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A Promise for 1958:

*"My Presence Shall Go With Thee,  
and I Will Give Thee Rest." Ex. 33:14*

● "Let Us Go On!" ● Comfort for the New Year ● The Golden Day

# Walking With God

Do you have some cherished goal for the new year? God has. He cherishes the opportunity to take you by the hand and lead you down the road of life into a richer, fuller spiritual experience. His greatest delight is to commune with His children and to reveal His truth to their hearts.

Long ago there was a man named Enoch who gave the Lord much pleasure. The Bible says he "walked with God" and "pleased God." The Lord was grieved with most of the people of that day, for they were very wicked, but Enoch was different. He hated sin, for God had shown him that all sin must be punished. Therefore he stood before the worldly throng of pleasure seekers and money grabbers and warned them that "the Lord comes with myriads of His people, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly deeds which they have committed, and of all the hard words which they, ungodly sinners, have spoken against Him" (Jude 15, Weymouth).

No doubt the crowds jeered at this message of the Lord's coming, but Enoch stood his ground. Eventually the flood came and swept the sinners away. Long before that happened, however, a Rapture had taken place. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death." The Bible simply says, "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."

It is possible for all of us to walk with God, as Enoch did, and to be ready for translation at any moment. There was a man in the Middle Ages named Nicholas Herman (afterwards known as Brother Lawrence) who learned the secret. He was a raw farm hand, awkward and uneducated, employed by the local monastery as a kitchen hand to wash up and assist the cook. One day, after chapel, he was washing up as usual in the kitchen when the thought came to him, "God is everywhere! God is here!" This thought gripped him so forcibly that ever afterwards he practised the presence of God, and lived consciously realizing God was with him. The result was that this very awkward and unattractive kitchen boy was so transformed and refined that he became the talk of the monks and of all the neighborhood. Men took long journeys to interview this man who "walked with God."

David knew this secret. He said, "I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8). When we learn this truth we discover that nothing happens by chance. All our life is planned by our all-wise, all-loving Father; therefore we need not worry or be anxious. We need but recognize that He is near, and commune with Him, and He will keep us in perfect peace no matter what the circumstances may be.

We would wish you a new year that is truly happy—a year that is spent walking with God, learning of Him, and witnessing for Him. It may be that the Lord will come before the year is spent. This being the case, let our new year's resolution be that we will live a dedicated and disciplined life so as to be ready to meet Him face to face.

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# LET US GO ON!

BY CHRISTINE KERR PEIRCE

HERE IS A NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

WE ARE STANDING ON THE threshold of a New Year—looking retrospectively into the past and pausing hesitatingly, almost tremblingly as the door that leads down the path of another year opens before us. What more encouraging exhortation could be ours than these words found in the sixth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews—“*Let us go on unto perfection!*”

With the world almost universally gripped by lethargy, the Church at a paralyzing standstill, and Christians everywhere either lapsing into apathy and indifference or crouching in a slough of defeat, let us fling higher our banner of faith for the New Year with this our slogan—“*Let us go on!*”

There can be no standstill in the Christian life, either in the life of the individual or of the Church. One must either go forward or go back. Talk of a “recession” has no place in the church, for the child of God knows no “recess” from a daily fight and a constant “going on.”

Our “going on” must have its beginning, and that beginning is Calvary! The Christian’s life begins at Calvary. The Christian’s walk begins at Calvary. The Cross is the center and circumference of all phases of his life.

To attempt to “go on” or to make such a semblance before others when sin is unconfessed would result only in complete failure.

The Church needs to be led back to Calvary! Back to the place of a broken heart. Back to the place of a deep consciousness of the sin that has so stealthily crept into her life, sapping her very vitality! Back to the place of confession. Back to the place of restitution. Back to Calvary! From there and from there alone can we go on to the goal so clearly defined in our text—the goal of perfection.

How the human trembles at the very word *perfection*. The inspired writer evidently is not referring to the absolute or Adamic perfection, for that was destroyed when sin entered into the world. Death passed upon *all* men, for that *all* have sinned.” Hence none would dare claim such perfection, nor would one endeavor to go on to such perfection. Our goal is even higher.

It cannot be angelic perfection that is meant in this verse, for God is not looking for angels among men but rather for consecrated and surrendered human beings. Some folk seem to think perfection can be reached only when they die and “become angels.” We well re-

call the high ambition of our childhood days when we lustily sang, “I want to be an angel and with the angels stand.” But God has never decreed we should become angels. Our perfection is on a still higher plane.

There is a resurrection perfection, spoken of by the Apostle, but none of us will lay claim to that until the day when we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump! Then indeed shall we be perfect. We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is! Glorious hope of the future!

But for now there is the goal of *Christian perfection*, and it is toward this we should strive in the coming year. This perfection is summed up in the two greatest commandments: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” (Matthew 22:37-39). Is not this the motivating power that will bring us to our goal?

For example, a woman may be a “perfect” wife and mother and yet not be a perfect cook. She may not know how to make those proverbial *biscuits*

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# A Call to Prayer

Leaders of Assemblies of God Proclaim Week of Prayer — January 5 to 11

**T**HE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS, recognizing the fact that prayer is the key to spiritual victory in 1958, have proclaimed a Week of Prayer. They have urged all our churches to set aside the first full week of the New Year for a series of prayer meetings in which all our people may seek the face of God.

Soldiers know that the first five minutes of a battle often prove to be the decisive part of the engagement. Runners likewise know that the outcome of a race may depend on whether they get off to a good start. The Christian knows that prayer is the way to get off to a good start in the new year. Only when we spend time in God's presence can He prepare us for whatever experiences may lie ahead.

**PRAY THROUGH** is the motto for the week. It suggests an earnestness, a fervency, an intensity in our praying rather than a long drawn-out siege of heaven. It may be that the Lord will lead you into a prolonged period of prayer; on the other hand, you may be surprised how soon you can "pray through" and get the Spirit's witness that your prayer is heard, and that the answer is on the way, *provided you enter into prayer with all your heart.*

It is suggested that each of several groups in the local church take its turn at leading a prayer meeting during the week. It will not be necessary to have much program. Remember it is a prayer meeting. Have one or two songs and a Bible reading, then start praying. Part of the time the congregation can pray silently while first one and then another individual leads out in audible prayer. Part of the time all can pray aloud in unison. It is important that the leader be prepared to speak of various needs from time to time, so that the people can be united in their petitions. Specific requests in prayer bring specific answers from God.

The following outline is suggested as a plan for the week. Each church may modify the plan to suit its own needs.

## SUNDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Sunday School officers, teachers, and staff members.

**READ** Luke 11:1-13 (Christ's teaching on prayer).

**GIVE THANKS** for the joy and benefit we ourselves have received from Sunday School.

**PRAY** for the spiritual life of the Sunday School. Remember each member individually. Ask God to work in such a way that lives will be changed into the image of Christ. Pray for the success of the Workers Training Course this month.

## MONDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Ushers, personal workers, and visitation personnel.

**READ** Genesis 18:23-32 (Abraham's intercession for Sodom).

**GIVE THANKS** for all who have been saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit in the past year.

**PRAY** for a year of revival and evangelism. The church must be revived before the world can be evangelized. Pray for a spiritual awakening among neighbors, loved ones, and friends everywhere.

## TUESDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Women's Missionary Council.

**READ** 1 Kings 8:22-30 (Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple).

**GIVE THANKS** for parents who live with eternity's values in view.

**PRAY** for Christ-honoring homes. Intercede for all the homes that are represented in the Sunday School and church, especially for any that may be divided. Pray for unsaved loved ones. Ask God to let His Spirit pervade family life and to inspire every household to establish a family altar.

## WEDNESDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Elders, deacons, and trustees of the church.

**READ** Genesis 32:24-30 (Jacob wrestling with a heavenly being).

**GIVE THANKS** for all our pastors, evangelists, missionaries and teachers.

**PRAY** for missionary work in the

U. S. and foreign lands. Ask God to pour out His Spirit on every field throughout the world. (For information about urgent prayer needs, consult recent copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* and *The World Challenge*.)

## THURSDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Christ's Ambassadors. **READ** 2 Samuel 7:18-29 (David's prayer for divine blessing).

**GIVE THANKS** for our military chaplains, our Assemblies of God schools, and our national C. A. program.

**PRAY** for youth attending college or Bible school, and for those in the armed services. Many are away from home. Ask God to keep them and make them a blessing until they return. Pray for all the C. A. activities of the church.

## FRIDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Men's Fellowship. **READ** Luke 18:1-8 (Parable of the poor widow and the ungodly judge).

**GIVE THANKS** for Christian leaders.

**PRAY** for members of federal, state, county, and municipal government. Pray also for the leaders of the Assemblies of God and of all evangelical denominations. Ask God to guide the leaders in all their decisions so that His will shall be done upon the earth.

## SATURDAY

**LEADERSHIP:** Musical groups (choir, orchestra, etc.).

**READ** John 17 (Christ's priestly prayer).

**GIVE THANKS** for REVIVALTIME and for our Full Gospel literature.

**PRAY** for the ministry of all gospel broadcasts, including REVIVALTIME. Ask God to move upon the radio listeners by His Spirit and to make it possible for new areas to have this witness. Pray that more people of all ages will take advantage of the benefits of reading Pentecostal literature so that they may be drawn closer to the Lord.

God's promise is: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

PRAY THROUGH... PRAY THROUGH... PRAY



# The Golden Day

BY REGINALD J. BOUGHTON

**T**HERE ARE TWO DAYS IN THE WEEK upon which and about which I never worry, two carefree days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is *yesterday*.

Yesterday, with all its cares and frets, with all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought, I cannot unsay a word that I said yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow, is in the hands of the Mighty Love that can bring honey out of the rock and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the Love that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, the joy of the morning for the woe of the night. Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine; now it is God's.

*And the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow.*

Tomorrow, with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds, but it will rise. Until then, the same

love and patience that held yesterday holds tomorrow. Save for the star of hope that gleams forever on the brow of tomorrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of today, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the Infinite Love that holds for me the treasures of yesterday, the Love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. Tomorrow—it is God's day. It will be mine.

*There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—today.*

Any man can fight the battles of

today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of today. O friends, the burdens and cares of today are carefully measured out to us by the Infinite Wisdom and Might that gives with them the promise, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." It is only when we willfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—such burdens as only the mighty God can sustain—that we break down. It isn't the experience of today that drives men mad. It is the remorse of something that happened yesterday, or the dread of what tomorrow may disclose.

*These are God's days. Leave them with Him.*

Therefore, I think, and I do, and I journey, but one day at a time. That is the easy day. That is the man's day. Nay, rather, that is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course, and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the Almighty and the All-loving, takes care of yesterday and tomorrow.

## For Those Who Trust

One of God's own sweet surprises  
Waits the patient heart of trust;  
They who question not nor doubt Him,  
Find His ways are always just.

Life's most bitter disappointment  
Is the portal sure and broad  
To a plan of rich unfolding—  
Blest are they who wait for God.

And the seeming contradiction,  
Failure, crushing, dark defeat  
Causes faith to grow more quickly  
Into God's perfection sweet.

—Alice Reynolds Flower

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING . . .

God's army advances on its knees. How essential it is that our missionary force of over 750 foreign missionaries and over 8,000 Assemblies of God ministers in other lands be followed by unceasing prayer.

The apostle said: "Our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organizations and powers

that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world . . ." (Ephesians 6:12, Phillips' translation). No one realizes this fact better than our foreign workers. They are depending on prayer, the spiritual force without which all their efforts would be ineffective.



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# Reading the Bible in 1958

## HOW TO ENJOY IT

By FRANK COLQUHOUN

**M**ANY PEOPLE READ THE BIBLE without getting very much real pleasure from it. Their reading of the Scriptures is more a duty than a delight. They cannot say with the Psalmist, "I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil" (Ps. 119:162). Somehow the Bible has not really come alive for them. They *read* it, but they do not *enjoy* it.

There is probably more than one reason for that. A number of factors are involved in this question of *enjoying* the Bible.

I begin with the *spiritual factor*, for that is obviously the most important. The reason why some people do not enjoy the Bible is that they are not in the right spiritual condition to appreciate a book of this kind. There are those to whom the Bible is virtually a closed book because they are spiritually blind. Their eyes have never been opened to the things of God. And because that is so, they are disqualified from apprehending spiritual truth. As Paul says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God... neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

To understand the Scriptures—and therefore to enjoy them—we need to be illuminated by the Holy Spirit of God. Until we are "born again" through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and know Him as our personal Saviour, we are incapable of understanding God's truth.

### MEETING THE AUTHOR

There is a story told of a young lady who once took up a novel to read, but finding it dull and uninteresting she soon laid it aside. Some time afterwards, however, she was introduced to the author, and in course of time be-

came his wife. She then discovered that there *was* something in the book, after all, and her opinion of it changed. But the change was entirely in herself, not in the book. She had come to know and love the author, and that made all the difference.

You will find that the Bible takes on an entirely different meaning when you are acquainted with the Author! John Bunyan wrote, immediately after his conversion, "I began to look into the Bible with new eyes." To read the Bible with eyes anointed and enlightened by the Holy Spirit is truly to enjoy it.

There is, however, one thing which

can hinder the enjoyment of the Bible even on the part of a true Christian, and that is disobedience to the known will of God.

D. L. Moody wrote inside the cover of one of his Bibles, "Either this book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." The first part of that statement is true, as we know from Psalm 119:9; but the second part is equally true, as anyone may find from bitter experience. Failure to obey God's will and walk in His ways will take away your appetite for spiritual things. To enjoy the Bible you must be a "doer" and not merely a "hearer" of the Word (James 1:22).

### THE BIBLE TO USE

After the spiritual factor, we turn to consider, by way of contrast, a purely *material factor*—and that is the kind of Bible you use for your study. When

## How Important It Is

By E. M. WADSWORTH

**A**CCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, IT can be definitely stated that a spiritual awakening waits upon a new, rising interest in Bible reading. All the great revivals of the Bible came when men gave renewed heed to the Word of God. A Bible-reading crusade is the first essential in promoting a work of the Spirit in churches. We therefore urge every reader to begin this very day to spend God-given time in reading the Scriptures and meditating on them day and night, so that they can have the blessings God has in store for them, and miss the many miseries which befall those who fail to make it their daily delight (see Psalm 1:1-3).

*Your daily attitude toward God's*

*Word indicated your real spiritual condition. Test your interest in the Scriptures by the following:*

1. Without a revival of Bible reading by laymen, church officers, and ministers, spiritual life must wither, and spiritual prosperity is impossible (Psalm 1:3).

2. If we do not daily delight in the Word of God and read it, we indicate that we do not delight in God (Psalm 1:2).

3. If we neglect the Word of God, we also neglect the God of the Word (Hosea 8:12; Isaiah 30:12).

4. By such neglect we show that we do not want God to guide us step by

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people ask me the question, "How should I read the Bible?" my first reply is, "Get hold of a Bible which you can read!" I mean by that, use a copy of the Holy Scriptures which is printed in a bold, clear, type, and which is a genuine pleasure to handle. Avoid using for your regular Bible study a small pocket Bible, printed in microscopic type, which will prove a strain both to your eyesight and to your patience!

Personally, I am convinced that this is a more important matter than is generally realized. The pleasure we derive from reading any book is governed to some extent by the manner in which it is produced; and the same cannot fail to be true in some measure of the Bible. This best of books deserves to be printed in the best possible manner, so that it may be read with the greatest of ease.

Let me draw attention to one or two further points while dealing with this aspect of the subject (1) A Bible with *marginal references* is always an advantage, since one of the essentials of Bible study is to compare Scripture

with Scripture. (2) Many Bible students find a wide-margin Bible, or an inter-leaved Bible, of particular value, for the purpose of making notes. At any rate it needs to be said that the practice of *marking* one's Bible is to be encouraged, provided that this is done neatly and intelligently. (3) Then there is the question as to which version of the Bible we should use for our study—the Authorized or the Revised? I would advise the use of both, bearing in mind that while the A.V. reads more smoothly and pleasantly, the R.V. represents a more accurate rendering of the original text.

#### TAKE TIME

I refer next to another factor in connection with this subject—the *temporal factor*. You need time to really enjoy the Bible. The skimming through of a chapter or of some verses during a few hastily snatched minutes will certainly not yield the greatest amount of pleasure or profit. Undoubtedly, a brief reading of the Bible each day is better than no reading at all; but what really is required is that we should *make*

time in our lives—even at the sacrifice of other interests—in order to give to the Bible the attention it demands and deserves.

This question of time is important whether we are thinking primarily of the *devotional* reading of the Scriptures for our personal spiritual profit, or whether we are considering the more serious *study* of the Bible in order to equip ourselves for Christian witness and service.

In the former case, time is essential if we are to meditate deeply in the Word of God, to absorb its teaching into our hearts and minds, and to apply its message to our lives and conduct. As far as Bible study is concerned, it is obvious that, as in all study, time is an indispensable factor. There are no short cuts to Bible knowledge. It is only through the constant reading of the sacred text and by making use of all the available aids in the form of concordances, dictionaries, and commentaries, that we shall acquire a sound grasp of the Biblical revelation in its entirety.

—Christian Digest

## HOW TO READ IT THROUGH IN A YEAR

You can read the Bible through in 1958 by reading approximately four chapters each day. However, it is well to read the Old and New Testaments concurrently in order to have a spiritual variety and avoid being "bogged down" in some section of history or genealogy that may seem heavy or dull.

Here is a plan whereby two chapters in the Old Testa-

ment and one in the New are read each week day, and four in the Old and five in the New are read each Sunday. The Old may be read in the morning and the New in the evening, if you wish.

Divide Psalm 119 into eleven sections of sixteen verses each. When the New Testament is finished, complete the reading of the Old Testament.

(Clip this chart and keep it in your Bible as a reading guide)

<b>JANUARY</b>		14 - 20	1 Kings 14-2 Kings 7; 1 Corinthians 1-7.	20 - 26	Psalm 51-66; 1 John 2-Jude 1.
1 - 7	Gen. 1-16; Matt. 1-7.	21 - 27	2 Kings 8-23; 1 Corinthians 8-14.	27 - Sept. 2	Psalm 67-82; Rev. 1-7.
8 - 14	Gen. 17-32; Matt. 8-14	28 - June 3	2 Kings 24-1 Chronicles 14; 1 Corinthians 15-2 Corinthians 5.	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
15 - 21	Gen. 33-48; Matt. 15-21.	4 - 10	1 Chronicles 15-2 Chronicles 1; 2 Corinthians 6-12.	3 - 9	Psalm 83-98; Revelation 8-14.
22 - 28	Gen. 49-Ex. 14; Matt. 22-28.	11 - 17	2 Chronicles 2-17; 2 Corinthians 13-Galatians 6.	10 - 16	Psalm 99-114; Revelation 15-21.
29 - Feb. 4	Ex. 15-30; Mark 1-7.	18 - 24	2 Chronicles 18-33; Ephesians 1-Philippians 1.	17 - 23	Psalm 115-126; Revelation 22.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		25 - July 1	2 Chronicles 34-Nehemiah 3; Philippians 2-Colossians 4.	(Psalm 119 equals 11 chapters in length. New Testament readings end. Continue with rest of Old Testament.)	
5 - 11	Ex. 31-Lev. 6; Mark 8-14.	<b>JUNE</b>		24 - 30	Psalm 127-149.
12 - 18	Lev. 7-22; Mark 15-Luke 5.	2 - 8	Nehemiah 4-Esther 6; 1 Thessalonians 1-2 Thessalonians 2.	<b>OCTOBER</b>	
19 - 25	Lev. 23-Num. 11; Luke 6-12.	9 - 15	Esther 7-Job 12; 2 Thessalonians 3-1 Timothy 6.	1 - 7	Psalm 150-Proverbs 22.
26 - Mar. 4	Num. 12-27; Luke 13-19.	16 - 22	Job 13-28; 2 Timothy 1-Titus 3.	8 - 14	Proverbs 3-Song of Solomon 2.
<b>MARCH</b>		23 - 29	Job 29-Psalm 2; Philippians 1-Hebrews 6.	15 - 21	Song of Solomon 3-Isaiah 17.
5 - 11	Num. 28-Deut. 7; Luke 20-John 2.	30 - Aug. 5	Psalm 3-18; Hebrews 7-13.	22 - 28	Isaiah 18-Isaiah 40.
12 - 18	Deut. 8-23; John 3-9.	<b>JULY</b>		29 - Nov. 4	Isaiah 41-Isaiah 63.
19 - 25	Deut. 24-Joshua 5; John 10-16.	2 - 8	Nehemiah 4-Esther 6; 1 Thessalonians 1-2 Thessalonians 2.	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
26 - April 1	Joshua 6-21; John 17-Acts 2.	9 - 15	Esther 7-Job 12; 2 Thessalonians 3-1 Timothy 6.	5 - 11	Isaiah 64-Jeremiah 20.
<b>APRIL</b>		16 - 22	Job 13-28; 2 Timothy 1-Titus 3.	12 - 18	Jeremiah 21-Jeremiah 43.
2 - 8	Joshua 22-Judges 13; Acts 3-9.	23 - 29	Job 29-Psalm 2; Philippians 1-Hebrews 6.	19 - 25	Jeremiah 44-Ezekiel 9.
9 - 15	Judges 14-1 Samuel 4; Acts 10-16.	30 - Aug. 5	Psalm 3-18; Hebrews 7-13.	26 - Dec. 2	Ezekiel 10-Ezekiel 32.
16 - 22	1 Samuel 5-20; Acts 17-23.	<b>AUGUST</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>	
23 - 29	1 Samuel 21-2 Samuel 5; Acts 24-Romans 2.	6 - 12	Psalm 19-34; James 1-1 Peter 2.	3 - 9	Ezekiel 33-Daniel 7.
30 - May 6	2 Samuel 6-21; Romans 3-9.	13 - 19	Psalm 35-50; 1 Peter 3-1 John 1.	10 - 16	Daniel 8-Amos 1.
<b>MAY</b>		<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		17 - 23	Amos 2-Nahum 3.
7 - 13	2 Samuel 22-1 Kings 13; Romans 10-16.	<b>OCTOBER</b>		24 - 30	Habakkuk 1-Malachi 1.
<b>JUNE</b>		<b>NOVEMBER</b>		31	Malachi 2-Malachi 4.

# Comfort for the New Year

BY C. H. SPURGEON

FRET AND WORRY PUT IT OUT OF OUR POWER  
TO ACT WISELY; BUT IF WE CAN LEAVE  
EVERYTHING WITH GOD, WE SHALL BE PEACEFUL.

A CLEAR CONVICTION THAT OUR TIMES are in the hand of God will create within us a sense of the nearness of God. If the hand of God is laid upon all our surroundings, God Himself is near us. Our Puritanic fathers walked with God the more readily because they believed in God as arranging everything in their daily business and domestic life; and they saw Him in the history of the nation, and in all the events which transpired.

"My times are in thy hand." Then there is nothing left to chance. Events do not happen to men by a fortune which has no order or purpose in it. "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." Chance is a heathenish idea which the teaching of the Word has cast down, even as the ark of God threw down Dagon. Blessed is the man who puts no stock in chance, who never speaks of luck; but believes that, from the least even to the greatest, all things are ordained of the Lord. There is no place for chance in human affairs, since God fills all things.

The text, "My times are in thy hand," is an assurance which also puts an end to the grim idea of an iron fate compelling all things. Have you the notion that fate grinds on like an enormous wheel, ruthlessly crushing everything that lies in its way, not pausing for pity, nor turning aside for mercy? Remember that, if you liken Providence to a wheel, it must be a wheel which is full of eyes. Its every revolution is in wisdom and goodness. God's eye leaves nothing in Providence

blind; but fills all things with sight. God works all things according to His purpose; but then He Himself works them. There is all the difference between the lone machinery of fixed fate and the presence of a gracious, loving Spirit ruling all things.

Things do happen as He plans them; but He Himself is there to make them happen, and to moderate and guide and secure results. Our great joy is not, "My times are in the wheel of destiny," but, "My times are in thy hand."

A full belief in the statement of our text is a cure for present worry. *O Lord, if my times are in Thy hand, I have cast my care on Thee, and I trust and am not afraid!* Why is it, child of God, that you vex yourself about a matter which is in the hand of God? If He has undertaken for you, what cause have you for anxiety? Why do you want to interfere with the Lord's business? If the case is in His hand, what need can there be for you to be fretting and crying?

Did you ever get any good by fretting? When there was not rain enough for your farm, did you ever fret a shower down? When there was too much rain, or you thought so, did you ever worry the clouds away? Tell me did you ever make a penny by worrying? It is a very unprofitable business.

Do you answer, "What, then, are we to do in troublous times?"

Why, go to Him into whose hand you have committed yourself and your times. Consult with Infinite Wisdom by prayer; console yourself with In-

finite Love by fellowship with God. Tell the Lord what you feel and what you fear. Ten minutes' praying will do more good than a year's murmuring. He who waits upon God and casts his burden upon Him may lead a royal life; indeed, he will be far happier than a king.

To leave our times with God is to live as free from care as the birds upon the bough. If we fret we shall not glorify God, nor shall we constrain others to see what true religion can do for us in the hour of tribulation. Fret and worry put it out of our power to act wisely; but if we can leave everything with God because everything is really in His hand, we shall be peaceful. Our action will be deliberate, and for that very reason it will be more likely to be wise.

He who rolls his burden upon the Lord will be strong to do or to suffer, and his days shall be as the days of heaven upon the earth. I admire the serenity of Abraham. He never seems to be in a fluster; but he moves grandly, like a prince among men. He is much more than the equal of the greatest man he meets: we can hardly see Lot with a microscope when we have once seen Abraham. Why was that? Because he believed in God, and staggered not.

Half the joy of life lies in expectation. Our children get greater pleasure out of expecting the holiday than they do out of the day itself. It is much the same with ourselves. If we believe that all our times are in God's hand, we shall be expecting great things



from our Heavenly Father. When we get into a difficulty we shall say, "I am now going to see the wonders of God, and to learn again how surely He delivers those who trust in Him."

I thank God I have learned at times to glory in necessities, as opening a window into heaven for me, out of which the Lord would abundantly pour forth His supplies. It has been to me so unspeakable a delight to see how the Lord has supplied my needs for the orphanage, the college, and other works, that I have half wished to be in straits, that I might see how the Lord would bring deliverance.

I remember, some time ago, when year after year all the money came in for the various enterprises, and I began to look back with regret upon those grand days when the Lord permitted the brook Cherith to dry up, and called off the ravens with their bread and meat, and then found some other way of supplying the orphans' needs. In those days the Lord used to come to me, as it were, walking on the tops of the mountains, stepping from peak to peak, and by marvelous deeds supplying all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Do you know, I almost wished that the Lord would stop the streams, and then let me see how He can fetch water out of the rock.

He did so, not so very long ago. Funds ran very low, and then I cried to Him, and He heard me out of His holy hill. How glad was I to hear the footfall of the ever-present Lord, answering to His child's prayer, and letting him know that his times were still in his Father's hand! Surely it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is a joy worth worlds to be driven where none but the Lord can help you, and then to see His mighty hand pulling you out of the net. The joy lies mainly in the fact that you are sure it is the Lord, and sure that He is near you. Is not that a cure for worry?

A firm conviction of this truth is a quietus as to future dread. "My times are in thy hand." Do you wish to know what is going to happen to you in a short time? Would you look between the folded leaves of the future? You can buy a nickel newspaper which will forecast the fate of nations this very year. You may be well-nigh sure that nothing will happen which is thus predicted; and thus it will be of little use to you.

Be content with the prophecies of Scripture, but do not follow every interpreter of them. Many people would pay dearly to have the future made known to them. If they were wise they would rather desire to have it concealed. Do not seek to know more than God has clearly revealed in His Word. Do your day's work in its day, and leave tomorrow with thy God. Your times are in His hand; and this secures them.

The very word *times* supposes change for you; but as there are no changes with God, all is well. Things will happen which you cannot foresee; but your Lord has foreseen all, and provided for all. Nothing can occur without His divine allowance, and He will not permit that which would be for your real or permanent injury. We shall not be defeated in the campaign of life, for the Lord of hosts is with us, and we shall tread down our enemies. God will strengthen us, for our times are in His hand; therefore we will serve Him with all our heart, and with all our soul, being fully convinced that our "labour is not in vain in the Lord."

If our times are in God's hand, here is a grand argument for future blessedness. He who takes care of our times will take care of our eternity. He who has brought us so far and wrought so graciously for us will see us safely over the rest of the road.

Sir Francis Drake, after he had sailed around the world, came up the Thames. Then there came a storm which threatened the ship. The brave commander said, "What! Go round the world safely, and then get drowned in a ditch? Never!" So we ought to say. God has upheld us in great tribulations, and we are not going to be cast down about trials which are common to men. A man of energy, if he takes a work in hand, will push it through; and the Lord our God never undertakes what He will not complete. "My times are in thy hand," and therefore the end will be glorious.

*My Lord, if my times were in my own hand they would prove a failure; but since they are in Thy hand, Thou wilt not fail, nor shall I.* In that day when we shall see the tapestry which records our lives, we shall see all the scenes therein with wondering eyes; we shall see what wisdom, what love, what tenderness, what care was lavished upon them. When once a matter is in God's hand it is never neglected or forgotten, but it is completed. ◀◀



## Confusing times for the man in a small boat!

Confusing times indeed for the small investor! One financial expert exudes gloom. Another is an optimist. The stock market is up one day, down the next. The Federal Reserve Board alternately tightens and loosens the flow of money. Some advise us to spend, others to save. The little man can get swamped by financial waves in the midst of a calm sea these days!

If you have money to invest, and if you would like to "get ashore" and out of uncertain financial waters, we suggest you place your funds in five-year notes with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The money will be used in the Church Extension Loan Fund—a revolving plan providing small loans to churches. Your money is safe (it's backed by the General Council); the return is a generous 5%, and the satisfaction of sharing in the ministry of our local churches can't be matched. Write today to M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer, General Council of the Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## ISRAEL

### Approve Tenth Anniversary Emblem for Israel

The Board of Directors of the Israel Tenth Anniversary Exhibition recently approved the official Exhibition emblem to mark the 10th anniversary of the statehood of Israel in May, 1958, according to *Israel Digest*.

Designed by Abram Ganes, the emblem is based on Amos 9:15: "And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land." This passage is also part of the *Haftara* (readings from the Prophets) of the Sabbath following Israel's Independence Day, according to the Jewish calendar.

The strong hand at the bottom of the emblem holding the *Menorah* (candlestick) suggests security against the uprooting of the main central stem (planting). The leaf motifs represent the creative achievements of the young state, while the leaf-shaped *yood* at the top is the symbol of ten years of growth and effort. (The Hebrew letter *yood* is used as well for the figure ten.)

Thus Israel again calls our attention to Bible prophecy which is having at least a partial fulfillment before our eyes. And "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).



### Israeli Doctors Develop New Blood Substitute

Israeli scientists have developed a new substance that ultimately may replace blood fluid in certain operations, according to *Israel Digest*. Seven scientists have conducted experiments during the past several years. Preliminary trials have already been successfully carried out on animals, and the group is now proceeding to test its possible clinical application to human beings.

It is reported that the blood substitute could be of extreme importance in any condition where the circulating blood volume is diminished, as occurs in shock of various types. In addition, it would also be of great value in case of atomic warfare where most of the population may be contaminated with radioactive substances. The new substance would also have a great advantage in that it would need no grading to conform with the various blood types of human beings.

Israeli scientists are certainly to be congratulated for this important contribution to medical science. But this is also a poignant reminder that no one, be he Jew or Gentile, can find a successful substitute for the blood of Christ—it alone is able to cleanse from all sins.

## MORALS

### Baptist Convention Bans Dancing at North Carolina Schools

The North Carolina Baptist Convention, meeting at Raleigh, voted to ban all dancing on the campuses of its colleges. It also named a committee to "study attitudes or organizations on any campuses which might be hindering the development of a general spiritual at-

mosphere." The committee is expected to investigate fraternities and other campus groups.

In banning dances, the Convention overruled trustees of Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem and Meredith College at Raleigh who had recently permitted dancing on campuses. The Convention ban was a reaffirmation of its 1937 stand which condemned dancing as "demoralizing" and "tending toward immorality."

Over 4,000 persons attended the Convention, the largest attendance in the history of the Baptist fellowship in North Carolina. They voted almost unanimously against college dancing.

Aroused students at Wake Forest immediately proved that an investigation of the school's spiritual standing was needed. At a prearranged signal, they walked out of a chapel service and snake-danced around the campus. Later they burned an effigy of Dr. J. C. Canipe, retiring president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

### Youth Opens Worship Services With Dances

During their convention at Estes Park, Colorado, the United Christian Youth Movement opened its daily worship sessions with interpretive dances portraying the "struggles of the human soul in finding a right relationship with its Maker." The UCYM is an affiliate of the National Council of Churches. We seriously doubt that such dances would do much to inspire people to worship God in spirit and in truth.

### Church Members Register Strong Protests on Beer Sales

Church members in Gainesville, Georgia, bombarded city commissioners with telephone calls in an all-out campaign against a proposal to sell package beer. They reminded officials that beer cannot be legally sold in the city or county. A referendum last year went four to one against it.

City and county commissioners were swamped with calls into the wee hours of the morning. Two officials admitted they finally left their telephone receivers off the hook so they could "get some sleep."

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Through every minute of this day,

Be with me, Lord!

Through every day of all this week,

Be with me, Lord!

Through every week of all this year,

Be with me, Lord!

Through all the years of all this life,

Be with me, Lord!

So shall the days and weeks and years

Be threaded on a golden cord,

And all draw on with sweet accord

Unto Thy fullness, Lord,

That so, when time is past,

By grace, I may at last

Be with Thee, Lord!

—Author Unknown.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Christian Radio "Hams" Directory Being Prepared

The Radio Amateurs' Club of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, is preparing a *Christian Hams' Directory*. The directory, being prepared because of many requests, will provide much pertinent information which will aid in making interesting and profitable contacts among those who have the common interest of the amateur radio work.

It is the desire of the Radio Amateur's Club that every radio amateur in the Assemblies of God be included in the new directory. Other Christian "hams" may also register. Names and addresses should be sent to: Amateur Radio Club, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A. (Club Call Letters: WOPNA.)

### ABS Adopts Record Budget

A record budget of \$4,669,000 for the work of the American Bible Society in 1958 was adopted by the Advisory Council at its annual meeting in New York City. The amount is \$59,000 more than last year's budget. In addition, the Society was authorized to seek to raise \$1,576,000 for expanding its work in increased distribution to U.S. servicemen and hospitalized veterans, production and distribution of more Bibles for the blind, and a greater Scripture circulation in foreign lands.

### Teen-Agers Promise to Pray Daily for Chief Executive

Thousands of teen-agers in 34 states and many foreign countries signed a "prayer pledge" in behalf of President Eisenhower. Their action followed an appeal from the *Youth for Christ* magazine. The signed pledges were placed in a large book which was embossed with gold lettering and sent to the White House. The lettering read: "To the Most Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America. From Teen-Agers of America Active in Youth for Christ International. First Samuel 12:23—'God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.'"

An accompanying letter carried the statement: "We want you to know, Mr. President, that there are thousands upon thousands of fellows and girls across America who are not in trouble with the law and who are for you 100 per cent in developing a nation based on spiritual principles."

## AT A GLANCE...

### Fight Legalized Gambling in Colorado.

The Denver Area Council of Churches voted to fight a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would legalize games of chance sponsored by religious and fraternal groups. The proposal will come up when the state legislature convenes in January.

### Approve Radio Station for Training Ministers.

The Federal Communications Commission granted a license to Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia, a Presbyterian school, for a non-commercial educational FM broadcasting station. The station will be used to train ministers in the techniques of radio evangelism.

### Predict Record Church Construction Year.

Church construction will set a new record of \$870,000,000 this year, the Departments of Commerce and Labor predicted. They said church building will probably continue at the same pace during 1958 but not go any higher. Last year's figure of \$768,000,000 was the previous record.

### Church-State Separation Involved in Park Land Sale?

A court fight is in prospect over the Kenosha, Wisconsin, city council's plan to deed 68 acres of Alford Park to the United Lutheran Church in America as a college site. The city will be paid \$50,000 for the 68 acres, but opponents charge that the deal amounts to a "giveaway." They contend that the sale of park land for college use is unconstitutional.

### Gideons Place 100,000 Bibles in South Florida.

Gideons International dedicated 100,000 Bibles at a service in Miami before placing them in 500 south Florida hotels and motels. It was the largest number of Bibles ever given away by the organization in a single area at one time.

### Plan New Music Books.

The Music Division of the Assemblies of God is currently compiling several new volumes. Slated for publication is a book of orchestrations, planned as a sister volume to the new and popular "Melodies of Praise." Also in the planning stages are books for district gatherings, a camp songbook, a volume of Pentecostal choir arrangements, and personalized volumes for evangelists (on request). Announcement will be made by the Gospel Publishing House when these are ready for sale.

**Baptists Report World Membership.** The "Southern Baptist Handbook for 1957" shows there are approximately 21,500,000 Baptists in the world. North America has over 19,000,000 of these.

### Southern Baptists Organize in Michigan.

Fifty-three churches with a total membership of 9,450 have formally organized the Baptist Convention of Michigan. It is the 25th independent State Convention to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Liquor and Parole Violations.** Excessive drinking is the chief cause of parole violations in Pennsylvania, according to the state Parole Board. Parolees are told to avoid all alcoholic beverages, and are seldom returned for violating that rule. However, drinking usually contributes to arrests for other offenses, thus ending parole.

**Liquor and Accidents.** In Cuyahoga County (Cleveland), Ohio, 52 per cent of the pedestrians and 48 per cent of the drivers killed in accidents in 1956 had been drinking, according to Coroner Samuel R. Gerber.

### Discover New Potash Source in Israel.

Potash in concentration five times as great as that in the Dead Sea waters has been discovered near Mount S'dom in Israel, officials in that country reported recently.

### Topeka Grocery Stores to Close on Sundays.

Retail grocery stores in Topeka, Kansas, have agreed to close on Sundays. Myron Powell, president of the Topeka Food Dealers Association, said that most grocers, including all the chain stores, have approved the proposal.

### Seek County Option in South Dakota.

The United Temperance League, a group backed by Protestant churches, announced it would circulate petitions calling for a statewide referendum on county option. The proposed measure would require the county to call a special election if requested to do so by 15 per cent of its citizens. The election would determine if liquor could be sold in the county.

### Majority of Minnesotans Say Mealtimes

Grace. Fifty-five per cent of the adults in Minnesota questioned in a Minnesota Poll Survey reported they say grace in their homes at mealtimes quite regularly. Another 24 per cent said they say grace occasionally, 19 per cent said "hardly ever," and 2 per cent said they never say grace.

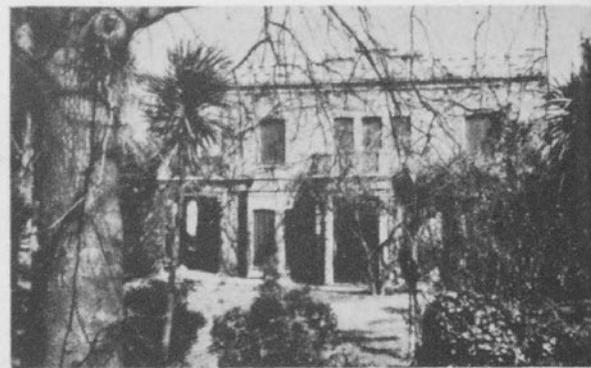
In acknowledging the prayer pledges, Mr. Eisenhower made the following statement: "I am deeply touched to know that so many of the young people of our country have pledged themselves to prayer on my behalf. . . . The combined strength of the young people of our country is tremendous; they can make our country a stronger nation, based on spiritual principles that they and we know are so important and integral a factor in our prosperity and security."

### Fifth Airline Grants Clergy Fares

Allegheny Airlines became the fifth U.S. air carrier to file a tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board providing reduced fares for clergymen. The Allegheny system serves cities in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, with its main terminal at Washington, D.C. (Other airlines which have granted special clergy fares are Northeast Airlines, Central Airlines, Bonanza Airlines in Nevada, and Cordova Airlines in Alaska.)



View of Bible School property in Buenos Aires, Argentina



Another view of the Bible School

## Property Purchased in Argentina

BY MELVIN L. HODGES

A few years ago a great revival meeting was held in Buenos Aires and the results of that meeting are still being felt. Many have been anxious to prepare for the ministry but there has been no adequate training center.

Now, after years of waiting, we have been able to secure Bible School property. The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and our own Assemblies of God are sharing the responsibility of raising the money for this purchase. The total price is approximately \$31,000. There is an urgent need of funds to meet payments on this project

and we are appealing for help in this regard.

While the door of opportunity is open we must push through! While consecrated lives are ready to be equipped to give out the message of salvation we must not fail. God has given this task to us. We must not ignore it. Here is a practical way to further the cause of Christ and do missionary work for Him. Designate your contribution for "Bible School Property in Argentina" and send it to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.



Night classes at Evangelistic Center



Graduating class of 1957

Student body of the Bible School in Buenos Aires



## Chief Raised to Life

An interesting report comes from Herman Winkleman, one of our ordained ministers laboring on the island of Samoa. He tells of a Samoan chief who was near death; his eyes were set and he was unconscious. A relative of the man phoned Brother Winkleman to come and pray for him. Our brother went immediately. Finding the man in this low condition he began to pray. God graciously heard and touched the man so that he was able to get up, and on the second day walked downstairs and back without aid.

The chief was not saved at the time but God prolonged his life so that he was saved. He passed away about nine months after he had been raised up and was rejoicing in his salvation to the end.

# MISSIONARY News Notes



## Financial Report Foreign Missions Department

## Church Participation In Missionary Giving

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Roberts and family sailed for the Philippines on November 18. They are new recruits and would greatly appreciate our prayers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engelgau and children returned to West Africa via Europe on the SS *United States*, sailing on November 19.

Norma Johanson sailed from New York on November 22 for another term of service in Liberia.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holleman and daughter sailed for South India on November 25 to resume their work at the Southern Asia Bible Institute.

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Miss Mayme Williams has returned home after spending four years in the Philippines doing missionary work. She can be reached c/o Mrs. Annie Varn, Durant, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodwin and family sailed for Ghana, West Africa, on November 22. They are new missionaries and desire the prayers of their friends.

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Word has reached us that Miss Coleen Guinn has arrived safely in South India.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peck are home temporarily from Mexico. Their present address is c/o C. Smith, 4046 E. Courtland Ave., Fresno, California.

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The E. Walter Erolas arrived in New York several weeks ago. Their address is 1827 Knowles St., E. Cleveland, Ohio.



Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holleman and daughter

### October 1957 CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,248.34	Northwest	22,268.38
Appalachian	737.83	Ohio	12,109.89
Arizona	1,555.24	Oklahoma	12,497.63
Arkansas	40,023.62	Oregon	10,325.25
Eastern	13,408.68	Polish Br.	80.15
Georgia	2,488.89	Potomac	6,332.39
German Br.	919.34	Rocky Mtn.	7,392.24
Greek Br.	90.00	Russian Br.	14.60
Hungarian Br.	65.00	S. Carolina	359.64
Illinois	10,352.46	S. Dakota	3,169.50
Indiana	6,392.90	S. Florida	5,918.97
Italian Br.	1,035.66	S. California	30,298.02
Kansas	9,152.70	S. Texas	11,214.94
Kentucky	643.95	S. Idaho	3,195.35
Lat. Am. Br.	887.06	S. Missouri	9,749.23
Louisiana	3,591.50	S. N. England	3,598.27
Michigan	13,285.56	Tennessee	2,811.00
Minnesota	11,152.06	Ukrainian Br.	91.87
Mississippi	1,138.96	W. Central	7,299.26
Montana	4,846.69	W. Florida	1,509.70
Nebraska	3,470.28	W. Texas	3,762.27
New Jersey	5,313.57	Wis.-N. Mich.	8,508.27
New Mexico	1,500.02	Wyoming	697.00
New York	10,145.10	Alaska	644.70
N. Carolina	1,993.44	Canada	462.37
N. Dakota	2,857.25	Hawaii	210.58
N. Calif.-Nev.	19,564.89	Foreign	236.75
N. N. England	807.38	Miscellaneous	10.00
N. Texas	9,528.88		
Total Amount Reported			\$308,965.47
District Funds	\$15,309.88		
National Home Missions	3,867.70		
Office Expense	4,692.58		
Given Direct to Missionaries	61,492.05		85,362.21
Received for Council Missionaries	\$223,603.26		
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,474.97		
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State			73,235.76
Total Receipts			\$300,313.99

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$114,755.85
Missionary Equipment	34,032.53
Missionary Work	52,456.60
National Workers Abroad	8,917.65
Missionary Transportation	44,794.56
Buildings in Foreign Lands	25,130.02
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts	20,226.78
	\$300,313.99

### October 1957

Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1.	Nebraska	78	71	91%
2.	N. Dakota	50	44	88%
3.	S. Idaho	57	49	86%
4.	S. Dakota	47	40	85%
5.	New York	155	129	83%
6.	Rocky Mtn.	124	102	82%
7.	Montana	65	53	82%
8.	Wyoming	36	29	81%
9.	Kansas	166	133	80%
10.	New Jersey	93	74	80%
11.	Michigan	174	138	79%
12.	S. New England	61	48	79%
13.	Wis.-N. Mich.	136	107	79%
14.	Potomac	171	133	78%
15.	N. Carolina	70	54	77%
16.	S. Missouri	332	254	77%
17.	West Central	222	169	76%
18.	Eastern	259	196	76%
19.	Northwest	274	206	75%
20.	N. New England	44	33	75%
21.	Ohio	176	132	75%
22.	S. California	368	272	74%
23.	Minnesota	145	105	72%
24.	Tennessee	96	69	72%
25.	S. Florida	158	113	72%
26.	Oregon	197	140	71%
27.	N. Calif.-Nev.	321	220	69%
28.	Illinois	216	145	67%
29.	New Mexico	76	51	67%
30.	W. Texas	127	82	65%
31.	Georgia	130	81	62%
32.	S. Texas	266	161	61%
33.	Indiana	151	90	60%
34.	Mississippi	92	53	58%
35.	W. Florida	139	77	55%
36.	Alabama	254	139	55%
37.	Appalachian	72	39	54%
38.	Oklahoma	490	262	53%
39.	Louisiana	148	79	53%
40.	N. Texas	508	260	51%
41.	Arkansas	441	223	51%
42.	Kentucky	65	32	49%
43.	Arizona	88	42	48%
44.	S. Carolina	51	22	43%



Norma Johanson



Herman Engelgau and family



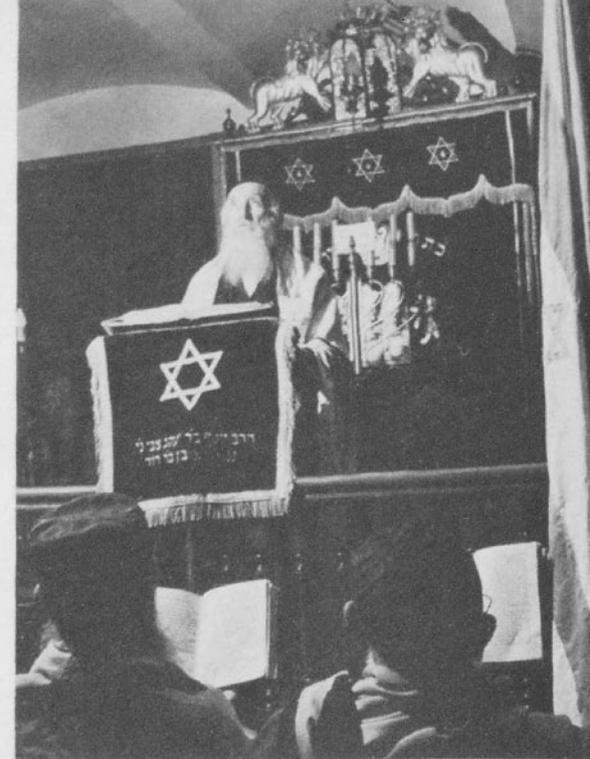
Homer Goodwin and family



Mr. and Mrs. Odell Roberts

# Are We Doing Our Utmost to Evangelize Jews?

BY EARL L. WALPOLE



"When we approached a dear old Jewish lady with our message of salvation she only sighed and cried out, 'How long, how long until Messiah will come?' We tried to explain to her that He has already come to save and bestow His blessings upon us. But her feeble mind was too weak to grasp the truth of it. We left her a tract in Yiddish and turned away with a prayer on our heavy hearts. How many thousands like her are groaning and praying for the coming of the Messiah? How many thousands of them have not yet realized that Jesus is the One for whom they wait? Inwardly we feel like weeping for them that their eyes may be opened to God's great truth."

This recent letter excerpt is from the workers of the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago. These workers know the true meaning of the heart cry, "How long, how long?" In active ministry among Chicago's hundreds of thousands of Jews, they have come face to face with stark spiritual realities and can understand the agony and despair of Jewish hearts. They know how desolate the future seems to the unconverted Jew.

In spite of their great social, monetary and intellectual achievement in our modern society, America's Jews (like Jews the world over) maintain their strong hope in the appearance of their long-awaited Messiah. Judaism and its religious observance are still the center of Jewish life, and their lives revolve around that hope. How long? How

long until we can tell them that Messiah has come!

No country is more indebted to the Jew than America. The trip of Christopher Columbus to America was financed largely by two Jewish friends; and the first white man ever to set foot on American soil was the Jewish interpreter who accompanied him. The Jews have had a large part in the formation of our great nation. They stood beside George Washington. And it was a Jew, Haym Solomon of Philadelphia, who supplied Washington with much of the instruments of war, scoring all compensation. During the Civil War our Jewish population was small, yet upward of eight thousand Jews served

in the Union and Confederate armies. In the Spanish-American war the first man to volunteer was a Jew and the first American to fall upon the battlefield was a Jew. The military Jewish quota in America in World War I was three per cent of the population, and twenty-eight hundred of them made the supreme sacrifice. They did not fight and suffer as Jews, but as Americans. And we owe them a debt!

Spiritually our debt to the Jews is even larger. We owe them for our Bible, our religion, our salvation. This most sacred Book in all the world was written by Jews. "Unto them," said Paul, "were committed the oracles of God." Jesus Himself said to the wom-

## The Jew

Scattered by God's avenging hand,  
Afflicted and forlorn,  
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land,  
Do Judah's children mourn;  
And e'en in Christian countries, few  
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen, Gentile, do you love  
The Bible's precious page?  
Then let your hearts with kindness move  
To Israel's heritage;  
Who traced those lines of love for you?  
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as years and ages passed,  
And nations rose and fell,  
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast  
O'er captive Israel  
The oracles of God for you  
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the great Redeemer came  
For guilty men to bleed,  
He did not take an angel's name,  
No—born of Abraham's seed.  
Jesus, who gave His life for you,  
The gentle Saviour, was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not,  
And turned in pride away,  
Whence is the Gentile's happier lot?  
Are you more just than they?  
No; God in pity turned to you—  
Have you no pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knee to pray  
For Israel's ancient race;  
Ask the dear Saviour every day  
To call them by His grace;  
God, for a debt of love is due  
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

—Author unknown

an at the well, "Salvation is of the Jews." And those Psalms that we all love—they were written by Jews and are sung by Jews to this very day. God's greatest glory, His Son Jesus Christ, was born a Jew. But how long until His kinsmen shall know Him in His reality as Messiah and Saviour?

There is ample evidence on every hand that today's Jews are becoming more interested than ever before in the Christian religion. At a recent Chicago gathering of the Hebrew Christian Alliance one of the Hebrew Christians rose to give a thrilling testimony of his recent experience. He had been invited by the Rabbi and associates of a large Chicago synagogue to present his views on Hebrew Christianity to that congregation. He spoke to the group and answered the many questions that were thrust at him from both Rabbi and congregation.

In the September issue of an important Jewish secular magazine several pages were devoted to a feature story comparing Judaism and Christianity. A noted fundamental Christian leader was invited to give his Christian views of various Jewish religious ceremonies.

What does it all mean? The Jew is spiritually hungry for reality in re-

ligion. How long must he wait before we tell him?

Born-again Christians have the answer to the Jewish problem today. That answer is in Jesus Christ. Can we keep Him to ourselves? Can we be selfish about all of the blessings God has given us? What if the Jews had been selfish? What if they had not recorded for us the words and works of God? We would be without the gospel message. We must not make them wait longer to know the truth that Messiah has come and that Messiah will come to the open heart of one who asks.

Missionary work among the Jews is not a spectacular ministry, but one that is providing lasting results. There is desperate need for financial assistance among the Jewish workers who are under appointment by the National Home Missions Department. Will you have a share in taking the gospel to America's Jews? Will you help to answer his question, "How long, how long until Messiah will come?" Offerings for this vital ministry should be clearly marked, "FOR JEWISH EVANGELISM," and mailed to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## Are We Being Pacific at the Expense of Being Specific?

"Say it with Flowers" has been the slogan of florists for many years. Today they wish to add something to it, namely: "But don't say anything specific!"

Victor Stein, director of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, said: "So many significances were attached to flowers—like the yellow rose meaning jealousy; and the red carnation, meaning, "I'm carrying a torch for you;" and the chrysanthemum, meaning, "You are a wonderful friend," etc., etc.

"So the whole business of flower-sending got as out of hand as a lawnful of dandelions," remarked one commentator. The florists want nothing detrimental to happen to their two-billion-dollar business. Hence, they are advising people to "Say it with flowers, but don't say anything specific!"

How like many preachers! Their philosophy could be summed up in this sentence: "Talk religion, talk Christian-

ity, talk Bible, but don't say anything specific!"

Bad will be the day for every man danger of perishing. Don't tell them they must be born again to see and enter the kingdom of God. Don't tell them Christ died for our sins, and that "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Don't tell them that "Now is the accepted time," and "Now is the day of salvation."

Preacher, teacher, parent, are you being pacific at the expense of being specific? If so, please review the preaching and teaching of the Lord and the apostles, and notice how specific they were.

—Tom M. Olson, in *Now*

Bad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God.

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# Do You Have Regular Family Worship?

NEW YEAR'S IS AN IDEAL TIME FOR YOU  
TO BEGIN A FAMILY ALTAR IN YOUR HOME

**T**HE NEGLECT OF FAMILY WORSHIP in Christian homes is one of the most serious evils of America today. It means less love between husband and wife, less peace and harmony in the household, and less prospect of the children becoming Christians.

A national movement for the rebuilding of family altars is needed. Everywhere Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander went in conducting revival meetings, they appealed to the Christian people to begin family prayers—and begin at once! Mr. Alexander frequently asked, "How many of you will start family prayers tonight?" Then, as hands all over the audience were upraised, he said, "Well, that's beautiful; there will be a 'little church' started in each of these homes tonight."

No excuse is valid for not having family prayers. The lack-of-time excuse is the one most frequently given, but it is utterly insufficient. If we are really Christians, God should be first in our lives, and His worship should have the first place in the day's duties. In the beautiful dining room of one of the historic mansions of England I found these words embroidered on a piece of silk which adorns the wall, "God First." That should be the motto of every Christian home. You may rest assured that God will more than make up to you during the day whatever time you take for family worship. Christ meant what He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The other excuses are scarcely worth dealing with. If you think you are too

timid to conduct it, then ask God to give you the needed courage. I have known of children starting the custom and inducing the parents to join. If you think you have not the ability, then ask God to give you the needed wisdom and ability, and He will certainly do it, or James 1:5, 6 is false.

It is certain that God's blessing rests upon the home where there is a family altar. There is a beautiful story told of how one altar, which had been broken down, was re-established on a western prairie.

One day a gentleman was riding on a western prairie and lost his way. Night came on, and, as he knew not what way to guide his horse, he let it take its own way. By-and-by a light glimmered in the distance, and it was not long before the faithful animal stopped before a log cabin.

"Who's there?" somebody shouted from within.

"A benighted traveler. Can you give me a night's lodging?"

"You're welcome," said the man, appearing at the door.

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### A New Year Promise

Before me is a future all unknown,  
A path untrod;  
Beside me is a friend well-loved and  
known,  
That Friend is God.

Before me lies a new and unseen  
way,  
'Midst shadows dim;  
Beside me is my Guide, and day by  
day  
I walk with Him.

—Ruth Thomas

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The traveler was thankful enough to give up his saddle and bridle to the master of the log cabin. He found the family at supper—man, wife and children—and a place was soon made for the stranger.

Some time in the evening the man asked, "Are you a minister of the gospel, sir?"

"No," he answered, and, seeing the man looked disappointed, he asked why he wished to know.

"Oh, sir," answered the man, "I hoped a minister had come to help me build a family altar. I had one once, but I lost it coming over the Alleghenies. It is a great loss."

"Perhaps I can help you to build one, though I am not a minister," said the gentleman, who always had one himself; and, after a little more talk, the man handed him an old family Bible. He read a chapter from it, then they sang a hymn, and all knelt. The gentleman prayed first, and then the man prayed, and the wife and children said "Amen."

"Sir," said the man, when they arose, "there's many an emigrant that loses his family altar before he gets here—and it's a great loss."

Yes, many family altars are lost. Some are lost in traveling, some in moving, some in the hurry of the harvest, some in stores and shops. It is an unspeakable loss.

Abraham never lost his. Wherever he pitched his tent he set up his family altar, called upon the Lord, and the Lord blessed him wherever he went.

Now is an excellent time to establish the habit of family worship in your household. Begin today and keep it up throughout the new year. God will bless you and make you a blessing if you thus honor Him by having a "little church" in your home.

—The Ram's Horn

# New Things for The New Year

Since a new year is about to begin, let's think of some of the new things that God has promised in His Word. Fill in the blanks in part A by finding the correct answer in part B and writing it in the space provided. Use each answer only once.

## PART A

1. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new ....." (2 Corinthians 5:17).
2. "A new ..... I give unto you, That ye love one another" (John 13:34).
3. "This is my blood of the new ....., which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).
4. "A new ..... also will I give you, and a new ..... will I put within you" (Ezekiel 36:26).
5. "It is of the Lord's ..... that we are not consumed... they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22, 23).
6. "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall speak with new ....." (Mark 16:17).
7. "Thou shalt be called by a new ....., which the mouth of the Lord shall name" (Isaiah 62:2).
8. "He hath put a new ..... in my mouth, even praise unto our God" (Psalm 40:3).
9. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living ....., which he hath consecrated for us" (Hebrews 10:19, 20).
10. "For, behold, I create new ..... and a new .....: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).

## PART B

heavens	testament
heart	tongues
creature	spirit
mercies	name
earth	commandment
way	song

ANSWERS: (1) creature; (2) commandment; (3) testaments; (4) heart; (5) mercies; (6) tongues; (7) name; (8) song; (9) earth; (10) heavens, earth.

## How Would You Feel?

If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do, and if the excuses were no more justifiable than ours?

If God's promises were no more certain than ours?

If God withheld His blessing from us as we withhold our offerings from Him?



# Our Family Altar

## Monday, December 30

**Read:** Ephesians 5:22-6:4

**Learn:** "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21).

**For the Parent:** Here are given some important rules in the field of family relationships. Discuss these as they affect the family situation. Since this is the close of the year, it would be well to take "inventory" of the failures and successes in this field during the past year; then ask God's help for the year ahead.

**Question Time:** What instructions are given here for husbands? (vv. 25-29, 33) For wives? (vv. 22-24, 33) For children? (vv. 1-3) For fathers? (v. 4) How can all this be summed up? (v. 21)

## Tuesday, December 31

**Read:** Ephesians 6:5-24

**Learn:** "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

**For the parent:** Review the story of Joshua and how God promised to be with him (Joshua 1:1-9). Point out (1) we can be strong because God is with us and for us; (2) we need not fear the future; (3) in the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged, we must be adequately prepared by having the "whole armor of God" (vv. 11-18).

**Question Time:** What are the various parts of the Christian's armor? (vv. 11-18) How does the story of Joshua illustrate Ephesians 6:10? Why can we be strong and not fear the future? (See above) What is the only adequate preparation for our spiritual warfare? (See above)

## Wednesday, January 1

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

**Learn:** "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (v. 17).

**For the Parent:** From this passage, point out (1) the Christian will be judged according to his works at the judgment seat of Christ, v. 10; (2) when we accept Christ, we put away our old life and become a new creature in Christ, v. 17. New Year's Day is a good time to start having these "new things" in our lives.

**Question Time:** On what basis will the Christian be judged? (v. 10) What happens to us when we accept Christ? (v. 17) Why did Christ die for us? (v. 15)

## Thursday, January 2

**Read:** John 1:14-18; Mark 1:14-22

**Learn:** "He taught them as one that had authority" (Mark 1:22).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Christ Begins His Teaching Ministry" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out from John 1:14-18 the kind of teacher Christ is—(1) divine; (2) bringing grace and truth; (3) declaring His Father to us. Review the story of the calling of Simon, Andrew, James, and John (Mark 1:16-20). Point out also Jesus' message (Mark 1:15) and an outstanding characteristic of His teaching (Mark 1:22).

**Question Time:** Why is Mark 1:22 so important in understanding Christ's teaching?

## Friday, January 3

**Read:** Matthew 4:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour [help] them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

**For the Parent:** Have the group review the temptation of Jesus by Satan. Then stress (1) how Jesus overcame each of Satan's temptations; (2) since Christ was tempted, He shows just how to help us when we are tempted; (3) it is not a sin to be tempted—sin comes as we yield to temptation.

**Question Time:** What was the first temptation Satan brought to Christ? (v. 3) How did Jesus answer it? (v. 4) What weapon did Jesus use to overcome temptation?

## Saturday, January 4

**Read:** 1 Kings 8:22-40; 54-61 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Know ye not...that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16).

**For the Parent:** (Background material on the building of Solomon's temple may be found in 1 Kings 5-8.) From the story of how God's presence filled the temple which Solomon built (1 Kings 8:1-11), stress that the Holy Spirit actually lives in each person who accepts Jesus as Saviour. Also show that the Baptism in the Spirit (Acts 2:4) is a fuller impartation of the Holy Spirit.

**Question Time:** What happened to Solomon's temple when it was dedicated? (1 Kings 8:10, 11) How can this happen to us? (See above)



## Christ Begins His Teaching Ministry

Sunday School Lesson for January 5, 1958

JOHN 1:14-18; MARK 1:14-22

The life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ have influenced the world more profoundly than all the decrees of emperors, the conquests of armies, the discoveries of science, or the philosophies of mortal men. This Sunday we begin a new series of lessons on these teachings.

### I. THE WORK OF THE TEACHER (John 1:14-18).

The importance of the teachings of Christ rests ultimately upon the nature of the Teacher. If He was only a great man, as the modernists say, then His teaching offers no more hope for a sin-laden world than any other philosophy. But if He is God, then His words will not pass away and we must heed them if we are to lead a full, rich, satisfying earthly life and prepare for an eternity in heaven.

1. *Revealing God* (vv. 14, 15). Christ was a revelation of God to man. He said so. His miracles affirm it. His atoning death and miraculous resurrection are convincing proof. The countless lives which have been transformed by the gospel of Christ are a constant testimony that Christ proceeded from the Father.

While no man has seen God at any time, Christ has declared to us the nature, purpose, will, plan, and love of His Father. He is not only the medium through which the message of God was borne—He *is* the Message! God, being a Spirit, had to find some tangible means of expressing Himself to mortal man. In the Old Testament the forms and symbols and the teachings of the prophets conveyed His message. Then God sent His own Son as the "express image" of His person (Hebrews 1:3).

2. *Imparting Grace* (vv. 16, 17). The Law was good and righteous, but it offered no power for the carrying out of its commandments. Then Jesus came. He did not descend to earth to criticize and condemn, but to heal and restore and save. Not only did He tell of God's love and of eternal life, but He actually imparted it to those who would believe on Him.

### II. THE MESSAGE OF THE TEACHER (Mark 1:14, 15).

The message of Christ is not the theoretical, ethereal teaching some have supposed it to be. It has practical applications to all the problems of human life. The only time the remedy of the Great Physician does not heal is when it is not applied. A man must accept Christ into his heart before he can derive benefit from His teachings.

1. *The Kingdom of God* (v. 14). Christ came preaching the "kingdom of God," but not the earthly kingdom the Jews were wishing for. His kingdom was to be limited to the hearts of His followers—until the dawn of the great Millennium. Now the kingdom is within us. Then we will be within the kingdom. The tragedy is that today men are trying to bring the kingdom of God to earth with-

out the King! They are still saying, "We will not have this man to rule over us!"

2. *Repentance and Faith* (v. 15). The message of Christ is unique. All other religions require some kind of works as the basis for meriting salvation. Christ, instead of requiring works, demands faith in the work He has done. The essence of the gospel is for a man to repent—thus showing the inadequacy of his own works to produce salvation—and to exercise faith in the One whose death atones for sin.

### III. THE DISCIPLES OF THE TEACHER (Mark 1:16-22)

1. *The First Disciples* (vv. 16-20). Christ had the heart of a shepherd and viewed humanity as sheep which needed to be brought into the safety of His fold. As He walked beside the seashore or in the market place, He was inviting men to become His disciples. He was always saying to men, "Come unto me." The gospel message is one of invitation to become a follower of Christ. "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come."

2. *Disciples Today* (Luke 9:23-26). To be a disciple is to be an eager student of the Master Teacher. Too few take the time to learn of Him. Many follow afar off. Can a man call himself a disciple if he chooses first to go bury his father, or inspect a newly purchased field, or put any other interest before Jesus? As Christ said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Discipleship implies a whole-hearted commitment to Jesus, and it is well to make a new commitment daily—not that *Christ* might forget that we once consecrated ourselves to the Cross, but that *we* might!

—Glen D. Anderson

### STILL A POWERFUL PLATFORM



# Stomach Cancer Healed



C. A. Barenreuther

I had been sick for a year when in April 1946 I entered the hospital for a cancer operation on my stomach. I was in the hospital for nine weeks; and then, because the doctor found it impossible to remove the cancer successfully, I was sent home to die.

In August I was taken back to the hospital for more Xrays, which showed more growth than before. I was not given any more medicine or treatments of any kind, for the doctors felt it was of no use.

But our church people and other Christian friends were praying for my

healing. On Christmas Day of that same year, realizing that the Lord had touched my body with His healing power, I got up out of bed and stayed up. In June 1947 the doctor insisted on having new X-ray pictures taken, and they showed that my stomach was completely healed. There was not even a scar left, and I was able to return to my work.

When I left the hospital I weighed only 94 pounds. When I returned to work a few months later, I weighed 150 pounds, and I have been working continuously these past ten years. I do praise and thank the Lord for His healing power.—Carl A. Barenreuther, 256 Madison Ave., Alton, Ill.

*(Endorsed by C. L. Gruver, Pastor, Alton Gospel Tabernacle, Alton, Ill.)*

*(Editor's Note: Carl A. Barenreuther's testimony entitled "Stomach Cancer Healed" appeared in the Evangel of December 8, 1957, but it was accompanied by the wrong photograph. We are reprinting it on this page, using the correct photograph, and offer our sincere apologies for the error.)*

he had handled my case as he had—without giving me any kind of medicine—for this way he could not claim any of the credit either for the medicine or for himself.

When the Lord healed me of leukemia He also healed me of heart trouble. I suffered a heart attack in 1953 and had been under constant medical care for that condition; but now the doctor says my heart is perfectly normal and I am in excellent physical condition in every way.—Edgar McGarvey, 513 Porter St., Alton, Ill.

*(Endorsed by C. L. Gruver, Pastor, Alton Gospel Tabernacle—Assemblies of God—who says this case can be corroborated by local doctors of medicine and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.)*

## Delivered From Leukemia



Edgar McGarvey

About July 20, 1956, I noticed that my ankles were swollen and inflamed, and very rapidly this condition grew much worse, the flesh becoming a fiery red. Also nodes

(lumps) appeared on the glands in my neck, under my arms, and on my chest. On July 25 I entered the hospital for examination and tests.

For three weeks they made all kinds of examinations but were unable to determine the cause of my trouble. Finally they decided to take off one of these nodes for testing, to see if there was any malignancy.

This operation was performed on Thursday morning, August 23, at which time the women of our church were holding their regular morning prayer service and praying especially for me! As I lay on the operating table for some 55 minutes that morning—with only a local anesthetic—I had an unusual and precious sense of the Lord's presence with me and I felt a definite healing touch upon my body. The incision did not become sore as they had

predicted, even though seven or more stitches were taken.

At 11 a.m. on August 25 my doctor came to my room and told me the "bad news." He said that the tests were not good and that my blood count was 1700 (normal count being from 5000 to 9000)—in short, that I had leukemia. He said that no medicine would help me. He told me that I had one or two years to live, at the most, so I should go home and "make the best of it." My doctor told my family that my case was a very "prosperous" (fast-working) one.

Thus in the natural I was doomed to die. But we believed we had "prayed through," and as the days went on I was sure that God had healed my body. We ceased to pray for my healing and just praised Him for a finished work, and I went back to work on September 20, 1956. I have not missed a day's work from that day to this.

As the doctor requested, I returned to him for monthly checkups. Each month my blood count was higher; and finally, on October 11, 1957, after my doctor had completed his checkup, he stated that my blood count was 7400 and that I was completely well! He also told me that he was glad that

## Healed of Cancer

I want to thank the Lord for healing me in January 1956. I was very sick with cancer in its last stages (the blood count had gone down to 10) and I called for Brother Traub to come and pray for me. He anointed me with oil in the name of the Lord, as directed in the Bible (James 5:14), and prayed that God would heal me.

The next day was Sunday. My husband was in church, and the people prayed for me again in the morning service—and while they were praying the cancer passed from my body.

Since that time I have been to the doctor for several check-ups. The last time I went was September 21, 1957, and the doctor has given me a clean bill of health. He says it is a miracle of God.—Mrs. Charles Dutcher, 26530 Plymouth Road, Detroit 39, Michigan.

*(Endorsed by J. J. Traub, Pastor, Bethel Missionary Assembly, Detroit, Mich.)*

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## Revivaltime Calls for Volunteers to Pledge Prayer in 1958

BY STANLEY MICHAEL



**M**ORE IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH prayer than one can imagine. God still hears and answers believing prayer. During this past year people from more than eight denominations asked for our monthly prayer sheet listing special prayer requests that had come to REVIVALTIME. Requests for healing, salvation for friends or even for themselves, revival in their church, deliverance from alcohol, for a job, and many other needs continually come to us.

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## How to Ascertain the Will of God

BY GEORGE MUELLER

1. *Surrender Your Own Will.*—I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.

Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2. *Do Not Depend on Feelings.*—Having surrendered my will, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3. *Seek the Spirit's Will Through God's Word.*—The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

4. *Note Providential Circumstances.*—These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5. *Pray.*—I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

6. *Wait.*—Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge; and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Jesus said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly" (Matthew 5:25, 26). Does this mean that we must agree with him whether he be right or wrong?

Jesus was giving good advice. He meant that, instead of quarreling, you should seek to be a peacemaker. If you show a combative and contentious spirit, your adversary might take you to court, which would prove more expensive than to suffer some wrong at his hands. We cannot tell a man he is right if he isn't, but we can seek to avoid trouble with him.

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How could Peter speak of Lot as a righteous man? (2 Peter 2:7)

This same question has troubled me. Lot must have had a heart which hated evil, but perhaps he also loved that which the world could give him. He hated Sodom's sins, but loved its luxuries.

Like Lot, many in our day are not wholly yielded to the will of God. They would like to serve the Lord with all their hearts, but love for other things keeps them from this wholehearted devotion. Consequently they are disappointed and dissatisfied. They cannot enjoy a Christian experience as they should. They feel condemned because they are not more fully given to the will of God, and yet they are not willing to give God a full allegiance. The happy Christian is the one who has made a complete separation of his life to the will of God.

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Is the seventh chapter of Romans a description of Christian living? If not, what is it?

I strongly believe that Romans 7 describes the defeats suffered by those who seek righteousness through the law. The key is found in verses 1-4. Paul likens this legality to the union of a man and his wife. The law is the husband, "holy, and just, and good." It is an exacting husband, always ready to tell the wife what she must or must not do, but never giving her power to do what it demands. There is no deliverance for this woman until the death of her husband.

When she becomes "dead to the law" to which she has been bound, she then chooses to marry another husband. This union is to the grace of God in our Lord Jesus Christ. United to Christ, she now has One who not only tells her what she ought to do, but lovingly assists and gives her the power to do it. She is moved out of the seventh chapter into the eighth, where she learns that "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Some believers undoubtedly live somewhat in Romans 7, but this is not God's plan for them. See Romans 8:1-4.

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How could God call Noah a just and a perfect man (Genesis 6:9), when he is the first man that the Bible records as getting drunk? (Genesis 9:20, 21)

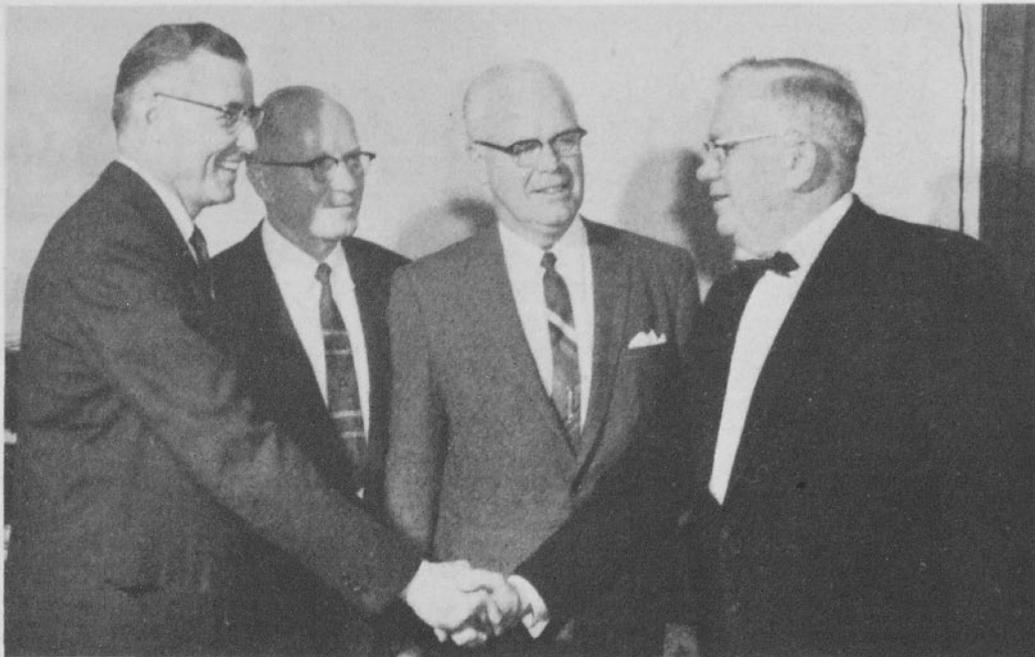
The verse you cite states, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." This indicates that he walked in all the light that was given to those of his day. At that time wine was no doubt made and commonly used, but when Noah celebrated for the good crops which God had given him in the new world, he drank more than he should. Most of the warnings of scriptures which we now have had not then been given.

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Will only the overcomers be ready when Jesus comes?

Divine blessing is promised to those who overcome sin. But a doctrine which stresses overcoming, while not making it clear what it means to overcome, can rob conscientious believers of "the blessed hope." Such a doctrine can cause a constant fear in the heart of every believer who realizes his unworthiness, even though he may be an overcomer who daily lives conscientiously before the Lord.

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).



The General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs (right), extends a hand of welcome to the new Executive Presbyters, Roy H. Wead and M. B. Netzel, and to C. W. H. Scott who has moved to Springfield to take up his duties as an Assistant General Superintendent.

# Executive Directors Named for Headquarters Departments



## New Executives Welcomed, Retiring Officials Honored at Special Session

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI — Executive Directors have been named for the various departments at the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God.

Announcement of the appointments was made by the General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, following a special session of the Executive Presbytery in November. All of the Executive Presbyters were present at the session, including the two new members who were elected by the General Council as well as the two brethren who were retiring.

The appointments, which are in effect for two years beginning December 1, 1957, are as follows:

*Gayle F. Lewis:* Home Missions, Women's Missionary Council, Ministers Benefit Association.

*Thomas F. Zimmerman:* Gospel Publishing House, Radio, General (Communication, Maintenance, Purchasing, Personnel, Public Relations).

*Bert Webb:* Sunday School, Christ's Ambassadors, Evangelism.

*Charles W. H. Scott:* Education, Men's Fellowship, Benevolence.

*J. R. Flower:* General Secretary, Church School Literature, The Pentecostal Evangel.

*M. B. Netzel:* General Treasurer.

*Noel Perkin:* Foreign Missions.

All of the National Secretaries and Department Heads were re-appointed for the two-year period, and were invited to meet with the Executives and Divisional Heads for an evening of



Brother Riggs presents certificate of honor to J. Z. Kamerer for thirty-eight years of faithful service. In view of his many years of leadership in the publication work of the Assemblies of God, Brother Kamerer was dubbed "Mister Publishing House."



J. O. Savell



Atwood Foster



Frank M. Boyd

fellowship and worship. During the evening, a welcome was extended to the new Executives, M. B. Netzel and Roy H. Wead, and Charles W. H. Scott was welcomed to his new office as an Assistant General Superintendent.

Tribute was paid to the retiring Executives, J. O. Savell and Atwood Foster, for their devoted services to the General Council. Brother Savell served for five years as an Assistant General Superintendent. He has retired from the office to accept a call to be pastor of the Park Place Assembly in Houston, Texas. Brother Foster, after serving as General Treasurer for approximately two years, has resigned to give undivided attention to the Church Extension Plan, of which he is chairman. He and his family will continue to reside in Springfield.

J. Z. Kamerer and Frank M. Boyd were also honored at the meeting, in view of the fact that they were leaving the headquarters staff this year after many years of service. A beautiful "Certificate of Service" was awarded to each of them.

Brother Kamerer has been active in the Gospel Publishing House for thirty-

eight years. He served in the Production Department from 1919 until 1925 at which time he became General Manager, a post which he filled with distinction for twenty-six years. Under his direction the Gospel Publishing House mushroomed from a little one-room print shop to a great enterprise occupying a million-and-a-half-dollar building. In 1951 he retired from the office of General Manager but accepted a part-time job as Credit Manager. At the end of this month he is giving up this position to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Brother Boyd has retired from his post as Dean of the Correspondence School (see *Evangel*, November 3, page 22) and is now devoting all his time to teaching at Central Bible Institute.

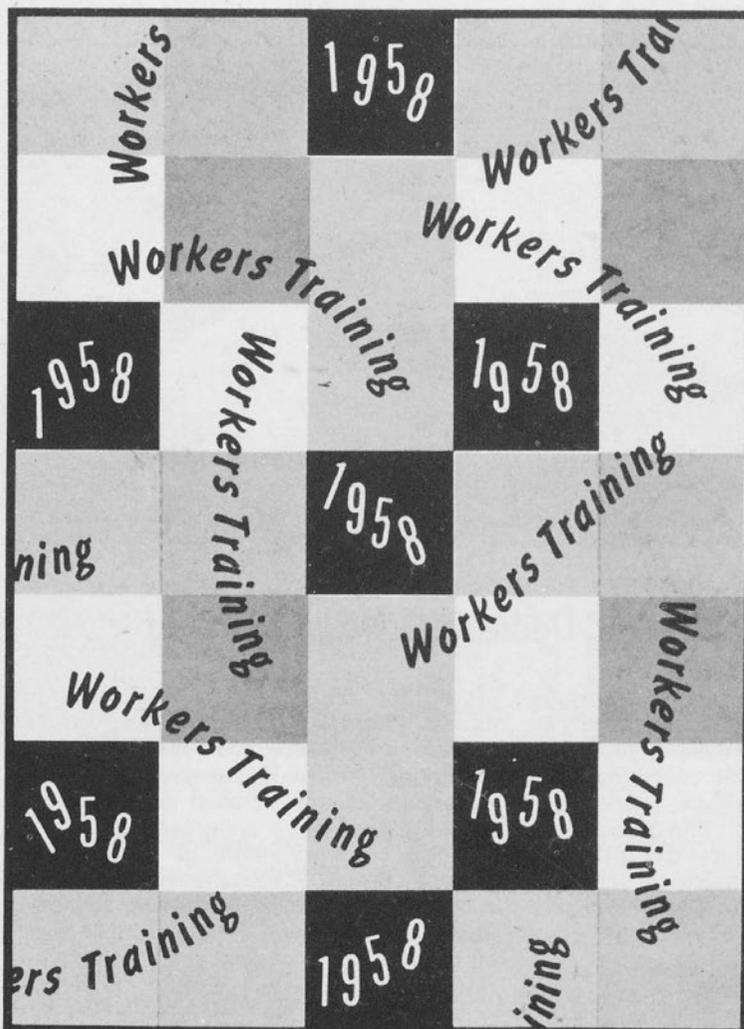
The climax of the meeting was a brief address by Ernest S. Williams. The non-resident Presbyters who were present were A. A. Wilson, Howard S. Bush, D. H. McLaughlin, and Roy H. Wead.

If we thought of God's glory first as in the Lord's prayer, and gave the secondary place to our needs, we should please God and gain our petitions better than we do.—Fausset.

## Healed of Fungus and Athlete's Foot

In February, 1956, when Evangelist B. D. Bennett held a three-week revival at the Yuma Assembly of God, I was miraculously healed of fungus in my toes and of athlete's foot. On a Friday night, when Brother Bennett called for those who wanted healing to come forward, I went up. God immediately touched my body and healed my toes. To this day I haven't been bothered with this condition. Praise God! I had had athlete's foot since I was a young boy, but I contracted the fungus while in the Navy in Guam. I am glad that "By His stripes we are healed."

—Charles Kumley Jr., 544 Vaughn Ave., Yuma, Ariz.  
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# LET US GO ON!

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that melt in your mouth nor to do the roast to a perfect turn—and yet because she loves her husband with all her heart and is a true mother, her husband would say of her, “She is a perfect wife.”

Sometimes we wonder if perhaps God does not judge our perfection by the rule of love. We often judge so harshly. We frown upon one another's actions. We criticize a life upon which God's blessing evidently rests, perhaps even though their ministry seems more favored than our own. But God, looking down into a life, sees a heart that truly loves Him; and to Him that is the supreme test of perfection. To be sure, if one truly measures up to the love demanded of us by these commandments, the life and actions will also line themselves up with His perfect will. “Let us go on to perfection!”

Let us go on to perfection in holiness. We may not like the word, but

as one brother put it, “It's in the Bible, and it's so anyhow!” Holiness implies separation, and we need to watch that we do not fail in this vulnerable point. What a tendency there is, when we are attempting to shake off the old graveclothes of a self-imposed holiness, to swing to an opposite extreme.

Holiness does not mean the life of a monk in a monastery, secluded from the world, with his garments drawn closely about him in order to remain uncontaminated. Oh, no! Holiness means living *in* the world, but not being *of* it. It surely does not mean cutting oneself off from all social contact with the unsaved, for of Christ it was said, “He eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners.”

“Love has a hem on its garment  
That reaches the very dust;  
It touches the dirt of the streets and lanes  
And because it *can*, it *must*.”

Holiness surely does not mean going

around with the sanctimonious air of the tomb, which endeavors to leave its aroma of “holier-than-thou,” for all this is as obnoxious to God as it is to those who feel it.

This virtue is not a lopping off the branches and leaving a tree rigid and stiff in its righteousness, always looking like the rod of the law ready to fall in judgment upon all who do not bend to another's convictions. It does mean being like a tree planted by the rivers of water, with leaves that are as a shadow to some weary traveler or as a healing potion to those whose souls have been wounded by sin.

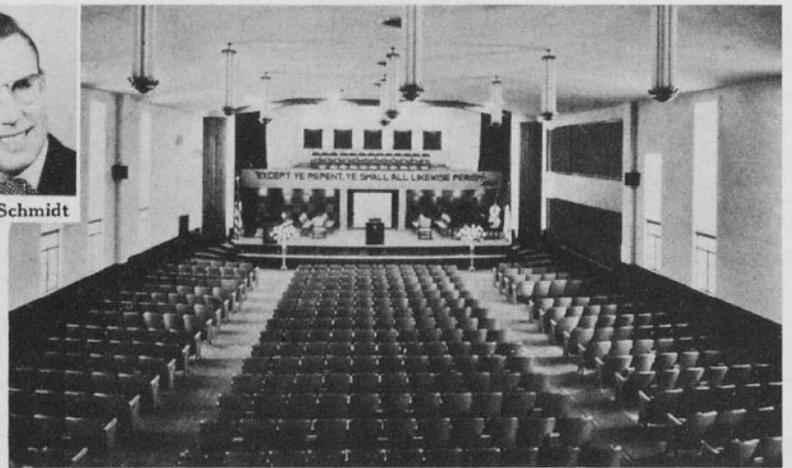
Holiness is something beautiful, something as lovely as the very life and nature of the Christ who is our righteousness!

In Hebrews 13 we are encouraged to be “perfect in every good work to do his will.” What a responsibility this places upon us! What an accounting for the deeds done in the body! What an urge to work, for the night is coming! Souls untouched by the church *must* be reached by the individual. Yet how many with a shrug of their shoulder attempt to throw off this responsibility.

One who was supposed to be spir-



K. R. Schmidt



## First Assembly in Grand Junction, Colorado, Dedicates New Building

The attractive, spacious church building shown above is the new home of the First Assembly of God at Fourth and Grand in Grand Junction, Colorado. Dedication services for the new auditorium were held recently, with West Central District Superintendent T. E. Gannon as guest speaker. Assisting him in the service was R. G. Fulford, Rocky Mountain District Superintendent.

The new auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000 persons. The picture of the interior was taken from the balcony.

God has greatly blessed First Assembly

through the years. The new auditorium is but one of the forward steps taken recently by the church. About a year ago a new Sunday School and education unit of 15,000 square feet was completed. This is now completely paid for. The church also purchased two additional lots for parking.

The church has been under the capable leadership of Pastor Kenneth R. Schmidt (inset) for the past six years. During that time the Sunday School has shown a remarkable growth. From an average attendance of 282 for the 1951-52 Sunday School year, it has grown to an average

of 615 for the Sunday School year just passed. The highest attendance was last Easter when there were 1167 present.

Looking back on the progress of the past few years, Pastor Schmidt said: “We are thanking God for a congregation that has a mind to work both in spiritual and material things. We have seen a harvest of souls saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Among them have been the coach of our high school, captain of the police force, a surgeon, and a number of business people. Our missionary offerings have tripled.”

itual was approached about doing personal visitation work; she answered that she did not believe in it. She believed that the Christian's place was in the church, praying. True, we need to go on to perfection in this good work, but it is fairly certain that if one is perfect in prayer he will also be perfect in a passion for souls that will cause him to go out into the highways and byways and compel men to come in.

"We preach . . . that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily," said the apostle Paul. What a tremendous purpose! God works in and through His servants to this end.

Oh, to be perfect in His image! Oh, to be perfect in His likeness! This perfection is attained by the fulfilling of the two great commandments—wholehearted love for God and unselfish love for others. In the words of John Wesley, Christian perfection is a state of *perfect love*.

Let us go on! Has Satan dealt an almost death-blow to you during the past year? Nevertheless, we are more than conquerors. Rise, and let us go on! Have things seemed at a standstill spiritually? Are you discouraged by lack of results? Take new courage. Let us go on! Fling high the banner to the breeze! *Let us go on—to perfection!*

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Warrior	A of G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Calvin Melton	John Broxson
Ariz.	Mesa	First	Jan. 1-19	Bob McCutchen	W. Clyde Powell
	Whiteriver	A of G	Jan. 5—	J. R. Tuttle	E. E. Johns
Calif.	Barstow	A of G	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Ronald Wiseman
	Fillmore	Pentecostal	Jan. 5—	J. F. Pepper & wife	Neville Carlson
	San Bernardino	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Watson Argue	Louis H. Hauff
	Wilmington	Boulevard	Jan. 5-19	Bennett Musical Trio	Herbert W. Ezell
Colo.	Denver	S. Broadway	Jan. 5-26	O. E. Gaddis & wife	Harvey Jackson
Conn.	Stamford	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Joel Palmer & wife	Roy T. Johnson
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 19	William H. Kautz	A. L. Shell, Jr.
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Jan. 2-12	R. S. & Vera Peterson	John R. Hardt
	Palatka	A of G	Jan. 3-19	Busse Evang. Team	H. M. Wilder
Ill.	Carthage	Highway 136	Jan. 5-Feb. 1	Skiles Evang. Party	—
	E. St. Louis	Cahokia	Dec. 29—	Bill Sharp	John T. Hogan
	Granite City	First	Jan. 7-19	Tommy Barnett	James C. Kofahl
Kans.	Lawrence	A of G	Jan. 1-12	Christian Hild	J. J. Krimmer
	Topeka	Faith	Jan. 5-19	Lolita Thompson	Oliver W. Hollis
Mich.	Flint	Hungarian	Dec. 31-Jan. 19	John Higginbotham	Charles Szabo
Mo.	Festus	A of G	Jan. 5-19	B. R. Minton	D. M. Dabney
	Springfield	Friendship	Dec. 29—	Gladys Voight	Florence Mason
Nebr.	Bayard	A of G	Jan. 5—	R. Alan Davis	Dale K. Eden
N. Y.	Westfield	A of G	Jan. 1—	Paul Clark & wife	Jack Risner
Ohio	Delaware	A of G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Smith-Rasmussen	R. E. Howard
	Millersburg	A of G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Ada E. Lear	Bessie Shaffer
	Youngstown	West Side	Jan. 1-12	Tanner Team	Donald Cox
Okla.	Owasso	A of G	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Chas. H. E. Duncombe	A. N. Burns
Oreg.	Myrtle Creek	A of G	Dec. 31—	Johnny Hoskins	G. W. Hocker
	Springfield	First	Jan. 5—	Hattie Hammond	Lester Carlsen
Pa.	Chambersburg	Bethel	Jan. 5-19	Andrew Basell & wife	Samuel Weidler
	Warren	A of G	Jan. 2-12	Eddie Lowmaster	William Adams
S. C.	Greenville	First	Jan. 1-12	Watters Gospel Team	Chas. V. Elliott
Tex.	Austin	Glad Tidings	Jan. 2-5	Warren Litzman	Marlin Maddoux
	Brownwood	South Side	Jan. 5—	Ernest Maxwell	Norman Jones
	San Antonio	First	Jan. 5—	Smith-Rogers	A. L. Todd
Wash.	Port Townsend	A of G	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Norman Gardner	Clyde T. Fiss
	Vancouver	Glad Tidings	Jan. 5-26	Wesley W. Fleming	J. S. Manchester
	Walla Walla	A of G Tab.	Jan. 1-26	H. C. MacDonald & wife	Leonard J. Philp
W. Va.	Grafton	A of G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	James West & wife	Hazel B. O'Brien
Canada	Toronto, Ont.	Scarborough GT	Jan. 5—	C. S. Tubby	Roy E. Upton

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## How Important It Is

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step in paths of righteousness (Psalm 119:133; 27:11).

5. By passing up the Word of God daily, we indicate that we prefer our own "wisdom" to the infinite wisdom of God (Colossians 1:9).

6. By preferring other things and giving these a larger place than God's Word, we show that we feel competent to direct our own steps (Isaiah 53:6).

7. If we are lax in the matter of daily reading of the Scriptures, we prove that we have other ends in view than the glory of the God of the Bible (John 7:18).

8. If we set aside the Scriptures for other things that compete for our attention, we prove that we are more interested in having our own way than His way (Isaiah 66:3).

9. By our neglect of God's Word regularly, we show that we do not

wish to study the Scriptures so that we can be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15).

10. It means that spiritual interests have been surrendered for carnal satisfactions (Romans 8:1-13).

11. It means that we are not going to throw our influence toward God (Hebrews 12:13).

12. It means, too, that we don't mind if all about us in our church and community there are neglecters of the Word of Life and the only way of eternal salvation (Romans 9:1-3).

13. If we give other things in daily life the place God's Word ought to have, we make it evident that we prefer the wisdom of this world to the wisdom of Almighty God (James 3:17).

14. If we regularly avoid reading the revelation from God, it shows that we have no interest in the great things of His law (Hosea 8:12).

15. Moreover, such a lax course of

behavior toward the Bible shows that we have our chief interest in time and not in eternity (Colossians 3:1).

16. Laxity with regard to the Scriptures shows that we really believe we can live by bread alone, and that we really do not need the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:1-7; Matthew 3).

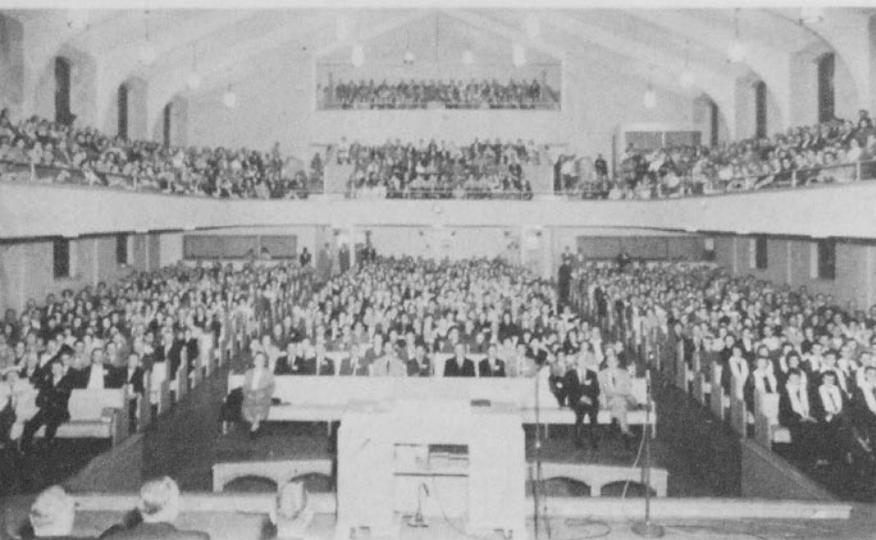
17. It indicates, too, that we think very little of Jesus Christ who, after a long line of His prophets, has spoken to us from heaven (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

18. Lacking daily interest in the Word of God, we choose to go down the dark pathway of life without our God-provided lamp (Psalm 119:105).

19. Lack of interest in daily reading of the Bible aids the work of the devil (Ephesians 6:11, 12, 17).

The above declarations are startling, but true. Will you pledge to read your Bible regularly, and to promote a Bible-reading crusade in your home, your church, your community?

—Great Commission Prayer League



A night service in Calvary Temple, Seattle, during the 10th Annual P.F.N.A. Convention (left), and the P.F.N.A. Board of Administration with leaders of local Chapters and the local committee in charge of the convention arrangements. Front row, left to right: C. M. Wortman, Houston Morehead, William Spencer, Clayton Lawson, Gayle F. Lewis, W. E. McAlister, Howard P. Courtney, Zeno Tharp, Ches-

ter I. Miller. Second row: Herman Kazen, John M. Tappero, Louis Johnson, Roy E. Southard, Roy H. Mourer, R. Bryant Mitchell, E. J. Fulton, Ralph M. Riggs, M. J. Sickler, (next two men not identified), Irvine J. Harrison. Third row: (first two not identified), A. R. Mattson, Frank N. McAlister, Richard W. Bishop, Jack Andrews, Howard Barfoot, (next man not identified), Carlon Townsend.

# Pentecostal Groups Hold Annual Convention

*In Calvary Temple, Seattle, Washington*

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America held its 10th annual convention October 28-31, at Calvary Temple, in Seattle, Washington, with a large attendance, including key figures of the Pentecostal churches on the North American continent.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America is a service and fellowship organization composed of eleven leading denominations of the Pentecostal faith, representing more than 15,000 local churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Theme of the Convention in Seattle was the importance of Christian unity among the Pentecostal churches through the operation of the Holy Spirit in their midst. The convention featured an emphasis on preaching rather than business meetings.

The first day was devoted to discussion and suggestions concerning missionary objectives as they relate to comity and problems of handling missionary equipment, shipping, and personnel. Co-operation between the PFNA denominations on the foreign fields was highlighted and outstanding films were shown to the convention by various mission boards.

On Tuesday the convention featured seven sermons on the general theme of

the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church today. The subject of physical healing by divine power was also featured in the convention, and the concluding meeting on Thursday night was a Divine Healing service, with prayer offered for the sick.

Gayle F. Lewis, chairman of the PFNA, declared that the spiritual impact of the 10th Annual Convention surpassed that of all previous meets. He attributed the success of the convention to the outstanding co-operation of the local member-churches of the PFNA Northwest Chapter. "Seattle is a real pattern of what can be achieved on the local level in practicing inter-church fellowship," Brother Lewis stated.

The Convention body returned the incumbent board of administration to office, including: Chairman, Gayle F. Lewis, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; Vice-chairmen, W. E. McAlister, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and Clayton Lawson, Church of God Mountain Assembly; Secretary, Howard P. Courtney, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Treasurer, William M. Spencer, International Pentecostal Assemblies.

Plans were presented for the forthcoming Fifth World Conference of

Pentecostal Churches which will be held in Exhibition Park, Toronto, September 14-21, 1958. Delegates are expected to come from more than 40 nations throughout the world, and arrangements have been made for a closing rally in the Canadian National Exhibition Stadium, seating 30,000 people. A Pentecostal train is expected to run from Vancouver, B. C. across Canada to Toronto carrying delegates to the World Conference. Possibilities of similar trains in the United States also are being considered. ◀◀

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# A New Year Preview

BY CHARLES W. KOLLER

**T**HE MOST VALUABLE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT in any man's office is his wastebasket. Whatever his profession, a generous use of the wastebasket is essential to his efficiency. "A wise use of the wastebasket," says one distinguished editor, "is the secret of successful editing." A wise and generous use of the wastebasket is also the secret of spiritual blessedness.

Many lives are encumbered with rubbish that ought to go into the wastebasket. This thought underlies the scriptural exhortation to "lay aside every WEIGHT" as well as the SIN that besets the Christian life (Heb. 12:1). Old worries, grudges, and resentments must not be carried into the new year or the new day.

## TROUBLES OF YESTERDAY

must be put away; the trouble that belongs to a given day is all that we can successfully bear (Matt. 6:34). The unholy emotions of yesterday must not be permitted to befoul the new day. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). Let the heart and the mind be thoroughly purged before daring to go to sleep.

Past errors belong in the wastebasket. Everybody errs; hence the rubber eraser—the wastebasket's first cousin. So welcome was the invention of the rubber eraser on pencils that, according to reports, it quickly yielded its inventor, a New Jersey man, a large fortune. There is said to be a man in Egypt who has not made an error

in five thousand years; but during that time he has been in mummified form. The rest of us, who still make errors, must learn to acknowledge them, to make appropriate restitution, and then, having learned our lesson, consign our errors to the wastebasket.

The Apostle Paul gives us

## THE PERFECT FORMULA

for the beginning of the new year. In his past there were sins, errors, and omissions enough to break the heart of a truly conscientious Christian. "But," says he, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul, however, did more about his past than merely to forget it. Forgetting, alone, can not repair injuries which have been inflicted; cannot replace life substances which have been dissipated; cannot restore opportunities which have been neglected; and cannot remove the stains of our delinquency. Paul could forget because, through repentance, he had experienced that saving grace which was greater than all his sin.

The agony of soul which haunts the unrepentant is the call of Christ to reconciliation and forgiveness, and to a new year unmarred by encumbrances from an unholy past.

**A**LTHOUGH I HAD READ THROUGH the Bible completely twice, I had not absorbed the great moral themes of the Word. I forgot that Abraham asked for faith and how he was rewarded, that Moses was punished for lack of it, and what Jesus commanded us to do.

"How can these subjects become more meaningful to me?" I asked. Then I came up with this idea. Maybe you'd like to try it too.

I turned to the topical index in the back of my Bible. If you have no index such as this perhaps you could borrow one and copy the references. There under the F's was faith. There were three columns of material! The sub-titles were: Described, Object of, Blessings, Miracles, Trials of, Shield of, Examples of.

After I had looked up and read only a few, I knew I wanted this in writing. I selected a small spiral notebook.

# Powerful Promises

BY EVELYN MITCHELL



I used a cheaper Bible for looking up my references. This saved wear on the better book and also was more convenient. Doing three or four each day was the most rewarding kind of daily devotion. I couldn't have absorbed more than that. When I finished there were 171 quotations. I labeled the front with its title "Faith" and went about selecting another notebook and topic.

I studied the "Cross" during Lent,

then "Love" and "Prayer." In one year I had learned so much more about these important subjects by concentrating on one theme until finishing it, compiling it so one passage followed another, then giving time each day to devotional study.

I keep at least one topic book in my purse or pocket. Sometimes I lend them to sick friends. When waiting for an appointment or when feeling a spiritual need these promises are potent. Each reading brings its own reward.

Our Lord promised, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence "all the days."

—F.R.H.

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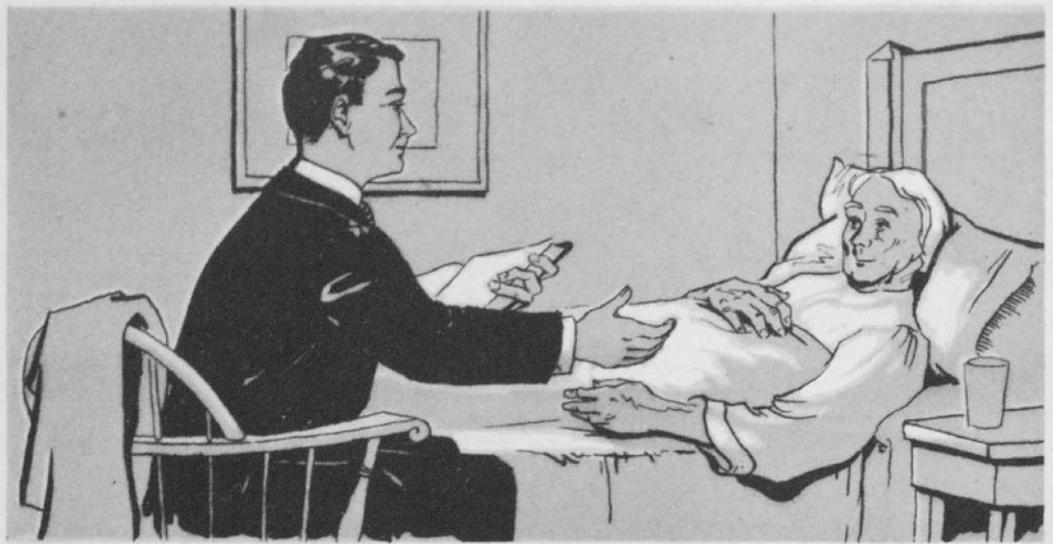
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## Just in Time

BY OSWALD J. SMITH

**I**N THE EARLY DAYS OF MY MINISTRY, I had an experience that made me realize, as never before, the seriousness of my calling. It happened suddenly, and I can still remember the telephone call that aroused me from my indifference and made me hurry to the bedside of one of my parishioners.

"Could you come to see a sick woman?"

"Is it urgent?"

"Yes, very; she may not live through the night."

"All right, I'll come at once," and I hung up the receiver.

Making my way through the city streets, I was soon at the place, and was taken immediately to the sick chamber. A woman with a sad and forlorn expression on her face looked up at me as I entered. She tried to speak, but her voice was so weak and broken that I had to bend low to catch the words she uttered. And I felt that I was already standing in the presence of the Angel of Death, for it was plain to see that her life was fast ebbing away.

Hopelessness was depicted on her countenance while she waited for me to speak; and the darkness seemed to deepen as I watched the pale, drawn face, enshrouded in the gloom of almost hopeless despair. There was no time to lose—no time to talk of the things of this world: her eternal destiny was at stake.

"Mrs. Charles, are you ready to go; have you any hope?" I enquired, as I bent over her.

"No, none," she murmured, shaking her head, while a deep-drawn sigh escaped her lips.

I stated as plainly as I could the wonderful plan of salvation, and, kneeling down, prayed with her, and then sang in tones subdued and low:

"Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come!"

"Just as I am, and waiting not,  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come!"

As I sang the second verse, I heard her feeble voice—broken, weak and wavering—trying to sing with me. Sometimes I could distinguish the words, but more often they were unintelligible, until I came to the last line, and then she sang with heart and voice:

"O Lamb of God, I come!"  
And she did come—came in full assurance of faith; and I left her knowing that all was well, and that she was going home to God.

And yet she was a member of the church, a member but—unconverted. Conversion was her one great need, for the Word of God plainly and emphatically states that, "Except ye be converted, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). And as I went home, my heart was sad within me, and I groaned aloud as I thought of the awful responsibility resting upon ministers who allow people to become members of churches without being "born again."

I never saw Mrs. Charles again until I stood by her casket and looked down upon her face, cold in death. And as I preached her funeral sermon, I determined more than ever to lay aside everything else and give myself unreservedly to the one great work of getting people ready for Heaven.

My friend, are you ready? What if you should die suddenly—would you be unprepared? Perhaps you, too, are a member of the church, a member but—unconverted.

Let me urge you to make your calling and election sure. Let me plead with you to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Will you do it? Do it, and do it—NOW.

### "IT PAINS MY HEART"

There is no pain so severe as the pain of a repentant heart. It is not strange therefore that the Kekchi Indians of Guatemala should describe repentance as "it pains my heart." The Baouli people of West Africa, however, are somewhat more precise in describing repentance. They say, "It hurts so much I want to quit it." This is real repentance; and is thus distinguishable from remorse, which brings pangs of guilt but does not lead to change.

In the Northern Sotho language of South Africa repentance is described in terms of what happens to the sinful heart. "It becomes untwisted," as the Sothos say. In a similar manner the Chol Indians of southern Mexico can speak of repentance as "the heart turning itself back"; and the neighboring Tzeitals describe repentance as "my heart returns because of my sin." Here is the clear recognition that sin warps, twists, and perverts the heart of man, and it is repentance that helps to undo this fatal process.

The Conob Indians in Guatemala conceive of repentance as "thinking within one's heart" (or literally "insides" as they say). Perhaps it is the thinking with the head which helps us justify our sins, while the thinking with the heart makes us see our true selves. The Mazahua Indians of Mexico have summarized the implications of repentance when they declare that the repentant man "has received a new heart from God." This is the only real repentance, for it is the only answer to haunting guilt.

—Dr. Eugene A. Nida



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MRS. W. E. NICOLL  
*San Bernardino, Calif.*

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MRS. F. C. MELCHER  
*Humbolt, Tennessee*

### Keeping "The Lord's Day"

I just had to sit down and write to you concerning the EVANGEL. I have in my hand a copy of the October 7 issue, and I am thrilled beyond words with the excellent material that I find in it. I was glad for your editorial, "It's the Lord's Day." Believe me it is much needed. It seems that every week the EVANGEL improves in content.

DEVORE H. WALTERMAN  
*Pastor, Northwest Assembly  
Park Ridge, Illinois*

### "The Day the World Will Tremble"

Just read the article by R. L. Cox entitled, "The Day the World Will Tremble." By all means that should be in tract form. If and when it is, we will be wanting several thousand copies.

H. L. ALLEN  
*Grand Rapids, Mich.*

● Several other readers have made the same request, and the Gospel Publishing House will be reprinting this article in tract form. Announcement will be made when it is ready for sale.

### Teaching Children to Tithe

The EVANGEL is growing more dear to me as the years flow on. I love every part of it. It is a periodical I can pick from our church EVANGEL holder and hand to any newcomer with the assurance that I am giving them the true Word of God.

Often I hesitate about giving other Pentecostal literature to those seeking help, then I decide against it, because of some article giving too much praise to man or going to the other extreme of "downing" some man of God. . . .

If all Christian parents would only teach their children to tithe, what a tremendous

impact their faithfulness would wield against Satan ten years hence.

I know a family where the mother has been a Christian nearly thirty years. The husband has never fully surrendered to God; yet the mother, as her children grew up, taught them to tithe their first earnings, even though it involved only a few pennies per day. And the father was content to let his daughters earn money, and tithe it faithfully, without giving him anything for their room or board. Today all five of those daughters are firm believers in tithing. Four of them are married, yet they are overgenerous toward their parents.

But two of the girls have husbands who refuse to tithe. One of these consoles herself with the fact that she has a good salary, in addition to her husband's, and she tithes her own salary. But the other daughter has had a miserable life from a financial standpoint. Her husband was raised by parents who failed to teach him to tithe, and he is very bitter against giving into the church. He was quoted as saying that if he had to starve he wouldn't give a tenth of his earnings into the church. He nearly sank to the point of starvation. He was about to lose his home, car, business, and even the paid-for furniture; he couldn't even buy a can of milk for his baby. Many loved ones prayed for him, and kinfolk "pitched in" to help. As a result, he has saved his home and furnishings—and the Lord miraculously gave him a job—but he still refuses to tithe. His little wife, broken in health, skimps and does without in order to tithe her few household dollars. We are praying for this boy. He has so many good qualities but he needs God. I've told this story to show the results of teaching children to tithe and the results of failing to teach them to tithe.

MRS. JACK DAY  
Dallas, Texas

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# God's New Year Resolution

BY HOMERA HODGSON

**W**E THINK GRAVELY AND SOBERLY OF THE NEW YEAR we are entering. Very earnestly do we pledge ourselves to deeper consecration, fuller holiness and fiercer hatred of sin. We stand still, as it were, and consider where we are and what we are; we purpose new victories and plan new work; and all this is well.

But have we asked God if He has new plans for us? Has He new purposes, new paths, new promises, for the New Year? We plan lots of new things; has God planned any new thing?

Yes, God has His new year resolution; and He will keep it. He has a new thing planned for your life. In Isaiah 43:16-19 you will find the words: "Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters . . . : Behold, *I will do a new thing*; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Many people wish each other "a happy new year" but wishes are not guarantees. God's purpose is for your infinite, indestructible joy. He does not promise you a cloudless year spent in sunny pastures by still waters; for we know well as we look back over the year that is past that He has called many of us to go through deep waters; He has led some of us where mighty storms raged their wildest over an angry sea at midnight; and yet, can we not say that He has indeed made a path in the mighty waters, a way through the wildest sea, and led us, as He led Peter, by the hand, not through, but *over*, our circumstances?

Have we not faced the floods? One after another of us has come to the chill river of death during these past twelve months, and lo, a shining way has led right through it where the happy soul may walk unafraid and radiant up to the City Celestial.

Surging down upon others of our fellowship in Christ have come the floods of bereavement, dark and overwhelming, where the soul would sink hopelessly in an ocean of sorrow; but again, the Lord has made a path of comfort and peace, till we have come up again upon the solid ground of His promises and power. Still others of the Body of Christ have all but sunk in the tidal waves of temptation, but it is written that "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him," and we have proved it. Again to others have come the wild ocean billows of persecution, or misunderstanding, and deep, dark trials we alone with God can fully fathom. We have said: "All Thy waves and Thy billows have gone over me;" and then have we not looked up and lo, the waters were heaped up on each side of us, for the Lord's feet touched them, and they fled, and we walked through our Jordan as through dry land?

Yes, truly, as we look back upon our deepest heart's experiences of the past year, we can say that the Lord has made a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters.

Then what of the future? We may be fairly certain of one thing that the new year will not be a repetition of the old. There will be new joys and new sorrows; we will have new lessons as we enter the new classroom of another year; new surroundings, perhaps, But—praise God! we will have the same Christ. Has He led us through deep waters in the past? Then for our soul's deepest development we may expect new trials. He will lead us through the desert. Instead of the flood, we may face the wilderness; instead of the ocean, we will wander in a Sahara. But in the wilderness we have the new year resolution of God upon which to stay our souls, for He has said, "I will do a new thing. . . . I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

He does not promise us an easy, tranquil year; but He does promise us ever new and miraculous manifestations of His love and power, new mercies each returning day, new marvels of His grace, sparkling new rivers of Water of Life in our deserts and in the wilderness, the guiding Pillar of Glory to lead us in the way everlasting.