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SUBDUED

Before God can launch us out into the breadth and sweetness of His service, and entrust us with great things for Himself, we must be perfectly subdued in every part of our nature to His will and the disposition of His mind.

We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness, impetuosity, and all wanting of our own way (even in religious matters) are removed from our lives.

Conversion will not finish this work. Even after the Baptism in the Spirit we need to exercise ourselves continually toward a condition of full submission to God. Only thus can we be taught of the Lord. God must completely conquer the man whom He will trust with His great thoughts and plans.

The Holy Ghost must conquer us before He can use us to conquer others. The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and willingly into His will the work will be speedily accomplished; but if there is flint or iron in our nature He may find it necessary to use heroic means. He may put us between the millstones and grind us to powder, seemingly, until He can mould us without any resistance to His purpose.

We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's business; so subdued as to speak only good of God's servants; so subdued that we will hold our tongues, walk softly with God, keep our eyes upon Jesus, attend to the work God has entrusted us with, and rejoice over the privilege of having a place in His kingdom where we may do a little service for Him.

Oh, it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost, and to swing out into the ocean of God's blessing where we work with Him in obedient humility without chafing, without fault-finding, without stumbling over others, without murmuring.

When we are subdued in the sight of God, He will work miracles in us and through us; miracles of mercy and power; miracles in healing, in finance, in opening doors, in widening the fields of service. He will work miracles of grace in the inner life, making us gentle and sweet and like unto our Lord. It will surprise our friends and utterly amaze our enemies when they behold the mighty transformation that God has wrought.

Let us get subdued in every way, in every thing—so subdued that we can keep still in God and let Him work out the great, bright thoughts of His eternal mind in our lives.

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The Depths of the Sea



If God has cast all your sins into the depths of the sea, why are you still holding on to your sense of guilt? If God has forgiven you, you should forgive yourself.

BY **GEORGE HOLMES**, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

ACCORDING TO MANY STUDENTS OF the inner life, man has three basic fears. One of these arises from the sense of guilt. Guilt is one of the unfailing penalties of sin.

The inevitable result of breaking one of God's commandments is fear. This fact, amply attested by human experience, is also confirmed from the very first page of the Bible, where the disobedient Adam, being sought out by God for the hour of daily communion, cried out, "I was afraid . . . and I . . . hid myself" (Genesis 3: 10).

Consequently, one of the basic needs of man is to discover how his guilt and fear can be overcome. Various remedies have been proposed. For instance, a man may try to excuse himself for his failings, or put the blame elsewhere, but this leaves the sins standing against his name in the divine record. That is what brings the uneasiness.

To meet this basic human need, God has gone to great lengths, "because He delighteth in mercy." The ways of God are far higher than the ways of men—"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity?"

To provide divine forgiveness for our transgressions is the reason Christ came to this world. A tremendous release from both the guilt of sin and its compulsive power can be received by believing in Christ.

But believing is not just accepting a

formula, or assenting to certain propositions. To believe is utterly to turn to Christ, trusting in what He has declared and done, receiving the life of God into the soul.

Tears have a place, but they do not save. Confession is as essential as repentance, but it brings us only half-way. God alone can forgive, and this comes to us through Christ. "Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." The merciful God promises to commit our sins to oblivion and to find pleasure in doing it. The initial and daily acceptance of divine forgiveness drains off the guilt and defilement of sin and produces a complete inner cleansing.

If God has forgiven you, you should

forgive yourself and not hold on to your sense of guilt. Many people who have never accepted the divine forgiveness through Christ have found that the past has a way of catching up with them. To some people this brings deep regrets and powerful feelings of guilt, with increasing anxiety. In turn, this leads on to a form of self-punishment, a miserable existence. But when, through faith in Christ, guilt is relieved, God comes in—and there is peace, joy, and radiance. If we have accepted God's forgiveness we should forget our past sins.

Moreover, we should never deliberately remember others' sins. This is a problem that Christian people, especially those in the same church fellowship, must learn to surmount. Why is it that people who have been forgiven so much by God allow themselves to wallow in resentment against a fellow Christian who, years ago, disagreed with them or did something that offended them?

What advertisement for Christ is a church member who is bitter and depressed, not because Christ has refused him forgiveness, but because he refuses it to his brother? One of the most evil things in this world is resentment. It breeds bitterness, depression, and disease. It causes nervous breakdowns and mental unbalance. It kills joy and fosters self-pity. If God has cast all my sins into the depths of the sea, I should be willing to do the same with my brother's failings, if they are real and not just the product of my imagination.

In great cities where millions of people live close together, an adequate sewage system is essential if health is to be maintained. Unless waste and refuse is disposed of with speed, epidemics and disease will soon threaten the citizens.

In London, I understand, a part of the sewage can be made into usable substances, but the rest is useless. It is called sludge. Every day two vessels filled with sludge sail down the Thames

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BIBLE VERSE



ISAIAH 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

If your spiritual health is poor, perhaps
you are suffering from—

HEART TROUBLE

BY A. K. MOORE

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OUR NATION HAS BECOME HEART-conscious through the Heart Fund Drives and the publicity given to the dangers of heart disease by the American Heart Association. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system cause more than half of all deaths at all ages in the United States, taking close to 800,000 lives each year. These diseases affect more than ten million living Americans, including 500,000 children of school age.

The heart is the most precious organ of the body. It is the circulating pump that keeps the blood moving. A single blood cell makes nearly three thousand round trips in the course of a day. It takes about half a minute for a given portion of blood to pass completely through the body and back to the heart.

We are told that the average cardiac pulsation of a normal male adult is seventy beats per minute, or nearly thirty-six million in the course of a year. In one hour the energy expended could raise a weight of four tons a distance of one foot.

Is it not easy to see, then, how valuable is the human heart? Surely we ought to take every precaution necessary to insure the continued health of this vital organ.

One cannot always know, by looking at a man, how healthy he is. A physician is not content with outward appearance, but gives a thorough examination, including a checkup of the

heart. Likewise we are often fooled concerning the spiritual condition of a person; but the Lord knows. "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Some folk have stony hearts. "Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone" (Zechariah 7:12). Others have rebellious hearts; still others are afflicted with indifference.

Then there is the deceitful heart. The prophet Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

I heard a story which, though it may want for veracity, nevertheless carries a moral. A woman went to a doctor to have her heart examined. She said, "Doctor, I am financially unable to pay you. Will you accept me as a charity patient?"

When the doctor took an X-ray picture of her heart it revealed that she had a bag of money pinned under her dress. The doctor said to her, "Woman, you have a lying and deceitful heart."

Despite the fact that Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled," we have much heart trouble in the church. This may be of several kinds.

First of all, there is the *weak heart*. We have many people whose heart is weakened by the desire for money. Many there are who at one time were faithful altar workers, but today they leave the evening service at the earliest

opportunity. They think they must get to bed early in order to put in the extra hours of overtime on the job and make a few extra dollars. It was Jesus who said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Perhaps others have weakened their hearts through seeking a place of fame or position in the church. A larger number, however, have hearts weakened by the desire for worldly pleasure. Surely we ought to heed the admonition of Paul, "Set your affection on things above."

Many preachers are aiming their eloquence at beer halls, night clubs, and picture shows, but the real trouble lies deeper than these things. It lies in the heart. We shall not have a pure church until its members have pure hearts.

Another fatal disease stems from a *leaking heart*. Many people are suffering from this kind of heart trouble. When I was a boy of fifteen I was unable to participate in sports, because of a heart leakage. Soon after I gave my heart to the Lord, I was anointed and prayed for by Evangelist Raymond T. Richey in a great tent meeting in Checotah, Oklahoma. The Lord healed me. I have been examined many times since then, and each time the doctor has said my heart is in perfect condition. To God be the glory!

But what of spiritual heart leakage? Some folk make vows to God in the hour of trouble, but soon forget their promise after the Lord delivers them. It has leaked out.

Others go to church, listen to the sermon, but the next day they cannot tell the preacher's text or even his theme. It has leaked out. Some folk join the church and sign the membership card, agreeing among other things to pay their tithes as the Lord prospers them. But they hold out on God; they do not pay their vows by giving to the Lord that which rightfully belongs to Him.

And there is the *murmuring heart*. We have murmurers in the church. They are chronic complainers—grumbling about the preacher, the Sunday School teacher, the church program, the young people—in fact, they are storm centers. The homes of such people are like a nitroglycerine factory. There is always the danger of an explosion.

Watch that you do not carry grudges. Do not look for the shadows. But if you do, and are thereby made unhappy, blame only yourself. Murmuring will

still the music in your soul. It will quench the fire on the altar of your affections.

Medical science can do wonders for the physical heart. A soldier who was shot during World War II was found to have a bullet in his heart. The doctors took his heart out, laid it on his chest, took out the bullet, and replaced the heart. The soldier fully recovered. That is what modern medical science can do.

But God doesn't just repair the old heart. When we cry out, as David did in the 51st Psalm, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right

spirit within me," God takes away the old heart with its affections set on the things of this earth, and gives us a new heart with its affections set on things above.

Whereas your old heart was a leaking heart, you now have a heart in harmony with the loving heart of God. Your old heart was a murmuring heart, but your new heart is a singing heart.

A lady who had lost her daughter painted a lovely portrait of her departed loved one. Soon afterwards, when she went to look at it, she found it covered with ugly blotches. She painted it again, but later she found it marred again.

There was something chemically wrong with the paper. No matter how beautiful the picture, up from the heart of the paper would come the ooze of decay.

So it is with the human life. When the heart is wrong the entire life is spoiled.

If you have spiritual heart trouble, come to the Heavenly Physician, who will create within you a new heart and give you eternal life through Christ Jesus. Whatever variety of heart trouble you may have, there is one remedy—it is to obey this command from God, "Son, give me thine heart."

How Great Thou Art

BY JAMES H. HUNTER

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE GEO-physical Year last July, we have seen tremendous achievements in scientific research, and we will likely see many more before the time ends at the close of this year. Men are pushing back the frontiers of knowledge at a terrific rate, and expanding our understanding of time, space, and matter. Forgetting for the time being all the instruments of destruction that man has devised, our information regarding the heavens above, the earth beneath, and the waters under the earth has been greatly increased and enriched.

The trouble with many people, however, is that they lose their sense of perspective and relativity. Russia is boasting that the launching of her sputniks is another step in the process of getting rid of the idea of God. What utter insensate folly! Surely "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" at such foolish assertions. David said: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?"

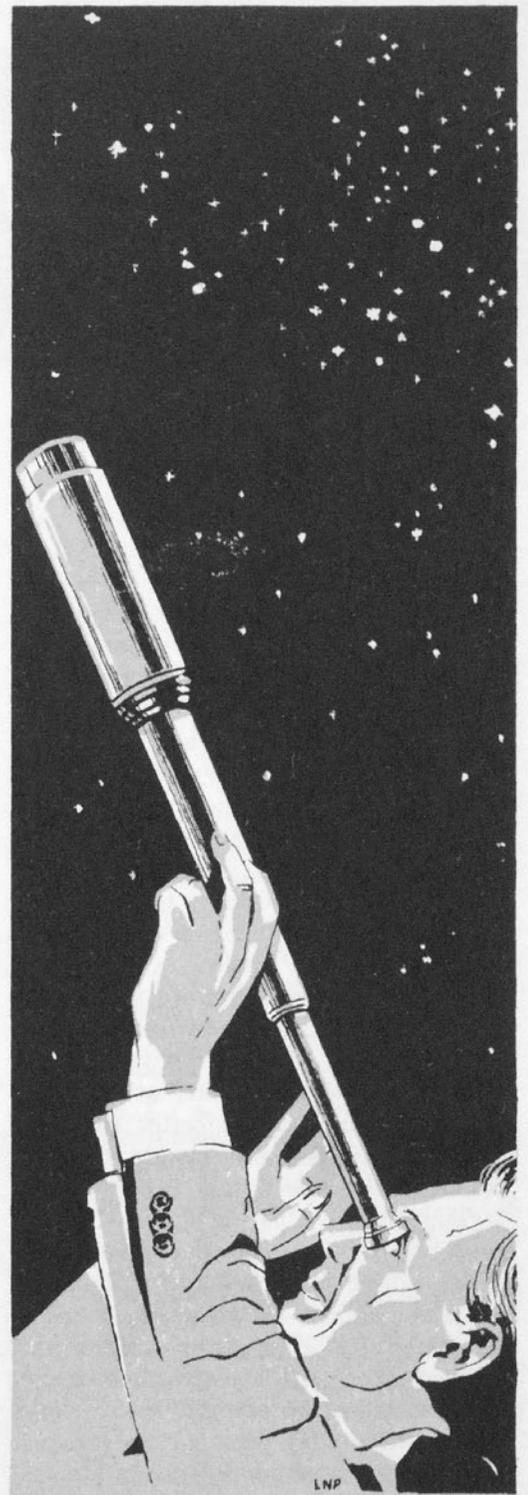
Russian scientists, and perhaps others as well, forget that the laws by which their satellites were launched into orbit were framed by the very God whose existence they would deny. These midget moons that excite such wonder

and admiration in the hearts of men are not particularly impressive to God who has framed the innumerable host of the heavens, imparted to them motion, and keeps them in their vast journeys throughout space.

Russia's heaviest sputnik was 1,000 pounds. This earth, according to astronomers, weighs 6,833 millions of millions of millions of tons. It accomplishes its annual revolution around the sun, a vast journey of 550,000,000 miles, in 365 days, five hours, forty-eight minutes, and forty-nine seconds. The earth is one of the least of the planets in the vast host of heaven. But back in the far reaches beyond human computations the same marvellous uniformity and precision marks every planet, star, comet, and asteroid traversing the unplumbed depths of infinite space.

What judgment a nation invites that rules God out of this marvelous universe that He has so wondrously created! "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:25, 26). ◀◀

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"You're a policeman," she replied simply. "You could never understand."

Waterfront Beat



BY BETTY SWINFORD

GREG WILSON LOCKED THE CALL box, lifted his blue cap long enough to pass a hand over his blond crew-cut, took a deep breath, and then continued his beat. His steps were long and evenly measured, and a frown cut deeply into his forehead.

Darkness covered the waterfront except for the harsh lights coming from a few small cafes. A fog horn moaned eerily in the night and a chill wind moved in from the water.

"Everything's routine," Greg mused. "Same as last night. Same cheap dives, same boats, same smells. . . ."

He stopped beside an old warehouse to tap the boarded windows and doors with his night stick. Even though the loneliness was more acute at this end of his beat he liked it better than the jazz and drunks and clouds of gray smoke at the other end.

Greg paused when he saw a youthful couple enter one of the dives. He went inside behind them, glancing about to make certain everything was in order. He hated it! Everything within him rebelled against the deplorable scene. Outside again, he arrested two drunks for brawling and went to the nearest call box to summon the paddy wagon.

After he was relieved of them he continued his beat.

"Almost over," he told himself. "Almost over, and am I glad!"

The fog was rolling in, and the cry of the fog horn filled the night with warning. Even now the gray mist was—

Suddenly Greg took several steps to his right, his keen blue eyes straining to see through the swirling fog to the end of the long pier. The dark blob was a man, he was sure: a man leaning out over the water! What was he up to? Was he drunk—or was he contemplating suicide?

"If I call out to him, he may jump before I can reach him," he deliberated. "Better try to take him by surprise. . . ."

Down the long pier he started. Quietly now—quietly. . . . The fog was coming in fast, swirling about him as he moved. Now he was close enough. He grabbed the figure, and a scream of terror filled the night.

"You don't want to do that," Greg said quietly. "Take it easy now. I'm a policeman and I'm here to help you." Funny, that sweet fragrance. He stared in surprise. His captive wasn't a man at all!

"I—I'm awfully sorry. I was probably a bit rough."

The girl was trembling, and she stared at him from great dark eyes. Her hair, moist from the fog, lay in careless black ringlets. And then suddenly she was sobbing uncontrollably, her face buried against Greg's blue shoulder.

He blinked a couple of times, trying to think of something to say. This wasn't exactly in the line of duty, he thought. "You know there isn't any problem so tough that a person should take his own life."

"Take—!" She drew back, a look of incredulity across her face. "Take my own life? Is that what you thought?"

Greg was puzzled. "Well, what else could I think? If you weren't going to commit suicide, then what were you doing on this pier in the fog and darkness?"

She shook her head wordlessly. "I don't know. I honestly don't know!"

They started walking back. "Why not tell me all about it?"

"You're a policeman," she replied simply. "You could never understand."

"Will you try me?" he asked gently.

"No, you can't understand at all. You see, my problem has to do with God. It involves things that I cannot straighten out—or even understand." She finished on a note of hopelessness.

Greg's brows drew together. Then he glanced at his watch again. He was off duty. And actually there was no report to make on this girl since she had done nothing wrong. He hesitated for a long while, but finally he turned to her again.

"Where do you live?"

She gestured. "In that tenement building away over there. I—I just wandered down here to think—to try and get things straightened out."

"Look, I want to talk with you. I'm going to leave you at a restaurant—no, not one of these waterfront dives," he added quickly, seeing the expression on her face. "I have to stop by headquarters long enough to check in my uniform and gun, and change clothes."

It seemed to take a long while to perform this simple task tonight, and he doubted that she would still be there waiting for him when he did return. Yet a quiet prayer rose from his heart that he might be able to help this girl in whatever way she needed help.

To his surprise, the strange girl was still in the secluded booth where he had left her, her head bowed low over a cup of coffee. He slid into the seat opposite her, his eyes scanning her appearance. That she was one of good repute, he was positive.

"First, I'd like to ask your name," he said, and her steady gaze came up to meet his.

"Kathy. Kathy Pilkington."

"Okay, Kathy." Greg probed the troubled eyes gently for the answer, but he did not find it. "I'm a policeman, to be sure. But right now I'm plain Greg Wilson—and I'm a Christian."

Hope ignited within the dark eyes. "Then perhaps you can help me!"

"I'll certainly try. One thing I know for certain, when any person receives Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, that soul becomes a battleground. Great forces are at work. One, to lead that person into a separated life and cause him to grow in grace. The other force tries to tear down the work that God has started—if possible, to make that person so miserable that he'll eventually just give up the spiritual walk."

"Why, you—you sound as though you already know my problem!"

"No, Kathy, for spiritual trials come in many shapes and forms; but re-

member that God has said that no temptation has taken us but such as is common to man. No case is isolated, although that is exactly what Satan would have us think."

Kathy sighed deeply. "Oh, but Mr. Wilson, you can't know. Surely no other Christian could be troubled with—with such *doubts* as I am tormented with!"

"Doubt?" Greg leaned forward. "Kathy, that's probably one of Satan's oldest weapons. Saints of God have been tempted to doubt as long as there have been Christians."

"But I doubt everything! At first," she said, her dark eyes clouding again, "it was about my salvation. Satan kept telling me that I wasn't saved. I tried to out-argue him, but finally I began to doubt it myself. And now," she added bleakly, "I doubt other things, too. I just don't know where I stand. All the peace is gone. . . ."

"Then you did have peace after you first came to Christ?"

"Oh yes!" she breathed.

"And your life—did it change?"

"Yes, it did. That's why I was so sure I was saved. But a voice—it kept telling me that the Holy Spirit did not witness to my heart, telling me that I was God's child."

Greg was thoughtful. "Kathy, I have a mother and father. Now, really, wouldn't it be kind of foolish for my father to keep telling me *constantly* that I am his child?"

"Of course! But this—"

"This is no different," he said quickly. "I knew that he was my father because he took care of me, supplied my needs. It's very much the same with God. He proves to us that we are His children in the way He cares for us, transforms our lives, gives us a sense of His presence. Don't you see that?"

"Then why don't I have peace? Why is there this constant battling within my mind?"

"Because you're trying to reason it all out instead of taking God's Word for the thing you can't figure out."

"I suppose that's true," she admitted softly. "There are so many problems and I can't find out all the answers."

"You never will. There are so many things I don't understand, either. If we knew it all, there would be little need for faith. But I've found that my faith can be bolstered by turning to my Bible for the answers to a lot of problems."

Kathy glanced up. "That's true, (Continued on page twenty-seven)

OUR SERVICEMEN



THERE IS an Assemblies of God military chaplain or pastor at each of these locations (and dozens more) who makes personal contact with young men stationed nearby. Continue to watch the EVANGEL for other installations not listed here.

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BY DONALD GEE

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WHICH impresses a newcomer into Pentecostal meetings is the manifestation of spiritual gifts. These gifts are the consistent outcome and accompaniment of speaking with tongues as the scriptural initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A vista is opened up before the believer of the possibility of exercising all the gifts of the Spirit. "Tongues" are not intended to be an isolated manifestation of the fulness of the Spirit.

The Consuming Fire

*"For our God is a consuming fire"
(Hebrews 12:29).*

**Burn, burn Thou all-consuming fire
Till purest gold is wrought;
Burn till there comes a daily death
To ev'ry selfish thought.**

**Burn till there be but one desire,
And that to do Thy will;
Tho' tempests rage without, within,
Burn till my soul is still.**

**Burn tho' my earthly castles fall
Through greater loss to gain
A place where thrones eternal stand,
Where saints of God will reign.**

**Burn till the baser metals lie
In ashes of defeat;
Lest alloys mar again the gold,
Thy burning oft repeat.**

**Burn till like crystal, shining, pure,
As heaven's transparent sea;
Burn until self is all consumed
And there remains but Thee.**

**Burn deep a zeal to overcome—
Thou canst such zeal inspire;
Burn till I wave the victor's palm—
Thou all-consuming Fire.**

—Eldora E. Taylor

A unique feature of Pentecostal meetings is the giving of a "message" in "tongues," followed by an "interpretation," usually of a prophetic nature, as the Holy Spirit speaks in and to the assembly. On other occasions the "tongues" are an expression of personal prayer and worship, and when interpreted have the nature of a psalm. Sometimes, in the providence of God, the "tongue" is a language known to someone present, and in that case it becomes a sign to the unbeliever. This occurred on the day of Pentecost.

The power and purity of messages in tongues varies according to the spiritual condition of the personality involved. When the speaker achieves a high level of true inspiration by the Spirit of God the message makes His presence intensely real, and constitutes one of the supreme and unique glories of Pentecostal meetings. This liberating of the spirit of prophecy usually means that the Holy Spirit can speak either through "tongues" and "interpretation," or by direct prophetic speech in the ordinary language of the speaker. In either case such messages are for "exhortation, edification and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). They are to be "judged" and accepted with discrimination (1 Corinthians 14:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21). They are not to be regarded as infallible, or on a level with the holy Scriptures; but neither are they to be despised or quenched.

SUPERIOR TO NATURAL GIFTS

The believer is now brought to a place of happy expectation of further manifestations of the Spirit, and such passages as 1 Corinthians 12 take on a new significance. The essential difference is that a supernatural element is introduced into Christian work and worship *in addition* to consecrated natural gifts (though often blended with them).

This fascinating subject includes gifts of action as well as of speech. There are nine such spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, and they include not only words of wisdom and knowledge, prophecy, tongues and interpretation; but also faith, healings, miracles and discerning of spirits. Most of these have their natural counterparts, but concerning spiritual gifts we deal with specific manifestations, or "shinings forth," of the Spirit of God; therefore they are contingent upon the person so used having received, and being presently filled with, the Spirit. They are distinctively Christian gifts of grace.

Thus the words of wisdom or of knowledge involve a revelation divinely imparted; the spiritual gift of faith is more than human effort to believe; the gifts of healings are not medical science; prophecy is more than gifted preaching; "diversities of tongues" is more than facility in acquiring foreign languages; and discerning of spirits is not natural shrewdness.

The gifts of the Spirit obviously open up new possibilities for men who are "unlearned and ignorant" according to human standards of academic equipment. On the other hand, they require a high order of humble but intelligent thinking and working with God. They need the mind of Christ. Rightly understood they supply no fuel for fanaticism. The divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit is very different from the frenzy of those "carried away unto dumb idols." In public meetings of the churches spiritual gifts have to be used "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

In seeking to dispel ignorance concerning spiritual gifts, even among those who possessed them, the apostle (in 1 Corinthians 12 to 14) uses two or three key words.

(a) They are "*manifestations*" of

the Spirit of God, and in them we see the Spirit "working" or energizing the believer. It follows that unless the Holy Spirit is thus supplying the divine urge or energy there is no "manifestation." There can be imitation: there can be human effort: but it lacks the effortless flow of the power of God. The "gift" is nothing apart from the immediate energy or working of the Spirit.

(b) There are "diversities" and "differences" of operation. There is a constant necessity to stress this fact because human weakness, even in those spiritually gifted, usually tends to value the more spectacular gifts above others, for wrong reasons.

(c) Some spiritual gifts are better than others. If this were not so, the language of 1 Corinthians 12:31 would be meaningless. In referring to his own use of spiritual gifts, Paul uses such comparative words as "better", or "I had rather" (1 Corinthians 14:5, 19). He is careful to stress the important place of the "understanding," or intellectual faculties, among the spiritually gifted.

(d) Above all, love is to be the ruling principle with all spiritual gifts. Love will prevent their abuse. Love will always place "others" before self (1 Corinthians 14:17). Love will lead to the highest heights.

To maintain a living testimony to the gifts of the Spirit will always be costly and difficult. The Church has to contend with unbelief on the one hand, and fanaticism on the other. Enthusiasm needs to be directed without being quenched. Leaders of truly Pentecostal assemblies have a responsibility that necessitates their being men gifted by God.

EQUIPPED FOR THE OFFICES

Therefore there are men who are to be regarded in themselves as gifts from Christ to the Church. This is what we mean when we refer to the "Offices."

The passage usually quoted is Ephesians 4:11, although there are other similar catalogues elsewhere (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Romans 12:6-8). Once again it is to be noted that there is a divinely appointed variety of ministries. Unfortunately we usually expect one man, if he is the leader of an assembly, to combine something of all. Another mistake is to over-emphasize one particular office (prophet, evangelist, or teacher) according to our personal evaluation of things. This always makes for weakness where the whole "Body" of Christ is concerned.

We in the Assemblies of God believe that all these varied lines of Christ-given ministry are permanently manifested in the Church. It is true that there are no longer "foundation" apostles in the unique sense of the original Twelve, but there still are outstanding men whom the Lord uses to do foundation work in the planting of churches. Neither is the office restricted to foreign missionaries: the same work can be done on the home fields. Other brethren are "apostles" by virtue of being outstanding in spiritual leadership among all the churches.

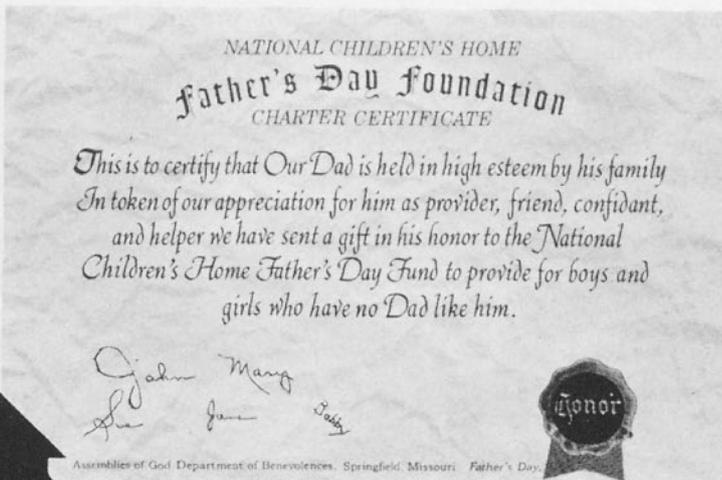
The "prophet" is pre-eminently the man with God's message. Almost necessarily, therefore, he is a preacher; but a scripturally prophetic ministry has in it an element of inspiration and authority far beyond ordinary preaching. One particular function of the prophet is to

make known God's will, though without any element of infallibility.

Evangelists, pastors and teachers are too well-known and recognized to need any labored definition. The last two are often combined in one man, but not necessarily so. A gifted teacher need not be a pastor.

The Assemblies of God stands for all these vital offices, and gratefully believes that God has placed them in the midst of the Church. Misunderstanding sometimes arises because we do not "label" these ministries by turning the gifts into official designations. We do not, for example, refer to brethren by the designation of "apostle" or "prophet," but that does not invalidate the reality among us of the office or gift.

The heart of the matter is that these spiritual ministries or offices in the Church are gifts from her Living Head. They are not appointed by committees or by voting. They are there to be recognized. No man can take them to himself, however strong his desire or worthy his ambition. Neither are they the products of schools or colleges, although a time at a school may greatly enrich the one who already has a gift from the Lord. The Assemblies of God does not despise or reject consecrated natural ability devoted to the work of the Gospel. It has a place. But we recognize that Spirit-given men and ministries are a continual witness to the power of God in its divine excellency working through "earthen vessels." In this sense the "Offices" in the Church are as supernatural and as Pentecostal as the gifts of the Spirit themselves. Indeed they arise from them. ◀◀



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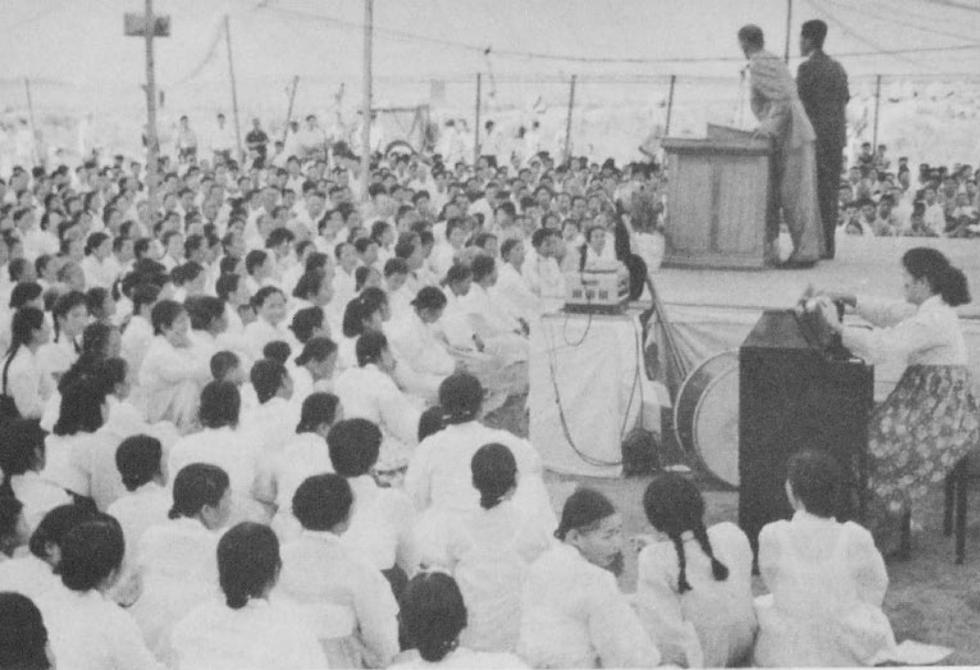
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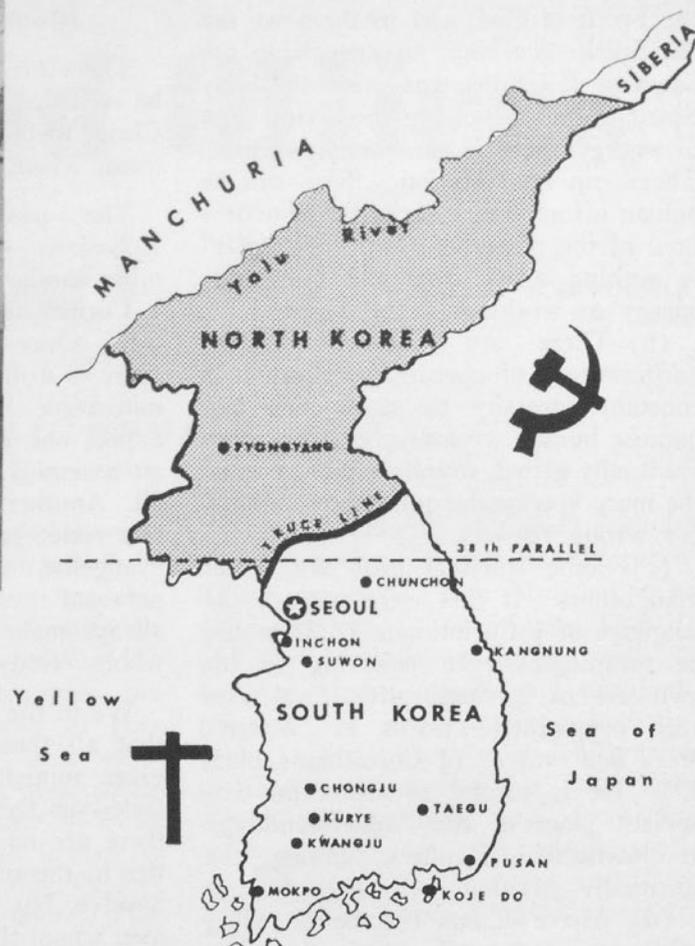
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KOREA, REVIVAL OR HOLOCAUST?

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Or, in plain English, "Have you eaten a meal today?" This has been the common daily greeting of the Korean people for centuries. No other country perhaps has been so devastated by warring forces and had its people subjected to such miserable depths of physical suffering and hardship. Even today millions of refugees are camped everywhere throughout the land, still suffering from lack of food and insufficient clothing.

Every Korean lives each day with uncertainty of tomorrow because of the ever-smouldering fire of race hatred and strife. This fact is vividly portrayed by the division of Korea at the 38th

parallel, a situation which at any moment could explode into national and international conflict. Tension, uncertainty, and suffering blot out any hope for the future. Korea, the frontier of freedom, lies crippled, bleeding, cut in half by ruthless Communism.

The whole world knows that Korea is a tinderbox! Armed forces, equipped with the latest weapons, face each other menacingly along the artificial border. The present leadership of South Korea is dedicated to the task of uniting the country, no matter what the cost. Presumably, only the fact that the R. O. K. army is given ammunition for only a few days of fighting deters it from launching an immediate attack on North

Korea. One trigger-happy soldier could easily start a conflagration which might turn the whole world into a shambles.

On the other hand, out of Korea could come a revival which would set the Orient and the whole world afire for Christ. The results of the great Korean revival of 1907, which brought into being a praying, practicing, and zealous Christian church, have remained throughout the years. Practically every church in Korea is filled at 4:30 every morning (even in the bitter cold of winter) with praying, praising Christians.

The Pentecostal testimony reached Korea in organized form only a few years ago, and has spread like wildfire.

Refugees from North Korea



Man in center, deaf for 28 years, healed



Ministering to the refugees



Today the work of the Assemblies of God is burgeoning in every corner of this land. Our Bible school is turning out many qualified pastors; churches are being established everywhere.

Recently the Holy Spirit, by prophetic messages and deep conviction, has been burning the truth into our hearts that Korea is on the very brink of some great event. *Will this be another tragedy, or will it be spiritual blessing and revival?* The answer to this question lies in how quickly we can propagate the Full Gospel message to every corner of this land. We must have your help and prayers to accomplish this. *This is our hour of conquest for Korea!*

During the years gone by, consecrated missionaries have labored and Spirit-filled Pentecostal evangelists have ministered. This summer Brother and Sister Ralph Byrd are to assist our missionaries, the Johnstons and Stetzes, in a series of campaigns, blanketing the whole country. It is our sincere belief that these campaigns will spark a mighty revival.

The local people are good givers and will contribute toward the cost of buildings, tabernacles, etc. However, they are poor and more funds are needed. We have the personnel and equipment but lack money to finance five city-wide campaigns throughout Korea this summer.

We have strategic property in the center of Seoul for a revival center, but no finances to build it. It should be done now! God has miraculously provided a new location for the Bible school, and a revival center may be built on the present school location. We feel that the Bible school, for the training of Spirit-filled national pastors,



Graduation class of 1958, Korean Bible Institute

is of first importance and priority. We must build and move to the new location before winter. With your help we can.

Already one church at home has offered to buy a printing press to expedite our literature program, but many more prayers and finances are needed.

More than 33,500 American soldiers gave their blood and life for Korea's freedom. Have we forgotten? Because of the lack of recruits for Korea, missionaries have been "borrowed" from Japan. Why are there so few recruits for the world's most strategic outpost of freedom? Why are there so few finances for city-wide campaigns, gospel literature, Bible School, and to send new recruits to the field? What will our answer be?

There cannot be a generous harvest of souls without generous giving and full consecration on the part of God's people.

Anyone interested may send his offerings to "Korean Work" in care of the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. ◀ ◀

Church Participation In Missionary Giving

February 1958

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Montana	65	61	94%
2. Nebraska	79	73	92%
3. N. Dakota	50	45	90%
4. S. Idaho	57	49	86%
5. Kansas	165	138	84%
6. S. Dakota	49	41	84%
7. Northwest	273	219	80%
8. Michigan	176	140	80%
9. Minnesota	147	117	80%
10. New Jersey	99	77	78%
11. Wis.-N. Mich.	136	105	77%
12. Eastern	262	202	77%
13. New Mexico	77	59	77%
14. N. New England	56	42	75%
15. Oregon	200	150	75%
16. Potomac	180	135	75%
17. Rocky Mtn.	126	94	75%
18. New York	162	120	74%
19. Ohio	180	133	74%
20. West Central	224	164	73%
21. Wyoming	37	27	73%
22. S. New England	62	45	73%
23. Louisiana	152	107	70%
24. S. Missouri	333	230	69%
25. Illinois	220	151	69%
26. N. Calif.-Nev.	332	224	67%
27. S. California	383	252	66%
28. W. Texas	128	83	65%
29. Tennessee	100	63	63%
30. S. Florida	168	102	61%
31. W. Florida	138	82	59%
32. N. Carolina	78	46	59%
33. S. Texas	266	154	58%
34. Alabama	257	143	56%
35. Oklahoma	496	270	54%
36. Georgia	134	70	52%
37. Indiana	157	82	52%
38. N. Texas	513	255	50%
39. Kentucky	67	32	48%
40. Appalachian	71	33	46%
41. Arizona	88	39	44%
42. Arkansas	443	195	44%
43. Mississippi	94	39	41%
44. S. Carolina	51	19	37%



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*Will the Godly and the Ungodly
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Our Heavenly Inheritance

The Fourth in a Series of Five Articles

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

CHRISTIANS ARE "KEPT BY THE power of God" to "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away." This inheritance is "reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4, 5).

Let us contrast this Christian hope with the views taken by the ancient world. Among the ancient Egyptians there was more than one belief on this subject. They looked for a life after death similar to this present life. They believed bodily organs would be restored in a form suited to use in the other world. In that world the soul would be sustained through eating and drinking; hence oxen were sacrificed before the tomb and the choice parts were presented for use of the deceased. Jars of water and vessels of wine and beer were placed where they might be used. The Egyptians believed in life after death and they believed in a future judgment.

Among the Babylonians were various fanciful ideas, but there was general agreement that the dead were invisible and feeble. For their good, wine and other liquids were provided; and their weapons also, as tokens of the offices they held while here on earth. The women were provided with combs and cosmetics. They believed the departed had gone "to the pit," "the land beyond." They had gone, but where?

The Persians saw paradise and hell in a struggle for possession of the soul which had to give a reckoning of the life which had been lived. If the record was good, the soul prevailed over evil

and went to paradise; if evil, it sank into the abyss and woe, to the house of hell, which was tenanted by spirits of evil.

There was little hope among the Greeks. Death to them was the worst of evils, a horror. Yet death is not the end, for the soul flies away and survives in an existence which is less than that of the present life. The place of its existence is hades, a place desolate of joy.

Far brighter was the hope of the Hebrews. To them, man was created in the image of God. Since God is eternal, they believed man is eternal also. Man might take the life of the beasts, but not the life of man; for man, with eternal qualities, was superior to the beasts which perish. To be gathered unto one's people was to find a resting place in *sheol*. Seen from a material point of view, this might appear to be a land of silence and gloom, where one "shall behold man no more" (Isaiah 38:11). But to the righteous it was a place of rest. "There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest" (John 3:17).

Balaam recognized that the state of the wicked and that of the righteous differed, and he exclaimed, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his" (Numbers 23:10). The Psalmist expressed his hope in the confident words, "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:24).

Life after death has been the hope of

men of all ages. The skeptic might say, "This is because of ignorance and superstition." He who believes in God and in man's majestic calling says, "It is because God made man in His own image, putting a consciousness of eternity within him."

Hope has been the portion of believers from the beginning. Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). Job in his trial affirmed, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at last he will stand up upon the earth: and after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God; whom I, even I, shall see, on my side, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger" (Job 19:25-27, ASV). To David are credited these words: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psalm 17:15). Blessed is the hope of the righteous.

When the disciples returned to Jesus, saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name," He answered them by saying, "Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:17, 20).

When Jesus gathered the twelve before Him in the painful hours immediately preceding His suffering and death, He admonished them, "Let not your heart be troubled." Sorrows were coming, but the disciples were to look beyond the sorrows of the present. "In my Father's house," said Jesus, "are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

Who will share the bliss of heaven? The Bible says the holy angels will be there, for in heaven they "do always behold the face of my Father which is

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in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). There will be cherubim, seraphim, and an innumerable company of angels. The redeemed of earth will be there. And best of all, our Lord will be there, too. Heaven is both a place and a condition. It is a home. Within that eternal abode are blessings beyond the present knowledge of man. "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isaiah 64:4). Paul quotes this scripture with the following comment: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). The revelation received enables us to know all we need to know. The full revelation awaits the day when death shall be swallowed up in victory. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Without the hope of heaven, how cheerless life would be! Here we are surrounded with many burdensome cares. Many are the heartaches and disappointments of life. Sickness may come, poverty may pinch, hopes are crushed, and death eats into our plans, tearing the heart and darkening the future. What comfort it brings to lean on the bosom of Jesus now and to know that "if our earthly house of this tabernacle [be] dissolved" with all its earthly hopes, "we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "Here we groan," but our sorrows shall be turned into joy when we hear the gentle voice of our Redeemer say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." ◀◀

(Next week: *Soul Rest.*)

If an individual is in reality living up to his best, your kindly judgment will encourage and help him to become even better than he is. If he is struggling under severe handicaps, your sympathetic discernment will inspire him and strengthen him to achieve the victory over his handicaps. And if he is obsessed with a sense of his worthlessness, you will help dissipate the obsession by pointing out that there is a boundless hope in the Christ upon whom you lean. You have little idea what satisfaction can come with the feeling that you have been of help to someone discouraged or defeated.—*D. Carl Yoder*



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What will be the reaction in heaven when those who have injured others meet those whom they have injured?

If evil doers reach heaven it will be because their sins have been forgiven through believing in Christ. If they should then meet those whom they have injured, I think things will be all right. We will then have entered into a completely different form of living; and as we see others who have been saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus, we will all rejoice together in the mercy and love of the Lord. If we can forgive injuries now, we certainly will be able to forgive when we get to heaven.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "There are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last"? (Luke 13:30)

I believe this primarily has reference to the Jews, though other applications may also be made. The Jews had been the first, or chief, having been given "the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises" (Romans 9:4). Through Israel's rejection of Christ the Gentiles, who had been "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise" (Ephesians 2:12), were brought into the first or chief place through their acceptance of Christ.

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Ought not the account concerning the rending of the veil, the quaking earth, the opening of the graves, and the resurrection of the saints to be placed in Matthew 28 instead of Matthew 27:51-53?

I am sure the rending of the veil should be where it is recorded, since when Jesus cried, "It is finished," His atonement opened the way into the holiest for us (Hebrews 10:19, 20). Christ must be the firstborn of the dead, the first to rise. It seems fitting that the account of the rending of the rocks and the opening of the graves should be included in the account, provided we realize that the resurrection of the saints did not take place prior

to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, "that in all things he might have the preeminence."

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I teach a Bible class. I am unable to explain the invitation to the marriage in Matthew 22. Can you help me?

The parable sets forth that there is to be a marriage of the king's son. The servants may be any who are authorized to extend the invitation. The first offer was to the Jews under the earthly ministry of Jesus and those whom He sent (v. 3). The second invitation was to the Jews after the atonement had been made (v. 4; Acts 2). Because the invitation was rejected by Israel, Jerusalem would be destroyed (v. 7), and the invitation was to go into all the world, to every creature (vv. 8-10).

As I understand it, guests were provided wedding garments. The one who was cast into outer darkness was one who felt that his own garments were good enough, and that he did not need a wedding garment. It is a warning to any who think they are good enough in their own righteousness. If a person is not clothed with the righteousness of Christ, through accepting Him and His atonement, he will be lost.

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Are we not teaching salvation by works when we require that believers be baptized in water?

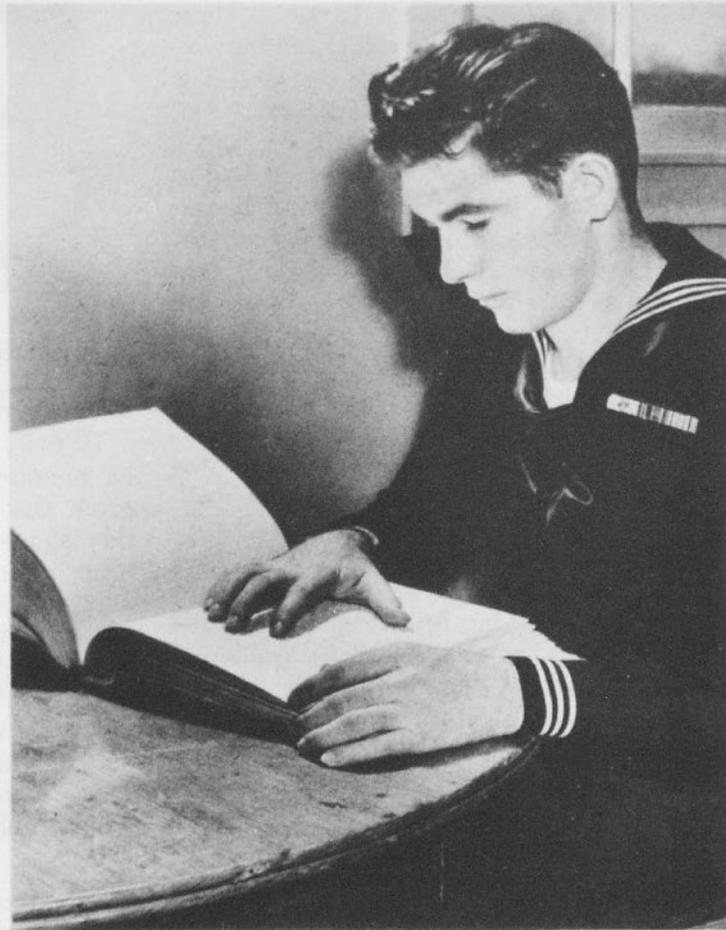
We are saved by grace, but grace causes us to desire to do God's will. If a person were to try to buy divine favor by his works, instead of putting his full trust in Christ and what He has done, he would fail. Salvation by faith means accepting what Christ has done, taking His provision of salvation to ourselves.

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).

IF YOU WERE BLIND

YOU TOO WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE
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OFFERED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

BY EARL L. WALPOLE



TWO OUT OF EVERY THOUSAND Americans are blind. This amounts to 320,000 persons. At least two thirds of these are past the age of sixty. Some were born blind, while others lost their sight in early life. Many who had normal vision through middle age and beyond had believed, "*It's unthinkable that I should ever be blind!*"

But it *can* happen—as it did to these people. Sometimes slowly, sometimes swiftly, the light fails and darkness closes in. Yet, there are more ways to see than through physical eyes. Even eyes that are insensitive to sunlight may glow with reflected radiance. Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, makes even the darkest life to shine.

And loss of sight need not mean lack of vision. By God's grace, one who is blind can grasp life's meaning even better than many with normal eyesight. Lack of eyesight in no way hinders a man's hunger for God nor his desire to know the Word. He longs to know—he longs to understand the message of life that God had intended for him.

For years and years one of the most effective means of spreading the gospel has been the printed page. Count-

less millions of books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals have been printed and distributed the world over. They have carried the message, "Jesus saves," to the far corners of the earth. We want those who read to know the *Light that never fails*.

But lack of eyesight keeps the Blind from reading any of this printed literature. *What about them?* Are they to be shut off from the *Light of Life*? Some special provision must be made for the Blind.

The answer to this acute problem lies in the production of Braille literature, which makes use of raised dots arranged to represent the letters of the alphabet. Sensitive fingers can feel the dots, understand the language, and receive the precious Word that before was hidden. Hymnbooks, Sunday School literature, Bibles, and religious periodicals *in Braille* can bring to "fingers that see" this good news of the light in Christ.

With the printing in Braille of the *Adult Student* quarterly, the *Pentecostal Digest*, and several of the children's quarterlies, the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department is struggling to meet this gigantic need

for effective gospel literature for the Blind. Already the subscription list for the *Braille Adult Student* has grown to include more than 160 names. Most of these on the list are blind Christians, hungry for the Word, *as you would be if you were blind*.

Take a look into our files and share with us some of the thrilling letters of appreciation that have come from the blind people who have already received some of these materials:

"We were very much delighted about three weeks ago when we received our Sunday School lessons and learned that the Home Missions Department had undertaken the project of Braille printing. My husband and I are both blind. I have been a member of the Assemblies of God all my life, and he has been a member for many years. Nobody realizes how much blind people miss not being able to read *The Pentecostal Evangel*, *Live*, and the other papers. We live in a small town with a pioneer work. I am the pianist of the church and my husband plays the accordion. How we do appreciate these lessons in Braille.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jarvie
Cascade, Idaho

From the blind pastor of an Assemblies of God church:

"Just a few days ago I received the Braille quarterly for the new year. It is a real pleasure to be able to read and study it. This will be a big assistance to me as I teach the Adult Class. The Assemblies of God has real reason to be proud of the work that is being done for the Blind and we need not be ashamed to have these quarterlies placed in any of their homes. I do thank God for the foresight of Sister Whitney in printing the quarterlies, as she did for such a long time. If it hadn't been for her beginning and interest in the Blind, we would not have the quarterlies to enjoy now."

—F. H. Finkenbinder
Pastor of Vicksburg Assembly of God
Vicksburg, Michigan

"I want to thank you for the new *Adult* quarterly. It is so easy to read. The paper and the print are fine. I am a widow and live with my son and daughter. I will be 70 years old my next birthday, and I have been blind for 28 years. Thank you again for all the books."

—Mrs. Oma Mercer
Bellflower, California

"Your quarterly magazine, *The Adult Student*, which I received for the first time at the beginning of this year, was welcomed with a thrill of joy. The lessons, which I read and re-read each week, have proved very beneficial to me. They contain such precious truths! May the Lord bless all those who, by their generous contributions, provide such beautiful Bible studies to so many blind people of your country and abroad, even to me here in Switzerland. The same work you are doing there, we try to do here for the French-speaking Blind. I wish you God's richest blessing for the wonderful work you have undertaken."

—A Reader in Switzerland



He, Too, Loved Beauty

I who love beauty in the open valleys,
Tintings of sunset, and the swallow's flight,
Must breathe the air of squalid city alleys,
Shut from the cool caresses of the night;
Wistful of fragrance where the springtime dallies,
Sharing with sordid souls a city's blight.

He, too, loved beauty, but a city drew Him.
Flowers He found in little children's eyes;
Something of grace in lepers stumbling to Him;
Fragrance of spikenard spilt in sweet surprise;
Joy in forgiving men at last who slew Him;
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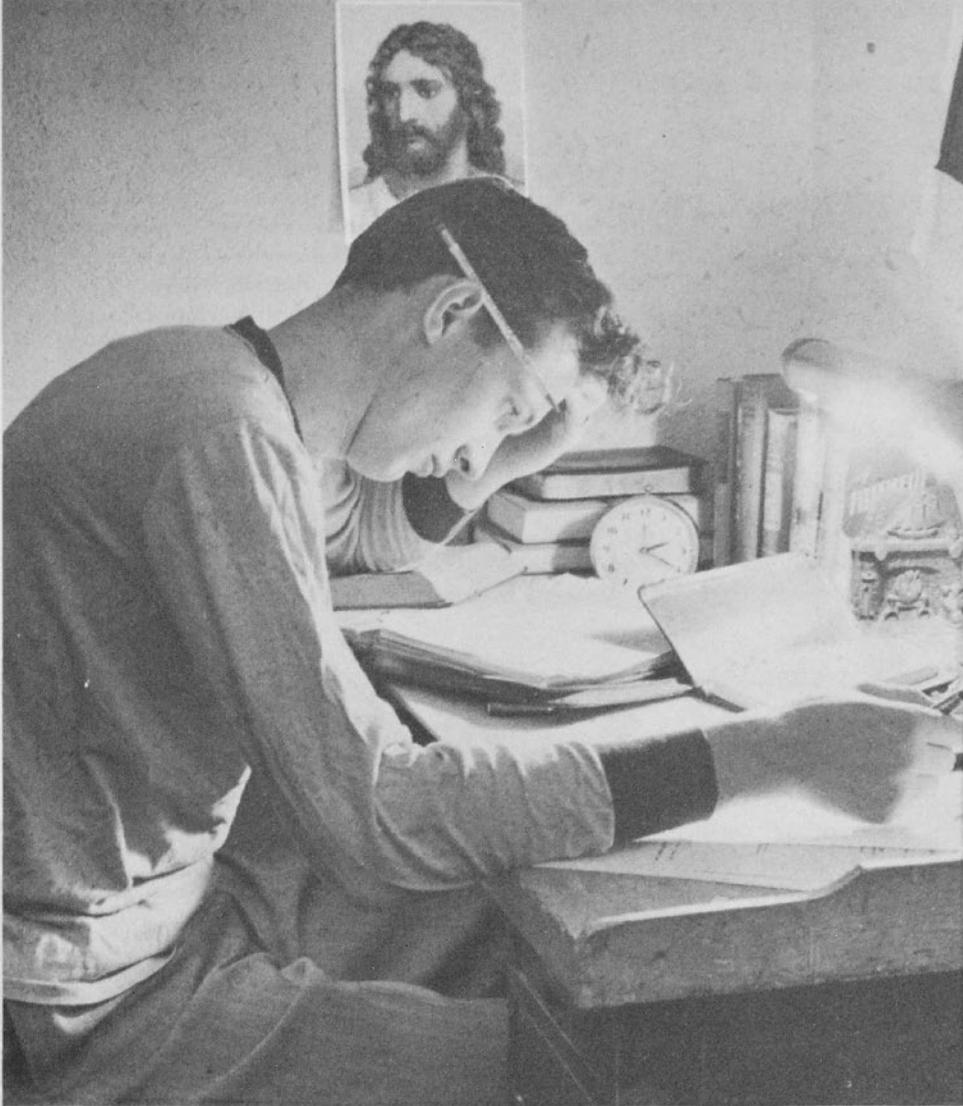
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AGE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE



Why Should a Fellow Be Bothered With

TESTS!

BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

ACTIVITIES WERE IN HIGH GEAR AS the school year came to a close. Dorotheann and David engaged in a round of rehearsals for the school choir's closing concert. Term papers had to be completed and handed in without delay. Bill was busy with rehearsals for commencement exercises. The entire family was interested in the sale of tickets for the semiformal banquet put on each spring by the city Youth for Christ. An air of excited expectancy pervaded the entire household.

The only flaw in this lovely picture of spring stretching into a schoolless summer was those horrid final exams. Why teachers insist on the pupils'

proving they've learned anything during the school year is beyond the ken of the average child. Without exams, school wouldn't be half bad, and all the activities could be thoroughly enjoyed.

"I wish I were you," David moaned to Mother as she labored over a very dirty floor.

"You do? C'mon, then, and use *your* elbow grease on this floor. My knees ache from kneeling and my arms from rubbing. Hardwood floors are not the easiest things in the world to keep looking nice."

"Oh, no; I'm not after that job. I mean I wish I didn't have to take exams. You never have any tests."

"I don't? I have them every day of my life. The school of life is a hard one and demands daily proof of my worth."

With a look of intense doubt the boy went back to his studies. The next day after school David headed straight for the kitchen and Mother. "I thought of you today and wished I could have been taking your kind of exam rather than Latin."

"Do I detect a bit of sarcasm in that statement?" Mother asked as she poured a glass of milk for him.

"Perish the thought, Mama! But that Latin test was tough."

"I know some exams can be very exacting and take a great deal out of you. But the experience of rising to the occasion and accepting the challenge is of great value to you. Such experiences help to stiffen your backbone, and the process of getting starch in your spine must be started early if you are to handle your adult responsibilities well."

"Aw, Mother, I didn't expect to get a sermon with my lunch. But, I suppose you're right about tests in school and the way they help us in the tests of life. The grass in another field always looks greener. Anyway, I'm glad we'll be out of school for a while. I reckon I'll never be considered a 'brain.'"

"Don't worry about that, Son. Just always do the very best you can with the faculties God has given you. You can meet every test, both in school and in life, with the strength which comes from His presence and His Word. God will always deal with you on the basis of your personal capacities. Well, there comes the truck with your papers. Time for you to get going."

"Bye now, Mother. See you at supper-time. Have a lot that's good; I'll be starved."

As Mother worked to prepare a "lot that's good" for her brood, she remembered with vividness some of her own schooldays and a few of the tests which had challenged every fibre of her being. She didn't fully realize then, any more than David could now, how much those challenges meant to her moral and spiritual development. In retrospect they seemed rather insignificant, especially in the face of the spirit-to-spirit conflict with the adversary of

her soul during those years of rearing her family. But each accepted challenge and every battle won have gone into the warp and woof of a pattern planned by the Master Designer. How satisfying to know that He *never* makes a mistake.

Does not the Word of God exhort men to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves" (2 Corinthians 13:5)? "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7). "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try [prove] you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12-13).

Rejoice then, O my soul, in all those tests and trials. They are not "strange things" happening unto you, but rather serve the purpose of making you a partaker of Christ's sufferings for your ultimate *exceeding* joy. ◀ ◀

For Junior Readers



BIBLE BRIDES and BRIDEGROOMS

June is traditionally the month of brides and bridegrooms. Here are some couples from the Old Testament. Some are very well known; others are unfamiliar. Can you match the bridegrooms with the brides, by placing the letter that is before the bridegroom's name in the space provided in front of the bride's name?

BRIDES BRIDEGROOMS

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| 1. Rebekah | a. Hosea |
| 2. Ruth | b. King Ahasuerus |
| 3. Eve | c. Abraham |
| 4. Esther | d. Isaac |
| 5. Michal | e. Boaz |
| 6. Gomer | f. Moses |
| 7. Hannah | g. David |
| 8. Zipporah | h. Elkanah |
| 9. Sarah | i. Jacob |
| 10. Rachel | j. Adam |

ANSWERS: 1-d; 2-e; 3-j; 4-b; 5-g; 6-a; 7-h; 8-f; 9-c; 10-i.



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, June 2

Read: Psalm 117; 118:1-14
Learn: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8).
For the Parent: Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible, but its message is important—praise the Lord because of His merciful kindness and truth. Psalm 118 continues this same theme. Emphasize: (1) we should praise God because of His everlasting mercy, vv. 1-4; (2) God answers our prayers and helps us, vv. 5-7; (3) we should trust in Him rather than in men, vv. 8, 9; (4) He will deliver us from our enemies, vv. 11-14.
Question Time: What is the theme of Psalm 117? (See above) Does v. 8 mean we shouldn't have confidence in men?

Tuesday, June 3

Read: Psalm 118:15-29
Learn: "Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee" (Psalm 118:28).
For the Parent: Review the first portion of this psalm (yesterday's study). Point out how this last half continues the theme of praise to God. Show: (1) we rejoice in the victory God brings to us, vv. 15-17; (2) God chastens us to draw us closer to Himself, vv. 18-21. From v. 24 point out the importance of thanking God for every day He gives us, regardless of the weather or circumstances.
Question Time: What gates did the Psalmist ask be opened to him? (v. 19) What do you think this means?

Wednesday, June 4

Read: Psalm 119:1-16
Learn: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9).
For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) the blessings that come to those who obey the Word of God, vv. 1-3; (2) a reminder that we have been commanded to obey God, v. 4; (3) a prayer and determination to obey Him, vv. 5-8. Emphasize that (4) cleansing from sin comes by complete obedience to God's Word—which includes accepting Christ, vv. 9-11, and that (5) we should have a longing to know more of God's Word, vv. 12-16.

Question Time: How can we be cleansed from our sins? (See above) What does v. 11 mean to you?

Thursday, June 5

Read: Nehemiah 5:1-13; 6:10-13
Learn: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41).
For the Parent: (Additional material on "Enemies Inside Jerusalem" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) In rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah not only faced enemies on the outside; there were also great problems on the inside. Chapter 5 relates how Nehemiah overcame the greed of some of the people. Chapter 6 tells of a plot to harm Nehemiah. Emphasize the importance of trusting in God and following His will as we meet opposition.
Question Time: How did Nehemiah overcome the problem of greed? (5:7-13) How did his obedience to God protect Him?

Friday, June 6

Read: Acts 19:1-12, 23-28, 35-39 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
Learn: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16).
For the Parent: Continuing on his missionary journey, Paul went from Athens to Corinth, then to Ephesus. Point out: (1) the believers at Ephesus received the Holy Spirit; (2) Paul was faithful in witnessing to all; (3) miracles were performed; (4) an uproar was caused by the idol makers because Paul was hurting their business.
Question Time: What question did Paul first ask the disciples at Ephesus? (v. 2) What miracles did God perform through Paul? (v. 12)

Saturday, June 7

Read: 2 Kings 22:1 to 23:3 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
Learn: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).
For the Parent: Josiah was just eight years old when he became king. Point out: (1) he was a good king, 22:2; (2) he was concerned about the condition of God's house and began to repair it, 22:3-7; (3) he was concerned about the spiritual condition of his subjects, 22:11-20; (4) he led his people into a covenant to obey the Word of God, 23:1-3.
Question Time: How old was Josiah when he became king? (22:1) What kind of covenant did he make? (23:3)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



ENEMIES INSIDE JERUSALEM

Sunday School Lesson for June 8, 1958

NEHEMIAH 5:1-7; 6:10-13

The most dangerous enemies to the work of God are always those within the church itself. Persecution from the outside often drives the church to God; but corruption or evil from within is always the forerunner of spiritual degeneration. In our lesson today we discover that selfishness and treachery threatened to hinder the work of God.

I. A PROTESTING PEOPLE (5:1-5).

The influx of 50,000 people to the small land (verse 2) and a recent famine (verse 3) had resulted in an economic crisis in Judah. Poorer people were forced to borrow money and mortgage their property in order to buy food. Those who were more well-to-do took unfair advantage of their poorer brethren and charged them exorbitant rates of interest. The leaders of the people, moreover, were taxing the people heavily and thus adding to their burdens. When mortgages could not be paid, creditors were foreclosing, and the result was that some who could not pay were having to sell their sons and daughters as servants and slaves. The people finally complained to Nehemiah, who recognized the situation as a problem which could soon result in such serious internal discord and strife that it would threaten the entire future of the returned exiles.

II. A POWERFUL EXAMPLE (5:6-19).

"And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words," said Nehemiah. Here was no carnal anger, but righteous indignation toward those who took unfair advantage of their brethren and attempted to capitalize on the adverse circumstances of the times. A Christian who is guilty of such conduct is the rankest of all hypocrites. God's Word exhorts us to do good to all men, especially those who are of the household of faith.

Though he was angry, Nehemiah had wisdom enough to refrain from hasty action while in such a frame of mind. "I consulted with myself," he said. In other words, he thought matters over and prayed about them. He could not force these men to be charitable and to restore the property they had secured from the poor. Instead, he set an example.

Nehemiah pointed out that he, too, could have rightfully received tribute from the people. But because of prevalent conditions he had not done so. His own sacrificial and unselfish example was a powerful influence. Consequently the nobles restored that which they had taken and charged no further interest.

III. A SUBTLE ENEMY (6:10-13).

A false prophet sought to hinder the work of Nehemiah by urging him to flee for safety into the temple. Here is an example of psychological warfare. This man was in the employ of the enemy without. If the enemy could make Nehemiah fearful, that fear would spread to the people and disrupt the work of God. But Nehemiah was equal to the occasion. He recognized the Satanic origin of this false

prophet's prediction. And we, too, will do well to "try the spirits," and be quick to refuse to entertain suggestions from the enemy which would make us fearful and cause us to turn from our God-directed work!

"Should such a man as I flee?" asked Nehemiah. Was this conceit? Not in the least! Nehemiah was simply conscious of the fact that he was called of God, that God was with him—should such a man flee in fear from the enemy? And every Christian, however insignificant he may feel, has every right to the same confidence. We are "sons of God." We are "more than conquerors through him that loved us." "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

And now compare 4:21 with 6:15. "From the rising of the morning till the stars appeared," the people continued to build in spite of all opposition. How are we building? Amy Carmichael's beautiful poem may well be our prayer—

*"Make us Thy laborers,
Let us not dream of ever turning back,
Let not our knees be feeble, hands be slack;
O make us strong to labor, strong to bear,
From the rising of the morning till the stars appear.*

*"Make us Thy Warriors,
On whom Thou canst depend to stand the brunt
Of any perilous charge on any front.
Give us skill to handle sword and spear,
From the rising of the morning till the stars appear.*

*"Not far from us, those stars,
Unseen as angels, and yet looking through
The quiet air, the day's transparent blue.
What shall we know and feel and see and hear
When the sunset colors kindle and the stars appear?"*

—J. Bashford Bishop

"THE SPOTS ARE ON THE INSIDE"



Healing Testimonies

Nervous Trouble

On August 6, 1956, the Lord in His lovingkindness and mercy reached down His hand and lifted me out of the jaws of death. He instantly healed my body.

I had been aware for quite some time that all was not as it should be. I was always tired, and exertion would make my heart pound terrifically. For a long time I had been bothered with a nervous stomach, and these attacks were becoming more frequent and more severe.

On August 5, I began feeling weak and found it hard to breathe. I went to bed and relaxed, and suddenly I had to fight for my breath. I guess I became unconscious. My family called our pastor, R. H. Davis, and later called the doctor.

When Brother Davis arrived, my feet and hands were paralyzed. I was helpless and couldn't move or talk. But as they prayed for me I could feel strength and life coming back into my body. In about two hours all feeling had come back, but I was weak and tired.

The doctor said this was a condition caused from nervous tension. He left me some medicine, which I took. During the night I had another attack, and was no better the next day. I felt soreness in my chest. By evening the pains and attacks were coming closer and harder. The doctor was puzzled, and so arranged for me to have electrocardiogram and calcium-deficiency tests the next morning at the hospital.

I had my husband call friends from the church to come and pray, as I felt that was my only hope. They came and spent the evening praying with me, and I'll never forget how soothing and sweet those prayers sounded as I lay there weak and helpless. The pain in my chest was severe. They said my feet and hands were cold, and my pulse almost gone. I felt as if my life were hanging by a thread.

My husband called our pastor, who came and told me to put my hand where

the pain was. When I did, I asked the Lord to let me know without a doubt that I was healed. He prayed a simple prayer and said, "Sister, the work is done."

That instant I was set free! I received supernatural strength. I got up and laughed and cried for joy for what Jesus had done for me. It was truly a great time of rejoicing for me, my family, and all those who witnessed my healing. To God be all the glory.

That was a year and a half ago, and I have never since had any of these pains or troubles. I am enjoying wonderful health. Not only am I thankful for my physical healing, but also my spiritual strength was greatly renewed. With it came a deeper love for my Saviour.—Mrs. Robert Easton, Route 2, Fults, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. H. Davis, Renault, Ill.)

Cancer Conquered

In October 1956 I went to a doctor because I had a fairly large sore on my tongue which would not heal. The sore had been there for at least two months and seemed to be getting bigger. My doctor cut a specimen out of it and sent it to a laboratory for tests. The report he received said it was leukoplakia, the beginning stage of cancer.

On Sunday night I was prayed for, and God healed me. The entire sore healed up, and even the taste buds were restored to the area of my tongue where the sore had been.

Then in December some different types of sores appeared on a different part of my tongue, and a few friends persuaded me to go to a cancer sanatorium. We arrived at the sanatorium on Sunday and made an appointment for me to be examined on Monday.

Meanwhile the people at home prayed, and when I was examined by two doctors they could hardly believe I ever had the sores, although I gave them a letter of my case history from my doctor. They couldn't find any sore and not even a scar where the specimen

had been removed, even though it had taken three stitches to close the wound at the time.

When God heals He does a complete job. Praise His name!—Mrs. R. H. Force, Gillette, Wyo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lloyd E. Weed, Gillette, Wyo.)

Cyst Disappears

There was a growth in the corner of my left eye. An eye specialist of Wichita Falls, Texas, said it was a cyst and that it would have to be removed.

Two weeks later, in our Sunday night service, one lady went up to have prayer for her body. The presence of the Lord was real. I asked the Lord to remove the cyst. Then I reached to wipe the tears from my eyes, and the cyst came off on my finger! God did the miracle right before the whole church! The Divine Surgeon didn't even leave a scar! I give God all of the praise.—C. E. Russell, Box 462, Nocona, Tex.

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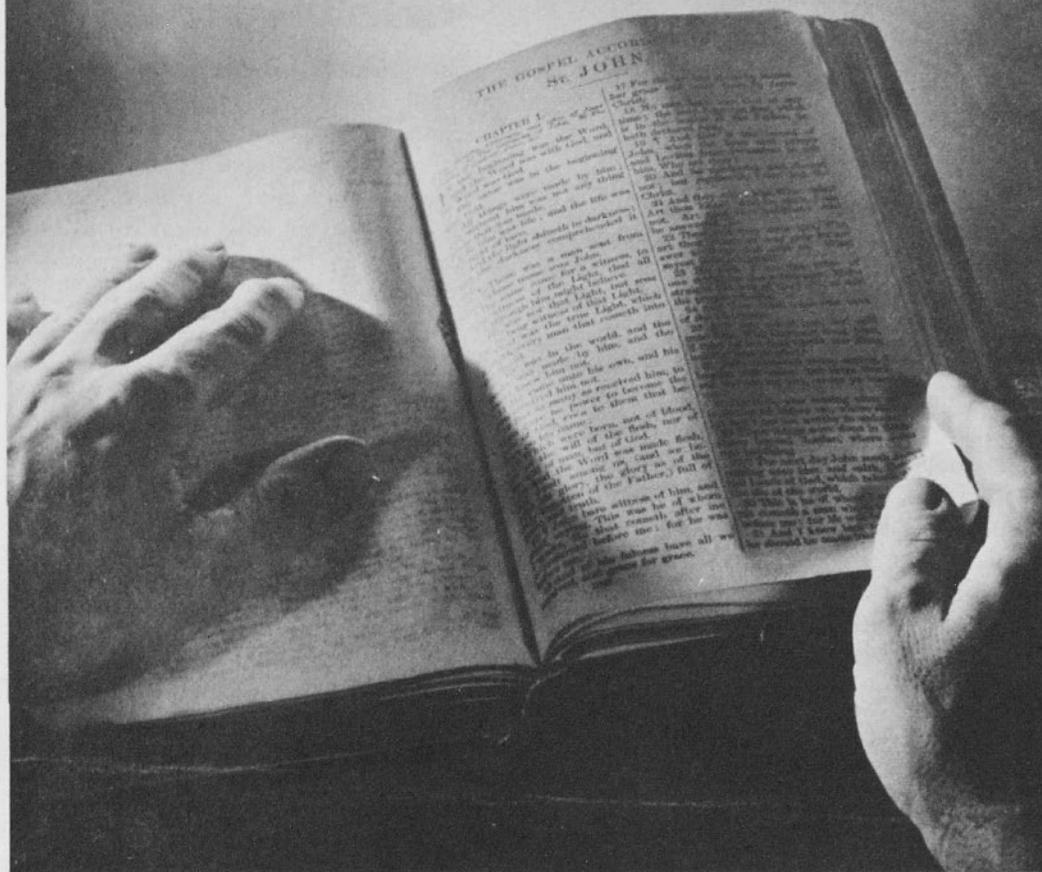


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BY DOROTHY C. HASKIN

WHAT AN ODD TITLE! HAVING devotions is being with the Lord, isn't it—praying to Him, reading His Word? Every Christian enjoys devotions.

Or does he?

He should, but give ear to the average Christian's daily speech, and remember that "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Note how few give evidence of having enjoyed a quiet time.

Frankly, a few minutes of prayer at night or when one is in trouble, and a weekly exposure to a sermon text or two—these hardly constitute a devotional life. No wonder there are many Christians at whom one must look askance, for they have left untapped the secret of conforming to the image of Christ in the sacred stillness of intimate communion with God.

If devotions were a drudgery, these anemic souls might be excused. The

truth is, though, that any born-again Christian can thoroughly enjoy his devotional life.

But it may take a little time.

First of all, cultivate the habit of a quiet time. You have to "break in" this habit just as you have to "break in" a new pair of shoes. It may seem awkward at first. One seldom enjoys being with strangers, and the average Christian doesn't enjoy his devotions because the Lord is merely an acquaintance, not a friend. You must look into the face of Jesus until He becomes an intimate confidant, until you rightfully belong to that fraternity of which Paul spoke when he wrote, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory."

The best of life's attainments demand persistence. The mind is tricky. It dislikes hard work. You have to take

Why is it that the very thought of daily devotions seems a drudgery to many good Christians today?



hold of your medulla oblongata by the nape of its neck and hold it until it does your bidding. Have a set time, preferably in the morning when the day and the mind are fresh. Select a quiet spot where you can be alone, and go there daily.

Ere long, as you grow in grace, you'll come into the adulthood of devotional life. Then you'll likely be interested in some form of Bible marking. Get a box of colored pencils. Use red to mark verses pertaining to salvation through the blood of Christ. Let blue indicate references pertaining to heaven and eternity. Yellow may aptly trace the work of the Holy Spirit. Use brown to mark earthly promises, purple to circle verses about which you hear questions, green to indicate passages in which God makes personal promises to you.

Most important, study your Bible. Have a devotional notebook in which you record choice blessings. Also jot down in it helps from sermons and articles.

Devotional books ought to have a place in your quiet hour, books by authors who have prayed and to whom God has revealed choice secrets. After reading a page, try to sum up what you have read and write it in the margin, or give each page a title which expresses the main thought. Then when you are in trouble you can glance through the book and read the pages with the needed caption.

Enlarge the scope of your prayer life. A man wrapped in himself is a small parcel. A narrow prayer life becomes a dry prayer life. Occasionally during your devotional period read a letter from a missionary and pray

at length for his needs. Most missionaries send out circular reports of their work, and they'll gladly put you on their mailing lists. Hang a map of the world in your room and put a star on each place where there is a missionary whose name you know. If you don't know the names of missionaries, pray for the natives of various countries. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

But don't let your devotions become stereotyped. One day read as much as you can in the time allowed and read it rapidly. Get the complete picture. The next day take a concordance and study a single word, such as "faith," "salvation," or "guidance," or read thoughtfully one of the smaller New Testament books or one of the seldom-read minor prophets. Remember that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable."

Have your devotions become dry? Did the Lord speak to you months ago about something which you still haven't done? Is your righteousness filthy rags not only in His sight but in your own? Do you try to "stick up for your rights" when actually the Christian hasn't any? Are you nursing your ego when you should be pouring yourself out for others? What has hidden the Lord's face from you? "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you." Watch closely the place of sin in your own experience. There is no better time for such surveillance than during private devotions when, alone with God and away from men, you ask Him to search you and reveal any wickedness within.

"He who bows lowest in the presence of God stands straightest in the presence of sin." ◀◀

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A Lasting Influence

By F. B. MEYER

ALL LIFE HAS BEEN COMPARED TO the shadow of a smoke-wreath; a gesture in the invisible air; a hieroglyph traced for an instant on the sand, and effaced a moment after by a breath of wind; an air-bubble vanishing on the river. "Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding" (1 Chronicles 29:15).

Pilgrims and sojourners, as were all our fathers—such is the universal confession. But even such may do a work that will last for ages. David and the men of his time, though transitory their stay on our planet, left behind them a standing evidence that they had been here.

Our life is nothing, but it may be divine: our days are as a breath, but they may affect unborn generations. The tent of the body is laid aside, but the soul which had dwelt in it is immortal in its works, and it lives in them. In one sense, the answer to the ancient prayer is certain: "Establish thou the works of our hands upon us." But we may well ask that they may be such that we shall have no need to be ashamed of them.

But, for this, God must live mightily within us. "Abide in me," said our Lord. "I have ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." It is impossible to be in true union with Christ without feeling the pulse of His glorious life; and where it enters like a tidal river, it can have but one result—it must manifest itself in fruit. It is only in proportion as our works are done in God, and God permeates our works, that they can become sources of enduring blessing to coming time. Pilgrims though we be, yet, if our lives are spent before Him, we may build temples which will outlast the wreck of matter. ◀◀



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How Prayer Turned Back John Paul Jones

BY ROBERT O. DONOVAN



AN UNWITTING TESTIMONY TO GOD'S power is found in the official records that document the early days of our Navy. Included, perhaps only as an anecdote, is an account of Captain John Paul Jones' attempt to attack Leith, a small seaport near Edinburgh, Scotland. The failure of this bold venture is one more illustration of the eternal readiness of God to answer prayer.

It was in 1779, midway through the long struggle with England that finally won independence for the United States. John Paul Jones, a brilliant hero known to every history student, was in command of an American fleet preying on British commerce right in the enemy's home waters. Jones was in the *Bonhomme Richard*, the man-of-war that a few weeks later defeated the *Serapis* in a battle immortally famous for bravery on both sides.

The *Bonhomme Richard*, together with the brig *Vengeance* and the armed merchantman *Pallas*, sailed into the

Firth of Forth, a great bay on the northeastern coast of the isle of Scotland. Their intention was to harass and alarm the Scots and thus divert defenses from the southern shores, where our French allies were preparing to invade.

The little squadron was soon sighted from the heather-covered heights along the Scottish shore. The entire countryside, virtually undefended, was in a state of alarm. Seemingly nothing could halt the approaching trio of sailing vessels with heavy guns ready to rain destruction on Leith.

Then the Scottish Christians turned to God for help. The story is told of how the parson of the church in the little town of Kirkcaldy, together with a group of the faithful, went to the beach in full view of the approaching ships.

The tide was out as the parson walked out to the low-water mark, faced the sea, and lifted his face and his voice to God. As he prayed for divine protection against the "pirates" and for help from heaven for his poor and defenseless flock, he vowed not to

leave the shore until either the invaders turned back or the incoming tide rose to drown him.

History confirms God's answer to the prayers of the Kirkcaldy believers. Even as they prayed, a sudden squall came down from the mountains that line both sides of the firth. A stiff west wind churned up whitecaps on the waters and halted the advance of the American ships. The church folk shouted their thanksgiving as the little fleet turned before the opposing wind and sailed away.

American Naval history, explaining the failure of the raid against Leith, states, "Luck was against the fleet, and the only result of the attempt on Leith that is worth mention is a good story of the parson of the Kirkcaldy Church." However, many God-fearing Scots give God the credit, and praise Him for a direct answer to believing prayer.

Then, and now, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). ◀◀

This Week's Cover

The photos on the cover page show the exterior and interior of the new church at Pocatello, Idaho.

This attractive new church was dedicated on March 27, 1958, during the Southern Idaho District Council which convened at Pocatello.

For Pastor and Mrs. L. A. Steller and the local congregation, the dedication was a happy climax to two and a half years of faithful labor and sacrifice. All of the thirty-eight adult members of the congregation are quick to

admit that "only God could have made this possible."

The new church, including the property on which it is located, represents a cash investment of over \$90,000 and is appraised at \$125,000. The building, 75 by 124 feet, is constructed of colored pumice block and Idaho gemstone with steel arches in the sanctuary. There are thirty-nine rooms including four auditoriums for Sunday School use. The building is air conditioned and equipped with a hot water heating system. Seating capacity is 435.

Gordon Nickell was the architect and R. C. Slape the contractor. There is a Christian bookstore in the wing.

Among those who attended the dedication service were Bert Webb of Springfield, Mo. (Assistant General Superintendent); Charles Slaughter, Southern Idaho District Superintendent; O. C. Arnesen, former District Superintendent; and John E. Shaw. Brother Shaw, as far as is known, conducted the first full gospel services in Pocatello twenty-five years ago.

(During the District Council, Brother Slaughter resigned from the District leadership to give his full time to pastoring the Assembly at Meridian. Paul A. Fleming is the new District Superintendent.)

Revivaltime Giving

TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 to March 31, 1958

TOTAL GIVING

1. New York\$4,327.66
2. Eastern 4,222.45

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. New York\$ 27.05
2. Wisconsin-North Michigan 24.73

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. New Mexico\$ 489.75
2. Appalachian 385.08

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING

1. New Mexico\$ 6.35
2. South Dakota 6.07

GREATEST GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Illinois 23
2. Louisiana 15
- Northwest 15

PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Montana 12%
2. Louisiana 10%
- New Jersey 10%
- North Dakota 10%

Satan and Martin Luther

Martin Luther once had a remarkable dream. He dreamed that Satan approached him with a scroll, broad and long, and closely written which he proceeded to unroll before the Reformer's eyes. Satan asked him to read the scroll and Luther did so, and perceived that it contained the record of his sins. In vain he sought to find one sin recorded there of which he had not been guilty; but it rather brought back the recollection of many a long-forgotten one.

When he had thoroughly scanned the scroll, he asked Satan, "Is that all my sins?"

"Nay," replied Satan.

"Then let me see them all," said Luther.

Satan departed and shortly returned with another scroll equally broad and long. Again Luther scanned the damning evidence of his guilt.

Satisfied at length with the correctness of the record, he again asked Satan, "And is that all?"

"Yes," replied Satan, "it is all."

"Then," said Luther, "take my pen, and write in red across the scrolls, 'The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth me from all sins.'"

Has the blood of Jesus Christ cleansed you from all sins? ▲▲

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **GARY, IND.**—Evangelist and Mrs. William Ilmsky recently conducted a very successful youth-slanted evangelistic campaign in the Gary Full Gospel Tabernacle. Souls were saved or filled with the Spirit in every service. There was an outstanding revival among the young people.

—James Menzie, Pastor

► **CHARDON, OHIO**—The Assembly of God here was richly blessed during a recent four-week revival conducted by Harold May, Jr. of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. In spite of unfavorable weather the attendance was good each night. Many were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and received into the growing fellowship of the church.

—Elder T. Boytar, Pastor

► **COVINGTON, OHIO**—Recently Evangelists Alta Culpepper and Lila Brown held an old-fashioned revival meeting in the Assembly here. God's presence was felt in a wonderful way every night. A number of souls were saved and reclaimed, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. The evangelists were a real blessing to the church.

—James M. Gaver, Pastor

► **NIPOMO, CALIF.**—The church here recently concluded a two-week revival meeting with Evangelist Viola Duncan and daughter of Quartz Hill, Calif. Sixteen were saved and 6 filled with the Holy Spirit. A number of people were healed of various diseases. Two were instantly delivered from the cigarette habit. The Sunday School attendance record was broken and now stands at 81. The church was greatly uplifted by Sister Duncan's anointed ministry, and the people enjoyed the singing of her 11-year-old daughter.

—Alpha R. Wade, Pastor

► **FOSTORIA, OHIO**—The greatest revival in many years came to the Assembly here recently. Scores were saved, healed, reclaimed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit as Evangelist W. W. Kronberg of Lake Ariel, Pa. ministered in the power of the Spirit. People were healed of growths, arthritis, cancer, internal disorders, blindness, and deafness. One woman who was stone deaf for 38 years was healed instantly. One night alone 40 to 45 were slain by the power of God. Many saw visions of the Lord and angelic hosts. All glory be to God for this great visitation.

—Joseph Ferrante, Pastor

► **ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**—Evangelists Robert and Lillian Watters recently conducted special meetings in the Glad Tidings Assembly which were believed by many to be the best meetings in the church in many years. During the three weeks a steady stream of first-time visitors found their way into the church. The overall attendance was the best in the history of the church as far as can be determined.

The Watters have a solid, spiritual ministry; they also present music which is not merely entertaining, but spiritual as well.

—J. Bashford Bishop, Pastor

► **FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.**—The Northside Assembly has just concluded a soul-stirring revival with Evangelist Bill Burris of Russellville, Ark. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The singing ministry of Brother Burris was a great blessing.

—Mary Branham and Pauline Steele, Pastors

► **FLORENCE, S. C.**—Evangelist Calvin Melton of Mobile, Ala. recently concluded a very good revival at the First Assembly here. Several were won to Christ, and the attendance was outstanding. Many first-timers came to hear this young man preach. The folk in Florence will not soon forget this meeting.

—R. E. Cottle, Pastor

► **REED CITY, MICH.**—There was a real move of God here during the special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. James West of Charleston, W. Va. Several were saved and reclaimed, and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One evening the blessing of the Lord was present to such an extent that the people worshiped the Lord in praise for over an hour. That service climaxed with souls being saved and some receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was strengthened by the sound ministry of the Wests.

—D. L. Roberts, Pastor

► **LOUISVILLE, KY.**—The East End Assembly recently enjoyed special meetings with Evangelist Troy Boggs of Somerset, Ky. The Lord greatly blessed during the two weeks. Fourteen were saved, two reclaimed, and three were filled with the Holy Spirit. Everyone enjoyed the old-fashioned preaching. The crowds were very good, and the Sunday School attendance increased also.

—George E. Bunch, Pastor

► **OTTAWA, KANS.**—The First Assembly of God here just closed 11 nights of excellent meetings with Evangelist Bob McCutchen. The attendance was good, souls were saved, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. A large number testified to healing by God's power.

—Bennie R. Harris, Pastor

► **MARIANNA, FLA.**—The First Assembly of God here just closed a wonderful week of revival with Evangelist Jimmy Mayo, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga. Several souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Some who were saved were among those who had been the hardest to reach for Christ before. The entire church was stirred through the anointed ministry of Brother Mayo. The services were well attended each night.

—A. E. Hall, Pastor

► **MODESTO, CALIF.**—The Lord has blessed His people at the South Modesto Assembly with one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. In mid-January a revival began in the regular services, 14 being saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit. On February 16 special meetings were started with Evangelists Gene and Ruby Davis of Texas. During the three weeks over 30 were saved, and almost all of them received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The greatest move was among the C. A's. At the close of the revival some 35 were baptized in water. Revival continues, and all praise and honor belong to the Lord.

—J. W. Sandlin, Pastor

► **KELLOGG, IDAHO**—The Assembly here enjoyed four weeks of old-fashioned gospel preaching recently by Evangelist Fay Gregg of Nampa, Idaho. Many were at the altars for salvation, and the saints were greatly encouraged and strengthened in faith. The spirit of revival continues to prevail, and a month later souls are continuing to get saved in both the regular services and the Christ's Ambassadors services.

—W. L. Papan, Pastor

► **SUMMITON, ALA.**—The Canaan Assembly recently enjoyed a successful revival with Evangelist Vera Holmes of Grabury, Tex. The services lasted for four weeks. God moved by His Spirit, graciously bringing 37 to the altar for salvation and gloriously baptizing 33 in His power. The church here was started in a portable tabernacle in 1956 and recently the Sunday School attendance has been over 100. A concrete block building 40x60 is now being built by the church. Albert Owens is pastor.

—Emily Godfrey, Secretary

► **PENSACOLA, FLA.**—The Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio ministered in the First Assembly of God for two and one-half weeks. There were a goodly number of visitors, and about 25 came forward for salvation.

—W. J. Cox, Pastor

► **SHERMAN, TEX.**—Evangelist David and Melba Berkheimer came to the Calvary First Assembly of God recently for two weeks of revival. From the very first day, souls were saved. One whole family came forward the first night. The presence and power of God was manifested in every service. The anointed ministry was appealing to all ages, bringing lasting results. Not only did a number of people of all ages get saved, but several were added to the church and are continuing fellowship with the saints. Sister Berkheimer contributed much to the revival effort through her children's services which preceded the regular night services.

—R. M. Horner, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Excel	¹ A of G	June 1-15	Forrest Whaley	Jack Fowler
Fla.	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	June 4-15	Christian Hild	Harold D. Schmitt
Ill.	Granite City	A of G	June 3-15	Eskelin Family	James Kofahl
Kans.	Mankato	A of G	May 27-June 6	J. R. Moreland	Jack Dennison
La.	Summerfield	Calvary	June 1—	Kenneth C. Piker	J. A. Clement
Minn.	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	June 1-15	Ronald & Ida Snider	Raymond Reine
Mo.	Bellview	First	May 27—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Powhattan Huffman
	Clinton	A of G	May 18—	Mark Popejoy	Ralph A. Bentley
	Kansas City	Pasco	May 21—	Wayne Fagerstrom	Paul Brewer
	Moberly	² Glad Tidings	June 2—	Lloyd Nelson & wife	Charles Pace, Jr.
N. Y.	Dansville	A of G	May 25—	William F. Voodre	Rudolf Metzger
	Hempstead, L. I.	A of G	June 1-22	The P. J. Grabans	Steve Durasoff
	Sherman	A of G	June 4-15	Eddie Lowmaster	Bruno Gladkowski
N. C.	Avon	A of G	June 1-8	Andrew Stirling	Wayne Barkley
Ohio	Uhrichsville	A of G	June 3-15	Russell Welsh	James M. Bryan
Pa.	Milton	A of G	June 3-15	Smith-Rasmussen	Oscar C. Bird
	Oil City	A of G	June 2-22	Buchwalter-Brosey	George DeFoggi
Tex.	Colorado City	First	June 4-15	M. C. Allen Party	J. F. Robertson
	Corsicana	Northside	May 28-June 8	Norman Jones	W. W. Bryant
Canada	Vancouver, B. C.	³ Georgia Aud.	June 8-22	Clifton O. Erickson	Ernest Robinson, chm.

¹ Tent

² Children's Revival

³ Union

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► **EDGEWOOD, MD.**—Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead of Wintergarden, Fla. recently conducted a three-week revival here. The Lord graciously poured out of His Spirit; and many were saved, healed, and delivered from bad habits. There was also a goodly number filled with the Holy Spirit.
—*W. G. Mizelle, Pastor*

► **QUINCY, ILL.**—The Faith Assembly of God recently enjoyed a very successful revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Guy L. Jackson of St. Louis, Mo. Several were at the altar for salvation, and the entire church was awakened. The all-time Sunday School record attendance was broken.
—*John Graham, Pastor*

► **BROOKLINE, MASS.**—The church here is rejoicing in the fruits of victory that have been in evidence recently. The Sunday School has been growing steadily, and in the month of March the average was over 60. In early March some of the young people went to a neighboring church where Evangelist Amelia Bullock was ministering. As a result, an old-fashioned revival broke out here. Four girls and one boy of C. A. age have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. One adult has been baptized and two refilled with the Holy Spirit in the regular services. The Sunday evening attendance has climbed from 12 to 40.
—*Robert F. Bowen, Pastor*

► **SPRINGFIELD, MO.**—Evangelist Billy Wolfe recently came to the East Side Assembly of God for two weeks of evangelistic meetings. However, the Lord moved in such a mighty manner that the revival continued for six weeks. There were 46 who responded to the call for salvation and came to the altar, weeping their way through to a real experience in Christ. On the first night of the revival a family whose home had been broken by divorce was gloriously saved and reunited. They are very faithful in attendance at church. One young man who was a backslider for some years was gloriously restored. Fourteen were filled with the Holy Spirit and many refilled. Also several definite healings took place during services.

There were large crowds night after night, even though the most severe weather of the winter came during the revival. Storms did not hinder people from coming to the services. Since the meetings ended, souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular Sunday night services.
—*Albert D. Pyle, Pastor*

► **COLUMBUS, GA.**—There has been a distinctive moving of the Holy Spirit at the North Highland Assembly within the past two months. During six weeks of that time God used Evangelist Eddie Barg of Minneapolis, Minn. to challenge, charge, and inspire God's people to a new depth of consecration. Both pastor and evangelist rejoice that this move was not centered around individuals, nor was it even platform-centered. It was a moving of God upon the congregation from service to service. More than once the congregation was swept to their knees, and almost no one was left sitting. Members of the congregation who have been filled with the

Spirit for more than forty years, along with many others, were so moved upon by God that their vision, concept, and spiritual desires have been completely changed. Church and Sunday School officers and teachers are doubly desirous that the church shall be a New Testament one in both faith and practice. Although the special meetings are over, the deep moving and searching of the Holy Spirit continues.
—*Edgar Bethany, Pastor*

► **EMINENCE, MO.**—The Assembly here enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Hermond Ragland of Tucumcari, New Mex. Souls were saved and the Lord graciously healed many who were sick. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and also followed the Lord in water baptism. The anointed preaching, playing and singing of the evangelists was a blessing to all.
—*H. B. Bridgeforth, Pastor*

► **PETERSBURG, W. VA.**—A very successful revival was conducted here recently by Evangelist G. R. Conrow of Waupaca, Wis. Sixteen received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and others were saved, healed or reclaimed. It was one of the best meetings the church has had in some time. Brother Conrow gave a very interesting, illustrated study on the candlestick. The meetings were well attended and beneficial to all.
—*David A. Lewis, Pastor*

► **BARNETT, MO.**—There was a great move of God in the church here during a recent revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. Fifteen were saved and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed of long-standing afflictions. One woman testified that God healed her of a nervous condition that was so bad that the doctor had warned her that she might lose her mind. One man said he had such severe

pains in his hips that it kept him from sleeping. In answer to prayer the pains are now gone and he sleeps soundly. The Sunday School was helped and the church was edified by these meetings.
—*Wilford M. David, Pastor*

► **RALEIGH, N. C.**—Evangelist W. C. Nelson just concluded two weeks of meetings here. During this time three souls came to the Lord. The church was greatly enriched by the unctonized messages of Brother Nelson. His many years of pastoral ministry made him sympathetic toward pastoral problems.
—*D. F. Leader, Pastor*

► **FREEPORT, PA.**—The Gospel Tabernacle here enjoyed a good revival recently with Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and many testified to healing. To God be all the glory.
—*Chas. Martin Shaffer, Pastor*

► **LOMETA, TEX.**—The largest crowds that the church here has had in several years attended the recent two-week revival with Evangelist H. L. Roberts. Eighteen persons were saved, some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 18 others had a definite experience of refilling. Each night the Holy Spirit manifested His power in a special way, and the revival spirit still prevails.
—*M. L. Williams, Pastor*

► **NACHES, WASH.**—Several weeks ago the Assembly here experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a Thursday evening prayer service. Since that time there has been a rising spiritual tide and manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit. When revival meetings were begun with Evangelist and Mrs. E. S. Martin of Elmira, Ontario, Canada, there was great expectancy in the hearts of the people for an

old-time Pentecostal move. God was faithful, and each night of the revival hearts were blessed, filled, and refilled as the Lord poured out His Spirit. The last Sunday night of the campaign brought a climax as eight souls came forward and wept their way through to God. The Spirit-anointed ministry of Brother Martin was greatly appreciated, as was evidenced by the good attendance throughout the meeting.

—Kenneth R. Woll, Pastor

► DOWNSVILLE, LA.—The Pleasant Valley Assembly of God just closed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mattox of El Dorado, Ark. Twenty-six knelt at the altar for salvation, some were healed, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. The young people were greatly stirred in the meetings.

—O. J. Neighbors, Pastor

► CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—One of the best revivals in the Assembly of God here was conducted by Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. The presence of God was felt from the very first night; several were filled with the Holy Spirit and others sought the Lord as Saviour. There were also testimonies to definite healings.

—L. N. Huffman, Pastor

► COLUMBIA, MO.—Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Garfield J. Unruh ministered here for two weeks. Brother Unruh's presentation of the Tabernacle with colored slides was especially helpful. The people were able to understand the great themes of redemption in a clearer way than ever before. The attendance was very good, and much was accomplished.

—Chas. A. Parker, Pastor

► GENTRY, ARK.—The Bethel Heights Assembly of God here recently enjoyed two and a half weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Reed Gipson of Jenks, Okla. Nine were saved and 5 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was blessed by the anointed preaching and singing. The revival spirit continues and one additional soul has been saved since the meetings.

—Bob Warman, Pastor

► CLAREMORE, OKLA.—The E. C. Briggs Evangelistic Party of Ft. Worth, Tex. recently concluded three weeks of revival in the church here. Without doubt it was one of the best revivals the church has experienced in a number of years. The daily broadcast conducted by the party proved to be a real blessing. The anointed singing and compassionate preaching were greatly blessed of God. About 25 were saved and reclaimed, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was a time of refreshing from the Lord.

—C. A. Snodgrass, Pastor

► ROCKFORD, ILL.—Fourteen were filled with the Spirit and three were reclaimed during recent meetings at the West Side Assembly, conducted by Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle of Seattle, Wash. The meetings were originally scheduled for only one week but continued for two. People often continued in prayer until midnight or after, and on no occasion were the altars cleared

before eleven. The revival began among the teen-agers, spread to the young married couples, and then spread throughout the whole church. One woman who was suffering extremely was healed before the evangelist anointed her. This was one of the most effective meetings held in the church.

—Oda Jones, Pastor

► PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—A good revival was conducted here in March by Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Four were saved and five rededicated their lives to God. The Lord's healing power was also manifested. The co-operation of neighboring churches did much to make these meetings a success, as well as the consecrated ministry of the evangelist.

—Edwin R. Douglas, Pastor

► LULING, TEX.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a very profitable two-week revival with Evangelist Henry D. Vincent of Caldwell, Tex. The revival climaxed with a homecoming on March 30. An estimated 300 people were present for a full day of meetings and a barbecue dinner. There was also a noteburning service (the church cleared off its entire indebtedness) and a ground-breaking ceremony for the new educational annex which is being planned for the future.

—B. J. Mikulek, Pastor

► SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—The two-week revival meetings conducted here by Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kans. came at a most strategic moment. It was during a time when juvenile delinquency was at an all-time high within the city. The publisher of the local newspaper gave front-page coverage to the meetings, and more than 60 were saved at the altars. Many were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and the Sunday School enjoyed a peak attendance for this year, averaging 312. Record crowds were in attendance, including many people from nearby churches. The building was packed to capacity at times. The messages of Brother Barnett were a strong encouragement to the young people.

—Paul M. Wells, Pastor

► MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Bethel Assembly here just closed four weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Abraham Solomon of Moberly, Mo. Souls were saved and the blessing of God rested upon every service. There was the greatest response of outsiders since the establishment of this pioneer church. The saints were refreshed under the old-fashioned spiritual ministry of the evangelist.

—Robert C. Hanson, Pastor

► POMONA, KANS.—The Assembly here enjoyed a very profitable 16-night revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Max Manning of Topeka, Kans. God anointed the Word of God in every service. Souls were saved, backsliders came back to God, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed by the power of God. This was counted as one of the best revivals in the history of the church.

—Pete W. Ratzlaff, Pastor

► SHAFTER, CALIF.—The church here has been greatly blessed in a three-week revival with Evangelist Arvil Kilgore of Tulare, Calif. Twelve were saved and reclaimed, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was stirred, wrongs were made right, and the people were made to manifest a greater love for one another. The fire of Pentecost was rekindled in hearts, and the congregation is marching on to victory. The church recently bought a lovely parsonage and is planning on building a new church soon.

—A. B. Farmer, Pastor

► SPOKANE, WASH.—The First Assembly of God here engaged in special efforts this spring to break the existing Sunday School record, which was established in 1951. During the special drive Evangelists Jimmy and Dorothy Adams came to conduct meetings. With the faithful work of the people and the added enthusiasm and effort of the evangelists, the record was broken on the last Sunday of the campaign with an attendance of 858. During the meetings 10 teen-agers and eight adults came forward for salvation. The attend-



A group of young people who faithfully attended the evangelistic meetings with Tommy Barnett in Santa Paula, Calif. Paul M. Wells is Pastor.

ance was very good, and there were many new people. Almost all of the converts were in the church for the first time. The young people especially benefited from the meetings.

—Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor

► HOBBS, NEW MEX.—The Lord poured out His Spirit here during the revival services with Evangelist W. V. Grant. People were saved or filled with the Holy Ghost in every service, including Sunday morning. Scores sought the Lord in a single night. People came from many towns and were revived in spirit. The church was packed out and the balcony was full. In answer to prayer blind eyes were healed, deaf ears heard, crossed eyes were made straight, and stiff joints were made whole. A wheel chair was emptied and vertebrae were replaced. Scores testified that they were healed. Crowds were the largest in the history of the church. A revival spirit remains.

—Eugene McClain, Pastor

► INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.—Recently the Full Gospel Assembly here enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Ivan Kramer of Springfield, Minn. Twenty-two souls were saved or reclaimed, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. There were also several testimonies to healing. Through this marvelous moving of the Holy Spirit a number of new families have been attending Sunday School and church. The Sunday School attendance record has been broken recently, and the people have been inspired to bring their tithes and offerings into the storehouse. The anointed messages of the evangelist stirred the hearts of saints and sinners each night.

—Roy W. Trask, Pastor

REVIVAL BREAKS OUT IN LOCAL ASSEMBLY

ROCKFORD, ILL.—The First Assembly of God here has been enjoying one of the greatest outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the history of the church. There were no special meetings and there was no evangelist at hand, but the Spirit of God moved in an unusual way.

On Sunday night, March 9, the Spirit of God came upon the pastor (E. L. Stalons) until first he wept, then he shouted, and the same spirit began to spread throughout the congregation. The Holy Spirit impressed the pastor to walk down the center aisle to an unsaved man who was present for the first time and urge that he would give his heart to Jesus. The man responded.

A lady of the congregation, who had been seriously ill and confined to her home for 18 months, had felt impressed to get out of bed and attend that service. The pastor left the platform and called on people to gather around her in special prayer. The doctor had told her that she was beyond medical help, as she had a very serious heart condition and high blood pressure with complications. Within five minutes God touched her and she has not

missed a service since March 9. She had not been able to do her housework for many months, but she is doing it now. She went shopping on April 5 for the first time in 18 months.

The first Sunday night meeting of the revival lasted from 7:40 until 10:45. During this time many were "slain" by God's power, some were weeping, shouting, dancing in the Spirit; and there were tongues, interpretations, prophecy. Some had visions in the Spirit.

For three Sunday nights there were similar outpourings of the Holy Spirit and the pastor had no opportunity to minister the Word. The Holy Spirit did a marvelous work in the lives of teen-agers, convincing them not to participate in borderline activities in which some had felt free to indulge. The spirit showed these activities up in their true light.

Three have been saved, seven reclaimed, and five baptized in the Holy Spirit. There have been three miraculous healings. Fifteen were baptized in water, with one lady receiving the Holy Spirit and bursting forth in other tongues the moment she came up out of the water.

One healing came to a man sixty years of age with an enlarged heart and a collapsed lung, who had been ordered by a doctor to leave his farm and do nothing whatsoever. After he was prayed for, he returned to his family and the doctor said he was well. He did not need medical help any longer.

The Lord also healed a lady who had severe back trouble and could hardly walk alone. Within one week she was doing heavy lifting, which she had been unable to do even before the back trouble began. She was also healed of internal disorders for which the doctor could offer no help.

The moving of the Spirit continues in the meetings and the Sunday evening attendance has increased considerably. To see such an outpouring of the Spirit has been the heart-cry of the pastor for many years, and now his fondest dreams have started to be fulfilled.

NEW CHURCH STARTED

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL.—Last September we came here with a vision of establishing an Assemblies of God church. God has blessed us and we are now averaging 30 in Sunday School. The evening services are well attended. Souls have found Christ as their Saviour, and many people who had no established church home have come in to worship with us. We have a Saturday night fellowship service which has proved a great blessing. We give God all the glory.

—Harry Melvin, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMEMORATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paino, Sr. as pastors of the West side Gospel Tabernacle in Indianapolis, Ind., June 22-29. Ministers who have gone out from the church will be the speakers. For information write Associate Pastor, Thomas Paino, Jr., 1462 S. Belmont, Indianapolis, Ind.

Waterfront Beat

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isn't it. I'm afraid I've neglected God's Word lately, and tried to figure things out for myself."

"And certainly no one can out-argue the devil. He's a master artist. If we try we soon find ourselves in a web of utter confusion. We must simply commit our trials to the Lord, whatever they be, for He alone can give us victory." Greg smiled. "And you know, the sooner you stop arguing with the devil, the sooner he'll leave you alone. Not even he can argue by himself! Besides, if you'll take every doubt to Jesus, He'll help your unbelief."

Kathy's eyes grew shiny. "Thank you so much! You've made me see things more clearly than I've seen them in a very long time!"

Greg rose to his feet. "May I walk you home?"

At the door of her apartment he said a casual goodnight, but outside again he felt new emotions surging through his heart. His steps became springy and he whistled softly. And why not? Hadn't he been praying for a long time that God would cause him to meet the right girl? Well, who could say. . . .? ◀ ◀

Depths of the Sea

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and out into the ocean, where there is a depression in the sea bed called Black Deep. Here the sludge is allowed to drain from the boats into the hidden depths of the sea; and the salt in the ocean devitalizes the sludge of its dangerous power within an hour.

By divine mercy, there is a "bottomless abyss" into which God has dropped the sins of the penitent. H. Dennis wrote a hymn containing this verse—

*O love, thou bottomless abyss,
My sins are swallowed up in Thee.
Covered is my unrighteousness;
No spot of guilt remains on me,
While Jesus' blood through earth and
skies
Mercy, free, boundless mercy,
cries.*

Mercy! Have mercy on your brother and forgive him. Do you know that

you, by your attitude, are blighting the work of God in your church? Or perhaps you have left the church in which the trouble occurred for another where you thought it would never happen. But do you not see that you have taken your trouble with you? You cannot escape it. Go and be reconciled to your brother, and enjoy the revival that will break out.

A minister was asked by his friend to preach in his village, which was at a low ebb spiritually. Only five came to the first meeting. The next day he visited in the homes. The people were most kind and said they would like to come to the meeting, but that evening there were still only five.

Baffled, the minister made further inquiry and found that two women attending the church were neighbors of

forty years' standing. Twenty-one years ago one of them had said something about the other's husband, and since that time they had never spoken to each other, although they continued to attend the church. Everyone in the village knew about it.

The minister went to see one of the women. She admitted that the story was true, but insisted that the trouble was not her fault; she said the other woman must end it. To her consternation, the minister asked her to stay away from the church. He left her wallowing in self-pity, and then called on her neighbor with the same purpose and a like result.

That evening the minister told of these events to the four present at the meeting. The news spread, and each succeeding night more people came to

the church, many finding a new experience in Christ.

On the last day of the series of meetings a "faith dinner" was held. The minister invited the enemy-neighbors to come, and was careful to see that they sat opposite each other at the table. The people finished their meal and sat waiting. Nothing happened. There was a tense pause.

Then, unsteadily, the two women stood up. Over the table, one of them said to the other in a whisper, "Mrs.—, the people in this village have long talked about us." She offered the other her hand. "Let's give them something good to say about us."

The two hands were clasped.

What would be the result if the Lord said to you, "Go, and do thou likewise"? ◀◀



Officers of the National Association of Evangelicals (left to right): Dr. Charles Seidenspinner, second vice president; Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, new president; Dr. Paul P. Petticord, retiring president; Thomas F. Zimmerman, first vice president; Cordas C. Burnett, secretary.

Evangelicals Hold Annual Meeting in Chicago

A thousand church and lay delegates, who had gathered in Chicago for the sixteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, were told that the popularity of Evangelist Billy Graham's message and the rapid growth of new churches characterized by "a virile type of

evangelical Christianity" indicate the increasing strength of evangelicalism in America.

Dr. Paul P. Petticord, of Portland, Oregon, said in his presidential address that the "old-time religion" characterized by the conservative message of Billy Graham "is stronger than ever."

He added that "people talk more freely about religion today than they did twenty-five years ago. More people are reading the Bible, and the Word of God is honored in more places than ever before."

A telegram from President Eisenhower congratulated the NAE for "playing an important role in the life of the nation."

"Inspired by the precepts of the faith," the President said, "you bring strength and direction to the daily work of many millions." The association represents some 41 conservative Protestant denominations.

Billy Graham was one of the featured speakers at the convention. Others were Dr. Harold Ockenga, Dr. Robert G. Lee, and Dr. Wilbur M. Smith.

Dr. Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church in Boston, said that the arrival of the space age has brought a new and spiritual challenge to religious leaders. He urged the delegates to be prepared for a "space revolution in man's thinking and living" that will overshadow all other transitions in human history.

The clergyman said the new age will increase Christians' ability to understand statements handed down in Biblical writings. But, he said, at the same time the doctrines of law and love "need a more consistent application to the problems of family life, of class struggle, of race relationship, and of international affairs."

Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N. Y. was chosen to succeed Dr. Pet-

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ticord as president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Thomas F. Zimmerman, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was named first vice president. Dr. Charles Seidenspinner of Birmingham, Ala., was elected to serve as second vice president.

Cordas C. Burnett, National Education Secretary of the Assemblies of God, was made secretary of the NAE; and Robert C. Van Kampen, a layman of Wheaton, Ill. was named treasurer.

The delegates voted to have the 1959 convention in Los Angeles, Calif., April 6 to 10. ◀◀

"We have lost the eternal youthfulness of Christianity and have aged into calculating manhood. We seldom pray in earnest for the extraordinary, the limitless, the glorious. We seldom pray with real confidence for any good unless we can imagine a way to attain it. And yet we suppose ourselves to believe in an infinite Father."—Anon.

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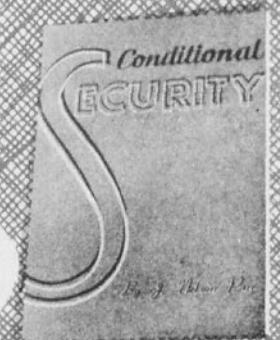
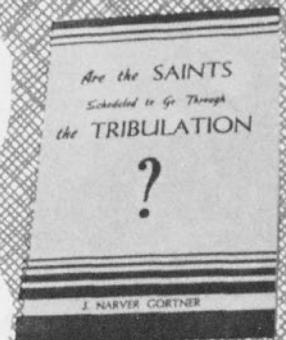
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Thank you for the fine spiritual articles in the Evangel. We are really feasting on the articles which are challenging us to a holy walk with God, also those encouraging us to seek God for a Holy Ghost revival.

MRS. ARTHUR RANKIN
Lodgepole, Nebraska

A Polish Minister Writes

I receive the Evangel from thirty to fifty days late; nevertheless I am very glad it does not get lost while passing through censorship.

I am pastor of a small Assemblies of God congregation, numbering some sixty members, and also serve as provincial presbyter. We have difficulty in holding our gatherings because we do not have a chapel or hall, therefore we meet for worship in my home. We solicit your prayers on behalf of the work of the Lord in Poland.

JOSEPH BONDAR
Bydgoszcz, Poland

Appreciates Editorials

I feel it is my duty as a servant of the Lord to express my gratitude for your fine editorials. The one entitled "Ask Big" is so potent with the power of the Holy Spirit that it remains constantly with me. Also as I read the one on "Endless Energy" I felt renewed in mind, body, and soul, and I have regained strength and purpose.

The saints of God who fail to read their Evangel miss much needed encouragement.

MRS. JOTLA L. COX
Tulsa, Oklahoma

From a Methodist Minister

Please permit me space in your paper to refute a statement in the March 1952 issue under "This Present World." After stating the alarm of church leaders in Australia over the increase in gambling, it says:

"It is estimated that in New South Wales alone, \$100 million was invested in gambling last year. By way of comparison, the wool receipts for the whole of Australia amounted to \$92 million."

For the information of your readers, Australia has about 124,000,000 sheep. The average wool clip is about 1,000,000,000 pounds annually, and the sale of wool for each year averages 400,000,000 Australian pounds, or \$900 million.

Having served in the ministry for twenty years in Australia, and being an Australian citizen, I know something of the gambling problem which is acute, but the comparison is not as stated in your paper.

ROBERT C. GUTHBORLET
Weiser, Idaho

From an Army Chaplain

The Evangel is a tremendous blessing to me these days and I look forward to reading it each week. Of the fifteen religious periodicals that come to my office, I consider the Evangel the most deeply spiritual and the one that offers the most inviting reading.

As a young college student in Tennessee several years ago, I was first attracted to the Evangel when I found it in a literature box placed in a bus station. Reading its contents I became interested in a deeper Christian life, and it was through this that

to the editor



I learned about the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal movement.

Nowadays as I wait in depots or air terminals, I notice that often the only religious literature is placed there by the cults who deny the divinity of Christ and the power of His blood to cleanse from sin. I wonder why the local Assemblies in such places have not taken advantage of the opportunity to display the Evangel and other sound gospel literature.

TALMAGE F. MCNABB
Fort Benning, Georgia

Unfortunate oversight

I was agreeably surprised to see my poem "Pray for the Rushing Wind" on page 7 of the January 26th issue of the Evangel. My last name was omitted, for some reason, but nevertheless I am glad you could find space for the poem.

WM. BURTON McCAFFERTY
Waxahachie, Texas

Norwegian Readers Blessed

The articles and sermons in the Evangel have greatly increased my hunger for the Word of God. After many years as a lukewarm Christian, I am happy to say that the infilling of the Spirit has set my heart on fire for God and His kingdom. I've also had the great privilege of following the Lord in water baptism.

Through reading the Evangel I was healed of a very painful affliction in my face, neck, shoulders, and right arm which was entirely useless for a long time. This was nearly five years ago and the healing still holds.

We live on an island, and have no means of attending any meetings regularly, hence the Evangel is doubly precious to us.

MRS. GEORGE WICK
Stromoy, Finnaas, Norway

Wrong Byline

Opening the March 9th issue of the Evangel I was pleased to see "The Story of Dorothea Trudel," by A. Sims. It is an inspiring record. However, it sounded strangely familiar so I opened Dr. A. J. Gordon's book "The Ministry of Healing" and there I found almost an exact reproduction of A. Sims' article.

In reading the article I find no credit is given. I trust it was only an oversight.

MRS. FRANCES EMMONS
Alton, Illinois

● It was an unfortunate oversight. The Evangel editors have written to the publishers of the book (Christian Publications, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa.) apologizing for the unintentional error.

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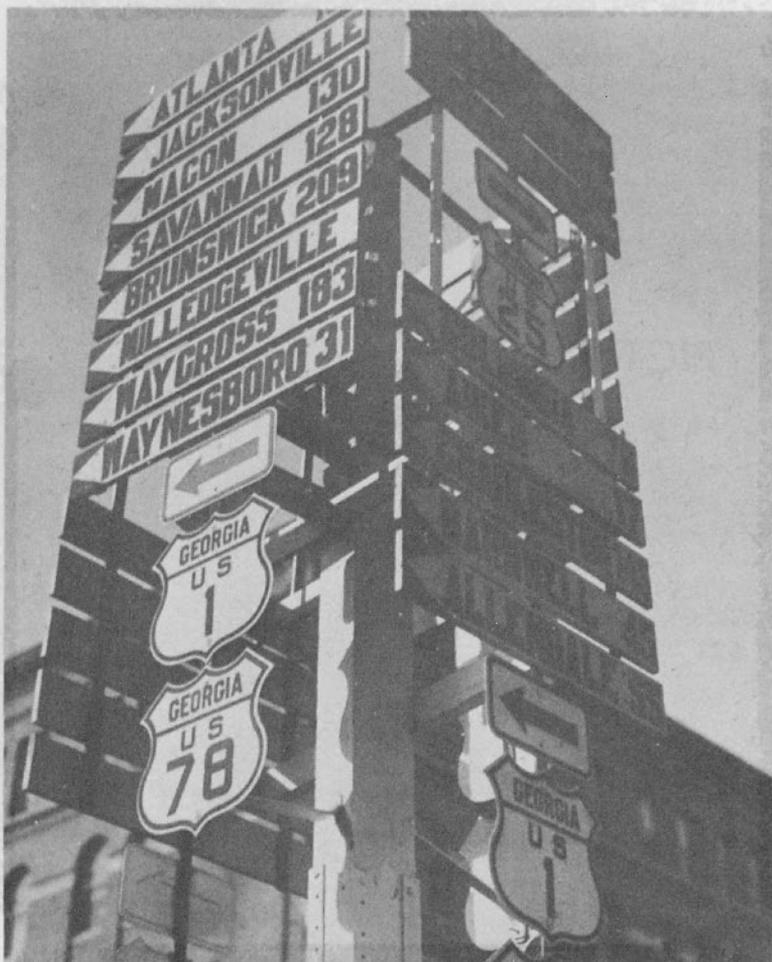


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You Can Miss It!

BY ELVA JOHNSON

"Short cut to Sommerville?" The friendly operator of the service station nods and smiles. "Sure. You go straight through town to the third stoplight, and turn left. Then you go about two blocks—or is it three—anyway, you'll see a big used car lot on the right. Go one more block and then take the highway that angles off toward the east. Save you at least five miles. You can't miss it!"

Confidently you start on your way, counting the stoplights, one, two, three. And then just as confidently you turn left. But then your troubles begin. Which of the two or three "big used car lots" did he mean? And, which way in this strange city is east? Where is the highway that angles that way? It all sounded so clear when he was telling you, but everything's confusing now.

Your wife spots a parking place, so you pull over to the curb, fish the map out of the glove compartment,

and study it. Then you go to the next corner, turn around, and go back to a certain intersection where the highways are plainly marked. Following the map, you turn left here and proceed with assurance to Sommerville on the highway. "Short cuts aren't for me," you decide.

It's happened to us all, at one time or another, and the familiar tag line, "You can't miss it," has become a joke with us. We've found out too often that we **can** miss it.

As we journey through time toward eternity, we are interested in arriving at the right destination. We want to go to heaven. And God has given us His Word as a map to guide us. The highway is very plainly marked: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14).

The heavenly Guidebook gives no short cuts, no vague or haphazard directions. It is so plain that even a child may find the way. It indicates no super highway, no easy path, and yet there are many fellow travelers who profess to know "short cuts" and "new routes" and they assure us that, if their instructions are followed, "You can't miss it!"

Some proclaim dogmatically to all who will listen, "Just join the church and you can't miss it." And the membership rolls increase with the names of many who base their hope on this false premise. But a glance at the Word of God will show clearly that "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Another would be guide says, "Do the best you can. Treat everybody right and pay your debts and you can't miss it." But the road to destruction is made broad to accommodate the myriads of travelers in this direction. They have somehow overlooked the plain Word of God which tells us, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).

"Just **believe**," says another. "And if you are sincere, it really isn't so important **what** you believe. You can't miss it."

But what does God say? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. . . . For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him [Jesus] shall not be ashamed. . . . Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:11; Acts 4:12).

Are you trying to figure out which preacher, or which church, or which philosophy is right, blaming your lost condition on the fact that they do not always agree? Such an excuse will not stand in the judgment. You have the Bible, God's infallible Guidebook. You do not have to **guess** which way is right. You do not have to miss heaven.

Turn to John 14:5, 6. "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Now turn to John 10:9 and you will find that Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

You can't miss it if you come by way of Jesus Christ, the way of the cross. It's the way of repentance and of simple faith, and of genuine conversion. But don't try the short cuts—if you do, you **can** miss it! ◀◀