got so under conviction I was miserable. I knew from my early Bible training that Dr. Price was preaching the true gospel, and I was stirred by the genuine healings that took place in the meetings in answer to his prayers. One Sunday my wife and I drove over to the home of Helen's pastor to talk with him. We said, "If Pentecost is right we are eternally lost, but if Christian Science is right we will have another chance." Christian Science teaches that there is no hell; you get better by various stages, till all error is finally destroyed; God is too good to send anyone to an eternal hell.

Helen and her church friends kept on praying for me.

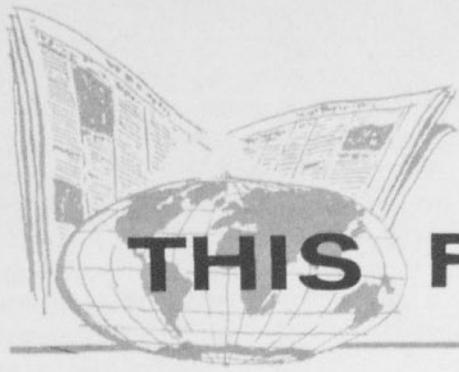
It was the last night of the meeting. Dr. Price was closing his campaign. That night I walked in through a side door and sat down under the balcony. I was aware that there were many people there who recognized me and knew that I was a Scientist. To this day I do not know why I did it, but when the altar call was given I got up and walked across the aisle into an empty row of seats and spoke to a friend of mine in the row ahead. I said, "Why don't you go up and join with your family and these people? You won't line up with my church; why not go with your family."

He turned to me and said, "Irwin, if you'll go, I'll go."

He started walking. I had intended to go back to my seat under the balcony, but when I got to the aisle I went toward the altar. The pastor came and helped us to pray. I knelt down by an old chair and let Jesus come into my heart.

For over 17 years I have been in the Assemblies of God fellowship. Our entire family is now saved. My oldest son is the pastor of an Assembly in San Pedro, California. Our other son is a Christian businessman. All our children and grandchildren are serving the Lord.

What if my daughter had grown weary and given up praying for us? All of us would still be lost. God hears and answers prayer. It is a power you need never give up. Are your loved ones saved? Keep on praying; you can win them for Christ. ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

MISSIONS

Missionaries May Soon Teach Natives to Read in Sixty Days

Reports of a new toy, which helps first-graders learn to read in two months instead of nine, are now being investigated by evangelical missionaries. If practical, the device may revolutionize mission school teaching methods.

The toy was invented by a retired Italian school teacher, who refers to it as a "tombola magica." It consists of a box, not larger than a book, containing cards and small bags of cut-out letters and syllables. Children learn to compose words by syllables while learning to read. The "tombola" thus combines the advantages of syllabic over alphabetical reading and of having the children play while they learn.

Educators throughout Italy have found the "tombola" highly effective. It has already been adopted by 1,500 elementary schools in that country, and hundreds more plan to use it during the next school term.

Future of Africa Will Be Decided in Next 10 Years, Statesman Says

Africa's future course will be determined during the next ten years. That is the opinion of Dr. Joseph Simonson who until recently served as U. S. ambassador to Ethiopia.

Speaking at a Lutheran dinner, Dr. Simonson said that one of three forces will influence the "dark continent" in the way it will go: either the Christian West, or the Mohammedan Middle East, or Russian Communism. Ethiopia, according to Dr. Simonson, is one spot from which the U. S. can exert the right kind of influence over the whole African continent. "We had better not miss our chance there," he declared.

Barrancabermeja Church Again Opened

For several months the Church of the Foursquare Gospel at Barrancabermeja, largest Protestant church in Colombia, South America, has been in the news. On June 9 it was permitted to open after being closed by the government for several years, but was

closed again after one Sunday. Since that time much effort has been made, especially by our government, to re-open the church.

A recent cablegram from Colombia indicates that the church was again opened on August 25, without incident. The government reports this will be a permanent policy as far as this church is concerned.

Oppose Communist-Sponsored Education Bill in India

Protest meetings are being held in South India against the Education Bill sponsored by the Communist government of Kerala state. The proposed law would put all schools in the state

under government control. Both Protestants and Catholics are opposing the bill. They charge it is "clearly aimed at the liquidation of private agencies" and seeks to "regiment the educational system on a Communistic pattern."

CHURCH AND STATE

Italian High Court Decision Upholds Religious Freedom

An outdated fascist law in Italy no longer can be used as an excuse for limiting religious freedom of evangelicals and other non-Catholics. This was the meaning of information given recently to an official of the National Association of Evangelicals by the Italian ambassador to the U.S.

The statement said that the decisions of the Supreme Council of State, Italy's highest court, clarifying an article of the Italian Constitution, will be considered basic to the guarantee of religious freedom. The Council ruled that the article means that anyone may worship according to the dictates of conscience, privately or collectively, and may propagate his religion without permission or interference from the police. (Although the Supreme Council of State handed down the original decision several months ago, its enforcement seemed dubious until August when this firm commitment of the Italian government was made.)

Ask State Aid for Church Construction in Netherlands

A Netherlands government commission has recommended that the State contribute to the cost of building new churches throughout the country over the next ten years. The commission said that government support is "indispensable if the churches are to continue properly to perform their tasks." The report was based on a 19-months study by state, provincial, and municipal officials in collaboration with religious leaders. The commission was established after a royal decree ruled that State subsidies for new churches are constitutional.

The commission urged that the gov-

At a Glance...

Jewish Group Opposes Gambling. The executive council of the United Synagogue of America has declared that games of chance as "fund-raising activities are not in keeping with the spirit of the synagogue." It has urged Jews to vote in November against the New York state constitutional amendment that would legalize bingo for religious and charitable groups.

"Lamplighters" Urge Church Attendance. When families move into the Lakeview community on Chicago's North Side, they can expect a friendly visit from the "Lamplighter." That's the person assigned to invite newcomers in the neighborhood to attend the church of their choice. Eight Protestant churches of various denominations have joined in this project, called L.A.M.P.—Lakeview Associated Ministry of Protestants. They are determined that every newcomer will receive an invitation to attach himself to some church in the community. Every block has its own "Lamplighter."

PTL Distributes Scriptures Among German Army. The Pocket Testament League, which has distributed the Scriptures to people of many nationalities—from U. S. servicemen to the Mau Mau of East Africa—has a new target. It will distribute Scriptures in the German language among the 500,000 men in the new West German army. It has already completed an initial distribution of 50,000 Gospels, and 5,000 New Testaments are also being supplied for those who sign the PTL agreement to carry and read them daily.

ernment pay one-third of the cost of new churches, regardless of denomination. It said that church building has not kept pace with home building, which has doubled since the end of World War II. It cautioned that State subsidies should not affect the churches' independence, and that the government should beware of discriminating against groups which do not belong to an organized church and worship in non-ecclesiastical buildings.

A Great Paradox

It is reported that Spain has a million children for whom school facilities are not available. And yet, 200 evangelical schools in that land have been closed by government officials. It makes one wonder if the leaders of this predominantly Roman Catholic land want the children educated, or whether they deliberately choose illiteracy as a weapon to keep the masses in subjection.

BIBLE

Canadian Gideons Preparing Hand-Written Bible

The Gideons attracted considerable attention at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Canada, by asking fair-goers to help them produce a hand-written copy of the Bible. At their booth they had a black Morocco leather book in which visitors were invited to write one Bible verse, placing their name and address below. The Gideons plan to make this an annual feature at the Exhibition. Seven years from now, when it is expected the last verse of the Bible will be completed, more than 31,000 people from all over the world will have had a hand in the work.

Shipment of Bibles Turned Back by Yugoslav Government

Two freight carloads of Bibles from the British and Foreign Bible Society were turned back from Yugoslavia's border by government officials, according to informed sources in Belgrade. The sources said that apparently the reason for the ban was that, due to a printing error, the Yugoslav-language Bibles contained the words, "Belgrade, 1956," on the front page, indicating they were printed in Yugoslavia.

The government reportedly maintained it could not allow distribution of Bibles containing such an inscription. No Bibles have been printed in Yugoslavia since World War II when it became a Communist country.

Church sources in Belgrade said there

Failure of Toy Answers Missionaries' Prayers

John Tigrett walked into a store in his home town of Jackson, Tennessee. He wanted to buy a small phonograph for his youngest son's birthday but found he couldn't get one for less than nine or ten dollars—and not a very good one, at that.

John Tigrett was a toy manufacturer himself. He reasoned: "There ought to be a market for an inexpensive, and practically indestructible unit for small children." He presented the idea at his factory where workers came up with a plastic phonograph. It had a better tone than the more expensive models—and the unit could sell for just \$1.98. Mr. Tigrett thought he had a sure money-maker!

But he hadn't figured on the push-button American child. The \$1.98 model had to be wound by hand. The children didn't want it.

Tigrett was about to discontinue manufacturing the item when a religious magazine published a short article about it. In a few weeks his offices were deluged with letters from missionaries and mission boards. Missionaries had been praying for an inexpensive phonograph to take the gospel on records, in native dialects,

to every corner of the earth. This was an answer to their prayers.

So, John Tigrett found himself unexpectedly tied up with missions. Since this was the Lord's work, he decided that his company would forego its profits on the phonographs, and shaved the price to 98c each. Today some 30,000 of these inexpensive phonographs are carrying the message of Christ to multitudes in far-off countries.

One missionary wrote that the phonograph was carrying the gospel to a hundred different places he had had difficulty in reaching before. He sent machines and records into the jungle with students trained at the mission schools.

Orders for the phonographs continue to pour into Tigrett's offices. Mr. Tigrett hopes he can cut the price to 50c—the manufacturing cost—by getting business friends around the country to donate the raw materials.

What the push-button-conscious American child almost caused to be a costly fiasco has turned out to be a means of bringing the message of Christ to countless thousands. The phonograph may be hand-wound, but its message touches hearts.

is a great shortage of Bibles in Yugoslavia and many copies of the Scriptures are needed. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the only Bible distributor in Yugoslavia.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jewish Congress Objects to Sunday Laws

The American Jewish Congress at New York has issued a pamphlet titled, "Sunday Laws, a Violation of Religious Liberty." It claims that Sunday laws are "religious statutes" that violate the separation of Church and State, "favor one religion, and discriminate against all seventh-day observers."

Meanwhile, the movement for Sunday observance continues to spread across the land. In Atlanta, Georgia, a delegation of Protestant clergymen called upon the mayor and filed a formal protest against illegal Sunday sales. When the clergymen said that steps should be taken to curb the increase in Sunday sales, the mayor agreed, saying he is "opposed to a wide-open Sunday."

The differing beliefs as to which day of the week is observed as a day of rest may lead to conflicts, but it

has some advantages, too, especially where positions have to be manned seven days a week. The Ground Observer Corps is an example. A formal agreement has been made in Florida whereby Seventh-Day Adventists will man the state's 500 observation posts on Sundays, so that other volunteers who do duty Monday through Saturday can be free to attend church services.

Dope Addiction Becoming Serious Problem in the U.S.

There are now some 60,000 drug addicts in the United States—more than in all other Western hemisphere nations combined, and one addict for every 3,000 Americans.

Dope traffic has trebled since World War II, with ranks of addicts swelling at the rate of 1,000 a month. Most addicts are under 30 years of age, and one in eight is under 21. Approximately 40 per cent of crime in U. S. cities is estimated to be tied up with dope.

Addicts rob New Yorkers alone of \$150,000 a day, and that city's police annually arrest some 6,000 persons on narcotics charges. It is estimated there are 5,000 teen-age dope addicts in New York City—1,500 of whom are in high school.

THE FIRST SIN

E. S. WILLIAMS

IN THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE OF THIS series we gave thought to the temptation which led to the first human sin. Let us pursue this thought a little further.

Although there are many forms of temptation there are three avenues through which they come, as indicated in 1 John 2:16—"For all that is in the world, the *lust of the flesh*, and the *lust of the eyes*, and the *pride of life*, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Eve was tempted to worldliness, and what is that? It is that which turns the heart from God, that which wrongly represents Him in the world. We may well ask ourselves if we bear in our person the testimony of Jesus or the testimony of the world. Do our habits of speech, dress, and association adorn the gospel, or do they identify us with a world which crucifies our Lord?

Worldliness was the basis of part of Eve's temptation, and worldliness was a vital part of the temptation of our Lord Jesus. If He would only pay homage to Satan, the god of this world, the devil would give Him the entire world with its beauties and pleasures, and He would be a subordinate ruler. Satan will give us almost anything, if necessary, if only it will identify us with him and his kingdom rather than with the kingdom and purpose of our Lord Jesus. Christians are saved, not that they might be conformed to the world, but that they might be separated from it.

How subtle is Satan. The heart of the apostle Paul yearned over his converts at Corinth. As a father cherishes his noble daughter, so Paul cherished the Church. He looked forward to the hour when he might present her as a pure maiden to become the bride of our blessed Lord. But he had misgiv-

ings and fears lest the lovely believers become defiled by (dare I say it?) religious leaders. Yes, that is right. He would have them know that the way to become heirs of Christ was through identification with Him who died and rose again for us.

Look at the saintly apostle as he pleads for continuance of that purity and separation which had been enjoyed in the early days of Christian espousals. Then hear the expression of his fear: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Then he states the reason for his fears: "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (v. 4).

Would it not be well for us to pause for personal self-examination? Are we today as fervent as when we first gave our hearts to the Lord? Are we as fully detached from this present evil world as we were then? Something is wrong with us if we cannot answer these questions in the affirmative. Would "Christian" women go around in shorts a few years ago? Can you call shorts modest apparel? Would our ministers today be willing to make the same kind of sacrifices they once gladly made for Christ? Have we let down some of our standards?

We hear a great deal said in our day about the need for preaching a *positive* gospel. As I understand it, this means that we should tell the people how nice they are, how wonderful heaven will be, how graciously Christ will heal—without disturbing them about their sins and the way they should live.

God had something to say about the false prophets who cry "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. The true gospel message begins with conviction "of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"; and its positive aspect is the preaching that "the blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin." It was no flattering "positive" gospel that Paul preached when he stood before Felix and reasoned "of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come." The gospel of Jesus Christ has nothing cheap in it. A cheapened gospel is another gospel.

A false gospel may be a beautiful

gospel. You may know it by the fact that the cross is taken out of the life, and self-satisfaction put in its place. Men have a false gospel when they build themselves up as the great power of God instead of feeling, with the saintly John, "He must increase, but I must decrease." The spiritual atmosphere of our day is filled with another gospel. People want to receive the Holy Spirit without making any heart-searching consecration of their lives to God. It doesn't work that way. We may preach a free gospel, without money and without price, but there is a price to pay. We are to cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. We are to be "not conformed to this world: but...transformed," changed in spirit and walk.

Paul warned that "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). Then he warned that his messengers might seek to do the same (v. 15). This means that Satan can appear to be very religious. He can encourage excellence of song, commanding personality in ministering, and subscribe to all that is religious so long as it avoids the Cross. The name of Jesus may be much exalted, while the great purpose of redemption is avoided or lightly mentioned.

In the Garden the appeal was made to self-interest. Let the woman see the beauty of the tree which God had condemned. Let her taste the lusciousness of its dainty fruit, and above all, have her know that she could thus become like God.

In Eve's day they knew nothing of false gods. Elohim, who created the heavens and the earth, was the only God known to Eve. It is this word that was used by the tempter—"You will be like *Elohim*, knowing good from evil." What an exalted post for a woman so recently created! Satan would have her go, in one step, from her joy of ignorance into the joy of superlative knowledge.

She took the bait. She ate. But, alas, the sweetness of the fruit turned to bitterness; the knowledge gained was knowledge of sin and her bondage to it. God was displeased, her conscience condemned her, and the race was ruined because Eve was deceived by an angel of light and persuaded to go against the will of God. May our gracious Lord save us as His redeemed people, for if "the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

[NEXT WEEK: THE FIRST JUDGMENT]



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Is the Bride of Christ the same as the Body of Christ?

Some have taught that the Bride is a select company, taken out of the Church, which is His Body, as Eve was taken out of the body of Adam. They say the Bride consists of the overcomers, but they usually do not tell us what is required to be an overcomer. It is my belief that the Church, the Body of Christ, is spoken of as the Bride when its eternal union with Christ is the thought. It is spoken of as the Body when considered as working together with Him, the means whereby He expresses Himself in the world. It is as the Bride that the Church adorns itself in readiness to meet the Lord. It is as the Body that the Church grows through the working of the Holy Spirit in and through the members.

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Will the Holy Spirit be withdrawn from the earth when the saints are caught up to meet the Lord?

Many infer this from 2 Thessalonians 2:7—"He who now letteth [hindereth] will let, until he be taken out of the way." My conviction is that when the Church is caught away the Spirit's restraint on iniquity will be removed, making way for the manifestation of

the Man of Sin. At the same time His presence will be here to carry forward the purposes of God. It is by the Holy Spirit that men are awakened and drawn to God. "He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." If the 144,000 from the tribes of Israel are to be sealed and an innumerable multitude from among the Gentiles are to be harvested after the Church is caught away, then the strivings of the Spirit with these would seem to be an absolute necessity. See Revelation 7.

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Will the Gentile dispensation come to its close when Jesus comes for the Church?

The Bible indicates that "the times of the Gentiles" began with the captivity of Israel, when the Jews were taken into Babylon. The period will end when Jesus comes in the Revelation as the smiting Stone (Daniel 2). At that time Christ will come to the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4), Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1-3), and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15). God will then have washed away the filth of the

daughter of Zion and will have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof (Isaiah 4:4), and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters now cover the sea. Jerusalem shall then become the capital of the world (Isaiah 2:2-4).

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Will expectant mothers (Christians) be ready when Jesus comes?

When Jesus said, "Woe unto them that are with child" (Luke 21:23), He was not speaking concerning His coming. The context shows that He was merely warning of the difficulties that would be suffered by these women in seeking to flee swiftly from the doomed city of Jerusalem when the Romans would besiege it.

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Jesus said in Matthew 24:31 that He will "send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Since this is to take place after the tribulation (v. 29), how can we expect the coming of Christ for the Church before the tribulation?

There are those who hold that there will be only one coming of Christ. Most premillennialists however, believe that Matthew 24:31 refers to the regathering of Israel following the great tribulation, and not to the rapture of the Church. See Ezekiel 37.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

"ON SECOND THOUGHT"



Warm-hearted Christians are thoughtful of their pastor and of the missionary who carries the gospel abroad. They give and give again. God has ordained this means of propagating the gospel message, and blesses those who contribute to the material needs of His ministers. Generations of ministers have come and gone. Older men still pass the torch of Evangelism to younger ministers. Warm-hearted Chris-

tians still give. But, *here's the second thought.* . . . What becomes of the aged minister who passes from public view? Pioneers of a new organization such as ours did not have the means to prepare for retirement. They lived from hand to mouth, barely making ends meet. Now they have barely enough income to furnish the necessities of life. They still need the thoughtful provision of younger and stronger Christians.



Give a liberal offering for the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund on November 24, or provide for this need in the monthly budget of your church.

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GIVE HIM TIME

MARK—A DEVOTED DISCIPLE

Sunday School Lesson for
November 10, 1957

ACTS 12:12-25

The story of Mark stands as a source of encouragement to all whose spiritual progress at the outset of their experience has been slow. In order to gain this whole story it is necessary to put together all of the references in the New Testament concerning the young man who made such a grand spiritual comeback.

Mark's Home. "And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying." After being imprisoned for a week by Herod, Peter had been miraculously liberated in answer to unceasing prayer by the Christian church, which used the home of Mary the mother of Mark as a meeting place. Mary was a sister to Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a man of considerable means (Acts 4:36, 37) who sold his property and gave the proceeds to the church. Mary evidently retained hers, but for the glory of God, since her home was a meeting place for the Christians. Thus her son Mark grew up in a Christian atmosphere, his life influenced by touching the lives of spiritual leaders who came into his home.

Mark's Early Devotion. (Mark 14: 43-52). In the Gospel which bears his name Mark tells of "a certain young man" who, clad in his night clothes, followed Jesus in the hour of His betrayal until he was seized by the guards and fled, leaving his night clothes in their hands. Evidently Mark was speaking of himself. What probably happened is this: Christ ate the last Passover meal with His disciples either in the home of Mary or nearby, so that Mark overheard more or less of what was going on. And when the party left for the Garden, Mark, already an ardent lover of Christ, in boyish excitement and impulsiveness leaped out of bed, threw his sheet around him, and followed the party to the Garden. Then, when seized by the

guards, his courage failed and he fled back home. This would be in keeping with the conduct of Mark on his first journey with Paul.

Mark's Early Failure. (Acts 12:25 to 13:13). When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch from Jerusalem they took young Mark with them, realizing, no doubt, that the hand of the Lord was upon the young man for ministry. At Antioch the two men were chosen of God and sent forth on their missionary tour, and Mark went with them. In spite of the encouraging events which transpired at Paphos, when they came into Pamphylia Mark left them and went back home. Why? We are not told. Perhaps he was homesick. Evidently he was not yet prepared spiritually to live up to all the sacrifices and requirements of the ministry.

Mark's Spiritual Comeback. (1) *Encouraged by Barnabas* (Acts 15:36-39). Following the Council in Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas, having completed their first missionary trip, returned to Antioch. After a time they felt led to launch out on a second tour. Barnabas felt they should take Mark with them. Paul felt they ought not take the young man who had failed to make good on their first trip. "And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus." Who was right? Perhaps both! A high standard for the ministry must be maintained. Yet patience and kindness is needed with young Christians or new workers. Perhaps it was Paul's sternness which made Mark wake up to his



responsibilities as a minister! On the other hand, it was the gentle encouragement of Uncle Barnabas that enabled his nephew to stand at last on his own spiritual feet! We need Pauls and we need Barnabases!

(2) *Welcomed by Paul.* "Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas... and Jesus, which is called Justus... These only are my fellowworkers... which have been a comfort unto me." Years have passed. Paul is in prison in Rome. And listed now among his fellow workers is none other than Mark the former deserter!

(3) *Commended by Paul.* "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4: 11). More time has passed. Here is Paul's last letter before his martyrdom. And among his last requests made of Timothy is that he bring Mark to see him! Mark has made good! And so may all of us! "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

—J. Bashford Bishop

Healing Testimonies

FROM "EVANGEL" READERS

"I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE" EX. 15:26.

Nearsightedness Healed

This is my testimony of praise for God's healing power. I promised Him that if He healed my eyes I would witness for Him. I had worn strong glasses for 18 years, as I was very nearsighted. Whenever I attempted to go without them for an hour or so I would develop a terrific headache.

I was prayed for by Brother Quattlebaum at Sheffield Assembly of God, and the Lord healed my eyes. Now when I attempt to wear my glasses they give me a headache. The Lord is good. He still heals today if we only hold fast in faith.—Mrs. Vivian Hogan, 3225 Belmont, Kansas City, Mo.

(Endorsed by C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor, Sheffield Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo.)

Victory Over the Common Cold

I like Wisconsin, but the winters are usually very cold and long. Every winter I have had miserable colds. My third winter here I had the worst colds I have ever had. Spring and summer came, but I was still having frequent colds. The least little draft or chill would bring on a heavy cold that lasted for weeks.

I know this is the common experience of hundreds of God's dear people everywhere, but I have found that God is even greater than the pesty little plague called the common cold. Although colds are seldom fatal they waste time, sap our energy, and never glorify God. I am glad there is a cure.

While visiting my sisters on vacation I told them how discouraged I felt. Both my sisters had been fasting and praying, and were full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. I knelt by the bedside, they laid their hands on me, and we prayed that God would deliver me. He did. That cold left me and has never returned.

Soon after that, when I went to Bible camp, I failed to take enough bedding with me. One night I was

chilled through and through—but no cold resulted.

The fall season came, and as we found ourselves on the threshold of another cold winter my faith wavered. But I went down on my knees one day in definite, earnest prayer, and this is how I prayed: "Lord Jesus, Thou hast so wonderfully provided this lovely home for me. But it is cold in this country, and my body is frail. Since I know it to be Thy will for me to live in this cold climate, be pleased to glorify Thy name by taking me through this winter without colds. I feel so sure that Thy power is greater than the power of these colds."

So the great God of heaven has carried me through the winter, and now it is summer again—the month in which last year I visited my sisters. A full year has passed and I have not had one cold! God's hand of protection is over me still. Praise His holy name!—Helen Neimy, West De Pere, Wisconsin

Healed of Gall Bladder Trouble

My nine-year-old daughter had gall bladder trouble for over two years. Then Brother Gene Martin held a revival at our church, and on a Thursday night he prayed for the sick. The Lord instantly healed her.

The doctor had put my daughter on a very strict diet, but now she is able to eat anything she wants and has gained several pounds. It has been several months since the Lord healed her, and she is feeling fine. We surely do praise the Lord for this wonderful healing.—Lloyd H. Blair, Paramount, Calif.

(Endorsed by Ted S. Singleton, Pastor First Assembly of God, Paramount, Calif.)

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



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Facing Criticism

“Critics can become the very hammers of God to beat us into shape.”

PERHAPS ONE OF THE HARDEST things for a Christian to face is criticism. There is so much of it in the world we sometimes get discouraged. No doubt the evil of destructive criticism is here to stay until the world ends. Nevertheless the Bible teaches that the Christian is to lift up Christ in the face of calumny.

First, let us ask regarding criticism, “Is it true? Am I what people say I am? Do I fall short of the standards of Christianity?” If the criticism is true it should be a challenge to us, a blessing. We should profit by it and consider our critics our helpers. Someone has said, “Critics can become the very hammers of God to beat us into shape.”

When we are criticized we should

ask ourselves, “Is it false?” If we are criticized falsely we should remember the Book tells us, “Fear ye not the reproach of men” (Isa. 51:7). If the criticism is not true we need not worry. It is not men’s opinion about us that matters so much, but what we really are. Men may rob us of our reputation, but our character is far beyond their reach.

A certain writer once said, “Critical people live in the shadows and take a somber view of everything. They are always ready to bury a corpse before it is quite dead. Nothing suits them because they could have done it so much better themselves, but they never do. It is a miserable mission—living to criticize and find fault.”

Jesus said, “Pray for them that de-

spitefully use you. Bless them. Do good to them.” How much better to do this than to seek revenge, to talk back or to do as they do.

A teacher said to a teen-ager who had committed a serious misdemeanor, “Get this straight, whatever you said about me, I like you. Nothing can change me.” What an example! Jesus emphasized that His disciples were to do good to those that spread evil reports about them, “that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:44-46).

Sometimes it is well to speak to those who malign us or unjustly criticize us. The story is told of two Christian men who had a falling out. One heard that the other was talking about him, so he went to him and said, “Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults to my face that I may profit by your Christian candor?” “Yes, Sir,” replied the other, “I will.” They went aside, and the former said, “Let us pray over it first, that my eyes may be opened to see my faults as you tell them to me. You lead in prayer.”

Needless to say, prayer changed matters. The man who had offended his brother by false statements said, after praying, “The whole thing looks so little it is not worth talking about. In going around and talking about you I have been serving the devil himself, and I have need that you pray for me.” Yes, pray for those who spitefully use you.

The best way to face criticism is to talk to God about it. Alone with Him in our closet of prayer, we can ask Him to show us what to do, to know the right thing to say and when to say it. We can ask Him to give us grace to bear the unjust criticism which comes our way and to help us to remember the words of Paul, “Recompense to no man evil for evil” (Rom. 12:17-19).

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Mrs. Trula Prill at the time of healing

Healed of Polio

I was stricken with polio-neuritis (paralysis of the nerves) on November 22, 1955. I was completely paralyzed from my waist down. The nurses had to hold me up to enable me to stand on my feet. But now, thank God, I am healed.

In July 1956 I attended revival services held in Spokane, Washington, by Evangelist Clifton Erickson; that is, I was taken in my wheel chair. When Brother Erickson prayed for me the Lord healed me completely. I got up out of my wheel chair and walked home that night.

I now do all my own work, drive the car, work in the garden, and do practically everything any normal person does.

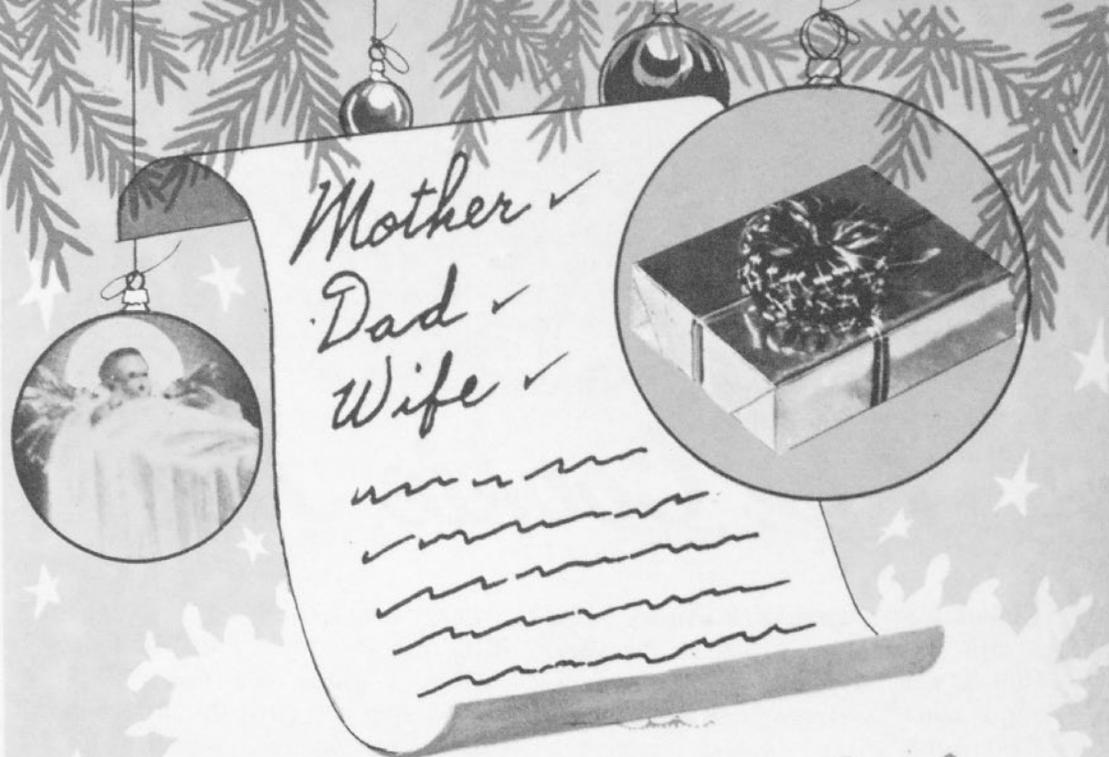
I had also suffered from migraine headaches for years, and was often compelled to stay in bed for three or four days at a time, suffering excruciating pain. Since my miraculous healing, I have not had any more headaches. *I have never used my wheel chair since my deliverance.*

I was a Methodist, but now I attend Hillyard Assembly in Spokane, where I. M. Henriksen is pastor. As a result of my healing my husband was saved and healed of deafness.

Before his healing my husband was unable to hear a telephone ring. After prayer by Brother Erickson he was able to hear a telephone ring in the next room, and then became able to talk over the phone normally.—Mrs. Trula Prill, Box 284, Deer Park, Wash.

(Endorsed by I. M. Henriksen, Pastor, Hillyard Assembly of God, Spokane, Wash.)

November 3, 1957



Who Heads Your Christmas List?

(Or don't you believe in advance planning?)

God believed in advance planning so much that He planned the first Christmas before the foundation of the world—and WE HEADED HIS CHRISTMAS LIST!

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son—and a woman tenderly wrapped that first unspeakably precious Christmas gift in swaddling clothes "and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

That unnamed innkeeper of long ago has often been criticized because he did not somehow make room for the Master in his crowded inn that night.

But, think a minute—have you made room for the Master on your list of those to be remembered at Christmas time? Have you planned even one gift for Him alone?

Is He even on your Christmas list, or is there "no room"?

Why not make your very *first* Christmas gift this year a gift for the Master, by remembering our home missionaries?

Some of them are isolated, laboring alone, enduring hardships and inconveniences we know little about, ceaselessly searching for the lost sheep at home.

These workers are His messengers, His representatives, even though their work is often unnoticed by most of us. Every year the Home Missions Department endeavors to send a small "extra" check at Christmas time to each of these appointed Home Missionaries.

By putting the Master first on your Christmas list and sending a gift in His Name for the Home Missionaries' Christmas Fund, you can help make this possible.

Even before you have purchased the first gift for another, make your offering to the Saviour whose birthday we celebrate.

Please use the form below for this purpose.

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There is room on my Christmas list for the Master, and for those who labor in His name in the Home Field. Here is my gift of \$..... for the Home Missionaries' Christmas Fund.

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The Cookie Jar

PAUL KENT, RETURNING HOME FROM a visit, could hardly believe his ears. But it was Mother's voice, all right, and it said: "You may have five cookies, Paul Kent."

The eyes of the near nine-year-old boy shone. "Five? Oh, boy. Hey, kids—Mama says we can have five cookies."

"No, I didn't, Honey. I only said *you* may have five."

Then, above the din that shook the kitchen as an undetermined number of youngsters descended upon her, Mother tried to explain: "Paul Kent wasn't here this afternoon when I baked the cookies and you each had three. Then for dessert after supper you each had two. That makes five and that is absolutely all anyone gets. Now, get out to your play, or you'll find yourself in bed."

One voice answered, "I won't—I don't live here."

"No, I guess you don't," Mother replied, and she gave the little redhead a gentle tap on the shoulder. She noticed at least two other youngsters also who didn't belong to her but who joined in the general moan which accompanied their exit from the house.

Mother went back to her typewriter half perturbed, half tickled. It wasn't bedtime yet and she was trying to get in a half hour of thinking before the nightly ritual begun. The cookie incident had interrupted her quiet time.

"Are children never satisfied?" she asked herself. "Give them a foot and they'll take a yard every time.... But it was precious of Paul to be generous enough to want to share his 'windfall' with his brothers and sisters. The catch

is that when we call our children for a treat, the entire neighborhood troops in. It's nice to have the neighborhood kiddies congregate at our house but we can't afford to treat them all. Some of those parents ought to pay our grocery bill for just one week—maybe then they'd treat my kids....

"Or a few of those mothers ought to spend the hours I do in the kitchen, baking cookies, whole wheat cinnamon rolls, and bread," she mused on. "Whenever they want anything along that line, they go to the store and buy it ready baked.... Come to think of it, though, that's probably the reason their children like to come here. The kiddies have told me they like home-baked foods and wish their mamas didn't buy everything at the store....

"I guess the fundamental difference between providing for a large family and providing for a small one lies in the word 'work.' We have to work a little harder to provide for ours. But we can say, as David did, 'I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread' (Psalm 37: 25). The Lord has always provided for us. And we want the children to be generous, though not extravagant.

"Certainly I have no reason to complain. Rather, I should be grateful for healthy, active children who grow and develop. And I should thank God for giving me some 'sanctified common

For the Junior Reader.

CODE

Here is an important message for you, but it is in a special code. The key to the code is shown at the bottom. Find the letters of the words by positioning the figures in the message on the key. To help you get started, the first word in the message is "but."

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MESSAGE

A grid of 10 rows and 15 columns of boxes. Each box contains a unique combination of dots (one, two, or three) and lines (top, bottom, left, right) to represent the letters from the code key. The message is: BUT GOD IS WITH YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

(To check your answer, look up Acts 1:8)

sense' to know how to make a little do the work of much."

For instance, Mother learned long ago to make the cookies *small*. Children are never satisfied with one at a time, whether they be big or little—so she makes them little. Then she can let the children have three or four, and they think she is generous!

Just then a tired baby boy came in the house crying. "I'm coming," she called to him, and a moment later was bathing the knee he had banged through a fall on the sidewalk.

The next day someone tugged at Mother's skirts. She looked down into Mark's blue eyes as he said, "Mommie, please, I have a cookie?"

Mother looked at the clock. "I guess so, Honey. It's ten o'clock, and your little tummy gets empty after three hours."

So she opened the cookie jar and held it down to the little fellow. "Help yourself, Mark."

With a chubby hand poised over the jar he looked up with the most beguiling expression and asked, "Five?"

Daddy happened to be nearby and he laughed out loud. He had been told of the cookie incident the night before. "Mama will be the most quoted woman in the world for the next few days," he chuckled. "I think two cookies are enough for any little boy," he told Mark, and he shooed the little fellow outdoors with a cookie in each hand.

"I guess that will be the last time Mother will ever be so extravagant as to announce five of anything at one time," he prophesied.

As Mother meditated on the subject of cookies and thought how quickly this particular batch was disappearing, she suddenly realized her own hand had been in God's big "cookie jar." Nor had He stopped her with just five cookies. His blessings cannot be counted for numbers. Such heart-warming experiences there were for a mother who loved her children—how they respond to her love and ministry. She had to admit that at times the burdens of rearing such a family seemed almost to eclipse the sense of privilege, but God often reaches down in tenderness and puts her tired heart into heaven's "cookie jar." What refreshment it brings! What new surges of strength! How good it is to trust in Him "who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:5). ◀◀



Our Family Altar

Monday, November 4

Read: Romans 6:1-14

Learn: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God" (Romans 6:13).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) the Christian, even though he is under God's grace, is not to continue in sin; (2) water baptism symbolizes death to a life of sin and being raised up to "walk in newness of life" which God gives us; (3) to be profitable servants of the Lord, we must yield ourselves to God, not to sin.

Question Time: What does the act of water baptism symbolize? (See above) Does being under grace, rather than law, give us permission to sin? (vv. 1, 2)

Tuesday, November 5

Read: Romans 6:14-23

Learn: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

For the Parent: The thought of this passage is that we serve whom we obey. If we yield ourselves to sin, we become slaves of sin. If we yield ourselves to do righteousness, we become servants of righteousness. Emphasize, from verse 23, the difference between the wages sin pays and the gift of God.

Question Time: What is the wages of sin? (v. 23) What is the gift of God? (v. 23) What does verse 22 say the fruit of the servant of God should be? What does verse 16 mean to you?

Wednesday, November 6

Read: Romans 8:1-17

Learn: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

For the Parent: This passage further brings out the contrast between those who serve sin and those who serve righteousness and God. The Christian (1) should not walk after the flesh (sin) but after the Spirit—following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, v. 1; (2) should have the Spirit of God dwelling in him, v. 10; (3) should be led by God's Spirit, v. 14; (4) should have the witness of God's Spirit that he is a child of God, v. 16.

Question Time: What are some characteristics of a Christian that are mentioned in this passage of Scripture? (See above)

Thursday, November 7

Read: Acts 12:1-25

Learn: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Mark—A Devoted Disciple" will be found on Sunday's Lesson Page.) From this passage point out (1) the prayer meeting that took place in Mark's home, and the victory that followed; (2) the missionary ministry of Mark. If we serve God faithfully at home, He will open other doors of opportunity to us.

Question Time: What was the occasion of the prayer meeting that took place in Mark's home, and what was the result? (vv. 1-19) Why should we serve God faithfully at home?

Friday, November 8

Read: Deuteronomy 1:19-38; 1 Corinthians 10:11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths" (Psalm 25:4).

For the Parent: Ask the group if they have ever wondered why people's experiences are recorded in the Bible. Then read again 1 Corinthians 10:11. Point out that we should learn lessons from the incidents in the Bible, both by following the examples of the godly and by avoiding the mistakes that others have made.

Question Time: Why are the experiences of different people recorded in the Bible? (See above) What lessons can we learn from Israel's disobedience as recorded in Deuteronomy 1?

Saturday, November 9

Read: 1 Samuel 20:16-24, 30-42 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "A friend loveth at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of Jonathan's love for David from 1 Samuel 18:1-4 and 19:1-7. Point out that Jonathan probably would have inherited the kingdom from his father, Saul, yet he knew that God had chosen David, and was willing to submit to God's will. Show how Jonathan's love for David caused him to protect David, even at the risk of his own life.

Question Time: What is one reason why Jonathan's protection of David was such a noble thing? (See above)



The farmer is in the center standing by the woman who was healed

A Miraculous Deliverance

BY RUSSELL KENSINGER

Nicaragua

DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVEN-week campaign with R. E. Jeffrey at Managua, a farmer from a community three miles out of the city began attending the services. In his own reserved way, and unknown to missionary or evangelist, he made his decision to follow the Lord. He witnessed the miracles that took place daily, and heard the Word that glorified the Miracle-Worker, he Lord Jesus.

Faith sprang up in his soul for the poor woman at home who was in such a despicable condition. Her filthy disease hardly allowed her to be brought to the campaign for prayer. Moreover,

her mind was now affected, and she had demon attacks that caused her to wreck the roof on their house, literally tearing timbers off with her bare hands. At times she was rational, at other times uncontrollable. But this farmer believed God was able to deliver.

Before leaving for the service one night, he talked to this diseased, demon-oppressed woman and told her that between the hour of 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. she should put her hand over her ulcerous mouth and keep it there the full half-hour and think on God. He told her, "God is healing sick folk like you, and the evangelist will be praying

at that hour, as he does every night." This man's heart was overflowing with expectation.

At the expected hour the evangelist called for those who desired to be saved; then he prayed for the sick right where they were standing, touching no one. It was another night of victory. The farmer was full of joy. It usually took him three hours to walk back to his farm, but this time it seemed much longer. The kerosene lamp was still flickering in the house. He entered to find the woman sitting up, waiting. When he asked her how she was, her answer was simply, "Better!" The following day she said, "I am healed!" No sign of the former trouble has recurred since then.

As a result of this healing the entire family on this farm—sons, daughters, and in-laws—are accepting the Lord and correcting sinful conditions. It is now a preaching point for the local pastor and his church. The farmer has eagerly visited all his neighbors for many miles around, testifying to the miracle in his home, and they are responding to the gospel. He has just recently laid his hand on his sick daughter, who testifies to having been healed immediately. His own devout Roman Catholic mother accepted the Lord as her Saviour in our last visit to their home.

They have renamed their farm "Mission Tempisque" after the large, beautiful, shady "tempisque" tree under whose boughs every service is conducted. A tarrying service is now scheduled in "Mission Tempisque."

S O S From Zacatecoluca

BY PAUL FINKENBINDER

Central America

A strong Catholic opposition in the city of Zacatecoluca, El Salvador, has manifested itself in a way that will defeat the work there unless something can be done immediately. The small group, some twenty-four members, have been put out of several houses they

rented for services and finally they have come to the place where no one will rent them even a small room for the meeting. Now they have been put out of the last house that had been available and I myself am witness to the fact that people do not want their homes "spelled" by the evangelicals.

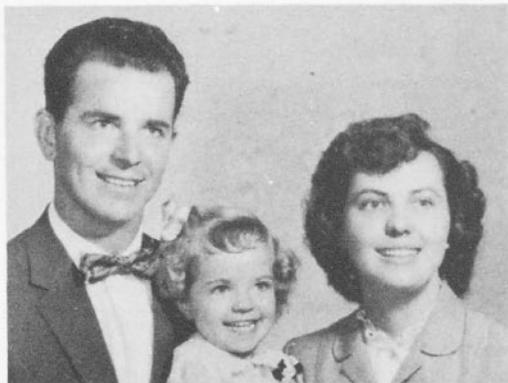
Here is a possible solution. There is a lot with a good-sized house on it that is for sale. They can purchase it for only \$1,000. It is right on the highway and the price is only half the normal selling price in this town. It seems that the owner is needing the money and he will sell to us. The little group does not have this amount, but

they are willing to pay small monthly payments if they can borrow the money.

Here is an opportunity to build not merely one church but to keep building churches until Christ comes, for your offering for this church will be reimbursed to serve as a revolving fund to keep building more churches as long as it is day.

We need your help and we need it now! Let's save the church in Zacatecoluca! Designate your offerings (small or large) "For Paul Finkenbinder Church Building at Zacatecoluca" and send them to Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

MISSIONARY News Notes



The Wayne Turnbolls

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull and daughter have recently gone to Costa Rica, where they will be attending language school before returning to their field of labor in Dominican Republic. Their temporary address is Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

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E. Charlese Spencer of Ghana, West Africa, has recently returned on furlough. Her address is 200 N. Second St., Belen, New Mexico.

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L. M. McNutt advises us that Togo is now a republic and that all mail should be addressed as follows: Pasteur L. M. McNutt, Mission des Assemblies de Dieu, Sansamne Mango, Republique du Togo, West Africa.

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Revival Among the Students

BY JOHN STETZ, KOREA

The words "Prayer Mountain" seem like magic to our Bible School students and are constantly on their lips. They feel that the early morning prayer time which begins about five o'clock each day isn't enough time for them to seek God. So about five students, including the student body president, go up to the Prayer Mountain over the week ends and pray on through the night.

In the last couple of weeks four students were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Several of them have seen visions of Christ. One student prophesied in five languages that Jesus was coming soon. Because of the warnings that were given to the students through prophecy, we feel that we are living on the very brink of some great crisis in this country. Continue to pray for Korea.

Christmas Missionary Offering Appeal

It is again time to think of our Christmas offering for the missionaries. Each year the Foreign Missions Department depends upon you who are mindful of our missionaries to send in your Christmas offering. This is the only way an extra remembrance can be sent to these faithful servants of the Lord who are laboring far from home.

Please do not delay. Your early response will prevent any disappointment for the dear ones who especially miss home and kindred at this time of the year.

Send your offering, marked "Christmas Missionary Offering," to Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

Church Participation in Missionary Giving

July, 1957				August, 1957					
Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches Percentage	Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches Percentage		
1.	Montana	67	61	91%	1.	Montana	67	58	87%
2.	N. Dakota	50	44	88%	2.	N. Dakota	50	43	86%
3.	S. Idaho	57	50	88%	3.	Nebraska	84	70	83%
4.	Nebraska	84	71	85%	4.	New Jersey	93	76	82%
5.	New Jersey	93	76	82%	5.	Kansas	167	134	80%
6.	Wis.-N. Mich.	135	107	79%	6.	Potomac	166	130	78%
7.	Kansas	167	128	77%	7.	S. New England	58	44	76%
8.	Northwest	269	205	76%	8.	West Central	219	166	76%
9.	New England	105	80	76%	9.	Minnesota	147	111	76%
10.	Potomac	166	126	76%	10.	N. New England	44	33	75%
11.	West Central	219	166	76%	11.	Northwest	269	202	75%
12.	Rocky Mtn.	125	94	75%	12.	Oregon	195	146	75%
13.	New York	156	117	75%	13.	Michigan	176	130	74%
14.	Michigan	176	131	74%	14.	New York	156	115	74%
15.	Oregon	195	145	74%	15.	S. Missouri	327	240	73%
16.	Ohio	175	129	74%	16.	Ohio	175	128	73%
17.	S. Missouri	327	240	73%	17.	S. Idaho	57	41	72%
18.	Illinois	204	148	73%	18.	Wis.-N. Mich.	135	97	72%
19.	Minnesota	147	106	72%	19.	Illinois	204	146	72%
20.	Eastern	261	181	69%	20.	S. Dakota	48	34	71%
21.	S. Dakota	48	33	69%	21.	Rocky Mtn.	125	88	70%
22.	W. Texas	128	88	69%	22.	Eastern	261	178	68%
23.	S. Florida	160	106	66%	23.	Wyoming	36	23	64%
24.	Wyoming	36	23	64%	24.	S. California	367	234	64%
25.	S. California	367	233	63%	25.	New Mexico	77	49	64%
26.	N. Carolina	71	45	63%	26.	Georgia	129	81	63%
27.	Tennessee	93	58	62%	27.	N. Calif.-Nev.	335	210	63%
28.	N. Calif.-Nev.	335	203	61%	28.	N. Carolina	71	44	62%
29.	New Mexico	77	46	60%	29.	S. Florida	160	97	61%
30.	Indiana	154	91	59%	30.	S. Texas	258	156	60%
31.	W. Florida	137	77	56%	31.	Tennessee	93	55	59%
32.	Oklahoma	493	276	56%	32.	W. Texas	128	75	59%
33.	S. Texas	258	144	56%	33.	Alabama	251	140	56%
34.	Alabama	251	135	54%	34.	W. Florida	137	76	55%
35.	Georgia	129	69	53%	35.	Indiana	154	83	54%
36.	Arizona	81	41	51%	36.	Oklahoma	493	252	51%
37.	Louisiana	155	78	50%	37.	Louisiana	155	79	51%
38.	N. Texas	508	238	47%	38.	Appalachian	75	38	51%
39.	S. Carolina	54	24	44%	39.	Kentucky	65	29	45%
40.	Appalachian	75	33	44%	40.	Mississippi	88	39	44%
41.	Mississippi	88	37	42%	41.	N. Texas	508	219	43%
42.	Kentucky	65	26	40%	42.	Arizona	81	34	42%
43.	Arkansas	451	175	39%	43.	S. Carolina	54	21	39%
					44.	Arkansas	451	165	37%

Frank M. Boyd Retires as Dean of Correspondence School



Frank M. Boyd

Frank M. Boyd, who established the Assemblies of God Correspondence School in 1947 and directed it for the past ten years, retired on October 1 in accordance with the retirement policy of the General Council. He will be seventy-four years of age on December 24.

The Correspondence School will continue under the supervision of J. Robert Ashcroft, National Education Secretary, and the staff of the Department of Education.

Although Brother Boyd has severed his official connection with the correspondence courses, he has lost none of his deep interest in the students nor in their studies. He will continue to reside in Springfield, Missouri, and the Education Department will continue to look to him for counsel from time to time.

In spite of his age, Brother Boyd continues to enjoy good health and remarkable vigor, insomuch that he is teaching

a number of classes at Central Bible Institute each week. He has devoted most of his life to the training of young people in Assemblies of God Bible Schools. Multitudes of ministers and missionaries can look back with pleasure to their school days when they studied Old Testament, Prophecy, and Theology under Brother Boyd.

While teaching in California ten years ago he was called to Springfield to write a number of study courses and to organize the Correspondence School. He introduced one course after another until today there are eleven. Across the nation, men and women of all ages are reaping the fruit of his labors as they follow his lessons in Prophetic Light, Pentecostal Truth, Divine Healing, Pastoral Theology, Dispensational Studies, Old Testament, Life of Christ, Book of Acts, Book of Revelation, Pauline Epistles, and Hebrews and the General

Epistles. The enrollment in the Correspondence School has had a steady growth under his leadership.

Hundreds of prisoners all over the U.S. have enrolled in the Correspondence School, and no students have appreciated Brother Boyd's ministry more deeply or more sincerely than these men behind the bars. "Dad" Boyd, as they call him, has carried on personal correspondence with them, and has visited a number of them.

Here is a sample of a prisoner's comment (from El Reno, Oklahoma): "May I again thank you for your visit to me. God only knows what that day with you awoke in my soul. Praise God and thanks be unto Him for giving me a spiritual father with such a sacrificial essence to his being. I would now be a deluded cynic had it not been for His mercy and your understanding and patience."

Another prisoner in Ohio, who has taken all eleven courses, writes: "I have completed Dispensational Studies, and I might add it was most interesting, containing much real spiritual knowledge for Christians. . . . I shall keep looking up, expecting and believing the promise. The good things are worth fighting for, and I am determined to have this most precious gift of the Holy Spirit."

As the Dean of the Correspondence School retires, we pay him tribute for a job well done. Though he and Mrs. Boyd have had no son or daughter after the flesh, they have begotten a host of spiritual children throughout the earth who shall rise up and call them blessed.

YOUNG CHURCH DEDICATES BUILDING

EUREKA, CALIF.—Bethel Assembly of God in Eureka had an attractive new church only fourteen months after it started. For this accomplishment we are indebted to the Lord and to the Church Extension Plan.

We are also indebted to our pastor, H. C. Lafferty, whose courage and wisdom gave leadership to the building program, and to the members of the church board and congregation who co-operated so beautifully. Brother Lafferty is a church builder. This is the third church he has raised up from nothing.

For the first several weeks of its existence, Bethel Assembly held its services in lodge halls. After that an abandoned Catholic chapel was found as a temporary location. Meanwhile a fund of \$514 was raised and a down payment made on a building site.

Within three months the Sunday School attendance was over 100, and the church was organized and accepted into the Northern California-Nevada District fellowship. The church accepted the Church Extension Plan, and a building fund was established through subscriptions in the amount of \$14,800.

Through the kindness of several local concerns, building materials were obtained at substantial discounts.

The main auditorium has a normal seating capacity of 450, although overflow crowds have numbered well over 500. There is yet room for a basement in the annex and it is expected that the additional Sunday School rooms will soon be completed. A large parking lot has been acquired adjacent to the church.

The church has continued to prosper and several families have been added to the membership recently. The pastor and congregation give thanks to the Lord for this remarkable progress.

—*Ralph C. Matsen, Church Treasurer*

Interior view of the new 450 seat Bethel Assembly



Outside view of the church showing Sunday School annex





TEXAS PASTOR PROMOTES REVIVALTIME

Pastor J. A. Hendrix of the First Assembly of God in Silsbee, Texas, has built this beautiful sign which now sits in front of his church—right on a busy highway leading into Beaumont, Texas. The sign is made of white corrugated plexiglass background. Letters are of blue smooth plexiglass which are cut out and then wired on with stainless steel wire. The fluorescent lights make the sign bright and beautiful. It is 4 by 8 feet in size, mounted on five-inch pipe seven feet high. A time clock turns it on at 7 p.m. and off at midnight.

Being a two-way sign, it can be seen by motorists coming from either direction. It serves to inform the public that First Assembly is connected with REVIVALTIME, the nationwide Assemblies of God broadcast that is very popular in the area.

RADIO NEWS FLASH

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Sponsored locally by Marlower Full Gospel Tabernacle

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Sundays, 7:30 a.m.
Sponsored locally

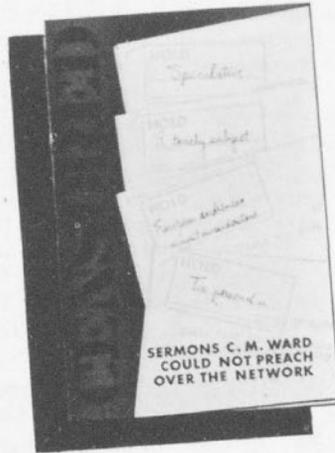


Pastor H. C. Lafferty and wife of the Bethel Assembly in Eureka, Calif. (Two views of the church shown at the left)

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

INDIANA CAMP "ONE OF THE GREATEST"

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—In August the Indiana District had one of its most glorious camp meetings, as measured by the number saved, filled with the Spirit, healed, consecrated, and greatly blessed of God. The general interest, attendance, and offerings made this one of the greatest. The Loren F. Fox Party were evangelists, and Glenn Reed was the Bible Teacher.

—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

HIGH SPIRITUAL TIDE IN WEST CENTRAL CAMPS

DES MOINES, IOWA—The West Central District enjoyed two outstanding camps this past summer. Storm Lake Bible Camp had the largest attendance we have witnessed in recent years. The spiritual tide was on a continuous rise throughout the camp. The ministry of C. M. Ward was signally blessed of God and made its own contribution to the success of the camp. A goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many victories were won by nearest seekers.

The Northern Missouri Camp at Excelsior Springs, Mo. was held in September. Every night throughout the camp the unsaved and backsliders made their way to the altar. Many believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Anointed ministry, able preaching, and deep compassion for the lost marked the ministry of the guest speaker, Kenneth

Schmidt, from Grand Junction, Colo. The attendance at this camp exceeded all records, and the spiritual tide will long be remembered.—T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent.

WITH CHRIST

PHILIP J. BRAUCHLER, 54, died suddenly from coronary thrombosis on September 15, 1957. Brother Brauchler was pastoring the Bethel Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. when he was called home. He was ordained in 1943.

CALVIN M. RIGGS, 82 Oklahoma City, Okla. went to be with Jesus September 23, 1957. Brother Riggs was one of our pioneer ministers. He was present at the Hot Springs, Ark. meeting in 1914 and was ordained at that time. Most of his time was spent in evangelistic work. He served as one of the first Sectional Presbyters of the Oklahoma District.

GEORGE W. MULLETT, 77, Chattaroy, W. Va. went to his heavenly reward September 28, 1957. Brother Mullett was or-

dained in 1910, and worked as a pastor and evangelist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRI-STATE C. A. RALLY AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Nov. 11 at Gospel Tabernacle, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. C. M. Ward, speaker. Services 2:30 and 7:45 p.m.; Tri-State WMC meeting at 6:30 p.m.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

REVIVALTIME RALLY AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Nov. 12 at Assembly of God, 3rd and Marr, Fond du Lac, Wis. C. M. Ward, speaker. Services at 3, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m.—by O. W. Apple, Pastor.

40TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—Nov. 10 at Bethel Temple, Oak Park, Ill. Services at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, and Victor Trimmer, guest speakers.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

NEBRASKA THANKSGIVING C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 27-29 at Trinity Methodist Church, Grand Island, Nebr. Charles Blair, Denver, Colo., speaker. For further information write Norman L. Correll, District C. A. President, 1028 S. Sycamore, Grand Island, Nebr.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Oct. 31-Nov. 3 at Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich. The following missionaries will be present: Sidney Bryant, India; David Nyien, China; Walter Haydus, Guatemala; Paul Moore, Upper Volta; and Virginia Hamlin, India.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

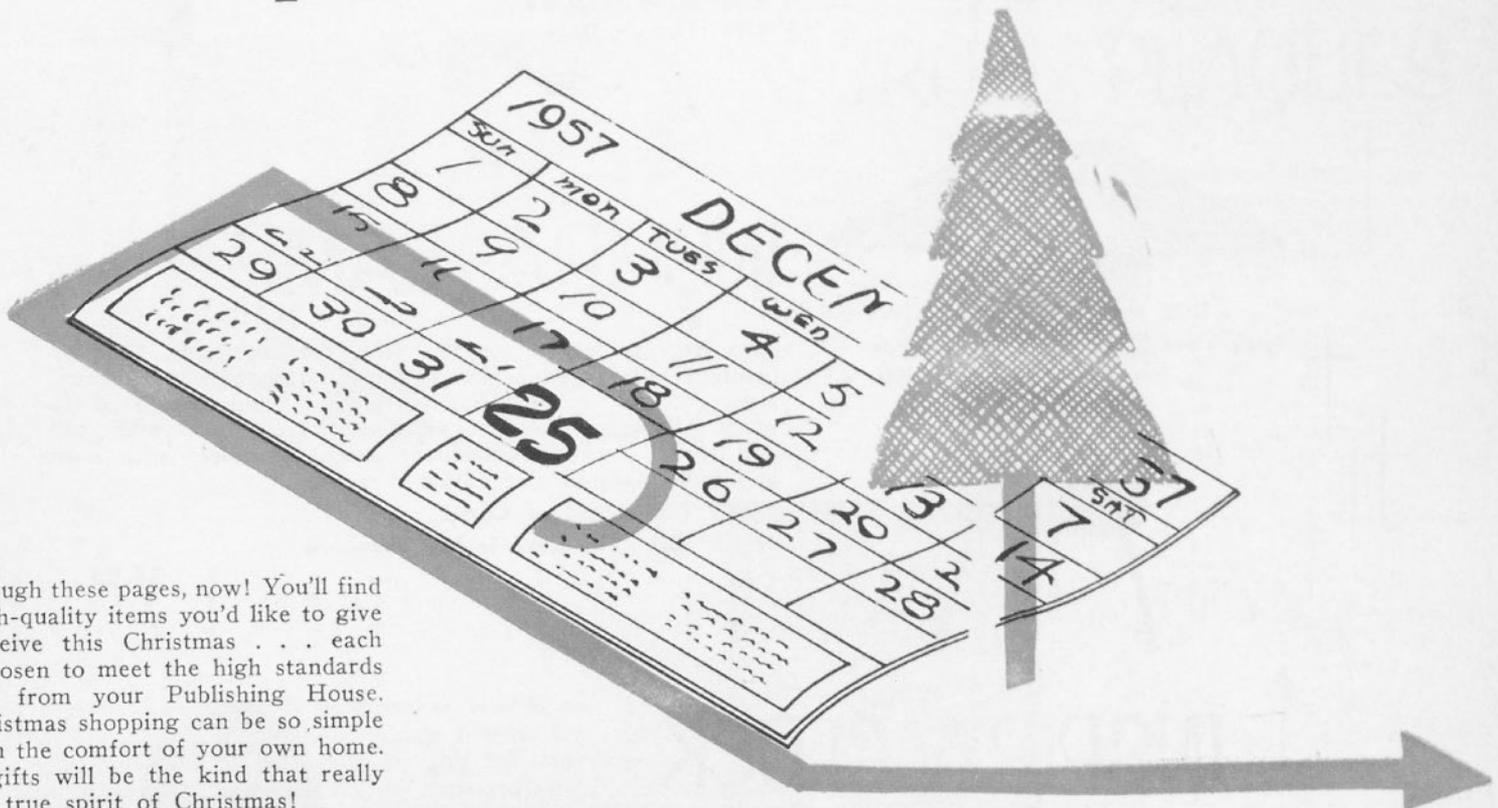
STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	First	Nov. 10-24	H. Syvelle Phillips	Gordon Earls
Ark.	Malvern	N. Malvern	Nov. 10—	Jim Anderson & wife	C. J. Hartwick
Calif.	El Centro	First	Nov. 10—	W. S. Barham	V. L. Hertweck
	Huntington Bea	A of G	Oct. 20—	Greer-Anderson	Walter Barnard
	Redding	First	Oct. 30—	Don E. Gossett	Harold Byram
Colo.	Denver	Calvary Temple	Nov. 10—	Gene Martin & wife	Charles E. Blair
	Greeley	First	Nov. 5-17	Lee Krupnick & wife	Glenn Kelly
Fla.	Miami	Evangel Temple	Nov. 3—	Jimmy Brown & wife	J. Billy McIntosh
Idaho	Pocatello	A of G	Nov. 5-17	Dale V. Helle	L. A. Steller
Ill.	Camden	A of G	Nov. 3—	D. E. Skiles Party	Harvey Anderson
	Galva	A of G	Nov. 3-17	R. P. Poland	Kenneth Graham
	Peoria	A of G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Christian Hild	Lloyd Shoemaker
Iowa	Woodbine	A of G	Nov. 10-24	Arnold Segesman & wife	G. E. Fogleman
Kans.	Anthony	A of G	Nov. 3—	Richard W. Dortch	David Matweiyw
	Sharon Springs	A of G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Hugh Rosenberg & wife	Davy Jester
La.	Shreveport	Jewella	Nov. 10-24	Jack Pruitt	R. C. Ayers
Mich.	Shelby	A of G	Nov. 5-17	Lolita Thompson	Donald Matthews
Miss.	McComb	First	Nov. 3-17	Tommy Lofton	F. L. Langley
Mo.	St. Charles	Glad Tidings Tab.	Nov. 5-17	Carl Oney & wife	Von Duke Kelly
N.J.	Trenton	Capitol	Nov. 6-17	John & Nancy Briner	J. K. Cairns
	Trenton	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	H. B. Kelchner	Ernest Morgan
N. Mex.	Farmington	First	Nov. 5—	Don George & wife	Don Stover
N. Y.	Hudson Falls	Gosp. Lighthouse	Nov. 6-24	Busse Evang. Team	R. A. Canterbury
Ohio	Delphos	First	Nov. 6-17	Tanner Team	Elvin D. Irwin
	Geneva	A of G	Nov. 5-17	Ada E. Lear	Leroy A. Hay
	Warren	First	Nov. 5-10	The Evangelizers	Herbert Eichter
Okla.	Bethany	A of G	Nov. 5-17	Bobby Ray	Douglas Friesen
	Seminole	Little	Nov. 3—	Jack Wilson	L. L. Beaty
	Tulsa	Lighthouse	Nov. 10—	J. Ward Campbell	Cham Livingston
Pa.	Beaver Falls	First	Nov. 10-24	J. E. Douglass & wife	Edwin Stevenson
	Brookville	First	Oct. 29—	Moses Copeland	Vernon Boyer
	Danville	* A of G	Nov. 1-10	David Nunn	M. D. Bowen
	Irwin	Pentecostal	Nov. 5—	Lillian Rahner	Joseph Pittman
	Jeannette	A of G	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Watters Gospel Team	A. A. Amerine
S. C.	Georgetown	First	Nov. 6-17	Ronald Cottle & wife	A. T. Hickman
Tex.	Houston	Lake Forest	Oct. 20—	Don Young & wife	D. R. Johnson
	Houston	Oaklawn	Oct. 30—	Warren Litzman	S. Worth Williams
	San Antonio	S. San Antonio	Nov. 4—	W. A. Covington	Cecil Gray
	Snyder	First	Nov. 10—	Raymond Grimes	Robert Owens
	Valesco	A of G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Wm. D. Metzgar
Wash.	Yakima	Stone Church	Nov. 5-17	H. C. MacDonald & wife	C. L. Hobson
W. Va.	Carolina	First	Nov. 5-24	John Higginbotham	Olan Knotts
Wyo.	Powell	A of G	Nov. 5-17	Clinton Thompson & wife	H. W. Thiemann
Canada	Belleville, Ont.	Calvary Temple	Oct. 22—	Bird H. Campbell	Price-Smith

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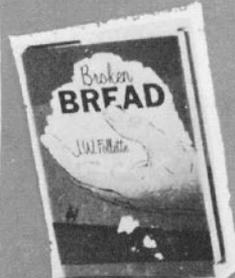
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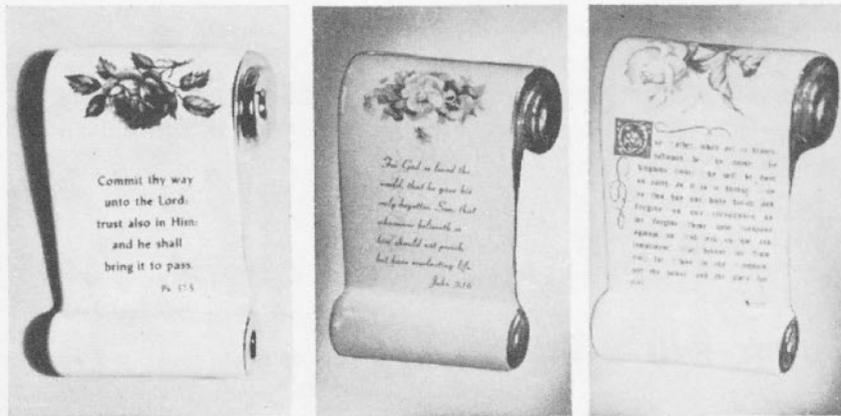
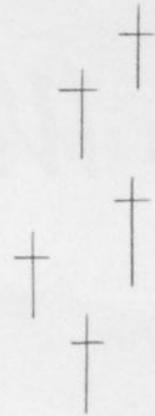
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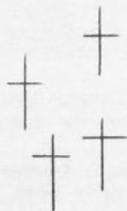
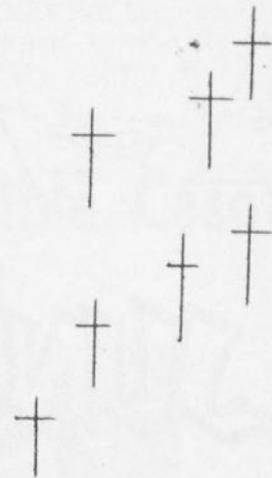
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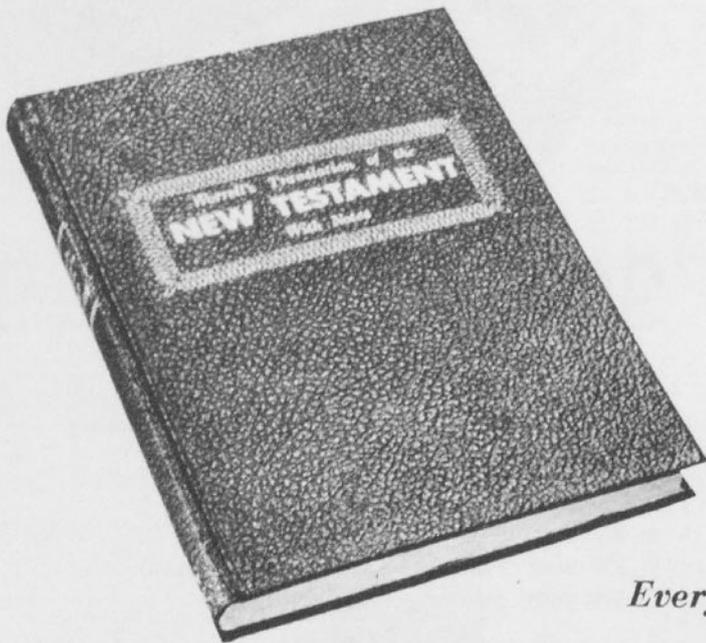
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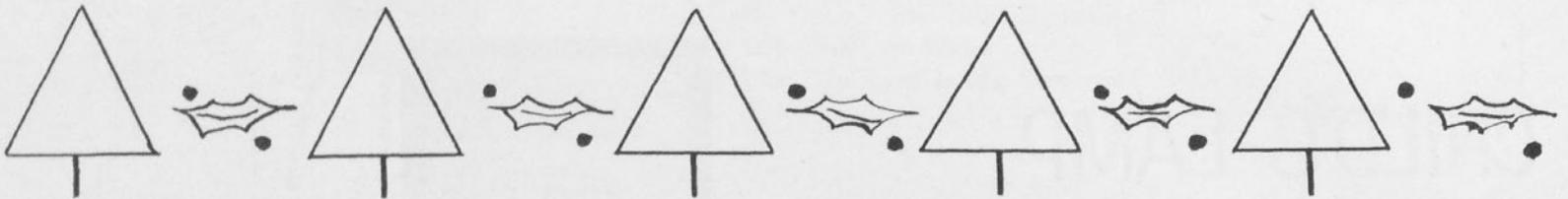
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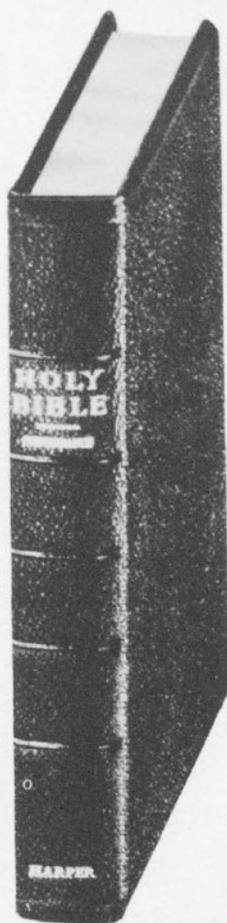
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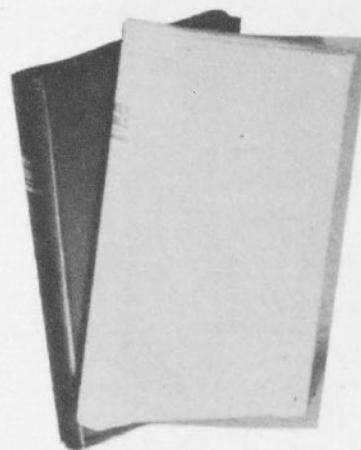
8 ¶ *bJē-hōi'-ā-chīn¹ was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nē-hūsh-tā, the daughter of Ēl-nā'-thān of Jerusalem.*

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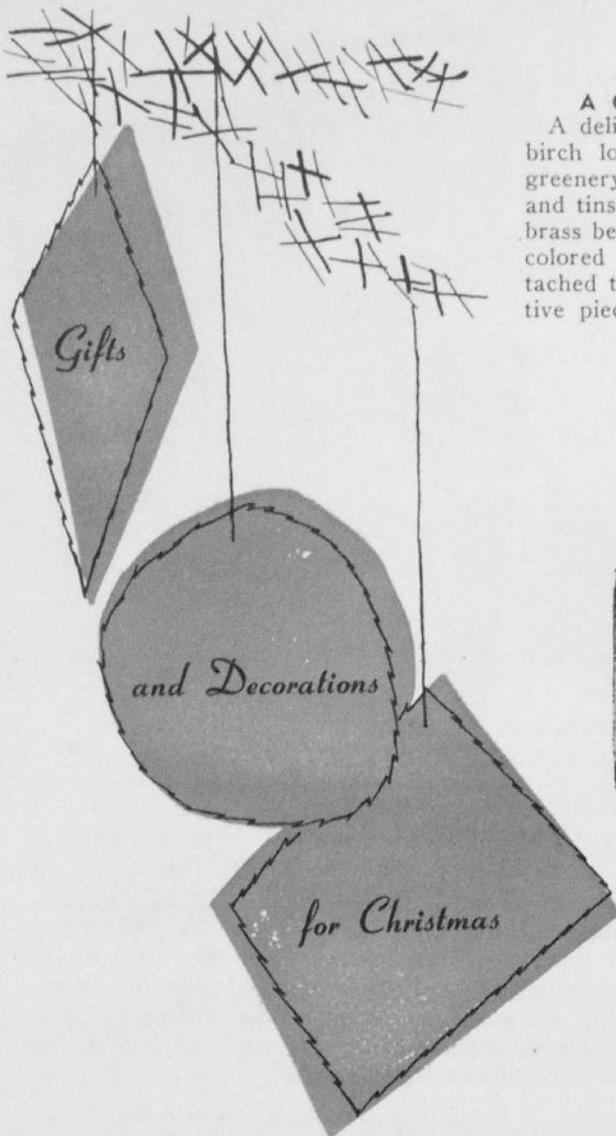
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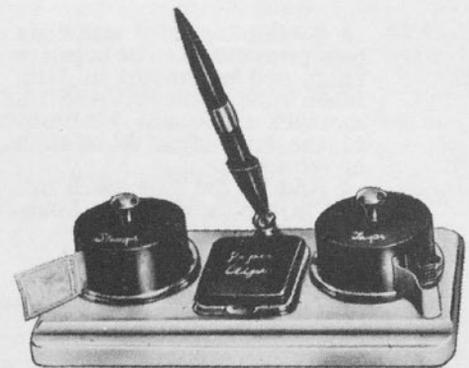
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