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## LIVING WATERS . . . WASTED!

This photograph, taken in upper Galilee, shows the Jordan River as it begins its southward course—a stream not much larger than a good creek. Most of the year the river is small, even at its widest point, and every gallon of water between its banks is very precious in view of the small amount of rain that falls in the area. Annual rainfall varies from less than 6 inches per year in the lower Negev desert area to 10 inches at Beersheba and 23 inches in “wet” Galilee.

The tragedy is that the Jordan River flows unused into the Dead Sea. If its waters could be used to irrigate the land in the Jordan Valley, some 200,000 Arab refugees could be resettled there, so removing a major obstacle to Arab-Israel peace; but due to the hatred in men’s hearts the precious water is wasted.

Engineers have developed a plan whereby the Jordan waters could be divided among the four countries bordering the Jordan Valley: Israel, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. Large areas of arid ground could be made fertile and productive for the benefit of hungry multitudes but political prejudice blocks the way. The Arab governments refuse to have any dealings with Israel. They refuse to recognize that there is such a nation as Israel, although it has existed for ten years.

The willfulness and stubbornness of men’s hearts are robbing them of many blessings the Creator has provided for their happiness. The wasted waters of the Jordan remind us of the river of salvation that is flowing for all mankind. The Saviour said, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.” John the apostle saw “a pure river of water of life,” and heard the gracious invitation, “Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” No need for anyone to suffer and languish in misery and sin today. All may come to the river of salvation and partake of God’s abundant grace. Let the living waters be not wasted.

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# Who's Crazy?

By CHARLES H. E. DUNCOMBE

**D**URING THE CLIMAX OF THE BATTLE of Berlin in 1945, Red Army troops were fighting in the streets of Wittenau, a northern suburb of Berlin. They came upon a large stone building, securely padlocked. Seeing a mob of gesticulating prisoners inside, the Russian soldiers were convinced that this was another concentration camp. Triumphantly they blasted away the gates and bars, liberating the "prisoners."

"Hitler kaput!" they shouted. "War over! You free! Davai (scram)!"

Only then did the Russians discover that the building was the Wittenau Lunatic and Idiot Asylum! The bewildered inmates took one look at the sea of rubble outside—the smouldering ruins, the shell bursts, the lumbering tanks—and made a frantic rush back for their comfortable, padded cells!

Now a fantastic pantomime took place. The Russians had already placed guards outside the gates. The unfortunate idiots could not speak Russian. The Russians could not speak German. While the lunatics wildly tried to argue that the world outside was crazy, the guards kept prodding them out into their new freedom.

It seemed a debatable point as to whether it was the people inside or outside the asylum who were mad. Inside, in spite of offbeats and eccentrics, the routine was smooth; outside was incredible pandemonium. Those with normal intelligence had labeled the Wittenau inmates "crazy"; but how

far from the truth were the idiots when, looking at the shambles of Berlin under its pall of smoke, they looked at one another and babbled, "They are crazy"?

## SIN IS A MANIA

The Bible confirms the opinion of the Wittenau lunatics, saying that men are suffering from a spiritual mania. Solomon declared, "Madness is in [the heart of the sons of men] while they live." In their attitude toward spiritual and eternal things men are guilty of unbelievable folly. They sweat and strain after the transient shadows of wealth, fame, and popularity, but allow the enduring substance of eternal things to slip through their grasp.

Their miniature moons hurtle through the skies, relaying information which men hope will guide them to the galaxies, but they are blind to the things that concern the welfare of their immortal souls. They push back the frontiers of human knowledge in nuclear fission, surgery, and aviation. Yet their epitaph will be that of the man to whom God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Surely it is madness to insure automobiles and homes against the *possibility* of fire, damage, and loss, and yet to make no provision for the *certain* coming of the fires, hailstones, floods, earthquakes, pestilences, and rushing meteorites of the judgment day!

Festus, Roman governor of Judea in

Paul's day, once shouted Paul down in the middle of a sermon, roaring, "Much learning doth make thee mad."

Paul's reply put the record straight when he said with marked emphasis on the personal pronoun, "I am not mad, most noble Festus."

Paul's life of sacrifice seemed madness to the perfumed, pampered Festus, as did the death of thousands of Christian martyrs in the amphitheaters of Rome to the multitudes who saw them die. But they were not mad—they were laying up treasure in heaven, where moth cannot corrupt or thieves break through and steal. They "had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

## SIN'S MANIA DELUDES

The story of the prodigal son in Luke 15 throws more light on the subject of the sinner's madness. Jesus described the prodigal's condition graphically: "He would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat." At swine-trough level he was as low as any skid-row character could sink. The grunting hogs were his bedfellows and his messmates. He was down and out. Here Jesus revealed the strange truth that the young man's actions had been the result of a mania.

A literal interpretation of the Saviour's words, "And when he came to himself," would be, "When he regained his senses." His life of rioting and wantonness in the gambling dens, brothels, and saloons of the city had been motivated by a delusion. That night, for the first time since he left home, he made a sensible decision—"I will arise and go to my father." A nostalgic, haunting memory of the gracious living he once enjoyed in the old family home brought the tears sharply to his eyes as he remembered

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# Laws of the SPIRITUAL HARVEST

*Sowing and reaping are as inseparable as cause and effect. The laws of the harvest must be followed if we expect to reap souls for the Master*

**By M. B. NETZEL**

*General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God*

**P**SALM 126 IS CONSIDERED TO BE A song of captive Israelites who were returning from Babylon under the leadership of Nehemiah. Assuming that this is true (and it may well be) let us consider the verses as illustrative of sowing the Word for a harvest of souls.

In verses 5 and 6 we read, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Sowing and reaping are as inseparable as cause and effect. It is a divine-established law that if there is to be effect, there must first be cause. Likewise, if there is to be reaping there must first be sowing. In verse 6 the sowing is preceded by a going forth, signifying an arousing of oneself from sloth or indifference.

In the earlier days of my ministry,

it was my happy privilege to labor with some wonderful people—farmers. Although I did not have the natural ability to farm, and soon found that I could not quickly cultivate it, I had no difficulty in discerning between farms that had been well tended and those that had been neglected. The difference was apparent to all. So it is in the greatest and most significant sowing of all—the sowing of the living, eternal, immutable Word of God and the inevitable harvest of souls. Both the careful sower and the careless one are known by the harvest (or lack of it).

Slothful neglect of this most precious calling, however, is not always the cause of failure. Sometimes the soul winner will become discouraged by seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Solomon has wisely said, "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap" (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

Not all the conditions are completely ideal in farming, and so it is in the spiritual realm; there will always be obstacles to overcome. The sower of the Word cannot wait for ideal conditions, for Satan will see to it that such a time never comes.

Someone who felt that a certain action should be delayed said to a military leader of long ago that the time to strike was when the iron was hot. The leader retorted, "Strike the iron and make it hot!"

If gospel seed is to be sown and a harvest is to be reaped, there must be a going forth from the smug complacency of a purely Christian association to reach souls who seldom if ever darken our church doors.

When the early disciples, who had been entrusted with the initial sowing of the gospel, remained at Jerusalem, and saw fit to scatter them abroad by persecution. The persecution did not hinder the sowing of the Word of God.

It actually implemented the process. Some religious movements have taught colonization. We cannot endorse this as being of God, neither should we permit ourselves to be satisfied with the organization of a church society merely for the sake of enjoying Christian fellowship. We were saved to serve.

If there is to be a successful sowing and a joyous harvest, there must be *compassion* on the part of the sower. The Psalmist spoke of "sowing in tears" and of the sower as "weeping." Training in the mechanics of personal witnessing is not sufficient. Even as Christ "poured out His soul unto death," so the soul winner must put more than mechanical effort into sowing the Word.

In Leviticus 17:11 we are told that "the *life* of the flesh is in the blood," and we are further told that "the blood...maketh an atonement for the soul." If one would be a successful, God-ordained, Christ-called, Holy Spirit-filled soul winner he must put his *life* into the work. A true soul winner will have a *sorrow* for the sinfulness of the sinner, a *compassion* for his bondage, and an *understanding* of his lost condition. In fact, there may be times when he like Paul could wish himself "accursed from Christ," if it would save the lost in whose hearts he is sowing the seed.

The seed sown must be *precious* seed. The children of Israel traveled hundreds of miles over rugged ter-

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# A JEW ACCEPTS HIS MESSIAH

The Testimony of  
**HOMER ISRAEL SPECTER**  
As Told to His Sister  
**RUTH RACHEL SPECTER**

**M**Y JEWISH FAMILY WERE VERY strict in their religious observances. My middle name is *Israel*. It might be said that I was a "Hebrew of the Hebrews." But because I was born a blue baby, I could not be circumcised on the eighth day as God had commanded His people through Abraham. Therefore I was consecrated to the Lord and circumcised three weeks after I was born.

When I was two months old my father passed away, and my mother took my two sisters and me to live in a Gentile community in California. But even this association with non-Jews did not change our belief. We were taught that the Christians had a God called Christ whom they claimed to be the world's Saviour. They said the Jews nailed Him to a cross 1900 years ago. However, we believed Him to be an impostor and a blasphemer. His name was never to cross our lips.

Once when I was in my grandfather's home I cursed and swore, using the name of Jesus Christ as I had heard the Gentiles do. My grandfather took me outside and washed my mouth with soap—not because I had cursed and sworn, but because I had used "that name." He forbade me ever again to say "that name" under his roof! I could not understand this, but I dared not ask any questions. We Jews were not supposed to know anything about this Gentile God. So I closed my ears

to all about Him and never attempted, in my school days, to solve the mystery.

As I grew older my thoughts turned to the pleasures of youth, and I engaged in worldly amusements. My soul did not respond to religious matters. However, my mother was deeply religious and had been reading the Old Testament for comfort. The Spirit of the Lord kept striving with her, so that when some Christian witnesses came to her door, it was very easy for them to point to Jesus of Nazareth as the fulfillment of these same Jewish Scriptures. After she accepted Him as her Messiah, she would ask me to read the New Testament. I thought she was losing her mind, for she had drilled us from childhood to have nothing to do with this Book.

On the night of October 24, 1938, my mother gave a birthday party for my sister and invited the pastor and his wife. That night the pastor asked me if I would like to have *lasting* happiness. I thought this was a foolish question and said so. "Anyone is a fool who wouldn't want that!" I declared. "Of course I would like to have *lasting* happiness. What can I do to have it?"

The pastor then made an astonishing statement: "All you have to do is to believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son!"

I rudely laughed right in his face. "God have a Son? How could the Almighty God have a Son?"

I'm sure the pastor was hurt at this scoffing attitude, but he continued, "Homer, don't take *my* word for it, but just pray to *God* and ask Him if He had a Son. If you are honest with yourself and sincere toward God, He will answer you."

When I bowed my head and closed my eyes, after the pastor told me a little about how to pray, I was very earnest. I really wanted to know the truth. I prayed out of the sincerity of my heart, "God, I know you didn't have a Son. But if you did, won't you reveal Him to me?"

When I said this, something happened to me deep down inside. I could not understand it, neither was it explained to me. But when the pastor left the house that night he was thanking God for my salvation. I didn't know what he meant.

The next day I was in the front room of our home all alone, lying on the couch. The couch began to move! I thought this was the result of an earthquake. I looked at the other objects

in the room, but they were all still. Only the couch moved! Suddenly I began to cry uncontrollably. I tried to stop, but could not. I went to the sink and washed my face, endeavoring to cease from my sobbing. This was the first time in years that I had shed tears; I thought a boy who cried was a sissy.

I called to my mother in the next room, "Why can't I stop crying? What is the matter with me?" Her answer did not satisfy me; neither did the answer which another Christian lady gave me. I could hardly wait for my sister Ruth to come home from work. Perhaps she could explain.

When I saw her, however, I did not question her concerning my condition, but asked instead, "When does the church service begin tonight?"

"At 7:30."

"Seven-thirty!" I exclaimed. "Why can't it begin earlier than that?" As soon as it was possible I wanted to find out for sure whether Jesus was the Son of God.

On the way to church I prayed, "God, you'll have to show me tonight if Jesus is your Son, or I'll never believe it!"

My sister held my arm as we were entering the building, an Assemblies of God church. As we started down the aisle to find a place in the congregation I whispered to her, "Ruth, Ruth, are your feet touching the carpet?"

"Of course, my feet are touching the carpet."

I replied in amazement, "Mine aren't!" For I felt that I was walking right straight up to heaven!

Because of this wonderful manifestation of divine power I believed that Jesus Christ is my Messiah, the Son of the living God. He had revealed the truth to me by this sign. This was that for which I was searching. The customs of Judaism that I had kept were only pointing forward to the Messiah, the Deliverer, the promised Redeemer. I had come in contact with Him at last!

A change took place in my life. Never before were the trees so beautiful as now. Never before was the sky so blue. Never before did the birds sing so sweetly.

Today my great desire is to know Him better and to make Him known to others. How I wish that I could tell the whole wide world of the wonderful grace of our living Lord and what great works He has performed in my life. Blessed be His name forever! ◀◀

By Evangelist Louise Nankivell

THE PSALMIST DECLARED, "THOU art the God that doest wonders." And we agree that the Lord our God is a MIRACLE-WORKER.

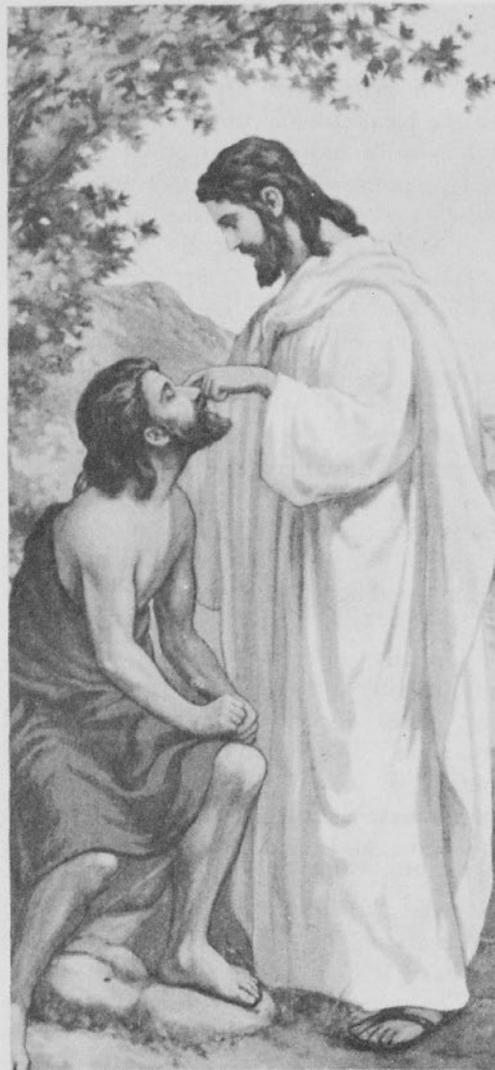
He it is who of old laid the foundation of the earth, stretched out the heavens like a curtain, and spread them out as a tent to dwell in. He flung out the north over the empty place and hung the earth upon nothing. He set out the sky as a molten looking-glass, planted the sun and moon in their courses, whirled planets into space, and scattered stars over the heavens, telling their number and calling them all by their names. He it is who sits upon the circle of the earth, and who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. He "doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."

Out of the dust of the ground the great Wonder-worker fashioned a vessel of clay. He clothed it with skin and flesh, fenced it with bone and sinews, and breathed into it the breath of life. And, quick as a flash, a human being stood on his feet, the crowning glory of His handiwork.

Nor did God leave the world to itself after creation. All down through the centuries "the Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations."

Marvelous things did the Lord in the land of Egypt, yea signs and wonders in the land of Ham. By His miracles of judgment God broke Pharaoh's power and brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes." He stacked the waters of the Red Sea in heaps like walls, so that the children of Israel passed over on dry ground. "The waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left."

He spread a cloud to lead His people by day and gave a pillar of fire to provide light in the night. Quail rained from the sky for tasty dinners in abundance. He fed His people on angels' food, tumbling bread right out of heaven. Yea, for forty years He miraculously fed and sustained about



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## God of Miracles

HE "DOETH GREAT THINGS PAST FINDING OUT; YEA, AND WONDERS WITHOUT NUMBER."

three million people in a wilderness where there was no bakery, meat market, or corner grocery store. "He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river." "He brought forth his people with joy...and gave them the lands of the heathen."

Only a God of miracles could have brought the three Hebrew children through a burning, fiery furnace without a hair singed or even the smell of fire upon their clothes. Only He could have locked the lions' jaws so that Daniel came out of the den unharmed. No other could have made

the sun stand still for Joshua, or have sent fire down upon the altar at Mt. Carmel, or have enabled little David to slay the great giant.

But God is a *miracle God*, and miracles are an inseparable part of the *miracle Book*. The Old Testament is alive with accounts of the miraculous, and miracles are a vital part of the New.

And wonder of wonders! The great Creator of the universe wrapped Himself in a human body, appearing upon this earthly scene in the person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, ... received up into glory."

The whole life of the Lord Jesus was inexorably bound up in the element of the miraculous. His conception and birth were miraculous; His transfiguration was a stupendous manifestation of the supernatural; His ministry was a constant unfolding of wonder-working power; the supernatural was in evidence at His death; He experienced a miraculous resurrection from the dead. He came to earth by a miracle; He left by a miracle. And one day He will return by a miracle, when He comes to reign as eternal King.

His public ministry was a grand succession of mighty acts. He wrought miracles upon inanimate matter, when He turned water into wine. He displayed control over the fiercest of elements, quieting the stormy sea by His Word. He manifested His creative power in the multiplying of the loaves and fishes. He demonstrated His matchless authority by withering the fruitless fig tree. He performed miraculous healings upon sick, blind, deaf, hopeless incurables. He overruled the laws of nature, restoring life to the dead. The Scriptures declare Him "a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him."

After ascending on high, the Lord of all power surged on with His wondrous acts through the ministry of the Spirit in believers. Thus, by the early disciples, the glorious gospel was carried forward, "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost."

But the Lord did not limit the confirmation of "*the gospel with signs following*" to the first century. He promised it to all believers of all time, even to the consummation of the age. "These

signs shall follow them that believe," He said. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

In this twentieth century God is stretching forth His hand marvelously, despite lawlessness, confusion, unrest, and threat of atomic destruction. Miracles of grace are transforming the hearts of thousands in this and other lands. Sick and suffering are being loosed from their bondage of disease and affliction, receiving the benefits of deliverance and healing.

My own body is a living miracle of the unchanging might of an unchanging Lord. When I was incurably ill with a "burned out" body the Lord Jesus appeared to me in the night, and He has effected glorious deliverance. The God who can frame worlds can do anything. There is nothing too hard for Him.

Almighty God has been marching majestically down through the ages, leaving miracle footprints upon the sands of time—in Moses' day, in Joshua's day, in Paul's day, in our own day. But there are miracles laid up for the future, miracles foretold in Scripture which will yet come to pass. The miracle of the Second Advent is at hand! The dead in Christ rising! Living ones caught up in the twinkling of an eye! The revelation of the Son from heaven and our gathering together unto Him! The hour is coming when God will show "wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath," when miracles of God will be miracles of judgment as depicted in the book of Revelation! The time is coming when stark terror will engulf the universe—the very heavens trembling, shaking, passing away with a thunderous roar; elemental matter melting with intense heat. And beyond this final catastrophe looms another staggering miracle, when God creates a new heaven and a new earth *wherein dwelleth righteousness*. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

God of miracles! Miracles of creation! Miracles of salvation and healing! Miracles of provision and protection! Miracles of intervention and answered prayer! Miracles of resurrection and judgment!

The person who has experienced the miracle of regeneration should have no difficulty accepting the miracles of the Word of God. It is not hard to believe in the miracles of God if one believes in the God of miracles! ◀◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**In Acts 9:18 we read that Saul received his sight and was baptized. Does this mean he was baptized with the Holy Spirit, or baptized in water?**

I think it means he was baptized in water. If you will read the preceding verse you will notice that Ananias came to pray for Saul that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. No doubt this prayer was answered. Saul certainly was baptized with the Holy Spirit, but the language here indicates he was baptized in water also.

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**How can we receive the power we feel we need?**

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses..." (Acts 1:8).

The principal work of the Holy Spirit is to give us power to live for Jesus and witness for Him. Therefore, the secret of power is in being filled with the Holy Spirit. We should ask Him to give us special anointing and power for Christian service.

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**John says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil... Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (1 John 3:8, 9). Can we so live that we never sin?**

I quote from the Chas. B. Williams translation of the New Testament: "Whosoever practices sin belongs to the devil. No one who is born of God makes a practice of sinning." A believer might sin through a momentary impulse or thoughtlessness, and provision is made for him if he does (1 John 1:9; 2:1, 2); but no true believer deliberately chooses sin or lives a sinful life.

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**After the ark of the covenant was lost, what took its place in the temple?**

The *Dictionary of Religious Knowledge* says that the holy of holies was empty in the second temple. On the Day of Atonement the high priest sprinkled the blood upon the foundation stone where the ark would have stood. There might have been, however, as in many present-day synagogues, an ark or coffer in which was kept a copy of the Hebrew Scriptures in the

form of an ancient roll. In certain services of the synagogue the manuscript is still taken from the ark with great solemnity, used, and returned with equal solemnity. Tradition has it that at the captivity Jeremiah buried the ark.

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**How can we live an overcoming life?**

We live an overcoming life as we meet daily circumstances in a Christian manner. Jesus said we should "take... no [anxious] thought for the morrow... Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." *Evil* does not necessarily mean *sin*. It includes the trials and difficulties which we must meet. As we meet each new circumstance in the right manner and spirit we are overcomers.

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**First John 3:7 says, "He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." Does this mean we can be as righteous as God?**

No, none of us can be as righteous as God, for He is perfect and cannot make any mistake. The thought here, I think, is of general likeness rather than of equal measure. If we combine this verse with the one that follows it, the idea becomes clearer. The Centenary Translation renders these verses this way: "He who is working righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who is committing sin is of the devil, because from the beginning the devil is sinning."

Our salvation does not depend on our own righteousness. We are saved by putting our faith in Christ. When God sees that our faith is in Him, He imputes the perfect righteousness of Christ to us. He credits it to our account. By this means we are saved, and 1 John 3 teaches that if we are genuinely saved we will copy after God, who is righteous, and not after the devil, who is sinful.

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*It is not enough that we believe. We must believe the right thing about the right One if our faith is to be pleasing to God.*

# NOT ALL FAITH PLEASES GOD

By A. W. TOZER

**W**ITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to please God, but not all faith pleases God.

I do not recall another period when faith was as popular as it is today. After the first World War the man of faith was considered weak and frightfully behind the intellectual parade. But since the close of World War II the pendulum has swung far in the other direction. Faith has come back into favor with almost everybody. The scientist, the cab driver, the philosopher, the actress, the politician, the prize fighter, the housewife—all are ready to recommend faith as the panacea for all our ills, moral, spiritual, and economic.

If we only believe hard enough we'll make it somehow. So goes the popular chant. What you believe is not important. Only believe. Jew, Baptist, Catholic, nature mystic, deist, occultist, swami, Mormon, Sufi, moon-struck poet without religious convictions, political dreamer or aspirant for a cottage on Uranus or Mars—just keep on believing, and peace, it will be wonderful. Soon a disease-free, warless world will emerge from the mists inhabited by a colorless, creedless, classless race where men will brothers be for a' that and a' that.

Back of this is the nebulous idea that faith is an almighty power flowing through the universe which anyone may plug into at will. It is conceived vaguely as a subrational creative pulsation streaming down from somewhere Up There, ready at any time to enter our hearts and change our whole mental and moral constitution as well as our total outlook on man, God, and the

cosmos. When it comes in, out go pessimism, fear, defeat and failure; in come optimism, confidence, personal mastery, and unending success in war, love, sports, business and politics.

All of this is, of course, a gossamer of self-deception woven of the unsubstantial threads of fancy spun out of the minds of tenderhearted persons who want to believe it. It is a kind of poor man's transcendentalism which, in the form we have with us today, came down from the more literary and respectable transcendentalism of the New England of a century ago.

Transcendentalism is a sort of creedless religion, growing out of the will to believe and an unwillingness to believe the Holy Scriptures. To discover the tenets of the transcendentalist is extremely difficult, if indeed any such tenets actually exist; but Emerson gave

us a hint when he said, "Belief consists in accepting the affirmations of the soul; unbelief, in denying them." I think this may be taken as a fair summary of Emerson's religious belief, and certainly it is an accurate description of the humanistic faith of the quasi-Christian masses today.

What is overlooked in all this is that faith is a good thing only when it engages truth; when it is made to rest upon falsehood it can and often does lead to eternal tragedy. For it is not enough that we believe; we must believe the right thing about the right One. To believe in God is more than to believe that He exists. Ahab and Judas believed that. To a right faith knowledge is necessary. We must know at least something of what God is like and what His will is for His human creatures. To know less than this is to be thrown back upon the necessity of "accepting the affirmations of the soul" and substituting "Thus saith my soul" for the Biblical "Thus saith the Lord."

True faith requires that we believe everything God has said about Himself, but also that we believe everything He has said about us. Until we believe that we are as bad as God says we are, we can never believe that He will do for us what He says He will do. Right here is where popular religion breaks down. It never quite accepts the severity of God nor the depravity of man. It stresses the goodness of God and man's misfortune. Sin is a pardonable frailty and God is not too much concerned about it. He merely wants us to trust in His goodness.

## BIBLE VERSE



Hebrews 11:24, 25

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Phâr'-âoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

To believe thus is to ground faith upon falsehood and build our eternal hope upon sand. No man has any right to pick and choose among revealed truths. God has spoken. *O earth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the Lord.* We are all under solemn obligation to hear the affirmations of the Holy Ghost.

To manipulate the Scriptures so as to make them excuse us, compliment us, and console us is to do despite to the written Word and to reject the Living Word. To believe savingly in Jesus Christ is to believe all He has said about Himself and all that the prophets and apostles have said about Him. Let us beware that the Jesus we "accept" is not one we have created out of the dust of our imagination and formed after our own likeness.

True faith commits us to obedience. "We have received grace and apostleship," says Paul, "for obedience to the faith among all nations" (Romans 1:5). That dreamy, sentimental faith which ignores the judgments of God against us and listens to the affirmations of the soul is as deadly as cyanide. That faith which passively accepts all the pleasant texts of the Scriptures while it overlooks or rejects the stern warnings and commandments of those same Scriptures is not the faith of which Christ and His apostles spoke.

Faith in faith is faith astray. To hope for heaven by means of such faith is to drive in the dark across a deep chasm on a bridge that doesn't quite reach the other side.

—*Alliance Witness*

## "My Eyes Were Healed and My Heart Filled"

From the time I found the Lord I prayed, "God, I want all you have for me." I was saved in July 1956 in the local Church of the Nazarene.

Nazarenes believe that when one is sanctified God cleanses his heart from inbred sin and the Holy Spirit comes into the heart to abide. When I was sanctified, then, in October 1956 I believed I had it all. But God, who is faithful in answering prayer, led me on into His fullness.

I had had ulcers in my left eye in 1955, and this had left me blind in that eye. In October 1956, when my eye started to bother me again, I feared it was the old trouble returning. A visit to my eye doctor confirmed my fears. Ulcers were growing back in that eye and were weakening the sight in my



## An Industrialist Looks at College Day—Sept. 21, 1958

As chairman of the Industrial Division of the Turlock Chamber of Commerce, I recognize the tremendous importance of higher education in preparing our youth to obtain better positions in our world today—whether in the commercial or sacred field. Such education is a MUST!

Our Bible Colleges have contributed much to the growth of the Assemblies of God in the last several decades—both in the number and caliber of our churches. EVANGEL COLLEGE is also providing a Pentecostal atmosphere for that segment of our young people seeking to make their influence felt in the commercial and professional areas of life.

We must accept our responsibility to these schools of ours, not only by contributing our prayers and moral support but also by offering material gifts. Only as we help shoulder this financial responsibility will we free our Pentecostal colleges to train unhindered the consecrated young people necessary for the evangelization of our world.

—**Enoch S. Christofferson**  
Mayor of Turlock, California



right eye. The doctor said I needed eye surgery, but could not say that I would have good vision even then.

My eyesight became so poor I could not even read my Bible. The words seemed to run together, and the pain in my eyes was so intense that I had to take aspirin all the time. I asked God to help me, and then He took over.

My cousin, who attends the Assembly of God at Davis Creek, called almost every day to see how I was. Each time she invited me to attend their current revival. On the night before the campaign ended I went. It was "divine healing night." I heard the people speak in tongues, and all through the service I saw God's Spirit manifested.

I went forward and requested prayer for my eyes. Praise God, He healed me right then. The next day I was to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. But when the doctor examined my eyes he shook his head, saying I no longer had active ulcers. I told him God had healed my eyes.

I can now see with both eyes, and no longer wear a patch over my left eye. God healed me completely.

I continued to attend the Nazarene church. But after that night I was no longer satisfied with my experience. God had taken the reins of my life and intended to lead me on into the

great Pentecostal blessing. Our Nazarene pastor resigned, and I then was in charge of all the services. But at last I could go on no longer, for I was so hungry for more of God.

I wrote to Brother and Sister Crouch, the pastor of the church where my cousin attended, and asked them to please tell me what to do. Sister Crouch wrote me a very nice letter, pointing out some scriptures for me to read. I read them and was then convinced someone was wrong. I began to pray, "God, is it I?"

When the Assembly held another revival I attended to try to find what my heart was so longing for. The Word was brought forth under the power of the Holy Spirit. God dealt with me night after night. He showed me the way, and I followed on.

On October 4, 1957, I went to the altar to receive the Holy Spirit. I had been puzzled about speaking in tongues, but that night I spoke in tongues myself. I just let God have His way, and He came into my heart and filled it to overflowing. I am so glad I moved over to Canaan, for here there is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

—Mrs. Dorothy Harper, Rt. 7, Box 151A, South Charleston, West Virginia.  
(Endorsed by E. W. Crouch, Pastor, Davis Creek Assembly, Sharon, W. Va.)



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Scriptures

### GIDEONS SET OUT TO DISTRIBUTE 3,600,000 SCRIPTURES IN YEAR

The Gideons, an interdenominational organization of laymen who specialize in putting Bibles in hotels and other public places, have been given a goal of distributing 3,600,000 copies of the Scriptures during the coming year. Last year they distributed 2,892,135 copies. The Scriptures went to 41 nations.

Last year they donated 894,755 New Testaments to school children. The goal for next year is 1,500,000.

These figures were given by the president of the organization, P. J. Zondervan, at the national convention of The Gideons International which was held at Louisville, Kentucky, recently. Mr. Zondervan urged the laymen to adopt a high goal in view of the fact that next year the organization will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

He said that hotel and motel rooms in 46 states have now been completely "Bibled"—the Gideon Bibles have become an accepted part of the furnishings. He called for a million more Bibles to be placed in England and a million more in Japan. During the past year many thousands of Gideon New Testaments were given to servicemen, nurses, hospitals, and prison inmates.

### ANCIENT BIBLES BRING HIGH PRICE AT LONDON AUCTION

A collection of 24 early Bibles was sold at auction in London, England, for a total of \$30,729. An American bidder paid \$4,200 for the second edition of Tyndale's version of the Book of Genesis, printed in Antwerp 1530-34, and \$2,184 for a copy of a 1536 New Testament. The same buyer paid \$2,240 for Coverdale's version of the Bible, printed in 1536. The so-called St. Matthew's Version of the Bible, which welds together the best work of Tyndale and Coverdale, edited by Rogers in 1537, sold for \$7,280; and "The Great Bible" (1539 version) went for \$7,000.

We wish that all people thought the

Bible was so precious—not because of its re-sale value but because of the "unsearchable riches of Christ" contained within.

### HUNGARIAN BIBLE REVISION SPEEDED UP

Hungarian theologians and scholars have stepped up their work on a revision of the sixteenth-century Karolyi Bible that has been used by Hungarian Protestant churches for generations. They have been working at the task spasmodically for about nine years. Work on the New Testament has been completed and that portion of the Scriptures is now being printed. Work on the Old Testament is being speeded up through generous aid received from the world-wide United Bible Societies.

## Morals

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WARNS AGAINST PROFANITY

Earlier this year the FCC warned radio operators against using indecent language or profanity over any radio transmitter subject to license by the government. "Violations of the law can be met with more than warnings," the FCC commented.

Recently the commission reported the arrest and conviction by the Federal Court at Tampa, Florida, of five shrimp boat operators who ignored the warning. They received \$500 fines and suspended prison sentences of two years. Other violators were having their licenses suspended where justified.

### GOVERNMENT RELEASES UNFLATTERING STATISTICS AGAINST TOBACCO

Tobacco and its effects on the users was the substance of a release from the U. S. Public Health Service reporting on the results of a study among 200,000 U. S. veterans. The report said flatly that there was "a significantly higher death rate among regular tobacco smokers than among non-smokers." While the Public Health Service had made earlier statements on

the possible danger in smoking, it has been openly stated that further action was awaiting the results of this study.

The study, conducted by Dr. Harold F. Dorn, chief statistician of the National Institute of Health, related the death rate to the smoking habits of the veterans who were government insurance holders between 50 to 70 years of age. The report reads like this:

There were 7,382 deaths during a 2½-year period. Of these 6,203 were smokers and 1,179 non-smokers.

The adjusted death rate was 32 per cent higher for smokers than for non-smokers.

Regular cigarette smokers had the highest death rate of all groups of smokers (58 per cent above non-smokers).

Regular cigarette smokers had a lung cancer death rate 10 times that of non-smokers.

Regular cigarette smokers had a death rate from coronary heart disease 63 per cent above non-smokers.

Regular cigarette smokers who had stopped cigarettes before the study began in 1954 had a lower mortality rate than those who continued to smoke. However, the rate was 30 per cent greater than the non-smokers.

(For a copy of Dr. Dorn's full report, write the National Institute of Health, Bethesda 14, Maryland.)

### TAPROOM SUGGESTED FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION BUILDING

Establishment of a taproom for serving beer on the University of Michigan campus was suggested again recently by the dean of men.

"If students are to learn to drink like ladies and gentlemen, there might be a better way than having to go off campus to do it," declared Dean Walter B. Rea.

The Dean admitted that occasional suggestions for an authorized beer taproom at the student union building get only lukewarm receptions from the university's board of regents and alumni.

Who besides the brewers thinks the students need to learn to drink beer in order to be ladies and gentlemen?

## Foreign

### SOVIET BEAR GROWLS IN HATRED OF GOD

Communist Party and youth organization leaders in the Leningrad region have been chided for "not paying sufficient attention to atheistic propaganda." They were warned that "the last remnants of the distant capitalist past—religion—are still alive and widespread." The rebuke came from the newspaper *Leningradskaya Pravda* which said, "It should not be believed that this capitalist survival is dead or harmless. . . . Religious beliefs will not disappear of their own accord. Careful and stubborn work is needed fully to liberate the consciousness of the believers from the narcotics of religion." The paper called for training more lecturers in atheism and for the promotion of regular anti-religious meetings and discussions in factories, villages and farms.

### BAMBOO ORGAN STILL IN USE AFTER 164 YEARS

Half an hour's drive from the city of Manila is a church with the world's most unusual organ. It was built by a priest in 1794. It measures twelve feet wide and is built of bamboo. The largest bamboo pole is eight feet long and five inches in diameter. Only the horizontal reeds (122 of them) are made of soft metal. The rest of the 714 pipes are of bamboo. There is a five-octave keyboard. The 22 stops are arranged in vertical rows. The organ has flute tones which have not changed with the passing of 164 years.

The priest built two of these organs. One was installed at the church at Las Pinas, Rizal, Philippine Islands. The other was sent as a gift to the Queen of Spain. Unless its twin still exists, the bamboo organ at Las Pinas is the only one of its kind in the world.

### "WHO IS A JEW?" ISSUE DECIDED BY ISRAEL CABINET

Premier David Ben-Gurion recently won a parliamentary vote of confidence on the controversial issue of "Who is a Jew?" In future, all who declare themselves in good faith to be Jews will be recognized as such, providing they profess no other religion. Under this decision, children of non-Jewish mothers could be registered as Jews if both parents wished it.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

. . . LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

U. S. ALCOHOLICS TOTAL FIVE MILLION FIFTEEN THOUSAND according to the Yale center of Alcohol Studies for the latest year (1956) of which necessary data is available. Of these, 4,243,000 are men and 772,000 are women. There has been a steady rise in ratio from 3,050 alcoholics per 100,000 adult population in 1940 to 4,760 per 100,000 in 1956.

METHODIST MEN'S CLUBS NOW HAVE 600,000 MEMBERS which according to the Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities makes theirs "the largest men's organization in Protestant Churches in all the world."

12,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 30 NATIONS were attracted to Frankfurt-On-Main, Germany, for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention. The theme, "Christ, the Light of the World," was carried on banners through the streets, decorated the convention hall and was displayed along city streets and railroad stations. Throngs of youth in bright native costumes marched through the city behind their banners, lustily singing hymns. One afternoon they conducted street meetings throughout Frankfurt.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH reports for the Moslems that a mission hospital at Damascus, Syria, that has been doing faithful service for 55 years has been compelled to hand over its property to the Syrian government.

MISSION SCHOOLS in the state of Madras, India, may be forced out of business if they refuse to obey an order which restrains financial assistance from foreign countries to educational institutions. The Madras state government issued the order believing that foreign aid to its private schools is harmful to its country's honor. Mission schools which refuse to obey were threatened with the loss of recognition, which would force their operation to cease.

GENERAL FUAD SHEHAB, 66, has been elected President of Lebanon. He is a Maronite Rite Catholic as is his predecessor, Camille Chamoun. By agreement in this half-Christian, half-Moslem country of 1,500,000 people, the President is a Christian and the Premier a Moslem, so as to maintain a balance between the two religious groups.

## Special Prophecy Issue Coming Next Week

In response to many requests for messages of a prophetic nature, in the light of present world events and the soon return of the Lord, next week's EVANGEL will be a special prophecy issue. Extra copies of the Prophecy Issue are being printed, and may be ordered at a special rate while the supply lasts. Place your order early. Be sure to mention the Prophecy Issue, Number 2313, when ordering. Price \$4.00 per hundred copies, postpaid to any U.S.A. address. (In Canada: add 50¢ per hundred.) Minimum order, 100 copies. Cash must accompany each order at this special price. This will be an appropriate issue for general distribution in your community.

**T**HE TWO SHORT-TERM BIBLE Schools in East Africa operate almost simultaneously. The Nyasaland Bible Institute is located at Dedza and the Tanganyika Bible Institute is at Mbeya.

It was our happy privilege to be present at the closing of both schools this year. At Dedza the school closed on May 25, when thirty-five were awarded certificates for completing the prescribed course. In the absence of Morris Williams, who is on furlough, Paul Wright acted as principal of the Nyasaland school. He was assisted by Gideon Bomba, Ernest and Marjorie Jones, and ourselves.

The schools represent a great deal of sacrifice and hard work on the part of those who pioneered them. The



Portion of the 1958 class of the Nyasaland Bible Institute at Dedza. Gideon Bomba, Presbyterian and Dean of the school is on front row, center.

# READY FOR SERVICE

By **H. B. Garlock**, Field Supt., East Africa

Assemblies and individuals at home who have contributed to the good work would be thrilled to see the fine, consecrated young Africans who have been prepared for service and are now out on the firing line.

Wesley Hurst is the principal of the Maranatha Bible School in Tanganyika and was assisted during the school year by Delmar Kingsriter, Charity Harris, Ragnar Udd, and Stephen Vandermerwe.

The graduation exercises of the

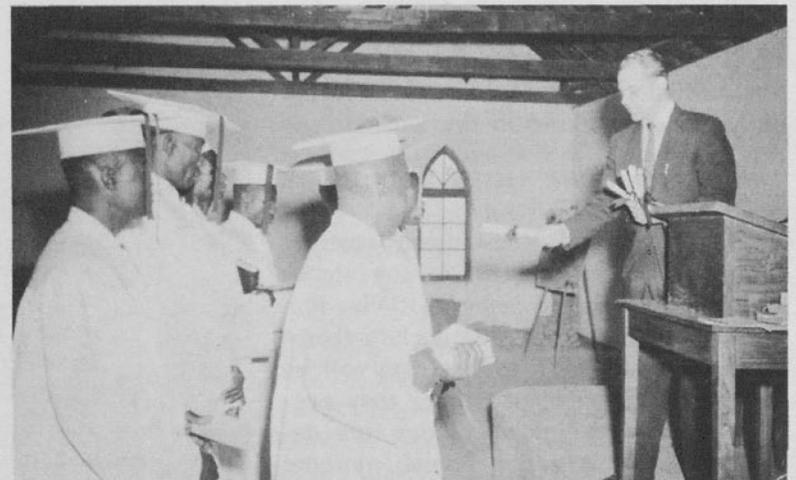
Maranatha Bible School took place on June 1. As with the other school, thirty-five certificates were issued to those completing the short-term Bible course. In addition, eight senior workers who had graduated from five terms in Bible training received their diplomas. They were dressed in white caps and gowns.

Following the graduation message, which I was privileged to deliver, Delmar Kingsriter gave the "charge" to the eight men. Then they were handed their

diplomas by Principal Wesley Hurst.

There was a record enrollment this year; forty-two men studied for the ministry. Fourteen were enrolled in the upper class, with twenty-eight young men in the first class. Additional help on the teaching staff made the courses more complete than previously.

Our Assemblies of God in East Africa wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Andrew Murray, who once said, "The key to the evangelization of Africa is the native ministry." ◀◀



Eight who received diplomas at Maranatha Bible School in Tanganyika. Maranatha graduates receiving diplomas from Principal Wesley Hurst.

# Power

## ON THE AIR

By LAWRENCE OLSON, BRAZIL

AS WE ARE NOW COMPLETING TWENTY years of missionary service, we say with Paul, "We faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). We praise the Lord for His goodness in a thousand ways revealed to us during these years.

As you know, we have been broadcasting over radio stations for more than three years now, producing our *Voz Evangelica das Assembleias de Deus* programs in our own studios at the Publishing House. For a long time we have wanted to get on *Radio Mayrink Veiga*, one of Brazil's most powerful stations. We finally achieved this goal a few months ago. Being on *Mayrink Veiga* with 50,000 watts means we are heard all over this nation, as our listener response proves. Americans having a good short-wave receiver can pick us up from 7 to 7:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on 9,575 kcs. (31 meter band) or 11,775 kcs. (25 meter band). If you get us, please let us know.

It's marvelous to see how God uses radio to awaken people to their need of Him and the possibilities of faith. A young man up in the interior, Sebastao Goulart, was bedridden and unsaved. Through hearing the program he was saved beside his radio and received healing for his body. He is now a baptized believer in the local assembly and already helps in the work of the Lord. Out in Iguape, State of Sao Paulo, three families were converted through hearing our broadcast. One of these people was bedfast but received faith for his healing and is well. Praise God!

We find that many of other denominations are listening and often tell us this is the best gospel program on the air. Down along the coast of the State of Sao Paulo, at Registro, six families were saved through listening to the program, several of whom have already received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A farmer down in the cattle country of Rio Grade do Sul, near Uruguay, has been getting lots of people around his radio to listen, thus evangelizing his friends and relatives. One of our converts in Raposos, up in Minas, reports a friend of his giving his heart to Christ through listening to the program. He is serving God and by now is probably baptized and a member of the local assembly.

You can help us—and we do need help! Radio time is very expensive. We are now paying \$300.00 per month for this half hour. Within six months we will have to pay \$400.00. So far this amount is not underwritten. We have taken a step of faith, knowing that we are definitely in God's will in doing so. Won't you pray about this and have this need brought up in your prayer group, missionary meeting, or board meeting? Perhaps you and your church could pledge a definite monthly contribution which should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Brazil Radio."

We have had the privilege of a visit from Melvin L. Hodges, Latin American Field Secretary, and his wife. Brother Hodges laid the cornerstone of a new temple in Campo Belo, with a big crowd in attendance. At Lavrinha, a *bairro* of Lavras, we also laid the cornerstone for a new church to serve that area of the city and we'll be dedicating it within a few weeks.

Everywhere we can report better crowds than ever, a wonderful spirit of revival pervading. Brother Mario Lopes, our worker at Boa Esperanza, reports that at a place called Volta Grande where he goes on the STL

motorcycle (about sixty miles out) some eighty people accepted the Lord in one meeting. It seems a real revival is breaking out there, including the *fazendeiros*. Spiritism has been very strong in that area, so we must be prepared for fights against the powers of darkness. ◀ ▶

## MONTHLY REPORT

### Foreign Missions Department

June 1958

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,036.86	Northwest	22,878.82
Appalachian	681.70	Ohio	12,686.70
Arizona	1,565.99	Oklahoma	25,185.46
Arkansas	4,517.16	Oregon	9,910.11
Eastern	12,417.14	Polish Br.	35.00
Georgia	2,136.70	Potomac	11,018.58
German Br.	752.75	Rocky Mtn.	9,162.23
Greek Br.	13,535.29	Russian Br.	81.00
Hungarian Br.	214.02	S. Carolina	488.26
Illinois	13,407.73	S. Dakota	2,064.64
Indiana	6,316.55	S. Florida	6,073.65
Italian Br.	536.59	S. California	36,456.45
Kansas	8,656.01	S. N. England	5,002.85
Kentucky	975.47	S. Texas	9,041.49
Lat. Am. Br.	411.97	S. Idaho	1,674.88
Louisiana	2,094.12	S. Missouri	7,830.17
Michigan	12,746.90	Span. E. Dist.	421.00
Minnesota	10,005.77	Tennessee	3,604.51
Mississippi	1,865.42	Ukrainian Br.	172.45
Montana	3,110.27	W. Central	5,056.84
Nebraska	3,683.86	W. Florida	1,611.43
New Jersey	4,728.21	W. Texas	4,663.54
New Mexico	1,346.40	Wis.-N. Mich.	7,538.27
New York	7,654.83	Wyoming	1,532.91
N. Carolina	1,379.59	Alaska	175.72
N. Dakota	2,801.40	Canada	744.08
N. N. England	859.11	Hawaii	194.77
N. Calif.-Nev.	18,994.67	Foreign	14.56
N. Texas	13,243.98	Miscellaneous	154.45

Total Amount Reported	\$339,151.28
District Funds	\$10,990.64
National Home Missions	2,571.31
Office Expense	5,439.91
Given Direct to Missionaries	4,088.30
	23,090.16

Received for Council Missionaries	\$316,061.12
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,598.63
Missionary offering not allocated to any State	9,924.51
Total Receipts	\$329,584.26

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$121,966.52
Missionary Equipment	81,624.76
Missionary Work	59,079.37
National Workers Abroad	8,870.60
Deputational Returns	72.61
Buildings in Foreign Lands	30,557.07
Missionary Transportation	71,928.02
	\$374,098.95
Transferred from "Hold Account"	44,514.69
	\$329,584.26

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# The First AMERICANS

*The Indians should have the same opportunity as we have to hear the message that can set them free from sin and give them hope. Are you doing your part to help them?*

By **JOHN McPHERSON** and **PAUL KIENEL**

**I** AM AN INDIAN. I AM DESCENDED from the first Americans.

Born here ages before the White Man came, we had the entire country to ourselves—its lakes, streams, forests, mountains, and game of all kinds. We were happy and carefree people. Our school was the great out-of-doors, and Mother Nature was our teacher.

We saw the Great Spirit in the starry heavens—His painting in the glories of the sunset. We loved the green carpet of the plains decorated with the colors of countless flowers; we worshiped Him in the majesty of rugged mountains topped with snow, in the sun and moon, and in great animals like the bear, and birds like the eagle. He was everywhere!

We wondered about Him when lightning flashed. We trembled when we heard His voice in the boom of the thunder. We were bewildered when meteors sprayed the sky with fire and feared when once we saw a long-tailed comet which we did not understand.

Then the White Man came. Some righteous and godly men of your people answered our questions and told us about the true God. These good men taught us that this God was our

Creator, and maker of all. They told us about Jesus, the God-man, and now some of us are Christians too.

Will you help train us, so that in our own language and in our own way we can share these joys with our own people?

I want my people to know Him who is our Master, and our true Great Spirit Father. You will help us, won't you?

Often the published material about Indians is either sentimentally unrealistic or brutally untrue. Indians were and are neither ignorant and blood-thirsty savages, nor misunderstood heroes. Indians are human beings, living interesting normal lives in accordance with customs and beliefs which, though ancient in origin, are greatly modified by several hundred years of contact with white people.

Because there is no standard or universally accepted definition of the term "Indian" in United States law or usage, estimates of the total Indian population of the country will vary in accordance with the definition being used. Since the earliest colonial admixture of the white and Indian races, the population has included "mixed blood"—people who might be considered either Indian or non-Indian depending upon the point of view. The Bureau of Indian Affairs believes that the total number of persons actually meeting the census definition of an "Indian" is probably well over 400,000 and there can be no



John McPherson (left), a Cherokee Indian, and George Effman, a Klamath Indian, are Assemblies of God ministers.

doubt that the number is steadily increasing.

American Indians are divided into 280 tribes, and speak 58 dialects. The majority live on 300 reservations and rancherias provided by the government. However, though the government provides specified reservations for the Indians it does not make provision for salaried income or monthly pensions. A great misconception has been that the Indians could support their own churches and there was no need to give money to Indian missions. This is not true. In fact, according to George Effman, president of the Northern California-Nevada Indian Fellowship, poverty is one of the major drawbacks in attempting to build an indigenous church among the Indians. Support must come from outside sources. Some churches on various occasions take special offerings for ministry to the Indians. Others write the Indian ministry into their church budget, which is a vital help and greatly appreciated by the Indian ministers. However, this is not enough; each district needs more co-operating churches.

Along with poverty the problem of superstition and tradition continues to be a hindering force in our hopeful quest of reaching the 400,000 Indians in the United States with the gospel. There is yet much work to be done, even though a great deal has been accomplished.

It would be impossible to give ample publicity to all our Indian churches. However, you will be interested to know that the Mt. Sierra Indian Assembly

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## OPPORTUNITY'S SALESMAN...

in Alpine County, California (near Gardnerville, Nevada) is the only Assembly of God in that county and the only organized church of any denomination in Alpine County. Pauline Nelson, the pastor, tells us that in appreciation for what she was doing for the Indians there, a county official, Mr. Fredricksburg, gave them three acres of land on which to build their church. Sister Nelson says that already their little building is crowded to the doors.

Some Assemblies of God missionaries to the Indians, such as the Ralph Holders and the Luther Caytons, have preaching circuits of Indian communities where they hold regular church services.

Without question one of the greatest blessings to the American Indian Fellowship in the northern California-Nevada District is its officers: President George Effman, Vice-President John McPherson and Secretary-Treasurer Manuel Cordova. These Indian executives have not only raised considerable money for the Indian ministry but have organized an Indian Camp Meeting and an annual Indian Convention. President George Effman has done much to keep the Indian cause before our people. To these officers and to each minister working among the Indians, we pay a high tribute of respect for the great work they are doing.

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The American Indian Missions Fund has been in the "red" for some time. Some of you have made contributions which are helping to get this fund back in the "black"—but there is still a long way to go. There are many demands upon it. The Indian people are unable to help very much toward supporting gospel work on their reservations. Therefore it is our duty to provide for our missionaries as they attempt to get the gospel to them. The Indians should have the same opportunity as we have to hear the message that can set them free from sin and give them hope. Converts can in turn win their own people. Thus, when we give it brings about a chain reaction for the furtherance of the Kingdom.

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The very districts which offer the greatest opportunity for expansion are usually the least able to finance such expansion. Yet these districts need not feel reluctant to present their needs to our church as a whole. For the needs they bring are in fact new opportunities to carry our message into unevangelized areas. It is our aim to give assistance to these "opportunity districts." A growing church is a vital church, and these undeveloped districts are our growth frontier.

We need the co-operation of many people who will give generously to strengthen our fund for undeveloped districts. Offerings should be designated for the NEEDY DISTRICT FUND and sent to the Home Missions Department.

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# When Grandma Prayed

BY ANNE SANDBERG

*Old and frail, there was little work she could do to help the family. But she could pray. . . .*

VACATION WAS OVER; IT WAS THE first day of school. After innumerable reminders to the children to "Hurry or you'll be late," they finally dashed out the kitchen door. Looking through the window I watched them wave good-bye until they disappeared around the corner.

Then began the morning's routine: making beds, washing dishes, tidying the girls' room. After a summer of children's boisterous and joyous noises, the house seemed almost too quiet. But it was an ideal atmosphere in which to reminisce a little.

What a lovely summer it has been! The weather almost ideal, with plenty of sunshine and rain. Everything flourished—the lawn, the garden, and our two girls. Their vacation was brimful of fun, with a great deal of swimming, backyard games, and popsicles.

Then it occurred to me that there had been no accidents this year. That was unusual, especially when I remembered other summers.

Last year, on a quiet Sunday afternoon, the children were playing in the back yard while their daddy and I rested indoors. Suddenly we heard a



Grandma Katschke prays every day for the children.

shriek of terror and our older daughter, Carolyn, rushed in, her face distorted with fear, screaming, "Betty Anne's hurt; she has blood all over her head!"

We discovered our seven-year-old lying half unconscious on the stone walk where she had fallen. The wound in her forehead was serious enough to require several stitches.

A few weeks later, Carolyn pricked her finger. The next day she complained of pain and we discovered infection had set in and there was danger of blood poisoning. The finger had to be lanced and treated for several days.

Then again there was the bathtub accident, when the younger girl fell against the faucet and received a deep wound over her left eye.

There were other minor accidents, but the really serious one took place the year before when Carolyn fell and injured her thigh. It took twelve stitches to close the wound, and because of extreme heat infection set in and she had to remain in bed for six weeks.

But this summer it had been different. As I considered it, I suddenly knew the reason.

Early in the spring, Grandma Katschke came to live with us. Grandma is eighty-four years old. Her vision and hearing are very poor and she some-

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To check your answers, look up James 4:17.

times feels useless and helpless because there is not much she can do in the home to be of help.

*But she can pray.*

Grandma's knees are too weak for her to stay on them very long; so she sits in her chair beside the window and quietly prays. She is not eloquent, nor rhetorical; but every day, without fail, she remembers each member of the household and especially the children.

Of course, I too pray for the family, but not as faithfully and regularly as Grandma does. And I am sure it is because of her simple faith, and her faithful, daily prayers, the children passed through this summer without a single mishap. ◀ ◀

### A REAL HOME

Edward Earl Puriton in his book "Efficient Living" in describing a real home says:

"A real home is a gymnasium because it has a program to give the child a healthy body. It is a lighthouse because it reveals breakers ahead, and shows a clear way past them. It is a playground providing for innocent games and sports. It is a workshop where the child is taught to do things. It is a forum where honest and open discussions of life's great problems are helpfully conducted. It is a secret society where family loyalties are sacred. It is a health resort where mothers are natural physicians. It is a co-operative league where the interest of each is made the interest of all. It is a temple of worship where the child learns of a Heavenly Father whose love finds a ready response in the heart of the child."

—*Religious Telescope*

### OTHERS

(*A True Incident*)

A man parked his beautiful car by the curb and a small boy standing near opened his eyes wide with admiration.

"Where did you get it?" he asked.

"My brother gave it to me," said the owner.

"Your brother? My, I wish..."

"Yes," the man thought, "I know what that boy is wishing. He wishes he had one just like it."

But the lad went on to say, "I wish I could be a brother like your brother. My brother is crippled. He can't walk, and he can't get out to go anywhere. I wish I could buy him a car like this one!"



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, September 1

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-11

**Learn:** "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

**For the Parent:** The first part of this chapter expresses the Christians hope of eternal life—we know that when we die we will be present with the Lord. The chapter also points out: (1) the purpose of our labors, v. 9; (2) a reminder of the fact we must give account to Christ, v. 10; (3) a reason for witnessing, v. 11.

**Question Time:** What is the dominant theme of the first part of this chapter? (See above) What other things does this passage teach? (See above)

## Tuesday, September 2

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

**Learn:** "For he [God] hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

**For the Parent:** Christians need to be reminded frequently of the basic principles of the gospel. That is what this passage does. It stresses the purpose of the death of Christ—providing salvation, making us new creatures, reconciling us, making us the righteousness of God in Christ. Our responsibility is to be His ambassadors, or messengers, of the good news that Christ has died for sinners.

**Question Time:** What are some reasons why Christ died? (See above)

## Wednesday, September 3

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Learn:** "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God" (2 Corinthians 6:4).

**For the Parent:** Though at the outset this passage may seem to refer only to the ministry, remind the group that the word **minister** means the same as the word **servant**. We are all God's servants, regardless of what we do. Stress that we are to (1) work with God, v. 1; (2) give no offense, v. 3; (3) show in all things by our actions that we love and serve God, vv. 4-10.

**Question Time:** What is another word which has the same meaning as **minister**? (See above) As God's servants, what are we to do? (See above)

## Thursday, September 4

**Read:** Zephaniah 2:1-3; 3:8-13

**Learn:** "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Zephaniah, Prophet of the Day of the Lord" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) One of the great hopes of the Christian is the soon coming of Christ. But that day will also be a time of judgment for the sinner, 3:8. Stress the importance of being ready for the Lord's soon coming and of warning others, so that they will also be ready.

**Question Time:** How can we escape the wrath of God? (2:3) What will the second coming of Christ mean to the unsaved? (3:8)

## Friday, September 5

**Read:** 1 Kings 22:1-9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 26-28 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight" (Proverbs 12:22).

**For the Parent:** Review this story briefly, emphasizing the importance of telling the truth even when it is not easy to do so. Micaiah's truthfulness meant suffering and punishment for him, but he realized he must deliver the message God gave him. Point out the value of being truthful, stressing the importance God places upon it. Show how it is possible to act a lie as well as tell one.

**Question Time:** What important lesson can we learn from this story? (See above)

## Saturday, September 6

**Read:** Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:1, 11-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "For we are labourers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of Nehemiah, pointing out: (1) his great concern for his people and his country; (2) he took the matter to someone who could do something about it—he prayed to God; (3) he willingly put "legs to his prayers" by asking the king to send him as a special emissary to Jerusalem. Stress the importance of prayer, but also point out how God wants us to **work** with Him, too.

**Question Time:** What position did Nehemiah fill? (1:11) What important truth does his life illustrate? (See above)

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## Zephaniah, the Prophet of the Day of the Lord

Sunday School Lesson for September 7, 1958  
ZEPHANIAH 2:1-3; 3:8-13

Once again we have, in the prophecies of Zephaniah, a revelation of the severity and the love of God. If we are tempted to become impatient with a series of lessons which deal over and over again with God's anger at sin and judgment upon it, let us remember that we live in an age in which preacher and laymen alike set forth and worship a benevolent, jovial, kindly, sentimental God who winks at sin and is "too loving" to pass sentence upon it!

Zephaniah predicted the coming of universal judgment upon all nations, its chief severity to fall first upon Israel. But he saw this Day of the Lord as the means by which Israel should be purified and redeemed and the nations converted. Thus it is because of His love that God chastens and judges men and nations for their sins.

### I. THE DAY OF GOD'S WRATH.

"The day of the Lord is at hand. . . . The great day of the Lord is near. . . . That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against fenced cities" (1:7, 14-16). Zephaniah saw the coming invasion of Israel by her enemies as a type of the coming of the Day of the Lord, and preached accordingly. He saw the enemy coming against Jerusalem (1:12), then against the surrounding nations—Moab, Ammon, Ethiopia, and Assyria—who had defied Jehovah and mistreated His people.

### II. THE SIN OF THE NATION.

Zephaniah prophesied in the early part of the reign of good King Josiah, who was making a valiant effort to lead Israel out of idolatry into spiritual revival. Conditions at the time were deplorable. Therefore Zephaniah lent his voice in support of the king.

"Seek ye the Lord . . . : it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." This was the best Zephaniah could promise, even to those few who were living righteous lives. But consider his words to the rest of the nation—

(1) *The sins of the people.* The prophet condemned several classes of people, all of whom perhaps find their counterpart among people today. There were the out-and-out ungodly—the Baal-worshippers. There were worshipers of the sun, moon, and stars—the nature-worshippers, reminding us of those who deify the body and its culture. There were the indifferent ones and the practical atheists—"settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil" (1:11). Then there were the compromisers who worshiped Jehovah with their lips, and worshiped Malcham, god of the Ammonites, with their hearts. See 1:4, 5. To all such—then and today—Zephaniah had a message: "Seek righteousness, . . . [for] the great day of the Lord is near."

(2) *The sins of the leaders.* Zephaniah addressed four

groups: The princes, instead of being benefactors and leaders of the people, were "roaring lions," defiant of Jehovah and preying upon His people. The prophets, intended to be speakers for God, were "light and treacherous," betraying the people by speaking their own words instead of the Word of the Lord. The judges, instead of dispensing justice, were greedy and selfish hirelings: And the priests "polluted the sanctuary," thereby encouraging the people toward more ungodliness. See 3:1-4.

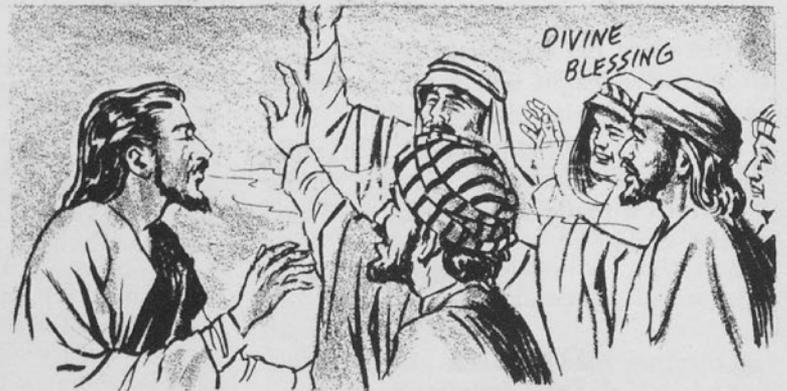
### III. THE DAY OF SALVATION (3:8-20).

Though Zephaniah declared that judgment was certain, he also saw with equal clarity that judgment would eventually accomplish its God-intended purpose—the redemption and salvation of Israel. The immediate judgment which Zephaniah saw was averted during Josiah's time. It had a partial fulfillment in the captivity and destruction of the guilty nation some years later. It awaits complete fulfillment at the close of the tribulation period when, after the nations have been gathered to the battle of Armageddon, Christ will return. Then the chastened nation shall look upon Him whom they pierced and shall repent. The restored nation will be a witness to God's power and a wonder to the nations.

Verses 14 to 20 of chapter three are a wonderful expression of the love and tenderness of God for His people. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." And while these words have primary application to Israel, they are blessedly true in God's relation to the most humble Christian! In days of darkness God is with us. We need to cultivate and appreciate His indwelling presence.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### HOW WILL HE BREATHE ON YOU?



HE BREATHED ON THEM, AND SAITH UNTO THEM, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST. JOHN 20: 22





# The Impassable Gulf

By **DON JOHNSON**

**A** LONE HUNTER PUSHED HIS WAY through the thick undergrowth in one of the forests deep in the heart of Germany. Suddenly he sighted the object of his search—a large stag deer. For many hours the hunter had patiently tracked the great animal but the deer had tried in every way to elude him and throw him off the trail.

Now the deer had reached a dead end. Before him stretched a vast chasm sixty feet wide and hundreds of feet deep. Carefully he weighed the situation, first giving a look backward in the direction from which the hunter was coming, then forward at the wide fearful chasm. Finally summoning all his strength, he leaped, venturing everything on a desperate attempt to bridge

the great distance and make it to freedom on the other side. The hunter saw the deer vanish from sight as he fell to the rocks below. His great strength had not been enough; the gulf had been too wide.

Today across America and around the world thousands of people are in much the same condition as this deer; they have come to a complete dead end in their lives. Having followed the crowd in its momentary merriment, they find their souls now filled with the world's great cares.

The fundamental truths of the Word of God have not only been inwardly doubted, but often outwardly scoffed at and ridiculed. The still small voice of God has been ignored in the noise and din of a highly progressive civilization. The warnings that "the wages of sin is death," and that sin "will find you out," have been shrugged off as old fashioned and superstitious. The fact that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" has been scarcely noticed.

Then suddenly they are brought face to face with a vast eternity. The apparent realities fade into the background and those things which seemed so unimportant for so long now loom terribly close and real. Their pretense is torn apart. Their sins which have been minimized, are fast closing in upon them.

First, a quick glance is cast backward toward their oncoming sins, and then there is a fearful forward look at the great chasm which separates their souls from God. Then summoning all their strength, they desperately try to leap the gap, only to fall short.

Few people today realize that outside of Christ they are constantly being tracked down by their own sins. They can't grasp the fact that all mankind is corrupt and vile. Nor will they believe that their own sins have created a great gulf between them and God.

Nevertheless, it is true that "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, that he will not hear."

Millions have futilely tried to leap across the chasm in their own strength. They have rejected God's way of escape. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap, but they will not believe. His substitutionary death and settlement on the cross for all of man's sin goes unaccepted. His offer of a

way to elude the dread hunter remains open. His provision of a bridge which spans the mighty gulf of eternity into the very presence of God Himself waits unclaimed. All that awaits the lost soul who refuses His mercy is a leap into the dark!

How about you? Have you been running away from it all, trying to drown your sorrows and dry your tears amid the world's mad rush toward hell? Then why not stop running? Today the hunt can be over for you; right now the gulf can be bridged. The Bible says, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. . . . There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (2 John 1:9; Romans 8:1).

—*Courtesy American Tract Society*

## How God Used a Common Fly

We have often heard of God's using a man, woman, or child in blessing, but who ever heard of His using a fly! And yet He did so. Those pesky creatures which are such a bane to the busy housewife, those potential germ-carriers—could one of *those* ever be useful? Yes, our God, in His great wisdom, can make use of the smallest of things.

It happened in one of John Wesley's meetings many years ago in Dublin, Ireland. An Irish Catholic, who was quite opposed to the preaching but very fond of music, determined to attend one of the Methodist meetings in order to hear the singing. He resolved, however, to stop his ears as soon as the first was over until the next hymn was begun. He, therefore, sat after the hymn with his head down and his fingers in his ears.

As the man sat there a fly lit upon his nose. For a moment he moved his hand to drive it away, and in so doing, nine words only reached his ear. What were they? "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." From that moment this man, who was an ungodly tavern-keeper, had no rest in his soul. He went, afterwards, to seek out the Methodists, listened eagerly to the Gospel and became a converted man!

Have you heard His voice yet? "Hear and your soul shall live."

—*C. Ernest Tatham*

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# Laws of the Spiritual Harvest

(Continued from page four)

ritory, through dangerous surroundings, over a period of months, carrying not only provisions for the journey but seed for the sowing; therefore the seed that eventually was sown was indeed precious for it represented sacrifice. Bread had to be rationed if seed was to be sown. Rationing of bread meant that the children might hunger as well as the adults, but no sacrifice

was too great in the light of the anticipated harvest.

Precious seed is worthy of the utmost preparation of the soil. Lack of patience and persistence in the preparation of soil for the sowing of the eternal Word of God often results in failure of the seed bringing forth as it should. Let every soul winner carefully prepare men's hearts before sowing, and prayerfully cultivate the seed sown.

Again the seed is precious because it must have *life* in it. In the days of my ministry among the farm folk, I learned that sometimes a few drops of gaseous poison was dropped into the container of seed which was to be used for food. Then the container was closed and the poisonous vapor penetrated all of the seed, destroying its germinating quality. But the seed that was saved for the next year's sowing was not poisoned; it was carefully preserved, for it would not germinate unless the life remained in it.

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Sometimes it seems that much of the gospel seed that is sown does not germinate properly. *Is it possible that the life-giving qualities of the seed have been poisoned by poor example?*

Suffer me to link the thought of *precious seed* with *precious blood*. I would call your attention to the fact that we "were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the *precious blood of Christ*."

The most corruptible thing about the human body is the blood, and the most certain event for all mankind is death. Not so with Christ; His precious blood was entirely free from corruption. He did not die of any disease—He willingly laid down His life for others.

The writer was gripped by an appeal made over a radio network some years ago on behalf of a leukemia victim in Florida. A nationally-known commentator presented the need for a certain type of blood, offering the services

of a well-known airline to fly the donor to Florida for the transfusion. But the most exacting requirement was that the blood should be that of a person who had recovered from leukemia.

Pondering the scarcity of such precious blood, we were made to question seriously whether there would be a single person anywhere of the proper blood type who could meet that requirement. Further consideration of the matter brought to mind a universal call made in the Book of Revelation for one who was worthy to open a certain book. At first it seemed that "no man in heaven, or in earth," was able to qualify. Eventually, there "stood a lamb as it had been slain" who qualified. The fate of two hundred billion souls (the estimated population of the world of all generations from Adam until now) were dependent upon the victory of this slain Lamb.

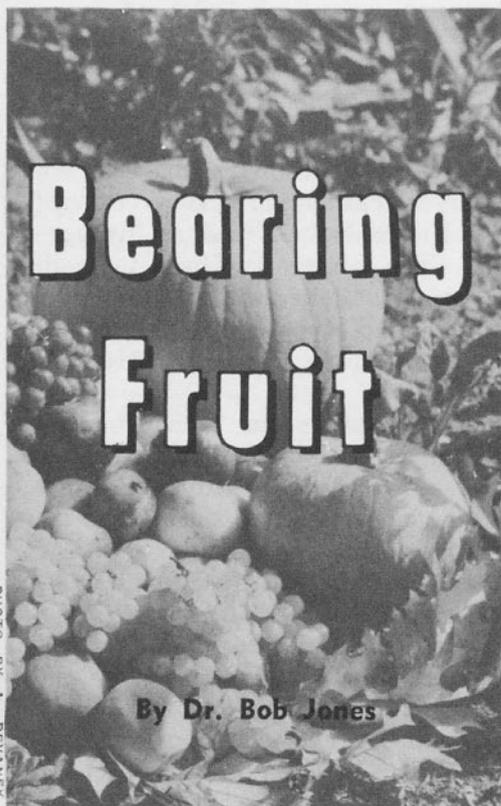
Souls that need salvation are *pre-*

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*cius*. The Word that can bring salvation is *precious*. The life, given by the slain Lamb to those in whom the Word of God is properly sown and accepted, is *precious*. Let every child of God devote himself to "sowing in tears" with a diligence worthy of the *precious seed* and the *precious blood*, so that there may be a "reaping in joy." ◀◀



**I** AM SIXTY-NINE YEARS OLD, AND I began to preach before I was fifteen; so I have had nearly fifty-five years in the ministry. During that time my work has taken me to all the states and into many foreign countries. I have not spent as much time with books as some preachers, but I have spent a great deal of time with people, and I have learned

some very important things. In my wide experience, I have seen many human wrecks, and some of these have been the "bummiest of the bum" and the "slimiest of the slum," but I *have only seen two or three really human wrecks that grew up in homes that had regular daily family prayer*. When I have found these very few wrecks, I found them on their way back to God.

One night years ago in the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Harry Monroe, that prince of mission workers, said: "You may be down and out, and you may feel like you are a hopeless human wreck, but Jesus Christ can save you if you will just trust Him. If you want to be saved, come to the front."

I saw a bleary-eyed, bloated-faced man stagger down the aisle and fall on his knees at the altar. Harry Monroe said to the audience, "Stop singing. I want to say something. I never saw this guy here before, but I will venture the assertion that this fellow was reared in a Christian home where they had family prayer." The bum looked up and said, "Who told you about my mother? She was a good mother, and my father was a good man. We used to have family prayer."

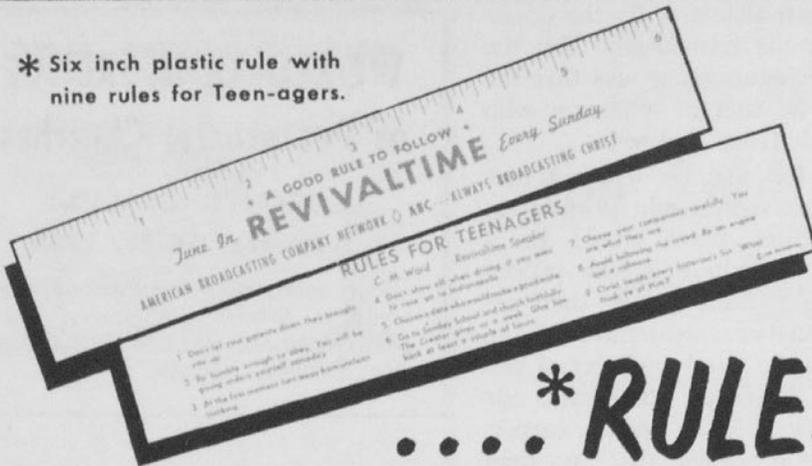
At the close of the service, I said, "Harry, how did you know that fellow was reared in a Christian home?" He said, "Bob, in all my dealings with the underworld, I have never found more

than half a dozen fellows that were brought up in homes where the Bible was read and there was a family altar. I always recognize these very few bums. There is something about the way they come forward and the way they kneel at the altar and the way they cry out to God that makes me know they were brought up in a home with a family altar."

I thank God that I was brought up in a home where my father read the Bible and prayed. There were ten of us children living; and when you count my mother and father, we had a dozen at the family altar. When my father was in the coffin and I looked into his cold, white face, the saddest thought I had was that I would never hear him pray again. He died a little more than half a century ago, but I can hear his voice now as he prayed to God to help us children to live right, to trust Jesus, and to keep us in the time of temptation.

We must get back to the old-time home religion and family altar emphasis in this country; and we must get back there quickly, or this nation is gone. Young people *can* climb over a family altar and go to hell; but when fathers and mothers put up a family altar between their children and hell, the children do not usually go to hell. We have no problem in America except home problems, and we have most of these problems because the family altar has fallen down. ◀◀

\* Six inch plastic rule with nine rules for Teen-agers.



# ....\* RULES FOR TEEN-AGERS

It's back-to-school time and here's a handy six-inch plastic rule that every teen-ager may have for the asking. On the reverse side are nine rules for teen-agers, offered by REVIVALTIME Speaker C. M. Ward. They are as follows:

1. *Don't let your parents down: they brought you up.*
2. *Be humble enough to obey. You will be giving orders yourself some day.*
3. *At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking.*
4. *Don't show off when driving. If you want to race, go to Indianapolis.*
5. *Choose a date who would make a good mate.*
6. *Go to Sunday School and church faithfully. The Creator gives us a week. Give Him back at least a couple of hours.*
7. *Choose your companions carefully. You are what they are.*
8. *Avoid following the crowd. Be an engine not a caboose.*
9. *Christ heads every historian's list. "What think ye of Him?"*

Every Christian teen-ager should carry one of these useful rules with him throughout the school year as a reminder of his high calling. You can get one of them for each teen-ager in your home by filling the coupon below and mailing it to REVIVALTIME. Your request will be filled immediately.

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(Sunday School Teachers, write for special quantity prices on these Plastic Rules. They are excellent back-to-school gifts for teen-age class members for first-timers.)

**REVIVALTIME BOX 70 SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

## Revivaltime Giving TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 to June 30, 1958

### TOTAL GIVING

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|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. So. California ..... | \$8,642.38 |
| 2. Eastern .....        | 8,160.85   |

### AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. New York .....        | \$ 46.82 |
| 2. So. New England ..... | 45.25    |

### INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

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|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. So. California ..... | \$1,853.20 |
| 2. Ohio .....           | 1,468.40   |

### INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING

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|---------------------|----------|
| 1. So. Dakota ..... | \$ 10.65 |
| 2. New Mexico ..... | 10.43    |

### GREATEST GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

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|-----------------------|----|
| 1. West Central ..... | 15 |
| 2. New Jersey .....   | 14 |

### PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Montana .....    | 20% |
| 2. New Jersey ..... | 14% |

## Longevity

Recently an Indian man, born while George Washington was president of the United States, died at the age of 164. The fact that he lived more than twice the allotted "three score years and ten" is apparently about all that was remarkable about him. He simply lived.

Mike Butler, an *Evangel* reader, points out that if the man had devoted his unusually long life to study and research, he could no doubt have made a tremendous contribution to the welfare of mankind. If he had devoted those years to seeking after God, he might have become an unusual saint and Bible scholar.

Perhaps if this Indian man could have known from the time he was a child that he was destined to live so long, he might have lived differently. But he was a mortal man like all of us, and he had no more assurance of longevity than we have. We cannot judge him harshly because he lived so long without doing anything of note.

Let us rather look well to our own lives, using every precious minute and hour and day to glorify God and contribute to the common good. The important thing is not *how long*, but *how well* we live!



# Scriptures in the Antarctic

Recent additions to the library of the American Bible Society at the Bible House in New York City are two well-worn English Bibles, each a publication of the Bible Society. These books have been returned to their home base by Chaplain John E. Zoller, who for over a year has been serving the men in the U. S. Antarctic operation, DEEP FREEZE II.

A seebee who was remodeling a shop space brought to the Chaplain a Bible which he had found tucked away near the overhead of the shop. Chaplain Zoller has said he thinks it probable that this Bible made the first tractor train trip to Byrd Station in December, 1956, a distance of approximately 1300 miles (round trip) part of which was across a treacherous crevassed area. Never before had such large, heavy vehicles crossed Antarctic crevasses, and no one knew how they would make it.

"I know how anxious and tense those drivers must have been," said Chaplain Zoller, "as their huge roaring 38-ton cats, each towing a 20-ton sled, rumbled slowly but steadily along the narrow trail, with seemingly bottomless crevasses falling away on both sides. After several weeks of round-the-clock work, bone-tired and chilled from working in near sub-zero temperatures, they mounted their tractors for the gruelling tedious return trip to Little America. With this brief background, it may be a bit easier to understand how much a man's Bible could mean to him out there—its words of comfort and inspiration quietly working the miracle of renewing faith and courage when the going was bitterly difficult."

The Bible had been nearly covered with mildew and the covers were warped, but the type is plainly readable.

The other used copy of the Bible the Society received had been given to a sailor at Little America last November.

He was attached to the naval air support squadron there and carried the Bible with him on flights over the vast, lonely areas of ice and snow. The book has received hard usage—it has been snow drenched, it got wet and frozen—but it was used. Just before the serviceman left for home he asked if he might have a new copy, which of course the Chaplain was glad to give him.

The wintering-over contingent which spent the calendar year 1957 at seven widely-separated and isolated stations on that remote and frozen continent was well stocked with Bibles, Testaments and Illustrated Scripture Portions, all supplied by the American Bible Society.

## C. M. WARD'S ENGAGEMENTS

REVIVALTIME Speaker C. M. Ward may be heard in person in the following cities:

SEPT. 9-11—COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA: Assembly of God, 7th Street and 7th Avenue, anniversary service and REVIVALTIME rally.

SEPT. 13—TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA: People's Church, Youth for Christ.

SEPT. 14—TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA: (a.m.) Danforth Gospel Temple; (p.m.) World Pentecostal Conference, Exhibition Park, REVIVALTIME origination.

SEPT. 24—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: First Assembly of God, 1424 Hemphill Street, REVIVALTIME rally.

SEPT. 25-26—SAPULPA, OKLA.: First Assembly of God, 202 South Maple Street, REVIVALTIME rally.

A pulpit Bible, also furnished by the Society, and embossed in gold on the cover with the station's name, stands on the altar of the Richard E. Byrd Memorial Chapel in Little America. Every Sunday the lesson is read from it and during the week it remains open at an appropriate passage for individual meditation. ◀ ◀

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*The world will never be evangelized as long as Sunday-go-to-meeting Christians leave all the work to the preacher.*

# EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

BY RICHARD A. BOMBAY

*Oshawa, Ontario, Canada*

THE CHURCH HAS NO GREATER task than that of telling the whole world about the Saviour. The methods have varied from age to age and from place to place, but the central purpose has remained: to bring men and women to a full and free salvation in Christ Jesus.

Too often when we think of evangelism we have in mind the two or three special evangelistic meetings conducted in our churches throughout the year. But if this is to be the limit of evangelism, we shall be a long time making known to our generation that Christ died for their sins as well as ours. Too many such campaigns have come and gone without leaving a deep impression on the community.

Evangelism must be an everyday around-the-clock business and in order to make it so the whole church must become involved in it. The whole program of the church must revolve around the business of saving people. The teaching of the church must be aimed at making all its members efficient and successful soul winners.

We believe that each assembly of Spirit-baptized people has the various ministries of the Spirit operating in it, yet we often overlook the fact that one of the ministries given by God to the Church is that of evangelism. Among our members are many who will never grace a public platform; they will never preach a public sermon; they will never give an altar call; nor will they often be recognized as evangelists, but they are the people who steadfastly witness to others and win them to God.

I have men in my congregation who win more souls to Christ and bring more people into the church than all the outside evangelists are able to do in the same period of time. Last Sunday evening I baptized eleven people—six men and five women. Five of those people were led to the Lord by the efforts of one man whom I baptized less than a year ago. Another was led to the Lord by one whom I baptized together with him. I know another man who led to the Lord and brought into the church fourteen adults in the first year of his Christian experience. Not everyone may bring in as many as those cited, but everyone is responsible to let others know of the Saviour. That is "doing the work of an evangelist."

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## Lost in the Darkness

Far out on the tide of life's tempest-tossed sea  
A boatman is drifting astray;  
But no one is listening to hear his faint plea  
That sounds o'er the boisterous bay.

The lights on the shoreline are burning so low  
The seaman far out on the tide  
Is watching in vain for a glimmering glow;  
He calls for a beacon and guide.

The light-keepers safely on shore are asleep  
Unmindful that duty is nigh.  
Awaken, ye rescuers! Look o'er the deep,  
And hear the poor wanderer's cry:

"I'm lost in the darkness and drifting astray;  
The billows of sin o'er me roll—  
No lights in the harbor to show me the way;  
And nobody cares for my soul!"

—Noah P. White

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An elevator operator brought to the church a young man who got saved and is now studying for the ministry. It was the witness of a welder to a fellow worker that brought the man to Christ and he now serves as a member of the board of the church.

It was a Sunday School teacher who brought two boys to the pastor and said, "These have been saved in the class and want to be baptized." It was a father who led his son to Christ at the family altar and started him on his way to his present ministry as a Pentecostal missionary.

We must never be content to hide behind that old wornout cliché which says, "I believe in living the life and letting my life tell for Jesus." Be honest now. Do you know anyone that you have led to the Lord and brought to the church who has come solely because you "lived the life"? And even if it is true that such has been done, we are still under command of our Master to "preach the gospel to every creature." Great evangelistic meetings have their place, but they do not reach many of the very people who need what we have to offer. You live among them every day, and if you have the *will* to win them you will find the *way*.

In the parable of the talents, three servants were given responsibility according to their abilities. Two of them multiplied their Lord's investment in them. The third merely kept inviolate exactly what had been given him. For him there was no praise. From him was taken even what he had. To him was given the most blistering de-

nunication because he was both wicked and lazy.

When our Lord returns He will not say to us, "Well done," unless we have done well. He will not call us "good" if we have been wicked, nor will he judge us "faithful" if we have let time and opportunity slip through our hands.

I should very much fear coming into the presence of my Lord with no increase of my life to offer Him. How can I meet him with joy and not be ashamed before Him at His coming if I enter into His presence alone and bring no one with me? Paul said, "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

No! I will not enter my Lord's presence alone. I will bring others with me. I am not proud of myself so my pride and joy at His coming *must* be in those I bring with me.

—Fellowship Monthly

## Stroke Victim Healed Overnight

On June 6, 1957, I suffered a stroke which paralyzed my left side. My arm, hand, leg, and mouth were drawn. After my family and I had prayer, I was moved by the Holy Spirit to visit James W. Alcorn, the Assemblies of God pastor here. My two boys managed to get me into the pickup and took me over to his house. The pastor came out to the pickup and laid his hands on me and prayed. After prayer he said, "You're going to get all right." He told me the numbness would gradually leave my hand.

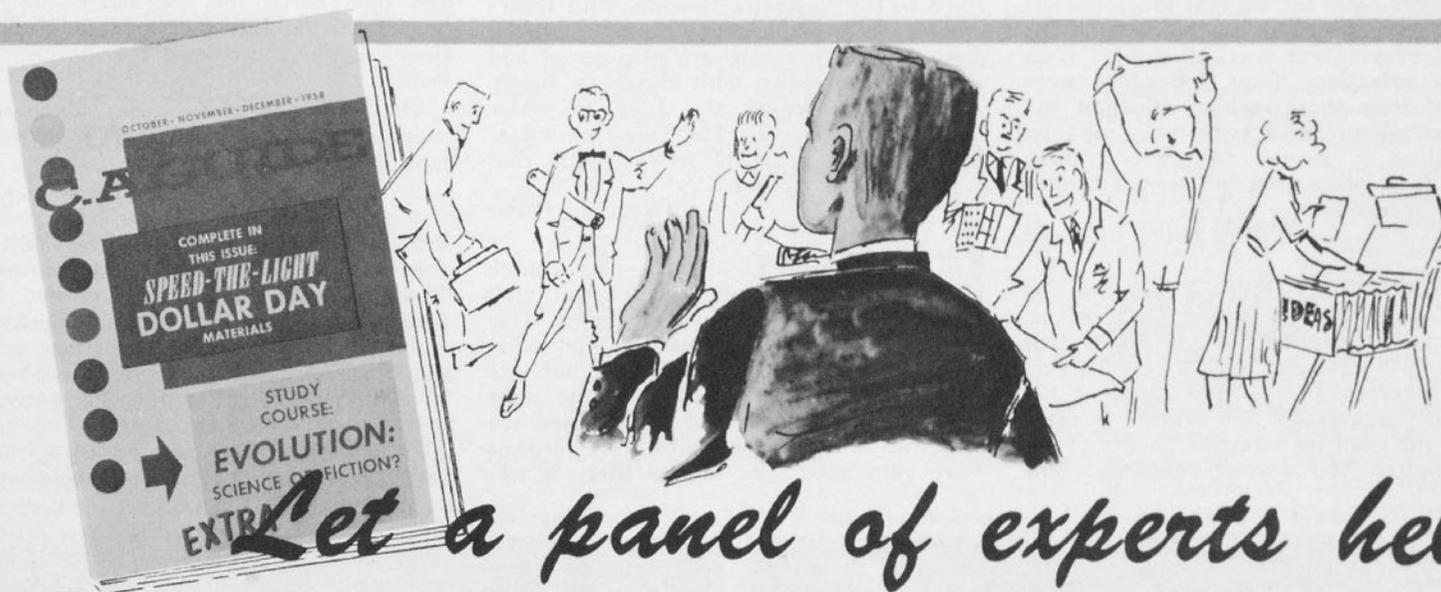
The next morning I got up and dressed myself and tied my shoestrings. That night when I was lying on my bed, the fingers on my left

hand were drawn about half closed. I began telling the Lord, "These are your hands. Please heal my hand." And my fingers straightened out. Although I am 68 I am feeling as well now as I did before I had the stroke, if not better.—Henry D. Callaway, Route 1, Box 280, Broken Bow, Okla.

(Endorsed by James W. Alcorn, former pastor, First Assembly, Broken Bow, Okla. At present Brother Alcorn is on the evangelistic field.)

Sunday night, little Mary was on her knees as usual, her mother waiting for her to finish her prayers. After an unusually long time she arose. Mother inquired why she took so long. Mary earnestly replied, "Today in church we sang a song that said, 'Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.' I wanted to make him tremble longer."

Beloved, I wonder, do *we* make Satan do as much trembling as he should?



WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO PLAN THIS FALL'S C.A. ACTIVITIES - SUCH AS YOUR SPEED-THE-LIGHT DOLLAR DAY SERVICES

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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **GOLDEN CITY, MO.**—Evangelist and Mrs. George Westlake just closed an outstanding tent meeting in this city. At least 340 visitors attended during a three-week period. Seven were definitely saved, and the entire community was stirred.

—George Flora, Pastor

► **JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**—Recently Evangelist C. C. Garrett of Durant, Fla. conducted three weeks of meetings in the Hart Haven Assembly of God. Seven young people were saved and the church was edified. God's presence was manifested in every meeting and there was an outpouring of His Spirit. The revival spirit continues in the church and one soul was recently saved. —Mary Turrony, Pastor

► **WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**—This area has witnessed a great union revival sponsored by five local churches of the Assemblies of God and conducted by Evangelists Albert and Tommy Reid of East Aurora, N.Y. Night after night the big tent was the scene of an outpouring of God's Spirit. The smaller prayer tent was filled with souls seeking salvation. Over 100 cards were received from those seeking salvation and reconsecration. There were many miracles of healing in answer to prayer. Many people from other churches were attracted to the meetings.

—Wilfred Hiller, Chairman

► **DES MOINES, IOWA**—Evangelist and Mrs. E. B. Sasnett of Denver, Colo. recently conducted meetings in the South Side Assembly of God and were a real blessing to the church. In the first week of the meeting, an average of one soul a night sought the Lord for salvation. Many of the congregation had joyous refillings. One

lady had a deteriorated hip socket, and doctors gave no hope for her recovery. After prayer was offered in her behalf, she went to the hospital for a check, and they said she was perfect. The last night of the service a man who was very deep in sin called on God and received a most glorious experience of deliverance from terrible bondage.

The musical arrangements were inspiring. The radio work done by the evangelists was helpful and brought a response of many visitors. There was a record attendance throughout the services for three full weeks.

—Howard D. Jones, Pastor

► **TUCSON, ARIZ.**—The Indian Assembly of God here has had two good revival meetings recently. The first was with Evangelist Zelma Argue, and immediately afterward Indian Evangelist Manuel Cordova conducted meetings. A number were saved and some filled with the Spirit. One Indian veteran who had been confined to the Veteran's Hospital with tuberculosis received healing through prayer. Both he and his wife are now saved and she has been filled with the Holy Spirit. A number followed the Lord in water baptism on June 1. The congregation is enjoying the beautiful new church that was dedicated April 1.

—E. Kennedy, Pastor

► **MT. CLEMENS, MICH.**—The church here just closed a glorious revival with Evangelist James Weaver of Dallas, Tex. Many people over the nation read what transpired during the meetings, but not about the revival itself. Twenty-one came forward for salvation and ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The crowds were very good, and several times it was

necessary to put extra chairs in the church. Many miracles took place. When God began to move crowds of people came and stood outside and made attempts to hinder the services by calling the local police. On Friday, June 6, Pastor Norcross and Evangelist James Weaver were arrested during the services for supposedly disturbing the peace. It was this fact that was carried by the newspapers of the nation. An officer came to the platform as Brother Weaver was praying for the sick and told him to cease praying and to come with him. The arrest did not stop the moving of the Spirit of God, and one week later they were re-arrested on the same charge.

On the first of July the two brethren stood trial for about twelve hours. It ended in a hung jury. The case was dismissed from the municipal court. After the trial the pastor and some of his men met with the mayor. District officials were also present. The mayor with his commissioners apologized to Pastor Norcross and the church for the action that had been taken, and at the same time offered their services in assisting the church to relocate.

The church here was started about seven months ago, and the Sunday School is now running about 80.

—Harold Peck, Church Secretary

► **SUMMERFIELD, LA.**—The Calvary Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a 10-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth C. Piker of Ruston, La. Strong conviction was felt in each service as the gospel was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Several sought salvation, and the church was revived. The entire Piker family rendered beautiful music through their singing and instrumental



Co-operating ministers in the union tent meeting in Williamsport, Pa. with the Reid Evangelistic Party.

Audience attending one of the meetings in Williamsport, Pa. during the meeting conducted by the Reid Party.

numbers. The church is still benefiting from this Pentecostal revival.

—J. A. Clement, Pastor

► **ARDMORE, OKLA.**—The Lighthouse Assembly of God recently enjoyed a very fine meeting with Evangelist E. C. Briggs and party of Ft. Worth, Tex. In response to the anointed messages some 23 were saved and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One of the unusual things about the meeting was the fact that so many husbands and wives went to the altar together and prayed through. The church has been greatly blessed by this meeting.

—Leslie Moore, Pastor

► **INDIAN HEAD, MD.**—The evangelistic meetings conducted here recently by the Benson Compton family of Newton, Iowa were profoundly blessed of the Holy Spirit. The power of God accompanied each sermon and song, and there was much rejoicing in the congregation. Many folk sought God for salvation at the altar. Sick bodies were healed, and saints were built up in the most holy faith. Visitors from far and near came each night to the services.—Harold S. Bilotta, Pastor

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**DEDICATION AND HOMECOMING**—Sept. 7, 1958, at Evangel Assembly of God, 3340 N. W. 16th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. Bert Webb, Asst. Gen. Supt., Springfield, Mo., speaker. Dedication service in afternoon. Former pastors and members invited to attend. —Floyd L. Poag, Pastor

### THE WATERS OF ELIM

There is always a beautiful sequence in the Bible from its first pages. Cain represents the natural man; Abel, the spiritual man; Lot the world conformer, contentedly dwelling in Sodom; Abraham, the constant seeker for a spiritual house not made with hands; Adam, the disobedient; Christ, always obedient to His Father's will.

So, in the story of Exodus, the wells of Elim follow the waters of Marah. The sweet follows the bitter. The pleasant rest beneath the palm trees is a delightful contrast with the scorching sands of the desert. How good God is! He gives Elim after Marah, refreshment after labor, ease after pain, freedom after prison, health after sickness, light after darkness, food after hunger, eternal life after death.

When the church was not so sophisticated, the Christian life was regarded as a walk, a pilgrimage. The pilgrim attitude is the right one and those who would live close to God must realize that they must expect intervals of darkness and pain along the pilgrim road.

Some Christians never seem to have Red Sea experiences or to seek the tree for healing the waters of Marah. If we knew everything we might realize that their need is greater than our own and they are concealing their trials to the glory of God.

"Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest a while," said Jesus to His disciples. So God would draw us aside and refresh us beneath the palms of Elim. God may call us to some quiet spot where He can speak unhurriedly to our tired bodies. We need those

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Whistler	Sept. 2-14	Calvin Melton	Daniel Mosier
Ark.	Paris	Union	Sept. 7—	Elton Cole	Audrey C. Booher
Calif.	Huntington Beach	Community	Aug. 31—	Keith Abraham	Alton L. Childers
	Lamont	* A of G	Sept. 5-28	B. D. Bennett	E. L. Shaffer, Chm.
	Lodi	** First	Sept. 7-14	Eddie Kramer	Gene Forrest
	Long Beach	N. Long Beach	Sept. 7—	Bob Jones & wife	Harry Richardson
	San Bruno	A of G	Sept. 7—	Benny Sapp & wife	Alvin I. Haun
	Santa Barbara	A of G	Sept. 7-21	H. Ralph Love	Charles Green
	Stockton	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 2-14	Stanley MacPherson	Leonard H. Rogers
Colo.	Colorado Springs	Nob Hill	Sept. 7—	Leo Walker & wife	D. L. R. Bennett
Ga.	Atlanta	A of G	Aug. 26—	Al & Wilma Wyrick	James Mayo
	Cedartown	Calvary	Aug. 31-Sept. 14	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	O. L. Stokes
Ind.	Warsaw	A of G	Sept. 2-14	Ada E. Lear	R. P. Poland
Iowa	Ft. Madison	A of G	Sept. 7-21	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Fred Gottwald
	Independence	A of G	Sept. 2—	Walter D. Lascelle	Richard Ludden
	Shenandoah	A of G	Sept. 2-14	R. W. Hastie Family	A. R. Sorenson
	Sioux City	Central	Aug. 27-Sept. 14	Frank E. Martin	James E. Smith
	Vinton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 3-14	Bob McCutchen	K. G. Miles
Kans.	Chanute	First	Sept. 3-21	Jim Collins	L. Glen Ahlf
	Columbus	A of G	Sept. 1-8	Stephen Rexroat	Robert Sugg
	Junction City	A of G	Aug. 21—	Max Manning	Frank Tatum
	Louisburg	A of G	Sept. 7-21	Max Francis	Rodney Stanbro
Ky.	Bowling Green	First	Sept. 1—	B. P. Carroll	W. E. Summers
Minn.	Little Falls	*** A of G	Sept. 7-21	Dick Stevens Family	Neale Sheneman
Mo.	Mt. View	A of G	Aug. 20—	J. D. Middlebrook	Robert Gouge, Jr.
	Springfield	Bethel	Sept. 1-14	Paul J. Smith	W. Chas. Harris
		*** East Side	Aug. 31—	Fred & Gladys Voight	Albert Pyle
N. J.	Elizabeth	First	Aug. 31—	Donnell-Holler	W. M. Johnson
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	* First	Aug. 17-31	Richard E. Jeffery	G. W. Risner, Jr.
		Highland	Aug. 19-31	Ken George	Robert Northrop
N. Y.	N. Tonawanda	A of G	Aug. 8-Sept. 7	Eddie Lowmaster	Homer C. Cooper
N. C.	Reidsville	A of G	Sept. 5-12	Edith Little	W. R. Pierce
Ohio	Byesville	A of G	Sept. 2-14	Arnold Segesman & wife	Frank Blessing
	Cleveland	First	Aug. 31-Sept. 14	Bob & Lillian Watters	M. M. Brewer
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Putnam City	Aug. 24-31	Stephen Rexroat	Douglas Friesen
	Pryor	First	Sept. 7-21	Bill Newby	George Newby
Oreg.	Dayton	A of G	Aug. 31-Sept. 7	Carl Johnson Jr.	Carl Allquist
	La Grande	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 7-28	Wesley W. Fleming	B. B. Robeson
	Mill City	A of G	Aug. 17-31	Carl Johnson Jr.	Helen Davis
	Prineville	A of G	Sept. 7—	L. H. Sheets Family	Karl S. Becker
Tenn.	Oak Ridge	First	Sept. 7-21	Tommy Parker & wife	Luster Young
Tex.	Dalhart	First	Sept. 3—	Ken & Patsy George	Fred Ball
	Dallas	Grace	Sept. 7-24	Morris Lefkovitz	Fred Davis
	Garland	Southside	Sept. 7-21	Sara E. Sharp	V. E. Tipton
	Kilgore	A of G	Sept. 7-14	C. W. Gregg & wife	C. A. Bird
	Seminole	First	Sept. 2—	Don George	E. E. Mason
Wash.	Camas	A of G	Aug. 24-Sept. 7	Oran Duncan	Ernest Mattson
	Shelton	A of G	Sept. 2—	H. C. MacDonald	M. A. Younglund
Bahamas	Nassau	*** Evang.	Temple August	Norman Pearsall & wife	John Wilkerson
		* Union Tent Revival	** Youth Revival		*** Kids Krusade

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times. Busy Christian workers certainly need to go apart and rest, to have quiet communion with God.

Elim means terebinth. Even today in Egypt one finds the beautiful terebinth trees growing side by side with palm trees. The date palms give but little shade but the terebinth gives a delightful shadow. The terebinth has no fruit but the date palm has nourishing and delightful fruit. "I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste." Israel in Elim rested under the shade of the terebinth trees and drank sweet water from the twelve springs; a well of water for each tribe.

For a little time the desert journey and the hard bondage of Egypt were forgotten; forgotten was the fear of the sea and of Phar-

aoh's army. Forgotten were the bitter waters of Marah. Israel was sweetly resting in the shadow of the Almighty. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

There are still the burning sands to traverse. Still the Amalekites to battle. Still Canaan to be won. But first—rest a little. Partake of Him. Rest in Him. We can have this inner rest no matter how trying our outward circumstances may be. At any time and anywhere, we can have Elim.

Elim is made expressly for weary workers, by the Lord of the Highway. There is no admission price. Jesus paid it all, so let us rest in Elim.

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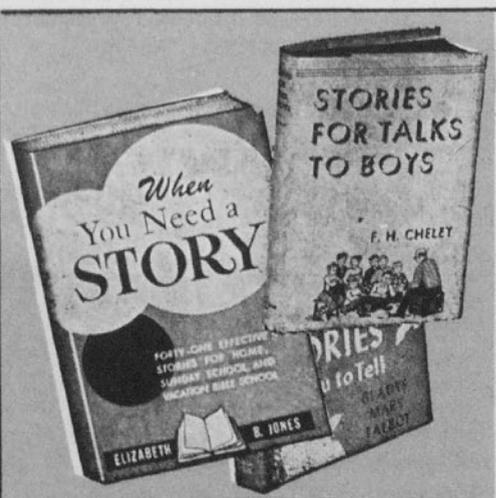


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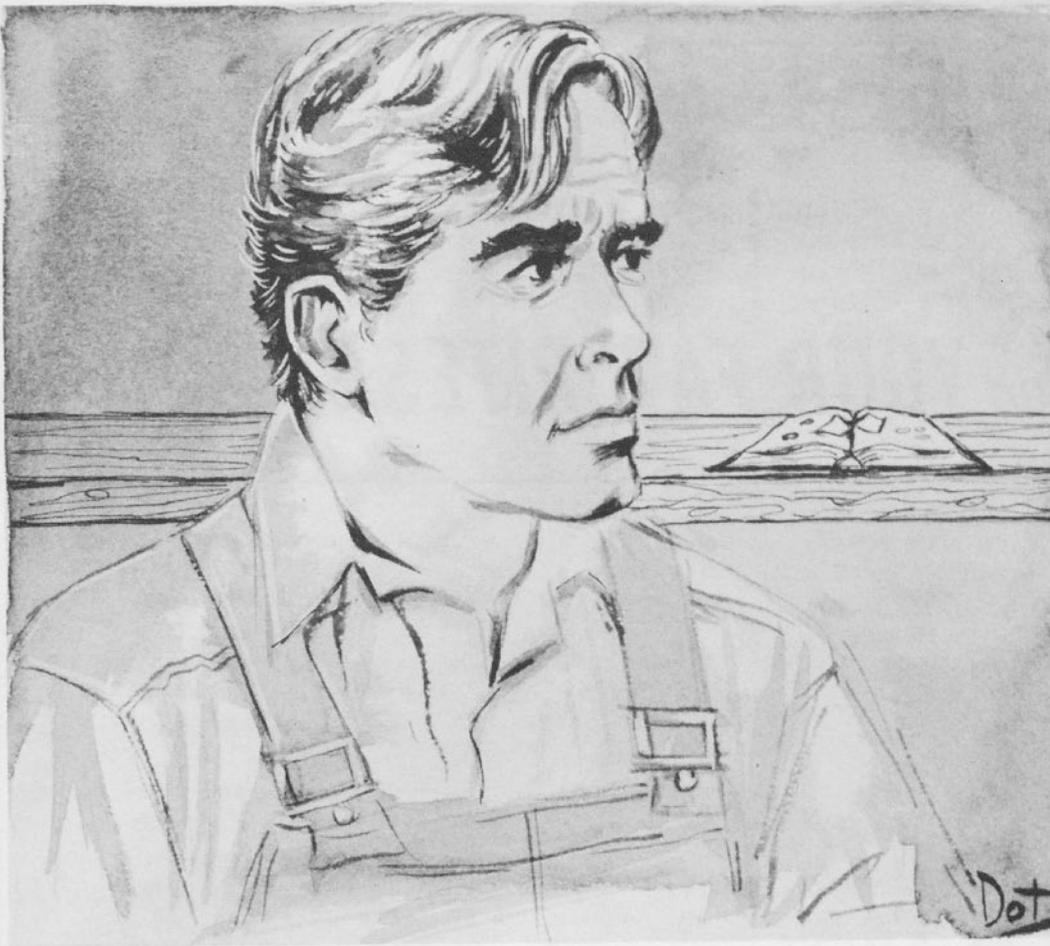
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**T**O ALL APPEARANCES, THE SERVICE in the little mountain schoolhouse on Crooked Creek that night was going to be ordinary in every way. It was a typical fall evening as we walked the three miles of rough mountain road to be in the service. Friends with their lanterns joined us along the way till there was quite a crowd by the time we entered the building.

It was lighted with gasoline pressure lamps and we squeezed into seats behind crude desks a little small for us—but mothers found the desks made to order for sleeping babies. One man who had had too much moonshine before coming laid his head over on the desk in front of him and snored peacefully throughout the service.

Outdoors an occasional pistol shot rang out and loud young laughter punctuated the stillness. It was all very ordinary for Crooked Creek, including the song service and even the sermon. Except that the sermon was preached by a middle-aged man who had left

the mountains and gone elsewhere to preach years before. Now he was home for a while and had announced this meeting.

The sermon over, he began the altar call. The drunk man snored on while we sang, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling"—but the Spirit of God was present in mighty convicting power. Christians felt unusually burdened to pray as the preacher left the platform to speak to someone at the rear of the schoolhouse.

The singing lagged, as it often does without a leader, and we could not help overhearing the earnest tones of the preacher's pleading with a man who was obviously an old friend. I turned to see the object of his concern and recognized a well-known moonshiner. From that point on, the service ceased to be ordinary for me.

I knew Jim was seldom in the church and this was one of his few opportunities to hear the gospel. The minister seemed to forget that anyone else

was present. He begged his friend with tears to give his heart to God that night. He reminded him of the days when as boys they had roamed the hills together, and then had parted ways. Now they were together again, one saved, the other lost.

God dealt with that hardened moonshiner till he too was obviously moved. Christians prayed earnestly and forgot to sing any more. Even the unsaved sensed the solemnity of the moment, and a feeling of relief went through the whole congregation as Jim moved to the front of the building toward the improvised altar.

However, none of us anticipated his next action. Instead of kneeling, he reached deliberately for his billfold, and placing a \$5.00 bill on the open Bible which had been put there for the offering, he turned to his friend. "I can't do it," he said resolutely, and walked out of the building.

That was the last church service Jim attended.

A few weeks later our county paper carried the story of his death. He had been slugged and robbed while intoxicated, and had died of exposure.

Naturally, when I heard it, my mind went back to the service that had seemed so ordinary at first. Maybe that's the reason I can't really consider any gospel service as ordinary any more.

Whether it is in a schoolhouse, tent or brush arbor, or in a beautiful church building, and no matter how ordinary it may seem, I keep remembering that for someone the service may be his last. And viewed from eternity, it may not look ordinary at all.

If Jim had known eternity was so close, I think he would have acted differently when he had his final opportunity. But it seemed so ordinary he didn't recognize it.

Your last opportunity to accept Christ may also seem to you to be a very ordinary one—a Sunday evening service, a word from a friend, or even this very ordinary story. Maybe it will be the familiar voice of Christ, waiting outside your heart's door, calling once more, "Son, give me thine heart." But once in eternity, you'd give a million worlds for just one ordinary opportunity to be saved.

Christ says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

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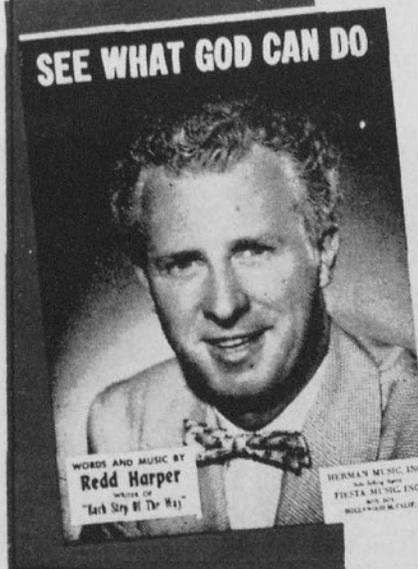
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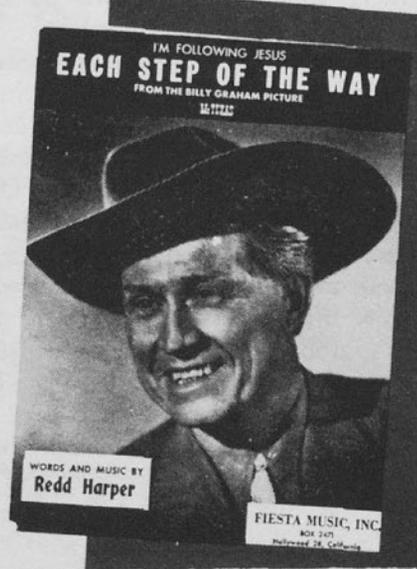
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# WHO'S CRAZY?

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how harshly he had repudiated it all.

The prodigal was a much wiser young man as he made tracks for home. He was playing the fool no longer. To exchange a swine trough for a mansion is a sensible choice.

Millions today are as deluded as the prodigal was. They are in the far country of sin. They spend money foolishly in a frantic effort to win the prize of happiness and contentment, only to find that as they stoop to drink at the limpid pool of human achievement it becomes a mocking mirage. Be wise, O man, and take the road back to God. You will find in Him a fountain of living waters that satisfy the thirst of the soul.

## SIN'S MANIA DISTORTS

Often a deluded person will treat the closest friend or relative with suspicion and distrust. This seems to be a peculiar mark of insanity. One who has the deepest affection for the afflicted victim will find every overture of love repudiated with scorn.

A friend of mine, whose wife had suffered a mental relapse, went to visit her. She looked at him without a trace of recognition and then, with an exaggerated air of deep suspicion, took the purse containing her money from her bedside drawer and placed it carefully beneath her pillow. He was her husband, but to her he was a stranger and possibly a thief.

The sinner's attitude toward God reflects the same frightful distortion. He is like Adam in the Garden of Eden, hiding from God as if He were a monster or an ogre. Like the man in the parable the sinner says, "Thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow." The silken cords and bands of divine love that would woo him are scornfully flung away as though they were the iron chains of a jailer.

The cross on which the innocent Lamb of God died, silhouetted against the crimson sky on Calvary's hill, does not speak the language of tyranny and condemnation. It is the language of love.

That love offers pardon, peace, and paradise. To spurn it is madness and

folly. To embrace the benefits it offers is to endorse the statement, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Christ is the sinner's friend. He comes breasting the roaring surges of sin to rescue each sinner from the dark waters in which men sink down in despair. It is sad folly indeed to turn from that strong arm and proffered help and perish in the great deeps.

People in our day have become obsessed with the desire to possess *things*. Millions are working and worrying themselves along a painful, stomach-ulcerated way toward an early grave in a frenzied effort to acquire pink Cadillacs, mink coats, sumptuous yachts, and swanky villas. They have a distorted sense of values. They grab for the shadow and miss the substance. All that is in the world, and the fashion thereof, shall pass away. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we will carry nothing out.

Unregenerated men have a warped sense of values, and in this respect they are like the mentally deranged. Men could go to a place where all the tears would be forever wiped away from their eyes; instead they choose to go to a place where they will never cease to bewail the folly of rejecting Christ. King David once asked of one of his warriors, "Died Abner as a fool dieth?" A man may be shrewd in worldly matters, but if he leaves this world without making preparation for the next he is a candidate for the same epitaph.

## SIN'S MANIA DESTROYS

A mental institution once caught fire. Firefighters reared their ladders against the walls of the blazing building in an attempt to rescue the yelling inmates clustered around the windows. To the horror of the firemen, the lunatics seized the ladders and hurled them down, sealing their own fate in the inferno.

Every gospel message the sinner hears is a friendly ladder whereby he may escape the penalty of sin. To refuse the voice of God's love is to commit moral suicide. Every stabbing pang of an awakened conscience is another warning to flee from the wrath

to come. If atomic war, with its catastrophic violence, should be thrust upon the world, millions would be hurled into eternity without a moment's opportunity for preparing to meet their God.

The divine feet that were once pierced with nails for your sins will soon be treading out the winepress of the wrath of God. Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is still near. To break with the sins that destroy and to seek the only One who can save, that is wisdom. To throw the ladder down, that is madness and folly.

Man calls sin an error; God calls it enmity.

Man calls sin fascination; God calls it fatality.

Man calls sin infirmity; God calls it iniquity.

Man calls sin luxury; God calls it leprosy.

Man calls sin a liberty; God calls it lawlessness.

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**W**HAT A TREASURE IS TODAY! THE PAST IS IRRETRIEVABLY GONE. Tomorrow is a glimmer of light in a fog of uncertainty. But today is gloriously mine—to use or to abuse, to invest or to waste.

From my first waking moment to my last conscious thought, let me occupy this day with my highest, noblest, purest, and best!

If I have not yet glorified God in my life, let me begin to do so today. If I have neglected some clear duty, let me perform it this day. If my obedience has been partial, let me make it complete today.

Have I some gift to give? Let me bestow it today. If a kindness I may show, let me show it today. Tomorrow may never come. But, praise God, today is mine—a divine grant, a solemn stewardship, a royal trust. How shall I employ it? Where shall I bestow it? What shall I make of it?

Is there anyone who can guide me in this matter? Yes, there is Someone. He is the Holy Spirit of God, the un-

faltering guide, the infallible teacher, the unflinching light. As a Christian, I must depend entirely upon Him. He will guide me into all Truth.

But how may I have His guidance *today*? Exactly as I would get guidance from the master of any subject—by going to Him in prayer for explicit instructions and help. I must turn to Him, consciously, deliberately, receptively, and meditate on the Scriptures He has given to us.

The Holy Spirit yearns with intensest longing to give me the divine pattern for this very day. He has the perfect plan for me for this day—and for you!

What a day He will make of it! He will lift it from the earthly to the heavenly plane. Instead of a waste, He will make it useful. Out of your regrets He will bring rejoicings. Out of frustration He will bring fruition. Instead of human vanities He will fill it with divine verities. Out of dismal failure He will bring great victory.

Give the Holy Spirit absolute control of your life today. If your heart is open to Him and your mind is filled with His Word, He will check you as well as lead you. He will show you what to do and what not to do. It will be a rich experience to walk with Him today. And every day can be just like that.

Wait on the Spirit for His plans for *this* day. If He wants you to undertake some long-range project, He will indicate it. He will begin it, and as you obey Him, He will bring the project to completion in His own time.

Let us begin this day by handing over the reins to Him, looking to Him for His gracious enabling. In hearts so yielded, He works to will and to do God's pleasure.

God meant our lives to be beautiful—not with our ideas of beauty, but with the beauty of the Lord. And who can work that in us but the Spirit of God? See what loveliness He wrought in the once cowardly Peter, the furious Saul, the ambitious John, as well as in the Old Testament characters—fearful Abraham, dreaming Joseph, hesitating Moses, lusting David.

But it is a day-by-day process. And it needs a definite beginning *today*. May we not only pray with the songwriter, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me," but may we above all surrender to His momentary control and prompting, bringing our wills into complete agreement with the perfect will of God.