

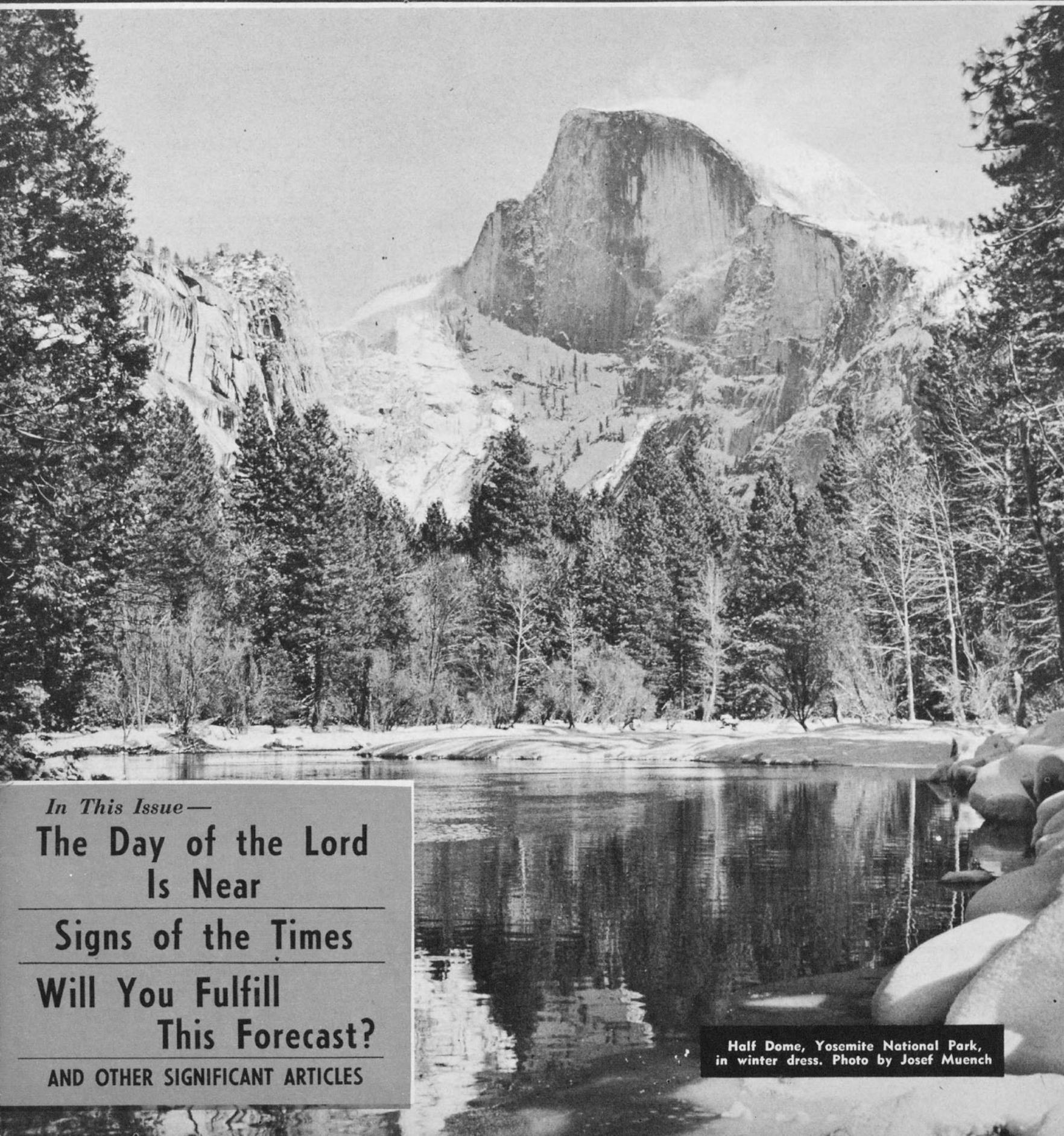
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Half Dome, Yosemite National Park,  
in winter dress. Photo by Josef Muench

# United States of Europe

To any student of Bible prophecy, the manner in which the nations of western Europe are drawing together in an era of comparative peace is one of the most startling developments of our times. For generations the idealist and Bible student alike have said that a United States of Europe must come—the one, because the survival of western civilization seemed to depend on it; and the other, because it is foretold by the prophets. But neither could envisage a way whereby these rival nations with all their pride, prejudice, and distrust one of another would ever be willing to lay their differences aside and live together in a federal union.

Fear of a common enemy, a hostile power too mighty for any of them to face alone, has forced these nations to co-operate. In the UN, NATO, and various other channels these countries which in time past were always quarreling among themselves are now banding together to promote their common interests.

A United States of Europe seems to be in the making. The realization of the dream came a long step nearer last month when the Dutch Parliament approved two treaties which five other nations had ratified earlier. Six nations (France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands) now have signed the Common Market and Euratom treaties. This means that, on January 1, these six lands, embracing 160 million persons, could start moving down the road toward full economic union. The purpose of the two treaties is to sweep aside all tariff and quota barriers within these nations and to place the development of nuclear power for industry under a Joint European Atomic Energy Commission.

Of course, no one expects the plan to be perfected overnight. Seven years have elapsed since these six countries took the preliminary step of agreeing to pool their coal and steel production, and the authorities say it will be another twelve to fifteen years before full economic union can be completed. But an extreme emergency such as war would undoubtedly speed up the process, now that the necessary framework for union has been erected, and political federation of these and other European nations might conceivably be accomplished in a very short time under such circumstances.

It is quite significant that this bloc of nations is not originating in Washington, or in London, but in the very heart of the old Roman Empire—Italy and France. It seems clear from Daniel 7:19-25 and Revelation 17:12 that the Antichrist ("the beast") shall rise from a ten-power confederacy of nations. Are we now seeing the beginning of this confederacy in the six-nation bloc that is developing? Only God knows. One thing is certain—the mystic scroll of the divine plan of the ages is unfolding swiftly, and we need to "redeem the time." Our day of grace is drawing to an end.

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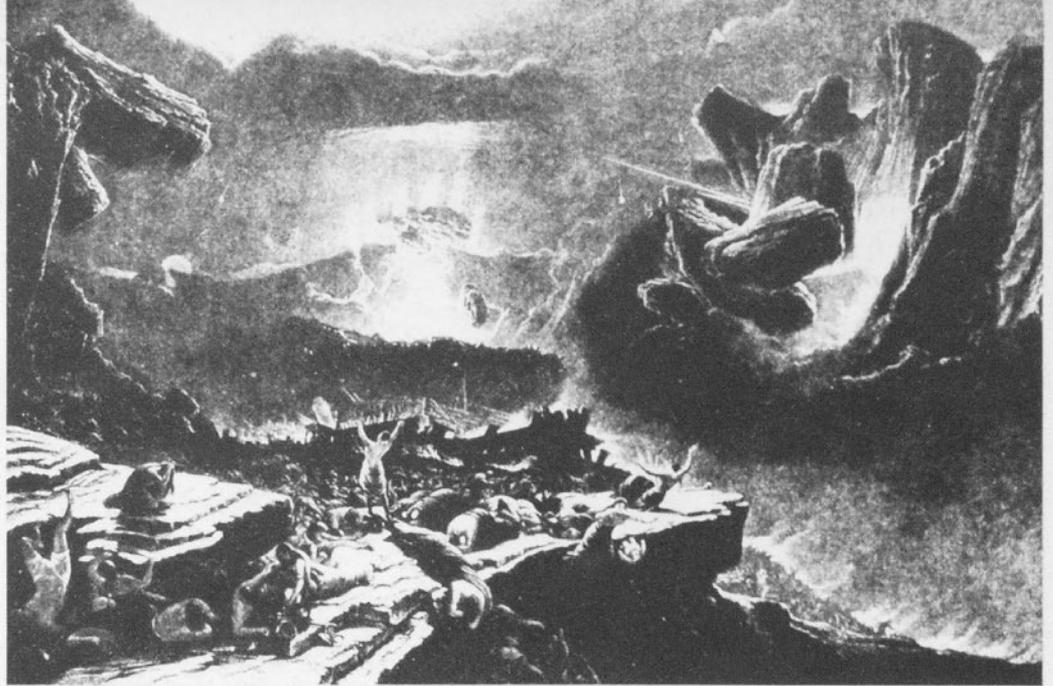
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"And [they] said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come" (Rev. 6:16, 17).

BY

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# The Day of the Lord Is Near!

An "elder statesman" in our church warns us that the rise of Russia is a sign that the time is short.

**T**HE DAYS IN WHICH WE LIVE ARE critical days. The old world is experiencing crisis after crisis. But what shall we call the days that lie just ahead? At the risk of being called a prophet of doom I must tell you that the present critical days will issue in catastrophic days. There will be catastrophe after catastrophe. What we read in the Book of Revelation of the seven trumpets, the last three of which are known as the woe trumpets, must yet come to pass. "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth!"

The days in which we live are days of trial and trouble, difficulty and distress, danger and disaster, but the days that lie ahead will be days of intensified destruction and death. Men's hearts are *now* failing them for fear. Already in scientific circles, in political circles, and in other circles, men are beginning to sense, or at least fear, what is coming on the earth. In the days that lie ahead men will desire to die, and death will flee from them; but it will flee from them for a season only, and then "sudden destruction shall come upon them and they shall not escape."

This period of catastrophic days will be worse than any period the world has ever experienced, or ever shall experience afterwards. The saints who are ready for the Rapture will not be here,

for they will have been translated. The promise of our Lord to the church in Philadelphia is still true—"Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee out of that hour of testing that shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

Billy Graham said in San Francisco the other day that he had talked with many of the world leaders in almost every major nation, and that he had not found one who was privately optimistic about the future. Recently I heard a noted commentator say, "Man is standing *in the dark* at the crossroads of destiny, vainly trying to find a formula to save himself from the destruction that seems to inevitably lie ahead as a result of his progress in scientific achievement."

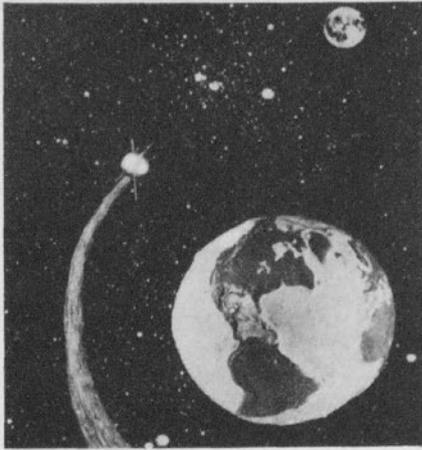
A good friend of mine, Dr. Charles Edward Locke, wrote a book in the days of my Methodist ministry, and he entitled it, "Daybreak Everywhere." It was written and published just after the close of the first World War. In the first chapter the author wrote: "November 11, 1918, is the day when the purposes of Christ reached their fullest fruition. It was the day of liberty's enthronement. Might and force had been abjectly defeated, and the illicit ambitions of selfishness had been forever rebuked, and once more meek-

ness and love and justice and righteousness have been exalted." And he added, "It was the rebirth of liberty. It was another Christmas day."

But where today is the man who will venture to suggest that the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 was "the day when the purposes of the birth of Christ reached their fullest fruition"? What rivers of blood the armies of earth have waded through since that day! And what perils and perplexities men have faced, and what confusion and chaos there have been, and still are!

It is written in the Word of God concerning Him that "sitteth upon the circle of the earth" that He is ordering "all things after the counsel of His own will," and we read that "all things are of Him, and through Him, and to Him." Therefore it seems to me that it was the will of God that the Russian Communists should launch their baby moons before our scientists got around to launching theirs. And I think that God would have us know that by means of these satellites that are encircling this globe at almost unbelievable speed—five miles a second, eighteen thousand miles an hour—atheism is saying, "Our purpose is to take over the whole earth which we are now symbolically encircling." Let us not

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# SIGNS of the TIMES

By THEODORE B. HAX

**J**ESUS SAID TO THE RELIGIOUS BIG-wigs of His day, "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:3). That was a rebuke. There was no excuse for their blindness. Jesus would very probably say the same thing to Christians of today, for now as never before we ought to recognize the leading signs of our times.

Today there are at least three intensely significant signs which no generation before ours has had. They are (1) the return of the Jews to establish the State of Israel in Palestine, (2) the trend toward world government, (3) the trend toward a world church.

Someone has said, "Keep your eye on the Jew; he is God's timepiece." There is Scriptural warrant for that. Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). The world-wide exile of the Jews began in A.D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem. Then were the prophetic words of Christ fulfilled, "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away, captive into all nations" (Luke 21:24). For nearly 2,000 years Palestine lay desolate, overrun by a thin population of Arabs. As recently as seventy-five years ago, only the merest handful of Jews could be found living in Palestine.

As a result of the Zionist movement, which had its modern beginnings in 1890, and the Allied victory of World War I, which resulted in the Balfour Declaration opening Palestine as a Jewish National home, the Jewish population reached 80,000 by 1922. From 1922 to 1948, the year Israel achieved statehood, the Jewish population in Palestine increased from 80,000 to 750,000, so that Jews made up one-third of the total.

When Israel became a free and independent state on May 14, 1948, its proclamation of independence gave prominence to this sentence, "The State of Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion . . . will be based on the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel."

#### A MODERN MIRACLE

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in his recent book, *Glimpses of a Sacred Land*, gives a factual account of the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland. He writes: "The story of the regathering of the Jews in Palestine is a miracle of modern colonization: in four short years the population of the new nation has more than doubled. Migration and colonization records place at 4% the largest modern population growth of any nation by immigration. Israel gained 15% in 1945, 30% in 1949, 18% in 1950, and 15% in 1951—an immigration record without parallel. History knows no other state which increased its population by 120% in less than four years. The organized return of the Jews to Palestine, although it began 70 years ago, waited for our own times, in which it has reached dimensions which are breath-taking.

"In relating this dramatic turn of events, the Israel Office of Information singled out two texts, one from Israel's 1950 law of return, according to which 'Every Jew has a right to come to this country as an *oleh* (immigrant),' and the other from Isaiah 43: 5, 6: 'I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, give up; and to the south, keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.'"

One of the most brilliant feats of the young state of Israel was the quick transfer of the entire Jewish commu-

nity of Yemen (45,000 persons) by airlift to the Israelite airport at Lydda. This was called "Operation Magic Carpet." Another even more remarkable airlift, called "Operation Ali-Baba," began in February, 1951, and transferred 70,000 Iraqi Jews to Israel at the rate of 20,000 to 30,000 per month. There is no precedent for this in all history.

Altogether, the immigrant Jews have returned from some 59 countries and from every direction of the compass. This, too, is without precedent and recalls the prophecy in Isaiah 11:11, 12: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah *from the four corners of the earth.*"

It is to be understood, of course, that the present return of the Jews does not represent the complete fulfillment of the restoration prophecies. It is but the beginning of that regathering which will have its larger and final fulfillment at the second coming of Christ. At present, they are returning in unbelief. This is necessary for the literal fulfillment of such prophecies as Daniel 9:24-27. Not until the return of Christ to the earth does that remnant company of regathered Jews look upon Him whom they had pierced and mourn for Him in great repentance (Zech. 12:10). It is not until His second coming that Christ as "the Deliverer, shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26). The significant thing for us is that we have lived to see these things begin to come to pass. The consummation can not be far off.

## TREND TOWARD WORLD GOVERNMENT

The second unprecedented sign of our times is the trend toward world government. The propaganda in this direction, especially in educational and political circles, is tremendous. The amazing thing is that the Book of Revelation describes the nations of the end time under a world government controlled by an international dictator. This occurs during the great tribulation preceding the Lord's return to the earth. "And it was given unto him (the beast) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Rev. 13:7). These words describe the beast-king whose authority and power extends over all nations. Such great and international authority vested in one man implies world government.

Down through the centuries, from Plato to Immanuel Kant, philosophers have dreamed of world government. However, it has remained for our generation, after two world wars, to prepare seriously for its realization. The present United Nations organization is merely the discordant prelude to the coming concert in which Satan's man, the Antichrist, will take up the baton.

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, in his recent work, *World Crises and the Prophetic Scriptures*, gives three reasons why the demand for world government has become so powerful and universal: world communication, the atomic bomb, world psychology. Among others, he quotes

Dr. Albert Einstein, who said in the fall of 1945, after the first atomic bomb explosions with their terrific destruction in Japan: "The secret of the bomb should be committed to a World Government, and the United States should immediately announce its readiness to give it to a World Government. This government should be founded by the United States, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain—the only three powers with great military strength. All three of them should commit to this World Government all of their military strength."

Already as early as 1942, the Ohio Pastors' Convention, a group whose theological tendencies are definitely on the liberal side, in their annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio, went on record as follows: "We pledge our efforts toward the creation of some form of world government as the basis of a just and durable peace. To this end we will lead our people in classes, forums and discussions of the economic, racial, religious and political foundations of a new and peaceful order."

It is our conviction that this widespread demand for a world government is nothing less than a preparation for a world dictator such as is described in Revelation 13 and 17.

## THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The third highly significant sign of our times is the tendency toward a world church. In Revelation 13:8, 11-15, and 17:1-6, we have a picture of a

great world union of churches and religions as symbolized by the figure of "the great harlot." As the bride is the figure of the true church, the harlot symbolizes the false church. At first the harlot "rides" the beast, indicating the great prestige and power the world church exercises over world government. But soon the tables are turned, the harlot is subdued, and with the cooperation of Antichrist the worship of the world church is directed by the world state to itself as objectified by "the image of the beast."

Today we see in the Protestant world a powerful drive to unite all segments of Christendom. It is a world psychology comparable to that which is propagandizing for world government. Already the leaders of this movement are looking beyond the union of all Protestantism to include Roman Catholicism. Such a union would be achieved only at a serious sacrifice of true doctrine. Roman Catholic idolatry and theological liberalism would vie for leadership. Add to this the very noticeable tendency today to give more power to the leaders of the larger organized church bodies, and whoever has eyes to see will recognize that the stage is being set for the predicted world church which will not be the true church of Christ.

Recognizing these signs of our times, let us be looking up, redeeming the time, giving ourselves to evangelism. It may be later than we think. We look for His coming to call for His bride.  
—Evangelize

## NEW INTERCHURCH CENTER—ANOTHER STEP TOWARD CHURCH UNION

The above is an architect's sketch of the new \$20,000,000 Interchurch Center now under construction in New York City. When completed early in 1960 it will be the headquarters of all agencies of the National Council of Churches, and it will also house many denominational offices, plus a score of other church and interchurch agencies.

It is being hailed by liberals as the greatest step yet taken toward eventual union of all Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches.

The block-long, 19-story building is being erected next door to Riverside Church, famed hotbed of modernism. It will have a chapel for daily worship services and conference facilities which will be available to all the tenants. Some of the denominations which plan to set up offices in the Interchurch Center are: Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; Reformed Church in America; American Baptist Convention; Methodist Board of Missions; African M. E. Church; and the United Lutheran Church in America.

Membership in the National Council now numbers 34 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with a total of 37,400,000 members. At its triennial General Assembly in St. Louis last month the organization admitted four new member churches, as follows: the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, the Polish National Catholic Church, the Free Magyar Reformed Church, and the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church.



Jesus said, "And because iniquity shall abound,  
the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12)

# Will You Fulfill This Forecast?

BY ESTELLEEN N. CRISP

IN THE 24TH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW we have the record of a tremendous prophetic sermon preached by Jesus, privately, to His disciples. He paints a graphic word picture that includes ever-darkening war clouds, famine, pestilences, and persecution. He warns of false prophets, false Christs, and lying wonders. He delineates a beginning of sorrows, an abomination of desolation and the great tribulation. He refers to the "Rapture," great signs in the heavens, and the Second Coming. He plainly states that no one but the Father knows the day nor the hour of certain events, and He exhorts us to watch, to be faithful, and to be ready!

We would expect that the anticipation of such awesome events would cause every Christian to walk increasingly close to God, but the 12th verse states that such is not to be the case. The original Greek unveils this dynamic rendition: "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of the majority shall wax cold!" All around us there are to be Christian casualties because of increased evil, whether it be by subtle and insidious influence, open blast of cruel persecution, or the bold entrapment of devil-inspired men.

Must we fall prey to this? Let us read the 13th verse: "But he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Herein lies our answer! Having been warned, we should plan sensibly for the future. There is something to be endured! Eternal life is worth more than we could ever go through! Because of God's grace, our lot shall be made *endurable*! So, we begin to build and to maintain a *strong endurance*!

The first step in building such an endurance is to reverse our growing trend toward "neutralism." A famous military figure, in a recent book, made a statement to the effect that the American attitude of "neutralism" toward Communism is a great aid to the Soviet Union. (It is easy to see where

such an attitude would be a great help to the devil, at any time, whether he is wearing shoeleather, or the lion's soft-padded paw, or an angel's wings!) We must take a strong stand on all phases of Christian living. Let us prayerfully consider our present condition:

1. *Our relationship to God*: Are we more on fire for Him than we have ever been? More in love with Him? Sharing in a greater measure His vision and His burden for souls?

2. *Our attitude toward the Bible*: Do we enjoy reading it more than any other literature, and are we committing passages to memory regularly? Do we respond to its promises with the kind of faith that made David exclaim, "I rejoice at thy Word as one that findeth great spoil"? (Psa. 119:162)

3. *Our prayer life*: Is this our most beloved activity? Is the presence of the Lord the most precious in all the world to us?

4. *Our church life*: Except for times of illness and other absolutely unavoidable hindrances, are we attending church "so much the more" as the day approaches? Do we enter the sanctuary with reverence, and leave by way of the altar?

5. *Our own life*: Are our lives laid unreservedly upon the altar, so that we are willing (or willing to be made willing) to go where He wants us to go

and do what He wants us to do? Are we endeavoring to crucify the flesh and humble ourselves, as Jesus did, to walk the path the Father has laid out for us?

6. *Our loved ones*: Have we completely committed them to Him? This will cause us to cherish them all the more because they are *His*, but will not permit us to love them more than we love *Him*!

7. *Our possessions*: Paul looked at Jesus, and then counted everything he owned as rubbish by comparison! Dare we do less?

8. *Our Christian brothers and sisters*: Do we love them, appreciate them, guard their reputations, bear their burdens and rejoice when they are honored?

9. *Towards the devil*: Do we resist him, *always steadfastly refusing* to give any place to him?

10. *Sin*: Do we hate *all* sin, remembering that it was this vile thing that caused our beloved Saviour to go to the cross in our behalf? Do we forgive all who sin against us, even before they ask, so that our Heavenly Father might forgive us?

11. *The world*: Do we shun worldliness as we would *adultery*?

12. *The sinner*: Do we love the sinner's soul and cry out to God for him? Are we careful to behave as *living epistles, read of all men*?

## The Love of God

*All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away,  
Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye;  
And the great globe itself, so the Holy Writings tell,  
With the rolling firmament, where the starry armies dwell,  
Shall melt with fervent heat—they shall all pass away,  
Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye.*

—BERNARD RASCA

Translated by William Cullen Bryant

If we should suffer great reverses (as Job did), or if world conditions should make a "Korea" out of the United States (as some experts predict), would we stay true to our Lord? Are we so rooted and grounded in Him and in His Word that, although we should be stripped of everything dear to our hearts, we would love Him all the more? There is just one way to prepare for such a test: it is to walk with Him every hour of every day, and learn of Him. He will teach us to enter not only into the full joy of the Spirit but into the fellowship of His sufferings as well.

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### DARK PLACES

Someone has said that our great matters are little to God's power, and that our little matters are great to His love. As soon as we have this conception of God, we shall see that He invites us to come at every moment, and that He is really longing for the fellowship with His children. Sometimes He brings us into dark places, so that we will reach for His hand. Sometimes He brings us to the end of our resources so that we shall ask Him for what we need.

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### His One Mistake

He brushed his teeth twice a day—with a nationally advertised tooth paste. The doctors examined him twice a year.

He wore his rubbers when it rained. He slept with the windows open.

He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.

He golfed—but never more than 18 holes at a time.

He got at least eight hours' sleep every night.

He never smoked, drank nor lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" daily.

He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He's survived by 18 specialists, four health institutions, six gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this world was all, and is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20). Guess his name!

—Selected

# Prophecy and Practice

BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

THE OTHER DAY A FRIEND OF MINE went to a nearby town to hear an outstanding prophetic speaker. Later I asked about the meeting and the message.

My friend was disappointed. "There was nothing new in what he said," he reported. "I thought he might have some new light on prophecy, but he just gave the same thing all the other preachers had been giving."

Obviously the speaker failed to register because he could not impart some "new light" on prophetic truth. He had not been able to uncover deeper mysteries in the Book of Revelation than John had written about, for example, and the itch after the unusual and the spectacular went unsatisfied.

"Itching ears" may apply to a good many of us when it comes to prophetic truth. We would run clear across town to hear some spectacular unveiling of "hidden mysteries" but would hardly cross the street to hear a simple message of gospel grace. There is, as one has aptly said, a "vulgar curiosity" after these things. We seek for a thrill to match the times. We hunger for the "off-beat" in prophetic things.

Well, such hunger will never be fed by the Word of the Lord. Prophetic truth is ever present with the aim of making a practical application. What is said of the future is written to mark out steps in the present, and to bring us back to the preciousness of Christ's Person. What is spoken concerning tomorrow is meant to temper our testimony for today, and to make us realize the terrible fate that shall await the many in "that day." Itching ears will find no gratification in the truths of prophecy, for they are always calculated to make the heart burn with love for God and to create a greater passion for service on behalf of the Crucified One.

Take, for example, the truth of Christ's imminent return. It has become a subject for vain and vulgar speculation, and many are the detours which have been formed by some so-called prophetic specialists. But note how Paul speaks of it: "Looking for that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). And what is the nature of the looking? Not

through the lens of speculation, but rather through the practical eye: "We should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world" (v. 12). True looking leads to right living. The truth of the Second Coming is a blessed hope that causes us to purify ourselves and conform to His will.

Peter speaks of all things ending with a great conflagration under the judgment of the Almighty (2 Peter 3:10). Well, what should it mean for the believer today? It goes on to say, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness!" In other words, knowing should lead to doing. The warnings concerning the great "day of the Lord" that is coming should constrain us to holy habits and godly living. This may seem to be quite a "come down" from the heights of fantastic speculation in which the students of Bible prophecy sometimes indulge, but it's only getting down to the right level, the Lord's level, where truth finds its fruit in the testimony and witness of daily life.

It is the same with all prophetic truths found in the Word of God. It's not meant to end with, "What do you think of that?" but rather, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

In these bewildering days, when the study of prophecy has taken so many strange turns and twists, we need to ask ourselves: "Does it lead to greater love for the Lord, deeper longing to save the lost? Does it create a fervency of spirit for Christian service? Does it end with talk or does it lead to a walk that glorifies Christ?" Beware lest we be found warming ourselves at a false fire which will turn sooner or later to hollow smoke.

This may all be elementary, but some of us stand in desperate need of becoming "elementalists" and getting back to the simplicity of the gospel. We may be prophetic experts and practical bunglers in the matter of Christian living. It would be tragic indeed if we should not permit the "voice of prophecy" to draw us closer to Christ and make us more zealous in winning souls to Him.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Missions

### EVANGELICAL PROGRESS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Evangelical churches in Latin America have experienced a phenomenal growth in the past four decades, according to Robert Taylor, a secretary of the American Bible Society. Dr. Taylor visited South America last summer and reported that, whereas in 1916 there were less than 200,000 evangelical Christians in Latin America, now there are at least 6,000,000. Said Mr. Taylor: "Much of this [increase] has come from the sowing of the seed of Gospels, New Testaments, and Bibles in Spanish, Portuguese, and many Indian dialects."

### ITALIAN HIGH COURT RULES SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR CATHOLICS

Italy's highest court has ruled that special protection is due the Roman Catholic Church in that country. Italy's Constitutional Court upheld the validity of an article in the Italian penal code which provides heavier sentences for offenses against the Catholic Church than against non-Catholic groups. (The ruling was made in connection with the case of a man at Mineo, near Catania, who was charged with insulting a religious statue in a local bar. Some observers, however, see the possibility that the ruling could be misconstrued and used to hamper the activities of Protestant groups in Italy.)

### FRENCH AD DRAWS MANY REQUESTS FOR BIBLES

Missionaries of the Greater Europe Mission in France placed an advertisement in *Selection* (the French edition of *The Readers Digest*), and in one week they received over 1,000 requests for a Bible. The first request was dated nine days before the issue came out, and was from a 17-year-old, probably a typesetter. He said he had wanted a Bible for a long time. Six days after the ad appeared the requests totaled 1,086—with as many as 386 being received in one day.

The missionaries' ad made the following offer: "The first 100 [who write in] will receive the whole Bible, the next 200 will receive the New Test-

ament, and the others one of the Gospels which tells of the life of Jesus."

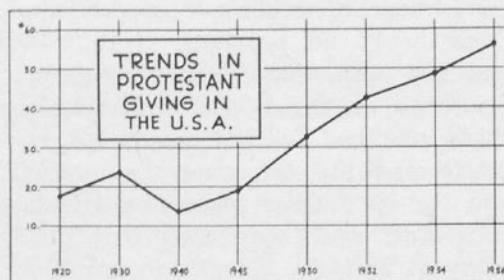
Letters came from servicemen, doctors, students, government officials. Some who realized they were probably too late to receive a free Bible offered to buy one. Many letters showed a desire for spiritual help beyond the mere request for a Bible and

these are being followed up with personal letters.

### FRENCH COMMUNISTS DEVISE "CIVIL BAPTISM" FOR ATHEISTS

The Communist municipal council in Vizille, France (a town of 5,000) has decided to institute "civil baptisms" for atheists. The ceremony would take place before a local judge, and parents would sign a declaration saying they place their children "under the protection of the republican law." Sponsors of a child would have to agree to take over in case of the parents' death and raise the youngster "in the cult of the union and human brotherhood."

Communists are apparently finding that they cannot destroy man's religious inclinations. Therefore they are forced to resort to substitute measures. *Newsweek* called the Communist measure "a handy way to provide godparents for . . . children without providing them with any God."



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCHES SET ALL-TIME RECORD

For the first time in history, total giving by church members in the U.S. has passed the two-billion-dollar mark. Contributions during 1956 totaled \$2,041,908,161 according to reports of 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies in this country. The National Council of Churches, which compiled the figures, said church contributions were approximately 9.9 per cent higher than the previous year, keeping pace with the 10 per cent increase in congregational expenses which include ministers' salaries, church building maintenance, repairs, fuel, lighting, etc. About 81.1 per cent of the contributions were given for local congregational expenses. The remainder went for benevolence, including foreign and home missions and foreign relief.

Per member contributions to Protestant churches reached an all-time high of \$57 last year. Recent sharp increases in per capita giving (shown on the chart above) indicate that church members are giving four times as much to churches as in pre-war 1940. Even in terms of today's "fifty-cent dollar," as compared to 1940, this means that contributions have actually doubled.

Highest per capita giving was by Seventh Day Adventists with \$202.02 per member during the year. The Wesleyan Methodist Church was second with \$197.43 and the Evangelical Free Church of America came third with \$165.00. All of these churches practice tithing. Among the larger denominations, the Southern Baptists gave an average of \$48.17 per member and members of The Methodist Church gave \$43.82 per member. Contributions of members of the Assemblies of God are not included in the National Council report.

## Miscellaneous

### FOURTH CENTURY CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL

Discovery of the oldest Christian church ever excavated in Israel was announced by the Antiquities Department of the Israeli government in Jerusalem. It said the church was uncovered in the village of Shavei Zion on the Mediterranean coast. An inscription on one of its stones sets the date of construction during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great in the fourth century. The basilica-type church measures 80 by 50 feet and is hailed as one of the greatest discoveries of modern archaeology. The extensive mosaic floors are believed to be far older than anything preserved in Nazareth or Jerusalem.

### FIGHT OPENING OF STORES ON SUNDAYS IN PENNSYLVANIA

The ministers of Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, have asked the city council for a strong ordinance banning business operations on Sunday. They complained that some local merchants began opening their stores on Sundays (contrary to Pennsylvania law) during the Christmas shopping season.

Meanwhile, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a major department store stayed open on Sundays during the Christmas shopping season. The management said it was opposed to the practice but decided to remain open on Sundays in the hope that the public would be aroused to put an end to all Sunday commercialism. This seems to be a strange way of finding a solution to the problem.

#### **REFUSAL TO HAVE PICTURES TAKEN BARS AMISH FAMILIES FROM CANADA**

A group of Old Order Amish families returned to Indiana from Maine after waiting nearly six months at the Canadian border for permission to settle in Prince Edward Island. Most of the families are from Elkhart County, Indiana, which has been the site of Amish settlements for a hundred years. The increasing industrialization of the area and the heavy traffic on the roads have caused many of the "plain folk" to move away in search of quieter environment. This particular group had planned to buy farmland in a remote section of Prince Edward Island where they would be removed from contact with modern life which they shun. But the Canadian government refused visas when the Amish refused to have their photos taken for the necessary identification cards. Their religion prohibits photographs as "graven images."

#### **ASK CONGRESSIONAL PROBE OF BROADCASTING INDUSTRY**

A Congressional investigation of the broadcasting industry—to determine if it is fulfilling its moral and legal responsibilities—was urged by a group of religious educators. The Religious Education Association, holding its national convention in Chicago, said such a probe is needed because of the "monopoly" the industry enjoys over people's leisure time. "By virtue of the profound effects of TV and radio," the resolution said, "there is need to examine whether the present broadcast policy serves the common good."

#### **RABBI URGES JEWS TO HOLD REVIVAL SERVICES**

A Chicago rabbi says that Jews should take a cue from Evangelist Billy Graham and hold their own revival services. While making it clear that he does not agree with the evangelist's theology, the rabbi remarked: "We need some of Billy's missionary spirit; we need some of the drive of his evangelistic organization. If we had had this in any great degree long ago," he added, "the Western world would have been Jewish instead of Christian."

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

NAE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE IN CHICAGO, April 14-18. The 1958 convention theme will be: "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory." All commissions and affiliates of the group will hold meetings at that time. (The National Association of Evangelicals represents ten million evangelical Christians.)

BROTHER ZIMMERMAN TO MINISTER IN ICELAND. Thomas F. Zimmerman, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, has accepted an invitation to minister at Iceland Headquarters, United States Air Force, March 2-6, 1958. The invitation was extended by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Air Force Chief of Chaplains, on behalf of the Air Force Protestant Mission in Iceland. Purposes of the mission, according to Major General Carpenter, are to deepen religious faith and strengthen ties between the Air Force community and civilian denominations.

EUB CHURCH APPROVES NEW SITE FOR WORLD HEADQUARTERS. The General Council of Administration of the Evangelical United Brethren Church has voted to buy an acre of land near downtown Dayton, Ohio, for a new world headquarters building. Plans call for the erection of a three-story building, costing at least \$500,000. For the past five years the denomination has leased space in downtown Dayton for its headquarters. Officials announced that world membership of the denomination now stands at 827,302, a record figure.

THE WORLD POPULATION WILL QUADRUPLE IN 100 YEARS, according to Phillip Bacon, Associate Professor of Geography at Columbia University's Teachers College. He told a recent convention of the National Council for Geographic Education in St. Louis that the world population will stand at 13 billion in 2057.

ONE-THIRD OF SAN FRANCISCO'S 1500 CHURCHES have indicated they will support the Billy Graham Crusade scheduled to begin in their city on April 27 and last for six weeks. A budget of \$431,000 has been adopted to cover advertising, salaries of the crusade office staff, rental of the Cow Palace, and other expenses.

NO QUESTION ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION will be asked in the 1960 population census, according to Robert W. Burgess, director of the Census Bureau. However, the Bureau will continue to publish information on religion gathered from a national sample on a voluntary basis.

IVCF-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION was held at the University of Illinois from December 27 to 31, 1957. It was the fifth annual such gathering sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and drew an estimated 2,500 students from the U.S., Canada, and overseas. They participated in Bible study and discussion groups, vocational seminars, and missionary services.

CHURCHES URGED TO PROMOTE SAFE DRIVING. A conference of 400 safety officials from all 48 states, meeting in Washington, D.C., have approved a report which called good driving a "moral issue" and urged the nation's churches to get that idea across to the public. The report stated in part: "Officials responsible for the driver-improvement programs point out that the churches must play a more important role in developing a sense of individual responsibility and in identifying traffic law violation as evil human conduct."

BEWARE OF OATHS. Mannasah Thomas, 54, on trial in Circuit Court in Kingston, Jamaica, on a charge of counterfeiting, testified that he wished "God would strike me down dead if I am not telling the truth." Two hours later, after being convicted, Thomas collapsed and died.



Typical mode of transportation to and from fish camps in the summer in Alaskan villages.



A villager takes the day's catch of salmon from a fish wheel near Minto.

# MISSION TO MINTO

BY GORDON OLSON

In giving the Great Commission, our Lord said, "Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature." The Lord directed us to Alaska, to work in the villages among the native people. The village of Minto is located on the Tanana River, about 50 air miles from Fairbanks. It is accessible only by air or river, as there are no roads out this way. One hundred eighty Indian people live here, the only white people being the government school teachers and missionaries. At one end of the village there is a store run by the natives, featuring a limited supply and very high prices.

We order a year's supply of groceries from a wholesale company in the United States and have them shipped up by boat. The supplies are brought from the river bank to our cabin by many trips with the wheel barrow, the only wheeled "vehicle" in the village. By living in a village one learns to plan ahead, for everything must be ordered from the mail order house or obtained on occasional trips to Fairbanks. We learn to do without, or to substitute for things that are not available, and to be patient when the freight boat comes a month or more later than we had planned.

The natives, as well as we, live in one- or two-room log cabins. Gasoline lanterns or kerosene lamps are used a great deal in the darkness of winter

when the sun rises around 10 a.m. and sets by 1:30 p.m. The water supply in Minto, as in many Alaskan villages, is a problem. In the summertime the river water is extremely muddy but we are usually able to catch enough rain water for drinking purposes. In the winter a hole is chopped through the river ice, which is three or more feet in depth. This water, of course, must be boiled before drinking.

As the natives live largely by hunting, trapping, and fishing, the population of the village changes from season to season. In the summer many families move to their fishing camps. Salmon are caught in the fish wheels which are turned by the current of the river. They are cut and hung on racks to dry, then smoked over a wood fire.

A good fishing season means that families and sled dogs will have enough to eat in the winter. We are thankful that last summer the Lord supplied us with a boat and motor so that we could visit the fish camps and bring to our services the people who were camped not too far away.

Spring is the muskrat-trapping season. There is still much snow on the ground when the trappers move to their camps by the lakes; but a place is dug out for the tents, and fragrant spruce boughs are used for a carpet. The people thoroughly enjoy this outdoor living.

Winter, of course, is the trapping season, though at this time usually the men go out alone with the dog teams. With the first tingle of frost in the air the dogs are anxious to be back in the harness, as indicated by their incessant howling. One becomes accustomed to this "canine serenade," boisterous in winter and subdued in summer. The dog population is about equal to the human population. The animals are used for hauling wood, going to traplines, etc.

Though the winters are cold that is the best time to reach the people with the gospel, as most of them are in the village. The cold weather does not seem to bother the children, and our Sunday School reaches its peak during the cold months. The average for the past few months has been around 50.

There are discouragements, of course, as in all gospel work. Satan has ruled these villages for so long. Here they have had a form of religion for many years but did not know the way of salvation until a few years ago. Their thinking is simple and they believe that all church is good because churches talk about God. Though they realize that people are saved only where a born-again experience is preached, to them it seems disloyal to turn against the teaching they have had. We praise the Lord for those who have come to know Christ as Saviour; they need your pray-

ers that they may have the courage to step out completely for the Full Gospel.

Drinking is a major problem in the villages, and it is heartbreaking to see the trouble it causes. Only the power of God can deliver the natives who are bound by this habit, and we have rejoiced to see a number who have been saved and set free from this curse.

We must present the gospel in a plain manner with simple words, thoroughly explaining the Bible verses. Over and over the simple message of salvation is presented until it is understood, and this is true of all the basic doctrines of the Bible. B. P. Wilson, pastor of the Fairbanks Assembly, flew here for services before a permanent mission was established. He supplied each family with a Bible from the American Bible Society.

Up to that time they had no Bibles. They heard the Word read only in church, understanding very little. We have endeavored to acquaint them with the Bible by having them look up scriptures in the Bible study. Although there are many things they do not understand, we have encouraged them to read and to ask us about the things they do not understand. One summer a man who was working on the river boat had been reading his Bible and came to a passage he did not understand. He put a letter in a bottle, which he threw off when they passed the village, asking that we write and explain the Scripture. Naturally we were happy to know that he was studying God's



Bessie Solomon making a birch basket. The people are adept at this handiwork.

Word, and we complied with his request.

Even some of the old people carry a New Testament with them. Once a coat had been left in church after a service (it was originally from a WMC clothing box) and I asked one of the old men if it was his. He wasn't sure, until he felt in the pocket. Then, with a smile, he pulled out his Testament.

We're praising God for two young men who have come to know the Lord as Saviour recently. The Lord touched one in body as we prayed and talked to him about spiritual things. He opened his heart to the Saviour and is rejoicing in what the Lord has done for him. Another came to visit us one evening, and though he did not say what was on his mind we felt that the Lord had sent him. He had been in the TB sanitarium since we came here and was recently discharged, so the way of salvation was new to him.

We talked about the Lord, not knowing if that was why he had come, and we invited him to come back again soon if he wanted to find out more about salvation. A few nights later he was back. After the Sunday night service, he wanted to be saved and came with us to the cabin. As we were showing him scriptures a woman came who also wanted to be saved, so it was a time of rejoicing as these two cried to the Lord for mercy and gave their hearts to Him.

We are truly thankful for those who have been saved and healed by the power of God. Realizing that our work progresses as believers at home join with us in interceding for the lost, we earnestly covet your prayers.

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## PROTECTING AN INVESTMENT

"Me? I've been working all day cleaning up my little rental house. Last folks I had in just didn't take care of things at all. Didn't stay long either. You know, this little house was supposed to take care of *me* in my old age. Instead, I've been taking care of it! Guess I made a mistake, but it's too late now. Say, would you mind handing me that box of cleanser I dropped? My back is so stiff I'm afraid I'd never make it up again. . . ."

Old Mr. Beck has our sympathy. At his age he *needs* an income without the burden of worry and work. And so many investments entail either worry, or work, or both. There's a bright side to Mr. Beck's predicament, though, and to yours, if you are in similar circumstances. *It is not too late to change to an investment without work or worry—an investment that pays a double dividend.*

The Assemblies of God Annuity Agreement will provide income, and an added dimension—you might call it *the extra dividend*. Your money will not only serve you, but the cause of God as well. Remember, the income is guaranteed for as long as you live, without work or worry. Write today for a free booklet to M. B. Netzel, Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



Lou John attends Sunday School at the Minto Assembly of God.



One solution has been considered by many secular educators. They have raised the question as to the fairness of charging the average student only \$3,000 to \$4,000 for a four-year education that costs the institution \$6,000 to \$8,000, but that will permit its recipient to earn \$98,000 more in his lifetime than one without that privilege. Perhaps the student should pay more than he is now doing. To do this, however, could work a hardship on both the student and the college. Already the costs of private education are far in advance of state-supported schools.

There is grave question if it is fair to our fine Christian young people to so penalize them financially that we drive them into tax-supported institutions where in many cases they are exposed to the dry rot of materialism and to the deceptive cunning of communism. Any increase in fees to the students will only serve to increase this danger.

If the foregoing observation is true, and the majority of our administrators believe it is, then the only alternative seems to be that those people who believe we should give a thoroughgoing Pentecostal education to our future workers, ministers and missionaries must come to the rescue. Alumni must rally to the cause of their alma mater—not with dues alone, but with substantial gifts—every year. Individual Christians must begin to think in terms of what they can do to preserve our wonderful Pentecostal heritage. If we are to preserve it we shall have to provide adequate support for these institutions that are dedicated to that task. There are individuals among us who could well afford to create an endowment of several thousands of dollars for a favored institution. Then, too, the adage, "You can't take it with you," is still true. Your will could arrange for lasting gifts to insure the perpetuation of what you believe. For those who want to help these young people most of our schools have facilities for accepting gifts of money or property from which they can receive the income for the rest of their lives and yet materially increase the schools' present assets and future expectations. Such giving has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Department as legitimate tax deductions and constitutes a way in which friends whose income is in one of the higher brackets may use it to the best advantage possible in this area. In fact, some friends

can actually save money by giving. Jesus said, "He who would save his life must lose it." This is certainly applicable to our giving.

What about the churches? Every church can and should put the school of its choice into the annual budget. An annual contribution of \$100 from only five hundred churches would total \$50,000—an amount that could very well be the difference between life and death for one of our colleges. With eight thousand churches in the Assemblies of God, it is more than conceivable that five hundred or more churches could be found to support each of our schools. Other churches can surely see the logic of giving in lesser or greater amounts when the gifts are given to assure an adequate supply of Spirit-filled, Pentecostal-trained young people to carry on the tradition of this precious God-given testimony.

Recently, the General Council in session at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a new program to be called, "The Co-operative Plan." Under this plan all churches will receive denominational credit for *ALL* gifts to schools, district and general programs as well as

to the missionary cause. Your gift to the school will be carefully tabulated and acknowledged by the institution receiving your donation. In addition, the church will receive a quarterly report from our national headquarters showing the total of all such giving by your church in the previous quarter. By giving to our educational institutions under this plan a church not only makes possible the continuation of its Pentecostal heritage, but puts itself on record as being behind the over-all program of the Assemblies of God.

Your gift may well be the means of some deserving young man or woman receiving the preparation needed for the mission field. It will assure a continuing flow of pastors and evangelists for the homeland. It will certainly mean the desperately needed support your favorite Pentecostal college must have if it is to survive in this materialistic world. A letter addressed to the president of any of our schools will bring details as to how you can help. It is important that you write—today. Support the hand of those men to whom you have entrusted the tremendous responsibility of educating your own young people. ◀ ◀

## A Child Shall Lead Them

Sunday School children are helping to lead the heathen to Christ through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. BGMC is the Assemblies of God missionary program for children. Special recognition is given to this Crusade on BGMC Day each year. An offering goal of \$20,000 has been established for the 1958 BGMC Day, which will be February 2. In 1957 the goal was set at \$15,000 but the total offering exceeded \$17,000.

THE WORD FOR THE WORLD, the theme of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, explains briefly its great ministry. BGMC supplies gospel literature for a world of lost men. The money received is used for printing, translating and distributing Church literature on the mission fields.

The fields of emphasis for the coming year are Europe and the Middle East. These are two of the most crucial areas in current world events. Very little time may be remaining in which to reach the people of these countries with the gospel. What is to be done must be done now!

We urge all Assemblies of God churches to support the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. As more boys and girls join, the effectiveness of its program will increase. As a result, our boys and girls will be able to lead many more out of darkness into light and life eternal.

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SOME YEARS AGO, IN ONE OF THE larger cities of Malaya, a prosperous Full Gospel church was developing. There was a growing Sunday School and adult congregation, and the outlook was very encouraging. Quite suddenly the missionary in charge had to leave. Arrangements were made for replacements; but at the last minute, after the missionary had gone, the replacements were unable to come.

There was no one in the area capable of taking over the work, and as a consequence the work was completely lost. Today, in this thriving city of 200,000 souls (not including the ten or twelve villages within immediate reach) there is no visible evidence that this Full Gospel church ever existed. *This tragedy could have been avoided if there had been a national worker, trained and filled with the Spirit, who could have assumed the leadership of that congregation. But there was none!*

Let me tell you of a different case. Before the war with Japan, a growing church was established in what is now the capital city of the new and independent Malaya. The church grew and became firmly established under the care and supervision of the missionaries. Then the war came and Malaya was invaded by the Japanese. The missionaries, amidst bursting bombs, were forced to flee.

There were no Spirit-filled workers available, and the only recourse was to leave the church with a non-Pentecostal man. This man at a later date defaulted to an anti-Pentecostal group and caused the church great harm. Only



Installation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (king) of Malaya

# LOST... A CHURCH

by the direct working of God was the church saved. God worked through the agency of another non-Pentecostal worker, who is now a Baptist, in order to save the church from extinction. Thank God for this national worker who, though not Pentecostal, kept a nucleus of believers together until the missionaries could return. The church is one of the strongest in Malaya today but perhaps would not exist except for a national who could stay on even

when the missionaries had to leave.

It is safe to say that the greatest need in this country of more than 6,000,000 souls is for Spirit-filled, Bible-trained, God-called, national workers. Though the Assemblies of God and other Pentecostal groups have worked in Malaya for more than twenty-five years we can speak today of no more than three cities where the Assemblies of God has established churches. This is undoubtedly due to

Modern development of property near the plot of ground given to the Malayan Bible School



Pok Kee Cheong, local church secretary, and D. R. Guynes giving check for property to a government official



a scarcity of dedicated local pastors and evangelists.

God is moving in a very special way to help us remedy this situation. At a recent youth camp there were more than twenty-five young people who expressed a desire to enter the service of the Lord. We have a large number of earnest people who are anxiously desiring an opportunity to attend Bible school.

Recently the government has very generously given to the Assemblies of God an excellent two-and-a-half-acre plot of ground in one of the most rapidly developing areas of the capital city of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. This property is currently valued at more than \$10,000. The cost to the Assemblies of God has been about \$50.00 (not including the cost of adjacent

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park. *This property is ours* if we can build suitable buildings within the prescribed time limit. We are praying earnestly that God will work a miracle in our behalf so that the needed funds may be forthcoming in the very near future. We will need approximately \$20,000. We trust that God will speak to the hearts of those who can make a contribution. Will you join in prayer with us for this great need.

## MISSIONARY

### *News Notes*




The Paul Williscroft Family

The Paul Williscroft family sailed from New York to Germany on December 6. They will again be taking up their work at Erzhausen.

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Word has been received of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sims of Venezuela in the United States. Their address is 417 Cynisca, Waxahachie, Tex.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenaway and children of Senegal, West Africa, reached the United States in November. Their present address is New Brockton, La.

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A cable tells of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Anne Eberhardt in India.

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Miss Geraldine Morrison returned to Burma on December 8. She will appreciate our prayers as she takes over the supervision of our Bible school in Northern Burma and also does much translation work.



Geraldine Morrison

# CH IN MALAYA!

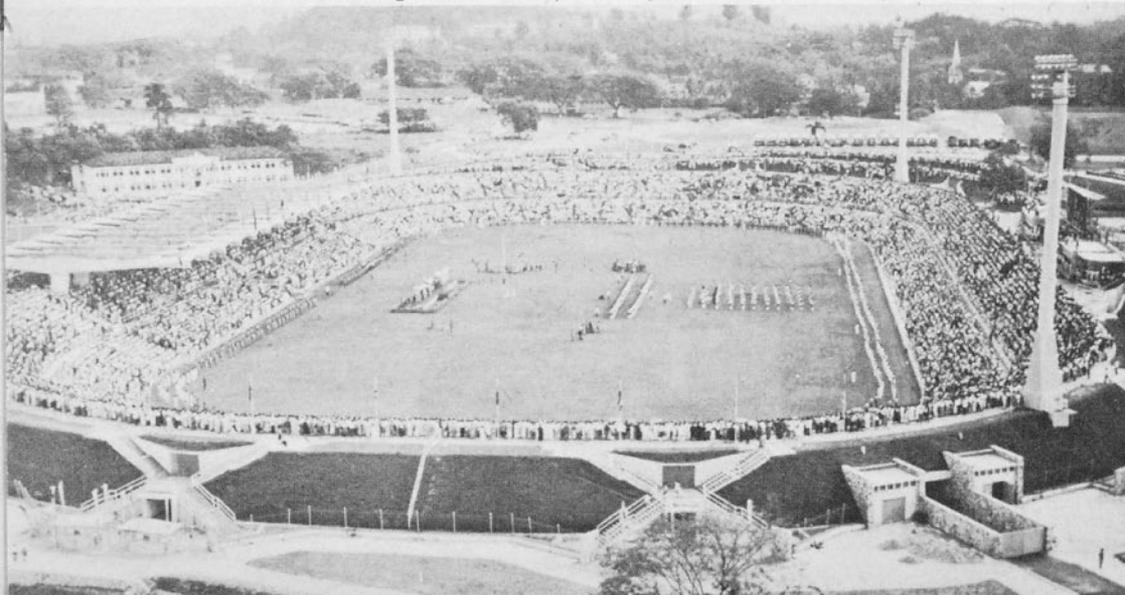
— by D. R. GUYNES

property where the missionaries' own residence will be).

This property is located in an area that is developing along very modern lines. It has all the conveniences of a modern city—lights, running water, telephones, bus service, etc. It faces a four-lane street which is the main entrance into the city. According to present municipal plans the property is adjacent to the future public library and opens in the back into a large city

(Brother Guynes has stated that for a gift of \$10.00 he will give a bamboo picture 8x10 inches. For a gift of \$20.00 a scene 10x12 inches. For \$50.00, one 16x20 inches. Monthly pledges will be acknowledged in this manner also. Request for a picture must be made when the gift is sent in. Send your offering, clearly designated for Malaya Bible School, to Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A.)

Mass meeting where Malaya was proclaimed a sovereign nation



# The Day of the Lord Is Near!

(Continued from page three)

forget that back of atheism and all it represents is the devil, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

David (who was a prophet, as well as a poet and king) looked with prophetic vision down through the centuries, and wrote the immortal prophecy, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Christ." That is exactly what they are doing today. And what is God doing? Hear what David wrote, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision." Mark the words that follow, "Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure." This prophecy must be fulfilled before the prophecy that follows can find its fulfillment: "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion" (Psalm 2:6).

I received a message recently from "outer space" that confirmed my conviction that we are now very near to the end of this dispensation of grace and upon the very verge of the ushering in of the terrible "day of the Lord." It came to me in the form of a dream. In Job 33:15, 16, we read that Elihu said, "In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction." God has done this same thing many a time since. We are all familiar with the prophecy of Joel, repeated by Peter on the day of Pentecost: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." That my body has grown old it would be folly to deny or to ignore, for the evidences are manifold. My heart has been beating constantly, hour after hour, day in and day out, for almost eighty-four years. So, since the Spirit has been poured out upon me, it is no wonder that I

should dream a dream. In my dream the Lord simply "sealed my instruction," for I had already been instructed through the Word as to what is coming upon the earth; and also by the things that I have seen around me as to the imminency of "the day of the Lord."

In my dream I was in the very heart of the communist world which I suppose was Russia. All around me were the homes of communists, and *it was night*. I had my Bible with me; and I was made to know that I was

## LOOKING

We look not for the Beast to come  
Nor for the great False Prophet:  
We scan not skies for signs of men—  
Such studies yield no profit.  
We wait not tribulation times,  
Nor seek for death to take us;  
We wait for God's Beloved Son,  
From this hope none can shake us,  
Our Lord is coming—this we know,  
Some day, at night, or noon:  
And, though we have no date to show,  
We know He's coming soon.

—T. Baird

to go into one of these homes, and read a portion of Scripture, and pray. I entered, in obedience to what I believed was a divine behest. All who were in the home were fast asleep; and it was made known to me that God had sent me to read and pray at that time for the reason that if I had gone while they were awake I should have been seized as a spy, and shot, or hustled off to a concentration camp, or to Siberia. I read a portion of Scripture and prayed. I suppose I should not know what portion of the Word I read, were it not for the fact that, as I was about to leave, it was made known to me that I should leave my Bible, and should write on the fly leaf that I had been there, and had read from God's Word, and prayed, and then add, "The portion I read was Obadiah, verses fifteen and sixteen."

I immediately awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. I said to myself,

"Obadiah, verses fifteen and sixteen! What do these verses say? I will look tomorrow in the Bible and see." Then I went back to sleep.

The next day I looked, and was almost startled as I read the scripture in Obadiah. It seemed to me to be a direct message from God, not only for Russia, but for all of us:

"For the day of the Lord is near upon all the *nations*\*: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon MY holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and *they shall be as though they had not been.*"

Those of us who have some understanding of the symbolism of the Word understand, of course, that the cup from which they will be compelled to drink will be the cup that in Isaiah 51:17 is called "the cup of trembling," and also "the cup of His fury." In Psalm 75:8 we read, "For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is *red*; it is full of mixture: and He poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them." It was this cup that our Lord shrank from in the Garden—"the cup of the Lord's fury." He did drink it, however; and therefore we who have received Him as our Saviour will not have to drink it. But all sinners who have not received Him will have to drain its dregs.

If you want to know what will take place after our Lord shall have come at the second stage of His second advent, read the Book of Revelation. There we have an outline of the tragic days that lie just ahead, "the time of Jacob's trouble," and of *the world's trouble*. What a time of doom awaits "the inhabitants of the earth" when the day of grace shall end, and "the day of vengeance of our God" shall begin! Read Isaiah 34:1-6, and mark what verse two says—"The indignation of the Lord is upon *all* nations, and His fury upon *all* their armies: He hath

\* The word in the King James Version is *heathen*, but the Hebrew word is *gohy*, which most certainly means *nations*, and is so rendered in the R.V., the R.S.V., in the margin of the Newberry Bible, and by Rotherham, Moffat, Goodspeed, and other modern versions, including the Jewish Version. In many other passages in the King James Version the word is rendered *nations*, as, for instance, Genesis 10:5; 22:18; Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 34:1, and many others.

utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter." Notice also verse five—"For My sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of My curse, to judgment." Idumea is the same as Edom, and the book of Obadiah was written that God's judgment upon the land of Edom might be foretold, and, as is evident, not only upon Edom, but upon all the nations of the earth.

The prophecies appear to indicate that the divine judgments of "the day of the Lord" will stem from Edom. Edom means *Red*, and it is not without significance that the Communists are known as Reds. We read in Genesis 24:25 that when Esau was born he was "*red all over*," and the story follows that when "Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint, Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same *red* pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called *Edom*." Esau sold his birthright for a mess of *red* pottage, and the nation that adopts Communism does the same thing today. And forget not that the wine in "the cup of the

Lord's fury" is *red*. Psalm 75:8.

The prophecy in the thirty-fourth chapter of Isaiah concerning the judgments that will usher in "the day of the Lord" finds further confirmation and emphasis in the sixty-third chapter. Here the prophet asks questions and He who is the Avenger in "the day of the Lord" answers them. The prophet asks, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength?" And the Traveller, or Marcher, answers, "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Let us not forget that redemption is by blood and by power. The blood of the Redeemer has been shed; His power must be exerted. In order that the whole world may experience the benefits of redemption Satan must be defeated in his followers and rebellion put down. Mark the prophet's question in verse two, "Wherefore art Thou *red* in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?" and our Lord's answer in verses three to six, "I have trodden the winepress

alone, and of the people there was none with Me; for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all My raiment. For *the day of vengeance* is in Mine heart, and the year of My redeemed is come."

It has been said that our Lord trod the winepress at Calvary when He shed His blood for our redemption. This is a false interpretation. He has not yet trodden the winepress. The winepress He will tread at His second advent, and it will be "the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God," as we are definitely told in Revelation 19:15. Read carefully the context in this chapter, beginning at verse 11, and read also a parallel passage in Revelation 14:15-20 where we are afforded further information concerning the terribleness of that day when the winepress shall be trodden. The judgment here depicted in such graphic language is still future. It will be in "the day of the Lord," but *that day is near*. "The day of the Lord is *near* upon all the nations." ◀◀

## "Why stand ye gazing into heaven?"



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# You and Your In-laws



BY DOROTHY C. HASKIN

**J**EANNE AND ROGER FACED A FAIRLY common problem: "Shall we live with our in-laws?"

As he was in the armed services, it seemed simplest to live with her parents. All were Christians and had the best of intentions—but they also had normal human reactions.

One day when on furlough, Roger came home, tired. He lay down on the living room divan and fell asleep. Mrs. Mother-in-law was shocked at his lack of appreciation of her daughter. She slurred, "You wouldn't think he'd go to sleep the minute he comes home, when you've been married such a short time!"

Jeanne had been sorry for Roger and his weariness, but her mother's remark prompted her to feel sorry for herself. She shook Roger, awakening him. Being an average male, he was cross on being awakened unexpectedly and spoke to her in a harsh tone of voice.

Jeanne began to cry. Her mother sympathized with her. In the heated conversation which followed, the climax was reached when the mother-in-law offered to pay for a divorce!

By the next morning, Jeanne had forgiven Roger, but it was six months before the mother-in-law forgave him. All that time Jeanne was unhappily torn between love for her mother and love for her husband. Meanwhile, she moved—to a room nearer the army base.

The moral: don't live with your in-laws! Not either set of them! Marriage is not a corporation with a number of members, but a partnership between two individuals. You cannot act completely natural when you are conscious that someone is watching you. And parents who have loved and cared for you from the cradle are seldom unbiased in their judgment of you and your mate.

Words and actions which are quickly forgiven by those who love each other assume major proportions to the third party. When marriage was instituted the rule was given, "Therefore shall a man *leave* his father and his mother,

and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). When discussing marriage, the Lord Jesus repeated this instruction (Matthew 19:5). Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit who understands human nature. Trusted and obeyed, His instructions bring lasting happiness.

A young married couple should live by themselves, in a single room if necessary, or a trailer, or an apartment over a garage—anywhere, so long as they can be alone.

If circumstances are such that you absolutely must live with one set of parents, and if you have a choice, live with the parents of the girl. The reason for selecting the girl's parents is obvious. Even if the wife works, she will be doing some of the housework. Each woman has her own way of doing things; therefore, it is easier for the girl to do the work the way her mother taught her than to learn a new way. And since the husband does less work around the house, it is more important that the two women get along.

When living with your in-laws, pay your own way as far as possible. Even the most generous of parents have long memories when it comes to remembering how much they did for you. At least, pay for the food you eat. Too, there is the electric light, gas and water bills, and, if not rent, at least taxes and upkeep. Each extra person means a little more of everything. Do your share. "For every man shall bear his own burden" (Galatians 6:5).

The bride, even if she works away from home, should keep her own room clean, wash and iron her husband's and her own personal clothes, and do such helpful tasks as peeling potatoes and washing the dishes. If you don't, your mother or mother-in-law will chafe under the extra burden. If you do, your mother-in-law is far more apt to enjoy your stay at her home.

The groom, likewise, should take over such tasks as mowing the lawn, raking the leaves, bringing in the firewood and painting the garage. You may not

enjoy doing these lowly tasks, but "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lamentations 3:27). The earlier you learn to do these thankless tasks, the easier it is to do them. They are the ones which will be appreciated by your father-in-law. He will pat you on the back and mean it when he says, "He's a fine son-in-law."

Move and get by yourselves as soon as possible. Even then most couples face in-law problems. In many families, both sets of in-laws, without consideration of the other in-laws, want the children to spend all the holidays and birthdays with them. Discuss the division of time with your husband. Try to balance the holidays and one Sunday each month to spend at each home, making the division as fair as possible.

Sometimes a bride has a mother-in-law with whom she cannot get along. Barbara's mother-in-law was full of self-pity, always ailing, demanding service from her husband and children, and she was jealous of Barbara's "Taking my son away from me." At first Barbara pointed out George's mother's faults to him. That made him defensive. He loved his mother and hotly insisted that Barbara was critical.

Next, Barbara tried staying home, letting him go alone to visit his mother. Consequently, Mrs. Mother-in-law began making unkind remarks that poisoned George's mind against Barbara. She began to notice how critical George was whenever he came from visiting his mother.

Barbara changed her tactics again. She decided that this was her circumstance in which to "let patience have her perfect work" (James 1:4). Therefore, while she does keep to a minimum the times George and she visit his parents, she goes cheerfully when she has to go. While there, she keeps busy doing whatever she can to lighten the load of housework which falls on her long-suffering father-in-law.

Barbara knows that no matter how her mother-in-law grates on her nerves,



# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## Christ Teaches About His Mission

Sunday School Lesson for January 19, 1958

MARK 10:32-40

After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus struck the death blow to His own popularity, which had then reached its peak. First, He refused to allow the people to take Him by force and make Him king. Second, He delivered His sermon on the Bread of Life, in which He disclosed the spiritual nature of His kingdom and the real meaning of discipleship. As the clouds of organized opposition gathered, Jesus began to tell His disciples very specifically about His coming suffering and death. "And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him" (Mark 10:32-34).

Although this was the third time He had spoken to them of His coming death (Mark 8:31; 9:31), we read in Luke 18:34, "And they understood none of these things." Worse yet, instead of thinking of their Lord at this crucial time they were thinking only of themselves. They had false ideas concerning the nature of Christ's kingdom and of true greatness. In our lesson Christ lovingly set about to correct them and teach them.

**DESIRE FOR GREATNESS** (Mark 10:35-38). "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." Their request was (1) *Natural*. Jesus had just recently assured the Twelve that they would sit on twelve thrones (Matthew 19:28). Since they were two of the "inner three" disciples, they concluded that they deserved and should have the highest two places! (2) *Selfish*. These men were not thinking of their Lord, His will, or His wishes, but simply of themselves. Nor were they regarding either the rights or interests of their fellow disciples. They were not thinking in terms of what they might *give*, but only of what they could *get*. (3) *Ignorant*. "Ye know not what ye ask," was Jesus' answer to James and John, thus revealing their ignorance. They were ignorant of the nature of Christ's kingdom, in that they thought positions of honor were obtainable on the basis of special privilege, friendship, or favoritism. They were also ignorant of the real cost of positions such as they sought.

**CONDITIONS FOR GREATNESS** (Mark 10:38-40). "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" The "baptism" and "cup" of which the Lord spoke were undoubtedly His death and sufferings. He as much as said to His disciples: "You want first place in the glory; but glory comes only through sacrifice and suffering and serving. Are you willing to share my agony and suffering of body and soul?"

"And they said unto him, We can." How little they realized what they said. For just a short time later, they "all forsook him, and fled" (Mark 14:50).

"And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup." They could not win the victory in their own strength,

but after the Comforter had come they would be filled with His power and enabled to undergo great suffering and affliction. James was finally beheaded by Herod (Acts 12:2). John was banished in exile on Patmos and, according to tradition, was cast by the order of the Emperor Domitian into a caldron of boiling oil.

"To sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared." Jesus did not rebuke His disciples for their ambition, for ambition rightly inspired and directed is essential, nor did He deny that those positions of honor were available. He simply pointed out that they were available only to those who qualified for them. Remember! During the Millennium the saints shall reign with Christ and help to rule the universe. Can we qualify for this?

**THE NATURE OF GREATNESS** (Mark 10:41-44). "And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John." Why so? Because they were just as selfish, proud, and vainly ambitious themselves—they wanted those places too! When we become upset over the faults of others it is usually a sign of the presence of the same thing in our own hearts! (Romans 2:1, 3).

"But Jesus called them to him, and saith . . . , Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ is the supreme example of true greatness; He gave Himself in service to mankind during all His life, and gave His life up in the end to save man. God grant to all of us the spirit, then, of this true greatness!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### CHRIST'S THREEFOLD MISSION

AND JESUS WENT ABOUT ALL GALILEE, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS. *MATT. 4:23*



#### TEACHING

HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY. *MATT. 7:29*



#### PREACHING

JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND. *MATT. 4:17*



#### HEALING

THEY BROUGHT UNTO HIM ALL SICK PEOPLE . . . AND HE HEALED THEM. *MATT. 4:24*

## Muscular Trouble Gone



Doris Glazier before and after God delivered her from the wheel chair

I was born in 1923 near Gnadenhutten, Ohio, with a physical handicap which grew worse as I matured. I was unable to run and play as other children. Our family doctor discovered a weakness and deterioration of all the muscles in my body. I was taken to numerous specialists and children's clinics, but was pronounced incurable. I became steadily weaker and was unable to live anything like a normal life. I was barely able to walk from room to room. The future looked very dark, and I became bitter. Many times I asked God to take my life.

In 1953 my father heard about a revival at the Assembly of God in Newcomerstown, Ohio, where people were being healed in answer to prayer. My father took me there in a wheel chair, and for the first time I heard the gospel of salvation. After the revival the pastor, Daena Cargnel, encouraged me to come back to the services, offering me assistance and transportation to the church. A short time later I was gloriously saved and received the Pentecostal baptism in Sister Cargnel's car on the way home from church after a wonderful meeting.

By this time a great change had begun to take place in my body. I was now able to enter church without assistance, but still needed my wheel chair to go shopping, for I could not walk any distance or stand very long. My neighbors and friends began to notice the wonderful improvement in my physical condition.

In October 1957 my pastor felt the time had come for me to take a real step of faith. One day she took me shopping without my wheel chair and left me at my favorite department store. She told me to walk in the store by faith, and then she drove away. When she came back, after parking the car, she found me in the store with the owners and clerks about me, all excited over my miraculous healing.

I now go everywhere without my wheel chair and live a completely normal life. I give all the glory and praise to God.—Doris Glazier, Rt. 1, Gnadenhutten, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daena Cargnel, Newcomerstown, Ohio.)

## Cancer Vanishes

In December 1952 I had radical surgery for breast cancer; less than two years later I had major surgery again as a precaution against the dread disease. After a year of fair health I began to fail again, having much discomfort in my liver area. After making my rounds of the doctors once more without improvement, I quit my job with our local telephone company, thinking perhaps a year's rest would help. But instead I grew worse. I began to realize that my only hope was in the Great Physician, Jesus.

Our Assembly was in revival meetings with Evangelist Moses Copeland. As I sat in the evening service on April 7, 1957, I had a terrific pain in my abdomen. My husband urged me to ask for prayer; but, not wanting to disrupt the service and being reluctant to ask, I remained in my seat.

Before the evangelist began to speak the Holy Spirit took over the service. Those who had needs began to move forward for prayer. Not thinking of how much or how little faith I might have, but feeling only my need of the healing touch of Jesus, I made my way to the altar. As the evangelist and our pastor prayed for me it was as if I were standing in a pool of pure warm water without getting wet.

I returned to my seat, and a stirring and turmoil began in my abdomen. I

felt the urge to go back for prayer that I might be delivered. As the pastor prayed I raised my hand toward heaven and began to repeat the name of Jesus. I am confident that the cancer was severed from my liver and vanished. My cry to Jesus turned to hallelujahs.

The next few days I walked in a state of awe and amazement at the greatness of the healing power of Christ. Since that night my health has improved, my strength increased, my mind cleared, and I am able once more to work part-time at my old job and do my housework. To Jesus be all the glory!—Mrs. Walter Owens, Kingman, Ariz.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. L. Kinslow, Kingman, Ariz. on Dec. 16, 1957.)

## HEALED OF CANCER

For many months I suffered from cancer of the stomach and female organs. Then our pastor, Joseph W. Miller, prayed for me and the Lord completely healed me of the cancer. At once I could eat anything I wanted. Before last summer I could eat scarcely anything, and I lost some thirty pounds. Now I have gained it all back and am able to do my housework. How I praise God for His goodness to me. We love to go to the Assemblies of God church. Thank God for the good Christians who prayed for me.—Minnie Dempsey, Greenfield, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph W. Miller, Greenfield, Mo.)

## NOSEBLEED STOPS

For twenty days in May 1957 I was in the hospital with a burst blood vessel in my nose. The specialist packed my nose in ice four times, but when the bleeding persisted he packed my whole head in ice. I thought the end was near, but God in His mercy healed me. When I arrived home I found that the specialist had written my family doctor and said, "Her Lord brought her through." Thank God, He is still in the healing business.—Mrs. A. B. Freeman, Overton, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. E. Coyle, Joinerville, Tex.)

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

## God's "Cheap Skates"

"ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO BUY A new car, isn't it, Joe? Now don't tell me you can't afford it. You make more money than I do." Since Harry and Joe are Christian friends, they speak quite frankly to one another. And Harry is beginning to wonder if Joe isn't getting to be a "cheap skate." (Webster says a "cheap skate" is "an unwilling spender; one who pays as little as possible for anything.")

But what Harry doesn't know is that Joe is using some of the money with which he could buy a new car to support a national pastor in Africa. So Joe is a paradox. He's a pinch-penny who is generous. He's "tight" with himself but generous with God.

No doubt Mary of Bethany had done without many things which other women of her day bought and enjoyed. Perhaps her neighbors wondered why. Maybe they thought she was miserly. But she saved in order to buy the alabaster box of ointment, not for herself but for Jesus.

And Barnabas—he sold his property, and laid the money at the apostles' feet. From that time on, Barnabas probably didn't live in the manner to which he had been accustomed. Acquaintances may have said that he was "tight" with his money since he became a Christian. When people give extra to the work of the Lord, they may not be able to buy some of the luxuries that their friends can afford. Since they do not tell what they do with their money, the impression may be given that they are "cheap skates."

We have no way of knowing how many Marys, Barnabases, and Joes there are today, but we do know of hundreds of our youth who have chosen to be "cheap skates" in the eyes of their townspeople. I refer to the students in our Bible Institutes.

Last year it was my happy privilege to be in Eastern Bible Institute, to see more than 200 dedicated young people, and to talk with several of them about their plans for the future. As I mingled with them and watched them in chapel, classrooms and dining hall, I realized that here was the cream of American youth. Here were young men

and women with ambition, ability, and a will to study and work.

Paul, a young friend of mine, is studying in a university. In one more year he will be graduated, and already men from several large manufacturing corporations have interviewed him. It is practically certain that at the conclusion of his schooling he will be hired for a starting wage no less than a hundred dollars a week. He is not more intelligent than the students who are training for the Lord's work, but these latter probably will never be paid his starting wage.

Our youth, having made their choice, will learn through the years that it isn't pleasing to the fleshly nature when it is necessary to buy clothing at bargain, end-of-season sales after the best has been picked out, to buy furniture second-hand and at auction sale, and to shop in the dime store more than in large department stores. Then, when they visit the home town and meet former schoolmates, they will surely note the difference between their own clothing, cars, etc. and their friends'.

And perhaps they will never have a home as fine as those in secular employment have. Be sure that Satan will be there to remind them that they are "cheap skates" by choice—they could have been like their friends.

Besides choosing the way wherein they will have to make every nickel count, some of our youth will become missionaries, and only God knows the sore trials which await them in foreign lands. I have a letter from Robert and Evelyn Bolton, our missionaries to



When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Formosa. A darling baby girl was born to them on August 12, 1956, but she died. Here are Robert Bolton's words: "Due to the fact that the mother's blood type is RH negative, and because there is not so much known about this condition out here, our baby did not live. Had we been in the States, things might have been different." Satan would like them to think of that again, and again, and again. But listen to Brother Bolton's next sentences. "However, we are here at this time in the will of God. Our lives and circumstances being in His loving hand, we thank Him for the hard things too."

After giving up the place in this world that secular employment offers, our young ministers and missionaries deserve our support. They have every reason to expect that finances will be forthcoming to thrust them into the whitened harvest field. We can open more doors of opportunity for them by giving extra to home missions and missionary offerings, sacrificing some of the nice but not entirely necessary things of life. And our youth can be better supported when they enter the Lord's work.

Of course, people know how much we have lavished on ourselves, and they will notice when we become a bit more careful about the money we spend. They may think we have suddenly become "cheap skates." What they may not know is that we have determined to work, pray, and sacrifice together to proclaim the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

—Anonymous

## Why Worry?

There are three things which Jesus never did. He never worried; he never hurried; and he never doubted the outcome. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder of Mayo's Clinic, is quoted as having said: "Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system and profoundly affects health. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died of doubt."

This reminds us of what Jesus said, in the twelfth chapter of Luke (vv. 22, 23): "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body more than the raiment." From these words of Jesus and the comments following we reach four conclusions:

1. *Worry is needless.* "Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap;

which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them; of how much more value are ye than the birds!" (V. 24.)

2. *Worry is hopeless.* "And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto the measure of his life? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest?" (Vv. 25, 26.)

3. *Worry is faithless.* "If God doth so clothe the grass in the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (V. 2.)

4. *Worry is useless.* "And seek not what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." (Vv. 29-30.)

—Joseph M. Applegate

## JUDGMENT DAY

The day of judgment is at hand!

Let all the nations hear;  
Let sinners bow, repenting now,  
Or tremble then in fear.  
The God who then will sit as Judge  
Is He who now can save;  
'Twill not avail, when time shall fail,  
Against His' might to rave.

Men set themselves today against  
Jehovah and His Christ:—  
"We'll have our way," they boldly say  
"And be by sin sufficed."  
He waits in patience *now*, but *then*  
His rod of wrath will wield;  
In judgment dire, in flaming fire,  
He then will be revealed.

Oh, heed the summons, and repent,  
Turn now from sin and shame,  
Accept His grace, and seek His face,—  
There's pardon through His name!  
Then when the summons shall be heard  
The judgment bar to face,  
Washed white as snow, your soul shall know  
That saved you are through grace.

Though man may make a tiny moon,  
Around the earth to spin,  
He cannot make, for his own sake,  
A shelter from his sin;  
But God a shelter has devised;  
He can all things perform;  
The price is paid, and God has made  
A Refuge from the storm.

Oh, sinner, to that Refuge flee,  
And in that Rock abide;  
The only hope, when men shall grope,  
Is Christ the Crucified.  
If you will flee to Him your sins  
Will all be washed away,  
And thus made near, you need not fear  
The coming judgment day.

—J. Narver Gortner



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**When was the Apostles' Creed written, and who was its author?**

I am at present unable to say who prepared the Apostles' Creed. It is said that in its present form it was written not earlier than the fifth century A. D. Both the Nicene and the Athanasian Creeds are considered older.

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**Is not sprinkling or pouring just as effective in baptism as immersion?**

Only immersion clearly sets forth our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. "We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

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**Was Ezekiel referring to water baptism when he said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean" (Ezekiel 36:25)?**

Ezekiel did not have Christian baptism in mind. The Levites were sprinkled with water in connection with their separation to their service (Numbers 8:7). There was also water of separation for the ceremonial purification of the people (Numbers 19:9). These are some of the "baptisms" referred to in Hebrews 6:2.

What Ezekiel undoubtedly meant was that God by the Holy Spirit would cleanse and separate the people from their defilement, giving them new hearts and putting a constant spirit in them that they might serve God aright.

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**Can you supply me a list of the times the word "Jehovah" is used in the Bible. What is the meaning of this term?**

We cannot conveniently list in the *Evangel* all the times the term *Jehovah* appears in the Bible; they are innumerable. You may easily recognize, though, when *Jehovah* is meant. Whenever you see *LORD* written in capital letters in the Authorized Version that word is a translation of *Jehovah*. In the American Standard Version *Jehovah* was used by the translators.

*Jehovah* was the name of the covenant God of Israel, as it is also for all believers. Its meaning is best set forth in the term "I AM," or "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). This means that the covenant God of Israel, *Jehovah*, is the unchanging "God of Abraham . . . Isaac, and . . . Jacob" (Exodus 3:6).

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**Who are elders in an Assemblies of God church?**

In apostolic days elderly, mature men were looked upon as elders (1 Timothy 5:1). There were also ruling officers, called elders or bishops, who had the spiritual oversight of the church (1 Timothy 3:1; Acts 20:17; Titus 1:5).

In most of our Assemblies the pastor is the spiritual overseer, therefore properly the elder. The deacons, who assist the pastor in the work of the church, largely serve the purpose that was served by the elders in apostolic times.

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**What did Jesus mean when He said, "In my name . . . they shall take up serpents" (Mark 16:17, 18)?**

He did not mean that snakes should be handled to make a show or to demonstrate this power. To do this is presumption. It was a temptation to presumption when the devil sought to induce Jesus to leap from the pinnacle of the Temple. To this Jesus replied, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

The only place in the New Testament where it is recorded that serpents actually were taken up is when the viper fastened on Paul's hand (Acts 28:1-6). Paul was not handling snakes, but was bitten through accident. Let none of us tempt God by playing with snakes or doing other unnecessary and unwise things.

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).

# Make Your Consecration Specific

BY KENNY JOSEPH

**A**FTER HELPING TO LEAD A ZEALOUS young member of the Communist party of Japan to Christ, I cautioned him against returning too soon to his home. I feared there might be danger from his former masters.

But he answered curtly, "Why should I be afraid? I gladly dedicated my body to the Communist party. I took part in all those riots and strikes. I was happy to have the privilege of endangering my life for the cause. Now I have never-ending life. Why should I be afraid?"

"This body isn't mine," he continued. "I now lift it up to Christ on the altar of sacrifice. We were told, as Communists, that we were 'dead men on furlough' and that we shouldn't worry about our own lives. We believed that after we had died for the cause, future generations would reap what we had sown—so we lived with a reckless abandon."

I thought immediately of Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your *bodies* [not your *life*, *talent*, *ambitions*, or *goals*—because these are all nebulous] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 6:19 that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for *temple* in this verse means *residence*. The Holy Spirit wants our whole body to be surrendered to Him as His habitation.

Note this: the Holy Spirit has not "rented" our bodies for a certain lease; He has come in as Owner and expects every key to every room in the house. He is not an invited guest, coming to spend the week end in a comfortable guest room with fancy towels and the best of linen—He is *claiming possession* of His purchased house. It is robbery, breach of promise, and illegal entry for a Christian to withhold from the Holy Spirit His own property. The Spirit wants to possess our bodies com-

pletely. He needs a body, face, hands, eyes, ears, and feet to do His work.

Jesus Christ, who lived in eternity, sought to present Himself in the most unforgettable way to mankind; He did not come as an angel or spirit—but it is written of Him, "A *body* thou hast prepared for me" (Heb. 10:5). Crystallized in that magnificent divinely-human *body* was the Godhead bodily. Compressed into that mortal frame was the total sum of all divinity. When Christ went back to His home in heaven He promised to live in us through the medium of the Holy Spirit.

It is written of Rees Howells: "Then he [Howells] took us to the site . . . and told us once more of the way the Holy Spirit met him there in person and asked him for his *body*. 'I saw Him as a person and He said to me, "As the Saviour had a body, so I dwell in the cleansed temple of the believer. I am a person; give your *body* to Me that I may work through it. I need a *body for My temple* (1 Cor. 6:19), but it must belong to Me without reserve, for two persons with different wills can never live in the same *body*. Will you give Me your *body*?' (Rom. 12:1) . . . I come in as God, and you must go out" (Col. 3:2, 3)."

No doubt this is the reason why Rees Howells was used of God in such a miraculous way as an intercessor. When the Holy Spirit comes in without reserve, and completely possesses this temple of clay, He will (1) reveal the Scriptures, (2) exalt the Saviour, (3) magnify the Father, (4) give power for service, and (5) give victory in battles against Satan.

We have heard so much about consecration and dedication services in which Christians consecrate their *lives* to God. What is a *life*? Can you touch it? Can you feel it? Of course not! A *life* is a nebulous thing. But if we would have some consecration and dedication services for our *bodies*, then I

## DEDICATION

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt chose.

Take my will and make it Thine:  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart: it is Thine own—  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; dear Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

believe God would begin a work of miracle power. When He asks for your *body*, He means your *physical flesh and blood*. Once you give to Him your *body*, it is His property. You have no more right, legal authority, or power of attorney over it.

Those *hands* of yours—have they handled, manipulated, or written anything that the Spirit of God would disapprove? Your *arms*, have they embraced anything or anyone against the will of the Holy Spirit? Your *heart*, has it believed or sought after things unpleasing to Him? Has your *brain* thought, imagined, or achieved things not becoming to the Godhead? Have your *legs* carried you to places or on errands not approved by the Holy Spirit? Have your *feet* been swift to run or walk unto or over anything not dictated by God? Have your eyes looked at, or read anything that the Spirit of God forbids? Have your *ears* listened to conversations, radio and TV programs, or gossip which you knew God would not have you hear? Have your *lips* whispered, spoken, or touched anything against the will of God? Has that *tongue* repeated, spoken, or set on fire prohibited material? Have your *emotions* been harnessed and sanctified, to be used only for His highest?

As you were reading over that list, God whispered to you many hidden and forgotten sins, didn't He? Right now, before you go any further, confess it

to Him and plead the promise of 1 John 1:7-9.

Our consecration must be *specific*, not some vague submission to the Lord. The devil doesn't care if Christians are against sin in a *general way*. But when the people of God begin to be specific and put their finger on individual sins, the devil begins to squirm. So long as ministers talk about sins *outside* the church, everybody remains happy. But when he begins to touch upon those "sins of the spirit" (2 Cor. 7:1) which infect the body of Christ, some of the people become angry and accuse the preacher of "meddling."

Yes, it is still true that Christ has no hands but your hands to do His work today. He has no feet but your feet. May you offer up, on the altar of sacrifice, with as great a decision as Abraham offered Isaac, your *body* to the Holy Spirit and give Him the complete power of attorney over your life. Make your consecration specific. Withhold nothing from Him, for He wants your body to be His dwelling place.

#### ONLY ONE WAY OUT

About eighty men of the 156th Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Dix, according to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, who had been called out to fight fires, were being trapped without knowing it. An unknown airplane pilot, seeing their plight, risked his own life by flying low enough to drop weighted paper notes to these men. Three times he did this, and the notes told the men that they were trapped, that the pilot could see the way out, and that he would guide them to safety. The men believed his words and obeyed him instantly, dropping their tools and following their guide.

On the double the soldiers went through a narrow, flame-lined channel, and all reached the highway safely. It is interesting to note that the men did not stop to argue on the notes that came from above to see whether they were genuine, and they took no chances by trying to find some other way out. They believed the only one who could view the whole scene, and ran for their lives and were saved.

God, who alone can view the whole scene of this troubled world, sent His Son to save men, and He calls on them to believe in His Word. How futile to try to find other ways out! The Lord Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **MONTREAL, CANADA**—The congregation of Evangel Pentecostal Church here enjoyed two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Tex. Several were saved, quite a number reconsecrated their lives, and the meetings were a blessing to many.

—Robert M. Argue, Pastor

► **SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.**—Several came forward for salvation and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during two weeks of revival just concluded with Evangelist Feadus S. Seal of Burbank, Calif. The church was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching.

—Charles W. Barrett, Pastor

► **CLIFTON, ARIZ.**—The church here was greatly blessed under the anointed preaching of Evangelist Don H. McKinney of Okla. The attendance was good each night, and many new people came to the services. Five came forward for salvation, and two followed the Lord in water baptism.

—B. S. Bates, Pastor

► **GALESBURG, ILL.**—Calvary Assembly was recently privileged to have Evangelist John H. Bostrom of San Gabriel, Calif. for three weeks. The meeting placed the entire congregation in the path of diligent desire for the Master's will and service.

—H. J. Waltherman, Jr., Pastor

► **PENSACOLA, FLA.**—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of rich preaching from Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Tulsa, Okla. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings were highlighted by the move of the Spirit of God upon the tender hearts of both Christians and unsaved. There was much weeping in every service.

—W. J. Cox, Pastor

► **SHELBY, MICH.**—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a very profitable series of meetings with Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. Several were at the altar for salvation. One young married lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sister Thompson preached outstanding messages, and ministered in music and song each night. It was one of the best revivals conducted here in the new church.

—Donald Mathews, Pastor

► **BROOKVILLE, PA.**—One of the best meetings in the five-year history of the Brookville Assembly was conducted recently by Evangelist Moses Copeland of Wichita, Kans. Many new people attended the meetings. Brother Copeland's ministry of prayer and the Word, and his messages on "Victorious Living," have had a profound effect upon the church. The spiritual tide continues to be high. The enthusiasm of Brother Copeland for the REVIVALTIME broadcast is to be commended.

—Vernon Boyer, Pastor

► **FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.**—The Northside Assembly of God has been experiencing a spirit of revival. Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Walker conducted special meetings recently. The results of the meeting were very good, with numbers being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Mary Branham and Pauline Steele, Pastors

► **FARMINGTON, NEW MEX.**—The congregation here is very grateful for the recent ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Hobbs, New Mex. There was a precious refreshing of the Holy Spirit in each service. Those who came to the Lord for salvation are continuing on in their newfound joy, and a number have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit continues in the regular meetings.

—Don Stover, Pastor

► **OSAWATOMIE, KANS.**—Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City recently conducted a wonderful meeting of two weeks' duration here. The attendance was the best in several years. More than 40 were at the altar for salvation, and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One broken home was reunited due to the conversion of the wife.

—I. D. Rayborn, Pastor

► **SELAH, WASH.**—A very profitable two-week revival was recently conducted here by Evangelist Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash. From the very first service the presence of the Lord was felt among His people, creating a deeper hunger for the Word. Six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The meetings were a great spiritual uplift to the church.

—Henry A. Larsen, Pastor

► **MILES CITY, MONT.**—The Assembly here recently had a very inspiring evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Carpenter of Fruitland, Wash. The meetings were deeply blessed of the Lord and the altar services will long be remembered by the congregation. The crowds were good each night, and the spiritual tide was very high under the anointed preaching of the evangelist.

—H. C. Robinson, Pastor

► **SHELBY, MONT.**—The Assembly of God here recently closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. James Beam of London, Ontario. Through the anointed ministry of the Word, many sought and received the fulness of the Holy Spirit. The co-operation of the other Assemblies in the area was a real encouragement to the local church. Brother Beam's God-given ability to quote as many as a hundred scriptures (with references) in each message inspired faith in the hearts of the listeners. The entire church was encouraged to keep moving on for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

—Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor

► **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.**—The First Assembly here recently enjoyed an outstanding revival with Evangelist Leslie Eldridge. There were four saved, and six baptized in the Holy Spirit. The church was stirred and blessed by the ministry of Brother and Sister Eldridge.

—Carl E. Curtright, Pastor

► **PECKVILLE, PA.**—The First Pentecostal Tabernacle recently closed a two-week evangelistic meeting with Evangelist Paul B. Franklin of Garden Grove, Calif. The church was blessed of God, and the people responded to the old-time Pentecostal preaching of Brother Franklin. One received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there were testimonies to healing.

—Samuel G. Clutter, Pastor

► **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.**—During two weeks of meetings in the First Assembly of God here a new Sunday School record was established with 405 present. The evangelists were Verla and Wendell Reed. Every department of the church was richly blessed. The music and singing was a great attraction. Quite a number of souls were won to Christ.

—Milton A. Newman, Pastor

► **EL PASO, TEX.**—First Assembly here has profited from two evangelistic meetings recently. Evangelist Morris Lefkovitz of Oklahoma ministered for two weeks, and then Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin and Zelma Argue ministered for one week. The Assembly has been edified, and there have been several conversions. Some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were reclaimed.

—Wm. F. Hageman, Pastor

► **FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. L. G. Gilstrap of Atlanta, Ga. recently concluded a very successful meeting in Evangel Church. The Spirit of the Lord rested very heavily upon each service, and a goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance record was broken on the last Sunday of the revival. The church recently purchased property, and will soon begin construction of a new building.

—Jack Starbuck, Pastor

► **DELPHOS, OHIO**—The First Assembly of God here just concluded a very successful evangelistic campaign with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. There was excellent attendance throughout the campaign. Many visitors attended the services, and eight found Christ as their Saviour. Many were refilled with the Holy Spirit. The prayer meetings each night prior to the evening services contributed to the spiritual success of the meetings. The meetings were concluded in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as the church has not enjoyed for many years.

—Elvin D. Irwin, Pastor

► PEORIA, ILL.—Central Assembly of God recently conducted an evangelistic campaign with Evangelist John H. Bostrom. Six adults knelt at the altar for salvation, six were baptized in water, and a number were healed in answer to prayer. The church in general was strengthened by Brother Bostrom's Bible-centered, Christ-exalting ministry.

—R. L. Farquhar, Pastor

► BRISTOL, TENN.—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God recently enjoyed a very successful two-week revival with Tennessee D-CAP Douglas Karnes as the evangelist. Seven were saved or reclaimed, one baptized in the Holy Ghost, confessions made, wrongs righted, and the Christians blessed of God. The church was host to a Thanksgiving C. A. Convention, and enjoyed the ministry of William Thornton of Indianapolis, Ind.

—Donald N. Cooke, Pastor

► ROSEVILLE, CALIF.—Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers of Oregon recently conducted three weeks of meetings here at First Assembly. Thirty received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many others testified to refillings. Souls were saved and restored to walk with God. In each service at least one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several new families were reached with the Full Gospel message. The congregation is rejoicing in the revival fires that continue to burn.

—Robert W. Pirtle, Pastor

► OAKWOOD, TEX.—Great showers of blessing were poured out upon the church here during the recent revival with Evangelists Paul Emerson and Walter Robbins of Jacksonville, Tex. Night after night the building was packed to hear the anointed singing and preaching of this evangelistic team. Ten were saved, five received the Holy Spirit, quite a few reclaimed and refilled, and many blessed. People of all faiths attended nightly. The revival spirit continues in every service.

—Bertie Bragg, Pastor

► SELMA, CALIF.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle has enjoyed a real move of God in recent times. Forty were saved in the regular services, and 25 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-two were baptized in water. This all happened in an eight-week period. Following that, revival meetings were conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsup of Oklahoma City. Fourteen were saved, and five filled with the Holy Spirit. The Alsup meetings left the church in a very healthy condition. Their evangelistic ministry was much appreciated by the church.

—W. A. Raiford, Sr., Pastor

► DOVER, N. H.—Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Dana H. Spence of Dunn, N. C. started what was to have been a two-week revival campaign, but God sent such a gracious revival that the services extended for four weeks. Not only was the church revived, but God gave a real harvest of souls. There was deliverance from demon power, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. God delivered one man from alcoholism and cigarettes after he had been chained by them for 37 years. He was also filled with the Holy Ghost.

There were also other important decisions made for the Lord. Brother Spence preached many faith-building sermons which challenged us to ask God for results, and the Lord crowned the faith of the people with such results.

—J. F. Lenentine, Pastor

► OAKLAND, OREG.—Evangelist and Mrs. Harold E. Veaty of Brooks, Oreg. recently conducted meetings here. Some thirteen came forward for salvation, several were refilled, and many received a physical touch in answer to prayer. The congregation greatly appreciated the anointed ministry from night to night. This church is less than three years old. During the last year other evangelistic campaigns have been conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Van Winkle and Evangelist and Mrs. Eugene Voole. Nine have been baptized in water and ten received into the church. The Sunday School averaged over 80 last year.

—Thermon A. Scevers, Pastor

► KIRKSVILLE, MO.—The church here was recently blessed by the first real Holy Ghost revival since its founding. On November 10 Lela Haycook of Columbia, Mo. started revival meetings. On the very first night the Lord began to do His work in the church. He baptized 16 in the Holy Spirit, including four men. Several backsliders came back to the Lord and were refilled. Needless to say, the church is aglow for God, and there are great expectations for the future.

—Donald A. Rich, Pastor

► WHITNEY, NEBR.—The church here recently closed special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Okla. One was saved, and the entire church was encouraged. Everyone enjoyed the ministry of both Brother and Sister Rayburn.

—E. J. Dewey, Pastor

## News of Evangelists

EDWARD WILLIS has accepted a call to pastor at First Assembly, Wichita Falls, Tex. . . . W. F. GARVIN suffered a "silent" heart attack recently and had to cancel his meetings. . . . DALE HELLE will be holding meetings in Hawaii for six months. . . . MARY R. BRANHAM and PAULINE STEELE are pastoring the Northside Assembly in Fayetteville, Ark. . . . RALPH CRANSTON has accepted the pastorate in Escalon, Calif. . . . L. B. "BILL" LEWIS is the new pastor of Bethel Church, Modesto, Calif.

### NEW PASTOR

VALLEJO, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God Church has elected Paul Trulin of Sunnyside, Wash. as pastor.

For the past four years, R. C. (Keetah) Jones pastored the church. The church made wonderful progress under his ministry. Brother Jones has accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God in Panama City, Fla. His address is R. C. Jones, 2511 E. 3rd St., Panama City, Fla.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Jan. 15-Feb. 2	J. Philip Jackson	Howard P. Trawick
Calif.	Glendale	Maple Chapel	Jan. 14-26	Watson Argue	Raymond A. Schoch
	Hanford	Glad Tidings	Jan. 21—	James Pearson	Gene Forrest
	San Pedro	First	Jan. 12—	Paul B. Franklin	Ralph Salzman
	Wilmington	First	Jan. 19—	John McPherson Family	Thomas Ming, Sr.
Ill.	Centralia	A of G	Jan. 14—	Walter D. Lascelle	R. L. Covington
	Pekin	First	Jan. 12—	Bobby Ray	C. E. Richeson
Ind.	Richmond	First	Jan. 14-26	James West & wife	Wm. Van Winkle
Iowa	Newton	First	Jan. 19-Feb. 2	R. W. Hastie & wife	Benson Compton
Kans.	Hutchinson	First	Jan. 14-26	Garfield J. Unruh	J. L. Boulware
	Topeka	Glad Tidings	Jan. 12-26	James & Eva Colburn	G. B. Manning
La.	New Orleans	Arabi	Jan. 5—	L. D. Wells, Jr.	C. E. Peak
Mich.	Ecorse	Metropolitan	Jan. 19-Feb. 2	Arnold Segesman & wife	Carl B. Ausbury
Mo.	Columbia	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Garfield J. Unruh	Chas. A. Parker
Nebr.	Big Springs	A of G	Jan. 19—	Max Francis	Ivan West
N. H.	Concord	A of G	Jan. 14-26	Joel Palmer & wife	Albert W. Earle
N. Y.	Buffalo	Faith Gospel Tab.	Jan. 19-Feb. 2	C. S. Tubby	James Murray
	Utica	First	Jan. 5—	Joseph DeGrado	Wm. H. Douglas
N. Dak.	New England	A of G	Jan. 14-26	Paul Sandgren	Herman G. Johnson
Ohio	Cuyahoga Falls	A of G	Jan. 15-26	Tanner Team	A. T. Calvanico
Okla.	N. Miami	A of G	Jan. 12—	Lula M. Ware	L. R. Bell
Tenn.	Dyer	First	Jan. 16—	Billy Wolfe	E. C. Davis
Tex.	Dallas	Bethel Temple	Jan. 12—	Bill Sharp	Albert Ott
	Dallas	Grace	Jan. 19-Feb. 2	Elbert Smart & wife	Fred Davis
	Irving	First	Jan. 14—	Don George	H. S. Teichman
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# A Seer of a Century Ago

A Remarkable Summary of the Prophetic Outlook  
Written by Bishop J. C. Ryle About A.D. 1870

I BELIEVE that the world will never be completely converted to Christianity by any existing agency before the end comes. In spite of all that can be done by ministers, churches, schools, and missions, the wheat and the tares will grow together until the harvest. And when the end comes, it will find the earth in much the same state that it was when the flood came in the days of Noah (Matt. 13:24-30; 24:37-39).

I BELIEVE that the widespread unbelief, indifference, formalism, and wickedness, which are to be seen throughout Christendom, are only what we ought to expect from God's Word. Troublous times, departures from the faith, evil men waxing worse and worse, love waxing cold, are things distinctly predicted. So far from making me doubt the truth of Christianity, they help to confirm my faith. Melancholy and sorrowful as the sight is, if I did not see it I should think the Bible was not true (Matt. 24:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1, 13, 14).

I BELIEVE that the grand purpose of the present dispensation is to gather

out of the world an elect people, and not convert all mankind. It does not surprise me at all to hear that the heathen are not all converted when missionaries preach, and that believers are a little flock in many a congregation in my own land. It is precisely the state of things which I expect to find. . . . This is a dispensation of election, and not of universal conversion (Acts 4:14; Matt. 24:13).

I BELIEVE that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the great event which will wind up the present dispensation, and for which we ought daily to long and pray: "Thy Kingdom come." "Come, Lord Jesus," should be our daily prayer. We look backward, if we have faith, to Christ dying on the Cross, and we ought to look forward no less, if we have hope, to Christ coming again (John 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 Peter 3:12).

I BELIEVE that the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a real, literal, personal, bodily Coming; and that, as He went away in the clouds of Heaven with His body, before the eyes

of men, so in like manner He will return (Acts 1:11).

I BELIEVE that after our Lord Jesus Christ comes again, the earth shall be renewed and the curse removed; the devil shall be bound; the godly shall be rewarded, the wicked shall be punished; and that before He comes there will be neither resurrection, judgment, nor Millennium, and that not till after He comes shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Acts 3:21; Isa. 25:6-9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; Rev. 20:1, etc.).

I BELIEVE that the Jews shall ultimately be gathered again as a separate nation, restored to their own land, and converted to the faith of Christ (Jer. 30:10; 11; 31:10; Rom. 11:25, 26).

I BELIEVE that the literal sense of Old Testament prophecies has been far too much neglected by the churches, and is far too much neglected at the present day, and that under the mistaken system of spiritualizing and accommodating Bible language, Christians have too often missed its meaning (Luke 24:25, 26).

Finally, I BELIEVE that it is for the safety, happiness and comfort of all true Christians to expect as little as possible from churches or governments under the present dispensation, to hold themselves ready for tremendous convulsions and changes of all things established, and to expect their good things only from Christ's Second Advent.

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—*Prophetic Digest*

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Dr. Sam Shoemaker tells of a day when he sat in the rear of a church room while an official of a ladies organization told some forty women who were present how they might operate a "church pantry," bringing in jams and jellies for the support of an orphanage and other benevolent institutions in which they were interested.

That very day, over the dining table, Dr. Shoemaker asked the lady who had given the "pep" talk how many of the ladies of her organization ever got out and did something for the "street women" in the notorious southern part of that city. She replied: "You know, it's curious. There are several of those 'girls of the street' in a hospital, and only yesterday I called up fourteen of our ladies to see if some of them could not go down and visit those girls, but they all declined."

In telling the story, Dr. Shoemaker applied the fiery lash as he said in conclusion, "Orange marmalade is a good deal easier to make than Christians!"

—Paul S. Rees in *Christian: Commit Yourself* (published by Revell)

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I have come to know the EVANGEL through James Lyman, an American missionary to Turkey from 1913 to 1950 when he went to be with the Lord. At first I read his copies, then I subscribed through him and later through others' help. It is not possible to find and send any dollars outside this country. Besides there is a tremendous difference between the official rate [of exchange] and the unofficial, which I cannot afford. I thought perhaps someone can help me continue reading the EVANGEL as a tiny missionary enterprise for Turkey. How I would like that the Assemblies of God had missionaries in this country.

A few lines about my work, though I am nothing. I am working with the Bible Society as depot keeper, etc. I am on the committee of our Armenian Evangelical churches and play the organ in the services. Also I help the Armenian Evangelical school's managing board. I need your prayers very much.

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SAMUEL KAVAFIAN  
Istanbul, Turkey

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MRS. LETA STOKER  
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# to the editor

## Dislikes Special Themes

I think the Evangel is an excellent magazine and I await its arrival each week rather impatiently. However, I don't particularly care for the way you emphasize one particular theme in a particular issue now and then. Let's have more variety. Less sermon-type articles, please, and more human-interest features.

NAME WITHHELD BY EDITOR

## Likes Editorials

I have enjoyed reading this Full Gospel magazine for some time, and it has added much to my desire to remain faithful to the preaching of God's Word without compromise. Especially have I enjoyed the enlarged issues. Keep up the good work, and may your editorials continue to mark out the issues of the gospel of "holiness unto the Lord."

WILLIAM SHRAM  
Orangeville, Ontario  
Canada

## Wants More Articles on Daily Living

I am enclosing \$2.50 to renew my subscription to the EVANGEL for a year. It is a very good magazine but does need more articles on daily, victorious living. That is where we Pentecostals are weak.

HAZEL VAN EATON  
San Diego, Calif.

## A Blessing to His Ministry

Your splendid periodical has been a great blessing to me and to my ministry for many years.

LINWOOD JACOBS  
Marion, S. C.

## Receives Blessing from Testimonies

I just must write and tell you how much I enjoy the EVANGEL. I read it from cover to cover, and never fail to receive a blessing as I read the Spirit-filled testimonies of healing and of the wondrous works of the Lord. I remarked to my daughter that I wished there were two issues weekly!

MELVA LAMBERT  
Paducah, Ky.

## From a Young Person

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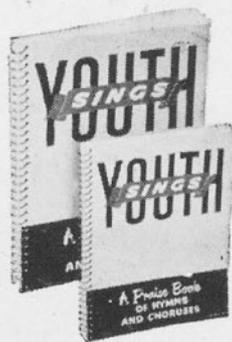
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# At 'Wit's End Corner'

BY VIRGINIA L. SCHNEIDER

**H**AVE YOU EVER BEEN AT "WIT'S END CORNER"—NOT knowing which way to turn? The Bible speaks of those who "because of trouble . . . are at their wit's end . . ." (Psalm 107:26, 27).

Most of us, some time or other, come to our "wit's end"—for life has its shadows as well as its sunshine, its anguish along with its laughter, its pain and its peace. But at "wit's end corner" we find God is near. "At their wit's end . . . they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses" (Psalm 107: 27-28).

Have you ever been at the "wit's end corner" of *fear*, like the Philippian jailer, who thought his prisoners had escaped and decided the only way out was suicide? "He drew out his sword and would have killed himself" (Acts 16:27) had not Paul pointed him to the Saviour instead. Faith conquered fear; salvation prevented suicide. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," he was told. He did so and "rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:31, 34).

An elderly Ohio couple late one night stood deliberately in the path of an oncoming passenger train. Their suicide note read, "We can't stand it any longer!" Hemmed in at "wit's end corner" of distress and ill health, they thought self-murder was the only way out!

Are you at the "wit's end corner" of *conviction*, unsaved friend? Are you "kicking against the pricks," as did Saul, who had to be stricken blind before he surrendered his life to Christ (Acts 9:5-6)?

A modern Saul was Dr. R. A. Torrey, an infidel with no faith in God or the Bible. Kicking against his godly mother's pleas to surrender to Christ, Dr. Torrey left home to live a life in sin. But there came a time when, like the prodigal son, "he had spent all . . . and began to be in want" (Luke 15:14). "At wit's end corner" of conviction, tempted to "end it all," he remembered his mother's last words to him—that if, in the darkest hours of his life, he would call upon her God, he would receive help. In desperation and anguish of heart, he prayed, "Oh, God of my mother, if there is such a Being, I want light, and if thou wilt give it, I will follow it." Light *did* come—he was gloriously saved, and later dedicated his life to preach the gospel he once hated.

*Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Christian, with troubled brow?  
Are you thinking of what is before you,  
And all you are bearing now?  
Does all the world seem against you  
And you're in the battle alone?  
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner"  
Is just where God's power is shown!*

*Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Blinded with wearying pain,  
Feeling you cannot endure it,  
You cannot bear the strain?  
Bruised through the constant suffering;  
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb!  
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner"  
Is where Jesus loves to come!*

*Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Your work before you spread—  
All lying, begun, unfinished,  
And pressing on heart and head—  
Longing for strength to do it,  
Stretching out trembling hands?  
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner,"  
The Burden-bearer stands!*

*Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner"?  
Then you're in the very spot  
To learn the wondrous resources  
Of Him who faileth not.  
No doubt to a brighter pathway  
Your footsteps will soon be moved;  
But only at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Is the "God who is able" proved.  
—Author Unknown*

Are you at the "wit's end corner" of *trouble* as was King Jehoshaphat of Judah when assailed by a multitude of enemy nations? At "wit's end corner" he "feared and set himself to seek the Lord" (2 Chronicles 20:3, 4). He assembled all the people for a great prayer meeting. "O our God," he pleaded, "we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." At "wit's end corner" of distress, he found God a very present Helper who wrought a great victory for His people.

Abraham Lincoln confessed, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." After the battle of Bull Run he was heard praying in sorrowful tones for wisdom. "I cannot guide the affairs of this nation," he cried "I cannot lead this people without Thy help . . . I am weak . . . O God, hear me, and save this nation."

Whatever may be *your* "wit's end corner"—whether it be fear, conviction, sickness, trouble, or other problems—you need to turn to the Lord. For, as the Psalmist said, "God is our refuge and strength, a *very present help in trouble.*"