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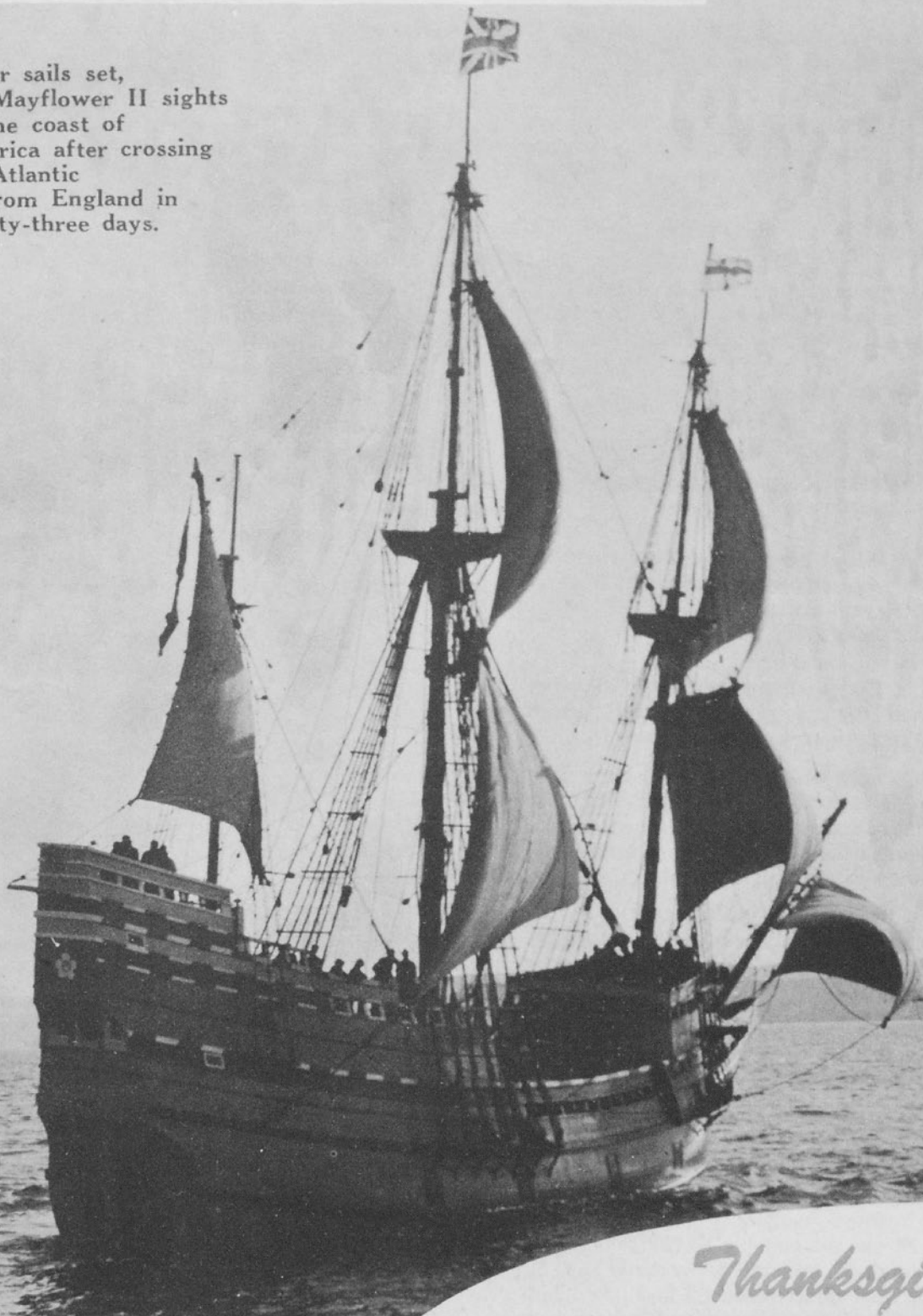
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# A Hymn of Praise

There is no loftier employment for any child of God than to sing His praise. Not only at Thanksgiving time but all through the year the Christian is called to "be filled with the Spirit" and to be "making melody in your heart to the Lord." Songs of praise should characterize every Spirit-filled life. Phillips' translation of Ephesians 5:18-20 brings out this thought very beautifully:

"Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls. Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God! Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

One of the best known songs of praise is The Great Doxology. A hymnologist says: "This is the Doxology of the Christian church in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken. . . . It is doubtful if any stanza of religious poetry ever written has been so often, so universally, and so heartily sung in the worship of the Triune God as this."

The word "doxology" means a short hymn full of direct praise to God. When we read it carefully, line by line, we see how much meaning is packed into this brief stanza:

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The first line speaks of God as the fountain of "all blessings." It reminds us that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights."

The second line calls upon all God's creatures that are upon the earth to praise Him. This reminds us of Psalm 148 (last half) where the sea monsters and the lightnings, the mountains and the forests, the beasts and the birds are summoned to unite with all ranks and conditions of men in giving homage of praise to their Creator.

The third line exhorts the angels to join the universal chorus. And the fourth line reminds us that God is to be praised as the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The tune to which the Doxology is usually sung is "Old Hundred." It was composed by Wilhelm Franc, a German, whose work may have been revised by no less a hand than that of Martin Luther.

The Doxology was written by Thomas Ken (1637-1711), a bishop of the Church of England who is reported to have been a man of "rare piety and sweetness of Spirit as well as fearless courage." As a royal chaplain to Charles II "he fearlessly did his duty as one accountable to God alone, and not to any man. He reproved the 'merry monarch' for his vices in the plainest and most direct manner," and urged him to repent, both during the king's lifetime and on his death bed.

The bishop is quoted as saying it would enhance his joy in heaven if, when he reached that happy place, he might be permitted to hear his songs sung by the faithful on earth. Whether it is possible for saints in heaven to hear our songs we do not know, but God hears, and one of the songs He likes to hear us sing is The Great Doxology. May it continue to ring out everywhere until Jesus comes.

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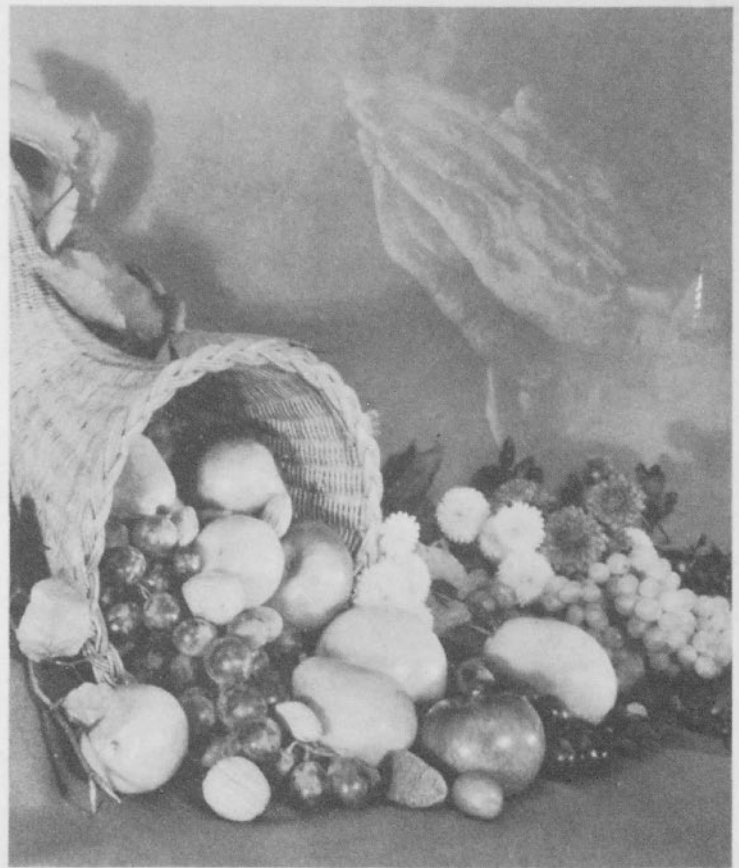
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# A Lesson in Thanksgiving

BY ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

WE MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD CONTROLS OUR  
CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE WE CAN GIVE  
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING—AND MEAN IT.



**W**HAT AN INCOMPARABLE TEACHER is the Spirit of God! He is the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Reality. He not only imparts ideas, but leads us into the reality behind the idea. He enables us to appreciate and appropriate that reality.

For the glory of my great Teacher I should like to pass on a lesson in Thanksgiving which He gave me some years ago. I had been "laid aside" from active missionary service for about three years. During two of these years I had been very ill in mind and nerves, and the burden of our family of four had been on the shoulders of my courageous wife. But now I had regained my strength and had begun to preach again.

I was invited to minister at a missionary convention in Syracuse, New York, along with several other missionaries. God blessed us greatly in the convention. At its conclusion each of us missionaries was given an offering of \$25, a huge amount for those depression days.

Early the next morning, after committing myself and my car to the Lord, I started for New York City to rejoin my family. It rained hard and incessantly. I picked up a hitchhiker who was on his way to college in Albany. Seven miles west of Schenectady we overtook a slow-moving car and decided to pass it. I thought that I was

being very careful, but when I drew up even with the other car a black sedan shot up out of a dip that because of the rain and darkness I had not noticed. When I applied the brakes my car skidded and we collided. No one was hurt, but both cars were badly damaged.

The other driver was very indignant, to put it mildly, but his attitude became more kindly when I explained the situation. Neither of us had any insurance. While we were discussing things a wrecker drove up and the man agreed to haul us to his garage about a mile away. Then, because he could not repair our cars himself, he towed us both to "the best mechanic in Schenectady"—and all for \$10 because I was a missionary.

As soon as the shock of the collision was over I remember saying, "Well, praise the Lord anyway," though I little meant it. My hitch-hiker companion burst out with "What kind of man are you? I'd have cussed my luck and tried to make the best of it."

I muttered something about "The Lord must have had some purpose in it," but my thoughts and feelings were not at all in harmony with the words which I expressed. I felt as if I had been badly let down. Questionings and self-pity were taking possession. Here I was many hours from home, my car wrecked, and I was responsible for the

wrecking of another man's car. As if it were not sufficiently humiliating for me to have been a burden upon my poor wife's shoulders for three years! Wasn't I witnessing for the Lord to that agnostic hitch-hiker? Why had He allowed me to be put to shame thus?

Suddenly I became aware of another Questioner inside. "Did you commit your car to Me this morning?"

"Yes, Lord, I did."

"Did you mean it? Or was it only form?"

"No, Lord, I meant it."

"Did you think I was able to take care of you and your car?"

"Yes, Lord, that was why I committed it to You."

"Do you still think that I know how to take care of what you commit to Me?"

"Indeed I do, Lord. You were able to take care of me through that terrible nervous breakdown, and You can take care of me and mine now."

"Then what should you do instead of murmuring and fearing and feeling sorry for yourself, and believing I have let you down?"

"Why, Lord, I should be thanking You. You have worked for me so wonderfully that now I am giving You thanks for that awful time of darkness that I went through. You made that work for our good; and if You could

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## "I Thank Thee, God"

Dear God above, I pray to Thee  
Before I take my rest;  
I seek Thee on my bended knee  
With warm and grateful breast.

First let me thank Thee for my share  
Of sweet and blessed health;  
It is a boon I would not spare  
For worlds and shining wealth.

And next, I thank Thy bounteous hand  
That gives my daily bread,  
That flings the seeds upon the land  
And keeps my table spread.

I thank Thee for each peaceful night  
That brings me sweet repose;  
I thank Thee for the morning light  
That bids my eyes enclose.

I own Thy mercy when I move  
With limbs all sound and free,  
That freely bear me when I rove  
Beside the brook and tree.

I thank Thee for my many friends  
So loving and so kind,  
Who tell me all that knowledge lends  
To aid my heart and mind. •

Oh, help me value as I ought  
The lessons good men teach;  
To bear no malice in my thought,  
No anger in my speech.

O Lord above, my voice now hear,  
And let me ever be  
Faithful to all who hold me dear,  
And true in serving Thee.

—Anonymous

# "Why Praise the Lord?"

BY RAYMOND L. COX

"Praising God for our blessings extends them,  
Praising God for our troubles will end them."

SOMEONE ASKED, "BILLY BRAY, WHY do you praise the Lord so much?"

The Cornish coal miner who had turned preacher eyed his questioner incredulously. Bray was astonished that such an inquiry should escape the lips of a Christian brother.

"I bless the Lord constantly," he replied, "because my whole life is brightened by praising God."

"But why must you do it aloud?" queried the man.

Billy answered, "I can't help praising Him aloud. As I walk down the street, I lift up one foot, and it seems to say, 'Glory!' Then I lift up the other, and it seems to say, 'Amen!' And they keep on like that all the time I walk."

The former Cornish coal miner was indeed a chronic praiser. The bells of blessing chimed constantly in the steeple of his soul. And often, although his voice was far from beautiful according to concert standards, Bray would be found going his way singing some hymn joyously and heartily.

"Bless the Lord, I can sing," he would reply to his critics. "You may not like to hear me, but my Heavenly Father delights to hear me sing. I can't sing so sweetly as some, but my Father likes to hear me sing as well as any. My Father likes to hear the crow, as well as the nightingale, for He made them both!"

Bray carried his cheerful Christianity into the most desperate and dismal places. Constantly he appeared to comfort the sick and dying. One day he visited a believer who had hitherto been afraid to confess joyously his relation

to Jesus Christ. As Billy ministered, the man's reticence fled, and his soul was flooded with the joy of the Lord. Turning to Bray he said, "Oh, Billy, I'm so happy now that if I had the power I'd praise the Lord!"

Billy's beaming face clouded sadly as he answered, "Brother, what a shame it was you didn't shout God's praises when you had the power!"

God delights to hear the thanksgiving of His children. He informs us, "Who-so offereth praise glorifieth Me" (Psalm 50:23). The Heavenly Father has lavished upon His redeemed children bounties and blessings which are unutterably wonderful. But God's unspeakable Gift deserves spoken gratitude!

Some who deplore any outward expression of thanksgiving declare, "I have praise in my heart." But the man after God's heart announced, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth!" M-O-U-T-H does not spell heart! Vance Havner is reported to have answered one who restricted praise to his heart with these words: "What is in the well will come up in the bucket! You can usually gauge how much praise is in a person's heart by the amount of praise that comes out of his mouth!"

In every generation men who walked closest to God recommended a healthy exercise of praise. Martin Luther, the great reformer, declared, "The devil is a chronic grumbler, but the Christian should be a living doxology." And Wesley exclaimed, "The weakest saint can Satan rout, who meets him with a praiseful shout!" What a transfor-



mation in the churches would be wrought if every believer became infected with the same virus of perpetual praise!

During the Second World War a number of missionaries were interned and cruelly treated in a Japanese prison camp. Calvin Reber relates their experience in relation to that of the ungodly confined there also. "Godless men complained bitterly, but missionaries sang, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' And the more we praise God, the more the blessings flowed."

Thus was repeated in somewhat modified form the experience of Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison. At midnight they sang praises and blessings flowed. If the apostles had waited until they *felt* like blessing God, they might have rotted in that dungeon. One wonders whether Paul had that particular experience in mind when some

years later he wrote to the church in that very city the encouraging exhortation, "Be careful [anxious] for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:7).

Many morose believers would be relieved of their spiritual frustration if the inhibitions with which they muzzle the expression of gratitude to God were relaxed or removed! How can saints keep silent when God is so good to them?

Charles Wesley was overwhelmed with joy when the assurance of full salvation flooded his soul. He described his holy happiness to Peter Bohler, but added, "I suppose I had better keep silence about it!"

"No, never!" exclaimed the Moravian. "My brother, if you had a thousand tongues, go and use them all for Jesus."

When Charles Wesley arrived at his home he took a pen in hand and dashed off the hymn,

*"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise."*

That hymn is over two hundred years old, and still it enjoys widespread use in the church. Yet no one actually should aspire for a *thousand* tongues unless he is using the *one* in his mouth to offer praise and glorify God.

The Psalmist declared, "Praise is comely for the upright." *Comely* means attractive—beautiful. In this age when personal appearance is regarded as exceedingly important, Christians need to reconsider their appearance in the sight of God. For God constitutes praise as a criterion of comeliness!

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Hebrews 13:15).

## BE YE THANKFUL

### A SCRIPTURAL STUDY

**F**OR THE CHRISTIAN THE GIVING OF thanks is not an optional matter. The Bible makes it mandatory—"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and *be ye thankful*" (Colossians 3:15).

We have the further command in Philippians 4:6—"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

#### HOW IT SHOULD BE OFFERED

*Through Christ*—"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him" (Col. 3:17).

*In the name of Christ*—"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

#### WHERE IT SHOULD BE OFFERED

*In public worship*—"I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people" (Ps. 35:18).

*In private worship*—"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber to-

wards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before God, as he did aforetime" (Dan. 6:10).

#### WHEN IT SHOULD BE OFFERED

*At the remembrance of God's holiness*—"Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness" (Ps. 97:12).

*Always*—"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" (Heb. 13:15).

#### FOR WHAT IT SHOULD BE OFFERED

*For the goodness and mercy of God*—"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever" (Ps. 107:1).

*For the gift of Christ*—"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).

*For Salvation*—"And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in His salvation" (Ps. 35:9).

*For deliverance from every sin*—"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this

death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:23-25).

"Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks: for that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare" (Ps. 75:1).

*For the supply of our bodily wants*—"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith...commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (1 Tim. 4:1, 3, 4).

*For victories through Christ*—"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the saviour of His knowledge by us in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14).

*For Christ's coming Kingdom*—"Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Phil. 4:4, 5).

*For the coming triumph over death and the grave*—"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

# Elijah in a Cave

BY RUTH STEWART

**T**HERE IS MANY A CHOSEN SERVANT of God today sitting in a cave of self-pity and despondence, hugging his grievances to his bosom, when he should be carrying on mighty exploits for God in the front line of the battle.

Such was the case of Elijah, of old, at one time in his ministry. The story is recorded in 1 Kings 19. He had been carried by God's hand to Horeb, the Mount of God; the place where God revealed Himself to Moses to be the "I AM." Fitting place, with all its memories of the past, for him to cry, "Lord, you spoke to Moses in this place and revealed your plans and purposes unto him. Now I am baffled and confused, and I don't know what to do. Speak also to me, Lord. Show me the next step." But instead, what did he do? "He came thither unto a cave, and lodged there." And he meant to stay there! That this is not an insignificant detail is proved by the verses that follow, showing that though the word of the Lord came to Elijah, it could not dislodge him from his cave.

Elijah was weary of his work and profoundly disappointed by what he hastily concluded was its failure; and in a fit of faithless despondency, he forgot reverence, submission, and obedience. *He was deep in a cave of self-pity and self-righteousness.* "I, even I only, am left" was his complaint to the Lord. Besides, outward events had appeared to him enigmatical; and his inward thoughts were confused and painful.

It is the devil's business to get front-line workers into a cave, shut up in themselves, where they are of no use to God and no joy to others. Child of God, never pity yourself; pity others. *When you begin to pity yourself and to complain of other people, you may be certain that you are out of touch with Christ, and that Satan has you stuck in a cave alone with yourself.* Are you in a cave today? Are you brooding over some past failure, inwardly blaming God as well as your fellow-workers? Are you discouraged and down-hearted, caught in a fit of frustration? If so, you are in a cave,

and God wants to bring you out, just as He brought out His servant long ago.

What wonderful encouragement the servant of God can find in this incident in the life of Elijah. Underneath the picture might be written the words, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." In infinite love the Lord followed His overwrought servant, even to this dark place where he had hidden himself inside the rocks. "And behold, the word of the Lord came to him," but it was not a word of revelation, as it had been to Moses. Elijah was in no frame of mind for that yet. There came rather a word of rebuke. It was meant to dislodge the servant of Jehovah from his hiding place. Every word was pregnant with meaning, forceful enough to shake him more and more loose from his position in the cave.

*The first word* of the question might be put in the form of an exclamation: "WHAT! You here, Elijah? This is indeed a surprising position in which you find yourself; sitting in a dark, damp cave, out of touch with Me and the world, after all the fellowship we have known in the work in Israel."

"What doest THOU here, Elijah?" THOU, of all people! One could understand it if Ahab or Jezebel had crawled into a cave after the great demonstration against Baal on Mount Carmel; but not you, Elijah! You, who shut up the heavens that it rained not on the earth for three and one-half years; and who prayed again the prayer of faith which brought the rain back. You, who showed such courage and such confidence on Mount Carmel; what are you doing here? One can now understand the exclamation of the Psalmist David when he exclaims, "Behold . . . every man at his best state is altogether vanity" (Psalm 39:5). David, too, had failed in his strong point, as he describes his action in verses one to three. He had always been a sweet-natured man, even-tempered, loving and forgiving, even under severe

provocation. And even now, he had made up his mind to hold his peace; to keep his mouth shut. And he did for a while. But then, he said "while I was musing, the fire burned." The more he thought about the situation, the angrier he became until finally he got them told! "I spake with my tongue; the very thing I said I would not do. Behold! it seems that every man, even in his best state, is altogether vanity." And so it seems concerning Elijah at this time.

"And HERE, shutting yourself up in a cave; what doest thou HERE, Elijah?" It is one thing to be shut up with God; it is another to be shut up with yourself, altogether miserable and dark-mooded, with your only comfort your own self-pity; drawn into a shell where all is dark and cold, and one is without feeling, except for that chronic hurt of "proud flesh."

"What are you doing here, Elijah, under the circumstances?" A Christian has no business under the circumstances; at any rate, not to lodge there. There is no denying that Elijah's circumstances were of the worst sort. His life was at stake, apart from the fact that his fondest hopes had cause for which he had lived and toiled been brought to nought, and the whole seemed altogether lost. Things had not turned out as he had thought they would, and the present situation *had him down*—in a cave, bounded by the things of the present moment—for in a cave there are no horizons.

Then the voice of the Lord came gently, though firmly, "What are you DOING here, Elijah?" Now Elijah has a chance he has been waiting for; a chance to voice his complaint and tell out his grievances. Oh, what relief it gives one in a cave to have someone ask, "What's the matter"! This gives opportunity for "self-expression"—so important to the Self-life. "What am I doing, Lord? I am feeling sorry for myself. You see, I stood up for you at Carmel; I risked my life for you—I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts—and I put all I had into pleading your cause. But



really, Lord, you let me down badly. Who appreciates what I have done? And besides, what good did it do—all that demonstration of your power? The results were not permanent, and Israel was not brought out of idolatry. And on top of all that, they seek my life! Yes, I'm sitting here blaming you, Lord, for not following through with me." Oh, how soon the perspective is distorted when one gets into a cave!

"And I'm complaining against my brethren in Israel. Why, every one of them is against you. I, even I only, am left. I am the only true prophet you have left to serve you and stand up for you—and they seek my life. What will you do if anything happens to me?" How easy it is for us who serve Him today to get into this frame of mind when we look about and witness apostasy on every side. Especially if we see carelessness and indifference in our own home, or suffer persecution from members of the family. And then we witness the neighbors all going their own way, the fear of the Lord never entering their minds, while our churches become more and more empty as the places of amusement are crowded to capacity. It is a distressing situation, which baffles and confuses us at times, and tempts us to feel with Elijah, "I, even I only, am left." Let us beware lest we find ourselves in the cave with Elijah!

"And besides, Lord, I am just plain scared, and I'm hiding. I fear what man shall do unto me. I am cramped on every side, and dare not carry on boldly in defense of the faith, as once I did. **THEY SEEK MY LIFE!**" How many mouths have become dumb, and how many voices have been silenced, which used to sound out uncompromisingly the full-orbed gospel, upholding truth, and denouncing error. And how many true servants of God, loving Him supremely, but sensitive by nature, find themselves limited on every hand by the cave of fear!

Let us notice that the Lord answered Elijah not a word concerning his sad complaint. Oh, how gracious He is not to take notice of our petty thoughts and feelings! While feeling deeply with us in the things which have brought us to the point of becoming "cave-Christians," He refuses to discuss the matter with us as long as we are sitting tight in our cave. **HIS BUSINESS IS TO BRING US OUT OF THE CAVE.** And so He tells Elijah what to do

about it all: "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." In other words, He says, "Come out of your cave, Elijah. The air in there is too close for you. Come closer to Me, My child, where you can feel the warmth of My love, and the reviving influence of My Breath. Get out where you can rightly understand what I have to say to you. In the light of the greater and wider view, look into the central point of My *over-all* plans and purposes. Get back in tune with Me, Elijah, and I will make it all plain to you."

*But Elijah would not go out.* His present mood suited better his cave surroundings. He was not ready for the sunshine, the fresh breezes, and the broad open spaces. "And, behold, the Lord passed by." No wonder the Holy Spirit says "Behold!" for is it not a thing to be marvelled at that the almighty should continue in His long-suffering toward us at such a time? The Lord passed by in mighty demonstrations of His power. He sent the strong wind. He sent an earthquake. He sent a fire. Elijah liked the elements; they spelled God to him. But this time God was not in them. Elijah must learn that God is not limited to the elements. So many of us feel that if we are not hearing a great noise and seeing things crash around us, God is not working. We conclude that nothing is happening, and that God has forgotten to be gracious. God would have us learn of His power which is sometimes manifested in the silence. So there comes a still small voice, tender as the call of a mother to her waking little one—"a voice of gentle stillness" the Hebrew has it. Its very tone is a "Fear not." At the sound of it, Elijah wrapped his face within his mantle, for God was in that voice. The barrier of resentment and self-justification was swept

away: yes, Elijah wrapped his face in his mantle and stood before the Lord. *He came out of his cave.*

The old prophet was now ready for service again. God had still further work for Elijah to do. He was not to be set aside or superseded because of this failure. He was to be strengthened and encouraged by the companionship of Elisha; but Elijah was still to be God's honored servant, His chosen messenger (see 1 Kings 21:17). It would indeed have been a tragedy of the first magnitude if a sudden breakdown of faith could have disqualified him for future service. God still had confidence in him, and He would again use him to denounce Ahab's sin and to bring fire down from heaven (see 2 Kings 1:3-17). With the renewed commission came the comforting assurance that his witness at Carmel had not been in vain. In his self-pity, God's moody servant had thought that he was left alone, the only faithful servant in the land. What a revelation for him to hear that there were yet seven thousand secret disciples who had not bowed their knees to Baal!

My dear fellow-Christian, sitting lonely in your cave today, has the still small voice of the Spirit spoken to you, urging you to come out and take your stand once again before the Lord on the Mount? Then hasten to obey. He wants to refit you for the battle; to renew your vision. He will give you a new outlook and renew your commission. He will bring you into a new fellowship with Himself, and reveal to you the thousands of other saints who, like yourself, have been walking the lonely pathway of faith and obedience. He is able to banish your fears and to make the crooked paths straight. *He desperately needs you to take your place once again in the thick of the battle.* ◀◀

## THE MEN WILL PRAY

Count the men in on this Week of Prayer. As leaders of our households, we will set the example for others by diligently seeking God early in the new year.



Even the brawniest man is weak without the Saviour, and the most capable leader is impotent apart from the guidance of the Lord.

We'll join all others in touching God for our nation and our churches.

—DON MALLOUGH  
National Secretary  
Department of Men's Fellowship



# Thanksgiving in the Netherlands

HODGEPODGE, NOT TURKEY, IS THE MAIN DISH ON  
THANKSGIVING DAY IN THE LAND WHERE THE OBSERVANCE ORIGINATED

**M**OST PEOPLE THINK THAT THE first Thanksgiving Day was in 1621 when our Pilgrim Fathers and their Indian friends met together to give thanks for having endured the hard winter.

This was the first Thanksgiving for America, but it may not have been the first Thanksgiving for some of the Pilgrims.

The city of Leyden in Holland had a Thanksgiving Day nearly fifty years before ours. Some of our Pilgrims who were there at the time must have helped to celebrate it. It may have even given them the idea of our own Thanksgiving.

This is how that Thanksgiving Day came to be. And this is why the grateful people of Leyden celebrate their Thanksgiving by eating a meal entirely different from the traditional turkey and pumpkin pie so familiar to us.

Leyden had been besieged by the Spanish from May to October, 1574. The citizens of the city were not only terrified by the powerful enemy, but were starving. Despite all pleas William the Silent, their ruler, urged the people to keep the city gates shut and not let the Spanish army in.

Finally the people became so desperate that they turned to their chief officer, Adrian van der Werf, and pleaded that he open the gate so that they might have food to eat. But he stood firm before his townspeople and said they would first have to put him to the sword. The citizens took courage from his loyalty and tightened their belts another notch.

As a last attempt William ordered the great dikes surrounding the lowlands of Holland broken. The sea water rushed in and flooded the land until it was deep enough for him to launch his fleet against the foe.

Still the Spanish had powerful land forces, and the people gravely doubted that they could withstand such an enemy.

Suddenly God took a hand in the matter. A great storm arose. The wind blew with great fury. A gigantic wave of water from the North Sea headed straight to where the Spanish troops were stationed. Their commander, General Valdez, was forced to order the evacuation of troops from the fort to prevent their being drowned.

Then came another marvelous thing. We know how the walls of Jericho fell down when they were surrounded by God's people led by Joshua. But to this day nobody can explain how part of the walls of Leyden fell. Yet fall they did. And with such a terrific noise that the Spanish thought the Dutch were coming through the walls to attack them. Immediately they retreated by a causeway to The Hague.

It was night. One boy of eleven was the only one out to see the lights of the retreating army. Filled with curiosity, he decided to find what it meant. Slipping over the wall, he hurried to

find everything deserted at General Valdez's headquarters.

Bag and baggage the enemy had gone, leaving only one thing—an iron pot in which a mess of meat and vegetables called hodgepodge was still cooking.

News of the retreat spread like wild fire through Leyden that morning of October 3. The grateful people joined at once in thanksgiving to God. That date was set as the annual Thanksgiving Day for Leyden.

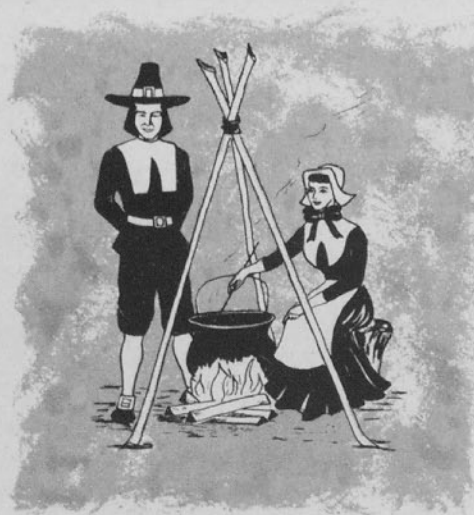
People who happen to be in that Dutch city at Thanksgiving time will not find people eating turkey, goose, or even chicken. But as you might expect—everyone is enjoying hodgepodge. And the iron pot in which the enemy was cooking that stew when they had to flee is still kept by the people of that city, together with the name of the boy who found it, Gysbert Cornellison.

—The Builders

## "God Is a Good God"

Nathaniel Morton, an early American historian, was born in Leyden in 1613 of English Pilgrim parents. When he was ten years old he sailed to the new world and there made his home with his uncle, William Bradford, governor of Plymouth Colony. From 1647-1685 Morton served as secretary of the Colony, and in 1669 he wrote a history of Plymouth Colony, which he entitled *New England's Memorial*. The following paragraphs are taken from this interesting record:

"It may not here be omitted, that notwithstanding all their great pains and industry, and the great hopes they had of a large crop, the Lord seemed to threaten them with more and sorer famine by a great drought, which continued from the





third week in May, until the middle of July, without any rain, and with great heat of weather for the most part, in-somuch that their corn began to wither away, although it was planted with fish, according to the usual manner in those times; yet at length it began to languish sore, and some of the drier ground was parched like withered hay, part whereof was never recovered. Upon which they set apart a solemn day of humiliation, to seek the Lord by humble and fervent prayer in this great distress; and he was pleased to give them a 'gracious and speedy answer, both to their own and the Indians' admiration, that lived amongst them; for all the morning and the greatest part of the day, it was clear weather, and very hot, and not a cloud nor any sign of rain to be seen; yet towards evening it began to be overcast, and shortly after to rain, with such sweet and gently showers, as gave them cause of rejoicing and blessing God. It came without either wind or thunder, or any violence, and by degrees in that abundance, as that the earth was thoroughly wet and soaked therewith.

"A little before the Lord sent this rain of liberalities upon his people, one of them having occasion to go to the house of the aforementioned Hobamak, the Indian, he, the said Hobamak, said unto him, 'I am much troubled for the English, for I am afraid they will lose all their corn by the drought, and so they will be starved; as for the Indians, they can shift better than the English, for they can get fish to help themselves.' But afterwards, the same man having occasion to go again to his house, he said to him, 'Now I see that the Englishman's God is a good God, for he hath heard you, and sent you rain, and that without storms and tempests and thunder, which usually we have with our rain, which breaks down our corn, but yours stands whole and good still; surely your God is a good God.'

"And after this gracious return of prayers, in this so seasonable a blessing of rain, the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of warm weather, as (through his blessing) caused in its time a fruitful and liberal harvest, to their great comfort and rejoicing; for which mercy, in time convenient, they also solemnized a day of thanksgiving unto the Lord."—Found in Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers. ◀◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

• **Why do Protestants quote what is called the Apostles' Creed, which gives the Catholics credit as the only true church? I refer to the words, "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church..."**

*Catholic* means "universal." The term Holy Catholic Church includes all true believers in our Lord Jesus. While the Roman Catholic Church claims to be the only true Church, it is the Roman Catholic Church, not the universal Church of the redeemed, "the church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven."

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**I have a copy of the Old Testament translated from the Septuagint, and I receive much help from it. I have been told that I ought not to use this. What is your opinion?**

The Septuagint was a translation of the Old Testament from the Hebrew into Greek for the benefit of the Jews who were living outside Palestine. It is the translation which was often quoted by Jesus and the apostles. This accounts, in a number of instances, for the difference when the Old Testament is quoted in the New Testament. The Hebrew, from which our Old Testament is translated, is considered more accurate than the Septuagint. No doubt your volume has some value for the purposes of comparison and study.

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**The publishers of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible are now adding the apocryphal writings to this work. Will you please explain what these writings are?**

It is the fourteen apocryphal books of the Old Testament times that the publishers are adding. There are also some later writings which are spoken of as New Testament apocryphal books. *Apocrypha* means "hidden" or "secret," probably because the date and authorship is uncertain.

The apocrypha supplies a connective link between the Old and New Testaments, a period of some 450 years. These books contain much history of the times. In the Book of Maccabees, for example, is an account of the struggle of the Jews for independence

and the martyrdom of some of God's choicest saints.

The apocryphal books might well be read as literature, but should not be looked upon as inspired writings. In the first place, they were never accepted as a part of the Hebrew canon of the Old Testament. Also, they were never quoted by Christ or the New Testament writers. Jerome, who translated the Old Testament into the Vulgate (Latin), did not recognize them as being inspired. And Josephus, the Jewish historian, never included them among the inspired writings. It is unfortunate indeed if they are bound in the same volume as the inspired Scriptures.

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**How can a person bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ? (2 Corinthians 10:5)**

It is sometimes a battle to keep the mind in subjection. It has been suggested that when in prayer it is well for us to pray audibly. When we realize that our thoughts are wandering, we should begin to think on the Lord.

It is probable that even Paul knew what it was to have wandering thoughts. I believe that he meant primarily that he refused to substitute "philosophy and vain deceit" for saving faith in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He knew that his gospel was foolishness in the eyes of the philosophers (1 Corinthians 1:18-25), but instead of being captivated by their philosophical reasonings he purposed that no human wisdom would come between him and his knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord.

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**The Bible forbids the wearing of men's apparel by women. Since men in different countries wear different dress, how are we to know just what is men's apparel?**

This must be determined by the customs of the country in which one lives.

*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).*



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## SCIENCE

### Freethinker Says Sputnik Disproves Existence of God

An American atheist has made a claim for the Russian earth satellite which even Mr. Krushchev has yet to make. Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America, issued a statement to the New York press saying that Sputnik "broadcasts no discovery of God in the heavens." (We don't know how he'd know. So far, apparently only the Russians know what Sputnik is broadcasting.) Mr. Lewis continued that this "confirms the statement of the great astronomer LaLande when he said, 'I have searched the heavens and found no God.' This great scientific achievement should prove to be a day of mental emancipation for all religionists from their superstitious beliefs," Mr. Lewis rhapsodized.

The Bible spoke of Mr. Lewis' kind

long before he existed. The Psalmist declared, "The fool hath said *in his heart*, There is no God." How much greater fool is the man who blurts it out! The "great scientific achievement" of our age is as an infinitesimal drop when it is compared to the wonders of God's creation.

### Baptists Ask that Prayer Precede Launching of U. S. Satellite

The First Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, urged President Eisenhower to arrange for a moment of prayer to precede the launching of the first American satellite into space. The action of the congregation followed a suggestion by its pastor that America invoke the blessing of the God of the Universe upon its labors in space research.

"We are convinced that the American spirit in this historic event will not be to challenge God, the Creator of the Universe, nor to intimidate men of good will anywhere," the letter to the

President said. "Our plea is that America pledge in prayer that, as much as lies within our power, we will use the scientific data obtained for the peaceful pursuits of mankind."

The Baptists told Mr. Eisenhower "it may be assumed that the Soviets did not enter the threshold of space... with any humility of spirit."

### Blocks of Ice Fall from Sky in Philadelphia Area

Blocks of ice rained down from the sky in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area during August and September, according to newspaper clippings sent us by a pastor in that area. Four similar but separate incidents were recorded, three of which occurred outside Philadelphia (two landing on farms), and the fourth in the city proper. One of the chunks was estimated to weigh about 25 pounds. Two that hit buildings did considerable damage. All were judged large enough to kill a person if they had hit him.

Scientists had various explanations for the falling ice. Some said it was fused hailstones, carried thousands of miles aloft by the jet stream. Others said it was the result of a de-icing device on aircraft. Still others thought it might have come from the beer coolers of commercial aircraft. (If so, then liquor aloft does constitute a definite hazard.) While the scientists agreed to disagree, the ice quietly melted away.

Perhaps Philadelphia's flying ice has a natural explanation. Perhaps it is God's way of warning men of the judgment to come when there will fall "upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent" (at least 50 pounds). "The plague of the hail... was exceeding great" (Revelation 16:21).

### The Power of the Mind

The mind registers more than the five commonly considered senses detect, according to a recent report in *Newsweek*. In an experiment, two "invisible" messages were flashed on a movie theatre screen in New Jersey for 1/3,000 of a second, as often as every five seconds. One "invisible" ad resulted in an 18 per cent increase in the sale of



**ISRAELI THANKSGIVING FESTIVITY "THE DANCE OF THE SHEAVES"**—These women from Dahlia, a "kibbutz" (collective settlement) in southern Galilee, are celebrating the harvesting of the wheat. Holding sheaves of wheat aloft and wearing costumes designed on Biblical models, they are giving a modern representation of "the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when thou gatherest in thy labours out of the field" (Exodus 23:16).



a soft drink. The other upped popcorn sales by 57 per cent. The patrons failed to remember ever seeing the simple advertisement; "Coca Cola" and "Eat Popcorn."

Our minds are powerful in their influence upon our actions. No wonder the Bible tells us that God will "keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed" on Him (Isaiah 26:3).

## CHAPLAINCY

### NATO Chaplains Visit White House

Navy Chaplains from the eleven North Atlantic Treaty countries visited the White House for a conference recently. They were welcomed by President Eisenhower, who told the group that the alliance of Western nations is protecting "spiritual values" and not merely property and lives.

The President urged the chaplains to help create a "common understanding" among the peoples of the NATO nations. "We must have faith not to get hysterical, and we must not get complacent," he said.

### New Zealand Newspaper Pays High Tribute to Assemblies Chaplain

The Auckland (New Zealand) *Herald* recently paid high tribute to an Assemblies of God chaplain for his part in a blood transfusion program. More than 550 of the 1,000 U.S. sailors visiting Auckland volunteered to donate blood to the Auckland blood transfusion service. The chaplain was the first in line.



Chaplain Plank

Chaplain David Plank, a 30-year-old California minister of the Assemblies of God, was called by the newspaper "an American naval chaplain who is fast becoming a legend in the United States Destroyer Squadron Seven." The paper praised him for the example he set in donating blood, and called his action "typical of his leadership and enthusiasm."

The *Herald* reported: "His shipmates say he never sleeps. He stands the midnight to 4 a.m. watch... and spends all that time in the various parts of the ship talking to the men at their stations. He claims that the men are better able to talk to him in their own familiar surroundings than in the chaplain's office," the newspaper added.

Chaplain Plank conducts the usual

Sunday services and weekday instruction classes. In addition, he has obtained permission to say a short prayer every evening over the ship's loudspeaker system. This innovation is much appreciated by the ship's crew.

Chaplain Plank is one of the nineteen Assemblies of God chaplains currently serving in the armed forces. Like most of our chaplains, he has had previous service experience, having been in the navy during World War II.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Conduct Evangelism Campaign in New York City

Each day and night for a week during October, trained laymen knocked on doors, inviting New Yorkers to come to church. Some 20,000 teams, two persons to a team, visited an estimated 180,000 unchurched people. The campaign was sponsored by the Protestant Council of the City of New York. It was climaxed with a giant rally at the Polo Grounds on Sunday, October 27, at which Evangelist Billy Graham gave the address.

The Protestant Council will continue to follow up the Graham Crusade by launching a three-month Crusade for Church Attendance beginning in January. More than 1,000 churches will participate in the drive.

### White House Ceremony Marks Distribution of Half Billion Bibles

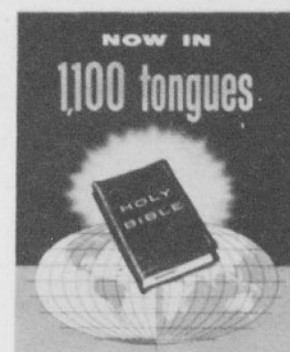
President Eisenhower received a family Bible in a White House ceremony which marked the distribution of the first half billion volumes of Scripture by the American Bible Society. The President's Bible is a red morocco-bound volume of the King James Version weighing over nine pounds.

Mr. Eisenhower commended the Society on the work it has done since its formation in 1816. He remarked that this work has been particularly helpful to members of the Armed Forces and to American missionaries abroad. (Society has distributed 40 million Testaments or Bibles to members of the American Armed Forces. About half of the first half billion copies of the Scripture have been distributed abroad, according to officials of the Society.)

Although it took 141 years to distribute the first half billion copies, it is hoped that the second half billion can be distributed in the next 25 years. Officials plan to do this by increasing the present distribution rate of 15 million copies a year to 20 million.

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1 Advent		
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# The Bottom of the Barrel

BY CHARLES S. PRICE

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A POOR WIDOW who lived in the mountains of Kentucky. She struggled to keep her home together after her husband died, and lovingly tried to raise the little children who were left to her keeping and care. There came a period of depression. Disease got into the chickens and killed a number of them. Cholera got into

*There is always something over,  
When we, from the Father's hand,  
Take our portion with thanksgiving  
Praising for the path He planned.  
Satisfaction, full and deepening,  
Fills the soul, and lights the eye,  
When the heart has trusted Jesus  
All its need to satisfy.*

the livestock and she was tested and tried, but through it all she managed, like Job, to keep her integrity and her faith in the Lord. The barrel in the storehouse was getting lower and lower. She was out of money and had no means by which she could renew her supply.

One morning she went to the meal barrel and took out enough meal to make the pancakes for the children who were going to school and for little Tommy who was not old enough to start. As she looked into the meal barrel she saw there was only sufficient for one day more. She knew that on the morrow she would scrape the bottom of the barrel.

Bravely she smiled as she sent the children to school. Telling little Tommy to play in the other room, she went into the secret place, put her head between her hands, and sobbed. The little fellow heard his mother's cry. He gently opened the door and tiptoed by her side.



"What is the matter, Mummy?" he asked her.

Glad to have at least a little heart in which she could put her confidence, she said, "Mother is worried, Tommy. I have no money and tomorrow we reach the bottom of the barrel."

The little fellow backed away from her; and then, raising his index finger like a little preacher, he said, "Mummy, don't you know that God always hears it when we scrape the bottom of the barrel?"

A flood of heavenly glory burst over her soul. She wiped the tears away. She knew her little boy had told the

## FOR THE JUNIOR READER

### Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the blanks in the crossword puzzle by looking up the Scriptures listed below. All words go across. When you have completed the puzzle, you will find two words in the gray squares. They will tell you what Christians should be doing this week—and every week.

1. "She said within herself, If I may but touch his \_\_\_\_\_, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:21).

2. "And \_\_\_\_\_ the Gibeonite [was] a mighty man among the thirty, and chief over the thirty" (1 Chronicles 12:4).

3. "\_\_\_\_\_, and pay unto the Lord your God" (Psalm 76:11).

4. "The sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Chronicles 7:38).

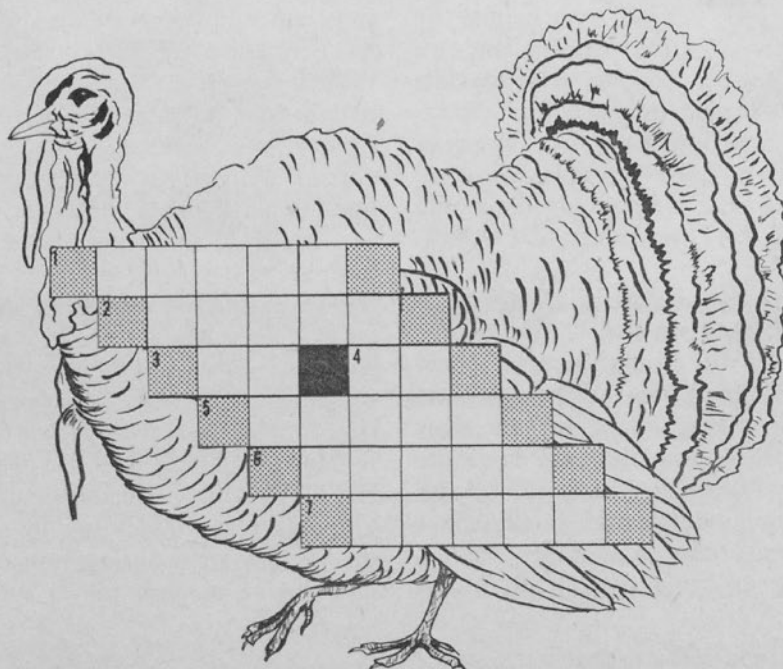
5. "The man, clothed with linen,

which had the \_\_\_\_\_ by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me" (Ezekiel 9:11).

6. "Thou shalt make for [the altar] a grate of \_\_\_\_\_ of brass" (Exodus 27:4).

7. "I made me \_\_\_\_\_ and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit" (Ecclesiastes 2:5).

If you have filled in the puzzle correctly, the words in the gray squares will spell: "GIVING THANKS."





truth. God always hears it when we scrape the bottom of the barrel. So in the morning she got the last little grain of flour and made it into cakes on the kitchen stove. Then, just as the children were about to go to school, neighbor Johnson from away down the road drove in with his team. He smiled with the love of the Lord on his kindly face, and said, "Ma and I were in prayer yesterday and we were asking the Lord how you were getting along. We kinda figured the barrel might be getting low, and Ma said she thought I had better come up and see you this morning, and bring you and the children a few things you might need."

That is the way God works. He sometimes keeps us waiting until He can hear the scraping in the bottom of the barrel. But always remember, He never fails.

## A Husband Gives Thanks

A man in Springfield, Missouri, recently gave thanks publicly for the blessing of a good wife and a happy home.

The day before his 25th wedding anniversary he took his wife out for breakfast; then he presented her with a number of silver anniversary gifts. On the following day he was away at work for the Frisco Railroad, and she supposed the celebration had ended; but when she opened the morning paper she found, to her complete surprise and great delight, the following ad in the "personals" column:

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing"—Proverbs 18:22. Appreciation of wife. I am responsible for all debts and obligations of my wife, Mildred, both present and future, and am more than happy to be the provider for such a wife who married me 25 years ago today, who has borne me four happy children, all of whom are Christians, and she has manifested continuously such love, patience, understanding, helpfulness, that these have been the happiest years of my life. On this our 25th wedding anniversary I wish publicly to express my gratitude.—Carl W. Trantham, 1906 South Main."

Whether our thanks is expressed in public or in private, it is a good thing to give thanks to God and to each other for domestic blessings. Such thanksgiving is appropriate not only on Thanksgiving Day or anniversaries but at any time during the year.



# Our Family Altar

## Monday, November 25

**Read:** Psalm 74:12-23

**Learn:** "God is my King..., working salvation in the midst of the earth" (Psalm 74:12).

**For the Parent:** God is the mighty King of all the earth. Read verses 13-17 again, then have the group review how God created the heavens and the earth. Emphasize the great power of God. Point out that He is still interested in the earth and that He controls all things. We need never fear the future as long as we serve Him faithfully. God will not forget His own.

**Question Time:** What are some of the mighty works of God which are listed in this passage? (vv. 12-17) Do you think there is ever an occasion for the Christian to fear?

## Tuesday, November 26

**Read:** Psalm 75

**Learn:** "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks" (Psalm 75:1).

**For the Parent:** Emphasize the Christian's responsibility and privilege to give thanks to God in and for all things. Read James 1:17 to show that God is the Author of all good gifts. Also emphasize the importance of being thankful to God and to others for the things they do for us. The quality of appreciation and thankfulness is a good quality for all to develop.

**Question Time:** To whom should we give thanks? (v. 1) Who is the Author of all good gifts? (James 1:17) As Judge, what does God do? (v. 7)

## Wednesday, November 27

**Read:** 3 John 9-14

**Learn:** "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but follow that which is good" (3 John 11).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Demetrius—A Good Man" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Emphasize especially the contrast between Diotrefes, who was ruled by pride, and Demetrius, who had a good report of all. Show some of the results of pride in Diotrefes' life.

**Question Time:** What were some of the evil deeds which Diotrefes did? (vv. 9, 10) How was Demetrius a contrast to Diotrefes? (v. 12) How do these two men illustrate verse 11?  
Thursday, November 28

## Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

**Read:** Psalm 98

**Learn:** "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4).

**For the Parent:** This psalm is a song of praise to God for all His wondrous works. Have the group name the things for which they are thankful, and then ask each one to name that for which he was most thankful during the past year. Have a time of praise to God for all He has done.

**Question Time:** What are some of the reasons listed in this psalm why we should praise and give thanks to God? What are some things you have to be thankful for?

## Friday, November 29

**Read:** Nehemiah 9:22-38 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people...even for ever" (Psalm 125:2).

**For the Parent:** This lesson continues the study of Bible history and geography begun last week by the Juniors. This passage follows the Israelites from the time they entered the Promised Land until they returned after captivity. Emphasize that God is longsuffering, but that sin must be punished.

**Question Time:** What happened to Israel each time they rebelled against God? (v. 27) when they cried for mercy? (v. 27)

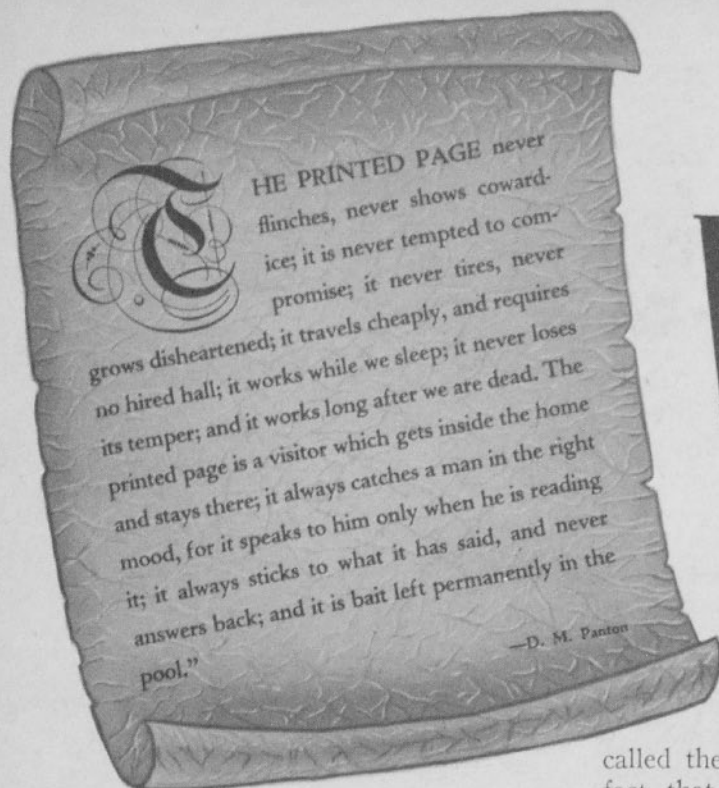
## Saturday, November 30

**Read:** 2 Samuel 6:1-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

**For the Parent:** After David became king of Israel, he wanted to bring the ark of God to his capital city. First he tried to do it in a way that was displeasing to God, and a man died. Then David did it in the way God had commanded, and it brought blessing to him and the people. We must remember that God is holy. We must obey and honor Him.

**Question Time:** What happened the first time David tried to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem? (vv. 6, 7) Why? (See above)



# Who Failed?

BY NELSON E. HINMAN

heard the name of Stalin or who knows nothing of Communism. What your missionaries have failed to do in a hundred years, the Communists have done in ten. We have filled China with our doctrines."

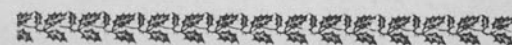
John struggled for an answer. Words failed him. He knew the truth of the charges.

"You have tried to win the attention of the masses by building churches, mission stations, schools and orphanages; but we Communists have printed our message and spread our literature over all China. Someday we will drive you missionaries out of our country. We will do it by means of the printed page."

Frustrated and hurt by the truth contained in the Communist's statements, the missionary was silently praying for an answer. A tangled mass of thoughts raced through his mind.

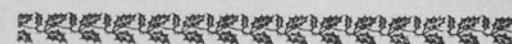
He thought of the money that mission boards had spent on hospitals, orphanages, Bible schools, and rest homes. He thought of the feeble efforts to publish literature.

His mind's eye saw the small, inadequate printing press at his own mission station. He could almost smell the dust that had settled on it as it lay idle, months on end. No operators could be hired, because of lack of designated funds. He thought of the stack of moldy paper now ruined by worms,



## In case you have forgotten . . .

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THE STREET MEETING HAD JUST ended. The missionary felt a warm glow of satisfaction as he watched the milling crowd returning to the normal flow of foot traffic. Once again the "Message" had been preached.

John M., missionary to China, silently offered thanks to God for the privilege of preaching the gospel to those Oriental people. He quickly took note of the fact that his fellow workers were efficiently stowing the street meeting equipment, the P. A. system, and the musical instruments into the mission station wagon.

His satisfaction was complete until he noted a Chinese army officer elbowing his way through the dispersing throng. "Probably wants to know a little bit more about the message," he thought as the man approached.

But hostility plainly showed in his eyes. His voice equally betrayed his attitude. "You American missionaries are fools!" he said.

"Is that so?" John used his politest manner. "What makes you think that?"

"Because of your methods, that is why I think that."

"What's wrong with our methods?"

"Well, take for example this open-air meeting you have just concluded. You had a wonderful opportunity to gain a victory for your religion. But you lost it. Now it is gone forever."

"I don't follow you, Sir. What are you driving at?"

The critical army officer coldly, firmly, fully expressed his opinions. He

called the missionary's attention to the fact that he would never again have the chance to speak to the now dispersed crowd. The message preached, although probably crystal clear to the missionary, was completely new and different from anything these listeners had ever heard. It had told of a strange God, and of a new way of life utterly foreign to their thinking. How could the missionary expect his audience to grasp a philosophy so strange, a religion so new, the first time they heard it? "Why didn't you give them some simple-to-understand literature? In this way, curiosity aroused, they could have further investigated what they had heard. Thus your message would have had effect for perhaps months or even years, instead of just for the moment."

The missionary couldn't answer. A wave of resentment swept through his mind. However, it was not directed against his critic. John bitterly recalled the futile attempts he had made to obtain the sort of literature just mentioned. He started to answer the officer but the biting criticism continued.

"You missionaries have been in China for over a hundred years, but you have not won China for your Christ. You lament the fact that there are still untold millions who have never heard the name of your God. Nor do they know anything about your Christianity."

The Chinese paused to let his argument sink in. His eyes glowed with satisfaction as he noted the effect it was making on the missionary. His tone was full of mockery as he continued.

"We Communists have been in China less than ten years, but there is no such thing as a Chinese who has not



paper that could have carried the gospel message if. . . .

John's tormentor bowed stiffly, turned abruptly, and walked through the place where the crowd had stood listening to the message.

The missionary groaned with regret. His feelings of satisfaction had fled. He weakly murmured a prayer. "O God, it is true that we are losing China. We are failing. Why, oh why couldn't we have had the literature? Who failed us, Lord, who?"

The heavy-hearted missionary represents hundreds of others around the missionary world. With a few details slightly changed, this could have happened to dozens of our missionaries.

Today John is out of China. So are practically all the others who went there as missionaries. Only a few in Hong Kong, the British crown colony, remain. The national Christian leaders have been imprisoned, murdered, or otherwise silenced. The mighty voice of the gospel is reduced to a whisper.

One great Christian leader said that if the Church had spent on literature what it spent on hospitals, orphanages, schools, and rest homes, the Bamboo Curtain would not exist today.

What happened in China is happening in other sections of the world. India, Indonesia, Africa, and other places are being flooded with literature that is antagonistic to the gospel. The rising fires of nationalism are being fed with literally tons of printed propaganda. The red man, the yellow man, the black man, the brown man are being taught to hate the white man and all that he represents. The missionary's task is becoming more difficult.

The missionary desperately needs literature. He needs Bibles. He needs tracts, booklets, periodicals, and pamphlets prepared on the national level. The missionary needs a flood of dollars with which to publish the one thing that will best do his job today.

The need can be ignored, but the tragic results of such neglect cannot be avoided. We must *publish* or *perish*.

We cannot do with fewer missionaries. We can use the orphanages, the Bible schools, and all the rest. But unless we supplement these things with sufficient literature, we will soon see the missionary driven from other fields and watch the enemy occupy those orphanages, burn the churches, and utilize the other buildings for their own ends.

Let us "publish" this gospel to the ends of the earth. ◀ ◀

# The Christian Offensive



**A**LL LATIN AMERICA HAS EXPERIENCED great change and progress. Education is becoming available to everyone. In each country great strides to wipe out illiteracy are being made through literacy campaigns. This presents priceless opportunities for the Assemblies of God to blanket Latin America with evangelical literature.

To accomplish this, we need hundreds of thousands of tracts and pamphlets on salvation and Pentecostal truths. Our Spanish Literature Department at Springfield stands ready to do its utmost to meet the challenge of this opportunity and pass on to the millions of spiritually hungry Latin Americans—by means of the printed page—the message of salvation, deliverance, power, and hope.

There have been great demands for Sunday School literature, so the first publications by the Spanish Department were Sunday School quarterlies. These were welcomed by the Assemblies of God missionaries and nationals throughout Latin America, and each succeeding quarter there has been a steady increase in the demand for them.

The special emphasis the Assemblies of God has placed on the training of national workers has created another literature need for Latin America—that of textbooks for use in the Bible schools. Eight of the needed textbooks are now being published by the department. Some of them were written in Spanish by Assemblies of God missionaries, while others are translations of textbooks which are being used in the American Bible institutes. The courses of the Correspondence School of the General Council are also being published in Spanish and are made available to those students in Latin America who cannot attend a regular Bible institute.

The increase in the yearly output of Spanish literature is very encouraging, but the total production is still insuf-

ficient for lands where there is a deep hunger in the hearts of the people to learn and to know, where even in out-of-the-way places people will read anything they can find in print.

A man in the mountains of Peru was crippled and ill and was not expected to live long. One day on a mountain road he found a copy of the tract, "Seven Things God Wants You to Know." Where it came from he did not know, but he read and reread it, and was saved and healed through the power of its message. This man became a minister of the gospel and was the means of leading hundreds of others to Christ.

A schoolteacher was given a copy of the Gospel of Luke, and after diligently studying its contents for some months he became a staunch Christian believer.

We have been slow to give literature the place it should have in our missionary program. We must correct this and inaugurate literature offensives with tracts, pamphlets, and books. We must "write the vision and make it plain." This expansion will require additional finances. Generous donations of thousands of dollars are needed, but no offering is too small to be appreciated. Even a few cents will make a large number of tracts available for distribution. Remember, in Latin America even the lowly tract is esteemed and is uniquely useful in making known the message of salvation.

Send an offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated, "For Spanish Literature."

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FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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**434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.**

# Twentieth-Century 'Pilgrims'

OUR AMERICAN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING  
CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS

**T**he re-enactment this year of the famous voyage of the Mayflower has reminded us afresh of the character and courage of the little band of Pilgrims who played such a large part in the founding of our nation.

The Mayflower II traced the route of her famous predecessor 337 years ago, and dropped anchor off Provincetown, Mass., on June 12, 1957. The venture was conceived and financed by a group of private British citizens as a gesture of good will. The voyage was timed to coincide with the 350th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, first successful English colony in the new world. The ship is being presented as a gift to the people of the United States in appreciation of aid and friendship tendered during the troubled years of the twentieth century.

Those first Pilgrims were devout people. They had very little of this world's goods but they were rich in faith. Their most treasured possessions were their copies of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, which had been published only nine years before. After building shelters for their families, the first structure they erected was a church. The next was a school, and its textbook was the Bible.

Our American observance of Thanksgiving can be traced back to the Pilgrims. It was Governor William Bradford, of Plymouth Colony, who ordained the first feast of thanksgiving in the fall of 1621. In giving public thanks to God he was not doing something new, as far as the Christian religion is concerned, but he was initiating a pattern for all succeeding generations in this country.

Of course, he could have no knowledge that the "hundred and odd persons" who had landed in December 1620, and of whom more than half had died before spring, were to be the forerunners of a nation of a hundred and seventy million people. The real

reason for that first Thanksgiving was that for the first time in about a year the colonists were sure of enough to eat.

Governor Bradford wrote that they died of "the scurvy and other diseases"—that is, of bad and insufficient food, and of exposure. But by fall they had gathered a "small harvest," had begun to "fit up their houses and dwellings against winter," and were "all recovered in health and strength." They now had a "good store of cod and bass and other fish," waterfowl, wild turkeys, venison, and "about a peck of meal a week to a person." In our day, this would be termed "being thankful for small mercies." And yet, how vital was that providence to those early settlers. Out of their sufferings by sea and land, they had acquired strength. In their souls they had a vision of the "new Jerusalem," the city of God on earth. In their humility, they were thankful that they were permitted of God to be the instruments of the fulfillment of a dream and the development of a mighty vision.

A man of strong religious convictions, Bradford continued to call for seasons of thanksgiving from time to time. One of his earliest written manuscripts was entitled, "God's Merciful Dealings With Us in the Wilderness." Abraham Lincoln's first American ancestor, Samuel Lincoln, had come to this very wilderness in 1637 and settled not far from Plymouth. He undoubtedly participated in these early Thanksgiving festivals.

During the Revolutionary War Congress recommended days of fasting and prayer. At its conclusion President Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, as a day for the citizens of the new nation to thank God for a constitutional form of government and the blessings which accompanied it.

It was not until 1815 that the festival



**CREW MEMBERS OF MAYFLOWER  
IN AMERICA**

Crew members of the Mayflower II are shown upon their arrival at Plymouth, Mass. The captain of Plymouth Bay all wearing the traditional dress buckle shoes, and peaked hats. Religious service of Plymouth Rock monument which marks the years ago.

was again revived on a national scale. That year President Madison urged the people to offer thanks on a day set apart by proclamation. For nearly half a century there were no more Presidential proclamations, although governors of many states, at intervals, designated certain days for the annual observance.

Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national observance of Thanksgiving Day on an annual basis. On October 3, 1863, he issued the following statement: "I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens . . . to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the heavens." The holiday has been observed annually ever since.

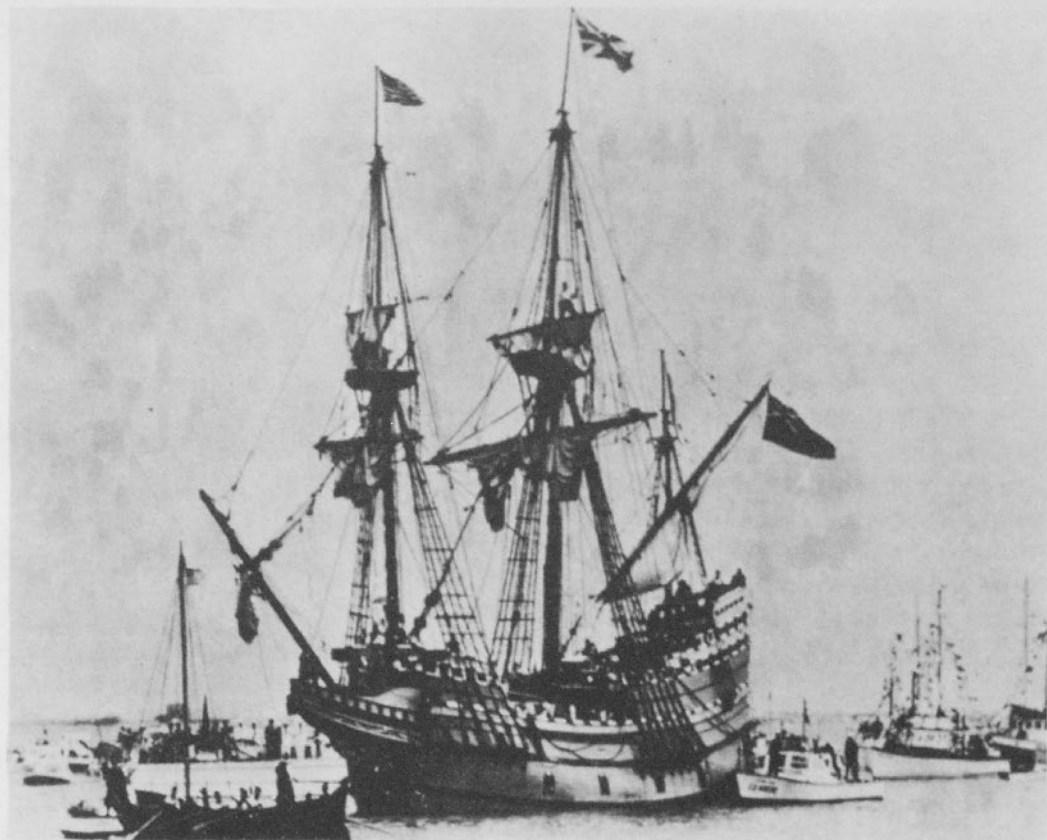
A few years ago, during the administration of President F. D. Roosevelt, Congress passed a law establishing the fourth Thursday of November (not necessarily the last Thursday) as a national Thanksgiving holiday. It falls this year on November 28, which is the latest possible date upon which it can fall. ◀◀





## MAYFLOWER II PRAY AFTER ARRIVAL IN AMERICA

are shown during a service of prayer which was held  
The captain and his crew of thirty-two came ashore at  
nal dress of the Founding Fathers—knee breeches,  
gious services were held at the colonnaded shelter  
marks the site where the first colonists landed 337



## TWENTIETH CENTURY 'PILGRIMS' REACH PLYMOUTH IN MAYFLOWER II

The Mayflower II, replica of the original ship which brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, is shown being hitched to a mooring in Plymouth Bay, Plymouth, Mass. after being escorted from Provincetown. The 180-ton wooden vessel crossed the Atlantic from England in 53 days, beating the Pilgrim's time by 14 days. After being displayed in New York City all summer, the replica is being presented to the people of the United States as a good-will gift from the people of England.

## The Mayflower Compact

Before landing in the new world, the pilgrims on board the *Mayflower* gathered in the ship's cabin and signed a solemn compact. It is quoted here, word for word, with the old-fashioned spelling exactly as written in that day so long ago:

"In the name of God, amen. We whose names are under written, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereigne lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, Franc and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc., having undertaken, for the glorie of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and countrie, a voyage to plant the first colonie in the Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civill body polittick, for our better ordering and preser-

vation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enacte, constitute and frame such just and equall laws, ordenances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for the general good of the colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cap-Codd the 11 of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereigne lord, King James of England, Franc and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, ANO. DOM. 1620."

## NEW ENGLAND DRAFTSMAN DRAWS PLANS FOR MAYFLOWER II

This is William A. Baker of Hingham, Mass. who designed the Mayflower II. Mr. Baker's hobby is research into the origin and construction of early wooden ships. Because of his vast knowledge in this field he was given the task of drawing plans for a replica of this famous ship. Records giving details of her construction, rigging, and general appearance were so skimpy as to be almost nonexistent, but Mr. Baker spent many thousands of hours of his "spare time" on the project and designed a most seaworthy vessel. He is a naval architect in the shipyard of Bethlehem Steel Company.



# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## DEMETRIUS — A GOOD MAN

Sunday School Lesson for December 1, 1957  
3 JOHN 9-14

In John's third letter he gave brief biographical sketches of three men, all evidently connected with the same church. Though centuries have passed since John wrote, human nature remains the same. In churches today we still find modern counterparts of these men. Two of these men are to be regarded as setting worthy examples; the other stands out as a warning to all who would please God.

**GAIUS** (Vv. 1-8). Gaius was the man to whom John addressed his letter. He seems to have been just one of the members of the church, but what a tribute John paid to his character and conduct! He was—

(1) *A man who was greatly loved* (v. 1). "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius." Here was a man loved not only by John, who may have been his spiritual father, but also by the whole church and by all who knew him.

(2) *A man who prospered spiritually* (v. 2). "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." This verse, in recent years, has often been improperly emphasized. John was so sure of the splendid spiritual status of Gaius that he expressed the desire that he might be just as prosperous in physical health and material matters as he was in things spiritual. It is to be feared that not a few Christians would be in dire material straits and in very poor physical health if such were proportioned to their spiritual condition.

(3) *A man who walked in the truth* (v. 3). No spiritual victory or grace is greater than that a man orders his life by the Word of God. John evidently recognized such a walk as the greatest spiritual attainment, for he said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

(4) *A man who practiced Christian hospitality* (vv. 5-8). Gaius practiced Hebrews 13:2, which says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." The truest hospitality is to be found in entertaining not our friends, but those who are in greatest need, those who because they do the Lord's work are dependent for their support on the grace of giving and hospitality as it is exercised by God's children.

**DIOTREPHE**s (vv. 9-10). "I wrote unto the church: Diotrefes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not." What a contrast is this man to Gaius! He was—

(1) *A man inspired by carnal pride and ambition*. "Who loveth to have the pre-eminence." What havoc has been wrought in the church of Christ by men moved by the Diotrefes spirit! Here was a man whose chief motive was to have the highest place and hold the greatest power in the church. He was seeking not to glorify the Lord but to glorify himself, to advance his own interests and ego at any cost. Here was a man who seemed not to realize that

"every one that exalteth himself shall be abased," that "a man's pride shall bring him low." He forgot that Jesus said, "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

(2) *A man who refused to recognize God-ordained authority*. "I wrote unto the church," said the great saint and apostle, "but Diotrefes . . . receiveth us not."

(3) *A man who slandered a godly character*. "I will remember his deeds . . . , prating against us with malicious words." Bad enough to slander anyone, but how frightful to slander the venerated elder of the churches! But then slander is usually an expression of envy, jealousy, and unholy ambition in the human heart! See James 1:26.

(4) *A man who prevented others from doing their Christian duty*. "And not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church."

(5) *A man whose misdeeds were to be dealt with*. There is a time for forbearance and patience, but there is also a time when, for the best interest of the church, there must be disciplinary action. And even the apostle of love could, in the will of God, be stern!

**DEMETRIUS** (v. 12). There will always be those in the church like Diotrefes, but there will also be many more like Demetrius. Consider him: (1) *A man of good reputation in the eyes of all who knew him* Proverbs 22:1; Romans 12:7. (2) *A man whose godliness was borne out by the Word itself*. It is good when men may bear testimony to the integrity of one's life; but it is blessed indeed when the Word itself bears witness to that life! (3) *A man whose life was commended by a great apostle*.

—J. Bashford Bishop

## LET US GIVE THANKS

IN SPITE OF THEIR PRIVATIONS...



IN SPITE OF OUR PRIVILEGES...





# The Greatest Gift

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift"

BY DAVID W. PLANK

Chaplain, U. S. Navy

**T**HANKSGIVING IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED with physical gifts and material abundance. The greatest gift, however, is the Saviour without whom all other gifts are short lived and unsatisfying. Let us obey the Scripture which says, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."

In order to begin to appreciate the value of this great Gift we need to recall not only the unspeakable benefit it brings to us but also the unspeakable price that God paid to redeem us from sin. The Father so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The Son so loved the world that He came to earth to suffer for mankind. Actually Christ's entire life was a life of suffering. The word "suffer" means to experience pain but it also has a broader meaning. It means "to endure" or "to bear up under adversity or affliction," and in this sense Christ suffered through all of His earthly life.

He was born into poverty. He grew up as a homely man with no beauty that people should desire Him. His best intentions were misunderstood by His dearest friends. Many times He was severely tempted to deflect from His divine vocation. He was despised and rejected of men, as one from whom men hid their faces. He was betrayed into the hands of killers by the hired kiss of a close follower. A bosom friend three times denied knowing Him. And then during His last day upon earth Christ was falsely accused, spit upon, struck, slapped, whipped and mocked. Finally He was nailed to a Roman cross and there more indignities were heaped upon Him. All of these, and more, constitute Christ's sufferings.

But the New Testament reveals that

throughout Christ's life-long history of suffering—of bearing up under adversities and afflictions—He was conqueror. He was not a victim but a Victor.

Though ridiculed, rejected, and



## The 100th Psalm

"All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise  
forthtell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

"The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, us He doth feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

"Oh, enter, then, His gates with  
praise;  
Approach with joy His court unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name al-  
ways,  
For it is seemly so to do.

"For why? The Lord our God is  
good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure."

railed upon He never cried out or lifted His voice. Though tempted He never yielded. Though misunderstood and opposed, He was never discouraged. Though beaten and bruised, He never retaliated or even complained. He was crowned with thorns and led to a hill for hanging, yet He went as a lamb to the slaughter, never opening His mouth. And then, after being buried in a hillside cave, He arose to show that He was triumphant even over the grave.

The Scriptures tell us that because Christ has thus suffered and yet triumphed, He will abundantly supply comfort and help to those of us who suffer. For who could possibly be more qualified to succor the afflicted than He who has plumbed the very depths of human suffering? And who could better aid the tempted than He who has felt, yet resisted, the final stress of the tempter's power? We are assured that since a divine life has already participated in our suffering, pain, and temptations, we never stand alone; Christ stands beside us with power to transform the sufferings of life into eternal blessings.

Since Christ triumphed over suffering in a body of flesh and blood just like ours, we have the guarantee that by His power and resources we of similar frame can likewise triumph over adversity, suffering, and even death itself.

Thus the lifetime suffering of Christ has brought us just the help and salvation we need. The hill of Calvary stands as a promise of comfort and succor to every Christian. The groans of Christ have put our groans to flight. From Christ flows a stream of strength sufficient for every difficulty. By Him, God has dug a fount from whom flows healing waters for all the woes of mankind.

For these priceless riches and comforts which far surpass material blessings we offer humble thanksgiving to God this day.

The first Thanksgiving held in North America was conducted by an English minister named Wollfall in the year 1578, on the shores of Newfoundland. He was with the Frobisher Expedition, which placed the first colonists on these shores. Prayer was offered, the communion celebrated, and a sermon was preached. This was perhaps the first Christian sermon preached and the first celebration of the Lord's Supper in North America.

—*Watchman-Examiner*

# New Assembly at Winchester, Kentucky

BY ELVA JOHNSON



Part of the congregation at Winchester, Kentucky, where a new church has been started by Samie Fisher.

**S**AMIE FISHER WAS PASTORING A church several months ago when God began to deal with his heart about pioneering. He accepted the challenge and began to pray that the Lord would supply a tent and other equipment with which to enter a new field. These and other needs the Lord provided and the Fishers moved out to follow the Lord in pioneer ministry.

After driving many miles in search of the exact place the Lord would have them labor, the Fishers arrived in Winchester, Kentucky, on June 4, 1957. They felt that this was the place God would have them to work. They started a great tent revival which lasted for ten weeks and in which eighty souls were won to Christ.

Brother Fisher says that people from many denominations and walks of life attended the meetings. The Lord filled a number of people with the Holy Spirit and many were healed. Twenty-nine have followed the Lord in water baptism, and others are ready for the step.

The Sunday School was started on

June 30 with fifty-nine present, and it has increased in number ever since. The need for a building became imperative; and as the new congregation began to pray, the Lord provided funds for a lot.

On August 18 they had the ground-breaking service with 134 present in Sunday School on that day. The foundation is now completed for the building which will serve as church and parsonage. There will be a half basement underneath. The congregation and pastor are working hard to get the floor poured in the basement and a roof on so they can get inside before the weather gets too cold.

It is already cold in the tent, but the pastor says, "I truly thank God that we have people who love God enough to go to church, rain or shine, in a building or a tent. On a recent Sunday it was very chilly, and rain was pouring down. It didn't stop the people from coming, however, for we had 108 in Sunday School."

The future of this new work is

bright, as God continues to lead this pioneer pastor. Brother Fisher says, "We in Winchester desire the prayers of all who are concerned with God's work, that God will use us in a mighty way. Pray that many souls will be saved, believers filled, and sick bodies healed. We thank God for everyone who has had a part in supplying our needs. Our district has been so wonderful to us in co-operating in every way..."

This is only one of the hundreds of thrilling pioneer stories that will come out of this year's efforts to reach communities yet unreached with the Full gospel Message. Church extension in the United States is a necessity if the Church is to advance abroad. Let us join together to uphold these pioneers in prayer and, where possible, lend a helping hand to the new work nearest our own church.

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Is your church interested in starting a BRANCH CHURCH? Write to Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, for his new booklet on "Branch Church Evangelism." His address is 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## HMD Blueprint Program Is Discussed

The Church Building and Planning Commission, appointed by and working through the Home Missions Department, held its second meeting in Springfield, Missouri, last month. This meeting gave the men their first opportunity to sit down together and discuss the blueprint program since it was put into operation in September 1956.

Present at the meeting were Joseph Colombo, chairman, Montebello, Calif.; W. E. DeWitt, Jr., Springfield, Mo.; A. V. Gustafson, St. Paul, Minn.; James H. Hennix, Western Springs, Ill.; Pleas Hyatt, Kennett, Mo.; Gordon E. Nickell, Grandview, Wash.; Earl C. Rodgers, W. Terre Haute, Ind.; and Victor Trimmer, National Home





Around the table from left to right are the following members of the Church Building and Planning Commission who recently met in Springfield to discuss the program: Earl Rodgers, W. E. DeWitt, Jr., A. V. Gustafson, Victor Trimmer, Joseph Colombo, James H. Hennix, Pleas Hyatt, Gordon Nickell.

Missions Secretary, Springfield, Missouri.

The report of the thirteen months in which the program has existed, showed that thirty sets of building plans had been purchased. They have been used in seventeen states and in Alaska. Progress in the program was generally considered good, and only minor changes were suggested.

Victor Trimmer says:

"This program has the purpose of providing building plans to our pioneer pastors at a minimum of cost. The

plans were designed to be complete in themselves, or to become the first unit of a larger building as the church grows. We realize that in some cases poor buildings have contributed to the ineffectiveness of churches. Our work for God in the cities and communities of this nation will be affected to a large degree by the type and location of building we have.

"The men serving on this Commission see clearly this need and have given unselfishly of their time and talent to assist our pioneer pastors. If

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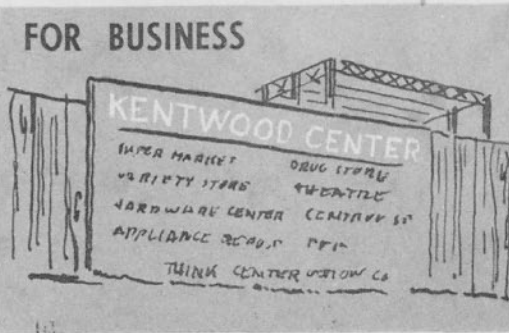
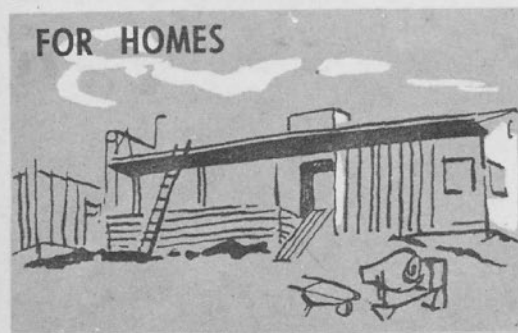
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NO ONE WHO HEARD WILLIAM BOOTH (founder and first general of the International Salvation Army), preach a "blood and fire" sermon ever forgot the experience. Never shall I forget that night when he preached a mighty sermon on "The Conversion of the Jailer." One striking sentence out of that message has remained with me through the years. Describing Paul and Silas, victorious over their suffering, and the jailer, so hard and coarse, the General thundered out—

"God was so pleased with the prayers and praises of Paul and Silas that He shouted 'Amen' with a mighty earthquake. And it took an earthquake to save that type of man."

God had to resort to something dras-

tic to produce the cry: "What must I do to be saved?"

God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He ever yearns to snap the fetter of sin binding the sinner. With untiring patience, He warns the sinner to flee from the wrath to come. In mercy He seeks the lost. But when His overtures of love are constantly rejected, God in His desire to rescue souls before it is too late resorts to drastic methods to bring sinners to a realization of their peril. Thus when He said "Amen! with an earthquake," as the General expressed it, He revealed Himself not only as a God of power, but also as a God of grace. That earthquake not only liberated prisoners from physical chains, but it

set a prisoner of sin gloriously free from his bondage of iniquity. What the prayers and praises of Paul and Silas could not do, God, by sending the earthquake, immediately accomplished. A hard, rebellious heart was broken, for the jailer was made to see that he was a lost sinner.

Not only was that earthquake the means of saving the keeper of the prison from his guilty past, but it completely transformed his disposition. Because of his position, he had to be a man indifferent to human suffering; a man without feeling. When the prisoners were handed over to him it was his task to take his whip and lash their backs. He could watch the victims writhe in agony as blood oozed from

# It Took an Earthquake

BY HERBERT LOCKYER

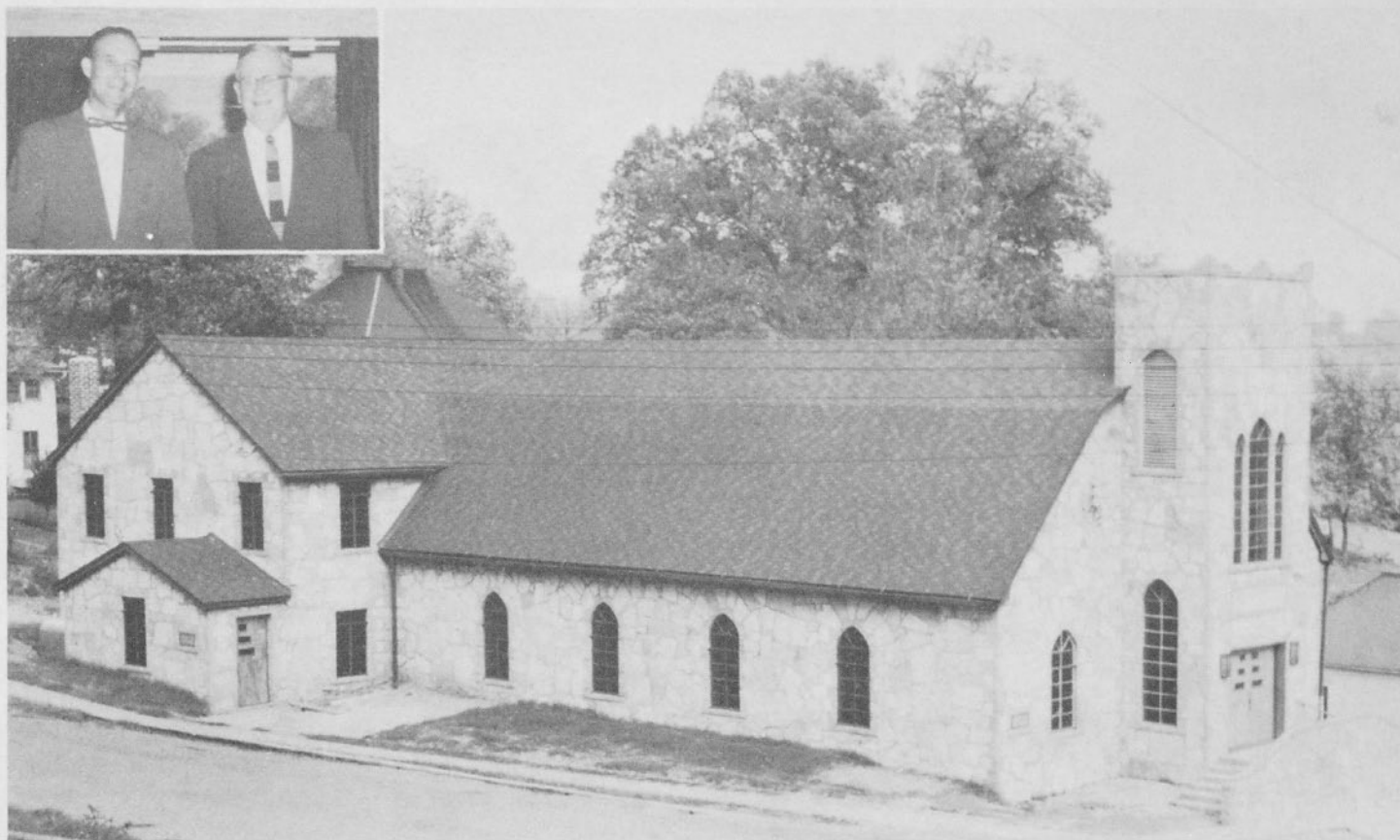


their wounds, and yet not turn a hair. Sympathy and tenderness were not in his make-up. But as soon as he was converted, what happened? We read that the jailer took water and washed the stripes he had inflicted upon Paul and Silas. Doubtless tears of penitence fell into the bowl at that midnight hour as he manifested the grace of restitution. He washed their stripes, the stripes he had heartlessly produced. Too often, those who come to know Christ as Saviour forget to wash the stripes. Many wrongs of the past are not rectified. Are there any stripes you should wash, and prove thereby the reality of a changed life?

Don't wait until God has to resort to something catastrophic in order to shake you. Lydia needed no earthquake to save her. As she listened to Paul and Silas preach at a riverside meeting, her heart opened to the Lord as noiselessly as a bud to the morning sun. If God, in love and mercy, is pleading with your soul, why not respond to His call and willingly receive Him? Do not linger in your sin until some shattering experience is necessary to halt you in your wicked way. God has more delight in gentler methods than earthquakes. Turn to Him now in simple, believing faith.

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Built 38 years ago, this church was recently enlarged and rededicated. The pastor and the dedicatory speaker are shown in inset.

## Enlarged and Remodeled Church in Thayer, Missouri, Is Dedicated

The services held in the Assembly of God at Thayer, Missouri, on August 4 were unique in several respects.

The pastor, James E. Griggs, states that not only were the dedication and homecoming services the culmination of many weeks and months of toil for the local congregation, but the dedicatory speaker was a man who received his call to the ministry in this church 44 years ago and who has led our great nationwide fellowship for the past four years. That man is our beloved Ralph M. Riggs.

Brother Riggs, in referring to his call during his dedication sermon, said: "We were singing, 'I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, I'll say what You want me to say,' when the Lord touched me on the shoulder and told me, 'I want you to say what I want you to say.'" That was in 1913. Later Brother Riggs received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in a tent revival on the lot where the Thayer high school now stands.

The church building at Thayer was erected in 1909 during the ministry of the

late Harry Bowley, in the midst of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some 500 people received the Baptism during those glorious days. Former pastors of the assembly include "Mother" Barnes, B. F. Lawrence, Brother Bowley, John T. Wilson, W. T. Gaston, Walter Higgins, Joseph Roselli, Fred Morris, Ed Cockman, Marvin Hartz, E. E. Templeton, William Boyles, Veny L. Clark, M. M. Brewer, G. Parker, A. Auten, L. R. Lynch, Wm. B. Friend, N. Cleo Tapp, and Elmer Baker.

During the ministry of Brother Tapp the basement for a two-story Sunday School annex was dug, and the basement structure was completed while Brother Baker was pastor. Brother Baker was succeeded in April 1954 by James E. Griggs. Under Brother Griggs' leadership the Sunday School annex has been completed. It houses 15 class rooms, a pastor's study, Sunday School office, baptistry, two dressing rooms, an assembly room and a storage room.

The outside of the annex together with the old structure has been veneered with Batesville stone. The interior has knotty

pine walls and ceiling, and hardwood floors.

The sanctuary of the old building has been remodeled extensively. New hardwood pews have been installed and the interior has been completely refinished.

A full day of services began with the church radio broadcast at 9:15 over KALM. There were 198 present for Sunday School. The pastor spoke in the morning service and an old-fashioned basket dinner was served at noon. Brother Riggs brought the message of dedication in the afternoon. Brother Lynch spoke in the evening, at which time there was a gracious moving of the Holy Spirit.



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C. M. Ward preaching on Revivaltime from Central's spacious platform

## REVIVALTIME BROADCAST

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

ONE OF THE GREAT FEATURES OF the dedicatory series of services at the new Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., was the release of the REVIVALTIME broadcast. From this beautiful auditorium on Sunday night, October 20, went out the world-wide Assemblies of God broadcast that was heard by millions.

The Radio Department is indebted to the hospitality of the pastor, James W. Van Meter, and the congregation

at Central Assembly for the use of their fine new facilities.

The REVIVALTIME evangelist, C. M. Ward, preached on an unusual theme: "The ARROW that flieth by day"—the guided missile. He said we are now living in perilous days when prophecy is being fulfilled. It seemed an appropriate place from which to broadcast on this theme. Through the years, many ministers and missionaries have gone out from Central Assembly at our national headquarters to minister in many parts of the world, so it was fitting that from it should go out this

message to all our churches and ministers warning that we are living in the last days. We have not long to work. What we are going to do for Christ we must do quickly. Every Christian should make proper preparations for the coming of the Lord.

This is the urgency and passion of the REVIVALTIME team. We *must* send the gospel to lost men and women. Radio is reaching countless thousands who had never heard the Full Gospel before, and they are being saved, healed, and baptized with the Holy Spirit. REVIVALTIME is probably the

Quartet singing on Revivaltime. Left to right: Herbert DeMint, Carl Walker, Brenton Osgood, and Vyril Pember



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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **EL MONTE, CALIF.**—Calvary Chapel certainly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist John H. Bostrom. The meetings enriched the lives of the Christians. Souls were saved, and a number were healed. In all, five new families were added to the church. —*William R. McKay, Pastor*

► **FREEPORT, PA.**—Evangelists Oran and Audrey Duncan of N. Hollywood, Calif. recently conducted revival services in the Gospel Tabernacle here. The meetings were blessed of God, and much good was accomplished. Several backsliders were reclaimed, and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—*Charles Martin Shaffer, Pastor*

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—The Community Heights Assembly recently closed one of the greatest revivals in its history under the direction of Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa. The meeting continued for four full weeks. A total of 35 responded to the altar call for salvation, and eight were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many others had a refilling. Many new contacts were made during the revival. The newspaper ads and radio programs brought in

many new families, and the straightforward preaching caused them to return to the meetings. God did wonders for the church, and the secret of it all was the fasting and prayer during the day. There was a prayer-meeting at 10:00 each morning, and then much prayer preceding the evening service. Finances were no problem. All bills were met, and Brother Wolfe took pledges and offerings enough to purchase some tape-recording equipment for the church. —*Glen Utley, Pastor*

► **FORT WORTH, TEX.**—The Riverside Assembly just concluded a one-week evangelistic campaign with Paul Harrington of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Several were saved, and backsliders were restored as the Holy Spirit moved upon hearts each night. Brother Harrington's old-time Pentecostal style of preaching contributed greatly to the response. —*Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor*

► **BEDFORD, PA.**—Evangelist Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. recently conducted an evangelistic crusade at the Bedford Village Assembly of God. Twenty made decisions for Christ, 16 followed the Lord in the waters of baptism, and many

testified to definite healings. The Sunday School record was broken with an all-time high of 168. During the entire series there was a consciousness of the presence of God. In spite of summer heat, canning, and summer vacations, some of the older members have expressed an opinion that this was the greatest revival in many years. The majority of the church were stirred, and weeks later the momentum of the revival has not ceased.

—*David Hardt, Pastor*

► **ORRVILLE, OHIO**—The Assembly here recently had a very inspiring evangelistic campaign with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. The church responded to the ministry of the evangelists right from the opening night. The musical ministry attracted at least 75 visitors. Many of them returned throughout the meetings. Six young people accepted Christ as Saviour.

—*Mel Soderstrom, Pastor*

► **PRINEVILLE, OREG.**—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. The altars were lined with seekers each night. Several were saved, and there were many (especially young people) who received real touches from God. The entire congregation was stirred afresh to be diligent in the Master's service.

—*Karl Becker, Pastor*

► **CHAFFEE, MO.**—There was a real move of God in the church here during one week of special services conducted by Evangelist William A. Moore, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Fourteen were saved and reclaimed, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Several of the nearby churches co-operated in the meetings. The Sunday School attendance reached 239. The revival fire is still burning, and souls are being saved in the regular services. William H. Marshall is pastor.

—*A. O. Anderson, Church Secretary*

► **EAU GALLIE, FLA.**—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a revival under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Karl Strader, who is dean of men at South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla. A number of young people were saved, and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was encouraged to move forward for God. Three of the young people are now attending South-Eastern Bible College.

—*Earl L. Frerking, Pastor*

► **MT. EPHRAIM, N.J.**—Eighteen churches of the southern New Jersey area joined together to sponsor a union evangelistic campaign in a large hall in this city. The evangelists who capably ministered were Albert and Tommy Reid of Springfield, Mo. A goodly number were converted during the two weeks, and many



## JIMMY ADAMS RE-ENTERS EVANGELISTIC FIELD AFTER ESTABLISHING NEW CHURCH

**UPLAND, CALIFORNIA**—After spending two years in Upland establishing a new church, Brother and Sister Jimmy Adams have returned to the evangelistic ministry. The Lord wonderfully helped them to obtain a fine church building in Upland containing three auditoriums and seventeen rooms. It is located right next to the Post Office. A congregation of lovely people has been built up and they have a burden for world evangelization.

F. R. Lummer was elected pastor when the founder resigned. Already his ministry and leadership have proved a blessing to the church, and the future of Upland's Evangel Temple (Assemblies of God) promises to be very bright.



were healed in answer to prayer. Deaf ears were opened, and others with sicknesses of long standing reported complete deliverance. One lady came to the auditorium in her wheel chair, but pushed the chair back to the car. Another lady discarded her cane. Many Catholic people and others from old-line denominations were reached through the meetings. A complete list of all the converts and of those in the healing line was turned over to each co-operating pastor. A fine spirit of unity was present between the pastors and evangelists.

—Robert E. LeMon, Chairman

►NEWARK, N. J.—One of the most successful revival meetings experienced in Bethel Pentecostal Church was conducted by the Bill Caldwell Party. At least seven were at the altar for salvation. The meetings were extended an extra week, and the attendance was gratifying. The people were greatly blessed and benefited.

—Frederick D. Eide, Pastor

►ELDORA, IOWA—Evangelist N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Okla. just concluded two weeks of meetings here. His straightforward messages were packed with the Word of God. The Sunday School advanced. On the closing Sunday there was the highest attendance the church has had in recent years. —Leroy Whiteman, Pastor

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED IN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

DETROIT, Mich.—A special District Council meeting was held on October 16 for the purpose of electing a District Superintendent to succeed Chas. W. H. Scott, who is leaving Michigan to serve as Assistant General Superintendent of the General Council.



E. D. Cooley

Everett D. Cooley was elected to the office of District Superintendent. He began his new duties on November 1 after serving as Secretary -

Treasurer of the Michigan District for the past five years.

Malachi R. Cook of Detroit was chosen to succeed Brother Cooley as Secretary-Treasurer.

During the day, there was a historical review of the development of the Michigan District since its formation in 1945. The reports that were given showed that God has blessed the Assemblies of God in this district with spiritual, numerical, and financial growth during these twelve years.

A farewell supper was tendered Brother and Sister Scott by the ministers and delegates present for the Council. Acknowledgement of their twenty-four years of ministry in Michigan was made by various speakers, who told of the work of Mrs. Scott, who has served as State WMC

president for the past seven years, and of Brother Scott's ministry as District Superintendent, which office he has held since the District was formed. Prior to entering the District office, the Scotts pastored Riverside Tabernacle in Flint for eight years, and the Battle Creek Church of the Four Fold Gospel for four years.

## SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FOR HIGHWAY HOME

HATFIELD, PA.—The Highway Home for the Aged celebrated its sixth anniversary on Saturday, September 21. Many friends gathered for a special service on the spacious grounds of the Home. Karl P. Steffens of Long Island, New York, brought a timely message which emphasized the need of helping our fellow men.

During the service the President of the Highway Home, G. B. Waggoner, announced that the Board of Directors has purchased 32 acres of land in Hatfield Township about a mile southwest of the present Home.

With the old mortgage liquidated, the management is trusting God for the means to build a new and larger Home. Those present were asked to pray that this vision might become a reality in the very near future so that more Assemblies of God aged folk might have a place where they

can feel they are wanted and will receive loving care.

Highway Home for the Aged is sponsored by Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Wichita, Kans. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe, speakers.—by Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 21-24 at Glad Tidings Assembly, Hanford, Calif. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hasch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull, Marie Juergensen, Victorine Cheek, and Dorothy Whitner.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

CHURCH DEDICATION—Dec. 1, 3 p.m., at Assembly of God, Waterbury, Conn. George Flower, Superintendent of Southern New England District, dedicatory speaker.—by Sidney T. Regnier, Pastor.

DEDICATION of the new Assembly of God in Meadville, Pa., Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, A. Newton Chase, Eastern District Superintendent, Donald E. Berkey, Presbyterian, and former pastors participating in the service.—by John Wesley Clark, Pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

LEVI S. BEILER, 40, Lynchburg, Va. went to his eternal reward October 15, 1957. Brother Beiler was ordained in 1947. He had pastored the Assembly in Lynchburg since 1951.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Bauxite	First	Dec. 1-15	Gene Jackson	George Royce
	Magnolia	First	Dec. 1—	D. C. Ogden	Grady V. Adcock
Calif.	Azusa	First	Nov. 17—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Oliver Swain
	Blue Lake	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Fisher-Cheek	V. L. Hardman
	Calexico	A of G	Dec. 1—	Glenna Byard	H. G. Hanks
	Fresno	Full Gospel Tab.	Nov. 24-Dec. 1	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Robert B. Thomas
	Taft	Taft Heights	Nov. 18—	Singing Wyricks	W. T. McMullan
Conn.	Waterbury	* East Mountain	Nov. 27—	Busse Evang. Team	Sidney T. Regnier
Fla.	Tampa	Glad Tidings	Dec. 1-15	J. Earl Douglass	Stanley MacPherson
	Tampa	Oak Park	Dec. 1—	W. Kenneth Richwine	C. W. Marshall
Idaho	Buhl	A of G	Nov. 24-Dec. 15	Quentin D. Edwards	L. C. Harris
Iowa	Davenport	West Side	Nov. 26—	Donnell-Holler	C. A. Weaver
Md.	Baltimore	Essex	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	Christian Hild	Steve Bogdan
	Savage	Bethel	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Chas. H. E. Duncombe	James C. Revell
Miss.	Silver Spring	A of G	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Peiffer-Harden	Kent Reckley
	Jackson	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	C. H. Nicholson
Mo.	Campbell	A of G	Dec. 3-15	R. D. Hastie & wife	C. C. Wiegard
	Excelsior Sprgs.	First	Dec. 1-15	Don Rippy & wife	Bob Beckman
	Gideon	Cross Roads	Nov. 24—	Eldon Bryce	H. Clay Brooks
	Mexico	A of G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Carl Oney & wife	Warren LaRose
N. J.	Salem	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Fred Numrick	Harry E. Call
Ohio	Akron	Copley	Dec. 3-15	Ada E. Lear	Charles Jones
	Girard	A of G	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Tanner Team	Delmar A. Ross
Okla.	Muskogee	First	Dec. 3-15	Lee Krupnick & wife	V. H. Ray
	Pryor	A of G	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	John Everett & wife	George Newby
	Talihina	A of G	Nov. 24—	Merel Thornton Party	H. D. Warren
Oreg.	Lebanon	A of G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Watson Argue	H. D. Robeson
Pa.	Knoxville	A of G	Nov. 12-24	Eddie Lowmaster	Willard Latshaw
S. C.	Spartanburg	** First	Dec. 2-8	Velmer Gardner	K. L. Claycomb, Chm.
Tex.	Dallas	Grace	Dec. 1-15	Pete Winters	S. Fred Davis
	Houston	Norhill	Dec. 2—	W. A. Covington	O. N. Pettey
Va.	Norfolk	Calvary	Nov. 26-Dec. 15	William H. Kautz	C. Stanley Cooke
Wash.	Chewelah	A of G	Dec. 3-15	Dale Holford	M. E. Phinney
	Opportunity	Spokane Valley	Dec. 1—	Wesley W. Fleming	B. P. Nordby
W. Va.	Fairmont	Trinity Tab.	Nov. 22-Dec. 8	John & Nancy Briner	James F. Short
Wisc.	Oshkosh	First	Dec. 1—	E. T. Quanabush	Elmer Bilton

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Missionettes of First Assembly of God, Port Lavaca, Texas, with their sponsor, Mrs. Elton Milner. This group was organized last April. They have sent a box of used literature to a missionary in Jamaica, prepared and sent clothing to Indian missionaries in Arizona and Washington. They are now preparing a box for the National Children's Home.

### MISSIONETTES CONTINUE RAPID GROWTH

Approximately 7,000 teen-age girls are now proud to be called Missionettes. Ranging in age from 12 to 17 years, these girls come from more than 600 Assemblies of God churches in

the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Up to the present time there has been an average of one new Missionette Club each day this year.

Good reports have come to the na-

tional office telling of the salvation of young girls as the result of Missionettes. A number have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In addition, others have been added to the Sunday School and church. The keen interest which these girls are taking in spiritual things will remain with them throughout their lives. Learning to sacrifice and work for the kingdom of God is of utmost importance in the life of every Christian and that is what the Missionettes are doing. One of the best ways for a girl to find her place of service and develop Christian character is by becoming a Missionette.

If you have not organized Missionettes for the teen-age girls in your church, we urge you to do so immediately. Young people love to be active. You can help to hold the interest of your girls by giving them something to keep them busy while they grow spiritually. Send for the free pamphlet, "What is the Missionette Club?" Complete details for the organization and operation of Missionettes are to be found in this pamphlet. ◀ ◀

## to the editor



#### Largest Meeting?

We enjoy the *Evangel* very much, but in the issue of October 6 I was surprised to see the statement that Billy Graham's meeting in Times Square was probably the largest religious meeting in history. Did you mean in the U.S.A. or in the world? It was reported that during Tommy Hicks' meetings in Buenos Aires 200,000 packed Huracan Stadium and thousands more stood outside.

JOHN WALKER

Los Angeles, California

#### Largest Circulation?

I recently noticed in *The Pentecostal Evangel* a comment regarding the circulation of the magazine *Presbyterian Life*, which was around 1,000,000 and claimed to be the largest circulation of any religious journal. There appears to be an oversight. The *Watchtower* magazine has a printing of 3,250,000 copies in 46 languages, and its companion magazine *Awake* has a printing of 2,500,000 copies in 15 different languages.

Perhaps you will want to correctly inform your readers of this fact.

EDGAR SPEERBRECHER

Waukesha, Wisconsin

● Even though we do not endorse the two Jehovah's Witnesses magazines mentioned by Mr. Speerbrecher, we decided to publish his letter, for two reasons: (1) we want to correct an erroneous statement, and (2) we want our readers to be challenged by these figures. If the members of the Assemblies of God worked half as hard as the Jehovah's Witnesses to distribute our literature and spread our message, the circulation of "The Pentecostal Evangel" would be in the millions instead of 163,000 as it is at present. Our circulation is increasing, but not as fast as it should.

#### Uses "Our Family Altar"

I am a constant reader of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and certainly enjoy its pages more and more. It is deeply spiritual. I receive it every week from the Assembly of God Sunday School here.

I enjoy reading "Our Family Altar" day by day during the week. I am only too glad to pass my papers on to someone else after I read them.

MARTHA F. LAWYER

Wenatchee, Washington

#### The Royal Visit

Tears filled my eyes as I watched the arrival of England's charming Queen by plane at the Washington airport—heard the gun salutes, the bands play, the speeches of welcome—for with my spiritual vision I saw another Monarch, "The King of Glory," and heard again the Psalmist's cry, "Lift up your

heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory."

In my mind I could see Christ, the King of Glory, riding forth in the majesty of His power. I visualized the saints of all ages falling at His feet to "Crown Him Lord of all." I heard, as it were, "the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

And I thought, "Many of us will never be privileged to attend a banquet honoring an earthly potentate, but we who have been saved are called to the marriage supper of Christ and His spotless Bride."

While still meditating upon the glory that awaits the believers in the world to come, I picked up the October 13th *Evangel* and read Zelma Argue's version of our recent General Council. "Heaven Came Near" was the title of her article, and heaven surely came near my unworthy soul as I read those inspiring words. By the eye of faith I too was swept far beyond the realm of the Church Militant to anticipate the great gathering of the Church Triumphant. For quite a while I just sat there, weeping and worshipping my wonderful Lord. Praise His matchless Name for evermore! It was as if I had been to General Council.

"I'd rather be the least of them  
Who are the Lord's alone,  
Than wear a royal diadem,  
And sit upon a throne."

MRS. IDA MAY GRAHAM  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

# A LESSON IN THANKSGIVING

(Continued from page three)

make those terrible two years work such wonderful good for us, surely an automobile accident is not going to be too hard for You."

"Then give Me thanks for this situation."

"All right, I'll obey You, Lord. Thank you for letting me have this accident. Thank you for all that is involved in it. You know what You are doing, and I trust You."

So I set my will to keep giving the Lord thanks and not to give way to the thoughts of murmuring and self-pity and resentment that I had been in the habit of entertaining in such situations. It was not too difficult during the time that arrangements for the repairs of the two cars occupied my attention. It cost me \$104 to have the work done. I requested the mechanic to keep my car as guarantee of payment until I could return to pay him. He said if I would bring half of the amount, \$52, he would accept it as a first payment, and would let me take the car and pay the balance as I earned it.

I had enough money left to get a bite to eat and buy a bus ticket to New York, and soon I was on my way. This is when the fight started. Suddenly a feeling of shame and humiliation came over me, as I pictured myself awakening my wife and telling her that I had wrecked the car and spent all my money and brought home a bill for \$104. How could I summon up the nerve to tell her, when I knew of the difficult time she had been having to meet all the bills, to say nothing of the heart trouble she had developed as a consequence of having to climb all those tenement steps in the discharge of her duties as a social worker for the New York Home Relief Department!

The Spirit helped me move up my artillery. "No, I refuse to accept these wicked thoughts! If my Heavenly Father sees that I need this humbling experience, I give Him every right to take me through it. Thank You, Father, You have not failed me. You are still faithful to me and to my wife and family. I trust You, and I shall not question Your faithfulness."

Thus I would rout the feelings and

thoughts and imaginations, and praise the Lord for the victory, and I would feel good in my soul. Then after a while my mind would wander, and suddenly I would find the old thoughts swarming into my consciousness again like a flood. Each time this happened I returned to my guns of thanksgiving and mowed the whole army of the enemy down until the field was cleared again. I suppose that when God is teaching us to fight the good fight of faith, He has to allow every other conscious factor to go over to the side of the enemy, so that we may exercise pure faith. Certainly my feelings all turned traitor, and my imaginations and nerves and memory all sided with the enemy. But when the enemy came in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord would quietly rise in the midst and enable me to pour out such a barrage of thanksgiving and praise and confession of trust in God that even my feelings and imagination and reason would return to the side of faith.

It was one o'clock in the morning when I tiptoed into the Mizpah Missionary Home and up to our room. My wife was ill with fever and an upset stomach, but she took the news bravely, thankful that God had spared me and others involved from any bodily harm.

We did not belong to the Assemblies of God then, and we had not yet received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. But we had become acquainted with a small Assembly in Brooklyn, and I knew that I was to speak there Sunday morning and that they would give me \$5. On Saturday Brother Steil called the Home from Ossining and asked for a missionary for a service Sunday evening. Since there was no Assemblies of God missionary there then, I was asked to go.

As expected, I received the \$5 on Sunday morning. In the evening my wife, who still felt quite ill, went along with me to Ossining. During the first part of the service Brother Steil, who knew that my wife was feeling ill, asked the congregation to unite in special prayer for her, and God healed her as she sat in her seat.

At the close of the service a brother

gave me a "Pentecostal handshake" and left a five-dollar bill in my hand. Brother Steil gave me a \$25 check. None of these brethren knew our need, nor the dealings of the Lord with me, though Brother Steil did know that I had had to come by train because my car was wrecked. This was a total of \$35 for the day, \$17 short of the amount I would need to get my car from the mechanic.

On Monday, the following day, Brother Steffens called the Missionary Home and wanted a missionary for a Wednesday evening missionary service. He was told that there was no Assemblies of God missionary present, but that Brother Cummings from India was staying there and was available. So it was arranged that we should go.

I gave a missionary talk that Wednesday evening to a group of Lutherans who had just come into the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and it was a thrilling experience to meet Brother Steffens and his people who had paid such a sacrificial price for the Baptism. It was a source of strength and blessing to see how God had worked in the midst of that Lutheran congregation.

After the message the pastor called for a silver offering for the missionary. How much do you think they took up? You've guessed it! It was exactly \$17, the amount I needed to pay the \$52 on my car when it was ready.

Immediately after the wreck occurred I had asked the Lord to help me. He came to my help as the Spirit of Thanksgiving. I did not know that the spirits which I was used to entertaining were bitter enemies and that they were a real hindrance to God's helping me. These were the spirits of self-pity, complaining, resentment, discouragement, and questioning doubt. The Lord taught me to co-operate with Him to push out these harmful spirits that were filling the living room of my soul. As I took the attitude of thanking Him for all the unwelcome things that had happened to me, I left no room for self-pity or resentment or hurt pride or complaining or discouragement, and they had to leave.

How we grieve the Spirit of God when we fail to give thanks. The Bible says, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." When we realize that everything that comes into our yielded lives is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us, we find we can give thanks to Him in everything. ◀ ◀

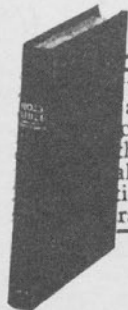


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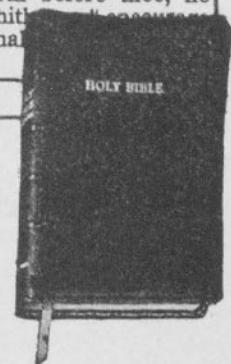
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# Thanksgiving Is APPROPRIATION

Don't Just "Count Your Blessings"—Act on Them!

**L**ET'S TAKE A TIP FROM ANCIENT CHINESE CUSTOM.

Observe Mr. Wong taking leave of Elder Lee. The elder proffers a neatly wrapped gift once again.

"This is such a small thing, indeed, a disgrace to present. . . ."

"I am not worthy."

"You must give face to your elder and please accept."

"But, sir, you need not do this."

"Do favor me with your gracious acceptance!"

"You are most kind. Thank you, thank you!"

Finally, without so much as a side glance at the gift for fear of any appearance of vulgar covetousness, Mr. Wong bows his leave with the embattled treasure in hand.

Years of experience in human relations taught the Oriental to avoid embarrassing situations. For if in our illustrations Elder Lee was merely offering the gift out of a feeling of social necessity, his friend gave him every opportunity to withdraw with good grace. Again, if Mr. Wong really desired the gift, he could accept without embarrassment. But the result of such niceties is that neither the giver nor the recipient of the gift is sure whether the transaction is concluded—until the latter says, "Thank you!"

"Thank you"—words so commonly bantered that they almost lose their significance—are the key words of *appropriation*.

Too many people are standing on ceremonial politeness with God. The gifts and promises of God appear too good to be true. Or could it be that they are not sure God is sincerely offering something?

God is not a man that He should lie. In Christ, the promises of God are "Yea" and "Amen." God is no miser. The world has never known a better Giver: "For God so loved . . . that He gave His only begotten Son. . . ." And He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your

heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (Luke 11:13).

Yes, "all things are yours" (1 Cor. 3:21). But it is one thing to hold the title only, and another to claim possession. To claim a gift is simply to take such from the giver by faith, sealing the transaction with an irrevocable "Thank you!"

Are you uncertain of your soul's salvation? Then just take God at His Word and say, "Thank You, Lord, for giving me everlasting life through Thy Son. I take it on Thy *bona fide* offer in Thy Word which states in John 3:16, 'Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

Are you burdened by multitudes of troubles or material needs? Appropriate His all-sufficient grace which He has promised: "Thank You, Lord, 'Thy grace is sufficient for me,' as I read in 2 Corinthians 12:9. I cast my cares upon You, and thank You for the rest you offer those who come to You according to Matthew 11:28."

Does your body need healing? By faith, thank Him for His healing grace and power: "Lord, I thank Thee that Jesus Christ is 'the same, yesterday and today and forever!'" And as with the ten lepers on the way to show themselves to the priests and to make their offerings, you may find that God has done a healing work in you according to your faith—faith demonstrated by your offering of thanksgiving.

So with the numerous other wonderful promises in God's Word. To give thanks can be more than an expression of gratitude for blessings long enjoyed. It should be the victorious fulfillment of the promises of God.

One other lesson we can learn from Mr. Wong. It is a breach of Chinese etiquette for one to open a gift or pay any great attention to it immediately in the presence of the giver. Neither must we, despite the magnitude of God's gifts, allow them to distract us from the Giver. It is not the blessing, but the blessed Christ we adore.

After all, Christ gave Himself for us. And He is all we need. "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).