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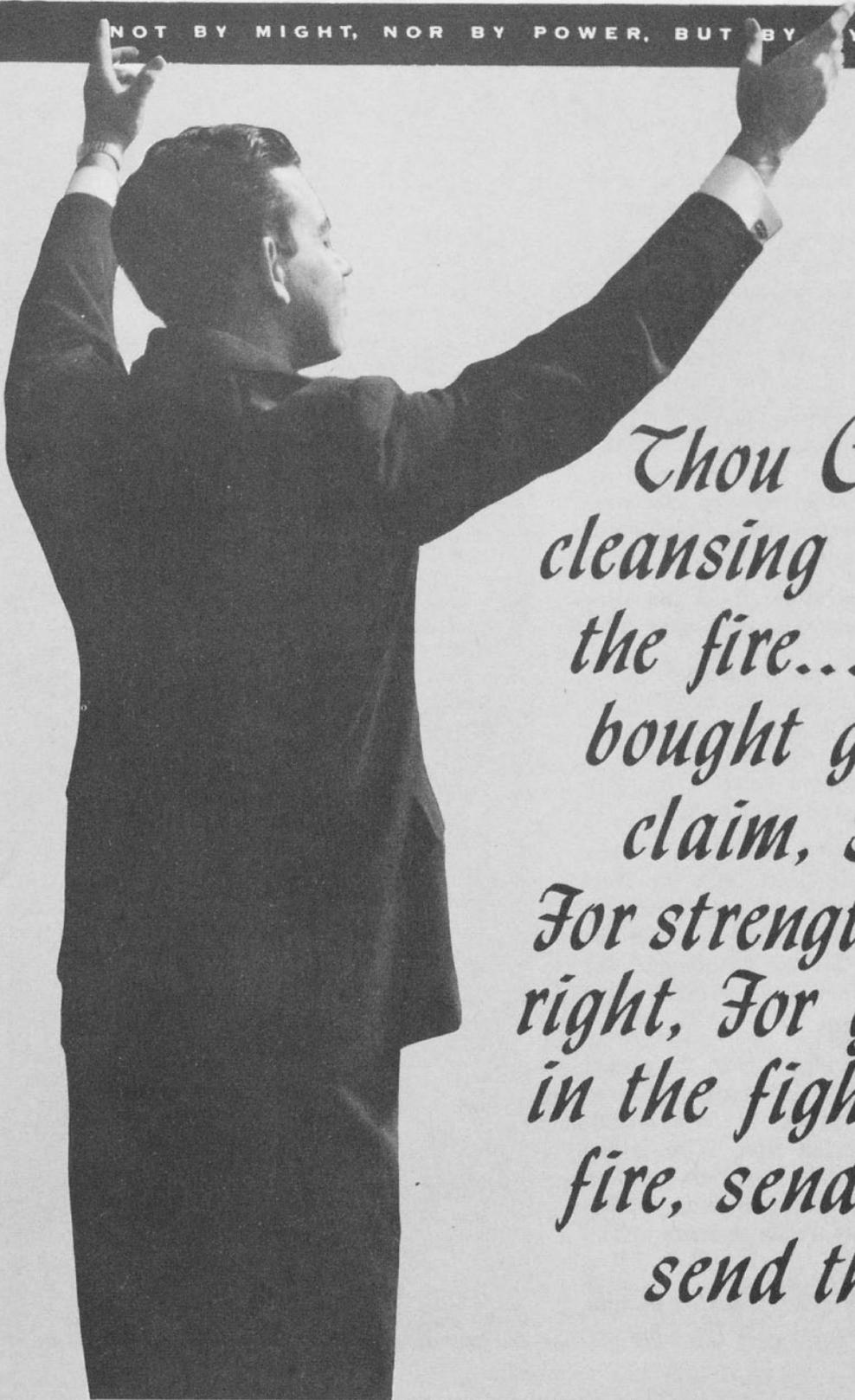
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY THE SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



*Thou Christ of burning,
cleansing flame, Send
the fire... Thy blood-
bought gift today we
claim, Send the fire...
For strength to ever do the
right, For grace to conquer
in the fight... Send the
fire, send the fire,
send the fire!*

Pentecost Crusade

"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT"

MAY 18-25

Pentecostal Fire

Pentecost Sunday will come this year on May 25. The Evangelism Department is urging every Assembly to promote a great "Pentecost Crusade" for at least a week prior to that date, and to join other Assemblies in a united cry that God will again "send the Fire."

John the Baptist prophesied that Christ would baptize His followers with the Holy Ghost and with fire. That prophecy began to be fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when "cloven tongues like as of fire" descended upon a hundred and twenty praying believers in an upper room and changed them from timid Christian "hangers on" into flaming gospel witnesses. It banished their fears, brought them out from behind closed doors, and made them mighty soul winners. It enabled the little group to stand before all the Jews and declare that they had slain the Lord of Glory, whom God had raised from the dead and exalted to the courts of heaven.

This world needs a religion of fire today. Many hearts are tired of a religion of chilly formalism and empty ritualism. They are crying out, as did the prophet of old, "The God that answereth by fire, let Him be God." They are not interested in worship at a fireless altar. They want a holy flame that will consume their dross, warm their spirits, and illumine their lives with the light of God.

What they need is to be "baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Samuel Chadwick, writing of this Pentecostal fire, said this:

"Whatever this fire may be, it is identified with the person of the Holy Spirit. Its power is moral and spiritual. Men's souls are charged, saturated, enveloped with the Spirit of God. The passion of God possesses with the intensity of fire. His love is shed abroad in our hearts, and His holiness becomes the master-passion of our souls. The early Christians burned and they shone—burning and shining lights.

"It kindles the fires of Christ's soul into the souls of men. They receive, realize and reproduce His mind, His heart, His life. His zeal becomes the all-pervasive character of their lives. They manifest His fervent devotion to the will of the Father, His holy passion for reality and righteousness, His consuming zeal for the salvation of the lost. Religion at flame heat illumines the mind and energizes every faculty.

"Men ablaze are invincible. For fifty days the facts of the gospel were complete, but no conversions were recorded. Pentecost registered three thousand souls. Hell trembles when men kindle. Sin, worldliness, unbelief are proof against everything but fire. Fire is the best defense against corruption. The Church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Spirit. If we are destitute of fire, nothing else counts; if we possess fire, nothing else really matters. The one vital need is fire."

O God, kindle this Pentecostal fire within every heart. Consume our dross; set us aflame; clothe us with white-hot zeal for Thee.

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The Bishop and the Mule

The next morning the sick mule was as good as ever. No one seemed surprised—only grateful



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MY FATHER WAS AN AUSTERE AND very religious man. He made his meager living by tilling the soil with much labor of himself and, indeed, of the whole family, plus the unwilling assistance of a pair of rather dilapidated old mules. But he organized a church among the more or less devout of his neighbors, and they met every Sunday in the small country schoolhouse a mile or two distant from our home.

Father also attended and assisted at many other religious meetings at various points within the radius of an hour or two of old Fanny's jog. Fanny was the one mule that could be induced to draw our family carriage, although she did so under considerable protest.

On one occasion, an itinerant preacher was holding a protracted meeting at our schoolhouse. These meetings occurred almost every autumn and often at other seasons of the year. On these occasions a preaching service was held every night and was attended by nearly everyone in the neighborhood. Some came for the purpose of sincerely worshipping their Maker, others came for entertainment or out of pure curiosity; but all came.

As usual, my father was host to the preacher. This meant that he gave the visiting "brother" free board and lodging, transportation to and from the meetings, free laundry service for both his shirts, and much moral support.

This particular guest preacher was a little round-shouldered, insignificant

looking old man who shaved himself recklessly once each week, wore baggy trousers, a blue shirt frayed at collar and cuffs, no tie, and very tousled greying hair. His speech was low and slow and often ungrammatical, but a fervor burned in his watery blue eyes that compelled the respect of an unprejudiced observer.

One night during the course of these meetings, old Fanny fell seriously ill. Fanny was an essential unit in our lives. Without her that family carriage could no longer carry us to church, and with only one mule Father could scarcely till his barren little farm. Her death would be a major disaster. My father and the little grey preacher worked for hours over this sick mule. They dosed her with many concoctions. They rubbed her. They covered the trembling animal with old sacks to keep her warm, for the night was cold and the stable draughty. They did everything within their means to save Fanny's life.

I was too young to be of any assistance, so was spared the pain of leaving my warm blankets. But I was not too young to feel the gravity of the situation, and to thrill to the changes in Fanny's condition as the men returned to the house at intervals to warm themselves, to secure new medicines and supplies, and to consult with each other as to ways and means to cheat death of his victim. I would doze luxuriously

BY J. R. LAMONT

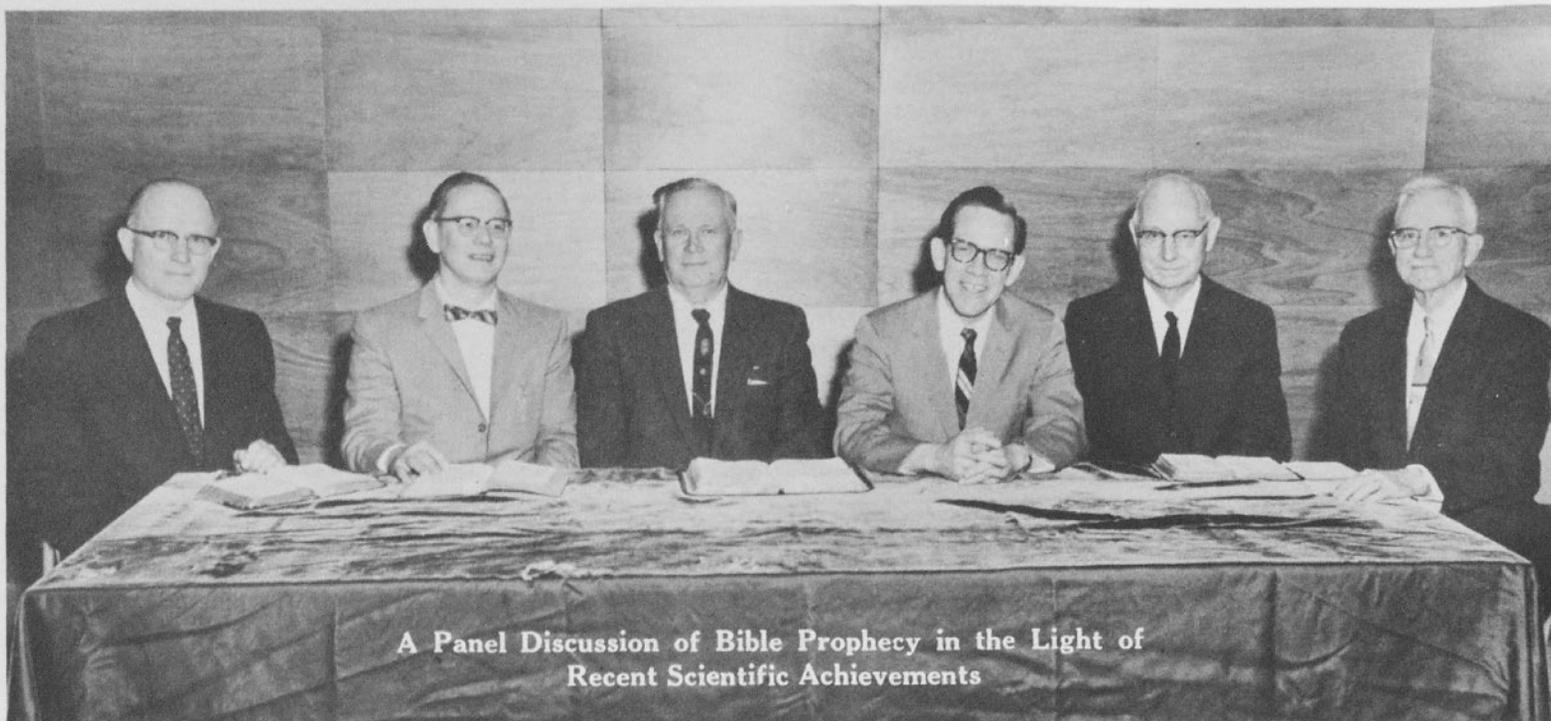
and wake to find the two men stamping into the kitchen, beating their hands together to keep up the circulation, or find them huddled over the kitchen stove in earnest conversation.

All at once I was wide awake. It must have been nearly morning. The kerosene lamp burned low on the oil-cloth covered table, as it had done all night, and the weary forms of the two men were on their knees. The voice of the little seedy-looking preacher, solemn, slow, low-pitched, came to my ears. "O kind God, spare the life of this mule. Restore her to health and strength, for Thou knowest, O Lord, this brother's need for a team. Lord, how can he feed his little ones if Thou takest away this means of support? Thou knowest, kind Lord, we have done our best. In Thy able hands we leave the issue and commit our tired bodies to rest—Amen." I had a guilty feeling of eavesdropping on this soul as he bared his heart to his God. I fell asleep.

The next morning, the sick mule was as good as ever. She ate and drank and pursued her even and unwilling course. No one seemed surprised—only grateful.

That night the schoolhouse was more crowded than usual. Through some chance, I do not know what, a conspicuous stranger was in the congregation. But he was not crowded, though

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A Panel Discussion of Bible Prophecy in the Light of Recent Scientific Achievements

The Conquest of Out

A MOST INTERESTING PANEL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE recently at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. The pastor, James W. Van Meter, invited members of the congregation to submit questions on "the conquest of outer space" and its bearing on Bible Prophecy.

A panel of five men (see photo) answered these questions during a Sunday night service. The pastor served as moderator. The questions and answers are given below.

I

Does the Bible offer anything to support the theory that man will be able to go to the moon and return?

F. M. BOYD—I think the answer to that would be in the negative. Not under his own power. Ultimately we know what's going to happen, as far as Christians are concerned. We are going to be able to go to places much farther distant than the moon. But man, under his own power, is not going to go to the moon.

MODERATOR—Does someone else want to comment on this?

BOYD—I might add that he may get there, but I question whether he will ever come back.

M. B. NETZEL—I would like to suggest that the problem is to overcome gravity; and the Scripture tells us that "by Him all things consist," or all things are *held together* by Christ. Again, the Bible tells us that Christ *upholds* "all things by the word of his power," and if man does overcome gravity it will be by the permission of Him by whom "all things consist."

MODERATOR—Thank you, Brother Netzel.

II

Does the possibility really exist that there is life on Mars?

W. R. ERNST—So far as I know, the opinion about life on Mars has been first positive and then negative. It hasn't at any time been conclusive. The Canal hypothesis has been alternately accepted and then rejected. We do know that there is very little water vapor on Mars. The climate is very severe. The observation of changing colors has suggested vegetation of at least a low order, and this gives place to the possibility of life on Mars. Beyond that science has no definite conclusions at all.

R. M. RIGGS—I was reading *Christian Life*, the February issue, where there is an article on this very subject, "A Christian View of Life on Other Planets." It consists of an interview with Professor Mixer, who is chairman of the science division at Wheaton College.

The question was asked, similar to that which is here asked: "Dr. Mixer, with the coming of the satellites and some seemingly unaccounted-for objects in the skies, Christians are increasingly curious about existence of life on other planets. Even children are raising the question. Is life elsewhere in the universe possible—or probable?"

His answer: "Scientific investigation has indicated that life—in the form of lichens, algae, fungi and other simplified forms—does exist on Mars. The planet comes close to having a temperature and atmosphere similar to ours. If there were no life on the planet there would be nothing to prevent the winds of Mars from scattering the dust and sands into a uniform surface—which Mars does not have."

ERNST—There is a possibility that life exists. For the most part, life that we would be concerned about would be life similar to our own, and of course we are prone to view this possibility subjectively. Life of another order is possible, but so far it seems rather conclusive that no life of a higher order such as our own does exist on Mars.

Left to right: M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer, Assemblies of God; Walter Ernst, Assistant Professor in Department of Science and Mathematics, Evangel College; R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God; James W. Van Meter, Pastor, Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo.; Ernest S. Williams, former General Superintendent, Assemblies of God; Frank M. Boyd, Instructor in Bible, Central Bible Institute.

E. S. WILLIAMS—I think there's just a great deal that nobody knows yet about what we call outer space, or the great universe of which we are a part. We are in a speculative field, very definitely, and a person might speculate on a statement that we find in the Scripture. It says that Jesus is before all things, and by Him were all things created, both which are in heaven, and in earth, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were made by Him and for Him, etc.

We are perfectly safe in saying it includes the angelic world, because the Bible has given us a revelation concerning angels. If we go beyond that we get into the field of speculation. But I do not know that this does any

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harm unless we try to force some idea that we have on other people. I think there is a great world that lies out there. In the ages to come, God's going to show the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us. The Bible speaks of the whole family in heaven and in earth, and says that He has reconciled all things unto Himself, both those in heaven and those in earth.

BOYD—I think we are going to be thrilled, friends, with what the Lord will open up to us of His wisdom and power throughout the eternal ages. Whenever you take the ability to achieve, and explore, and discover away from man, there isn't much use living. So I believe that part of the program of God in the future will be to reveal, out of His wisdom and power, the wonders of His creative handiwork. We are going to be thrilled and entranced with what we shall have unfolding to us when our limitations are removed and we have our redeemed bodies, our redeemed minds. But just now I think the Lord has kept the Book closed, and when we try to enter realms where we don't belong, we are likely to get into trouble.

III

In the light of recent outer space achievements, what is the meaning of the passage in Joel's writings, "And the moon shall be turned into blood before the terrible day of the Lord shall come?"

WILLIAMS—I may be incorrect but I don't think it means the moon will turn literally to blood. There may be an appearance resembling blood. We find similar phenomena predicted by Jesus in Matthew 24. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven." I think there will be great displays of divine power within the realm of nature, but I question

very much that literally the moon will be turned into blood.

BOYD—I think Brother Williams has the answer. In the Book of Revelation, the 6th chapter, we read, "And the moon became as blood." There you have a simile which shows it doesn't mean the moon was literally changed to blood; it merely *looked* like that. In other words, it's a strange phenomenon which will undoubtedly inspire fear in the hearts of earth dwellers at the time.

IV

Should Jesus tarry, is there any scientific or Biblical information that would make it reasonable to expect that we could travel to Mars and return?

ERNST—In the light of what the Russians and we ourselves have achieved in already orbiting satellites, and having nuclear power at our avail in the world, the scientist can reasonably conjecture that it is technologically possible at the present to establish an earth-orbiting satellite station, devise a nuclear reactor to be used as power source to send a rocket from such a station to the vicinity of the Mars orbit, and then beyond that perhaps to go down to the vicinity of Mars. That is a technological possibility that is accepted in scientific circles. As far as nuclear power is concerned, it is adequate to provide motion between a satellite station near the earth and an orbit around Mars. The great problem, of course, will be that which concerns mostly the body of man, his ability to live in a confined space, the maintenance of an artificial atmosphere, and overcoming the effects of weightlessness. These are scientific problems which are being discussed today at great length.

Such a project is not impossible. I often think of the passage in Genesis where the Lord came down and said, "Let us look," and there was discussed also how that men would now accomplish almost anything that they set out to do. The Scriptures seem to show that man by his God-endowed mentality and intelligence could do these daring things.

RIGGS—The question is, "Should Jesus tarry, is there any scientific or Biblical information that would make it reasonable to expect that we could travel to Mars and return?" Dr. Ernst has given us scientific information. Now let me make a suggestion concerning Biblical information.

There was a man by the name of Elisha, who according to the Bible went to heaven, not in a flying saucer, but in a flying chariot, a chariot of fire. And then, do you know what happened? He came back again. He was on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter saw him; he was there with Jesus; he talked with Jesus. So he had been farther than to Mars and back again.

Now, I don't think that this is going to be challenged by anyone, because this is Bible. This actually happened. He went to heaven and back again. And he was recognized when he came back to this earth again. He was a sample. He was a "first fruits," a "foretaste." There is a great crowd of people that I know of (and I am looking at some of them tonight) that are going to get swept away, not in a flying saucer or a chariot of fire, but by the miraculous call of our wonderful Lord. He is going to take us up to heaven in a cloud, where He will be in a

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cloud. And more than that, we are going to come back. These folk who are figuring on going to Mars and back are behind the times. The Lord has already done it, as a sample of how it can be done, and He has given us His specific promise that we are going up, not to the moon and back, but to the third heaven, the very presence of God, and back again.

BOYD—I agree with Brother Riggs in everything he has said, but I would like to make a comment regarding what Brother Ernst has said. The possibilities of science, in these days, are tremendous, and we are overwhelmed with what's taking place. May I make this general comment that the Scripture is being fulfilled in all of these plans for space travel, space platforms, and sending messages to earth again. All this is fulfilling the prophecy of Daniel 12, concerning the end time—"Knowledge shall be increased." It's a sign that we are in the end of the age.

WILLIAMS—I think we all agree with Brother Riggs that we will all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and be caught up to heaven, but I think the question is: Will man through scientific effort be able to go to Mars and return? We are unable to give a positive answer to that.

NETZEL—In God's catching away of individuals He has provided for their sustenance, as in the case of Elijah. He will also do that in the rapture of the saints. The distance to Mars, so we are informed by scientific calculations, is 48 million miles; that is, "as the crow flies." Since planets are in orbit, it would take 370 million miles of travel. At the rate of 60,000 miles per hour, it would take 258 days. Now, no one has gone there yet; but if transportation is discovered to make the trip, I don't know how they could transport food enough for such a trip, or provide atmospheric conditions for such a trip. And then, after Mars has been reached, there will be the return trip.

RIGGS—That's some crow, when you talk about the way the crow flies! But the Lord has got them all beat, because you don't have to have a case along to travel in, and all the other conveniences. Your body is changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, so you could be transported instantly through all those thousands of miles and be happy, be comfortable, and come back when the Lord says so. Hallelujah!

V

Are there facts, Scriptural or otherwise, to prove the genuine existence of flying saucers?

ERNST—Well, the evidence seems to be in conflict. Those who are positive are very positive about it, but we still don't know for sure whether flying saucers do exist or not. There may be travelers in space who are not of our shape, not living as we do. But this again is a field of speculation that I feel we do well to leave alone.

NETZEL—There have been books and pamphlets written on flying saucers, but I have thought they were so speculative that I have not troubled myself to read them; however, there are sincere people who say they have seen something of the sort. Either there are flying saucers, or people have had mental hallucinations or seen physical mirages that have deceived them.

In connection with the so-called sighting of flying

saucers and the placing of earth satellites in orbit, it is my opinion that God is permitting these things in order that man will feel himself so acquainted with the heavens, and eventually so enabled to control bodies in the heavens, that when Christ comes with His armies the world, under the delusion of incarnate falsehood, will array itself against the Lord Jesus Christ and His armies as they come from heaven. God is permitting flying saucers, or these hallucinations or mirages, allowing man to apparently conquer gravity and space, in order to make tampering in the heavens a common thing. During the reign of anti-Christ, this will continue until the world will think lightly of defying Christ and His armies from heaven.

VI

Is there anything in Scripture to assure us that the United States or even the entire world will not be utterly destroyed before the coming of the Lord?

RIGGS—That, I think, is not too difficult to answer. Here in the 25th chapter of Matthew we read, "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations." Now that is at His revelation after the tribulation time. There will be *nations* left at that time. Also, in Revelation 20, verses 7 and 8, there is light on that point. It is after the millennium; the Lord has come, and a thousand years have gone by, when the devil is released to go out to the four corners of the earth to deceive the *nations*. There wouldn't be any nations if they had all been destroyed before the Lord's return. These nations will have survived the tribulation in some way.

BOYD—Furthermore, the 7th chapter of Revelation indicates that there will be a remnant of Israel that will have survived. They will be the nucleus, we believe, of a new nation of Israel. That would certainly be against any thought that all the earth's population will be destroyed.

WILLIAMS—There are three schools of teaching. There is the post-millennial teaching that the world gets better and better, until it comes to the final judgment. There is another school that believes that when Jesus comes the world will end. We who take the pre-millennial viewpoint believe that we have the promise of Jesus' coming for the Church. We believe He will also return with His redeemed ones to dethrone Satan, to take over the governments of this world, to establish the kingdom of heaven, and bring in His thousand-year reign. This is all prior to the final destruction of the earth which is described in 2 Peter 3:10-13.

We have not gone very far into this in this discussion. I am simply calling attention to the fact that there are these different views. We who are pre-millennialists believe there will be a rather long interval between the time when the Lord comes to reign and the time when the heavens shall roll together as a scroll, and the earth shall melt with fervent heat.

NETZEL—I understand that physicists were afraid, when they tested the original atom bomb at White Sands, N. Mex., that the explosion might set off a chain reaction so devastating that the population could be exterminated. Now, men *may* get it in their power to destroy civilization,

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Only

THUNDER?

BY DON MALLOUGH

THERE ARE VARYING DEGREES IN the ability to hear. A wild beast can perceive the sound of a human voice but the sound has no meaning. A trained animal receives commands and acts in accordance with them. It does not understand the words but reacts primarily to the repetition of certain tones. Only man can discern the various words, decipher their meaning, and thoroughly grasp the thought which is transferred from one mind to another.

The ability to hear involves more than just having ears that function perfectly. Even those who have sensitive physical faculties do not always hear that which they should. A willingness to hear is just as important as the ability to do so. Our Lord repeatedly emphasized this fact by saying, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

On one occasion, Jesus paused in His public teaching to breathe a prayer to His Father. He said, "Father, glorify thy name." Suddenly a voice rang forth from the heavens, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." In both instances, the utterances were brief; but it is interesting to hear the testimonies of the onlookers as to just what happened.

The Scriptures record those reactions: "The people therefore that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him" (John 12:29). Many people were witnesses to what went on, and all of them not only had the ability to hear but claimed to have heard all there was to hear. Yet their testimonies varied greatly. God spoke distinctly, but some only got an impression of a majestic noise in the heavens. They explained it by saying it was a natural phenomenon, thunder. There were

others who discerned that it was a voice but misconstrued the source. They thought it was that of an angel. If they had thoroughly understood the utterance, they would have known it came from God, because Jesus' words were addressed to Him and the voice answered in the first person. They heard, yet they didn't hear. They either could not or would not hear what God said. If they knew it was the voice of God, they were loath to admit it.

Even in our day when God speaks many hear only thunder. He expresses Himself clearly through the Bible but they do not discern it as the Word of God. They see it only as history, a book of intriguing stories, folklore, excellent literature, poetry. To them it is only thunder. They attribute the source of the message to mere mortals who lived in the dim, distant past. Among many modern listeners, the voice of God is not even attributed to angels, but to fellow human beings.

God speaks through the wonders of the physical world, but men hear only a muted message. The Psalmist understood the truth and said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

Men see the same handywork but talk vaguely of Mother Nature, as if all of these things came into existence by themselves.

Through providential leadings and events, God makes His ways known to men. To the individual attuned to His voice, such providences become guideposts in knowing the will and purpose of God. The average person does not perceive the message but recognizes events as only coincidence and happenstance. God speaks in several ways; but many hear only thunder, the voice

of angels, or at best a garbled message.

God does not speak just to hear Himself talk or to make a mumbling noise. His purpose is that men may hear and understand. In this scriptural instance where there was a difference of opinion as to what happened, Jesus reminded them, "This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes." The whole plan of God is thwarted if the message He utters is not heard or understood. He speaks for the benefit of man and is disappointed if man does not get the message. It is not enough to know that God speaks. We must understand that it is He and we must comprehend what He says.

The person who cannot hear is to be pitied. The one who *will* not hear is in a worse condition but has no one to blame but himself. He deliberately disregards that which is spoken for his own good. He closes his mind to that which was intended specifically for him.

Jesus recognized and understood the voice of God because He had heard it before. Whether it was shouted or whispered, He got the message. Happy is the man who, like our Lord, develops the art and practice of listening to God. He not only has the ability to hear but the willingness as well. Along with this comes a submissiveness to the will of God. With that combination there will be the sure result of divine blessing.

God still speaks today. He speaks through the Bible, through His ministers, through circumstances, and in a variety of other ways. He has given us eternal souls with which to hear His message. Are you hearing and doing His will, or have you dismissed His message as a natural phenomenon? Have you accepted His message, or have you shrugged your shoulders and said it was only thunder? ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

France

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE OPENING IN FRENCH CAPITAL

An evangelistic crusade will open on April 26 in Paris, sponsored by evangelical churches of various denominations. The meetings will be held in the Paris sports palace, France's largest auditorium, which seats 15,000 people and has standing room for 5,000 more.

According to Youth for Christ International, the evangelist will be an American, 31-year-old Eugene Boyer. Prayer is requested for the success of this soul-winning venture.

Denmark

DANISH BAPTISTS ASK RIGHT TO SUPPLY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Baptists in Denmark have petitioned for a change in the law which requires that teachers of religion in primary schools must be members of the Lutheran church. They want members of Baptist churches to be permitted to teach also.

When the question comes up in parliament, the Church of Denmark is expected to oppose the request on the grounds that 97 per cent of the nation's population is enrolled in the Lutheran church. No doubt it will point out that children of non-Lutheran families are excused from the religious classes upon the parents' request.

Japan

HALF A MILLION GOSPEL TRACTS DISTRIBUTED IN TOKYO

For the fourth year, missionaries of the Tokyo area joined their efforts in a New Year tract distribution campaign to coincide with the annual visits to the Japanese shrines by non-Christians. This year over half a million gospel tracts were distributed, and none of the copies was thrown down.

According to *Far East News Service*, about fifty people per day are seeking a better understanding of the Christian faith as a result of the tract distribution.

Britain

ARCHBISHOP CONDEMNS ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR

Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, condemned artificial insemination by a donor other than the husband as a "breach of marriage." He said the Church of England held it to be a sin. In his presidential address to the Convocation of Canterbury he demanded that the practice be made a criminal offense. Dr. Fisher declared that artificial insemination by a donor violated the "exclusive union set up between husband and wife" and constituted an offense against the "social and legal implications of marriage." He said that a child conceived and born through this practice undoubtedly was "born out of wedlock" and would be considered illegitimate in the eyes of the law.

ARCHBISHOP CALLS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ON MALTA

In view of discussions now under way to integrate the Mediterranean island of Malta with Great Britain, the Archbishop of Canterbury warned that a greater degree of religious liberty for non-Catholics on Malta would be expected.

He said Anglicans and Protestants of various faiths have "often and grievously suffered denials of their proper liberties, and the Colonial office for many years past has been very unwilling to give us any help or encouragement in the assertion of our proper claims."

U. A. R.

NO STATE RELIGION NAMED IN UNITED ARAB CONSTITUTION

The provisional constitution of the new United Arab Republic, announced last month by President Nasser, contains no stipulation for a state religion. It declares that all religions shall be equal before the law in the new union of Syria and Egypt.

Previous constitutions of Egypt stated that "Islam is the religion of the State." Syrian constitutions of recent years, while not mentioning a State religion,

provided that "the religion of the President of the Republic should be Islam."

Lack of any reference to Islam in the provisional constitution was said to be due to the insistence of leaders of the Syrian Socialist Renaissance Party. One of the three leaders and founders of the party is Michel Aflak, a Christian. Christians make up 16 per cent of Syria's population and 10 per cent of Egypt's.

Israel

MILLION-DOLLAR RELIGIOUS CENTER BUILT IN JERUSALEM

Rabbis and laymen from all parts of the world will gather in Jerusalem on May 8 for the dedication of a Jewish religious center, built at a cost of over a million dollars. The building will house the offices of the Chief Rabbinate, the supreme rabbinical court, and all the leading Jewish religious institutions in Jerusalem. Most of the funds to erect it were donated by Harry Wolfson, a prominent British financier and industrialist.

U. S. S. R.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT NOW CAMPAIGNING TO REDUCE SMOKING

Many Russians, especially those over forty years old, are trying to give up smoking on physicians' orders. Health broadcasters tell the Soviet people repeatedly that smoking is harmful to the heart and lungs. The medical commentators characterize smoking as "an absurd survival from the past," and urge listeners to "use their will power." But, like smokers everywhere, the Russians find it difficult to break the habit without God's help.

Medical officials warn the Russians that smoking damages the heart. (Heart disease is the main cause of death in the Soviet Union.) Anti-smoking propaganda also warns against tuberculosis, which takes many lives. Paradoxically, although the state officially discourages smoking, it nevertheless maintains a thriving tobacco manufacturing industry. In Moscow hundreds of state stores sell many varieties of cigarettes.

MOSCOW RADIO COMPLAINS OF RELIGION'S INCREASING INFLUENCE

The Moscow Radio, in a German-language broadcast, complained that young Germans living in the U.S.S.R. are becoming increasingly influenced by religion. It blamed the situation on the Komsomol, the Communist youth organization, which, it said, fails to provide them with interesting ways of spending their free time. As a result, the station said, these young people either "drift to drink, or allow themselves to be enticed into places of worship where they are diverted into a superstitious, religion-ridden way of life."

U. S. A.

BOOKLET DEALS WITH OBSCENITY

A new booklet, written by Ralph A. Cannon, deals with the problem of sex exploitation on the newsstands. It is published by the TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C. and can be purchased for 25 cents.

The author has made a very complete investigation of the "smut" and pornographic magazines that are being displayed openly today on the street corners of America. His findings, published in this booklet under the title "A Sickness in Society," are calculated to alert thoughtful Christians to the dangers confronting today's youth, and to inform them of legal ways of damming up the flow of filth.

JUDGE ADVISES PRAYER TO SETTLE CHURCH DISPUTE

A Superior Court judge in Atlantic City, N. J., told the opposing factions in a church property dispute to settle their differences "on their knees."

Members of a Russian Eastern Orthodox church are divided over a dispute as to whether their previous rector turned over all the church property to his successor. Judge Lester A. Drenk, addressing members of both factions in the courtroom, said: "It is hard to understand how professed Christians could become so bitter as to bring a matter involving only dollars and cents into court." He added that "this controversy should be resolved by members of both groups on their knees in prayer to demonstrate your right to be called Christians. I hope in that way the Holy Spirit will enter your hearts and reunite your parish."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

. . . LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

NEW EDUCATION SECRETARY--C. C. Burnett, who is now serving as vice president of Central Bible Institute, has been appointed to the office of National Education Secretary of the Assemblies of God. He will succeed J. Robert Ashcroft, who is to assume new duties as president of Central Bible Institute and Evangel College.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION TO ICELAND--Thomas F. Zimmerman, as a guest of the U. S. Air Force, spent a week in Iceland in March ministering to the American servicemen who are stationed there. His ministry was well received. More than a dozen men stepped out publicly for Christ in one service. There were officers as well as enlisted men among the converts.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK reaches a climax this Sunday, April 20. The annual observance, sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, was endorsed by President Eisenhower. In a statement written especially for the occasion, Mr. Eisenhower said that the religious education of people "assures the continuing strength of our service to God and neighbor."

POSTAL RATES ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS will be raised, if Congress adopts the Senate bill that has been endorsed by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. The new rates will substantially increase the cost of our church and Sunday School literature. Religious publishers have strongly protested the proposed increase, and as we go to press a joint committee of Congressmen and Senators is conferring on the matter.

HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT WASHINGTON next week on the Langer Bill (S. 582) which would prohibit the interstate transportation of advertising of alcoholic beverages and bar liquor ads from magazines, radio, and TV. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, of the Methodist Church, has been authorized to speak for the Assemblies of God in supporting the Langer Bill at the Senate hearings. Our General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, has issued a statement on the subject. He says the Assemblies of God constituency, representing approximately one million people, is "convinced that it is not in the best interests of the American people, that alcoholic liquors of any kind be advertised in newspapers, periodicals, newsreels, photographic films, or over radio and television. We are strongly in favor of legislation to prohibit such practices."

RESERVATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE of Pentecostal Churches, to be held at Toronto, Canada, September 14-21, are pouring into the office of the local conference secretary, James Montgomery. In a single day's mail, reservations came in from seven lands (Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Panama). Inquiries or reservations have been received from 26 lands. Three passenger trains have been chartered and group reservations have been made in practically all Toronto hotels, as well as motels and tourist homes. The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel has booked 75 rooms in one hotel. The U. S. Assemblies of God has reserved 250 rooms for its delegates.

DANCING IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS has been condemned by the Greater Portland Association of Evangelical Churches, Portland, Maine. The association charged that dancing violates the religious principles of some pupils, lowers morals, and ignores the fact that the schools' work should be primarily educational. The churches asked the public schools to drop dancing from the physical education programs and substitute a "more suitable exercise."



Bethel Temple, Manila where many were saved and filled with the Spirit

Part of the congregation on last Sunday night of the McAlister meeting

Revival in Manila

By **MR. AND MRS. ALFRED CAWSTON**, Manila, Philippines

IT WAS WITH JOY THAT WE WELCOMED Evangelist Harvey McAlister back to Manila for a visit.

From the first service the Spirit of God was outpoured. As the Word was faithfully preached it found entrance into many hearts, and the altars of Bethel Temple were lined with seekers for salvation. It was truly wonderful to witness hundreds standing at the altar rails night after night with up-turned faces, drinking in the blessings of the Lord.

Ruben Candelaria, Bethel's Tagalog pastor (Tagalog is the national language) writes: "On the first night over one hundred flocked to the altar. Of these we definitely counted the names

of seventy-five new converts. Night after night for fifteen nights other seekers accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. On the final night, the theme was, 'The Other Side of Death,' an exposition of God's Word refuting purgatory. The temple was filled. We rarely had seen the church so filled and there were over two hundred decisions.

"I had never before seen so many people through our altars seeking salvation. Specially trained workers dealt with the seekers individually. In the Sunday night meetings and sometimes during the week, Paul Pipkin took personal charge of the decision chapel and spent much time patiently instructing the seekers. Each was supplied with suitable literature, and records were kept for follow-up work.

"Our records, after doubtful cases were eliminated, show that 659 persons received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

"Brother McAlister's messages were simple, direct, and dynamic. They were Scriptural and thoroughly Pentecostal. The one message which was appreciated more, possibly, than any other, was delivered the last Sunday morning on the theme, 'Health, Happiness, and Prosperity.' That message brought a deep conviction to the hearts of Christians, as it was delivered with great sincerity and power.

"We are praying for and expecting a great move of God in Manila and throughout the Philippines as we move out under the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God and His Son Jesus Christ."

One of the outstanding highlights was Brother McAlister's ministry to the Chinese. He had preached in one of Manila's largest Chinese churches in 1953. Both Saturday nights were designated "Chinese nights." These nights he had two interpreters, Chinese and Tagalog. How the Chinese flocked to hear the Word and to be healed! Somehow they knew they were going to be healed, and the Lord rewarded the simplicity of their faith. Many would testify to instant deliverance from all pain and suffering, and others would return a night or two later and testify to complete healing.

Scores and scores of seekers received the experience of Pentecost in the meetings, all speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). ◀◀



Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cawston, Mrs. Paul Pipkin, Mrs. Candelaria, Harvey McAlister, and Ruben Candelaria.

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Holy Ghost Revival Stirs Hong Kong

BY HARLAND A. PARK

Kowloon, Hong Kong

BECAUSE OF THE GREAT SUCCESS OF the salvation-healing meetings with Harvey McAlister in 1951 and 1953, we were thrilled when we learned he was returning to the Far East.

His first engagement in our area was a two-week salvation-healing crusade in our Kowloon Assembly of God. There were approximately 400 who accepted Christ, and all were dealt with by trained personal workers. Thoroughness and permanent results, rather than numbers, was our goal. Those coming for healing were required to first hear two of Brother McAlister's faith-inspiring expositions of God's Word, plus a half hour of teaching by the Chinese pastor. Each was asked to return a written testimony. These testimonies inspired faith as they were read to the congregations.

On Thursday night, following the close of the Crusade, there was a great thanksgiving service. The church, seat-

ing upwards of 1,000 was packed, and more than 250 persons testified to healing.

It was significant to us that no person in testifying said, "Brother McAlister healed me." All of them gave the glory to the Great Physician, Jesus.

The Holy Spirit would fall in the meetings and in a few moments every one apparently would be under the Spirit's sway. Wave after wave of glory would sweep over the congregation. It was precious! These meetings were characterized by an absence of human effort to bring the people into the experience of Pentecost. Time and again we would find ourselves saying in our hearts, "This reminds us of how the Spirit used to be outpoured in the early years of our movement."

No attempt was made to calculate the number filled with God's Spirit.

Pastor Che of Kowloon Assembly, Ronald Shan (interpreter), and Harvey McAlister



Many attributed the outstanding results to the unusual spirit of prayer that seemed to grip all hearts. There were many meetings for prayer prior to the evangelist's arrival. The first Sunday of the meeting about 1,000 persons agreed to pray a half hour each day. The trained personal workers also met to pray a half hour before each service. Prayers ascended from all over the Colony, and God answered the petitions of His people.

In the Kowloon Ling Liang church two medical doctors, members of the church, volunteered their services in ascertaining the ailments of those coming for healing and properly registering them. One of these doctors, a sufferer from a heart ailment for ten years, was miraculously and gloriously healed when prayer was offered. The hearts of the people were stirred as this doctor testified before a capacity audience. ◀◀



Group of Hong Kong missionaries with visiting evangelists. Top row: H. A. Park, B. L. M. Embree, Harvey McAlister, Harold Herman, Ernie Reb, B. T. Bard. Lower row: Sarah Johnston, Mrs. Bard, Mrs. Park, Lulu Bell Hough, Annie Bailie, Blanche Pardo, and Mrs. Embree.



1,000 people pack the main auditorium, balcony, and annex of the Kowloon Assembly of God in Hong Kong, on a Sunday morning during the meeting with Evangelist Harvey McAlister. During the two-week meeting approximately 400 accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Let Us Show **LOVE** at **HOME**

BY OSCAR E. FEUCHT



PHOTO BY A. DEVANEY

JOHAN AND MARY HAD FIVE CHILDREN and the usual amount of work and problems in raising a family. It was a pleasure to be in their home and to observe the happy relation between parents and children. All five children have grown up, are succeeding at their work, and have set up happy homes of their own.

William and Ruby had only three children, but seemed to have more than their share of troubles. There was a good deal of irritation, confusion, and tension. This family, like the one above, went to church and gave the children a Christian education, yet the problems often seemed to get out of hand and even the casual visitor noticed a degree of unhappiness.

What was the real difference between these two families? What was the

secret of domestic happiness in the family of John and Mary? Why did William and Ruby have family problems?

The quest for happiness goes on in every family. How can we build happiness in our home? It is important for your family as it exists today. It is equally important for the families your children will found.

What makes happy family life?

1. GOOD HOME MANAGEMENT

Hungry children are cross. Tired children are hard to manage. Nervous and tired parents spread insecurity and irritation. Lack of good routine and tidiness create disorder and discord. John and Mary knew this. They made wise provisions for good health, good food, and good order to help their

children become secure. These things are in themselves expressions of Christian love (1 Timothy 5:8).

2. WISE USE OF AUTHORITY

Good discipline helped John and Mary to create happiness and contentment. Authority wrongly used becomes dictatorship and results in quarrelsome, defiant, love-starved children. Authority rightly used becomes guidance. Guidance helps each child grow more and more into a responsible, self-reliant individual. It develops obedience with love. Though firm, it is kind. It gives the world persons able to make wise decisions (Colossians 3:21).

3. GUIDANCE, NOT DICTATORSHIP

The difference between these two is the difference between shouting orders and enlisting co-operation, the difference between making curt refusals and denying a request with kindness and a simple answer, between treating children as servants and treating them as a sacred trust. Dictatorship leads to estrangement; guidance leads to confidence and sharing. The proper tone of voice, self-control, true respect for each member of the family—all of these John and Mary found important elements of good guidance (Ephesians 4:31, 32).

4. PARENTS MUST AGREE

Family government should be Christ's authority shining through the wise,

Code Message . . . For Junior Readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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(To check your answer, look up 1 Peter 5:7.)

consistent, and kind direction of family affairs by both father and mother—working together as a team, and so giving unity to the household. As the children grow up they should share in the responsibility of house and family. Each member should be treated as a person precious in the sight of God. As the family prays together, works together, and plays together, the needs of each member are satisfied (Romans 12:10).

5. GENUINE AFFECTION

The one thing which more than any other brought tensions and problems into the home of William and Ruby was the absence of mutual respect and genuine, abiding love.

We need each other more desperately than we think. Husband and wife need each other's affection. Brothers and sisters need one another's interest and help. Children need their parents as providers, guardians, teachers, helpers. Nothing causes them greater suffering than to be starved for love. Where love is not supplied, the whole family suffers.

How close is the feeling for each other in your home? Do the members take time to talk to each other, to laugh with each other, to share ideas with each other, to play with each other, and to pray with each other? Mothers, put first things first! Fathers, how much time are you giving to your children? Take time for each other. This is one of our great needs today.

John and Mary believed that the home is the first place where faith should shine forth and bear fruit. The virtues stressed most in the New Testament, they found to be most essential in family happiness; namely, understanding, sympathy, loyalty, tenderness, mutual trust, patience, forbearance, a forgiving spirit (Colossians 3:12, 13; Romans 12:9-12; 1 Corinthians 13).

—From a tract (Concordia Pub. House)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

APRIL 27
"Always
Faithful"
IN
SERVICE



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, April 21

Read: Psalm 107:1-14

Learn: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:8).

For the Parent: God is good to us. From this passage point out some of the things God does for His children, such as: (1) He is merciful toward them, v. 1; (2) He has redeemed them, v. 2; (3) He delivers them in trouble, vv. 3-5; (4) He guides them to heaven, v. 7; (5) He satisfies them, v. 9; (6) He brings them out of darkness and distress, vv. 10-14.

Question Time: What reasons does verse 1 give for praising God? What are some of the wonderful things God does for His children? (See above)

Tuesday, April 22

Read: Psalm 107:15-30

Learn: "They cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses" (Psalm 107:28).

For the Parent: These verses continue to tell of the wonderful works of God. Emphasize especially the "wonders in the deep" (vv. 24-30), showing: (1) God has power over the elements; (2) this is illustrated by Jesus' calming the sea, Matthew 8:23-27; (3) Christ can calm the storms of our lives and bring perfect peace to our hearts.

Question Time: How was Psalm 107:24-30 literally illustrated in New Testament times? (Matthew 8:23-27) What is another meaning of this passage? (See above)

Wednesday, April 23

Read: Psalm 107:31-43

Learn: "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord" (Psalm 107:43).

For the Parent: Read verses 8, 15, 21, and 31. Emphasize that the theme of this psalm is that we should praise God for His wonderful works. From the verses read today show the abundant provision God has made for us, watching over and taking care of His own. Verse 43 tells us that if we will observe what God does for us, we will begin to understand His love for us.

Question Time: What is the theme of this psalm? (See above) What lesson can we learn from verse 43?

Thursday, April 24

Read: Ezra 4:1-5, 24; 5:1-5

Learn: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

For the Parent: (Additional material on "God's Work Opposed" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The Jews who returned from captivity soon found that there were many who opposed them. Review the story of how these opposers actually succeeded in stopping the building of the temple, but how God's prophets encouraged the people to continue. Whenever we try to do something for God, we will find opposition. We must press forward in the face of it.

Question Time: What happened as the Jews were rebuilding the temple? (Ezra 4:1-5) How did they resume work?

Friday, April 25

Read: Acts 4:1-4; 5:12-20, 40-42; 7:54-60 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

For the Parent: Review the story of how the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). They began witnessing to others about Christ. This witnessing brought severe persecution.

Discuss: The instances cited above, pointing out the disciples' faithfulness to God and God's faithfulness to them.

Question Time: What is one purpose of the infilling of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8) What happened as the disciples began witnessing for the Lord? (See above)

Saturday, April 26

Read: 2 Kings 11 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God" (Isaiah 41:10).

For the Parent: From this story point out: (1) the ruthlessness and wickedness of sin when it controls an individual—causing this wicked queen to kill her own grandchildren; (2) God's way of thwarting her evil purposes; (3) the faithfulness and courage of the priest and his wife in spite of personal danger. God is looking for trustworthy people to do His work.

Question Time: What horrible deed did wicked Queen Athaliah do? (v. 1) Was her purpose achieved? Why not?



GOD'S WORK OPPOSED

Sunday School Lesson for April 27, 1958

EZRA 4:1-5, 24; 5:1-5

I. TEMPLE-BUILDING OPPOSED

1. *A Tempting Request* (Ezra 4:1, 2). "Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord God of Israel; then they came to Zerubbabel . . . and said unto them, Let us build with you." Who were these men? They were a mixed race, part Hebrew and part Assyrian; their religion was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry. Though they posed as friends, they were really enemies who wished to hinder rather than help.

2. *A Firm Refusal* (Ezra 4:3). Why did Governor Zerubbabel refuse the help of these Samaritans? He was a wise man! He knew that the very existence of the remnant of Judah depended upon their keeping completely separated from surrounding peoples and their religions. He realized that to admit these men would mean the eventual pollution of both the Jewish blood-line and the Jewish religion. Here again is taught the old lesson of the necessity of separation. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

There may be times when it would appear advantageous to our individual lives and to the life and work of our Assemblies to welcome help from, and fellowship with, those who are worldly. Such appearances are deceitful. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Our spiritual power and progress will always be in proportion to our separation from that which is sinful, carnal, and worldly.

3. *A Vindictive Reaction* (Ezra 4:4-24). As a result of their uncompromising stand for the right, the Jews incurred the wrath of the Samaritans, who wrote a letter to the new king of Persia, in which they falsely charged the Jews with rebellion against Babylonian power and authority. Several lessons are suggested here: (1) There are times in the lives of God's children when to be loyal to God's will results in incurring the displeasure not only of the world but often of those closely associated with us. (2) Human nature always seeks to retaliate and fight back when it has been offended. And how sad to see a Christian stoop to such methods instead of following in the steps of the Master! (3) Great damage is done by a cruel, deceitful tongue (Psalm 120:2-4).

The king, on receiving the deceitful letter, assumed that the accusations were true and commanded that the work on the temple cease.

II. TEMPLE-BUILDING RESUMED (Ezra 5:1, 2).

1. *The Cause of the Renewed Work*. "Then the prophets, Haggai . . . and Zechariah . . . prophesied unto the Jews . . . in the name of the God of Israel." For sixteen years the work on the temple had been at a standstill. This was not

God's will. God's people must not cease God's work because of opposition! Filled with the Holy Spirit, the early apostles paid no attention to the command to stop preaching, for they realized it was right to obey God rather than man when the will of man was in opposition to the will of God! See Acts 4 and 5.

Because the work of the Lord had been neglected, God had permitted the people to suffer years of depression. But now Haggai and Zechariah rose to the occasion, preached God's Word fearlessly, and showed the people that the way out of depression was to put first things first—to resume the work God wished them to do; namely, the rebuilding of the temple. There are lessons here for us:

(1) God's work ought not be dropped because of opposition. What God has commanded He will enable us to perform. (2) Failure to *seek first* the kingdom of God, will result in our suffering a lack of "all these things" which are necessary for a full and complete life (Matthew 6:33). If we attend to God's business, putting fellowship with Him first, He will take care of our business and reveal Himself to us as the All-sufficient One who meets every need of the heart, soul, and body! (3) Though men neglect God, God does not leave them, but sends His Spirit to woo and win them to Him. When we are inclined to sag spiritually or to grow cold and indifferent concerning His work, He keeps after us! Sometimes through the written Word, sometimes through the anointed preaching of faithful ministers, sometimes through the printed page of spiritual publications, and in a variety of other ways, God stirs our hearts and we respond and arise to love Him more fervently and to serve Him wholeheartedly.

—J. Bashford Bishop

PERPETUALLY A TARGET





Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Did Paul mean that every creature under heaven heard the gospel in the days of the Early Church (Colossians 1:23)?

It is my conviction that Paul meant that the gospel had not been withheld from any. He felt that the entire world as known at that time had the gospel. Actually the gospel has never come to every individual, neither in apostolic times nor since.

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The Bible says that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust. If a man makes a trip to the moon and dies there, will he also be in the resurrection?

Psalms 139:7-12 shows that there is no way of getting away from God: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." Thus we may safely say that wherever the dead may be, they will be resurrected.

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Please explain what Paul meant when he wrote, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Paul was speaking of giving for the poor Christians. He knew some of the Corinthian believers had little to give. Therefore he encouraged them with the assurance that God understood their limitations, and if they had an earnest desire to give He would accept their willingness instead. (The poor widow could give only two mites, but she was commended by the Lord.)

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Ought we to partake of the Communion with a person whom we know to be living in sin?

It is our custom to have "open communion" services, in which everyone is invited to partake; and it is left to the conscience of the individual whether he will partake. Consequently, it is well for us to close ourselves in with the Lord, knowing that we are partaking with a clear conscience, and leave it to others whether they are partaking

worthily. (I am inclined to question whether the Early Church observed communion on such an open basis, for in 1 Corinthians 5:11-13 instruction was given that communion should be refused those whose lives were a reproach to the gospel.)

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Recently fermented wine was offered to me in a communion service. Did I do right in refusing to drink it?

If I attended a church in America where fermented wine was used at the communion service, and I knew it was fermented wine, I too would refuse it.

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Why is Joseph, whose father is called Jacob (Matthew 1:16), also said to be the son of David? (Matthew 1:20)

In Matthew 1:16 we are given the name of the immediate father of Joseph, while in verse 20 Joseph is identified as a descendant of David, through whose offspring Christ was to come.

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I have come to the conclusion that when Jesus said a man should forsake his father and mother and cleave to his wife, it means he should literally detach himself from association with his parents. Am I right?

When Jesus made this statement He meant that man should regard his responsibilities to his wife as of first importance. He ought not to permit parents to come between him and his wife. It does not mean breaking all ties with his parents. He is still to honor his parents, and, were he to see them in need, to help them. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for saying, "It is Corban" (Mark 7:11)—they had dedicated all their possessions to God—thus avoiding their duty to help their parents in time of need.

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 a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

*a
short
frank
discussion
about
advertising
for
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It is disturbing to hear Christian leaders discussing the matter of fund raising these days. Over and over you hear the helpless plea: "Our Christian people are getting to the place where they don't give to causes—they give to gimmicks and come-ons. The promoter who baits the fanciest hook gets the most money."

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Indian church under construction at Hogansburg where the Maracles minister.

New York Indian Work Grows

BY ANDREW MARACLE

Deeply we realize and accept the calling God has given to us to be home missionaries, reaping the whitened harvest field of Indian souls on the St. Regis Reservation, here in New York State. We have found the opportunity great and the possibilities for service unlimited.

Precious Indians from many denominations, upon finding that we understand and speak their language, come to the parsonage for help and advice. They come at any hour of the day or night, knowing we turn none away. Through their many domestic problems we are often given opportunity to help them find Christ.

Recently a converted Roman Catholic woman had to enter the hospital due to a diabetic condition. She looked upon the situation as having come to her in the providence of God. With child-like faith, and with complete trust in Jesus whom she had come to love and serve, she went to the bedside of others and upon her knees offered prayer for their recovery! Her faith is a beautiful thing!

One Indian man who has attended our services in Hogansburg from the start of the work here repeatedly asked that his brothers be remembered in prayer. It was not in vain. Now it is a joy to all of us to see the three brothers quite often in service together.

These are little victories along the way. To us they are precious evidence

of God's loving care and concern for this work. Many other instances could be related. However, just now we are completing the interior of the new church, and it is both a problem and a challenge.

We are still worshipping in the basement unit while working toward completion of the upstairs. An experienced carpenter and painter have offered their assistance if the necessary material can be obtained. But funds are urgently needed.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Maracle, missionaries to the Indians on St. Regis Reservation.

To our faithful friends who have helped us in times of need, we extend our humble and sincere thanks. We consider you as a part of this endeavor in loving and winning Indian men and women and boys and girls to the Saviour.

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Your offerings for the HOGANSBURG BUILDING FUND, or for the INDIAN BUILDING FUND, may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Reaching Indians in Twin Cities

BY VERA ELDRIDGE

Our ministry to the American Indians began in Granite Falls in 1947. It was our privilege to build a chapel on the reservation in 1950 with the aid of the Willmar Gospel Tabernacle and the Assemblies of God churches in that area. An Indian family gave twenty acres of farm land (all they had) for the chapel. God has blessed the ministry at this chapel, saving a number of adults and children and filling them with the Holy Ghost.

In February 1953 we visited the Archie LaBattes in St. Paul. They formerly had lived on the reservation at Granite Falls. Services were begun in this Indian home that there might be a ministry to the 9,000 Indians of the metropolitan area of the Twin Cities. We rented a building in March of the same year. After considerable renovation, the first service was held on the first Sunday of May, 1953. This was the beginning of the St. Paul Indian Chapel.

However, the chapel had to give way to the rehabilitation of the Capitol Approach. We were notified that we must move to another location. Our

last service was held in the chapel on December 18, 1955. It was the Christmas program and we had a packed-out house. Services were then held in a home until other arrangements



Vera Eldridge

could be made. The district brethren, after careful consideration, voted to permit us to build a new chapel at 1555 Jackson Street, St. Paul, across the street from the McDonough Housing Project. This project houses about 2,000 families, many of which are Indian.

After much prayer and planning, construction on our new building was begun. Assistance was given by several pastors of our section. Wilbur Weides, pastor of the Summit Avenue Assembly of God, and Douglas Henderson, of the People's Church, counseled with us in the matters of finance and planning.

Official dedication of the Jackson Street Assembly of God Chapel (formerly the St. Paul Indian Chapel) was held on Sunday, October 7, 1956. God's glory filled the chapel as Herbert Bruhn ministered to a capacity crowd.

The total cost of the building was \$30,000. Calvin Katter of Minneapolis, a Christian contractor, was the builder. The chapel with a seating capacity of 175 is 30 by 60 feet with a full basement. Much of the work was done by the members and friends.

God has enabled us to equip the building through the assistance of others. My sister, Maudriene Eldridge, provided the furniture for the study. The WMC's of the Twin Cities furnished the mothers' room.

It is marvelous to see the hand of God in providing this permanent build-

ing to house the Indian work of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We are happy to report that we have reduced our indebtedness to \$22,838. Our monthly payments have been very heavy; the responsibility has rested upon Eldeth Adkins and myself. We accept no remuneration from the church for our services, in order that this indebtedness may be lowered as rapidly as possible.

We long for the day when we can give more time to the ministry of the church. When we work eight hours a day for five days a week there is only a limited time that we can give to the ministry. We look forward to the day when at least one of us can be released for full-time service.

Should the Lord lay it upon someone's heart to assist us with the finances, much more could be accom-

plished for the Lord. The harvest field is white among the American Indians.

God has blessed us while occupying the new chapel. Our Sunday School enrollment is now 106 with an average attendance of 75. The Sunday School bus has been crowded each Sunday. The spiritual tide has been high, with souls saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We are indeed grateful to all the Women's Missionary Councils throughout the Minnesota District. Their gifts have been appreciated. Others have helped with the improvements throughout the building. Our Minnesota District has voted to support the ministry to the American Indians by means of the Sunday School birthday offerings.

We invite your prayers as we labor for Christ in the Jackson Street Assembly. ◀◀

Sioux Children Respond at Granite Falls, Minnesota

By CHARLES SCHULTZ

The work among the Sioux Indians in the Pjihutezizi Indian Village (which is near Granite Falls, Minnesota) began about nine years ago with meetings held in the Community Hall and in homes. Soon a building 20 by 30 feet was erected as the Assembly of God Indian Chapel. The work progressed, some souls being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

In the fall of 1956, we felt the Lord directing us to work among the Indian folk at Granite Falls. Since we have been here we have seen a few souls saved and others grow in the Lord. Recently a high-school girl, who had once been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit but had turned back, surrendered her life once again. Pray that God will give this young lady strength to live for Him. Others have said they want to serve God, but it takes a real determination when the environment is so ungodly.

The Sunday School averages about 30 and we have four classes. Two of our Indian young ladies teach. We are thankful for consecrated young people that are willing to help in whatever way they can. We pick up three carloads of children and take them home again

every Sunday morning. This is necessary since parents show little interest in their spiritual welfare. Our present need is for a station wagon. On Sunday mornings, we travel about forty miles taking children back and forth. So much time could be saved if we had something larger than our car to use.

One of the first problems that confronted us was to get the chapel moved off the reservation. We secured a lot through the Minnesota District and made arrangements for the moving of the chapel. An old house was on the lot. We fixed it up for a parsonage. Now we have the church moved and also have a place to live. God has been good to us. He has supplied our needs miraculously.

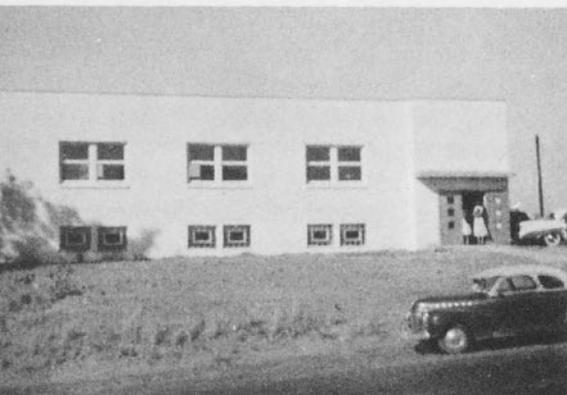
We have just finished painting the inside of the chapel and are ready to start laying tile on the floor. We are in need of additional Sunday School rooms and would appreciate your prayers that God will supply this need.

Our greatest desire is to see souls saved in this Indian community. Please pray with us that God will open the hearts of the people so that they might find the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

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Testimonies From Revivaltime Listeners

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

God’s Word is more powerful than a two-edged sword. It is able to cut asunder, to heal the wounded, and bring help and deliverance wherever it goes. The ministry of *REVIVALTIME* has been to wield the sword of God’s Word, and men and women are finding the answer to their spiritual need.

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Mrs. Z., LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—“I had written you for prayer and also gave you the name of my husband at a service at Lake Geneva, and I am sure your prayers availed much on his behalf. I do thank you for your interest in souls. My husband was saved in November 1957.”

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The Conquest of Space

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but as God intervened to thwart the plans of man at the tower of Babel, so He will again. There has been a civilization in the days gone by with a knowledge that we do not now possess. For instance, there are ruins of ancient temples with stones weighing more than any known machinery can handle. Even though man may discover ways and means of destroying all mankind, God will command as He did to the waves of the sea, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further."

RIGGS—The impression must not be left that there will not be terrific loss of life during the tribulation. In the 6th chapter of Revelation it is stated that one-fourth of the earth is destroyed. They say in round figures that there are two billion; that means 500 million people killed in that one judgment. Turn to the 9th chapter and you have a third of the remaining inhabitants of the earth destroyed, which is one quarter of the original number, and this would mean that one-half of the population of the earth is destroyed in those two chapters, to say nothing of all the other judgments that the book mentions. So there will be tremendous loss of life, but the scientists are mistaken when they predict the utter eradication of life, because the Scriptures have told us, as we mentioned a moment ago, that there will be people on the earth at the end of the tribulation time.

VII

With all the advance in scientific armored inventions of our day, how do you account for the fact that the Bible speaks of the Battle of Armageddon being fought on horseback, and with wooden weapons?

BOYD—I think the explanation of this wording in the Book of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39 for an example, and in the 19th of Revelation, John's message, lies in the fact that there are no words in the ancient Hebrew or Greek language to describe tanks, bazookas, guided missiles, and such things. The prophet had to use language which the people of his day understood, or else the message would have no sense for them. So he used the words which describe the weapons which were currently in use, as indicating that there would be great military power displayed in the last days. The prophet could not have used modern words that would have no connotation for his hearers, so he used the terms "horses" and "swords" and so on that they would understand.

RIGGS—It is easier for us to understand the Scripture that mentions horseback and wooden weapons, than for those people of old to understand such words as *bazookas* and *tanks*. We can take them as figures of speech.

VIII

Do you feel the satellite is another "tower of Babel" effort on the part of man to project himself into the realm that belongs only to God?

NETZEL—We are told that there is a possibility of

placing manned stations in space at such an altitude that telecasts from them could be relayed simultaneously to all the world without any lapse of time. I don't say that that will be, but I do say that, in the event of such a thing, it would be a first-class way for the simultaneous revelation of the anti-Christ and the ministry of the false prophet who will unveil the "image of the beast" and cause it to speak in the sight and hearing of all the world. Then, the Scripture tells us in the 11th chapter of Revelation, verses 8 and 9, of the death of the two witnesses, and states that "they of the *people* and *kindreds* and *tongues* and *nations* shall see their dead bodies three days and an half" in the streets of Jerusalem. Maybe this Scripture does not mean "all of the world"; but if it does, then television relayed by manned space-stations could let all the world know simultaneously of the death of these two witnesses (and of their resurrection). I am only giving that as food for thought.

WILLIAMS—The question that is raised is: *Is man getting out of his place as he did with the tower of Babel?* I think so. How far God will let him go, I am unable to say. I think man is reaching out beyond the realm that God created him for. He created man to be an inhabitant of the earth.

BOYD—These achievements of science are going to bolster man's pride, which will be his destruction.

RIGGS—That could easily be; it depends upon man's motive in the venture. Back at the tower of Babel, it says plainly, "Let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad." This is a deliberate defiance of God. He had told them to scatter abroad and replenish the whole earth, and

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To Keep in Mind as We 'Lay Claim' to Space



they said, "We are not going to do it; and if God sends a flood, we will escape; we are going to build a tower so high, there will be no waters that will cover it." So it looks like their motive was clearly one of defiance and disobedience. Now, whether or not that is the motive which actuated our Pentagon in putting the Explorer in space, I am not prepared to say. I can more easily believe that was the motive of the Russians, for they are materialistic and they strictly don't believe in God. It would be just like them to try to out-smart God, and so pride could be the motive in their case. But God is their judge concerning it.

On the other hand, it must be said that in Genesis 1:28 instructions were given to man to multiply, and replenish the earth, and *subdue* it. Now electricity was a rampant power for all these generations and centuries until Benjamin Franklin sent up his kite and brought it down. We sit tonight under the light of electricity that's been subdued and harnessed. Recently the power in the atom, and in hydrogen, has been conquered by man. It is all in the category of subduing. And now man casts his eyes heavenward, and says, "I'd like to see where I can go up there," and so off he goes, and sends off his Sputnik or his Explorer. It could be said, if we wanted to be very kind to the human race, that men are just on their business of subduing the earth, rather than building a tower of Babel in defiance of God. He is the judge.

WILLIAMS—The angels left their own habitation. And I think man, when he goes into space, is leaving his own habitation. The judgment of God came upon the angels, because they left their own habitation. I do not attribute any wrong motive at all to our scientists. I think it must be a marvelous thing for them to explore and to seek to develop these things, and yet I believe it is out of the realm that God created man for.

ERNST—Let me offer a quotation from an author who writes about the possible achievement of travel to the moon. He says: "The paramount satisfaction will be the achievement itself. Something deep within the human spirit will be stirred when man succeeds in making 'the cow that

jumps over the moon.'" "Cow" is the name already applied to that first satellite or rocket which will accomplish such a feat. Well, this ministers to human pride all right. I'd like to say with the brethren of this panel that man is a land-based creature and he certainly will have a difficult time existing off his own earth.

RIGGS—Someone asked an explorer of Mt. Everest, "Why did you try to climb that?" He said, "Well, it's there, isn't it?" The very fact that it was there was a challenge to him to conquer it. So are the planets out there. Let's go explore them.

NETZEL—Genesis 1:28 does not *necessarily limit* the dominion of man to the earth, but it *only extends* his dominion that far.

IX

Do you believe that Communists will take over the world before Jesus comes?

WILLIAMS—I don't think so. I think when the Lord descends from heaven with a shout He is going to have a lot of people that will rise to meet Him in the air. I think some will come out of Russia, too. I don't think God is ever going to permit Russia and Communism to control the entire world and to make atheists of everyone.

RIGGS—Chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel tell us the end of Communism, which is on the fields of Palestine. . . .

I believe, friends, this whole situation in the world today is God's knock at the door. He's teaching the people to look up, to watch that thing go through the sky. Well, that is what the Lord wants us to do. A lot of things are up there, praise God, beyond what they can think of, to say nothing about what they can produce. You and I have our eyes fixed on our precious Lord and our wonderful heaven up there, and the soon coming of our precious Master. So who knows but that the Lord is letting all this happen in order to get the world looking up. And they will have something to see, some day soon, when they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

The Bishop and the Mule

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the room was packed. His cold self-sufficiency, high, proud, almost arrogant expression, no less than his clerical suit of deepest black, carefully pressed, silk-lined, set off with snow-white linen at neck and wrists, protected him from the too-near approach of these humble people. He was looked upon with awe and admiration. He did not need to tell us that he was the bishop of the church. He was very clearly one set apart.

He was not as other men. His very evident superiority set him above criti-

cism or envy. It was almost presumptuous for us to expect the great bishop to worship the God of our little rural community. But, there he sat; and before his critical eyes must the little untutored preacher attempt to bring the gospel message to these people. Young as I was, I sensed rather than knew the embarrassment of the whole roomful of folk, and my heart beat with real fear as the humble old preacher haltingly arose and turned to face the congregation.

How could this shabby-looking, unlettered man lift his eyes from the floor in the august presence of the mighty bishop of the church? I think our hearts bled as the little man lifted his eyes to meet the cold stare of the bishop.

But lift his eyes he did, and he told his simple story of Christ's love for sinners and His sacrifices that all might have eternal life. His words came slowly, almost hesitatingly, but so honestly that all as usual forgot the man, his baggy trousers, and his soiled shirt. They remembered only his words. All except the bishop. The bishop's expression remained cold. He made no move, he said no word in response to the spirit of the speaker,

until the preacher at the close of his sermon illustrated the power of prayer and the presence of God in our daily lives with the story of the sick mule of last night, very evidently saved by the prayers of himself and my father.

The bishop seemed to have reached the limit of his endurance. He did not laugh out loud, but you felt that in his mind he was laughing us all to scorn. He did not ask for a chance to speak, yet he compelled an invitation to dispel such heresy. He rose in his place with great dignity, and in scorching words which I have long ago forgotten he held the pitiable, insignificant, ignorant little itinerant preacher up, and exposed him to the scorn of the world. He said the idea that the great God of the universe, the God of this holy bishop, could be interested in a mule, was absurd. Almost equally absurd was it that the great Jehovah would hear and answer any prayer of this poorly-equipped, unordained little preacher who stood with bowed head and sagging shoulders during the tirade.

The bishop concluded by sarcastically requesting the prayers of a man so close to God that he could cure a mule of a deadly sickness! He declared that he would like to have this powerful supplication on his own behalf. Then the bishop sat down.

The little preacher, still standing, bowed yet lower his head, extended his right arm toward heaven, and there issued from his untrained lips the sweetest, calmest, most poignant prayer it has ever been my lot to hear. "O king God, in Thy infinite wisdom and mercy, come down to us and be with this bishop. Make him a tower of strength for Thee. Fill his heart with mercy for the weak and erring ones. Show him daily Thy face of mercy. Fill his veins

Bible Verse



For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

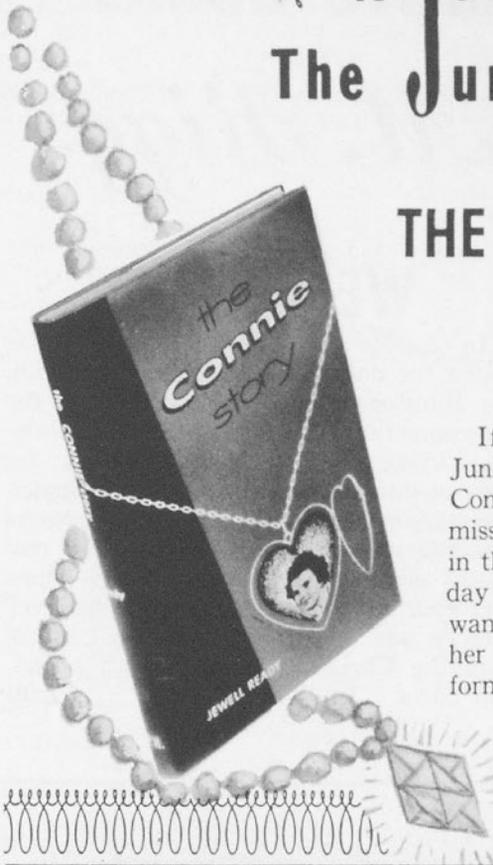


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with the milk of human kindness. Pardon him of his errors of judgment. Lengthen his arm to strive mightily for Thee. Reward him with a peace and contentment in his heart that is not of this earth. God be merciful to me a sinner. Amen."

The bishop was on his knees sobbing. His huge frame shook with the force of his emotion. Women all over the room were sobbing and praying audibly. Men turned their faces from their neighbors as they surreptitiously wiped their eyes with gnarled knuckles. Once more the minds and hearts of that assembly were centered upon the lowly Jesus and His love for erring man. The very doors of heaven seemed to open in that dingy schoolroom. Worldly differences of wealth, position, clothes, and education became as nothing. It was as though the little preacher had disappeared, and the great God of the universe, in his place was pleading for the hearts of His people. Half a dozen Christian men and women nearest the bishop, no longer fearing him, grasped his hands, patted him lovingly on the back, and, with shining faces, welcomed him into the brotherhood of God.

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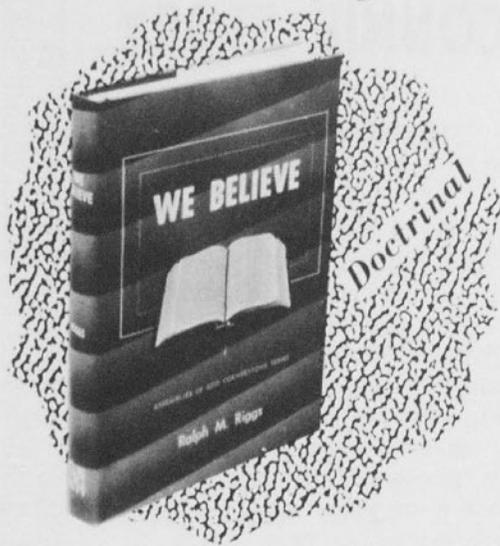
About nine years ago a medical specialist told me I had "pus on the kidneys and infection of the bladder." After he had given me several treatments the trouble, which seemed by that time to be concentrated in my bladder stem, became much worse, causing me much pain, suffering, and bleeding.

I was invited by Ed Williamson, Pastor of the Assembly of God at Arkoma, Oklahoma, to come and be prayed for by James T. Anderson, an evangelist from Indianapolis (now of California), who would be there preaching and praying for the sick. I went, was prayed for, and received divine healing. I am still healed and praising God for it.—Mrs. Melvin McKenzie, 3319 N. Sixth St., Fort Smith, Ark.

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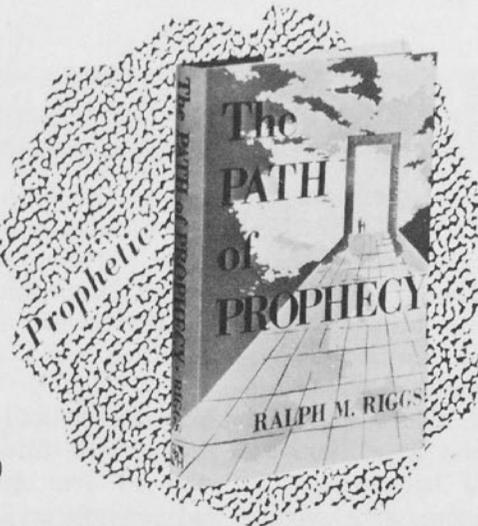


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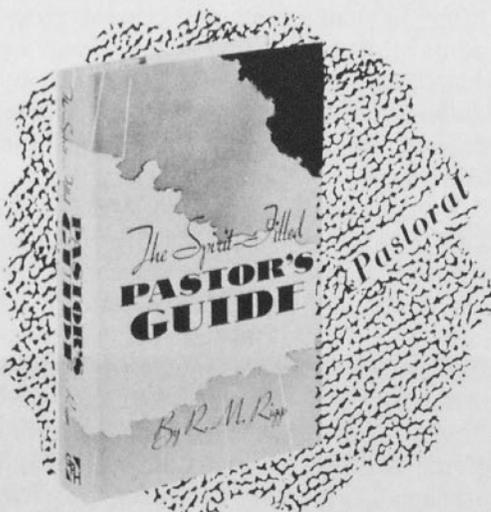


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Joseph's for Su

BY HENRY GRAF

THE USE OF EXAMPLE IS AN EFFECTIVE means of conveying truth. The Scriptures abound in this practical method of instruction. Often the Biblical narratives disclose the struggles of humble people who, by their trust in God, overcame the adversities of a hostile environment. Through their achievements, these godly folk have provided good examples that still serve to cheer and inspire us today.

In the passages dealing with the various Bible characters there are usually some graphic expressions which aptly describe the persons concerned and their deeds. For example, in the Genesis account regarding Joseph we read, "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man..." (Gen. 39:2). "The Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy..." (Gen. 39:21). Similarly, Acts 7:9 states, "And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him." The statement that God was with him defines Joseph's character and accounts for his success.

Since his youth, Joseph had believed that God would elevate him to a position of honorable trust and of great usefulness in his father's house. It is not difficult to perceive that Joseph lived in the eager anticipation of that hope. However, if the Hebrew lad expected the day of fulfillment to dawn at once, a rude disillusionment awaited him. For when his brethren dealt with him in anger they seemed to extinguish all his dreams. He who had envisioned a high calling was thrust into a pit; he who had expected the esteem of his brethren was sold by them into slavery; he who had desired a life of usefulness was cast into an Egyptian dungeon.

The collapse of Joseph's expectations appeared complete. Indeed, he would

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have sunk into obscurity but for one redeeming factor—*God was with him*. Joseph had found the formula for success—the saving presence of the living God! What had superficially appeared as the wreck of Joseph's career and the despoiling of God's promise, was merely the chain of circumstances through which the Lord prepared His servant to become the chief minister of Egypt.

As Christian people we have a glorious heritage. In Jesus our Lord, we have received the promise to reign and rule with Him. We therefore cherish the invigorating hope of the "upward calling of God in Christ Jesus." Let us rejoice in the glad certainty of His imminent return. At the same time, let us remember that our Lord has enjoined us to occupy ourselves in His employ until He comes. It will help the child of God (who may be oppressed by an unsuitable environment which seems to try his powers of endurance and faith) if he will recall the example of Joseph who triumphed because of one thing—the Lord was with him.

Christian brother, does the race seem long? Is the battle hot? Have deferred hopes galled your soul? Have you waited long for an answer to your prayer? There is one more question, the reply to which is sufficient for them all. Is God with you as He was with Joseph? Then, fear not! Pray on! "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. —*Chinese Proverb*

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	Faith	Apr. 27-May 11	Leon Morrow	Willis K. Hirschy
Ark.	Huttig	* A of G	Apr. 27—	Raymond Schaeffer	C. W. Langley
	Malvern	First	Apr. 22—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	John Paproski
	Pine Bluff	First	Apr. 27-May 11	Elbert Smart	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	Glendale	Bethel	Apr. 27-May 11	H. C. MacDonald & wife	Arthur Slater
	La Crescenta	A of G	Apr. 15-20	Christian Hild	Edward Southard
	Meyers Flat	Fruitland	Apr. 15-27	Gene E. Riggs	H. E. Whitmarsh
	San Bernardino	Central	Apr. 20—	Ken George	Raymond Hargis
Colo.	Englewood	A of G	Apr. 6—	Fred E. Hoenes	D. Paul Perry
Del.	Selbyville	Evangelistic Cntr.	Apr. 16—	Paul Graban	Jack Kaylor
Fla.	Bartow	A of G	Apr. 20—	C. C. Garrett	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
	Ft. Pierce	Calvary	Apr. 16-27	Lorne Case	H. Wm. Ponge
	Lockhart	** A of G	Apr. 23-25	Dick Stevens Party	J. B. Bauldree
Ga.	Columbus	Summerfield	Apr. 2—	H. W. Duncan Family	John Carrol
Ind.	Greensburg	A of G	Apr. 20—	Carrie Hunsburger	J. E. Friend
	Jasonville	A of G	Apr. 20—	Bob Hoskins	Harold Keener
	Washington	A of G	Apr. 6-20	G. Lee Thomas	B. E. Potter
Iowa	Ft. Dodge	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	Arnold Segesman & wife	D. D. Underwood
	Le Claire	A of G	Apr. 22—	Walter D. Lascelle	K. E. Matschulat
Kans.	Manhattan	First	Apr. 22-May 11	R. Alan Davis	Ernie Camery
	Osborne	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	Lolita Thompson	H. M. Hollis
	Wichita	First	Apr. 20-May 4	Velmer Gardner	R. R. Morrison
	Wichita	Glad Tidings	Apr. 20-May 11	N. Ford-M. Willis	Floyd L. Dennis
La.	New Orleans	Canal Street	Apr. 23-May 4	Jack Pruitt	T. Horace Clark
	New Orleans	***Gos. Lighthouse	Apr. 23-May 4	A. N. Trotter	L. O. Waldon
	Sulphur	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	J. D. Middlebrook	Bill Morris
Mich.	Detroit	Evangel	Apr. 20-May 4	Bill Sharp	Fred Smolchuck
	Plymouth	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	A. F. DiMusto Party	John Walaskay
Minn.	Fairmont	First	Apr. 27-May 11	Bob McCutchen	R. W. Miller
	Pillager	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 15—	Harold James & wife	Norman Levang
Mo.	Charleston	First	Apr. 27-May 11	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Paul E. Adams
	Kennett	** First	Apr. 27-May 4	Fred & Gladys Voight	Clifford Truitt
	Springfield	Glad Tidings	Apr. 8-20	R. Alan Davis	Paul Witten
Mont.	Missoula	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Eugene Born
N. Mex.	Hobbs	First	Apr. 22—	Robert Northrop & wife	Eugene McClain
N. Y.	Hudson Falls	Gos. Lighthouse	Apr. 22-May 4	C. S. Tubby	R. A. Canterbury
Ohio	Bedford	A of G	Apr. 13—	E. T. Quanabush	F. H. Neubauer
	Mansfield	Emmanuel	Apr. 15—	Moses Copeland	Walter Stahlecker
Pa.	Hamlin	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	Jimmy Adams Party	George Clement
	Irwin	Pentecostal	Apr. 22-May 4	Joel Palmer & wife	J. L. Pittman
	Meadville	A of G	Apr. 6-20	Clyde DeArmitt	J. Wesley Clark
Tex.	Pittsburgh	Wilkinsburg	Apr. 24-27	Dick Owens Party	B. H. Conant
	Fort Worth	Bethel Temple	Apr. 23-27	Jay B. Oaks	Charles Jones
	Grand Prairie	First	Apr. 22-May 4	M. C. Allen Party	W. A. Majors
	Levelland	A of G	Apr. 27-May 4	L. C. & Oleta Eldridge	Ted Vassar
	Quanah	A of G	Apr. 27—	J. W. Farmer	N. W. Brooks
Wash.	Seadrift	A of G	Apr. 15—	Ernest Maxwell	R. G. Caddell
	Kittitas	A of G	Apr. 27-May 11	Warren D. Combs	Mark Flathers
		* Tent Revival		** Children's Revival	*** Deeper Life Convention

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WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 21-24 at First Assembly of God, Lubbock, Texas. E. S. Williams, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. Monday night, C. A. rally with M. F. Hankins, District C. A. President, in charge.—by Charles J. Eastes, Pastor.

HOMECOMING—April 25-27 at First Assembly of God, Nocona, Texas. Speakers: W. L. Stevens, Paul Everett, John Nothalf, R. E. Maxwell. Michael W. Wertko is pastor.—by Jimmy Keck, Church Secretary.

HUNGARIAN BRANCH COUNCIL—May 29-30 at Hungarian Assembly of God, 1467 S. Fort St., Detroit, Mich. Charles Szabo, Superintendent, and guest pastors will be speaking. Mrs. Julia Beckskei and William Meszaros, host pastors.—by Victor A. Hudak, Secretary.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 5-8 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Parkside and Parkway Avenues, Trenton, N. J. Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. Ministers' Institute each morning at 9:30 a.m.—by Richard Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

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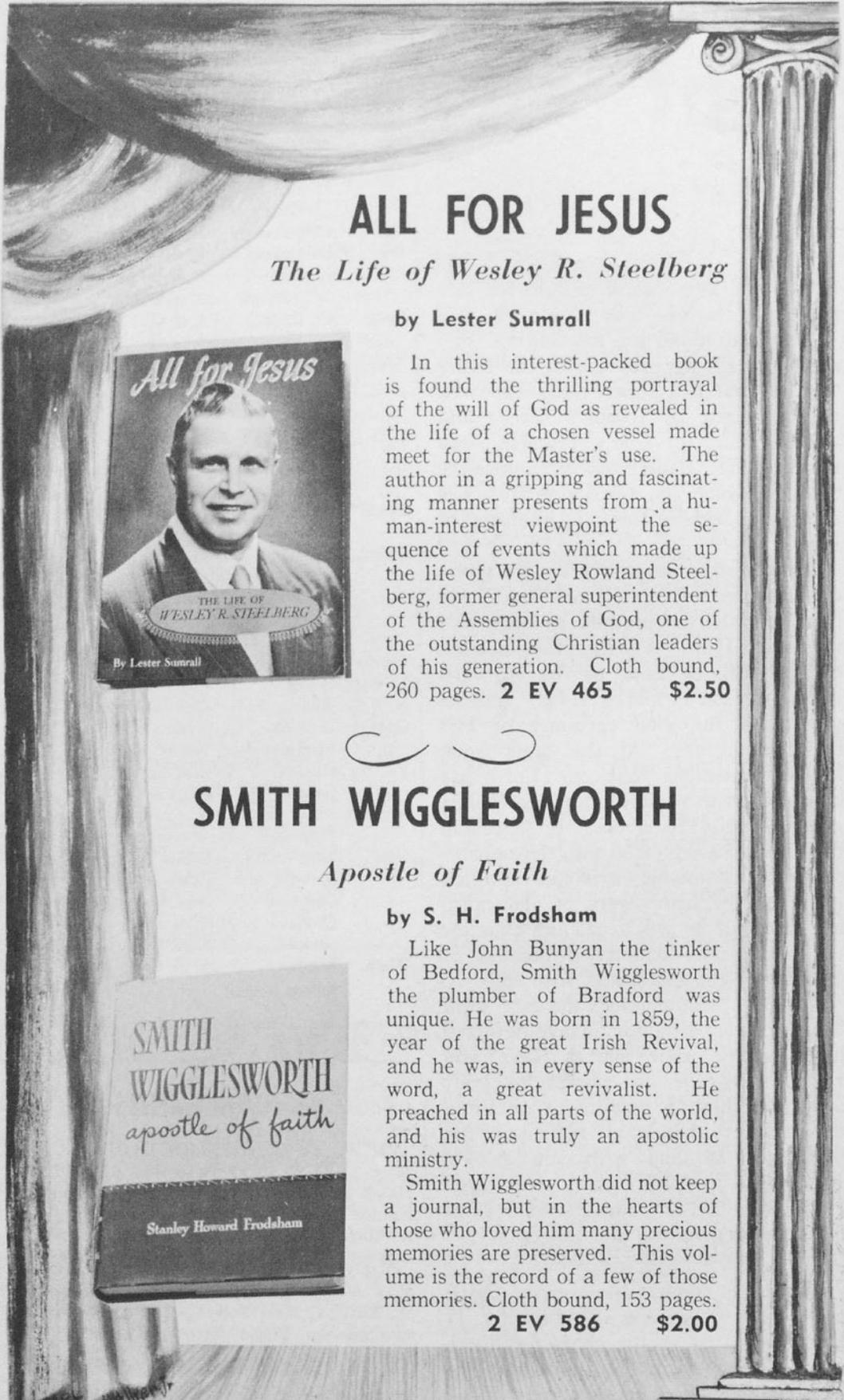
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